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Hard working Euclid students aid FACET project

by Ted Lysiak

Euclid High School teacher Mrs. Ott and her students have been working in partnership with Euclid's Family and Civic Engagement Team to achieve one goal: Tap into the numerous resources in the Euclid community to help students in need. The Technology for the Entrepreneur class created an online survey, to learn about student health and dietary habits. Mrs. Ott's students collected nearly 3,000 student responses from

students in grades 1-12 and used a tool called Survey Monkey to compile results to share with the team. The Euclid City School district would like to thank Mrs. Ott and her students for their diligent work on this project.

In accordance with Ohio House Bill 1 the Euclid City School District has assembled a Family and Civic Engagement Team (FACET), which is representative of district employees, parents, students, businesses and faith-based

communities. The team has decided to focus on health and wellness as a means of improving climate and, ultimately, student achievement. The team is holding monthly meetings to plan ways to improve the health and wellness of Euclid students and families by engaging resources available in our own community.

Current members of FACET include: Sherrie Zagorc (Kiddie City Child Care), Sheila Gibbons (Euclid Chamber of Commerce), Dave Carlson (Nationwide Insurance/Euclid Chamber of Commerce), Ericka Bolton (Moore Counseling), Dr. Neil Perko (Dr. Perko Optometrist), Courtney Nicolai (YMCA), Ken Clickenger (ECS), Kim Allen (ECS), John Reid (YMCA), Ann Coughlin (Euclid Hospital), Donna Sudar (Euclid Board of Edu-



(from left to right): Ryan Adams-Miller, J'Mario Allen, William Pew, Melissa Holden, Diamanta Speed, De Aira Long, Derek Hodge (August Jarvis & Arcina Hood - not pictured)

Paris Barnett of Euclid is commended as the RTA operator of month

by Christopher Lewis

On December 8, 2010, Paratransit driver Paris Barnett, 34 of Euclid, faced an unusual situation. He was scheduled to pick up Ms. Sweeny, a diabetic passenger, at East 116th Street to take her to a church dinner; however, on the ride there, she began to feel lightheaded and eventually became weak.

Acting quickly, he gave her some water and tried to figure out how to get her some food. Due to the snowy conditions, the roads were all gridlocked so they were forced to wait in traffic. Ultimately, traffic allowed for Paris to get the passenger to a local store around East 55th Street where he purchased soda, chicken, and potato chips.

All the while, Paris remained calm and collected. When helping Ms. Sweeny, Paris didn't feel like he was being heroic, he was simply doing his job.

"I've had close friends and family who were diabetics. They taught me at an early age how to help them if ever a situation were to arise where they were without their medication. One of the first things is not to panic," said Barnett.

Paris knew that by giving the woman a mixture of salty and sweet food or beverage, it would help bring up her sugar levels.

Barnett sat by her side while she ate and drank to make sure she was getting better. "I didn't want her to pass out or go into shock while on the coach. With the weather and traffic as bad as they were that night, emergency services never would have made it to her in time nor could I have made it to a hospital," stated Paris.

All the while, Barnett was on the phone with RTA letting them know how Ms. Sweeny was doing. By this point, due to continued snow and gridlock, three hours had passed from the time that he had picked her up. With her church dinner already over, Paris brought her back home safely.

RTA honored Paris Barnett for his actions as 'Operator of the Month' because he did go above and beyond his job, something RTA found out after Ms. Sweeny wrote a complimentary letter about Barnett, who she called 'a fantastic young man!'

"I attribute much of what happened that night to the Lord Almighty and the training I received from the Training Department of GCRTA," said Barnett.

Again, RTA says thank you to Paris Barnett for his service to Ms. Sweeny and all of his customers as part of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority paratransit group.

Growing on E. 200th Street

by Sherrie Zagorc

There's more growing on E. 200th Street than just day-lilies. New businesses have been sprouting up just in time to join us in celebrating the East 200th Street Stroll's fifth birthday on Saturday, June 4 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Starting at the south end by Kildeer Street is Quality Used Furniture (822) owned by Ron Payne. Look in the future for a new name change but look now at Ron's great selection of clean, used furniture. Park and enter in the rear parking lot formally occupied by the laundromat.

Funky Thrift & Stuff (756) is a great place to purchase brand name clothing (as well as movies, jewelry and more) without the brand name prices and is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 9 pm. Megan, Amparo, and Phil are there to assist.

Diverse Hair Studio and Visionary Financial Services (714) are two businesses owned by Randy Evans. Another E. 200th Street business owner, Stan Abston of SBA Electrical (and Abston's Place Family

Restaurant) made the introduction while providing some electrical services to this newly remodeled site.

Open by appointment only, Gown Chic (699) is an exclusive special occasion boutique for purchasing or renting fashionable designer gowns at reasonable prices. Althea Jones, founder, strives to make every customer's visit special.

A beautiful garden is what you will find inside The Way is... Day Spa located at 625 E. 200th St. I found Annie, former owner of Johnston's Drug Store, in the site of the new spa, in a styling chair on a recent visit. Dorothy, the spa's owner, has many services available to transform your mind, body, and spirit.

You'll find Marcy's Buy, Sell and Trade Clothing Shop (423) between Euclid Dairy Queen and Pizza Pan Pizza. A busy mom, Marcy's hours are sporadic but for the persistent shopper, your fashion budget will appreciate your patience.

After relocating from Randall Park Mall, we are fortunate to have Nakeli's African Village and Cultural Closet (419) on E. 200th Street. Furnace problems

plan put together to show a measurable improvement in the health and wellness of Euclid students. Thanks again to Lucy Ott and her students for all the hard work they put forth on this project.


in her building have forced Enid to be away from her shop this winter but expect to see her on a regular basis soon. Especially impressive are the colorful fabrics that she uses on site to create beautiful garments.

Kiddie City Child Care Community's (395) expansion into the former sites of Sam's Barber Shop and the Epitome Beauty Salon has increased the enrollment capacity for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years at this award winning site. Jennifer Boger, the executive director, and the staff of 23 full and part time teachers provide quality care and education Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm at the corner of Wilmore and E. 200th Street. Two new signs, awarded through a Project Access Cleveland Foundation grant, now point the way to their location of five years.

Jason's Iconz Barber Shop (321) shares parking with Always Beautiful Salon and the Tradewinds at the corner of Ball Avenue. Busy the day visited, they have a great barbershop atmosphere for the

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Letter from the Publisher

by John Copic

We are proud and happy to have the Euclid Observer out the first week of every month.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and pictures.

I have received some criticism about the content of the paper. Some folks still don't get it. We can only print what is submitted. We do not have reporters at the Observer. But I do have an idea. Big-city newspapers have a number of desks. I would like to begin that structure for the Observer. I am looking for some volunteers to staff these desks. You do not necessarily have to write stories, although you can if you want to. But it would definitely be your responsibility to seek out stories. You could share a desk - room for all.

City desk: We are seeking an individual who is very comfortable in the political arena of Euclid. Someone who knows all the players. Someone without an agenda. Someone with a passion to get both sides of the political stories to the citizens of Euclid.

Faith desk: The spiritual community is the moral backbone of our neighborhood. We would like someone to put together a list of all the services for all the churches of Euclid. More than that I would like the good stories that come from each of those churches. The success stories from the many programs that each of these wonderful institutions is running.

School desk: We are blessed with wonderful school administrators, fabulous teachers, and amazing students. Someone please help me get those stories in the paper. In the summer, this desk should have the responsibility of highlighting our world class rec department. This one might be a great project for a journalism class.

Arts and entertainment desk: We have a vibrant art and music scene. These artists and musicians should be featured monthly in the paper along with a schedule of the openings and concerts.

Please help make our paper, and then hopefully our city, a better place.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions E-mail johnacopic@gmail.com. You may also call me at the office at 216.531.6790 or feel free to call my cell anytime between 7 AM and 7 PM. My cell number is 216-496-6708

QR Codes come to the Euclid Observer

by John Copic

Have you noticed those strange little black and white squares that seem to be popping up everywhere? They are QR codes, and if you have a "smart phone", a Blackberry, an I-phone, you can take a picture of the code with your phone and be immediately transported to a new place, a website, an article, and in our case, really cool videos of our advertisers showing off their restaurants and stores, in their own words. If you don't have a "smart phone," don't worry. The videos will be posted on our website, www.euclidobserver.com, and coming soon, we will put the e-addresses of the videos near the cool



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Health Care

Drug Take-Back Day, April 30th, 10am til 2pm-- Drop-off site at Euclid Hospital

by Scott Heasley and Nan Kennedy

On Saturday, April 30, from 10-2, the Euclid Hospital Medical Building is collecting unused or expired medications and drugs...drive behind the hospital, past the emergency department, and without getting out of your car hand the meds to an officer...be sure to remove any prescription labels that may be on the medication.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic and other local law enforcement agencies, is sponsoring a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, April 30, to enable the public to safely dispose of unused or expired medications and narcotics with no questions asked.

Drive through drop-off sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- Medina Hospital, 1000 E. Washington Street, Medina
- South Pointe Hospital, 20000 Harvard Rd, Warrensville Heights
- Euclid Hospital, 18901 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid**
- Solon Family Health Center, 29800 Bainbridge Road, Solon
- Chagrin Falls Family Health Center, 551 East Washington Street,

Chagrin Falls

Please remove all prescription labels before arriving. Prescription bottles with labels will be shredded. Inhalers will also be collected, but please no mercury thermometers or aerosol cans. All medications will be collected and held only by law enforcement officers until they are disposed of safely.

Nationally, teenage prescription drug abuse is rapidly increasing and your family's medicine cabinet could become a teenager's best supplier.

Everyday, 2,500 teenagers use prescription drugs to get high for the first time.

96% of unintentional poisoning deaths in Ohio are due to drugs and medications.

Improper disposal, for instance by flushing pills down the toilet can pollute the environment.

For more information, contact: Scott Heasley, 216/444-8853, heasles@ccf.org

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Keys to Chronic Disease: Tactics to Manage Your Health

by Annette Thompson

Learn how to live a healthier lifestyle at this free program

Chronic diseases such as stroke, heart disease, diabetes and arthritis are among the most common yet preventable of all health problems in the United States. Learn how to live a healthier lifestyle at the following free program, offered by Euclid Hospital:

Keys to Chronic Disease: Tactics to Manage Your Health

On Wednesday, April 6, from 3–6 p.m., Euclid Hospital is offering a free community program at the Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. The agenda features health screenings, one-on-one talks with healthcare professionals, and the presentations on Eating Challenges (3 p.m.), Stress and the Emotional Side of Chronic Disease (4 p.m.), and Relief for Chronic Pain (5 p.m.). The program is free and a light meal will be served. Reservations are required; please call (toll-free) 1.866.924.3590.

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Euclid City News

Mayor Cervenik: No new City Tax Levy likely this year

by John Sheridan

In the March issue of the Observer, the first of a two-part series reported on Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik’s assessment of the “state of the city,” including progress on major initiatives to enhance the city’s future prospects. In this installment of our question-and-answer dialog, the mayor offers insight into some of the troublesome issues that the city has to contend with.

Mayor Cervenik, a licensed C.P.A. who has announced that he will seek a third four-year term this fall, addresses the city’s financial situation in light of anticipated cutbacks in state and federal aid. And, importantly, he stresses that he does not expect the city to place a new tax levy before the voters this year.

Q. What are the major concerns that you have regarding the future of the city?

A. As we are slowly stabilizing our financial position to the level of 2008, my fear is that the reductions in revenue that are being discussed in Columbus, such as the elimination of the Estate Tax and the reduction of Local Government Funds, could drastically affect our ability to accomplish many of the goals discussed earlier and really cloud the vision I have for this community. The cuts could reduce the revenue we receive from the state--which is money our residents sent down there in the first place in the form of sales, income, and other taxes--by more than \$2 million dollars. I am also worried that the impending cuts proposed for school systems in Ohio will devastate the ability to operate our schools and educate our children.

Q. For the first time in memory, Euclid voters last fall defeated a sewer maintenance levy. What impact might that have on the city’s ability to finance necessary sewer services and improvements? Also, there has been talk that the EPA’s insistence on major expenditures by Euclid and other communities to control storm water runoff will cause residents’ sewer charges to triple in the near future. Will the sewer charges that residents now pay with their water bills really rise that dramatically?

A. The defeat of the two-mil levy was unexpected and reduced annual revenue by about \$650,000 for sewer maintenance and other items that are required by EPA mandates. As you mention, we are in a U.S. EPA Consent Decree situation that will require us to make significant capital improvements to our sewer system and wastewater treatment plant, in order to bring them into compliance with the U.S. Clean Water Act. Virtually every community in the region that operates its own system is experiencing the same circumstance. Spokespeople for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, which serves close to 70 communities, have been quoted as expecting rates to increase by as much as 13% per year for 5 years and then some lesser amount on a continuing basis. However, I do not expect our rates to increase that much, since we have for years been undertaking capital projects that we knew the EPA would require under the agreement.

Going back to the levy defeat, we expect the U.S. EPA to at least double our requirements for maintenance of our sewer system, storm water management, and other items the levy paid for. And we will be required--as we are with the capital costs--to fund that through our sewer charges. We are, as best we can, working with consultants to prepare rate-setting projections. But, until the U.S. EPA agrees to a specific program, we cannot be certain. We believe the cost of the improvements will be in the range of \$55 million to \$90 million dollars over 15-plus years. Having said that, we do not expect our future rate increases to be as dramatic as those for other communities in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Q. Can you discuss the likelihood of Euclid taking over responsibility for collecting those sewer charges, rather than allowing the City of Cleveland Water Dept. to include them on residents’ water bills?

A. The City is considering taking over the billing and, more importantly, the collection of our local sewer charges rather than having them included on the Cleveland water bills. The Cleveland Water Department’s new billing system has caused even greater problems

than the previous system. In addition, handling this in house will allow us to provide better service to our residents, as well as streamline the collection of delinquent accounts. This is important, since if we decrease the delinquencies of the past and greatly reduce non-payment of bills in the future, it could help minimize our rate increases. I will be meeting soon with the Cleveland Water Dept. to discuss how they may assist in rectifying the problems we are experiencing.

Q. Several years ago, the city did take control of its income tax collections—rather than rely on a regional agency. How has that worked out? And doesn’t such a move fly in the face of all the current clamoring for “regionalization”?

A. We did bring income tax collection in-house and, subsequently, have achieved tremendous results in collection. Also, interaction has become much more convenient for our residents since the function is now located at City Hall. Delinquent taxpayers are put on payment plans and required to stay current on present and future tax liabilities. This may seem to fly in the face of regionalization and collaboration, but to collaborate for the sake of collaboration, and allowing inefficient operations to cause revenue to decrease, flies in the face of good financial management. The budget of the City’s tax department today—six years later--is less than what we paid Cleveland’s Central Collection Agency to administer our tax collections.

Q. What is the status of current city income tax collections? Are revenues down significantly due to the recessionary economy?

A. Although income tax revenues, due to the economy, are about \$2.5 million less than in 2008, for 2010 we were within \$60,000 of the 2009 income tax collections, which we hope translates into the stabilization of our tax base. We are projecting a 3.2 percent increase in 2011, amounting to \$700,000. At the same time, we have reduced expenditures in the General Fund to below 2008 levels..

Q. Do you foresee the need for a new tax levy of some kind in the next few years?

A. If the state follows through with the cuts being discussed, it will translate into reductions in all areas of service we provide, including the safety forces. It would be painful to have to take that action.

I believe that the residents would not accept any tax increases at this time--nor in the near future. So, no, I do not see putting a tax levy in front of the voters nor increasing any other fees, other than what was discussed concerning the EPA mandates. We mentioned collaboration concerning revenue collections and it should be noted that I have already called Ed Jerse, who was appointed by County Executive Ed Fitzgerald to the position of director of regional collaboration. I believe there are services that can be shared and partnerships that can be formed to increase efficiency and reduce the costs of operations. My administration will be actively working on those initiatives.

Q. Other than the issues that we’ve covered, what are your major goals for 2011?

A. I hope to complete the Downtown redevelopment work, continue searching for funds for the Lakefront project, and continue following the economic development program--attracting the first of many new businesses to Bluestone Business Park. I also want to continue our neighborhood reinvestment programs, including housing rehabilitation and demolition when needed, and to keep our community and neighborhoods safe and sound.

In addition, we were just notified that we are in line to receive an additional TLCI grant from NOACA to conduct a Master Plan for the Euclid Ave. Corridor, similar to what we did for Downtown. We expect this planning process to produce similar results.

NOTE: To read a copy of Mayor Cervenik’s February “State of the City” message, you can visit the city website at www.cityofeuclid.com. Then, click on “city departments” and then “mayor’s office.”

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Euclid Observations

The New Class Envy

bY Jerry Corbran

The politics of envy has been practiced for centuries by the working class against the wealthy. President Roosevelt, himself born into wealth, turned it up a notch with attacks on big business. This made him politically popular with the vote rich working class. These actions contributed to the formation of powerful labor unions. The union movement soon moved to the fertile political ground of public employees, something Roosevelt did not favor.

Today, massive amounts of public employee union dues are donated to the campaign chests of pro union candidates. The result is the generous wage, benefit and pension plans much larger than comparable private industry jobs. With the national debt in the trillions, and many states in financial trouble, several Governors are forced to find ways to balance their budgets as required by State Constitutions. One way is to cut soaring employee costs. This has brought on huge protests by public employees at statehouses.

With the publication of various wage and benefit packages of certain employees and union bosses, a new class envy is growing among the general public, who make up nearly 90 % of taxpayers. They resent having to pay extra taxes for those who make more then they do for comparable work.

BUY EUCLID
Ward 7 Councilman Daryl Lang-

man posted this thoughtful article on his blogspot. I thought it worthy of publishing it in its entirety as something for the good of our city.

ABC World News Tonight recently aired a wonderful series titled “Made in America.” The premise is that buying more American made goods creates more jobs for Americans. ABC News estimates that 1% more spent on American made goods, a mere 18 cents a day, would immediately create 200,000 more American jobs (See ABCNEWS.go.com for the full series)

Let’s take that concept to Euclid, with a twist: Buy Euclid. If we all made a concerted effort to spend more of our money here in Euclid, we can certainly have a positive impact on our City economy. Food, clothing, furniture, home improvement, entertainment, its all right here in Euclid.

From the City’s stand point, the more money spent in Euclid the more likely these businesses (especially those locally owned) will make more money. That directly impacts how much tax revenue the City receives.

Greater demand at local businesses means that those establishments will stay in Euclid. And, more likely, those businesses will need more help, meaning more jobs will be created here in Euclid.

We, as a City can not simply depend on one or two large industrial firms for the City’s financial well being. A healthy retail and commercial base is

critical. So, lets all boost the health of our retail sector, Buy Euclid.

DRILL BABY, DRILL

With Japans nuclear disaster dominating the news media, it will be difficult to build another nuclear power plant in any locality in our nation. But wait! Solid fuel uranium reactors, developed quickly to satisfy wartime weaponry needs, is outdated technology. It should be replaced by a newer, cheaper and safer form of nuclear energy produced in a thorium liquid fuel reactor ,powered by molten fluoride salt containing thorium.

India has been working on thorium for years.

It will take many years to bring production facilities on line. Until then coal and natural gas, plentiful beneath our lands, will become the nation’s principal sources of energy. Environmental groups will have to have to back off in their opposition to drilling and the president will have to give up his opposition to coal...

For more complete information on thorium see Wall Street Journal March 19, 2011.Does a different nuclear power lie ahead?

SPIN MEISTERS TELL YOU THERE IS NO INFLATION

Cary Masci, a friend of mine sent this humorous Email that I would like to share with my readers.

Inflation? We don’t have any

stinkin’ inflation!

If I see one more Spin meister on TV telling us there is no inflation and it’s in check I am going to inflate someone’s lip. What planet do these people live on?

The most obvious is the cost of gas, has it gone up? Of course. One of the reasons is because the dollar isn’t buying as much. Isn’t that inflation?

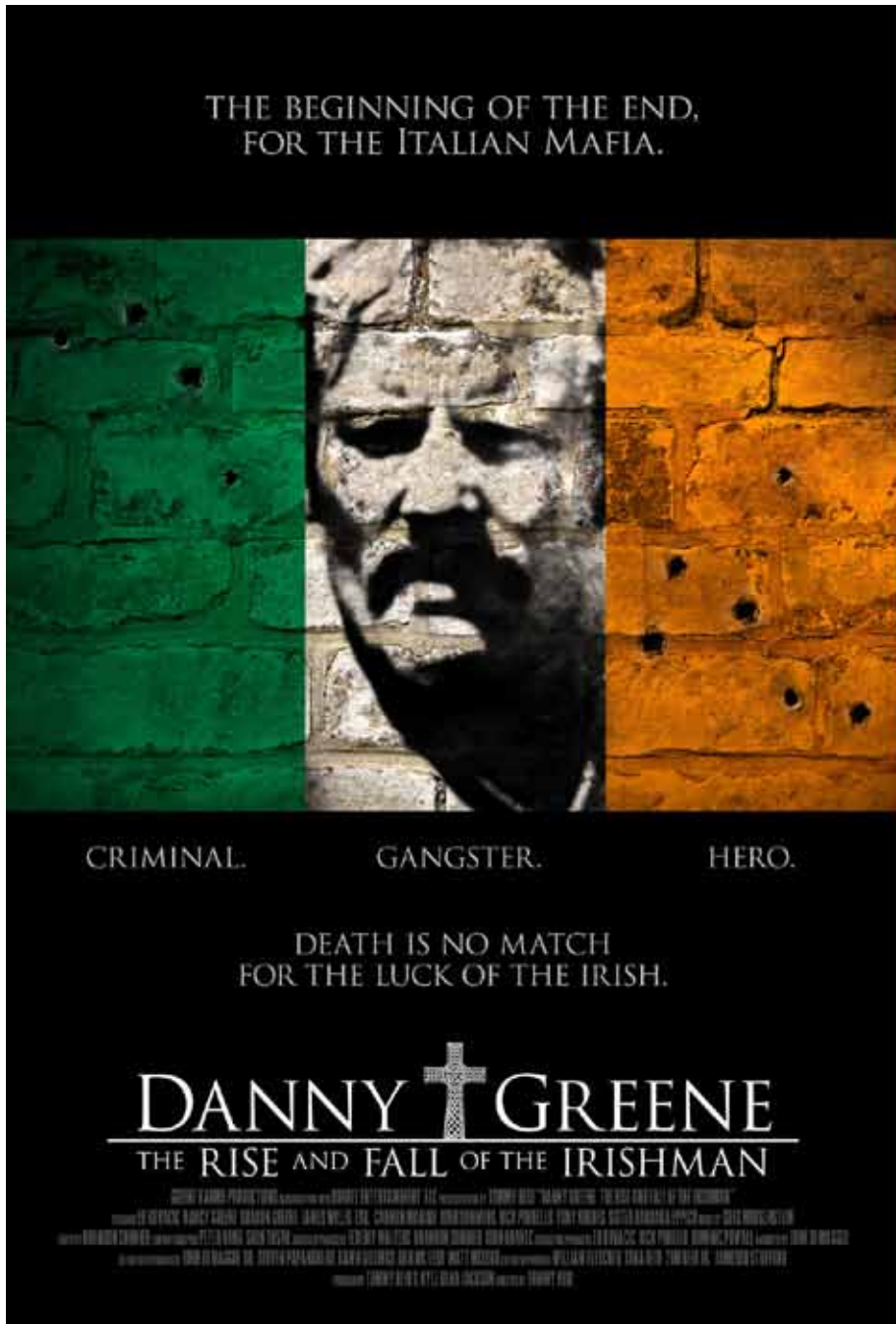
Or what about coffee that has gone up 100% since last year? Not only will my car be harder to start but so will I. Is that inflation?

And today I get my car insurance renewal bill. It looked higher than last years. So I checked and sure enough it went up \$50. This I will be calling and having a fit about. I am driving way less and have all their discounts and all my insurance plans are with them, why the increase? Is that inflation?

I went into an ice cream shop driving through Canal Fulton the other day. A small shake, why it’s only \$4.00. But remember, there is no inflation. I kept saying that as I left with out buying the shake.

Then there is the phone bill. What? Effective Jan. 7th your bill reflects an increase of \$2.60 in your Monthly Service charge, no clue why they capitalized monthly and service. So I called and eliminated my call waiting to counter this increase. Call waiting is \$8.50 per month so they actually lost \$5.90.

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Euclid Community

Reaching out to our sister-city Naraha Japan

by Kay Van Ho

Much of the news about the earthquake and tsunamis in Japan has been focused on the city of Sendai because it is a city of a million people. It is also still accessible to the media but close enough to the affected Fukushima nuclear power plants to portray the effects of the plants on local residents. However, there are many more villages and towns in that area that were also devastated. The City of Euclid's sister-

city Naraha-Machi is one of them. A farming town of approximately 8,000 residents, it is also the site of one of the nuclear plants that is having so much trouble. The news media and aid groups cannot access the town because of the troubled plants.

Euclid and Naraha have enjoyed a sister-city relationship since the early '90's. Naraha paid for a Euclid teacher to go to Naraha to teach English at their middle school as well as adult and elementary classes. The teacher

was housed in an apartment across the ball fields from the middle school, and later teachers also had use of a car. Naraha also flew the teachers there, and then home for Christmas and summer breaks. Twice, Naraha students and town leaders came to Euclid to visit, and the students stayed with Euclidian families. They would demonstrate their native dances and songs for anyone interested in seeing them. Everyone really enjoyed these times. Naraha also sponsored a visit by former Mayor Paul Oyaski and former Superintendent, Dr. Kurt Stanic.

Naraha has now been evacuated. Not all the buildings were destroyed, but many homes were lost. It is unknown at this time if there were any deaths, although we know that lives were lost in the prefecture (state) of Fukushima, where Naraha is located. Communications are sketchy at best with the government of Naraha at this time. The citizens there are hopeful that they may someday return to their town, although that hope diminishes with each report of radiation from the nuclear power plants. These are the same plants that gave Naraha the tax money they used to establish the sister-city teacher exchange program.

In an effort to help the citizens of Naraha either re-establish their lives

in their area, or to relocate to another prefecture in Japan, Councilman Greg Van Ho of Euclid has established a benefit fund at Fifth Third Bank. "My wife, Kay, and I were lucky to have visited Naraha in 2002 while our daughter Tara taught there for two years. We spoke but a few words of Japanese, and the Japanese adults spoke little English, but we managed to communicate with gestures and smiles. These are beautiful people. My heart goes out to all of Japan, but especially to Naraha," said Van Ho. It is hoped that through private and corporate donations money will be raised that will go directly to the citizens of Naraha to help them rebuild their lives. "Many times we donate money to organizations, which is very worthwhile, but we may not know or have a connection to the people who receive the aid. This time, many Euclidians have met the people who will be directly impacted by our donations," stated Kay Van Ho, Vice President of the Euclid School Board. Donations can be made at any Fifth Third Bank in northeast Ohio to "Naraha Needs". "We are thankful for the positive response we have received so far," Van Ho said.

For further information, contact Greg Van Ho at (216) 374-1396 or Kay Van Ho at (216) 288-8400.

Insights on Insurance

by David Carlson

How well do you remember exactly what's in your home? A severe fire or total loss to your house is one of the worst tragedies imaginable. The myriad of details involved in replacing your possessions compounds the tragedy. Can you describe every item in your home? What did the items cost? When did you buy them? The task of remembering everything you own, from your socks to your flat screen television, along with determining their values, is daunting and subject to errors.

Repairing or replacing our homes after a loss is complicated enough, but replacing our contents is among the most crucial aspects of 'picking up the pieces' and putting our lives back together. Be prepared. We suggest

using an online website such as www.knowyourstuff.org to inventory all of your possessions. My office would be happy to send you a 'Household Inventory Booklet' which breaks down your home, room by room, listing typical items found. E-mail 'david_carlson_agency@nationwide.com' or call us at 216-289-3232 and we would be happy to mail the booklet to you. In addition, we recommend you take digital photos and/or videos and upload them to a device that can be stored safely away from home.

Are you a renter? Keep in mind that everything you own is in your apartment and is 'at risk' due to the possible negligence of your neighbors. Renters Insurance is quite affordable and very critical.

Growing on E. 200th Street

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Spring Fire Safety Tips

by Will Anderson

We made it through another winter! If you're like me, you're ready to get outside and get your property cleaned up and ready for summer and maybe even do some spring cleaning inside. This article will offer useful advice and safety tips on protecting yourself and your property from the dangers of fire.

Let's start inside your home. First, check to be sure your smoke detector batteries work. Replace them, if necessary. Next, does your family have an escape plan if you experienced a fire? If not, make one. If so, review and practice it. Do your windows open and close? Check to make sure they open and close properly in case they're needed as exits in the event you became trapped by a fire. When was the last time you cleaned behind your clothes dryer? Remove the lint build-up from dryers and exhaust pipes and vents. While you're in the basement, remove any combustibles from around hot water tanks, furnaces, and washers and

dryers, also. If you have a basement work area, clean up this area by putting away dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, and other items that should not be accessible to children. Be sure to check air conditioning units and their electrical cords. If you find a frayed or damaged electrical cord on any appliance, have them repaired by a qualified professional. Next, check your home for excessive accumulations of newspapers and magazines. The City of Euclid offers locations where you can drop off your paper products to be recycled. Also, please be responsible when storing flammable liquids and home chemicals. Properly discard old containers of paints and solvents. Please see www.cuyahogasd.org for what items may be disposed of. The city will be collecting household hazardous waste products the week of April 25-29 at 25500 Lakeland Blvd from 8:00am-3:00pm. For more information, call (216)289-8345 or visit the city's website at www.cityofeuclid.com.

Now that we've covered the inside of the home, let's focus our attention on the outside of our homes. Be sure to clear debris and other yard waste from around the home, garage, and storage sheds. As a reminder, the burning of leaves, debris, and yard waste is prohibited within the city of Euclid. If the Euclid Fire Department is called to your property for a complaint of open burning, you will be required to extinguish the fire. Next, when preparing your lawn equipment for the summer, it's a good idea to have a qualified professional perform the proper maintenance. Also, please be sure to store fuels for lawn and garden equipment, tools, and vehicles in approved containers only. Get rid of oily rags and cloths used to wipe up fuel spills. Next, be sure to inspect and clean your barbecue grill prior to using it for the first time. It's common for gas hoses, gas lines, and propane tanks to corrode and weaken during the winter months when they're not in use. NEVER put a charcoal or gas grill back inside a structure until it's had sufficient time to cool down! Over the years, we've responded to garage fires where occupants have put grills back inside with hot coals still burning. These can cause very serious and large fires that threaten both your property and your neighbor's property.


Lastly, springtime can mean severe weather. Be sure to have work-

ing flashlights and a battery-powered radio. During a power outage, only use candles as a last resort. Nationwide, candles cause an estimated 15,600 fires in residential structures every year, 150 deaths, nearly 1,300 injuries, and \$539 million in property damage (USFA, 2008). If you must use candles, do not leave them unattended. In addition, ensure they are in sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. The majority of candle fires are caused by human error and negligence. It's also important to know that power outages can be the result of a downed electrical wire. If you see a downed wire, stay away from it! Call us to come investigate. Please give the exact location and tell us if you see fire, arcing, or sparking from the wire and/or pole. Always assume a wire is energized and live even if the wire is not burning, arcing, or sparking.

The Euclid Fire Department wants you to be safe and enjoy your spring and summer. Please use common sense and if you need us, call us. We'll be there!

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New Organization to Promote Quality Child Care

by Sherrie Zagorc

A need to collaborate on important solutions to problems that confront quality child care providers in eastern Cuyahoga County has led to the creation of an organization call the Eastern Cuyahoga County Child Care Center Network (ECCCCN). Child care center directors and in-home providers have been invited to come together monthly to talk, plan, and act on topics of quality early care and childhood education. Coupled with Jessica Mason, Home/School Counselor for the Euclid City School District, and Maureen Wilson, early childhood outreach provider for

the Euclid Public Library, directors and employees of approximately 15 local child care and preschool centers and homes have met monthly for lunch and conversation.

One of the first acts of this new organization was to create a letter addressed to the Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services to express the families’ (and consequently the centers’ administrators’) frustrations with the current child care voucher system and concerns with the newly proposed swipe card system. Issues with the new county administration and the newly proposed state

budget were also mentioned. As a result of this letter, a meeting with Cuyahoga County department officials took place recently and the conversation among the participants netted an understanding of the concerns for all parties and provided the educators with valuable resources to help resolve future problems.

If you are an early care and education provider, consider joining the network. Contact Debbie Barberio at the Euclid Schools’ Child Development Center 216-797-4360 or Jennifer Boger at Kiddie City 216-481-9044 for more information.

The New Class Envy

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Finally one more out of the many examples I can give, back in October I went to the Philippines and it cost about \$1,150. Now it’s over \$2,000 for the roundtrip airfare.

But remember folks, the SPIN- MEISTERS TELL YOU THERE IS NO INFLATION. So I will believe them even though I am paying more for everything, at least I feel better.

WHO’S PICKING UP THE TAB ?

Once again it appears that Uncle Sugar is doing the heavy lifting in Libya, the latest world trouble spot. The Arab League, including Saudi Arabia, begged us to intervene .They are willing to hold our coat while we clean up the mess. Promised help from them is slow if non-existent.

On the first day110 missiles, each costing a million and a half were launched. Do the math and find one hundred fifty five million bucks. Add to that the price of putting our warships and planes on the scene adds up to major moolah...

What can we expect to get from this entire mess if Gadhafi is dumped? Will Osama Bin Laden’s agents among the rebels grab power and establish another terrorist state. It could happen. If it does Obama and Hillary Clinton will be picking a lot of egg off their faces.

Eaton Family CU Gets Euclid Chamber of Commerce Community Award

by Fred Siege

The Euclid Chamber of Commerce Bluestone Award winners for 2011 were recognized on Thursday, March 24th at the chamber’s Awards Dinner held at the Euclid Community Center on Bliss Lane.

Fred Siegel, Eaton Family Credit Union, was awarded a Bluestone Award for his work in the community with organizations including Junior

Achievement, Euclid Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Euclid and Euclid Hunger Center. Mike Losneck, President, said, “Our number one goal is to serve our membership and our community. Fred has done a great job of reaching out to current and potential credit union members wherever they’re located.”

The Bluestone Award was created

by the Euclid Chamber of Commerce to honor businesses and individuals that have made a significant contribution to the City of Euclid. Just as Euclid Creek’s local bluestone quarries supplied the basic building materials to shape the future of Euclid and many cities throughout the Great Lake Region.

Clean Up Euclid Day

by Daivd Carlson

The Euclid Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring ‘Clean Up Euclid Day’ Saturday, May 7, 9am-noon. We will meet at the Kiddie play ground behind Euclid City Hall, then separate into teams, each assigned with an area within the city. Please save the date and be thinking about who you can recruit to help in this worthwhile event. Details to follow. For additional information, please go to www.experienceeuclid.com.

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Euclid Opinion

Fuming in Euclid

by Alyce Turner

This article appeared in the March issue. By special request we are printing this revised article again. Alyce is still fuming. - pub. note

When I first signed up to be a writer for the Observer they said to give us your story.

Tell us about your family, your activities or what your thinking about. Well I will tel you what I am thinking

about right now and I am FUMING.

Remember last summer when the government HAD to pass an emergency stimulus for the teachers? (\$361M) I just found an article in the News-Herald. Sept. 21, 2010 titled “No big need for teacher money for Ohio”. They plan to put the money aside fearing Ohio will have to slash support for schools next year. Guess what? This is next year.

I was shocked when the people



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of Euclid passed the tearing down and rebuilding of four (4) schools. (It passed by 75 votes) Another article in the News-Herald states the cost at \$65M and 41% was covered by the Ohio Tobacco Settlement. That leaves roughly \$25M yet to be paid unless it runs over.

School Board President Barry Sweet (article News-Herald 2-1-2011) is concerned the district will not be able to afford to staff these schools with enough top flight teachers. Then I saw the headlines. Euclid schools going for a 6.9 mill levy and I realized they have all lost their minds. I am asking the school board to call Columbus and find out about that stimulus money they are holding for this year.?

I have lived in Euclid most of my life with a short time away. When the taxes started squeezing us we discovered the best community was Euclid for low taxes. I happily came back and raised my family. I have been a 41 yr. home owner. Bought the house, paid for it, paid the taxes and lived thru many levy raises and did not whine. Children are important. But look at the economy now. People are out of work, abandoning houses right and left. How many more houses are we going to empty out when people see the next raise on their property taxes.

The city now has a lot of “renters”. I am fine with that but they vote for these things and then the “real homeowners” have to pay the bill. The mayor has his pet project for the lakefront and his upscale housing. Someone on council yrs ago stated that Euclid could not support an upscale restaurant. So who is going to move here with exorbitant property taxes, fast food restaurants, dollar stores and a school board that is obnoxiously asking for a 6.9 mill levy when people are struggling to keep their homes? You will have a quick exodus of “real homeowners” and a city full of renters and then who will pay these taxes? Gas has gone from \$2.95 to \$3.59 a gallon in a few short weeks and doesn’t appear to be slowing down. And now with Egypt’s and Libya’s problems the sky could be the limit. Anything shipped in by truck, food, clothing, etc. will be skyrocketing. We all have to live within our own means.

Homeowners, seniors and anyone else, remember the election is in May. Vote the madness down. Tell the school board to call Columbus and retrieve some of that \$361M stimulus money that we had no choice to donate and is now added to our childrens government debt.

Citizens for Euclid Schools

by Donna Sudar

On May 3rd, Euclid City Schools will ask voters to support out schools by voting for a 6.9 mil operating levy. Once again, Citizens for Euclid Schools have taken on the responsibility of running this campaign. This effort requires the commitments of many volunteers- parents, teachers as well as members of our community. Thousands of phone calls must be made. Literature must be delivered. I am hoping that you may be willing to participate in our efforts by volunteering some time. Specific dates and times of volunteer opportunities can be found at www.citizensforeuclidschools.org. We are holding phone banks Mon-Thurs. from 6-8 and Saturday mornings from 10-12 at the Fordyce Building. (Saturday morning phone banking seems to be very effective so any time you may have available on a Saturday would be much appreciated.) Literature drops are scheduled for April 9th and 30th . We would appreciate anytime you could spare to support our efforts. Please feel free to recruit friends, family or colleagues to join in our efforts. This is truly an opportunity for families and members of our community to work together to afford the students of Euclid City Schools and the City of Euclid with the quality Education they deserve.

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Euclid School News

Eighteen VASJ students inducted into the National Honor Society

by Emily Robinson

On Thursday, March 24, 2011, VASJ held its annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony where 18 students were inducted as new members. The ceremony was coordinated by the student officers of the National Honor Society (NHS) chapter at VASJ.

In order to be considered for this prestigious honor, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, be actively involved with the school and community and submit an application and letters of recommendation. In addition to the 18 newly elected NHS members, VASJ has 16 current members.

St. Joseph Alumnus Robert Jaquay '73 was invited to address the newly inducted members. Jaquay, who spoke of how good it felt to be home at VASJ and explained that he, too, was a member of NHS during his time at St. Joe's. "It gave me one more reason not to let down and to keep going," he explained. Jaquay ended his address to the students by saying, "You're on a righteous path. I urge you to continue on with

God's blessing."

NHS Inductees:

Seniors:

John Fialko
Phillip Wellington

Juniors:

Kierra Cotton
John DiDonato
Ryan Gallagher
Ashlie Hughes
James Maher
Christopher Pokorny
Dennis Strnad
Malik Sullins

Sophomores:

Bianca Gulley
Angelica Hall
Julia Humensky
Patrick Mastalski
Domenic Nicholas
Christian Raddell
Laniece Thomas
Jordan Walker



Junior Christopher Pokorny accepts his NHS medal

Nine VASJ students win awards in annual LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest



VASJ Winners of the LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest Row 1: Allison Insana, Ellen Cvelbar and Jonelle Evans (all Seniors) Row 2: Jodie Di Donato, Rita Hidalgo and Bobby Vollman (all Seniors) Not pictured: Jeremiah Bates, Liz McDonnell and Sarah Rodgers

A Spring Open House Especially for 6th and 7th Grade Students



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic community building 21st century leaders in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions.

by Emily Robinson

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by Emily Robinson

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is excited to recognize the achievements of nine current students who were recently announced as winners in the LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest.

Each year students from VASJ submit essays and artwork to be entered into the LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest, a program which encourages grade school and high school students to express their commitment to life through writing and art. Using the following Bible verse, students were asked to express their belief on the sanctity of human life, giving special consideration to the unborn, elderly and disabled:

"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me," Matthew 25:40.

Winning in the essay portion of the contest are Seniors Bobby Vollman, first place, Sarah Rodgers, honorable mention, and Rita Hidalgo, third place and Sophomore Jeremiah Bates, third place.

The winners from the art category are Seniors Jodie Di Donato, first place, Liz McDonnell, honorable mention,

Allison Insana, honorable mention, Jonelle Evans, second place and Ellen Cvelbar, third place.

As a first place winner of the essay contest, VASJ senior Bobby Vollman is invited to read his essay at the LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest awards ceremony being held on Sunday, April 3, 2011, where all the winners will receive a ribbon, certificate and monetary award.

The essay was easy for Vollman to write as he focused on his personal experience of taking care of his great-grandmother while she was ill and in hospice, ultimately leading him to become a volunteer there. This summer will mark three years that Vollman has been volunteering at the hospice, an experience he finds very rewarding.

When asked what he plans to do with the monetary award he will receive, Vollman's response was not what you would expect from a high school senior. "I don't want to keep it. I want to donate it. It seems like something special that should be given to someone else," Vollman explained. As for where he plans to donate the money, Vollman is still trying to decide. He has narrowed it down to three worthy causes and will be making his decision soon.

Euclid School News

Noble Academy Welcomes New Director, Mr. Hakan

by Amy Britton

Noble Academy Cleveland (an Excellent with Distinction School) wishes our former Director, Mr. Kose best wishes while establishing a new school in Minneapolis. After five years as the founding director of Noble Academy, Mr. Kose takes his experience and knowledge to a new community where he will build another strong academic environment and school. In his goodbye letter to our families, he contributed the success of our excellent school to our committed families, students, and staff. Mr. Kose felt personally that the five years at Noble Academy were his favorite and most memorable. Although the expectations are high at Noble Academy, our students, staff and families are confident our new director, Mr. Hakan will continue NAC's path of excellence. Mr. Hakan (from Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Elementary) expresses that the goal of academics is preparing our students for success by focusing

on three areas: high grade point average, superior academic performances, and leadership skills. He looks forward to students, staff, and family working together to continue the Excellent academics and safe environment at Noble Academy.

Mr. Hakan has spent 19 years working in education. His Bachelors Degree is in Math Education and has received a Masters Degree in Educational Technology. Anticipating his second Masters Degree this fall, Mr. Hakan can relate to students and families on the amount of homework and hard work it takes to earn good grades and academic success. The community is vital to successful schools and students. Mr. Hakan looks forward to meeting our friends in the community.

Noble Academy Cleveland has begun open enrollment for grades K-8 (2011-2012 school year). Please request an application from the office (216)486-8866. Seats are limited, and grade levels will be full shortly.



Mr. Hakan, new director at Noble Academy Cleveland

Vikings Classic Mixer Event

by Emily Robinson

Saturday April 9th 2011 Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Gym

Here's a chance to turn back the clock and feel like a teenager again. VASJ alumni and alumnae are sponsoring a throw-back dance, a Vikings Classic Mixer at the VASJ gym, aka The Purple Palace. Whether your era was Bobbie sox, Poodle skirts and the "Twist", Wing Tips or Penny Loafers and the "Hitchhiker", or bell-bottoms and Disco Dancing this event is for you.

The house band for the evening will be CHANCE, a ten-piece band with horns and highly active vocals. CHANCE is the band Mike Trivisonno raves about. CHANCE has been the opening act for The Beach Boys, KC and the Sunshine Band, Donny Osmond and Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes.

CHANCE covers songs from groups such as: The Temptations, The Beach Boys, Chicago, Doobie Brothers, Santana, Earth Wind and Fire, The Four Seasons, The Spinners and the Four Tops. They perform songs from artists such as: Michael Jackson, Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Louie Armstrong, Tom Jones, Louie Prima, Rod Stewart, Van Morrison and Al Green.

CHANCE was born over 35 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio and has five St. Joe Viking band members; Don Battista '65, Rick Tennyson '69, Bob Burdecki '70, Dr. John Messina '71, Rich Masley '72.

CHANCE will be the house band in support of some musical artists from historic St. Joe Viking mixers. Grammy Awarding winner Joey Porrelo, of Joey and the Continentals/GTO's will sing.

The GTO's became the house band for Cleveland's nationally tele-



vised rock and roll show UPBEAT. They earned national status when their single, "She Rides With Me" written by Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, which reached the Billboard Charts.

Joey and the Continentals

Also appearing will be Jeff Gould of Shake (formerly the Sensations). The Sensations were a fixture at St. Joe mixers in the 60's with their classic Motown sound.

The event will be more than a fund raiser for VASJ. It will also be a "friend raiser" giving Alums and guests an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Tickets are \$40 which includes food and beverages. (Unlike Viking Mixers of past eras beer and wine will be legally served!). Also being served is a delicious dinner buffet. And their will be exciting live and silent auction items to add to the fun.

All proceeds from the VASJ Classic Mixer ticket sales and auctions will be used to continue building our young people into 21st Century leaders in the Ursuline and Marianist Catholic tradition. Sponsorship opportunities are still available!

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Mr. Gilliham Motivates Noble Students

by Amy Britton

Noble Academy Cleveland honored Black History Month by hosting a celebration dinner. During the celebration, Councilman David Gilliham motivated our students and families in his speech about the importance of education and opportunities. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliham have two students (Tyler-8th and Savan-

nah-3rd) at Noble Academy Cleveland. Always supporting the staff, and school Mr. Gilliham included the importance of values as well in his speech. NAC is grateful to have supportive and committed families like the Gillihams. Thank you, Mr. Gilliham for speaking to the audience and motivating them to continue to achieve and work hard.



Councilman David Gilliham at NAC's Black History Month Celebration

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Euclid School Sports

Meet Our Winter Sports Stars

by John Sheridan

In this report, The Euclid Observer staff salutes athletes in three winter sports—basketball, wrestling, and swimming—who deserve special recognition for their achievements, their hard work, and the dedication they’ve exhibited in striving to reach higher levels of performance.

In basketball and wrestling, after consulting with the teams’ head coaches, we’ve selected “Play-

ers of the Year” and “Wrestlers of the Year” from the Euclid High and Villa Angela-St. Joseph squads. We’re also honoring four outstanding members of the Euclid Panther girls’ swim team as our “Swimmers of the Year.” You’ll find photos of these athletes with the stories that follow.

In addition, for basketball and wrestling, we are recognizing several other athletes on each team who are deserving of All-Star status.



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Swimmers Of The Year

by John Sheridan

This one was a no-brainer. This past season, the four Euclid Panther girls pictured here with Coach John Elliott broke the school record and the Lake Erie League record in the 400-yard freestyle relay and qualified for the state meet in that event.

The quartet of mermaids includes senior Marisa Melchior, junior Emily Sweet, sophomore Andrea Bartel, and freshman Samantha (“Sam”) Lisy.

In addition to the freestyle relay, Bartel and Lisy each qualified for the state meet in two individual events – Bartel in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke, and Lisy in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

Marisa Melchior, who is a relative newcomer to competitive swimming, has a partial scholarship to swim at Wright State University. Emily Sweet, a multi-sport athlete, also competes for the Panthers in track and cross-country.


“Emily has been a strong performer in the relays,” says Coach

Elliott. “She is very unselfish. She gave up the opportunity to rest for her individual events in order to be part of the relay team. We needed one more swimmer to step up—and Emily has done a great job for us.”

The Panther girls’ team finished fourth out of 18 teams in the Mayfield sectional with 212 points. They placed eighth out of 40 teams in the district meet at Cleveland State’s Busbey Natatorium, totaling 102 points--primarily through the performances of our four swimmers of the year. Among the rewards: Coach Elliott was named Lake Erie League “Coach of the Year.”

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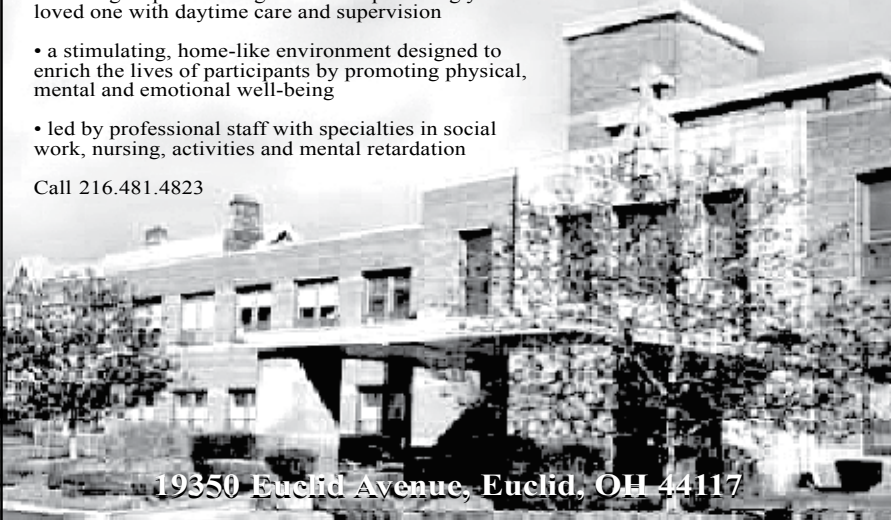
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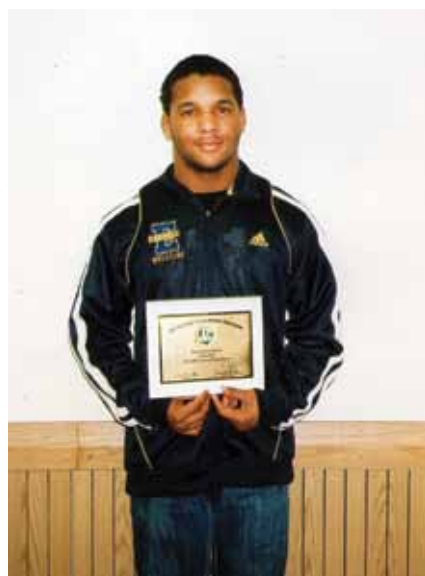
The Wrestling Stars

by John Sheridan

The Observer's "Wrestlers of the Year" include three matmen from the Euclid High Panthers' team and two from Villa Angela-St. Joseph. They are:

EUCLID:

Rynell Roper (junior, 160 pounds) – Chosen as the team's most valuable wrestler, Roper placed third in the Division I district tournament to become Euclid's first state qualifier since 2003. He compiled a 43-8 season record, winning 18 of his matches by pins. He also led the team in takedowns with 111. At the Panthers' wrestling awards dinner, he received a specially embroidered jacket denoting his "state qualifier" status. He also earned second-team All-LEL honors.



Euclid's Rynell Roper.

Zak Adkins (senior, 145 pounds) – One of five Panther district qualifiers, Adkins posted a 37-9 season record. He led the team in pins with 26 and in escapes with 28. He also chalked up the most near-fall points with 51. An All-LEL third team selection, Zak's performance during the post-season tournaments was hampered by a severe case of the flu.

Dylan Norwood (senior, 171 pounds) – Named Euclid's "most improved" wrestler this year, Norwood compiled a 40-8 season mark and won titles in two invitational tournaments. He won 25 of his matches with pins and tied with Roper for most reversals. Sec-

ond on the team in takedowns with 80, he was a first-team All-LEL selection.

The three wrestlers listed above were among the chief architects of the Panthers' turnaround this year as they finished with a 14-8 dual meet mark, compared with 3-20 the previous winter. At the recent team banquet, head coach Mike Turk said: "I haven't smiled this much in a long time!"

VASJ:

Phil Wellington (senior, 189 pounds) – Chosen as the Vikings' "most valuable wrestler," Wellington placed fourth in the state meet after earning third-place honors in the Division III district tournament. He finished the season with a 35-6 record. "At the state meet, Phil wrestled five great matches," says head coach Bob Mullin. "He took it right to the wire



Euclid's Dylan Norwood.

against the state runner-up before losing a hard-fought 3-2 battle."

DiAnte Jackson (junior, 215 pounds) – Selected to receive the "outstanding junior" award at the Vikings' awards banquet, Jackson also qualified for the state tournament. He compiled a 27-13 record and was coming on strong late in the season, earning runner-up honors in the district meet. In the district finals, he had his opponent—Ken Smith of Chanel—in pinning combinations several times; however, Smith struggled free and won the district title with a pin of his own.

Mullin, who was named one of the "coaches of the year" by the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Coaches and Officials Assn., reports that Wellington and Jackson were invited to compete in a national tournament in Virginia Beach, Va., in late March.

Others selected for our wrestling All-Star team are:

EUCLID:

Lamar Gunter (senior, 189) – Posted an admirable 30-16 record, despite battling Lupus, a disease that often sapped his energy. Lamar qualified for the district meet and was third on the Panther squad in takedowns. At the team banquet, he was recognized with an award for "overcoming adversity."

Darsheed Mustafa (sophomore, 130) – Also a district qualifier, Darsheed posted a 22-15 season record and was second on the team in escapes with 27.

VASJ:

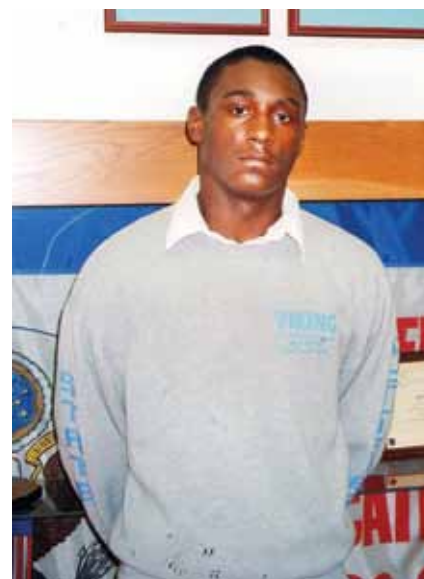
Mato Vunak (sophomore, 119) – A district qualifier, Vunak finished the season with a 15-7 record.

Chris Pokorny (junior, 125) – Increasing his intensity on the mats this season, Pokorny recorded a 19-13 season mark.

Ryan Gallagher (senior, 145) – A district qualifier, Gallagher compiled an admirable 25-10 season record and provided leadership as the Vikings stepped up their overall team performance against tough



VASJ's DiAnte Jackson.



VASJ's DiAnte Jackson.

The Basketball Stars

by John Sheridan

Leading off this report are our four "Players of the Year" – two from the Euclid Panther basketball team and two from Villa Angela-St. Joseph..

EUCLID:

Martel Madley, 6-0 senior: averaged 17.1 points and 5 rebounds per game. "Martel is one of the most underrated players in the area," asserts Panther Head Coach Andy Suttell. "He was definitely our leader in terms of getting the ball to the basket. When we needed a big shot, he stepped up and made it for us."

Je'Land Head, 5-11 junior: averaged 12.5 points and 4.7 assists per game. "Je'Land is our point guard. He's a very, very talented young man," Coach Suttell says. "In every big win that we had, Je'Land was a major factor. He's a very good ball-handler and he runs the show for us."

VASJ:

Demonte Flannigan, 6-7 sophomore: averaged 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 2.5 blocks per game. His athleticism and all-around play remind some St. Joe fans of past Viking stars like Clark Kellogg and Eric Riley, both of whom made it to the NBA. "Whether or not Demonte achieves his potential will depend on how hard he wants to work," says first-year Head Coach Babe Kwasniak. "So far, he's shown a very

good work ethic. We expect him to take more of a leadership role over the next two years."

Karlton Garner, 5-9 junior: averaged 14.1 points per game, while shooting 42% from three-point range. Karlton connected on 72 three-pointers for the season, leading all players in the Greater Cleveland area in a Plain Dealer ranking. He also sank 74% of his shots from the foul line. "He's our best free throw shooter," Kwasniak says. "Off the court, Karlton is active in several campus ministry programs."

Others chosen for our basketball "All-Star" team include:

EUCLID:

Chuck Bradford, 6-1 senior: averaged 10 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 2.3 assists per game. He played quarterback for the football team and has put his QB skills to work on the hardwood in directing the offense. "He was the one guy that I didn't take off the floor – ever," says Coach Suttell. "Chuck did just about everything for us. He was valuable in any role—and his role varied from game to game. We often asked him to guard the other team's best player."

Arthur Cook, 6-5 junior: averaged 10 points, 7.1 rebounds, and 2 blocks per game. "Arthur is possibly our best talent," the coach says. "If he gets a better understanding of where his skills are, he could be one of our top

players next year."

Ron Whaley, 6-6 senior: averaged 13.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. "Ron is our tallest player," the coach notes, "but due to a knee injury, he played in only 10 games for us this year."

VASJ:

Duane Gibson, 6-1 sophomore: averaged 11.6 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists per game, ranking among the top assist leaders in the Cleveland area. Says Coach Kwasniak: "Duane is probably our best competitor. He's very good at driving to the basket. We're very pleased with the progress he's made. If he continues to improve, he could be a very good college basketball player one day."

Dahuntae Parrish, 6-3 senior: averaged 9 points and 5 rebounds per game. "He was our best defender," the coach points out. "He defended whoever the other team's best player was. We're going to miss him a lot."

Darryl Jones, 6-3 senior: averaged 5 points and 4 rebounds per game. "He started the year playing power forward," Coach Kwasniak explains, "but we moved him to the back-up point guard slot. Once we did that, it turned our season around. He gave us a spark coming off the bench. He also provided leadership. He was our quarterback in football and, by the end of the season, he was quarterbacking our basketball team."

Euclid Family

Clock and Watch Collectors Gather for Annual Show

by Kristi Ward

If you collect watches or clocks, or are interested in antique or precious timepieces, you may want to set your clock for this -- the 2011 North Coast Regional Meeting & Clock Show on May 21 at Lakeland Community College from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Clock collectors and enthusiasts from Ohio and beyond will come together to showcase their most precious watches, clocks, antique timepieces and collectibles at this annual event sponsored by the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. This year's special club display will feature "Brass and Glass" timekeepers, or pieces not made chiefly of wood.

Visitors and members can also shop "The Mart" with 100 to 200 tables of clocks, watches, parts, repair tools, antique timepieces, supplies and books. All of the items at The Mart will be for sale. There will also be a silent auction.

"There will be items for sale from the 1830's and before, to the present day, from perfect condition to projects and parts," said David Martin,

regional committee member of Lake Erie Chapter 28 of the NAWCC. Lake Erie Chapter 28 and Ohio Valley Chapter 10 are co-hosting the event.

"The main feature of the NAWCC is education," Martin adds. "There are informative talks planned by knowledgeable speakers. These programs are always very popular."

The three-hour event will be held at Lakeland Community College in the Main Gym Building located at 7700 Clocktower Drive. Admission to the Mart portion of the event is \$10 (spouse or one family guest gets in free). There is no charge to view the club display or attend the educational talks.

The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. (NAWCC) is a non-profit organization founded in the 1940's dedicated to the study and preservation of all types of timekeepers, most generally, watches and clocks. What brings them together is a common interest in horology, the study of time and timekeepers. For more information about the NAWCC or the Regional Show, visit www.nawcc28.org.



See a huge variety of timepieces at the Regional Clock Show, May 21 at Lakeland Community College.

VASJ Students of the 2nd Quarter



by Emily Robinson

At the end of each quarter, teachers at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School nominate a few students to be chosen as Student of the Quarter. Student of the Quarter is not just for the top academic students as students who demonstrate leadership in class or who have shown a lot of improvement during the quarter are also nominated.

Once all the nominations are received, VASJ's National Honor Society Committee, a student-driven committee, chooses one student from

each class. All students nominated receive a certificate. In addition to the certificate, the four students selected as Student of the Quarter receive a dress down day at school and their name and picture is prominently displayed in a showcase outside of the main office.

The VASJ Students of the 2nd Quarter of 2010/2011 are (as pictured): Matt Brickman (Junior), Casey Timko (Freshman), Mychael Primes (Sophomore) and Laura Grudzinski (Senior). Way to go!



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Out and About

A Call For Volunteers!- The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team!

by Stephen Love

Do you care about Lake Erie....the water we drink...our beaches and our wildlife? Do you visit and use Euclid Beach, Villa Angela or Wild Wood State Parks? Do you care about access to quality recreational parks in your community?

Then join Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Volunteers For A Volunteer Meeting and discussion on Tuesday April 19th at 6pm at the Arts Collinwood Community Center! (397 East 156th Street-The Community Center is located behind the Cafe Arts Collinwood)

*Refreshments will be provided courtesy of The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team and The Cafe Arts Collinwood!

This meeting is open to anyone and everyone! This is a great opportunity to get involved, give back to your community, take care of our parks and of course, get out to the beach!

Please help us prepare for events and activities planned for the spring/summer/fall of 2011!

Here are some activities and events that we need volunteers for:

Monthly Beach Cleanups (collecting/tallying trash on the beach and conducting beach observations)-the next cleanup will be on Saturday April 16th from 10am-12pm

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We believe that there is a collective desire in the community to make Euclid Beach Villa Angela and Wildwood parks cleaner and safer public parks for both recreation and preservation. Together, let's make that desire a reality! A better quality park translates into a better quality of life for neighborhood residents and the community as a whole, making it an asset for years to come!

-Stephen Love -The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team

*About Adopt-a-Beach Adopt-a-Beach is a volunteer organization and partner of the Alliance for The Great Lakes, a Chicago based non-profit dedicated to sustaining and improving the health of our lakes and beaches.

Can't wait for the April 19th meeting to volunteer? Then, please e-mail Stephen Love at stephen.love20@gmail.com or call 216-571-0685

Visit the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Euclid-Beach-Adopt-a-Beach-Team/110703672309610?ref=ts>

Long-lost video resurfaces in time for Gutbrod tribute

by John Sheridan

The date was Nov. 25, 1989. The St. Joseph Viking football team was trailing, 14-7, at halftime of the state football championship game against Fostoria in the "Horseshoe" at Ohio State University.

But, as he had done many times before, veteran Coach Bill Gutbrod found a way to get his gridders charged up--and they went out and won the game, 21-14. (It was the last football game ever played as the "St. Joseph Vikings." The merger with Villa Angela Academy took place the following year.)

What did Coach Gutbrod say in that halftime pep talk? Well, hundreds of alumni and other supporters of the East 185th Street school might find out on Friday April 8, when the school—now VASJ—hosts "Coach Bill Gutbrod Night" at the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake, beginning at 5 p.m. Former NFL player Bob Golic, a 1975 grad, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Just in time for the tribute to the storied coach, who devoted 40 years to St. Joe's, a long-lost videotape record-

ing of that final halftime pep talk has turned up.

Tim Ryan, a professional photographer who filmed many of the Vikings' football games, recently stumbled across the video in his archives while searching for something else. "I had been looking for that tape for 20 years," he says, "but I couldn't find it because it was mislabeled. Until now, no one has ever seen that tape."

Making good use of his discovery, Tim (Class of '61) has been working with Cinecraft Productions to process the tape into a video presentation that should be a major highlight of the April 8 event. Cinecraft is headed by Neil McCormick, also a St. Joe grad. The full video production, Ryan notes, will include a few plays from the championship game in which quarterback Tony Miller led the come-from-behind victory.

Tickets for "Coach Bill Gutbrod Night" are \$35 and, reportedly, have been selling fast. For ticket information, contact Mary Paxton at VASJ at: 216-481-8414, ext. 259.

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Euclid's Back Page

Pet Pals' Bark-B-Q At Tizzano's May 20

by John Sheridan

Euclid Pet Pals, a volunteer organization that supports the Euclid Animal Shelter, will hold its first major fund-raising event of the year on Friday May 20th at Tizzano's Party Center on East 260th Street.

A rib dinner, with "all the fixin's," awaits attendees at the 8th Annual Bark-B-Q, which will begin with an open-bar reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, a Chinese auction, and door prizes. Following dinner, DJ Ben Ricci of Ultimate

Entertainment will provide music for dancing until 11 p.m.

Tickets (\$35 each) are available at the Euclid Animal Shelter, 25100 Lakeland Blvd., and also from volunteers. All net proceeds benefit the animals at the shelter. The deadline for reservations is May 17th. For additional information, contact the shelter at 216-289-2057.

The Euclid Animal Shelter is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and also on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



This Labradoo mix is awaiting adoption at the Euclid Animal Shelter, with his volunteer friend.

New To Euclid

by Shlomoh Sherman

I am new to Euclid. After living in Ohio since 2007, I decided to move to the Cleveland area. I'm a 73 year old Jewish retired stand up comic and actor. Maybe I am the only Jew in Euclid but there once was a thriving Jewish community here and I would like to write a history of that community. I need to find resources for that. It's great living by the Lake. I love it. I miss New York but am happy to be here in this great community

Shlomoh Sherman

PS You may see my website at <http://www.shlomohsherman.com>

If you have any writings that you would like to submit to me there, please feel free. My email address is there.



Shlomoh Sherman

Annual Spring Art Show

by Nancy Daly

The Euclid Art Association meets at 7:00 p.m. Monday April 4 in Fellowship Hall of East Shore Methodist Church at 23002 Lake Shore Blvd. Jon Boyton of Driftwood Gallery will discuss framing of art.

The Euclid Art Association ANNUAL SPRING ART SHOW will be at the Euclid Public Library at 631 E. 222 St. from April 9-16 during regular library hours. Reception is April 13 from 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

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Senior Lunch Bunch to meet at Gus s Diner

by John Sheridan

The "Golden Lunch Bunch," a group of seniors who originally got acquainted at the Euclid YMCA, have scheduled two more get-togethers. On Thursday, April 7, they will sample the menu offerings at Gus's Diner on East 185th Street, beginning at 11:30 a.m. And on May 5th, they will meet at Andoloro's Ristorante on Lake Shore Blvd. in Willowick.

For information, or to make a reservation, call Clare Vertocnik at 216-486-2411. Or e-mail: clarevertocnik@hotmail.com.

Clare reports that she is also considering scheduling a pot-luck picnic sometime this summer at one of the Cleveland Metroparks locations. Stay tuned.

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