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Calling All Angels: Consider a Matching Donation to Help District Families in Need

By Jon Dill and Roseann Hassey, Co-Presidents of the Mariemont School Foundation

We truly are blessed to live in the Mariemont school district. This became even clearer when a family in our community anonymously donated \$15,000 to the Angel Fund at the Mariemont School Foundation.

For the three years it has existed, funded with an initial \$30,000 gift by the same family, the Angel Fund has made a tremendous difference in the lives of district children and their families with special financial needs. This fund has allowed a student to go on an out-of-town college visit and then go on to become the first member of her family to pursue an education beyond high school. It has provided countless meals, school supplies, holiday gifts and even prom tickets.

It's easy to believe families in Mariemont are without financial hardship. However, the Angel Fund has distributed approximately \$10,000 annually, managed by the superintendent.



According to Superintendent Steven Estepp, "The Angel Fund is another feature that makes Mariemont different than other districts and is a reflection of the generosity in the community."

Now the donor family and the Mariemont School Foundation are asking community members to come together, with the hopes of raising an additional \$15,000, enabling the fund to return to its original \$30,000 level in order to serve the community for another three years.

Please consider making a donation. Your help is appreciated, especially during the holiday season, a time of struggle for many families.

To participate in the Angel Fund or to contribute to the Mariemont School Foundation, you can send your tax-deductible contribution, payable to MSF, 2 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227, or go to www. mariemontschoolfoundation.com and contribute via Paypal.

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Daffodils in December

There is a new variety of daffodil which has been named "The Mariemont" in honor of the love this village has for the cheerful spring flower. The Village claims it as our official flower. Residents and travelers enjoy the beautiful naturalized displays every spring. What started 55 years ago with a gift from a Clermont County estate owner has provided a legacy of beauty for all to enjoy. And now a new chapter of Mariemont's affair with the daffodil is about to begin! But to truly appreciate this love affair, a look to the past will set the stage.

In 1949, Mr. Carl Krippendorf of Perintown, Ohio gifted baskets of daffodils from his country estate to the Garden Club of Mariemont. Many may recognize both the name and location of this former country estate as that of the Cincinnati Nature Center on Tealtown Road in Clermont County. His former home, known as Krippendorf Lodge, is surrounded by daffodils extending from the entry drive off Tealtown to the pathways through the woods and up to the lodge itself.

This initial gift began what has become an "affair" of sorts between the Village of Mariemont and the lovely daffodil. Members of the Garden Club accepted his gift and began planting bulbs throughout the Village. Naturalizing daffodils in the Beech Grove in Mariemont and near the Litch Gate are a welcomed sight to behold in the spring.

The Garden Club of Mariemont is pleased to announce it received this autumn another gift of daffodils. Mr. Bill Lee of Clermont County's Honey Hill Farm presented the Garden Club with daffodil bulbs specifically

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321-6640 named for our Village and its love of daffodils. A daffodil expert with the Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society, Silver Medal Recipient and Accredited Judge of the American Daffodil Society, Mr. Lee shared his love of daffodils



during a spring 2014 garden club meeting and in turn found a community whose love affair with the daffodil almost matched his own.

He shared our history with daffodil breeder

Dr. John Reed of Michigan who is a fellow daffodil enthusiast. Upon hearing the story, Dr. Reed gave his yet-unnamed Division 1 Daffodil the title "The Mariemont." It is a single bloom daffodil with white petals and an elongated orange trumpet. Although not yet commercially available, the Garden Club is honored to have received such a gift and to share it with the Village of Mariemont. Spring 2015 will be the first blooming of "The Mariemont" in its hometown! Look for this daffodil at the south and east entrances to the Isabella Hopkins Park. A reminder, as December wind and snow approach, winter is necessary to ensure a beautiful spring and the daffodils are just one short season away.

Submitted by Mary Alice Maze President – Garden Club of Mariemont



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Behind the Storefront - Mio's Pizzeria

By Matt Crawford

As a fairly new resident of Mariemont, one of my favorite things about this picturesque village is the sense of community pride in our history and in our businesses. The stories of a former Kroger being located in the Old Town Square and then where the strand is, and how Dilly Deli started in the Old Town Square before moving to the Mariemont Strand have fascinated me since my arrival. I became intrigued by the intersection of the history of our local businesses and the history of the buildings that house them... and then I came across Mio's Pizzeria.

Mio's Pizza was founded in 1975 on
Paxton Avenue in Hyde Park. One of the
co-founders was Ray Spurlock. Mio's
has eight locations throughout the
Cincinnati area and they focus on high-quality
pizza and Italian foods at affordable family
friendly prices. Mio's also has a strong desire
to have a "long-lasting, dynamic relationship
within the community, wherein we support
families and businesses through our service





and outreach". Ray Spurlock opened the Mio's Mariemont location at 6930 Madisonville Road in 1988. Ray ran the Mariemont location from 1988 to 2000, when his plan was to retire. Jim Shaner became the owner in 2000 and successfully shepherded the Mariemont Mio's location until his decision to retire last year. Sean Spurlock (Ray's son and a Mariemont local) was away at college in New York and was made aware of the opening at the Mariemont Mio's location. With Sean's intense passion for Mio's Pizza and his love for the quality recipes that his father originally created, the decision was fairly easy. Sean is the new owner of Mio's Mariemont, and with the support of his father is working to re-energize the restaurant and continue the tradition of a business that is closely tied to the community and serves a quality, fantastic pizza.

The building which currently houses Mio's



Pizza was built in 1949 to be the 3rd location of the Village's public library. The building housed the library until 1972, when the library moved to its current location and the building became the home of Mariemont Hair Stylists, which lasted until 1978. From 1978 to 1988 various businesses inhabited the building, including a fitness/exercise business. In 1988 Mio's opened for the first time. Mio's owners embrace the history of the building and plan to hang several historic pictures of the building as décor on the inside. Walking into the restaurant today, Mio's has a warm, Italian feel with murals resembling the hills of Italy. The family-friendly vibe is evident with the smiling, engaging staff from the time you walk in the door. They use butcher paper on the tables which doubles as a coloring canvas for kids and turns into a weekly coloring contest with prizes.

Mio's passion is making a great pizza for every community that they choose to call home. A close second to that passion is the desire to be an active and valuable part of the community. Mariemont Mio's often donates pizza's to police, fire and other community service members. They've donated gift cards for charity raffles and plan to be involved in the annual Luminaria Night in December.

Mio's has the option of relaxing and enjoying your pizza in their comfortable dining room, or ordering your pizza for delivery or carry out. Many customers also love that Mio's offers a wide selection of wine and several beers on tap. Sean and Ray have big plans for the future of Mio's, including several new pizza recipes and appetizers. For the most part, the new recipes are closely guarded secrets, but Sean did disclose a new "Saratoga Pizza" which features an Alfredo base, provolone, mozzarella, red onion, bacon, chipotle aioli and scallions with thick saratoga chips piled on top. Sean promises that Mio's Mariemont is going to be a bit of an experimental kitchen for Ray, Sean and their team to try new recipes, allowing their creative juices to flow, while maintaining the traditional, quality, tasty pizza that Cincinnati and Mariemont have grown to love.

Finding Family Roots

Preservation was the theme for the October 18 meeting of the Mariemont Chapter National Society Daughters of the American (NSDAR) held at Armstrong Chapel in Indian Hill. Twenty-eight members and guests were present. The preservation theme began with Annual Meeting reports provided by each officer, which outlined the accomplishments in office for the past year, and culminated in an educational presentation by Registrar, Carrie Conlin-Royalty. Special guest, Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, SW District Vice Chairman Elaine Ortman, joined the chapter for this educational presentation.

Long-time members as well as prospective members were presented with a review of the basics of genealogical research. Updated information regarding the application process for prospective members and supplemental applications for long-term members was presented and the Registrar displayed document types as she traced the process through a family. She discussed locations to obtain documents fitting into the category of Primary Sources, which may stand alone or Secondary Sources, which need additional information. The program ended with very practical information regarding the process, equipment and potential problems in searching in dusty archives perusing old records.

The presentation was a precursor for a day spent at the Hamilton County Library in Cincinnati where Registrar Conlin-Royalty and other members were available to help anyone wishing to do research and prepare applications for DAR. Thirteen members and guests spent a large part of the day together in a reserved room allowing participants to conduct research throughout the genealogical department. The Registrar provided direction to locate materials and checked documents for potential problems in the approval process at the National Office level. The chapter plans other opportunities in the future, particularly with a program to be presented by Registrar Conlin-Royalty on "Scaling Brick Walls.

The Mariemont Chapter NSDAR is a non-political, patriotic women's lineage based, service organization with a three-pronged mission encompassing education, patriotism and



Carrie Conlin-Royalty

preservation. Current projects include expanding volunteer work in literacy development, sponsoring essay and Good Citizen Award contests for students and supporting veterans and currently serving military through donations of time and finances. For information about the local, state or national organization, please contact Jan Mauch, Mariemont Chapter Regent at 793-2966.

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News From the North Pole

A bustling North Pole means Santa's elves are opening up their workshop again right in the heart of Mariemont, across from LaRosa's Pizza. The elves are so excited about their workshop they are opening it for public tours. Visitors are welcome through December 31. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 2 pm to 8 pm., Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 8 pm, Christmas Eve 10 am to 4 pm. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Admission is \$4. Children three and under are admitted at no charge.

Download your letter to Santa at www. thesantaworkshop.com and mail it in the elves' giant mailbox this year! Then walk through 12 animated scenes in Santa's Workshop. Santa's Workshop is presented by the Mariemont Inn. Exhibit owner Bill Spinnenweber purchased the display at an auction several years ago and has since searched for the perfect venue to allow for the public's enjoyment. He believes the experience adds to the special holiday atmosphere in the Village of Mariemont that

is annually filled with shimmering tree-lined streets and houses aglow with holiday magic.

"Growing up with the Mariemont Inn as I have, I get very excited each year anticipating the Village traditions during the Christmas season, Spinnenweber said. "Santa's Workshop in Mariemont is a special addition to these activities. We look forward to Santa's Workshop becoming a part of the long-

standing traditions here in the Village."

Native Cincinnatians may recognize the display from years ago and for good reason. Its origin dates to the Shillito's Department Store display from 1979 and years following. At that



Santa's workshop, a Mariemont storefront tradition.

time, more than 130 animated figures were created from scratch by local talent to fill 10 interior vignettes, 7 storefront windows, and more than 20 other merchandising windows throughout the store.

Each vignette featured a scene of elves in their North Pole workshop helping Santa build toys to deliver on Christmas Eve. The story begins with children dropping off their letters to Santa in an oversized mailbox and ends where Santa's sleigh is loaded with toys to deliver on Christmas Eve. The vignettes were so popular Shillito's continued to display them every season, making slight changes to keep it new and exciting. Many of the original letters are still preserved today!

"I am very happy about being able to preserve this Cincinnati tradition and bring it here to Mariemont," Spinnenweber said. "For me it holds the essence of the magic of the season and brings out the child in all of us."

For more information about Santa's Workshop, call the Elf Hotline at 513-620-4ELF, or email: info@thesantaworkshop. com. You can also check it out at www. thesantaworkshop.com and www.facebook. com/thesantaworkshop.



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O Tannenbaum

By Renee Tecco

With a village as verdant as Mariemont it would be expected that even in the starkness of winter the greenness of the area will come through. Barren trees line the streets but following the protocol of the season we bring a decorated evergreen (real and artificial) into our homes, or five times that. Meredith Smith of Bramble Hill Drive has five Christmas trees in her home. Four small artificial trees stationed at different positions in her home and one giant, real evergreen stationed in the living room. She even has a tree for Halloween. Each tree has a different look and style of ornaments on them.

"I bought a fake, tall skinny German tree with skinny limbs and hung the wooden ornaments on it," Smith said describing her favorite tree.

The first Christmas tree in the Village came before Mariemont was officially settled. In 1924, The Mariemont Company sponsored an observance for the community at what we refer to now as the Old Town Center. Mary Emery was in attendance and a tree was erected for the occasion.

A living tree wasn't planted in the town center until a few years later. It began in 1926 when Carrie Conklin, one of the first three teachers at Mariemont, suggested with Mrs. John R. Schindel that a tree be planted at Chestnut Street and Cherry Lane. The Mariemont Messenger reported on Friday, December 10, 1926 that with the planting of the tree, "Thus will the Christmas spirit of Mariemont be epitomized throughout the year."

Barbara Anderson fondly remembers celebrating Christmases under the foliage. Her late husband was the grandson of Mrs. Conklin. "Whenever we pass it my grandchildren say, 'There's grandma's tree!"

In 1952 the Christmas tree lighting ceremony moved to the Village Square. Twenty-eight local businesses chipped in to have the Village Square electrically wired and to pay for the electricity used. The cost for each business came to about 11 dollars each. It's not known exactly when the tree lighting ceremony moved back to Old Town Square.

"It wasn't as popular," Anderson said. "It was harder to get to and wasn't an easy draw."

Not just the decoration of trees but the selling of trees has also been of interest to Mariemonters. In 1965 Milton Pickle of Miami Road purchased a Christmas tree farm in Campbell County and for a short while the Mariemont Kiwanis Club sold Christmas trees in the village. For the last 22 years Christmas trees have been sold by local Boy Scout troop



149. It's the only fundraiser the Boy Scouts run and it funds all of their outdoor programming for the entire year.

Matt Ayer and two other fathers began the fundraiser 22 years ago with the hopes it would supplement their programs, get the boys to earn their own money (instead of their parents), and give them visibility in the community. They met those goals along with supplying the best trees in the area. "We have the freshest possible trees that they can buy," Ayer said. "They are cut and in two days they come straight out to the lot."

The one real tree that adorns Smith's living room comes from the Boy Scouts. And with all her trees in her home, it is well lit. "I don't have to turn on my lamps all December," she jokes.

The lighting of the Christmas tree in the Olde Town Square signals the beginning of the holidays. With an arboreal flair, we return to tradition and family in our little area.



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SCHOOLS

Creative Showcase - Students Thank Our Veterans by Creating Giant Flag

By Karen Kennedy

This large, eye-catching Veteran's Day display of the U.S. flag was a cooperative effort of all the 1st grade classes at Mariemont Elementary School. Kudos to the students for creating such a beautiful tribute to those who have served our country. Kudos, as well, to the first grade teachers and parents! This dynamic presentation

was made possible through the assistance of teachers, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Kapcar, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Zito and parents, Hayley O'Donnell, Mrs Quiambo and Mrs. Welch.

Thanks, Owen Weiss, 2nd grader, in Miss Mary Martin's class, to fittingly sum up all of our feelings with a heartfelt, "thank you" to our Veterans in the name of freedom. The halls of Mariemont Elementary were filled with the

spirit of patriotism and respect. The photos of some family members were posted to bring the reality of their immense sacrifice home to those who could

view them. It was so educational and touching for those students and parents who attended a tribute presented by the school. Love our flag!







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Coalition Corner

At the end of October, the Warrior Coalition sponsored "Marijuana and the Teenage Brain" at the Mariemont High School auditorium. Over 160 adults and students attended the presentation. Two doctors from Children's Hospital and a Drug Enforcement Officer from Milford provided enlightening and educational information about the structural changes that occur in the developing brain with habitual marijuana use. Exposure to marijuana can interrupt normal growth processes and have a major impact on academic, occupational and social achievement. Habitual marijuana use can contribute to anxiety, sleep disturbance, loss of working memory and motivation. It was encouraging to see parents and their teenagers sitting side by side learning about the dangers of marijuana abuse. Continuing to maintain a dialogue with your teenager is a critical part in the prevention of substance abuse. If you would like to see the slides used in the presentation, please email Melanie Stutenroth at stutenroth@ terracepark.org.

This month, we want to bring your attention to abuse of DXM, codeine, and promethazine. These drugs are found in common over-the-counter cough medicines and are sometimes used in excessive doses to get high. The internet



is a quick and easy source of information for kids who want to learn how to get high off of these substances. YouTube videos, in particular, offer "recipes" for some of the more popular concoctions. Some of the slang terms for these substances and their abuse include:

Purple Drank - The prescription-strength cough syrup used in purple drank contains codeine and promethazine (not to be confused with DXM). The cough syrup, used in doses much higher than medically recommended, is typically mixed with ingredients such as the soft drink Sprite or Mountain Dew and a Jolly Rancher hard fruit candy thrown in for extra sweetness. The purplish hue comes from dyes in the cough syrup. The amount of cough syrup used can exceed up to 25 times the recommended dose. The concoction is typically consumed out of styrofoam cups. Also referred to as "Lean", "Syrup" or "Sizzurp".

DXM - A common abbreviation for dextromethorphan, a drug in many cough and cold medicines. It's abused by some teens because it can cause hallucinations and dissociative effects at high doses.

DEX or Drex - Street terms for cold and cough medicines with dextromethorphan.

Orange Crush - A term for some cough medicines with dextromethorphan. It may stem from the orange-colored syrup of certain brands.

Red Devils or Red Hots - A term for capsules with dextromethorphan. The term comes from small red capsules of cough medicine.

Robo, Robo Dosing, Robo Fizzing, Robo Tripping, Tussin, Tussing - Usually a reference to cough syrup with dextromethorphan or the act of abusing the cough syrup. While it derives from Robitussin, it is slang for any cough syrup.

Skittles, Skittling - Usually applied to Coricidin tablets with dextromethorphan.

"The Warrior Coalition is an organization focused on protecting the children of the Mariemont Schools from substance abuse. Our mission is to provide awareness, education and prevention programs to support our parents and to encourage our children to make healthy choices."





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Mariemont Preservation Docents in High Demand

The Mariemont Garden Club members and students at Mariemont Elementary were recently treated to presentations about different aspects of Mariemont history, courtesy of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF).

Docents Cindy Dougherty and Janet Setchell spent much time researching materials from the MPF archives and prepared a fascinating presentation on "Mary Emery and her Newport Rhode Island Estate and Gardens." This lecture was presented for the first time to the Mariemont Garden Club at their October meeting. The presentation briefly covered the life of Mary Emery, then focused on the Newport, R.I. estate (named "Mariemont") where she and her family would go to escape the muggy Cincinnati summers.

The formal gardens at "Mariemont" were

designed by the famous Olmsted Brothers and were quite well-known, as they were featured in many garden and landscaping publications in the early 1920s. There are several color photos of the gardens in the presentation, showing their beauty and scope. The information and descriptions of the gardens generated a lot of interest and discussion among the Garden Club members. MPF offers this lecture for any interested groups. For information please call Lisa Woodruff, Executive Secretary, at Mariemont Preservation Foundation (272-1166).

Later that month, MPF Docents Cindy Dougherty, Gail McBride, Nina Rogers, and Janet Setchell gave the Mariemont Elementary 3rd Grade students insight into the lives of the early pioneers who settled in this area. After attending a power point presentation at the Mariemont Preservation Foundation building, the students walked to the Ferris Family Pioneer cemetery, adjacent to the Mariemont Community church. Here they searched the grave markers for the names of the families they had learned about in the presentation, noting relationships and dates of birth and death.



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La Comedia: Miracle on 34th Street **When**: Friday December 5

Time: 9:30 am

Cost: \$60 for members \$65 for non-members Where: Meet at MARIELDERS

Join us as we head to La Comedia Dinner Theater. We will see Miracle on 34th Street and of course enjoy the wonderful buffet lunch. Price includes show, lunch, and deluxe motor coach transportation. Sign up with a paid reservation

Lollipop Craft Show

When: Saturday December 13 Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Cost: Free for shoppers

at the Center front desk by November 20.

Where: Mariemont Elementary School Come and shop at our 3rd Annual Lollipop

Hang out on the Square with us.

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Craft Show. Vendors and crafters from all over the tri-state area will be on hand to sell their wonderful items. Tell your friends and neighbors to come and get their Christmas shopping done with us. Mariemont area Girl Scouts will be selling wonderful food and dessert in the cafeteria. Come on in for a fun-filled day of holiday shopping.

Warm Glow Candle Trip

When: Tuesday December 16

Time: 9:00 am

Cost: \$10 for members \$15 for non-members Where: Meet at MARIELDERS

Come do some of your Christmas shopping when we head to The Warm Glow Store. It can only be described as an 11,000 square foot shopping Mecca! You can't miss our iconic store just off exit 145 on I-70 in Centerville, Indiana. Aside from over 73 of our candle fragrances and products in stock, we also offer home decor, bath & body products, gourmet foods, florals, yearround Christmas decor, and so much more! We will eat lunch at the Store which also houses a restaurant. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by December 12th. Space is limited so sign up early.

Cincinnati Ballet: The Nutcracker

When: Thursday December 18

Time: 8:30 am
Cost: \$15 for members
\$20 for non-members

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS

First we will have breakfast at First Watch and then cross the street to the Arnoff Center and see the Christmas classic, The Nutcracker. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by December 12th.

MARIELDERS Annual Christmas Party

When: Thursday December 18

Time: 5:00 pm

Cost: \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members

Where: Fairfax Recreation Center Join us for holiday fun as we celebrate the season. Enjoy a catered dinner and live entertainment. Bring a \$5 gift to exchange. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by December 12.

An Evening with Natalie Cole: The Cincinnati Pops

When: Sunday February 8, 2015

Time: 5:30 pm
Cost: \$35 for members
\$40 for non-members

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS Celebrate Valentine's Day with

the *Unforgettable* Natalie Cole and your Cincinnati Pops! This internationally acclaimed, nine-time Grammy-winner takes the Music Hall stage for a captivating one-night performance of her favorite hits. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk. Space is limited so sign up early!



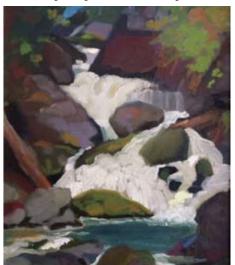
WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

Holidays Come to the Barn

Carol Shikany Exhibit "Connection – Inside/ Outside"

Opening Reception Friday December 12

During this Holiday Season, come to The Barn to enjoy Carol Shikany's exhibition, "Connection – Inside/Outside." This diverse collection of original works in oil, small plein air landscapes, represents the artist's personal



connection to a specific time and place. She paints primarily in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Wisconsin, Wyoming and Ohio. As the artist says, "It's exciting for me to paint or draw when I am pushed from inside myself to 'put something down', to record that palpable sense of connection to a time and place or an idea, a memory, the open expression of a child, the 'twinkle of an eye' in a sitter, the energy of orchestral music live and in person... whatever. To record the feeling of being alive and then sharing it with others."

The Opening Reception is Friday, December 12 from 6-8:30 pm. Free admission. Exhibit runs through January 12, when the Gallery is open. Weekend hours 1-4pm, Weekdays, Tuesday –Friday 10 am-2 pm.

"Mariemont Preservation Presents"...
"The Night Before Christmas"

Saturday December 20, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Make your reservations today then harness your reindeer to get your family and friends

to this live production of the Christmas classic "The Night Before Christmas", performed by the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati Artreach. Mariemont Preservation Presents is our monthly feature of family friendly arts programming and December's offering of live theater is a holiday treat!

"...And all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." It's Christmas Eve and the anticipation is building. Presents, lights, even milk and cookies... but are you ever too old for family traditions? Based on the enchanting poem by Clement Clark Moore, this lyrical adaptation celebrates the joy of family and the magic of holiday stories, reminding everyone what Christmas is all about.

Registration is required at www. artatthebarn.org. \$5 per person.



Holiday Season Flower Arranging

Nicky Bade, award winning flower designer and avid gardener, is bringing new classes to the Barn, just in time for the holidays! This is a fun way to brighten up the season, so gather some friends and create delightful holiday decor.

Tuesday, December 9-10 am-noon. Participants will make a winter basket with an assortment of greens and decorations. After the holidays, the Christmas decorations can be removed and items added to make a winter theme. All materials provided including basket, oasis, greens, and decorations. \$60 per person.

Thursday, December 11 – 2 SESSIONS – Afternoon – 2-4 pm and Evening – 7-9 pm – Flower Arranging Workshop – Christmas



Theme – Participants will make a topiary and floral wreath – and a surprise whimsical small arrangement. \$60 per person.

For more information or to register for these classes, please contact Nicky directly at 321-5278 or **nickybade@fuse.net**. Registration is necessary.

Adventures in Monoprinting A Workshop Perfect for Gift-Giving!

December 13-14, 12:30-3:00 pm. Grab a friend, have fun together and create a unique gift for the holidays! Led by artist Amy Burton, in this 2-day workshop you will produce two prints using a colorful 4x6 photograph, printmaking ink and a small etching press. Suitable for ages 16 and up. \$115 includes all materials. No experience needed. Register with Amy Burton at 513-561-6949 or email her at aburton@yahoo.com.

Yoga? Yes, We Have Yoga!

The Barn is becoming a hotbed of yoga (although no hot yoga yet!). Encourage a friend or come alone to join one of the yoga classes listed below. Your body (and mind) will thank you. Please contact the teachers directly for more information regarding the classes, prices, and to register.

Restorative Yoga with Health and Wellness Expert Heather Poast. Class starts Wednesday, Dec.3, 4:15-5:15 pm. Contact Heather at heather.poast@heatherfeather360.com.

Yoga for Women 40+ with Karen Johns. This class starts the week of January 12, with

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classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Karen's email is **karen.johns4@gmail.com**.

Yoga with Layla. Prefer an evening class? Also starting the week of January 12, Layla Gilman will teach Monday and Thursday evenings. Her email address is layla@fuse.net.

Coming for Families in January...

"Mariemont Preservation Presents" – Waterless Snow Globes, Craft for Kids

Saturday, January 17, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Come to the Barn with your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or special friend and start the new year with a fun, hands-on creative project. Together you and your buddy will make waterless snow globes! You will use clay to make the figures to insert into the Mason Jars and then add glitter, etc. to add that special touch. It's a "take-it-home" craft; creative and fun!

Registration required at www. artatthebarn.org. \$5 per person.





A Renaissance on Albert Place

SUGGESTED BY NANCY KOLADY, NEIGHBOR

For over a year, a rehabilitation project has been quietly underway at #6 Albert Place. It isn't the usual Mariemont house-type of rehab, but rather, the transformation of a blind, half-dead dog named Sophie into a confident, well-loved pet. Arlene Demerat, a retired nurse who came to Mariemont about five years ago, is the loving caretaker of two rescue dogs, Porter and Sophie. It is Sophie, however, that captured the hearts of neighbors on Albert Place as they witnessed an incredible transformation in the shaggy dog over the past year.

Three or four times a day, every day, rain or shine, Arlene is out with the dogs

for a walk. "In the beginning," reported Nancy Kolady, a neighbor on Albert Place, "she carried Sophie, then gradually put her down and waited and waited to see if she would walk with her on a leash." The training continued until Sophie started to tentatively walk along, slowly at first. "Because Sophie is blind," Nancy said, "she relies heavily on instinct and regularity." Now when the neighbors see Arlene out walking the dogs, Sophie barely needs her leash and can now "lead" Arlene on their journey around Mariemont. Nancy continued, "Sophie may not run, but we have definitely noticed a certain joy and confidence in her steps."

Thanks to Arlene for her caring and compassion!



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VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Village Council Highlights OCTOBER 27, 2014

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Tinkham and Mr. Wolter.

Mayor Policastro introduced Mr. Michael Heines from JAE Capital LLC. Mr. Heines bought the steam plant which he plans to tear down to build homes and townhomes. Mr. Heines said he has been in the real estate industry for 30 years; starting his own company several years ago. The steam plant project interests him because it is in the Village of Mariemont. This property has topography issues, stream issues and hillside issues. He explained that the units will be homes/ townhomes consisting of three bedrooms with possible lower level walk-outs. They will have views of Wasson Way and the Little Miami River. It will consist of twelve units. As part of the proposal they are not going to use the option to build on the hillside but rather donate the hillside back to the Village of Mariemont for the bird sanctuary, eliminating the worry that the hillside may one day be built upon. The geotech survey has been done. They plan on being environmentally friendly by recycling as much as they can of the building materials by putting it down on the road so it will not have to be trucked through the neighborhood. They also are planning to leave as much green space as they can and also the small stream.

Mr. Tinkham asked about the advantage of having the land deeded to the Village. Mayor Policastro said over the years there have been fears that the hillside would be built upon and Mt. Vernon would become a through street. Now this land will become part of the bird sanctuary. Mr. Tinkham questioned why not leave it with the homeowner's association. Mr. Miller said the homeowner's association could sell it at any time. Mayor Policastro said this ensures that it becomes part of the Village and we will always be in control as to what would happen to the area in the future.

Mr. Wolter asked about parking and fire emergency equipment egress. Mr. Heines said he has not yet worked with the Village emergency team. What they have done is a concept plan. The next step will be to work with safety services. Parking will consist of driveways with additional

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Mayor:	Dan Policastro	mayordan1@gmail.com

space for four visitor vehicles. Additional parking is available on Miami Run should it be necessary. Mr. Heines said the units will be made with wood, stone and brick but no vinyl. They will be 1500-1800 square feet ranging in price from low \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Mr. Wolter said we have fought a lot of hill slippage and asked if a geologist has been consulted. Mr. Heines said a geo tech survey has been done. We do not plan to disturb the bottom of the hill. Mr. Heines said they will begin to clear the area and take down some trees to try to get the culvert in. He is hopeful to start work in the spring after the EPA process.

From Mariemont Pre-School Parents: e-mail Dated October 17, 2014 re: Play Equipment at Dogwood Park. Mayor Policastro said the request is to split the cost for new play equipment and the Pre-school parents want to get started on this as soon as possible. Mr. Wolter asked if the play equipment will augment the new equipment. Mayor Policastro said yes and the expense will be charged to the Permanent Improvement Fund.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the Village is in the position to contribute \$2200 towards the project. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to approve the expense. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Kyle Romick, 3599 Flintpoint Way, was granted permission to address Council. He asked which branch of government would be in charge of the townhomes to be built at the steam plant. Solicitor McTigue said it would be the Executive Branch of government that would handle the approval process for the townhomes to be built. Mayor Policastro said if there are any changes that need to be made they would have to come before the Planning Commission and extended an invitation to Mr. Romick to attend. Alex, Mariemont Crescent, was given permission to address Council. He asked if the steam pipes would affect anything. Mayor Policastro said he did not think they would affect anything because they are old steam pipes are no longer being used to heat houses. They are now obsolete.

Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the

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Finance Committee regarding holiday pay for full-time employees. Chairman Marsland explained that the merit bonus system was suspended in 2010. For calendar years 2010, 2011 and 2012 the employees did not receive any sort of bonus. The Finance Committee last year approved \$250 for each full-time employee. Chariman Marsland said he spoke with Fiscal Officer Borgerding who indicated that the Village was doing well enough to do more this year. Committee members unanimously voted in favor of a \$500 holiday bonus for all full-time employees. The Village has done well this year – better than what was expected – and he believes we should share it with our employees. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Lollipop Craft Show

Holiday shoppers can find that handmade or unique gift at the 3rd annual Lollipop Craft show 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, December 13 at Mariemont Elementary School, 6750 Wooster Pike. This event is free and open to the public. New this year will be *Santa's Gift Shop* – where children can shop for their family members with the help from Santa's Elves. All gifts are under a dollar, wrapping is free, and no parents are allowed.

More than 75 crafters and artists will sell gifts, artwork, jewelry and crafts of all types. Some of the featured crafters are: mosaic designs, whimsical garden art, lollipops, decorative painting, pottery, hand- made glass jewelry and many more specialty items. The show will fill the majority of the school's gymnasium and hallways.

A hot lunch will be for sale by the Mariemont Girl Scout Troop and who knows Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus may show up to do some shopping too. For more information please call the MARIELDERS at 271-5588.





What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - December

All Ages

Holiday Open House: Join us for music, crafts and sweet treats. Thursday, December 11, from 3 pm-6 pm.

Children

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with therapy dog Tater Tot. Thursday, December 11, at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

Stuck on Reading Book Club: Each month, the club features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series, and then stop in the Library to complete an activity and earn a magnet. Collect three magnets to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza.

Movers & Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am Bring the little ones in for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the Library. Ages 1-4. *Please note there is no session Wednesday, December 24, or Wednesday, December 31.*

Library Babies: Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Lap songs and books for infants. *Please note there is no session Wednesday, December 24, or Wednesday, December 31.*

Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3-5. *Please note there is no session Wednesday, December 24, or Wednesday, December 31.*

Crafty Kids: Thursday, December 18, at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

Teens

InBeTween Club: Thursday, December 18, at 4:30 pm. Ages 10-18.

Adults

Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading eBooks to your Kindle or other device, we offer an introductory class Mondays at 6:30 pm. Please call to register as this is an individual, one-on-one session.

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. Saturday, December 6, and Saturday, December 20, at 10:30 am.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one-on-one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 pm. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Happy Holidays from the Mariemont Library staff. We are closed Christmas Eve and Christmas, December 24-25.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, 369-4467 Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Noon to 8:00 pm

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Record Participation in Warrior Run

By Randy York

The 2014 Warrior Run, held in Mariemont on Saturday October 11, drew record crowds resulting in record contributions to the Surviving the Teens suicide prevention program of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

This year High School and College Challenge joined the Warrior Run. The High School and College Challenge was organized to encourage students to practice healthy habits while supporting their school. The High School and College Challenge is designed to encourage and teach students to improve their physical and mental fitness and to give back to the community by volunteering and fundraising for their school; a perfect complement to the Warrior Run.

The partnership with the High School and College Challenge along with the growing reputation of the Warrior Run as a well-

Application Deadline for Grant Money Nears

The Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) has established a program which awards grants to fund projects for the betterment of the Village of Mariemont. The group has set aside \$15,000 for the first year, and local nonprofit groups, Mariemont community organizations, area public institutions, and Mariemont schools will be eligible for funding. Annual application deadlines are Feb. 1 and Aug.1.

Some examples of eligible activities include beautification, community events and celebrations, landscaping, open space protection, open space enhancement, college scholarships for students, recreational improvements, historic district reinvestment, walking and hiking trails, and other projects.

Grant applications may be downloaded from MPF's website (www.mariemontpreservation. org) or picked up at the office/museum at 3919 Plainville Road.

For more information on MPF's grant awards program, please contact Lisa Woodruff. She can be reached at 272-1166.

organized, family-focused event resulted a record 2,150 participants, up from 1,415 last year. It also resulted in over \$100,000 raised for the Surviving the Teens suicide prevention program plus local in-school mental health programs in high schools and colleges, double what was raised last year. No doubt, the support of the Village, Mariemont residents, and our picturesque fall setting contributed to the success of the Warrior Run.

The Warrior Run started as the "Jim Miller Memorial Mile" in 2008. The event was established to honor Mariemont resident Jim Miller and evolved into the Warrior Run under the direction of race director, Nancy Miller.

Surviving the Teens, is a suicide prevention program of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center that provides assistance, information and other resources to teens coping with mental illness. Surviving the Teens is now in over 24 schools in the area and has helped over 70,000 area teens and their families facing the threats of mental illness. The program teaches students' depression and suicide prevention, providing adaptive ways of coping with stressors, ways to connect and positively communicate with parents, how to help



The scene at the 2013 Warrior Run.

themselves or others who may be depressed or suicidal, and how to access referral sources.

The 2014 Warrior Run featured a SATF sanctioned 5k through the scenic Village Of Mariemont, followed by a night of music, carnival-style kids' games, and food. Food for the event included City Barbecue pulled pork and chicken, Homemade Chili, LaRosas pizza, UDF ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cookies and muffins. The event also included a Bid-n-Buy event along with music provided by radio station 94.9. At dusk the event concluded with the showing of *Frozen* on a big screen erected in the center of the Bell Tower Park.

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SCHOOLS

Hats Off!

Mariemont Track Runs Well

Four Mariemont Junior High School students and one Mariemont Elementary student had their triumphant runs at a recent cross country competition. Four of the MJHS students qualified for the USATF National Cross Country Championships.

Marin Valentine placed 1st with a 15:43 finish in the girls 13- to 14-year old division 4K and Anna Scheeser placed 2nd at 16:35. Nolan Buck battled to a 3rd place finish at 15:22 in the 13- to 14-year old division 4K. Seventh grade student Erin Kelly placed 1st in the 11- to 12-year-old division.

Mariemont Elementary student Elyse Kelly also ran well, placing 5th in the 9- to 10-year-old division.

"Kudos to Dave Valentine who is an incredible inspiration to my son, Nolan Buck, and to all on the team!" said Patricia Buck. "We are so proud of our junior high cross country team and the awesome coach!"

Mariemont High School Students Among Top Business Students in Country

Two students in the Mariemont High School

Business/Great Oaks' Satellite program scored among the top business students nationwide on rigorous exams to test their business knowledge. The exams are part of the school's High School of Business program, a national accelerated business administration program.

Receiving top scores were junior Natalie Popowics, who received third place on the Principles of Business exam, and senior Graham McCarthy, who received third place on the Principles of Marketing exam.

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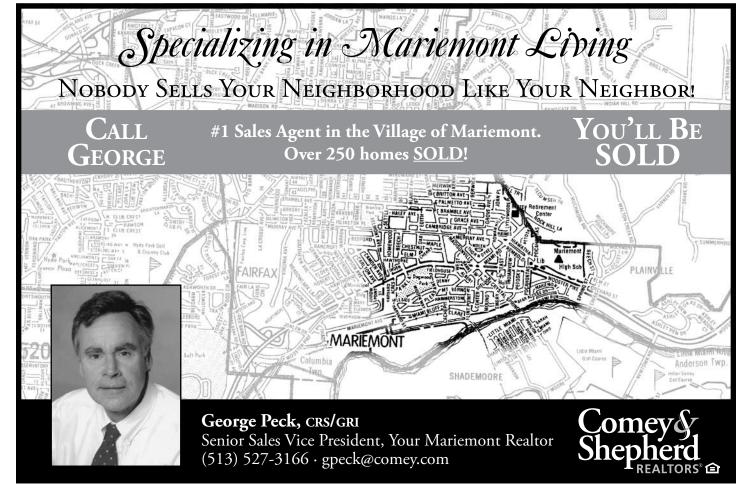
Mariemont Latin Club Gives Back

Five Mariemont High School Latin Club members went to California Woods Nature Preserve to help the Cincinnati Park Service maintain trails and clean up the park from invasive species for Make A Difference Day.

It is the Latin Club's 3rd annual participation in Make A Difference Day, and the Mariemont High School students that participated this year were Emma Phillips, Emery Shelley, Ellery Bledsoe, Mark Griesmer and Ben Klawitter. Liv Ferry, a 6th grade student from Terrace Park Elementary also assisted with her dad and Latin teacher, Mr. Kevin Ferry.



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