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ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS GET AN A+ FROM STUDENTS, TEACHERS & PARENTS

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Photos by Ron Schroeder

Warrior Run Fun!

Another Great Year

The combination of a glorious October day and a well-run event drew almost 1,100 participants for the fifth annual Warrior Run: The Race For Life. The event began as the Jim Miller Memorial Walk, created by many of those who serve on the current Warrior Run committee. Nancy Eigel-Miller, who converted the event to its current format last year as a way to raise money for suicide prevention, was thrilled with the success. "We were able to raise a sizeable donation from our generous sponsors, even before entry fees." All proceeds are donated to the Surviving the Teens® program created by the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to help combat teen suicide. Event sponsors included Rewind 94.9, City BBQ, Bob Roncker's Running Spot, and Comey and Shepherd Realtors.

Special thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped the event run so smoothly. With over 1,100 runners and walkers, a 12%



increase over last year, a great many hands were needed.

This year's Warrior Run Committee consisted of: Steve Prescott (Race Manager), Joe Stelzer (course map and volunteer training), Ted Brown (traffic control and safety), Randy York, Kevin Hassey, Bob Rich (great chili, Bob!), Chris and Amy Meininger,

Stuart Deadrick, Steve Barker, Shannon Gilmore, Stuart Shelley, Leah Osgood and Brenda Westfall.

Thank You!

Dear Mariemont Residents:

I wanted to thank you for your incredible support of this year's Warrior Run. We had perfect weather and about 1,100 participants. WOW! Thank you for attending the event and thank you to all the residents that lined the route and clapped for the runner/walkers—that was inspiring! We added the sound contest this year and asked residents to tune into sponsor 94.9 FM and blast the music. The Zorist family on Miami Bluff was the winner of the contest! With your help and support we will be able to make a generous donation to Cincinnati Children's Hospital for the Surviving the Teens program. This will help thousands of Cincinnati youth be better educated about mental health issues and resources. As always, Mariemont residents have gone above and beyond!

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Renovations Get an A+ From Students, Teachers & Parents

BY ANDREW KUPFERLE

The faculty and students are out of their modules and into their new school, and it appears to have been worth the wait. Students, parents, and teachers have all said they like the new building and are enjoying a wide variety of improvements and new features. For example, students at Mariemont Elementary now have lunch in the "Dining Room" rather than the cafeteria. Kaitlin Quiambao said it seemed weird at first, but now she is used to calling it the dining room. Lizzie Feeney likes the view from the dining room, where students look through tall windows at Dale Park across the street. Students agree that it's a big improvement from the basement-like lunchroom of the old building.

Indeed, throughout the school, lighter colors and abundant natural light have made the whole place "feel less gloomy," according to substitute teacher Garth Peterson. Teachers also cited wide hallways as an important improvement, allowing large groups of children to navigate more easily between



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classrooms. The rooms themselves also boast a variety of new features, with drinking fountains and sinks now in every classroom, as well as small changes, such as more power outlets. Aide Susan Peck says that the inclusion of small group rooms, which can be used for a variety of purposes, have been "very beneficial" and have given teachers more flexibility.

The school continues to improve technology in the classroom, something many students commented on. Second and third graders have enough iPads in the classroom for each

student to have their own. Fourth graders like Kaitlin and Andrew Mehl said they can bring their own from home or rent a laptop. Andrew doesn't like the Epson screens in the classrooms as much as the old smart boards, mostly because you can't use your finger to draw on them. Each classroom also has a microphone that teachers can use. Kaitlin likes that the Spanish teacher has her own classroom and doesn't have to come into the homerooms for lessons.

Students are also enjoying the playground. Andrew says he is very happy with it, especially the basketball hoops. His sister, Abby, likes the carts full of jump ropes, hula hoops, and balls. They all think the gym looks great, and Andrew mentioned that the bleachers had just come in that day. Lizzie and Sophie Wuertemberg also like the playground with a "bouncy thing", teeter-totter, and two slides.

Parents that we spoke with have had no problems with drop off or pick up and said that everything seems to be going very well. With improvements to everything from security to technology to the playground, the new Mariemont Elementary seems to have managed to please everyone.



Greiwe Development Breaks Ground on Nolen Park



Representatives of Greiwe Development and partners North American Properties and Sibcy Cline break ground on Nolen Park.

Greiwe Development and partners North American Properties and Sibcy Cline broke ground on Mariemont's newest luxury condominium development, Nolen Park, on October 5.

The development is the third phase of Mariemont's condominium projects, which also includes sold-out Jordan Park, dedicated in 2008, and Emery Park, completed in late 2011 with fifteen of its 31 units already sold.

Nolen Park completes the vision of Mary Emery, founder of Mariemont and community planning pioneer. Emery imagined multi-family residences within blocks of the Village's gathering place. These luxury condominiums will be located on the northeast corner of West Street, just steps away from Village restaurants, movie theater, boutique hotel, retail shops, schools and recreational facilities.

"It is a great honor to continue to fulfill Mary Emery's vision for Mariemont," said Rick Greiwe, president of Greiwe

Development. "Mary had a plan for this historic town, and her town planner John Nolen made it easy for us to carry out her dream for this wonderful, walkable community."

In 2007, Mariemont was designated as a National Historic Landmark. Nolen Park will continue to preserve the Village's high level of design integrity by maintaining the Tudor Revival architecture on the exterior. The interior, however, reflects modern finishes and large open floor plans to suit today's homebuyer.

Nolen Park will consist of 27 luxury residences ranging from 1,500 to 3,500 square feet with two or three bedrooms, studies and hearth rooms. Condominiums start at \$460,000, and the complex is scheduled to be completed in November 2013.

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Troop 149 High Adventure 2012 – A Scoutmaster's Perspective

By JOHN FAKES

In July 2011, the Boy Scouts of Troop 149 voted to go to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota for their summer 2012 High Adventure. Twenty-four boys and 20 adults then committed to the trip in January. Scouts practiced their canoe skills, worked on compass and map reading, prepared routes, menus, duty rosters, and gathered equipment they thought they might need during the months preceding the trip. Adults received first aid/CPR while others were certified in Wilderness First Aid and they coached the boys during trip preparation.



Departure was June 29 from the elementary school parking lot. The scouts were excited, the charter bus was on time and it appeared all of our gear was going to fit. Just as the last bags were being loaded, a strong gust of wind blew in and picked up anything not tied down. We finished loading and were ready to go but the bus driver was on the phone trying to find another route out of town. The wind was more damaging than we thought as trees were down around



the area. I hoped the rest of the trip would be a little less eventful! Only 19 hours to our next stop...

We had divided into 7 crews of 6 or 8 per crew, so when we arrived we reloaded packs and gear specific to each crew. We all had different routes planned, and knew where we were going and when we would be back. As we left the outfitter the weather was perfect but, as the Scoutmaster, all I could think about was the "what ifs" and ensuring we had covered them.

Perfect weather blessed us on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as the crews were able to move from lake to lake without delay. Some crews had more down time and used it to try some fishing. We caught walleye, smallmouth, pike, and I think even a lake trout. Wednesday the 4th of July, and it started off to be a great day. Our crew was up early and moved along the Canadian border with the Stars and Stripes flying from the stern of a canoe. We decided to detour a mile off our route to view some Indian pictographs. The pictographs are slowly fading away so it was nice to be able to see these and think about the people who left them behind for us to see.

Being the 4th of July, Mother Nature

thought enough of us to provide a lightning and wind storm. We experienced quite a scare. A tree fell in one camp, fortunately missing everyone, and we had lightning strikes with flash bangs so close it was a little unnerving. Later we could hear fireworks in the distance but they were nothing compared to Mother Nature's.

One crew had to abandon camp due to a curious black bear. We survived the worst mosquito season on record. We unintentionally fed chipmunks and saw bald eagles, loons, deer, beaver, otter and lots of fish. All in all, the boys learned many lessons and realized that much of their training did come in handy. Troop 149 had a great week!

Our High Adventure trips, along with summer camp and other programming, are made possible through the Troop's annual Christmas tree sale. This year's tree sale opens November 24. A flyer with additional details is included in this issue. We hope you'll visit us!

Mariemont Community Church is the sponsor for Troop 149. If you would like more information about scouting or the troop, please contact me via email (scoutmaster@mcc149.com).

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

Last month we profiled the past president of the Mariemont Recreation Association, Bob Rich. That story was really about a great team – MRA Board members have served almost 100 years! The MRA serves thousands of children, and makes a priceless contribution to our Village's character.

Rich Ewald has been treasurer and vice-president for 18 years. He has a wonderful sense of humor and the discretion and objectivity needed. He hates following up on families that can't afford the fees, and you get a sense he knows exactly when to follow policy and when to bless a struggling family. He offers wisdom as

decisions are taken and yes, occasionally asks sports coordinators if they can add. Rich is looking for someone with financial savvy to step into his role.

Do you know of other helpful Mariemont neighbors that we could profile? If so, please send your suggestions to Denis Beausejour at beausejourde@aol.com.

Mike McCracken has led the softball program for 14 years. A P&G vet, Mike and Wendy have raised three girls in MRA sports as coaches and volunteers. Mike was drawn to serve on the MRA Board after watching Bob Rich's principled leadership for 10 years. Mike loved that there was always a drive to experiment and find better ways to develop kids – last year there were 73 players. The under 8 league is a great example of that. Mike is enjoying the ride but also knows it's time to find the right successor.

Steve Barker got engaged through his daughters Erica and Stephanie playing soccer on one of Bob Rich's teams. He volunteered to coach as his girls continued in the program. His web design skills came in handy as the MRA used technology for registration. Steve ended up taking over the soccer program, and has served 14 years as coordinator. Steve credits Bob Rich as the innovator of the "small sided soccer" which he and Bob pushed in many meetings with other communities – and



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it is now the accepted standard for developing kids in the sport – now 300+ kids strong.

Missy Fields found Bob Rich to be knowledgeable, organized and willing to serve: cleaning bathrooms, digging rocks out of fields, and advocating for kids sports. "He is genuinely excited to see the kid who was afraid to go near the ball finally make a kick or the child with special needs finish a race, or the baseball player who got to first. We need a few more of those!" Missy joined the MRA board after coaching soccer and running the preschool-kindergarten soccer group for a few years. She has served for 11 years and lent a strong mom's voice to the team as secretary.

Randy York has been baseball coordinator for 6 years, and there are now over 100 kids in the program. There have been great improvements like tee ball to help kids grow in the sport. In hearing Randy's report, I could sense a lot of enthusiasm to pass on and grow America's pastime in the next generation. Hal Northrop stepped in to lead the basketball program in 2010. They had 150 kids playing last season and expect more in 2013. This year, two new leaders have stepped up. British expat Rob Pettifer, an enthusiastic runner, heads up the track program which served 128

kids last season. And Wes Iredale started the volleyball program with 39 girls participating. The energy of these new leaders is adding a great dimension to the MRA, and they are also carefully supported by the veterans who have the history and can help them deal with unexpected challenges.

The new president will be John Getgey, a father of four who has coached extensively in soccer, baseball, basketball and helped with the track meet. John says "It will be a tall order to fill Bob's position. He is respected, trusted and admired by many." In the past year, Bob has walked John through all the different aspects of the position. "Bob is a very special man. He combines a compassion for what he does with a business focus, calm demeanor and humor. He listens well and gives helpful and useful feedback when problems arise. I plan to find excuses to call him in the future. He can run but he won't be able to hide." He says there is nothing like the feeling of walking down the street and having one of the kids you coached come running up to you and say "Hey Coach, I can't wait to play again next year!" Mariemont is a very special community thanks to this team of talented and dedicated leaders.

Thank You:

Simply saying thank you will never be enough to repay our debt of gratitude to the Mariemont Fire Department. In March of this year, our son Porter was born three months premature. Had it not been for the immediate response of MFD, our happy, healthy little boy would not be with us today.

We are so fortunate to live in a community with such an outstanding response team, so please thank these men and women when you see them. We certainly never dreamed we would need their services. They are, without a doubt, our heroes.

Thank you for saving Porter's life.

*The Cartwright Family
Belmont Avenue*

OPINION

Permanent Improvement Tax Levy Renewal – Issue 34

On November 6 the voters of Mariemont will have the opportunity to vote on renewing a 3.5 mill tax levy for another five years. This levy (Issue 34) will not increase your taxes. The levy will generate approximately \$257,000 per year for the Village's permanent improvement fund. The levy renewal will continue to provide funding to:

- Maintain our streets and other infrastructure to prevent them from falling into disrepair.
- Service and replace emergency and maintenance vehicles and equipment.
- Care for our parks and recreation facilities and maintain our athletic fields.
- Keep up the swimming pool and

tennis courts and continue to make improvements.

- Preserve and replace the beautiful trees that set Mariemont apart from other communities.

- Upgrade and secure information technology.

The cost of the levy is \$58 per \$100,000 of home value, as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor's office. This levy was initiated in 1997 and has been renewed every five years since inception. A "Yes" vote on Issue 34 will not raise your taxes.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony J. Borgerding, CPA, Village Clerk*



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IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam: Donald Shanks

Don Shanks loved the Village of Mariemont and spent a good part of his life serving the community. He became a Mariemont police officer in 1949 and six years later



was promoted to Chief of Police. He was only 30 years old, making him the youngest police chief in Ohio. He spent 33 years as chief and four years as mayor of Mariemont.

"I have always had so much respect for Chief Shanks," said current police Chief Rick Hines. "He did so much for our profession and for the entire Village. If I can have just half the impact on the Village that Chief Shanks did, I will count my career a complete success. We lost a wonderful person on October 5, and the world is not as good of a place since then."

Don's involvement in the Village didn't stop at law enforcement or administration. He and his wife, Norma, were active in the Mariemont Community Church, and Don was a member of the Mariemont Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. He was a member of Kiwanis and was very active in youth sports, coaching knothole baseball and girls' softball teams. He started the crossing guard program for Mariemont Schools and was involved with Mariemont Boy Scout troop 149. He had studied a great deal about Native Americans and shared their customs, legends, dances, and way of life with the scouts. Don and

Norma had two children, Roxanne and Donna Lee.

Some of you might remember a police safety education television show "Police Call," which aired Sunday mornings on WCPO-TV (Channel 9) for 14 years. Chief Shanks was the creator of the show, which was highly successful



Shanks' widow, Norma, receives a flag from current Police Chief Rick Hines.

and had high viewership.

Before his career began with the Village, Col. Shanks had served as a tail gunner during World War II. It was during his service that he met his wife at a USO dance. They were married for 67 years and fostered dozens of children in their Mariemont home. I have

not known many people in my life who were as compassionate and kind and caring as Col. Shanks," said Rick Hines. "Mariemont was his life. The impact he had on people in this community is immeasurable. He is a legend in law enforcement and paved the way for law enforcement today."

The service to commemorate his passing showed the great respect held by the law enforcement community for Chief Shanks. For more pictures, go to www.mariemont.com.

In addition to his wife and daughters, Col. Shanks is survived by a granddaughter Kara Kelley of Union Township and two great-grandchildren. Council is currently considering a recommendation to rename the Mariemont Municipal Building in honor of Don Shanks. The building would become known as the Col. Donald L. Shanks Municipal Building and a plaque listing his many contributions

to the Village and the Hamilton County Community would be displayed on a boulder at the entrance to the building. Evans Landscaping has already donated the boulder for the plaque. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the plaque, please contact the Village office at 271-3246.

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An Evening at the Barn

Oh what a night! Local residents had a blast at this artful evening on September 21, with all proceeds devoted to continuing the provision of cultural arts programs at the Barn. We are proud of having preserved this wonderful facility in our Village and so appreciate your support!



Larry McGruder enjoys the party.

"Showcase of Arts" – Shop Local this December

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of the holidays at the "Showcase of Arts", Saturday Dec. 1 (10 am – 4 pm) and Sunday December 2 (noon – 4 pm). The Barn will be decked out with festive decorations and filled to the brim with quality hand-made items created by local artisans, perfect for gift giving. Ceramics, soap, fiber art, jewelry, paintings & edible goodies...you can whittle down your shopping list with thoughtfully chosen gifts and avoid getting stuck in mall traffic. Free admission – grab a friend and make an afternoon of it!



November in the Gallery

"Watercolor Interpretations" features the recent work of local artists Phyllis Dattilo,

Susan Pater, and Elaine West. Exhibit opens Friday November 2 from 5 pm – 10 pm with a reception, open to the public. View the art, meet the artists, and enjoy refreshments in our beautiful gallery. The exhibit continues through November 11, with gallery hours Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and 1 pm – 8 pm every weekend.

The fiber arts show by "Art for Artists" graces the Gallery beginning November 16. With an autumnal chill in the air, November is the perfect month to showcase rich, warm, tactile fiber techniques and applications, including silk paper, embroidery, dyeing, felting, art quilts and wearables. "Art for Artists" is a cooperative group of novice, semi-professional and professional artists who meet weekly to share the accumulative wealth of their knowledge. Visit this exhibit and get inspired for your winter projects! Opening reception on Friday, November 16 from 5 pm – 7 pm; no admission fee, public invited. Show continues weekends of November 17 & 18 and November 24 & 25, from 1 pm – 4 pm.

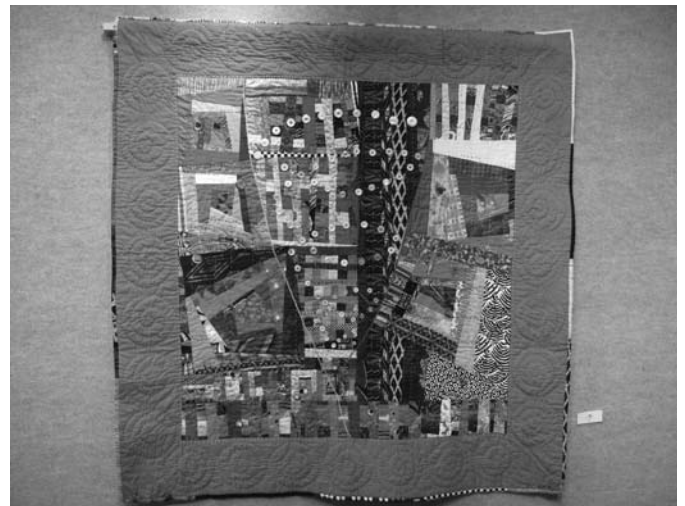
Coming in December to the Gallery – the Colored Pencil Society of America District 119 art exhibit.

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W O M A N ' S A R T C L U B C U L T U R A L C E N T E R

Mariemont Resident Joins Board of Trustees

Karen Herkamp is the Foundation's newest Board member, taking the place of Larry McGruder who served faithfully for many years on the Board as both a Trustee and former President. Thank you Larry for all the creativity, effort and time you have devoted to the Barn. Although she has large shoes to fill, Karen's awesome abilities and deep commitment to the Village of Mariemont will certainly make an immeasurable contribution to the Foundation's stewardship of the Barn.

Barn Foundation Sets Loft-y Goal

The Board of Trustees is entering the planning stage for Phase III of converting the beloved Resthaven Barn into our local cultural arts center. The Loft, on the upper story of the Barn, still retains its original timbers, hayloft, and pulley mechanism. Our dream is to convert it into usable space, thereby almost doubling the capacity of the Barn for art classes and camps, performance, and special events. Bruce Neville, architect



and artist behind our familiar Barn logo and the Town Crier logo, is creating an architectural "rendering" or sketch of the space to aid in fundraising. Skylights will be installed on the north face of the roof to flood the soaring interior space with light. Insulation will be sandwiched between the existing and a new, "outer" roof to preserve the look of the original timbers in the interior. Renovation of the Loft space will nearly double the amount of public available space for arts programming, education, and meetings. Ask to tour the Loft next time you are at the Barn, it is definitely a sight worth seeing!

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By NINA IREDALE



I'd like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you had a wonderful Halloween. It's seems like Fall is flying by! At

anytime, if you are new to Mariemont and I haven't contacted you yet, please feel free to email me and I will gather your information. It's never too late to be welcomed!

Gavin and Kelly Roe purchased 7060 Mt. Vernon in September. Gavin and Kelly, along with their children, Mackenzie (19), Connor (13), Liam (5) and Avery (1) are excited to be part of the Mariemont community. The Roe's

moved from Hyde Park for the great schools, quiet streets and kid friendly environment. Gavin was raised in Minnesota and is a Sales Leader at GE Aviation and Kelly was raised in Michigan and is a teacher with CPS. They look forward to being an active part of the community!

3927 Petoskey was purchased in September by Chris Fearing and Maren Carpenter-Fearing. They moved from Norwood after living there for 6 years. Chris is a computer engineer at Cincinnati Electronics and Maren is a graphic designer and visiting professor of Design at the University of Cincinnati, DAAP. They are expecting their first child at the end of January and are very excited to call Mariemont home! The reasons for moving to Mariemont are the great sense of community and highly rated schools.

Todd and Alicia Cline purchased 6809 Hammerstone Way in August. They previously lived in Mt. Lookout. Both work at P & G, Todd in Research & Development and Alicia in Communications. Todd and Alicia have a daughter, Corinne (22 months) and a son, Graham (2 weeks). The family attends Sonrise

Church and love outdoor activities. They moved to Mariemont for the family oriented neighborhood, great schools and walkability.

4016 Rowan Hill was purchased by Matt and Gretchen Griffith. They relocated here from Seattle, WA and have a 4-year old son, Charlie. They aren't strangers to Cincinnati though, Matt grew up in Anderson and they lived in Hyde Park before moving west. Like many others, they chose Mariemont for its charming small town feel, great schools, walkability and character filled homes. Walking to Graeter's is truly a treat! Matt works for P & G and Gretchen is a stay-at-home mom.

Van and Hiedi Young purchased 2 Emery Lane and moved here from Columbia Tuscum. They have 2 kids, Bryce (2) and Claire (10 mo's). Van is a Radiologist at St. Elizabeth and Hiedi is a stay at home mom. They moved for the neighborhood, schools and a bigger yard.

Sonam Patel purchased 7201 Mariemont Cresnet during the summer. Sonam thinks Mariemont is a welcoming community and loves reading the *Town Crier* as a way to stay in touch and learn about Mariemont. Sonam has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and a Minor in Applied Statistics.

6606 Pleasant Street was purchased by Scott and Krissy Mayer. They have 2 daughters, Zoe (4) and Grace (1 ½) and moved here from Evanston, IL where they had lived for 2 years. Prior to Evanston, they had lived in Mt. Lookout for 6 years. Scott is a Regional Sales Manager for Kraft Foods and Krissy is

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currently a stay-at-home mom but hopes to return to her work as a landscape designer/garden coach this coming year. They are excited to be here in Mariemont as they were looking for a family friendly neighborhood with great activities, sports and amenities.

Carl and Linda DeBlasio are currently renting a condo in Emery Park while their condo is being built in Nolen Park, which just had its groundbreaking ceremony. They lived in Indian Hill for 22 years but decided to downsize after seeing an article in "Best" magazine featuring Jordan and Emery Park condos. They loved the urban feel and being able to walk to restaurants, the movie and Graeters. An added bonus is their son and his family recently moved to Mariemont. Carl retired about 8 years ago from being a partner in Planes Moving & Storage/Data Storage. Linda is a homemaker and enjoyed staying home to raise their 3 children. Both are enjoying their 7 grandchildren along with their 2 golden retrievers, Dennis and Rosie. Hobbies include, walking, reading, volunteering, and fishing.

6913 Mt. Vernon was purchased by Jeff and Janine Varner. Jeff and Janine met when Janine relocated here for a job with Kraft Foods. After working in the same office for 3 years, they got married this past March. Janine owned a home in Madeira so they lived there after the wedding but decided to buy a house that they both could choose. Jeff grew up in Mariemont and sold Janine on how wonderful the community is and what a great place it would be to raise a family.

They are so happy with their choice! Jeff and Janine don't have any pets or children yet, but Janine sees a new puppy in the very near future (hint to Jeff).

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if anyone knows of a new addition to someone's family or a new neighbor that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone number is 272-1551 or email is nina90@cinci.rr.com.

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What's Happening at the Library

November

Children

National Gaming Day: Join your friends for Bingo. Saturday, November 10 at 2 pm. Ages 6 to 12.

Ohio Fossils Rock! Get your local geology here. Saturday, November 17 at 2 pm. Ages 6 to 12.

Crafty Kids: Fun crafts to make with your friends. Last Thursday of the month, November 29 at 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 11.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, Ms. Katheryn's CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. November's Series: "Double Trouble" by Anne Klein. Ages 5 to 10.

Library Babies: Saturday, November 10 at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and

fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration suggested.

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library. Note: No Movers and Shakers November 21.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5. Note: No story time November 21.

Tales to Tails: Thursday, November 1 at 5 to 6 pm. Kids read to a certified therapy dog to practice their reading skills. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

Paper Bead Jewelry: Thursday, November 1 at 4 pm.

InBeTween Club: Gaming, movies, crafts & fun for tweens and teens. There will be something different each month. Thursday, November 15 at 4 pm.

Anime Club: New! Check it out, Saturday, November 24 at 1 pm.

Adults

Cincinnati & Soup: Cookbook author Cheri Brinkman talks about her books and delicious soup recipes in a talk entitled: *Cincinnati And Soup: Food, Food, Facts* an agra-history of Cincinnati from the historic pioneers to the pioneers of television food in Cincinnati. Ms. Brinkman, author of *Cincinnati And Soup* and *Cincinnati And Soup: A Second Helping*, brings fun, humor and recipes to the Mariemont Library on November 13, 2012 at 6 pm. Seating is limited for this event. Call to reserve: 369-4467

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. November 3 and 17 at 10:30 am.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session.

Book Club: Join us for a discussion of *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote. Copies are available at the desk. Thursday, November 29 at 6:45 pm.

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MariElders News

I love November because my humans here at MariElders make our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Yummy, yummy turkey, I just love a good bird. I am always watching them and the chipmunks out the window. Happy Thanksgiving! Come join me for turkey! MEOW, Miss ME (The MariElders Cat)

Medicare Information Session

November is open enrollment for Medicare and we are hosting an education seminar, on Wednesday, November 7 at 10:30 am. It will take place on the first floor MariElders. Learn more about all the Medicare Programs available and which one may fit your needs. At this time you may also sign up to have a one-on-one consultation with a professional who will provide you with specific information about which program is best for you. Sign up on the Center bulletin board by November 5 if planning to attend.

AARP Drive Class

The AARP drive course is the nation's first and largest driver safety program for people 50 years old and older. Check with your insurance provider there are often discounts on your car insurance if you take this course. There are no tests and this is a classroom only course. A lot of laws have changed since you first became a licensed driver, so come and learn how to remain safe on today's roadways. Veterans and members of their family can take this class for free this month. The class will be held on Monday, November 12, from 10 am to 3 pm, with a break for lunch. The cost for AARP members is \$12, non- AARP members are \$15, pay the day of class. Sign up on the Center bulletin board by Wednesday November 7.

Elder Law Series

This month is the conclusion to our elder law series with attorney William Hesch. He will be here Thursday November 15, at 6:00 pm on the first floor to discuss whether or not

it is beneficial to make a Trust. Sign up on the Center bulletin board by Friday, November 9 if interested in attending. Appetizers and refreshments provided.

Tour of Music Hall and Lunch @ Arnold's

Join us as we tour historic Music Hall downtown, on Monday November 26; please meet at the Center at 9:30 am. We will have a guided tour of the building and its rich history. After the tour we will have lunch at Arnold's. Price for members is \$5, non-members price is \$7, and lunch is own your own. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by November 15.

MARIELDERS 1st Annual Craft Show: SHOP! SHOP!SHOP!

MariElders is sponsoring a Craft Show on Saturday, December 8, from 10 am to 4 pm. It will be held at the Mariemont Elementary School. We currently have a great list of participating vendors and hope you will enjoy a day of shopping with us. If you are a crafter and want to participate please call 271-5588 for an

application. Not only will you help sponsor the MariElders but the Mariemont School Music Department will be providing food for all the shoppers. Join us for this "mari" event.

Caregiver Series Talk: "Is Anyone Listening to Me?"

The Caregiver Series continues this month with a very important topic, "Is anyone listening to me?" This program offers you insights and tools needed to communicate effectively with you family, your doctor or anyone else. Make yourself heard! The program will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm on the first floor. It is FREE! Sign up on the Center bulletin board by December 7. Refreshments provided.

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Astronomy Event Coming to South 80 Trail Area

A community astronomy night is in the works for the trails, near the public gardens. This is a beautiful location, and the skies are wide open; surrounded by fields and gardens, and there are no street lights for light pollution.

Organizer Ryan Kelly says the event will be held on Friday, November 23 starting at 7:30 pm and going for three hours. The date was selected because it will be the first-quarter Moon, plus three days, (which is an ideal phase) and the planet Jupiter rises about 7:00 pm that night; therefore it will be low in the eastern sky. A rain or cloudy sky date will be determined. Guests will be able to catch a

glimpse of the first quarter moon, as well as Jupiter and its four Galilean moons. It's likely there will be scopes trained on other deep sky targets such as nebulae, double stars and star clusters as well.

If there is a good turnout, it could become a recurring event, and our neighbors could view night sky targets in spring, summer, fall, and winter. There could be additional events if something unusual or rare is occurring.

Knowledgeable volunteers and telescopes will be provided courtesy of our local Cincinnati Observatory, a rare and truly wonderful institution. We are very happy to have the backing of the Cincinnati Observatory and its volunteer crew. Village resident Patrick Orr, an astronomer, will be on hand as well.

Cars will not be allowed in the South 80 during the event. Cars will park in the Pool parking lot and on Mariemont Avenue. Village residents will be encouraged to walk to the event. Temporary lights will be placed on the

driveway leading down from the pool and in the tunnel. Volunteers with flashlights will be stationed at the train track crossing during the event to watch for trains and assist attendees to cross the tracks. There will be cookies and hot drinks.

Kindervelt #54 Cookbook Planned

Kindervelt #54 is in the process of creating a cookbook. We are looking forward to past and present members contributing 'family favorite' recipes to create this cookbook!

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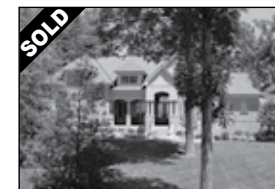
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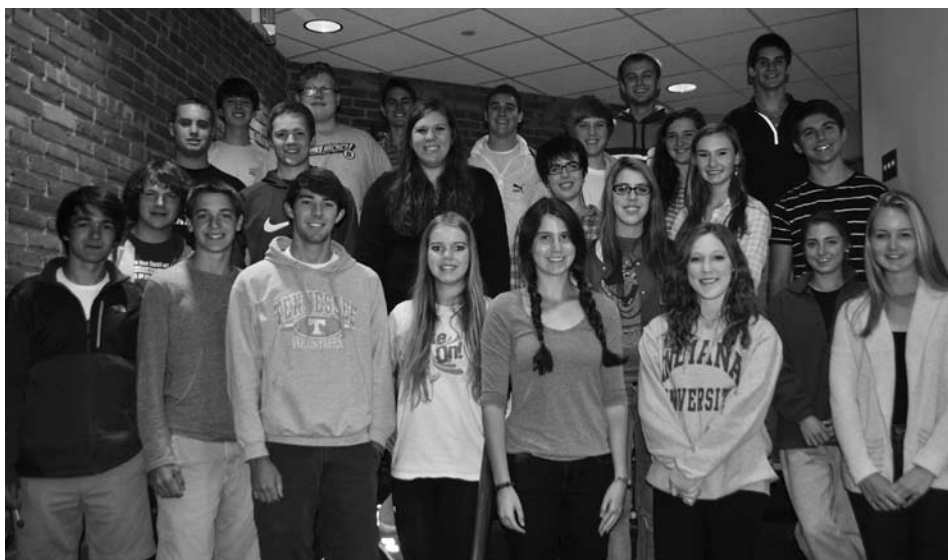
Mariemont High School Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

Mariemont High School is proud to announce that 64 students from the classes of 2012 and 2013 have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program courses and exams.

The following students received the AP Scholar award (Village residents are indicated in bold): Alec Ahrens, **Alice Barnes**, **Adrienne Bruggeman**, Geoffrey Bruno, Olivia Dierker, **Sophia Erhardt**, Erik Flynn, Nicholas Fries, **Emma Geary**, Benjamin Gorman, Jeffrey Guggenheim, Elizabeth Keller, **George Koglmeier**, Asher Koreman, **Nathan Kuck**, **Peter Laug**, Robert Malone, William Matz, Rachel Nelson, Luke Porst, Madison Saffin, **Maud Schram**, Quincy Taylor, **Emma Welch**, **Elysse Winget** and **Caraline Zack**.

The following students received the AP Scholar with Honor award: Rebecca Adams, **Meggie Bailey**, **Kyle Greathouse**, **Ella Henning**, **Joshua Keyes**, **Maxwell Long**, **Jack Manzler**, John Rolander, Joseph Rolander, Neal Stehling, **Braxton Stricker** and **Mallory Widecan**.

The following students received the AP Scholar with Distinction award: **Blake Adams**, **Katherine Arends**, Mara Coyan, **Elizabeth Deadrick**, Wilhelm Dietz, **James Donnelly**,



Sixty-four students from the classes of 2012 and 2013 have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board.

Claire Foran, **Julia Gaburo**, Grace Gardner, **Karyn Georgilis**, **Katharine Hassey**, **Karin Long**, Connor Mcmanus, Katherine Peters, **Madison Reed**, Bryan Routt, Emmett Saulnier, Olivia Saulnier, Jonathan Saxton, **Carly Schweier**, **Mackenzie Shelley**, **Jane Spooner**, Michael Weston and **Kathleen Wray**.

The following student received the National AP Scholar award: Connor Mcmanus and

Mackenzie Shelley.

To receive the AP Scholar award, each student must receive a grade of three or higher on three or more AP exams.

"We are extremely proud of our AP scholars, knowing how much time and effort goes into both the class and the exam," said James Renner, Ph.D., principal at Mariemont High School.

Homecoming 2012 Highlights

Mariemont City Schools celebrated homecoming the weekend of October 5, with spirit week at the high school leading up to the weekend festivities. Each high school class worked fervently on the class float at secret locations for Friday's homecoming parade. With a spirit theme of Disney/Pixar movies, the seniors were named the winners, with their Toy Story-inspired float. Friday's parade included the four class floats as well as floats and participants from sports teams and other groups, including community businesses like Froggy's Car Wash. The parade started at Mariemont Elementary and finished at Kusel Stadium for the homecoming football game.

Members of the Class of 1972 sang the National Anthem to kick off the game. The



Senior King Jacob Davis and Queen Pimchanya Chitsanga. Pimchanya is an AFS International Exchange Club student from Thailand and was crowned in Adrienne Bruggeman's place.

Warriors played a fantastic game with a huge win against Deer Park, and the homecoming court was presented and announced during half time.

Senior King and Queen were Jacob Davis

and Adrienne Bruggeman. Because Adrienne was out of town, AFS International Exchange Club student Pimchanya Chitsanga from Thailand was crowned in Adrienne's place and is hosted by the Bruggeman family, who live in Mariemont. The homecoming dance was held at Mariemont High School, as the first major dance of the school year.

MHS Fall Play: "The Odd Couple"

Mariemont High School will present "The Odd Couple" as the fall play, with evening performances on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. There will be a matinee on Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 pm. Please visit the high school website for more information about this production.

MPF to Award Grant Money for Village Projects

By FRANK RAEON, MPF

At its meeting in September, the Board of Trustees of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) voted unanimously to "create and perpetually administer a grant fund for the betterment of the Village of Mariemont."

In addition to awarding a series of grants which will benefit historic properties and historic districts, grant applications capable of meeting the physical, cultural, civic, recreational, and educational needs of Village residents, local nonprofit groups, local community organizations, local public institutions, and Mariemont schools will be eligible for funding.

Some examples of eligible activities include beautification, community events and celebrations, landscaping, open space protection, open space enhancement, college

scholarships for students who make Mariemont the subject of one or more reports and/or research papers, recreational improvements, the establishment of a sculpture park, historic district reinvestment, neighborhood redevelopment, visioning and planning, walking and hiking trails, and other projects which are judged to be consistent with Vision 2021, a document that MPF sponsored which details ideas from many Mariemont groups as to what is important for the Village in the next 10 years.

Initially, a pool of \$15,000 is being set aside. Individual grant awards from as little as \$100 to as much as \$5,000 will be awarded. Grants can be designated



for either full or partial funding. Grant applications may either be downloaded from MPF's website (www.mariemontpreservation.org) or picked up at MPF's office at 3919 Plainville Road.

Grant awards will be made twice yearly, once in mid-March and again in mid-September. Annual application deadlines are February 1 and August 1. One of the conditions of individual grant awards is

a written report after the project is complete, detailing how grant monies have been used and the contribution individual grants have made to the Village.

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The following was excerpted from minutes of Mariemont Council and Committee meetings. For full minutes, go to www.mariemont.com and click on Village of Mariemont, then Village Government

Council Meeting – September 24, 2012

Frequency of Council Meetings

Mr. Stelzer said he spoke with former Council member, Andy Black, about some

ideas for improvements to the Council process. There was some conversation when Mr. Black was still a member of Council about changing the frequency of the meetings but it apparently never got completely discussed and voted on. Based on the activity in the past couple of meetings we should be able to merge the activities from two meetings into one and get everything accomplished in a reasonable amount of time. He asked if it would be more efficient to have the Council meeting once per month. Solicitor McTigue said the idea of trying it out on a temporary basis to see how it works is a good idea. Mr. Wolter said he likes seeing and talking with each other every two weeks. He believes the more frequent meetings help with communication. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

OVI Checkpoint in Mariemont

Mayor Policastro said we received a check for approximately \$1900 from the City of Blue Ash for overtime paid for OVI enforcement. Chief Hines said this is a grant funded by the State of Ohio for OVI enforcement. Last month we had an OVI checkpoint which was very successful. There were 300 + cars that came through and we were able to make a couple of arrests. This is a great tool to help us keep our roads safe. He is hopeful that the Village will again receive the Platinum Award from triple AAA in November.

Eastern Corridor – Routing of SR 32

Mr. Stelzer said last week we had a visit from Commissioner Todd Portune who spent two hours touring the south 80 acres. He was impressed with the trails and made the statement that the Eastern Corridor road cannot go through this area which was very encouraging. He attended

the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement Meeting which includes 20-25 politicians from Hamilton, Warren and Clermont County. They discuss all issues regarding transportation. During that meeting Commissioner Portune brought up the current recommended route for the State Route 32 relocation was not an acceptable solution. Mr. Portune said, "You could not have picked a route going through a more sensitive area unless you decided to run it through the town center." There are definitely indications that he understands the route that was picked is not favorable to Mariemont. There was a subsequent meeting to discuss the recommended route for the relocation of St. Rt. 32 which included four representatives from ODOT and Commissioner Portune who voiced his disappointment in the fact that this decision was reached without a lot of public involvement. We are in the middle of a highly complex issue. The good news is that they are listening and they understand the route selected would have a devastating impact on the Village.

Council Meeting – October 8, 2012

Landslide Along Creek

Engineer Ertel said there has been a landslide behind 6610 Mariemont Avenue. It is down by Whiskey Creek and the Bell Tower. He put in an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant. The cost of the project is \$225,000 with the Village paying \$25,000 and the rest would be paid for by the grant. Mayor Policastro said the area is beginning to cave in. Mr. Scheeser asked if there were areas bigger than 6610 Mariemont Avenue. Engineer Ertel said he did not walk the entire site. There are probably areas that are worse and some that are better - it is just

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too large a scope to handle at one time. Mr. Wolter said a drainage culvert was put in some time ago which has since washed away. Mayor Policastro said he hopes this will be able to save the large Beech tree.

Theater Expansion

Mr. Dan Spinnenweber was granted permission to address Council. He said he and Gary Goldman, Director of the Mariemont Theatre Corporation, have been on a roller coaster ride for the past two years. He wanted to personally and publicly thank all the people who have helped them with the project. They have signed an agreement to expand the theatre by two auditoriums which will increase the seating capacity by 249 seats for a total capacity of 750 seats. It is a 15-year lease with two 5-year options. It will require another restaurant on the square for it to work for everyone. If that occurs we can count on a long and stable basis for the town center.

Mr. Gary Goldman was granted permission to address Council. He said he has worked with several local communities and it has been great working with everyone in Mariemont. He is grateful to Mayor Policastro, Council, the School Board, Jim Evans and Building Commissioner Malone for all their help. He hopes to give the community a project they can be proud of. He estimates it should increase the number of admissions per year by 70,000. It will feature stadium luxury seats with digital projection. They are renovating the lobby with new restrooms and concessions and are hopeful they will be able to obtain a liquor permit.

Access for Emergency Vehicles on Village Streets

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr.

Scheeser to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Monday September 17 to discuss implementation of standardized parking in the Village which would bring us into compliance with State regulations for emergency equipment access and egress on our many narrow streets. Chairman Wolter said we have many narrow streets (less than 26 feet wide) that do not meet state standards that allow for parking on both sides of the streets and still have safe access of fire engines and ambulances. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner worked with Police/Fire Chief Hines and Chairman Wolter to create a map based on the width of streets, color coded to identify streets that need to have parking configuration changed in order to meet the state standard for emergency equipment access. It was decided that we would evaluate five streets at a time, beginning with the streets that have the most safety-critical parking issues. The process agreed on would be that we would notify the residents on the affected streets by circulating a flyer two weeks before any Council meeting where the parking configuration on their streets will be discussed and voted on. It is estimated it will take approximately six months to bring all streets in the Village into State Compliance. Also, the new fire truck is bigger and will definitely need more space on our streets.

Mr. Stelzer said National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which is driving the Eastern Corridor study, is a process which the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is supposed to be following in studying and

designing the State Rt. 32 highway relocation. NEPA requires all alternative courses of action be evaluated and decisions be made in the best overall public interest based upon a balance consideration for the need of safe and efficient transportation and of the socio-economic and environmental impacts of that proposed transportation improvement. We believe that ODOT has not met the requirements of NEPA especially in the area relevant to public involvement and the recent decision on the recommended route to go through our south 80 park.

Mr. Wolter said this winter we are going to clear out the honeysuckle in Beechwood Park. He is looking for volunteers to help pull the honeysuckle out to the curb. There are several seasoned Ash trees that are down and we are going to be cutting them for firewood.

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Porsche Rallye Draws Car Enthusiasts to Square

The Porsche Rallye held on October 7 was a big hit with residents and visitors to the Village. The Ohio Valley Region Porsche Club of America, sponsor of the event, was extremely pleased with the turnout and hopes to make this an annual show.

The Village's architecture and unique characteristics made it the perfect showcase for these fine automobiles

Approximately 150 owners and collectors of Porsches participated in the rallye. Proceeds will benefit several local charities.



Photo by Ron Schroeder

MHS Holiday Fair 2012 Brings in the Holidays

Mariemont High School's annual Holiday Fair will take place on Friday, November 30 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Mariemont High School gym. In its 14th year, the festive, community-wide event is student run and benefits participating student clubs, teams and organizations.

Holiday Fair 2012 activities will include popular games of skill and chance, treats, decor/jewelry sales, sportswear, silent auction and more. As always, the Art Club will sell its one-of-a-kind creations including painted

home accessories and furniture. Kids will be able to test their skills at sports challenges with Mariemont Warrior athletes. Favorite carnival games, bingo, cake walk and face painting will all be returning.

Bring the entire family and enjoy the wonderful MHS PTO dinner which will be served that evening. From preschoolers through adults, Holiday Fair offers a great evening for the whole community. Mark your calendar now for a memorable Mariemont tradition that will kick off your holiday season!

Crosby Coaches Final MHS Football Game

Tom Crosby has coached football at Mariemont High School since 1978, with a total of 32 years as head coach with the district. On Friday, October 26, Crosby coached the last football game of his career at Kusel Stadium against Taylor.

"Coach Crosby ends an outstanding coaching career Friday night as one of the most respected high school coaches in the area," said Tom Nerl, athletic director of Mariemont City Schools. "His commitment to not only the Mariemont football program but to the Mariemont community has been exemplary, and there is no finer role model for the youth of our community than Tom."

Tom Crosby has coached football at Mariemont from 1978-1998 and from 2001-2012, and his record at Mariemont, as of today, is 215-117-1. He coached state finalist teams in 1980 and 1995; he's an Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame member; he's also been named the NFL Cincinnati Bengals High School Coach of the Year and the SWOFCA Doc Collins Man of the Year. Among his many acknowledgments, he's also been a seven time Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati Post Coach of the Year, a six time CHL Coach of the Year, and a three time OHSFCA Region 16 Coach of the Year. Added to all of this, he currently holds the title of assistant principal at the high school.



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Buckeyes: A Taste of Ohio

BY SHELLEY PADEN & MIKE BENSON

In Ohio, there are many different kinds of buckeyes. They can be the nut of a tree, a football team, or a sweet treat. It is best when all the meanings are combined in a peanut butter ball covered in chocolate that resembles the nut of a Buckeye tree and is served at an Ohio State football party. Indeed they are often a mainstay

Hats Off!

...to resident Brian Judkins, an associate in the Dinsmore Cincinnati office, who was recently awarded the 2012 Alice Neeley Memorial Award. The Alice Neeley Memorial Award was established to recognize outstanding associates who are dedicated to the practice of law, relate well to clients, have a positive attitude even in adverse situations, and make a genuine effort to personally know others in the firm. The Award has been presented annually over the past nine years to the most outstanding associate as voted by their peers. Judkins focuses his practice on corporate law matters, including private and public securities offerings and mergers and acquisitions. He has extensive experience in working with start-up entities, guiding them through both organizations and capital raising. Aside from his practice, Judkins serves on numerous Committees at Dinsmore including Recruiting, Departmental Training, Associate Retreat and Professional Development. He earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. from the University of Michigan.

of Ohio football parties especially the Ohio State/ Michigan game that comes on November 24 this year.

Until fairly recently, peanut butter was considered more of a health food than a candy ingredient. But references to peanut butter candy started appearing in the 20th century. Traditional Buckeye candies with peanut butter covered with a chocolate fondant became popular starting in the 1970s. Peanut butter is rolled into balls and dipped in chocolate with just a bit of the peanut butter exposed giving the impression of a Buckeye nut.

We were given a recipe for Buckeyes many years ago from a friend with the warning that they were highly addictive. With this cautionary warning in mind, we share the recipe.

- 1 ½ boxes (6 cups) confectioner's sugar
- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter
- 2 cups peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 12 ounce bag chocolate chips (melted)
- 2 Tablespoons Crisco

In a large bowl, mix confectioner's sugar, butter, peanut butter, and vanilla. Form into small balls rolling in the palms of your hands.

Hints: Freeze the peanut butter balls prior

to dipping in chocolate. Melt the chocolate chips by placing in the microwave for 1 minute and stirring until smooth.

Using a toothpick, dip each ball into the chocolate mixture that has been melted. Leave a little part of the peanut butter uncovered in order to have them look like buckeyes. Place each one carefully, not touching, onto wax paper until set. Freeze or refrigerate if desired. Makes about 80 to 110.

If you want the Buckeye taste at your next fall party, but are short on time, you still have options. Graeter's conveniently sells Buckeye candies. Buckeye Blitz is a popular Graeter's ice cream flavor too. It combines the peanut butter flavor with peanut butter cookie dough and chocolate chips in a chocolate ice cream base.

You do not have to be a football fan to enjoy these candies. Since they can be frozen, Buckeyes can be used as an easy holiday or hostess gift. A tray or tin of these little candies will be popular at any party or as a gift. Giving them is an especially sweet Ohio tradition.

Folk culture indicates that the Buckeye nut can be kept in your pocket for good luck. Although you would not want to do it with these candies, they can certainly bring you good luck and many friends whenever they are shared.

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