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## Remembering Others on Father's Day

By Peggy Calvey Patton

When you look back on your life and try to figure out how you got to where you are, there doesn't seem to be one defining event. The first part of life is molded by others. Your parents, siblings, home life, education and neighborhoods are pretty much decided for you. Maturity brings career decisions, sometimes marriage and perhaps children. All these things make you what you are today, but in the sum total of my life, I feel one of the indispensable parts was decided 109 years ago by a 22-year-old immigrant, my Great Uncle John.

I never knew my grandparents or saw a picture of them. They were immigrants before the age of cameras. I did have five great uncles in Cleveland. Most were pleasant but distant men.

One was different, my Great Uncle John T. English. He had and knew well about 50 great nieces and nephews. Families of McMannon, Calvey, Kilbane, McIlwee, Mangan and English, grandchildren of his brothers and sisters owe the values they live by to John T. He was our guardian uncle, patriarch, mentor and spiritual godfather. This kind man was the closest thing to a grandparent for us.

### His Journey

John T. left his home in County Mayo in March of 1905. He knew he would not see the lovely green land of Achill Island again because the famine-stricken area

could not support him. His oldest sister, Bridget English Moran, was my maternal grandmother.

He boarded the S.S. Lucania with \$25 in his possession. He was sponsored by his cousin, Mrs. Mary Kelly of 60 Rose Avenue in Cleveland. He was traveling with the Toolis brothers, aptly named Patrick and Michael, and two women, Annie McHugh and another Mary Kelly. All were from Achill Island and also sponsored by Mary Kelly. The three men were listed as laborers, Mary Kelly was a housekeeper and Annie McHugh was a servant. They all could read and write and were disease free.

Five years after his arrival, John T. sponsored his niece Catherine McManamon who was just 17 years old when she arrived in 1910. Next to arrive in 1923 was my Uncle Joe Moran, an IRA man fleeing the Irish Civil War. Five years later their three sisters, Mary Ranft, Peggy Moran and my mother Bridget Calvey arrived. In 1928, he sponsored the Scottish branch of the family, his sister Mary McHugh, her husband and three daughters: Kate McIlwee, Mary Glaze and Annie Travers. His brother Joe, married to his wife's sister Maggie Mangan, and their family came next. His niece Mary Kilbane came in the late 1930s. My guess is about 30 immigrants were sponsored by him and, if you add their decedents, the number would run into the hundreds.

John T. married Mary Mangan in 1907 and they had nine children, but lost two in childhood. His children gave him 17 grandchildren. He supported his large family as a bridge operator in the flats for the city, stationed at the Center Street Bridge across from the Flatiron Café for many years. The small shed perch is still on the west side of the rotating bridge. In his spare time, from 1912 until he retired in 1969, a total of 57 years, he sold life and auto insurance. Ironically, he once won a brand new car for top sales, but he never learned to drive.

### His Legacy

He was very involved in building the Irish Community on the West Side. John T. was a founding member of the West Side Irish American Club; had memberships in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Irish Civic Assoc.; and helped underwrite the cost of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In 1960, he was the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

John T. changed the face of Cleveland. If not for his efforts to help many come to this country and secure a good life, we would know a different city. The contributions that came from my Great Uncle John and other immigrants is staggering. The first generation of those men and women were construction workers, policemen, firemen, civil servants, maids, waitresses and factory workers. Then came the judges, priests,



1907 wedding picture of John T. English and Mary Mangan.

nuns, doctors, nurses, engineers, business owners, political office holders, and more professionals.

Hundreds of us owe our existence in this country to them. My Uncle John and the others set the standards by which we live today - hard work, sense of duty and community, family values and integrity. They were the pioneers of our way of life.

John Thomas English was buried at St. Vincent De Paul Church in 1972, but the lessons he taught us will live for generations. He was the embodiment of paternal leadership and guidance.

RIP Uncle John. •

*Peggy Calvey Patton is a freelance writer.*



## Fairview Park Summerfest

By Peggy Cleary

An extra evening of rides are part of the many new and exciting changes to the Fairview Park Summerfest, Thursday, June 26 to Sunday, June 29, at Bohlken Park. Stop by for a "sneak preview" of the new rides on June 26 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The official start of Summerfest is Friday, with an evening parade opening a weekend of fun, food, music, and rides. A hot air balloon, Metro Lift Flight, Dick Nicoloff Memorial Classic Car Show, CERT softball games, beer tent, pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner are on the schedule as well.

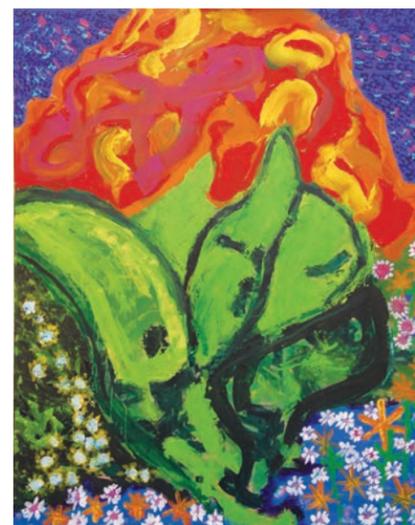
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## Art in Action Masterpieces

By Laura Lazzaro

The Rocky River District Art Show celebrated its opening night on May 13. Artwork from every student was showcased in the halls of Rocky River Middle School. During opening night, 4th graders from Kensington Intermediate School were treated to a very special experience. The students worked side-by-side with professional artist, Augusto Bordelois, to create a 4th grade mural. The 4th grade mural is a tradition at Kensington - one that promotes class unity and pride. This project was funded by the Kensington PTA.

This year's project was titled "Art in Action" in which the students learned a technique called action painting. Three large canvasses were covered with paint in a step-by-step process guided by the artist. The result is three very unique and quite beautiful "masterpieces" of art that will be permanently displayed in the halls of Kensington Intermediate School. •



Masterpiece #1 - Flower!



Masterpiece #2 - Dinosaur!



Masterpiece #3 - Fish!

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## Summerfest from page 1

### Highlights of the Summerfest Events

#### Friday, June 27, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

- Opening Ceremonies immediately following Parade. Invocation by Rev. Dan Sewell, New Hope Reformed Church; National Anthem sung by members of the Fairview High School Scarlet Singers; Color Guard – American Legion Post 738.
- Live Entertainment - Shady Drive Band w/ interlude by The Soul Men (Blues Brothers Tribute Band)
- Life Flight Helicopter

#### Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

- Live Entertainment - Crooked River Band; Forecast (Contemporary Jazz); Wanted (Bon Jovi Tribute)
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Hot Air Balloon (tentative)
- Fireworks @ dusk

#### Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- Dick Nicoloff Memorial Car Show
- Republican Club Pancake Breakfast
- Pooch Parade
- Brownie Bake-Off
- Live Entertainment - Dan Zola Orchestra
- Senior Center Bingo

Volunteers and sponsors are always needed to assist with the planning, running and funding of Summerfest. For more information on volunteering, or to become a Summerfest sponsor, contact fairviewsummerfest@gmail.

For additional information about scheduled Summerfest events, please visit fairviewsummerfest.com •

*Peggy Cleary is the Fairview Park Councilwoman-at-Large.*

## A Note from the Publisher

Since this is our twelfth publication, I would like to give you a little history on how I got the opportunity to become the publisher of "The Rockport Observer".

It all started when I kept seeing the same gentleman at the Blackbird and Root coffee shops. I became curious about what type of business he was conducting with the various people he met with. One day, to paraphrase Jim O'Bryan's words, I danced up to his table and introduced myself. Jim is one of the founders of "The Lakewood Observer" and was searching for someone to sell advertisement.

Jim later introduced me to Betsy Voinovich, who educated me on the ups and downs of the publishing process. She also suggested that I consider spearheading the Rockport Project. This called for serious thought and research. I gathered as much input and information as I could to determine if publishing was right for me. My final meeting was with Matt Weiland, former editor for the "The Rockport Observer". Witnessing Matt's passion for the project clinched my final decision.

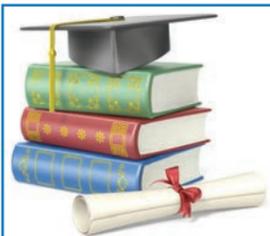
My first responsibilities were meeting with people in Rocky River and Fairview Park who would be interested in promoting and funding the project. Both Mayor Bobst and Mayor Patton embraced the project. My most challenging decision, however, was choosing which groups to join. Obviously, I made some good decisions. Through The Rocky River Chamber, I have met many of the people who are an integral part of the local communities. Several have contributed to the growth of the paper.

I am thrilled with the professionals who have joined the project: Carolyn Hildebrandt, editor; Angela Hammersmith, designer; and Dan DeVito, our original paperboy who made sure our paper made it into the community. The latest addition to my team is Meg Greenwald, Business Development.

In closing, I would like to announce that our July issue will be our anniversary issue. We welcome ideas for celebration.

Finally, most important, thank you for picking this up, taking a look, and giving it a go. We hope you find something you enjoy and pass it along to a friend.

— LuAnn Leonard  
Publisher



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With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.  
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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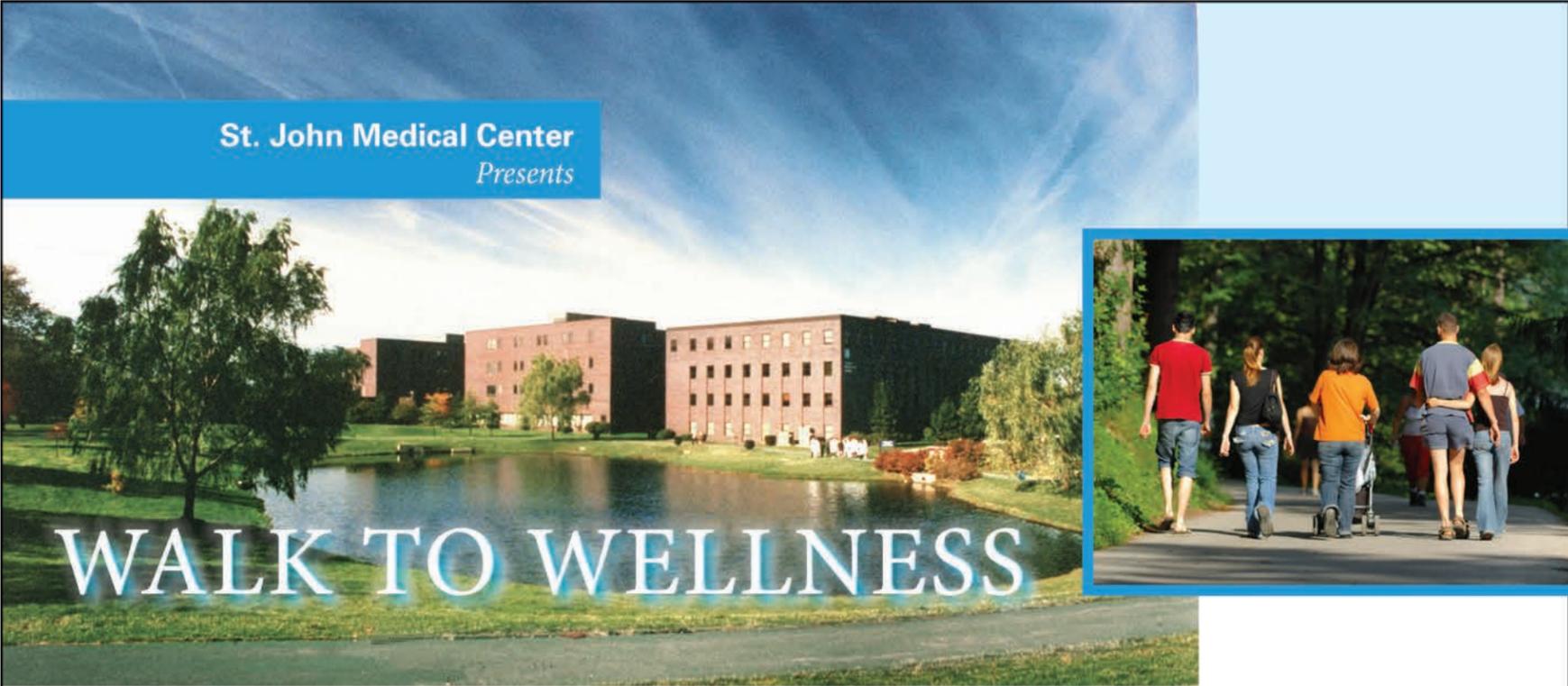
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## Correction

Please note the correct phone number for the Career Transition Center is 216-367-3011. The number in our May issue was incorrect.



Join St. John Medical Center physicians and health experts as they “walk and talk” about different healthy living topics. Walkers will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the patio and we will walk the hospital’s beautiful campus track. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the cafeteria and walk inside the hospital.

## WALK TO WELLNESS Saturdays 9-10AM

May 31 – **“Pharmacological Prevention and Treatment of Stroke”**  
by Rachana Patel, Pharm D, BCPS

June 13 – **“The Importance of Mammograms”** by Niki Constantinou, MD  
Radiologist

June 21 – **“Women and Heart Disease”** by Lori Rusterholtz, MD, Cardiologist

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## LeVeck Hires Campaign Manager

By Jane Reilly

Todd LeVeck, the Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives in Ohio's 16th State House District, announced that grassroots organizer and retired teacher Steve Holecko has been hired to be Team LeVeck's campaign manager.

Holecko has organized and participated in initiatives for numerous Democratic candidates and issues, dating back to the 1970s. Recently, he has served as a Neighborhood Team Leader for Organizing for America (2008 and 2012), as the leader of the Southwest Office for We Are Ohio (repeal of SB5/No on Issue 2), and as an Ohio Delegate to the Democratic National Convention (2012).



Todd LeVeck

"I had the chance to work with Steve in 2011 when we were fighting SB5,

and I'm thrilled to have his passion, expertise, and experience working for our campaign in the 16th District," said LeVeck. "He brings a wealth of experience in grassroots organizing and mobilization, as well as a deep knowledge of the issues that are important to our campaign: supporting schools and local governments, protecting the middle class, and restoring integrity to state government."

Holecko recently opened eyes in Cuyahoga County when he ran in a hotly contested three-way Democratic primary race for State Representative in Ohio's 14th District, where he received over 3,600 votes to finish a close second to Cleveland City Councilman Martin J. Sweeney. "Although we were disappointed in the outcome of the

primary election, I am excited to be working on Todd's campaign," said Holecko. "We need the voice of educators in Columbus, and Todd LeVeck will be a strong voice for our children, our schools and local governments, and the middle class families of Ohio."

Todd LeVeck is a public school teacher and the Democratic candidate for State Representative in Ohio's 16th District, which includes the cities of Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake. He will be facing three-term incumbent Republican Nan Baker in the November election.

For more information, contact [leveckforohio.com](http://leveckforohio.com).

*Jane Reilly is a retired senior public affairs national field manager.*

## Report of the Westshore Council of Governments Meeting of May 14

By Conda Boyd and Susan Murnane, LWV - Bay Village Chapter

*This report, which contains observations and selected highlights of a meeting of the WCOG, is not an official statement of the LWV. Official minutes are prepared by Mayor Patton's office and posted on Fairview Park's website.*

### Announcements

Brandy Carney, Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System Manager, contacted Mayor Bobst about a possible Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) pilot in Rocky River. Mayor Bobst suggested a Westcom pilot serving Bay Village, Fairview Park, Rocky River, and Westlake would be more appropriate. A meeting with the four mayors and their fire and police chiefs is tentatively set for June 3.

### Commission Reports

**RTA:** Mayor Clough noted that evaluations are due May 20. Mass transit funding was discussed. Passengers cover only 25% of the cost. Other sources include sales tax, the State of Ohio, and the Federal Transportation Act. The federal gas tax has remained \$0.17 per gallon since 1992.

**NOACA:** [Per the last WCOG meeting, the five counties — Lake, Geauga, Medina, Lorain, and Cuyahoga — have \$20 billion in infrastructure repair projects. NOACA has \$44 million to distribute.] Mayor Summers discussed the conflict between dividing funding among the five counties equally ("fair share") vs. addressing greatest need ("fix it first"). NOACA Executive Director Grace Gallucci did a "great job" of presenting the options, and "fix it first" prevailed.

Including GCRTA and the Port Authority, Cuyahoga County holds 23 of the 45 Board seats. Mayor Summers discussed the need for a cohesive county caucus led by the County Executive. To maintain their majority, Board members must attend meetings or send their seconds. The issues are complex, so seconds need to stay informed. Mayor Bobst is Mayor Sutherland's second and noted that Mayor Sutherland both attends regularly and keeps her well informed.

**Land Bank:** In June, Cuyahoga

County will hold the first hearing on a \$50 million fund to demolish abandoned houses. Fire departments may be offered training opportunities when houses are demolished.

**County Planning Commission:** Mayor Patton was unable to attend the last meeting, but stated that the planning commission wants to be more active in local projects and encouraged the mayors to contact it early in the planning process. Mayor Summers noted that the Commission is facilitating Lakewood's Active Living/Recreation Task Force [whose kickoff meeting is May 20].

Funding for local infrastructure projects from DOPWIC, the state public works program, was discussed. DOPWIC wants to ensure that water and sewer infrastructure be evaluated and repaired as needed as part of all road resurfacing projects but Cleveland opposes the requirement. Mayor Sutherland noted that the suburbs need help with sewers, whereas Cleveland is more focused on simple resurfacing. Mayor Clough stated that is because Cleveland wants to force cities to join their water line maintenance program.

**Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association:** Mayor Sutherland was unable to attend the last meeting. A trip to Columbus is planned for May 28.

Mayor Bobst discussed the impact of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, which covers accounting for pensions. Pension liability must be disclosed as part of the bond rating process, and pensions are more heavily weighted than in the past. Also, state economic prospects and state funding cuts for municipalities are weighted in the bond rating process, and PERS, fire, and police pensions are underfunded at the state level. Lakewood and Rocky River were recently audited as part of a test of the new standards. Of the over 200 Ohio municipalities involved, only Rocky River and Lakewood maintained their bond ratings.

### Old Business

**FirstAid4Autism:** Fairview Park hosted training on May 12 to which WCOG cities were invited. Attendance was light, but attendees said the training was excellent.

**Cuyahoga River Dredging:** Following up on the protest letter he distributed at the last WCOG meeting, Mayor Summers announced that the U.S. Corps of Engineers has decided not to dump dredged material in Lake Erie. Two years' capacity remains in on-land disposal sites. Mayor Sutherland noted one plan under consideration is to use the material to pave over brownfields.

**Recycling:** Mayor Patton announced that Fairview Park's May 10 Clutter Buster Recycling Event was "a huge success." Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District supported shredding with a grant. Participants included Habitat for Humanity, the Green Team, and Simple Recycling, a for-profit company that collects reusable material, sells it, and returns a tonnage-based rebate to the city. Mayor Bobst mentioned that a tool drive is a great way to support Habitat for Humanity.

**Ready Notify:** [Cuyahoga County has a new free, automated, opt-in notification system similar to Nixle. See <http://ready.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/ReadyNotify.aspx>.] Fairview Park will kick off their participation next month; they will discontinue Nixle. Bay Village has signed up for Nixle for another year, paying \$5,200 for the service that dials residents' home phones. They are conducting Ready Notify training next week and will run both platforms until they have evaluated the new system.

The May 12 tornado watch was discussed. The window for warning of an imminent tornado is seven minutes. Ready Notify did not send alerts. The FCC/National Weather Service alerts sounded during Bay Village's City Council meeting. Lakewood sirens were not activated because there was no imminent threat. Sirens are intended to alert people who are outside. The mayors agreed on the importance of utilizing multiple means for alerts.

### New Business

**Supplemental Appropriation for CERT:** Donations of \$7,150 were added. Mr. Greenspan noted that his softball tournament may net only \$1,000 (instead of \$2,000) for CERT this year.

Mayor Sutherland praised the response of CERT, Metro Parks, auxiliary police,

and other safety forces in responding to a missing 6th grader on May 12.

**Tub Grinder:** Westlake, Fairview Park, Rocky River, Lakewood, and Bay Village jointly own a tub grinder to chip brush and wood, thereby diverting yard waste from the landfill. (Westlake and Bay Village also jointly own a leaf mulcher.) Westlake operates the grinder and bills the other cities 20% of annual costs. The agreement calls for annual review.

Mr. Berner presented a handout of expenses and utilization for the past ten years. For 2013, the total cost was \$54,583, or \$10,917 per city. The heaviest users were Westlake (59%) and Bay Village (29%), followed by Rocky River (8%), Fairview Park (3%), and Lakewood (0.2%). Mayor Summers stated that he has been aware that Lakewood pays more than its share for this service, but it evens out in the long run because Lakewood uses more of other WCOG services.

The mayors agreed to review the figures with their staffs. Mayor Clough will check the age and condition of the equipment. Cost and utilization will be discussed at the next WCOG meeting.

**Asphalt:** Mayor Bobst stated that Rocky River's asphalt is not hot enough on delivery. She asked for input from the other cities on their contractors.

**ODOT Salt contract:** Lakewood has joined a consortium with Beachwood and Brecksville instead of participating in ODOT's program.

**Fire District Study:** Fairview Park has accepted the grant.

**County Council Update:** Mr. Greenspan met with public works officials about county road maintenance. For 2015, Cuyahoga County will provide materials-only funding to repair potholes and cracks and stripe roads. Funds will be awarded based on greatest need. Cities must pay for labor.

Mr. Greenspan's May 15 town hall meeting will focus on Health and Human Services programs and operations, including consulting services available to cities. He has been working with Lorain County officials on their proposed charter, which will be on the November ballot.

*The Westshore Council of Governments was founded in 1971 "to foster cooperation between municipalities in all areas of municipal service." All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be June 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Fairview Park Gemini Center's Birch Room.*

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Daily Driver

Caution: School's Out for Summer

By Dale Drottat

The warm weather we all have been looking forward to comes with some "obstacles" in the form of two-legged little people, commonly referred to as our children. These precious beings will be out of school and playing outside, assuming mom or dad can pry their children's fingers from computers and such!

While children are on summer vacation, you as a driver cannot be. In fact, you should change your driving habits - more attentiveness and more defensive driving.

Get Ready to Stop

Speed limits don't change. In most neighborhoods, the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. The distance it takes to stop a car going 25 miles per hour is a very important factor.

A quick look at an average stopping time at 25 miles per hour: First, about two seconds to react to seeing a child and deciding to press the brake pedal and stop the car. Second, in the average stopping time to come to a complete stop at 25 miles per hour, a car travels 85 feet under perfect road conditions. This is the

length of eight Toyota Camry's parked end-to-end. As averages, these statistics are not true for all vehicles. A vehicle's size and weight have to be determined to calculate a vehicle's stopping distance.

A few years ago, on a nice sunny day, my sister was driving her car down a narrow street in Lakewood. She was traveling less than the posted 25 miles per hour speed limit. Quicker than she could ever imagine, a three-year-old girl ran out in front of her car from between two parked cars. My sister slammed on the brakes, but the little girl disappeared from in front of the car.

Leaving out the graphic details and emotional upheaval, the little girl was hospitalized for about three months. She did recover. My sister, who was not cited for any wrong doing, could not drive a car for over a year as a result of this trauma.

Remember to stay focused on your driving this summer, especially around public parks, swimming pools, safety towns and playgrounds. We need to be aware and ready to react to children's inattention. We're the adults!

Too Perfect?

My four-year-old grandson, Devin, and I were riding in my truck. Devin was



Dale Drottat

seated in his booster seat behind the passenger's seat. We were playing the vocal game "I spy!" It was Devin's turn to pick an object for me to find but there was an extended period of quietness.

I glanced in my rear view mirror and saw him kind of staring at my steering wheel. Then came the BIG question: "Hey Papa, how come you only have one hand on the steering wheel?" Out of the mouth of babes! Needless to say, I quickly put my second hand back on the

steering wheel! It was easy to correct my careless mistake. I teach two hands on the steering wheel, which is required for the driver's exam but not a law.

After just a few minutes, I can detect "perfectionism" in a student by his reaction to a mistake. I can relate to a student's over-reaction. The student simmers with frustration over not being perfect. Driving with a bad attitude can lead to some serious consequences down the road, such as road rage or an accident.

When actions lead me to believe perfectionism is raising its head, the student and I will discuss the situation and how to correct the problem - calmly. This builds good driving skills and the confidence that makes good drivers.

Until next time, keep both hands on the steering wheel and your eyes on the road! •

*Please submit your questions and observations to Dale through our website. Click on Submit a new story and choose the Category, Daily Driver.*

*Dale Drottat is retired from the Avon Lake Police Department. He is currently an instructor at a driving school located in Rocky River.*

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.  
—Jim Valvano

## Project Pedal: A Day of Bike Riding and Fun

By Diane Frye

It's time to get on your bike and ride. Gather the whole family together on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Project Pedal at Bay High School Memorial Stadium. It will do you a world of good! As you pedal and participate, you'll be having fun while helping to raise funds to continue the mission of Village Project.

There are five courses to choose from:

- **Pea Pod Pedal** (2- and 3-year-olds) – 100 yards on the Bay High track
- **Sprout Route** (6-year-olds and under) – 400 yards on the Bay High track
- **Cucumber Course** (designed for those 12 and under, but open to all ages) – 6 miles through the western Bay Village
- **Kale Trail** (all ages) – 13 miles on a scenic tour of Bay Village

• **Artichoke Adventure** (all ages) – 25 miles, including the scenic tour of Bay Village as well as additional pedaling through Avon Lake

The Village Project kitchen will provide a complimentary lunch for Kale Trail and Artichoke Adventure participants. Lunch is available to others at a nominal fee. Join in some healthy competition and help support Village Project by raising funds in addition to the registration fee. Compete individually or as a team to raise the most for this worthy organization. Fundraising pages can be created when you register on the Village Project website ([ourvillageproject.com](http://ourvillageproject.com)). Prizes will be awarded for the top three individual fundraisers and the top team.

The ride is fully supported with rest stops offering refreshments, bike mechanics, medical and safety volunteers, and support vehicles. Babysitting will be available for children of registered riders.



Project Pedal is not just a bike ride – it's a community event. There will be music from the School of Rock, a bicycle rodeo sponsored by Bay Bike Co-op, sports challenges, a dunk tank, and much more, including Mitchell's ice cream.

Make it "A Day in Bay." Besides Project Pedal, Bay Village is the location for a couple of other events on June 14. BAYarts is hosting their Art & Music Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Bay Village Fire Department is having an open house from noon to 3 p.m.

Don't miss out. Register today at [www.ourvillageproject.com](http://www.ourvillageproject.com) or pick up an application at Village Project headquarters at 27378 W. Oviatt in Bay Village. The deadline for registering is May 30.

The mission of Village Project is "to come together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals and extended care and services to our neighbors experiencing cancer." More information about this organization, which serves families in Bay Village, Avon Lake and Rocky River, can be found on the website or by calling 440-348-9401. •

*Diane Frye is a Bay Village resident and volunteer for Village Project.*

## Power of MORE! Give-Away

By Sharon Matthews

In late April, over 300 members from six West Side Chambers of Commerce attended the Power of MORE! Grand Prize Drawing event held at Outdoor Dreamscapes in Avon. Over \$10,000 in prizes were given away, including the grand prize of a customized outdoor kitchen designed and built by Outdoor Dreamscapes.

Lindsey Jones from The Go2IT Group in Westlake won the grand prize: Mike Patterson from Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co. LPA in Cleveland was the winner of the Big HD Flat Screen TV; and Betsy McKinney from Herman's Furniture in Avon Lake won a full color printer. Many other prizes were given away to the overflowing crowd of business and community leaders.

Power of MORE! chambers help its



John Sobolewski, Chamber Executive Director, and Michael Patterson of Margaret Wong & Associates Co., LPA in Cleveland.

members grow their businesses by networking with other business and community leaders across the West Side.

Every member that attends a Power of MORE! event is entered into the Power of MORE! drawing. The more events a

member attends, the better his or her chances to win. Power of MORE! chamber members grow their businesses, make new friends and win prizes along the way.

Launched in 2011, the Power of MORE! is a networking group of business and community leaders. But you can't join the Power of MORE! Businesses can join one of the six West Side Chambers of Commerce that make up the Power of MORE!, including the Fairview Park, North Coast, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Olmsted and West Shore Chambers.

A special thank you to all sponsors and to Kenny Gilder of the dj company for providing the sound system at this and many other chamber events. •

*Sharon Matthews is Executive Assistant of the Fairview Park Chamber of Commerce.*

## Tri Delta Bridge-a-Rama Benefits The MetroHealth Foundation

By Kathy Woolner

On Sunday, June 1, under the leadership of Rocky River's Elda Krach, members of Delta Delta Delta West Side Alumnae Chapter and over 100 Cleveland-area bridge players gathered at the Cleveland Yachting Club to celebrate sustained giving to The MetroHealth Foundation. Elda Krach started the Tri Delta Bridge-A-Rama organization 49 years ago to support MetroHealth's research and Child Life and Education Department. Funds are raised by more than 1,000 bridge players donating each time they play, in addition to other fundraising events during the year.

In 2013, \$15,000 was donated by Tri Delta Bridge-A-Rama to MetroHealth. Thanks to a matching gift in honor of Elda Krach by her son, Keith Krach (San Francisco, CA), the total amount donated to The MetroHealth Foundation was \$30,000.

Luann Maynard, Philanthropy Officer at MetroHealth notes, "The Child Life Patient Care, Education and Research fund, to which the funds are directed annually, continues to provide care for scores of children who would otherwise go without care when in the hospital."

For more information, visit [www.trideltacleveland.org](http://www.trideltacleveland.org) for details or contact [trideltacle@gmail.com](mailto:trideltacle@gmail.com) with any questions. •

*Kathy Woolner is a member of Tri Delta Cleveland West Side Alumnae Chapter.*

### Can you guess what this is?



See page 15 for the answer!

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

## A Bigger and Better Ritzy Chic

By Debbie Simone

Ritzy Chic has a new location with more space and a bigger selection of unique items. The store now carries upscale furniture and home furnishings as well as vintage clothing and accessories, designer handbags, and vintage and signed designer jewelry. Ritzy Chic consigns selectively and Deborah Simone thru Estate Liquidators Inc. handles many estate sales items. The shop actively seeks high-end, designer-quality clothing and home furnishings, and considers buying designer handbags or jewelry.

The shop supports cancer survivors through sales and donations. Along with its personal support of survivors, it offers help to anyone hosting a fundraiser. Debbie Simone, owner of Ritzy Chic, lost her sister and mentor to cancer after a long battle of more than 13-plus years with breast cancer and 2 1/2 years with pancreatic cancer. In memory of her sister, Debbie wants to help survivors continue to fight to survive. A portion of all proceeds benefits this cause.

Animals are also supported through an online site: [www.justpaws4acause.com](http://www.justpaws4acause.com), with 100% of the proceeds benefiting sick and abused animals. Ritzy Chic has also added a networking team of services to the general public.

Ritzy Chic offers the following services:

- Estate liquidations (downsizing, decluttering, moving, packing, getting a home ready to sell or redesign)
- Home interior design consultation, including upholstery, window treatments, and slip covers
- Carpeting & Flooring sales and installation thru our networking partner Floors2u
- Advertising & Design (brochures, coupon books, city guides, and specialty magazines)
- Help with fundraisers for your cancer survivor

Drop by and browse this charming new shop located at 1315 Linda St. in Rocky River. Shop hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store can be reached at 440-331-5200 or by email: [theritzychic@windstream.net](mailto:theritzychic@windstream.net). Visit the website at [www.theritzychic.com](http://www.theritzychic.com).

*Deborah Simone is the owner of Ritzy Chic.*



Come shop at the new Ritzy Chic.

## Simplify Your Kitchen and Bath Remodel

By Lisa Crumling

Remodeling your kitchen and bath can be a fun, but it can also be overwhelming. Today's options for materials are endless, and the search for installers can be tedious.

The following steps can get you started on the right path:

- Gather ideas on the look and style you like from home décor magazines, or better yet, log onto [www.houzz.com](http://www.houzz.com) or [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) and create your own ideas book.
- Search for specific items, such as "modern kitchen with tile floors" or "traditional bath with quartz counter tops." Save your ideas into your own idea book or folder on the website.

Once you come up with your dream kitchen or bath, you will have several options:

- Work directly with your contractor. However, be wary, you will be doing all of the leg work in securing the design and materials.
- Meet with a professional kitchen and bath designer who will bring all of your ideas together and help you stay within your budget. You will want to work with a design showroom that offers one-stop shopping for all of your materials, as well as recommends a licensed contractor.

The designer will create a complete design plan, including layout, material



Some kitchen trends include black islands with white cabinetry.

selections and on-the-job project management. The designer will help ensure that you are happy with the result of your decisions. Then, sit back and enjoy your new kitchen or bath.

Simply Kitchens and Baths is a kitchen and bath design showroom and cabinet dealer located at 20163 Lake Road in Rocky River. The store has been specializing in beautifying kitchens and baths for the past 10 years. For an appointment, call 440-333-3112.

*Lisa Crumling is the owner of Simply Kitchens and Baths.*

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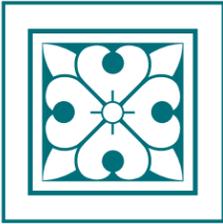


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## A Senior Get-Away

By Sheri Buckingham

The Rocky River Senior Center opened on February 8, 1989 and has been a pleasant and busy hub of activity ever since. The building features a senior-friendly, open floor plan and a 300-seat auditorium. The Center offers a variety of senior services and activities. It is a place for seniors to come and spend the day...to make new friends, learn, exercise, laugh, create, listen, shop, lunch, volunteer, and more.

The following highlights a few of the services offered by the Center:

**Clinics and Health Care Talks.** Every Monday, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., a free walk-in clinic for blood pressure is scheduled. See the front desk to register. A monthly health care talk is held in the auditorium. All programs are listed in *The Quill*, the Center's monthly newsletter, and on the front bulletin board.

**Deli Lunch.** Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Selections include soup, sandwiches, salads, a main dish, and desserts. Prices are reasonable. Bring your appetite.

**Outreach Professionals.** The Center has three trained professionals to visit with seniors and link them up with needed resources in the community to support their health and to resolve new challenges.

**OSHIIP Counselors.** On Tuesday mornings, an OSHIIP counselor is available to discuss medical billing problems, secondary insurances, and Medicare options. Phone for an appointment.

**STARRS Second Thursday at Rocky River Seniors.** To enrich programming, a Cuyahoga Arts and Cultural grant was submitted for the 2014 program year. This grant was awarded and matched by Rocky River Seniors Council, Inc., The Welsh Home, Bradley Bay, Gloria Hardington, Realtor, Normandy Retirement Community, and The Presidential. As a result of this generous funding, the Center is able to offer a free program in the auditorium every month. Some of the headliners coming are Chardon Polka Band, Dancing Wheels, Cahal Dunne, and the Cleveland Women's Orchestra. Come join us for some outstanding performances.

**Transportation.** The Center has a



The Rocky River Senior Center

fleet of five vehicles—a 2014 EX Honda Odyssey, a 2006 passenger van, a 2006 and 2008 Impala, and a 2008 wheelchair van. These vehicles are in constant use by the 1,210 registered riders. Over 7,700 rides were given last year. Forty-two percent of these trips were for medical services, 18% were for groceries, and the remaining 40% were to the Center, banks, beauty salons, senior facilities, drug stores, adult day care and luncheon outings. To qualify for this service, one must 60 years of age or more and a resident of Rocky River. A nominal fee schedule is in place.

The Center is a wonderful place to renew, reconnect, and reinvent your interests and yourself. Classes are offered in the arts, lifelong learning, fitness, cards and games, and crafts. We invite you to stop in, 21014 Hilliard Blvd., and see what the Center could offer you or phone 440-333-6660 for information. •

*Sheri Buckingham is the new manager of the Rocky River Senior Center. She was formerly the activities coordinator of The Normandy Apartments.*



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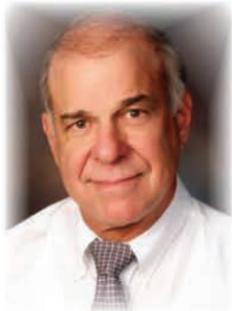
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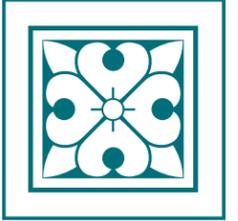
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# SERVING SENIORS



## All Welcome at Fairview Park Senior Center

By Regina Sillasen

The Fairview Park Senior Center is one of the hidden gems of our city. Located directly behind Fairview Park's city hall, the 10,000-square-foot building has been the home of the Senior Life Office since 2000. The center is under the direction of Regina Sillasen and, with the help of her dedicated and caring staff, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m., to assist seniors age 55 and older. Our staff includes a social worker who is available to assist Fairview Park residents with questions and concerns.

The Center offers something for everyone:

- A large dining room where lunch is served on Thursdays and Fridays
- A computer lab, equipped with 10 computers that are all Internet accessible
- A billiards room with two pool tables and all the accessories
- A charming gift shop that sells affordable treasures
- An audio/visual room equipped with a large screen TV and Wii

Various programs and events cover a wide range of interests, including the following:

- Free computer training offered by our dedicated volunteer instructors and by several computer-oriented groups (Northeast Ohio PC, Computer Fundamentals)
- Free legal consultation
- Ballroom dancing with live entertainment
- Blood glucose and blood pressures offered by FGH wellness nurses
- Exercise classes (Silver Sneakers, Energize with Dee)
- Card playing such as pinochle and poker
- A book discussion group led by a staff member of the Fairview Park Regional Library
- Mixed-media art classes
- Movie of the week
- Knitting Circle
- Lunch and Learn Presentations
- Treasure Shoppe (rummage sale)
- And of course, BINGO!

We also have three vehicles, including two wheelchair accessible vans, which enable us to offer transportation to necessary appointments for Fairview's senior residents.

We are extremely proud of our senior center and are happy to show it off! If you are age 55 or older and have never been to the center, please stop in for a tour and a copy of our newsletter highlighting upcoming events and programs. All are welcome! •



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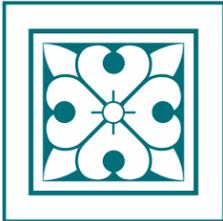
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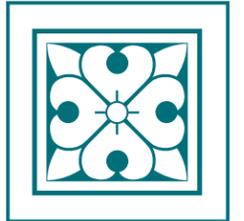
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## Women & Hormones: What Your Doctor Might Not Be Telling You!

By Bryan Ruocco

Do you struggle with PMS, menopause, endometriosis, irregular cycles, fertility challenges, and painful periods? If so, you're not alone.

My wife, Melissa, suffered chronic menstrual challenges. That day of the month would hit her like a freight train and cause her to miss work, family functions and social events. Many women can relate to incapacitating cramping, heavy bleeding and abdominal bloating. The conventional medical approach is medication and potential surgery, but believe it or not those remedies deal with the symptoms, not the actual problem.

Excess estrogen in the system can lead to extreme discomfort during menstrual periods. Estrogen helps to mature eggs for ovulation, but the excess should be processed by the liver and gallbladder



Dr. Bryan Ruocco

and eliminated from the body. If the body fails to do this every month, estrogen will build up in the system.

The problem is poor system detoxification often caused by

poor bowel, liver and gallbladder function. Over time, this may lead to more serious problems, such as estrogen-fed breast cancer.

Many medical doctors may not be aware of how whole food supplements, herbs and diet can help support healthy liver and gallbladder function. Another tool is saliva testing used to identify markers of endocrine, immunologic, inflammatory and infectious conditions.

My wife was diagnosed with endometriosis and told she would never have children. Today we have the blessing of three beautiful children and I have an amazing wife who no longer fears her monthly cycle. Her problem was cared for naturally without medication or surgery.

Join us on June 17 at Panera Bread in Rocky River at 7 p.m. for our discussion on the Female Cycle and what drug-free solutions are available. Please call 440-331-4744 to register to reserve your seat. Seating is limited. Stay in good health! •

*Dr. Bryan Ruocco is a local chiropractor and wellness advocate. He owns and operates the Power of LIFE Wellness Center located in Rocky River. Dr. Ruocco graduated from the Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, GA. He graduated in the top of his class and received Magna Cum Laude Honors.*



## Welsh Home Hosts National Convention

By Michael Bracken

This year marks the 97th Anniversary of the Annual Women's Welsh Clubs of America National Convention. The Welsh Home will be host to all Welsh Clubs in the U.S. on June 18. The facility staff will showcase the pride and joy of goodness and the caring culture of the organization. We invite the residents of Rocky River, Lakewood, Bay Village, Fairview Park, Westlake, North Olmsted, and surrounding communities to experience the culture of the Welsh traditions on June 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers and refreshments will be served on the front porch overlooking the pond.

Many families in the Cleveland area have trusted The Welsh Home in Rocky River to care for their loved ones. For over 100 years, the short-term rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility has maintained a tradition of quality and excellence. We are proud to serve as a community keystone to Cleveland.

The Women's Welsh Clubs of America is a non-profit organization contributing annual scholarships to young men and women in the areas of education, service, healthcare and the arts. The WWCA was founded in 1913 and is currently energized with new investments of technology and teamwork to provide excellent quality outcomes for patients to return home safely after their short-term rehabilitation stay.

Cost of attending the National Convention is \$10, which includes lunch. The Welsh Home afternoon Community Celebration is free. All attendees receive an entry for our door prize drawing.

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*Michael Bracken is the Community Liaison for The Welsh Home.*



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— George Bernard Shaw

## BUSINESS

## Seniors Attractive Market for Smaller Businesses

By Perry Haan

The year 2014 marks the 50th birthday of the last of the Baby Boomers. This is the age cohort born between 1946 and 1964. This group of 77 million Americans has long been an attractive target market for businesses. They make up about 35% of the population and control over 75% of the nation's wealth. As they move into their senior years, Boomers are becoming potential customers for the products and services offered by small businesses.

It is a common misperception that older Americans do not have money to spend. While some have retired and are not earning wages, many seniors have substantial savings and pensions to spend. With the most recent recession, people are working beyond the traditional retirement age. Longer life expectancies are also contributing to the increase in people opting to work into their golden years.

Cynthia Wilt, Board President for Career Transition Center in Rocky River, works to help older people find jobs. "The important thing is to look for something you have a passion for and can do well into retirement. This will bring in some sort of income while you're doing something you love."

Health care is the market that is likely to feel the biggest impact from the aging of the Boomers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 71 million Americans will be over age 65 by the year 2030. In that same year, 20% of the population will be older than 65, compared with a current 13%. Today, 30% of aging Americans live alone and 90% of that group say they want to grow old in their own homes.

It is not a surprise that home health care for the elderly is one of the fastest-growing markets in the country's fastest-growing industry. Home health care is growing at about 12% a year, well above the overall growth of the economy in recent years.

Michelle Maus, Program Chair/Assistant Professor of Healthcare Administration at Tiffin University stated, "An emphasis ideally should be placed on building relationships and trust with your target market. It is essential for organizations to recognize that building relationships and trust takes time to develop."

Another growing industry that caters to older customers is assisted care and the nursing home industry. The Welsh Home in Rocky River is in that business. "The skilled nursing market is heating up with new buildings being built, management changes and a growing need to care for

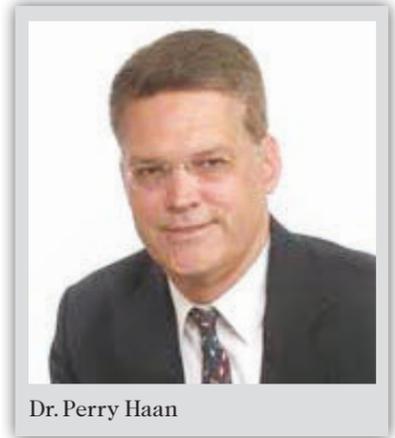
our seniors. Maintaining traditions while continuously investing in staff training and nursing technology, The Welsh Home has remained competitive in Cleveland for over 100 years," said Michael Bracken, the Welsh Home's Community Liaison.

For the seniors who do have more money, managing that money and estate planning are important. "Asset succession is intergenerational. By serving just one client or married couple, we can also have a positive effect on their extended family and even the surrounding community," said John D. Grauer of the Law Offices of Benjamin F. Farah, Ltd. in Rocky River. The financial services business is also focusing on managing the assets of the retiring Baby Boomers.

A number of Silicon Valley technical firms are trying to address the effects of aging. These organizations, including one called the Methusaleh Foundation, were started about 10 years ago to improve, if not extend, human life. Investors such as the early founders of Facebook and eBay are funding a group of scientists who are working on "fixing" the problem of aging.

**Marketing Tips**

When marketing to older consumers Maus says, "Consider targeting the daughter or daughter-in-law, ages



Dr. Perry Haan

typically ranging between 45-60 years. This individual is typically the decision maker for an elderly family member."

Bracken believes, "It is important for a senior health care provider to be a community resource for education. Senior care marketeers are conduits to medical information, while building and maintaining a personal relationship with patients and families. This is the foundation of positive quality outcomes in the health care industry." •

*Dr. Perry Haan is Professor of Marketing and Entrepreneurship, and former Dean of the Business School at Tiffin University. He resides in Rocky River.*

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SUMMER FUN

# All in the Family: Fairview Park Mother & Daughter Creative Duo

By Kelly Tooman

Former American Greetings artist, my mother, Lynn Tooman-Cser and myself, a writer, have introduced new children's characters to the marketplace, The Birthday Triplets. With a Facebook following of already 14,000 fans worldwide, the magical triplets - Cookie, Candi, and Coco Birthday - burst onto the scene through their first book, "The

Birthday Triplets: Granny's Amazing, Magical Day". The book is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

In writing for children ages 4-8, our goal is to impact the culture through characters that inspire the reader to view others with empathy. In each story, the triplets seek out and bring magical parties to those who feel sad on their birthdays.

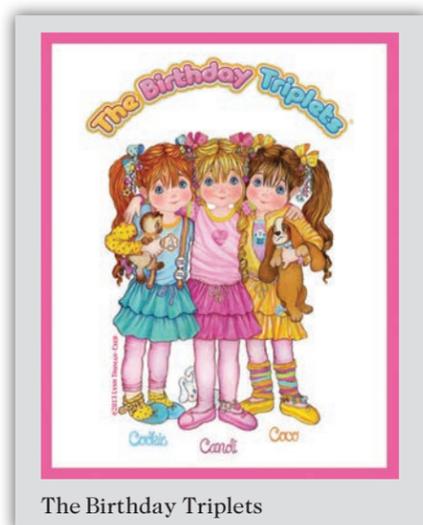
In their first book of the series, you

will meet magical inventor, Granny Rosie, owner of the Amazing Magnificent Magical Adventure Factory. Today is her birthday and Granny sits alone, sad and forgotten - until The Birthday Triplets dance into her life and change it forever.

We combined our unique experiences and talents to bring these magical, dancing triplets to life. "In creating the look of Cookie, Candi, and Coco," says Lynn, "I combined a feeling of nostalgia with the strong, spirited girls of today. There's a kind of sweetness and innocence that shines through them."

My years in the classroom, both as a Montessori Directress and creative writing teacher, greatly influenced the girls' personalities and story lines. Instilling values such as kindness, compassion, and gratitude became front and center. Without preaching, we created imaginative, comical stories with page-turning excitement. I think this is why their book also has such strong boy appeal.

Cookie, Candi and Coco would love to send children their free colorful newspaper, "The Birthday Triplets



The Birthday Triplets

Times", available through their website, [www.thebirthdaytriplets.com](http://www.thebirthdaytriplets.com).

This summer in Rocky River and Little Italy, I'm offering fun creative writing workshops for kids ages 9-14. For more information, please visit my website, [www.kellytooman.com](http://www.kellytooman.com).

*Kelly Tooman earned a degree in Writing and Literature from The New School in New York City. She is the co-founder of Pink Party Dress Productions. Kelly lives in Cleveland, where she runs creative writing workshops for children of all ages. Her mother, Lynn Tooman-Cser, resides in Fairview Park.*



Creative mother and daughter duo, Kelly Tooman & Lynn Tooman-Cser

# Summer Reading Programs at RRPL

By Kitty Sommers

Summer is the perfect time to read for FUN! Sign up for Rocky River Public Library's **Summer Reading Programs** beginning June 16. To be part of the **Children's Summer Reading Program**, come in, register and pick up your free summer reading packet to start the summer reading fun! Pre-readers can join in, too, and have friends and family read to them. No reporting is required. Experienced readers may draw a picture, write a summary, or present a brief oral report for every fifth book they read (only five reports total).

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*Kitty Sommers is Director of Marketing at Rocky River Public Library.*



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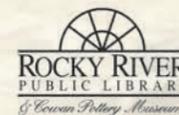


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# “We are the Majority” Rally

By Noreen M. Kyle

Westshore Young Leaders from Westlake, Rocky River and Lakewood high schools joined more than 100 other high school youth leaders, school officials, resource officers, parents and professionals from Cuyahoga County at the “We are the Majority” Rally in late April. The purpose of the rally was to raise awareness that the majority of youth make healthy choices and do not use drugs and alcohol. The rally looks to be an annual event for all schools in Cuyahoga County to actively participate.

Students from across the county gathered at the Cleveland Public Library to participate in team-building activities facilitated by Poplar Ridge Adventures. Following the team-building activities,



We are the Majority! with a large banner and posters in hand, the students marched to City Hall to

listen to speakers, including Jaelyn and Nolan Brandt of Robby’s Voice who inspired attendees to continue to make good choices.

The Westshore Young Leaders will continue its monthly meetings and programming with the Annual Leadership Conference this fall. For youth or parent membership information, call 440-250-9916. •

*Noreen M. Kyle is an employee of the Westshore Enforcement Bureau, drug task force. She is the school prevention specialist for the Westshore Young Leaders Program. Services extend to the six Westshore school districts (Westlake, Bay Village, Rocky River, Fairview Park, Lakewood and North Olmsted).*



## Resumé and Cover Letter Tips

By Bridget Lavelle

Tired of revising the same resume over and over again? Looking for modern styles and new approaches? Want to learn the latest tips and trends to create a standout resumé?

Come to the Fairview Park Branch Library on Tuesday, June 10, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A speaker from the Cuyahoga County Public Library’s Career Center will provide information on different styles of resúmes and cover letters. Registration required. To register, visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org) or call the Fairview Park Branch Library at 440-333-4700.

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## The Eponymous Antique Shop Owner

# Waterford Crystal: A Beautiful Classic

By Mitchell Sotka

Waterford Crystal, known by generations for its gorgeous cut crystal stemware, chandeliers and other luxury goods has a history that stretches back much further than our grandparents' holiday meals. Let's explore Waterford: where its roots are, how it grew into a worldwide brand, and where it stands today.

The story begins with George and William Penrose, brothers who wanted to create quality glass equal to that of European factories. They started on their quest in 1783 with a small factory in Waterford, Ireland. Several factors augured for success. Glass imported from Europe was heavily taxed, but Ireland was exempt from this tax. Moreover, demand in England was higher than the supply.

The brothers were knowledgeable about business matters but did not have an understanding of the art of glass making. The secret came with one of their first employees, John Hill, known at the time as a great glass manufacturer. Hill had the formula for making quality glass and he oversaw about 50 employees, including skilled glass blowers, cutters, and polishers.

Nothing stays stagnant. Leadership changed with the passing of the original owners and a long-standing employee,

Jonathon Gathcell, taking the reins. Gathcell kept the company moving forward and upon his death, his son became director. Even though the crystal was still winning awards for its beauty and royal customers like King George III were still placing orders, the first phase of the company was coming to a close. Sluggish sales and taxes on all glass hit the company hard and the factory closed in 1896.

### A Worldwide Brand Is Born

In 1947, Waterford was reborn. Charles Bacik left Czechoslovakia to come to Ireland to escape war-torn Europe. Bacik wanted to rebuild the Waterford factory and sought out other skilled Europeans to train local men in the craft. More than 30 glassmakers came from various countries.

It was the European Miroslav Havel, a Czech and former employee of Bacik, who designed the forms we know so well today. His first task was researching the pattern books from a century ago. With this history in mind, Havel created lasting and iconic patterns such as Lismore.

With these great designs and plant growth, the company made its first profit in about 1955. Waterford continued to grow in popularity, eventually taking control of its sales and distribution in the late 1950s. Enjoying booming demand in

the 1960s-1970s, Waterford expanded its facilities and investments in technology. Computerization was adopted in the 1980s for mixing materials. This positive direction continued through the 1990s, with the company acquiring Wedgwood and Royal Doulton. However, the financial crisis of 2008 made it difficult for the company to secure additional loans. Waterford went into receivership in 2009.

To keep the great name alive, Waterford was restructured. Production was moved to the Continent and the wares are now produced in several countries. The Irish connection, however, is still there, with a small production facility, museum and store close to the original factory.

### Tradition Today

So looking at your grandmother's holiday table or your uncle's bar, you are looking at stemware from the company's second phase. The designs of this period have lasted for nearly 60 years. Patterns such as Alana, Coleen, Clare, Lismore and Kenmare are not only classics but also celebrations of Ireland. Even though the patterns are from 1940s-1950s, the cut surface was a conscious decision at inception. This design choice has made Waterford a classic withstanding design and lifestyle changes.

You are looking at a piece of cut glass: Is it Waterford and, if so, how old is it? Pieces



A Waterford vase, the ultimate classic

made during the company's first phase were not marked. However, several years after the second phase began, Waterford started to mark its pieces. Gothic letters acid-etched onto its wares started in 1950. This gave way to Waterford in script in 1986. The last change was the addition of a Seahorse to the logo in 1999.

Now we know more about how Waterford made it into our lives. It is always in style. So, if you have pieces from different phases, all will mix beautifully no matter what the patterns.

Keep the tradition going. Set a fine holiday table with Waterford or give a wonderful Waterford vase as a gift. Waterford can be sought out at fine department stores, antique shops or better consignment shops. No matter where you acquire it, Waterford is a classic! •

## “Seminar” Brings Big Laughs to Beck Center

By Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to present the regional premiere of “Seminar,” May 30 through June 29, in the Intimate Studio Theater. Nominated as Best Play by the Outer Critics Circle and the Drama League, “Seminar” is a new provocative comedy from Pulitzer Prize nominee Theresa Rebeck.

This play tells the story of four aspiring novelists who sign up for private writing lessons with Leonard, an international literary figure. Under his recklessly brilliant and unorthodox instruction, some thrive while others flounder. Wordplay is not the only thing that turns vicious in this biting comedy. The New York Times praised “Seminar” for its “big laughs,” and described the play as “an



authentic rush of pleasure!”

“Seminar” is directed by Donald Carrier, the Associate Director for the Case Western Reserve University/CPH MFA Acting Program. “The play is ostensibly about writers, but it is applicable to the lives of any creative person,” remarked Carrier. “It captures the competitive aspect of artists at work

in a comedic and profound way, and provides the audience with a window into the rigor and discipline involved in the creative process.”

The cast of five talented area actors includes Scott Plate (Leonard) and Lara Knox (Kate) who appear courtesy of Actor's Equity Association. Plate, an award-winning actor, has appeared at Beck Center in collaboration with Baldwin Wallace Music Theatre Program in “Spring Awakening” and “Next to Normal.” Knox, a seven-year company member with the Ohio Shakespeare Festival, holds numerous acting and teaching credits.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. This production is recommended for mature audiences age 17 and older. Tickets are

\$29 for adults, \$26 for seniors, and \$12 for students. There is an additional \$3 service fee per ticket. Group discounts are available. Purchase tickets at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call 216-521-2540 x10. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking.

Beck Center's production of “Seminar” is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Programming at Beck Center for the Arts is made possible through the support of the Ohio Arts Council and the funding provided by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. •

Pat Miller is a Graphic Design & Marketing Coordinator at Beck Center.

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## THE GOOD LIFE

## The Etiquette Corner

# The Fickle RSVP

By Colleen Harding

Recently, a good friend of mine invited me to a First Holy Communion party for her daughter. Due to a conflict, I was not able to attend. I told her immediately and sent my card. The invitation requested an RSVP, which is quite common for parties that require a head count for food and beverages.

After the party, I asked my friend how the ceremony and celebration went. Everything turned out very well except she was a little hurt. Several individuals who said they would be attending, chose not to. She told me about how much work and planning went into the day. Expecting to see friends and family and watching and waiting for them, only to experience their absence, was hurtful.

One lady was a neighbor. Several days after the party, she appeared with a card and an excuse: She could not attend because she was mulching! She missed a First Holy Communion party for which she had RSVP'd for three of her family members to mulch! Would this make any hostess feel better?

When I was told of the excuses my friend received, I was stunned. I was speechless.

If you RSVP to an event, it means you will be there. It doesn't mean you will be there unless something better comes up. It doesn't mean you will be there unless you don't feel like getting dressed up. It doesn't mean you will be there if you can get everything else done in time. It means you will be there. It means you appreciate the invitation and have made the event a priority.

If someone cares enough about you to include you in an event or celebration or party, the least you can do is show up. Appreciate the efforts of a host or hostess and be flattered knowing you are highly regarded. •

*Please submit your questions to Mrs. Harding through our website, click on Submit a new story and choose the category "Mrs. Harding".*

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## Walk to Remember

By Laurie Henrichsen

Residents of Rocky River, Fairview Park and surrounding communities are encouraged to join the third annual Walk to Remember at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Honorary Chair for the event is Monica Robins, Senior Health Correspondent at WKYC TV Channel 3. Sponsored by FirstMerit Foundation, the event will be held Sunday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Helping to kick off the Walk will be the Burning River Roller Girls, Cleveland's first all-female, skater-owned, flat-track derby league.

Over 2,000 participants are expected to enjoy the leisurely walk through the zoo while celebrating the memory of their loved ones. The event benefits patients and families cared for by Hospice of the Western Reserve, including home care patients and those being cared for at nursing and assisted living facilities in the Rockport area. Registration is \$20 for an individual; \$60 for a family; and \$10 for children. Registration includes all-day admission at the Zoo and Rainforest, T-shirts, snacks and live musical entertainment.

"It's a great family event. We have multiple generations of families and their friends walking together as a way to pay tribute to those who have had a lasting influence on their lives. It's a wonderful, uplifting way to honor the memory of loved ones,"



The Burning River Roller Girls will serve as "rolling ambassadors" to kick off the event.

said Rocky River resident Patrick Gibbons, who is a Spiritual Care Coordinator for the nonprofit agency. He noted that all proceeds stay within Northern Ohio to help seriously ill patients and their families by helping to fund services not fully covered by Medicare or private insurance such as grief counseling and pediatric hospice care.

## Balsamic-Roasted Cherry Tomato Pasta

By Alyssa Wiegand

Summer's bounty is almost here! We can't wait for the zucchini, corn, eggplant, basil, cucumbers...oh my! Use up some of the cherry tomato harvest in this easy, delicious pasta dish. It comes together in about 20 minutes, making it a perfect weeknight meal. Bonus points for using tomatoes and basil from your own garden!



Pass a big bowl of freshly grated Parmesan for people to help themselves. Serve with crusty rustic bread and a side salad.

### Balsamic-Roasted Cherry Tomato Pasta

Serves 2-3 as a main course

#### Ingredients

2 cups cherry tomatoes  
6 tablespoons high-quality extra virgin olive oil (we love the Basil Olive Oil from The Olive Scene in this dish)  
2 tablespoon Balsamic vinegar (we suggest The Olive Scene's 18-Year Traditional Balsamic Vinegar)  
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste  
6 oz. angel hair pasta or capellini  
Optional: a pinch of red pepper flakes, fresh basil, parmesan cheese.

#### Preparation

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Place the cherry tomatoes in an oven-proof dish large enough to hold them in a single layer. Drizzle the olive oil and balsamic over the tomatoes. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes (if using). Add salt and pepper to taste, tossing to combine. Roast for 20 minutes, until the tomatoes have burst and released their juices.

Meanwhile, boil salted water for pasta and prepare according to package. Time it so that the pasta is done at the same time as the tomatoes.

Toss the pasta and tomato mixture, adding more oil if necessary.

Optional: serve with fresh basil and hearty amounts of Parmesan.

*This recipe is brought to you by the The Olive Scene in Rocky River. Stop in or visit the store at [www.theolivescene.com](http://www.theolivescene.com).*

## Answer:



It's the Inlet Dance Theatre that performed in late April as part of the Rocky River Public Library's series "On Stage in River".

To register, visit <http://www.hospicewr.org/walk>. For more information or assistance with registration, contact Bridget Murphy at [bmurphy@hospicewr.org](mailto:bmurphy@hospicewr.org) or 216-383-3715. •

*Laurie Henrichsen is the Public/Media Relations Manager at Hospice of the Western Reserve.*

## ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY · CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 3 at 7:00 p.m.** Come to **Prevent Summer Slide with Sylvan Learning** to learn how to stay sharp all summer long. Sylvan Learning tutors will share strategies for preventing summer learning loss as well as offer tips to keep students reading all summer. Parents are welcome to join this session. Grades 7 and up.

**June 5 at 7:00 p.m.** **The Life and Influence of Abigail Adams** is brought to life by her descendant Professor Henry Adams. Learn why this wife of one president and the mother of a second, was significant not only for her accomplishments as a diarist and letter writer, but for the influence she had on successive generations of the Adams Family, including our speaker, Henry Adams, professor of American Art at Case Western Reserve University.

**June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Join us for "The Past" as we continue our **Indie International Film Fest**, featuring selections from the world's top film festivals. This 2013 French drama is about an Iranian man who deserts his French wife and her two children to return to his homeland. Meanwhile, his wife starts up a new relationship, a reality her husband confronts upon his wife's request for a divorce. Enjoy fresh, hot popcorn while celebrating the world of cinema. Registration required.

**Week of June 16** Mondays at 9:15 a.m., Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m., or Thursdays, 9:15 or 10:15 a.m. Join us for six-week sessions of **Baby & Me**, story times for babies 6 months to 2 years old and their caregivers. The sessions include a 20-minute lap-sit program of songs, stories and rhymes. To register, visit our Kids Depot page at [www.rrpl.org](http://www.rrpl.org), and click on Programs & Registration, call 440.333.7610 ext. 5502 or stop by the Children's Department.

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**June 17 through June 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Calling all teens! Bring out your inner artist with our **Library Mural Project** in the Auditorium. Work with a professional artist from the Progressive Arts Alliance to learn the basic principles of design and mural-making and create a dynamic mural to be installed permanently in the Teen Room! This program is just the thing for students interested in learning about visual art and working as a team to create a large-scale artwork. Attendance at all three sessions is required. Grades 7 and up. Registration required.

**June 18 at 9:30 a.m.** Learn the **Top 10 Tech Time Saving Tips**. Discover the top tips using technology and some additional ones that the training staff

at the Library find helpful in daily activities.

**June 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Meet Author **Bill Warnock**. He will discuss his 2005 book, "The Dead of Winter: How Battlefield Investigators, World War II Veterans, and Forensic Scientists Solved the Mystery of the Bulge's Lost Soldiers". Bill is the founding member of a volunteer team that searches for the remains of these men in Europe. No registration.

**June 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Rocky River Public Library's next **On Stage in River** performing arts series presents the Apollo's Fire Trio, Cleveland's acclaimed baroque ensemble at Rocky River Senior Center, 21014 Hilliard Boulevard. Enjoy selections from their new program "Oh Shenandoah" featuring early American folk music, Appalachian ballads and music that came over from Merry Old England. Free admission. Limited seating—come early. This series is sponsored in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

**June 23, any time between 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Let's Go on a **Story Walk!** welcomes all ages. Enjoy some time outside with the family! Just stop by and take a short walk around the library while reading a picture book together. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson, the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition, and the Kellogg Hubbard Library to promote literacy and physical fitness. After your walk, be sure to stop in the Children's Department to add your name to the raffle for 4 free tickets to Kings Island.

**June 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Join us for **Mystery Mondays**. Pick up a copy of "After I'm Gone" by Laura Lippman and join the lively – or deadly- discussion about this book! After Felix disappears without a word to his family or his mistress, it seems as if he's simply run out on the mess he's made of things. But when his mistress disappears 10 years

later under suspicious circumstances, the questions really begin.

**June 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.** **Play Dungeons & Dragons**. Locations vary, so call for details. Join us for this classic fantasy role playing game with other teens. Learn how to create a character and embark on fantastic adventures. There is plenty of room for extra Dungeon Masters, too! Grades 7 and up. Registration required.

**June 25 from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Drop in for **Get in the Game!** for students completing grades 3-6. Meet at the library to hang out with your friends, play games and munch on snacks. Different games are featured each month, including Wii Just Dance, PlayStation Rock Band, Rainbow Loom, Legos, party games and board games.

**June 27 at 12:00 p.m.** Drop in for **Lunch and a Movie**. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy a free film selected from our popular new releases. We'll provide the hot popcorn and refreshments. Adults of all ages welcome.

**June 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Be a part of the "Guild of the Brick" for ages 5 and older. Are you crazy about Legos®? We provide the Legos®, you bring the imagination.

**June 30 at 3:00 p.m.** Try some "Cool Crafting @ Your Library," for ages 6 and up. Create a colorful "painting" using a picture from a magazine and your own artistic talents using split image drawing. For our second craft, try using science and art to design a colorful 3-D web of color.

The Library will be closed on **Thursday, June 12** for staff training. The Library reopens on **Friday, June 13** at 9:00 a.m.

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