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Neighborhood assists in apprehension of out-of-state suspects

by Erin Randel

On January 6, the quiet streets at the northeast corner of the neighborhood were disrupted when a drug bust just over the city line in Euclid turned into a chase. A multi-agency task force involving officers from the Cleveland Police Narcotics Unit, Euclid Police, FBI and State Highway Patrol intervened in a delivery to a home on Naumann Avenue of at least two kilos of cocaine.

Four suspects fled, one on foot and three in a car. The suspect on foot, a juvenile, was immediately arrested by Euclid PD. The other three suspects, John Campbell, 28, of Lexington, Ky., Chase Downey, 24, also of Lexington, and Francisco Rodriguez, 19, of Midway, Ky., evaded police and sped away in a car towards E. 185th Street.

At that point, task force officers called for backup from Cleveland's 5th Police District. The suspects crossed E. 185th to Canterbury Road and made a left, heading west on Lakeshore to Crestland, where they headed north, apparently unaware that the street ends at the lakefront and Coronado Beach Club. At this point, the suspects abandoned their car and fled.

The pursuit took in every block north of Lakeshore from Wildwood State Park to the hospice property,

with teams of officers moving up the streets. One suspect, Downey, made it to Maplediff before being apprehended by police. Suspect Campbell, clad in a bright red sweatshirt, was found hiding in a trashbin in a backyard on East Park Drive. Rodriguez was arrested as well, thanks to a tremendous show of force by CPD and task force members.

At recent community meetings, 5th District police commander Wayne Drummond commended the many residents, including children out playing in their yards, who cooperated fully with officers' requests to go inside and stay out of the way.

Drummond said that, although the scene was chaotic, from the time the initial calls for assistance went over the radio around 3:25 p.m. to the time all suspects were in custody was less than 45 minutes. What did take time, and resulted in street closures and police presence for many hours, was the investigation, which required search teams to revisit the area and clear it of any evidence such as weapons, drugs and cash. "We believed we had everyone in custody fairly quickly, but we wanted to have everyone together, officers and suspects, just to get organized before we completely stopped searching."

He said that the residents played a

positive role in resolving the incident. "The partnership with the community played a critical role in locating these suspects and us bringing them in without incident." He also noted that several off-duty officers who live on the lakefront streets dressed and joined the search effort.

Drummond regularly attends community meetings to answer questions and respond to concerns. He asks residents to be vigilant and get involved with their neighbors.

Euclid mayor Bill Cervenik made a similar point: "This is our neighborhood, 185th isn't a line that changes the way people behave. These incidents can happen everywhere, but what's important is that we work together to help keep the 185th Street area strong, both Cleveland and Euclid. Safe and strong."

Campbell, Downey and Rodriguez face almost a dozen charges each, including aggravated robbery, grand theft, attempted murder, felonious assault, drug possession and trafficking offenses, improper use of firearms, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and failure to comply with police orders. Campbell and Downey are being held at the Justice Center on \$1 million bond. Rodriguez, reportedly a Mexican national, is being held on a \$2 million bond.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe

by Donna Cantlin

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of Rose-Mary Center, in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities. As we celebrate these important milestones, we reflect on the Center's rich history in the community.

In 1922, Mr. Caesar A. Grasselli, President of Grasselli Chemical Works, deeded the family's summer home known as "Three Gables" to the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for a home for children with physical disabilities. "Three Gables" was renamed Rose-Mary after the Blessed Virgin and the beautiful rose gardens that Caesar Grasselli's invalid wife, Johanna, had created behind the mansion.



Grasselli Home

Rose-Mary opened in October 1922 with the Sisters of Humility of Mary assuming administrative responsibilities for the daily operations of the home. The first resident of Rose-Mary was Polly, a founding discovered abandoned in an ash can in a deserted alleyway. She had physical disabilities and impaired sight. With Rose-Mary's help, Polly grew into a healthy child giving promise of a happy, productive life. Through the early years the Sisters and dedicated staff transformed Rose-Mary from a summer cottage to a well known treatment center for children with cerebral palsy, victims of polio, accidents and other childhood handicaps.

In 1943, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Delaney presented their property to the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. The Delaney home was subsequently incorporated into the Rose-Mary Center and is recognized today as the Administration Building. Rose-Mary's main building was built in 1949 and connects the two mansions formerly known as the Grasselli and Delaney homes.

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Congratulations to the "Dean of the Euclid School Board," Kay VanHo, on her impressive reelection to the Euclid School Board

by Adam VanHo

Congratulations to the "Dean of the Euclid School Board," Kay VanHo, on her impressive reelection to the Euclid School Board. VanHo was elected to her seventh term, coming in first place in a four-way race, handily defeating her next opponent by over 2000 votes. A former educator, Van Ho became the longest-serving school board member in Euclid history when she was sworn in for her new term in January. She is also currently the longest-serving elected official in Euclid, having first been elected in 1987, and one of the longest-serving school board members currently serving in the state of Ohio. She is also the wife of Greg VanHo, who was reelected to another term on Euclid City Council, where he represents Ward Eight. In her seventh term, VanHo is looking forward to the opening of Euclid's four new elementary schools. She is also planning to continue lobbying the Ohio legislature to improve Ohio's school funding formula, which has been declared to be unconstitutional on multiple occa-



The VanHo family

sions. In addition to their victories on Election Day, Kay and Greg VanHo, who have been married for 41 years, are celebrating another major milestone last month: their son, Akron attorney Adam VanHo (EHS '94), and his wife, Tina Merlitti, gave birth to the VanHo's first grandchild: Michael Anthony VanHo. The VanHos are also the parents of Tara VanHo (EHS '96), an international human rights attorney and PhD student currently living in England; and Valerie VanHo (EHS '99), a Lieutenant in the United States Navy currently assigned to the U.S.S. Laboon in Norfolk, Virginia.



Meet Michael Anthony VanHo

Editors note by Liz Copic - As a childhood best friend of Val, I've been close with the VanHo family since elementary school, and am as proud as Adam is to wish Mama Kay a big congratulations on her re-election. Without the VanHo family I wouldn't have joined Rainbows where I made lifelong friends & learned to help the community, I wouldn't have joined Flag Corps where I learned to work as a team & later to lead a team, and I wouldn't have gotten to see first hand how being involved in your city hall and school board can improve not only the lives of your children, but of all of your neighbors. Much love to the whole family, your new grandson, and Happy Belated Birthday to Tara

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Call to artists! Branches Art SPACE opening soon

by Susan Brandt

It is our pleasure to introduce Branches Art Space, a new Collinwood-based artists' alliance that will provide up to 24 artists shared studio, teaching, and retail gallery space-- affordably. We're inviting artists in all mediums to our first reception Sunday, February 19th at Branches, 18322 Lakeshore Blvd in Collinwood, from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Artists will be interviewed and considered on a first come--first serve basis, so call us and make arrangements to visit. We're looking for all types of artists. Our Grand Opening will be in the beginning of March.

Branches is a space where artists can work, discuss, collaborate, and create art in and for our neighborhood--along with a delicious cup of coffee, as we plan to have a small retail coffee bar. Branches has over 1600 square feet of space which will be divided into retail gallery space, artists' work area, teaching space, and a lounge area, and a book nook featuring books about our neighborhoods, Lake Erie, and the Cleveland area. The space boasts beautiful, natural light to showcase our work. There is plenty of room for parking and bicycles, is in a walking-friendly area, and near the RTA bus line. The property is also owner occupied.

Branches Art Space is a community art space supporting artists working in all areas of the fine arts. Our mission is to foster creativity and art excellence; provide exhibition, work and teaching space

for artists; provide programs and activities that encourage public awareness, participation, and appreciation of the arts and to serve as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization via the arts.

It is our goal to help further the vision of recreating Collinwood as an arts enclave, reaching out to surrounding neighborhoods to attract more artists, building community between Bratenahl, Euclid, and South Collinwood. We'll collaborate with all neighborhood groups and businesses like Arts Collinwood, Shore Cultural Center, Collinwood Recreation Center, NorthEast Shores, Councilman Polensek, and other cities' leaders in order to continue Collinwood's revitalization.

Evelyn Copan-Bute, former owner of Lake Erie Artists (a gallery in Tower City Center) with over 120 artists, will be the managing director, focusing on gaining exposure for the artists, as well as interviewing new members. The artists will meet regularly and decide collaboratively the continuing evolution and focus of Branches Art Space. We'll discuss ways we can get more exposure to our art and make a living as artists--(imagine that!) - an artist's hangout with a mission! One of our goals is to help local artists gain greater exposure and sell their art.

Branches is next door to Beachland Hair Design, occupying the space that was Lakeshore Florists. We were sorry to see them go--I bought a lot of great flowers there over the years. So visit Susan for a haircut, then come see your local artists at work.

We're hoping you come and visit us often, watch us grow, meet your local artists, and put our art in your space. Come join us! Call Evelyn for further details: Evelyn Copan-Bute, Managing partner, 216-408-5142 evelynbute@adelphia.net. Susan Brandt, owner. Jerry Schmidt, artist.

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Delaney Home



Rose-Mary Center

A significant change occurred in 1967 when, after serving children with physical disabilities for 45 years, Rose-Mary Center revised its mission to serve children with developmental disabilities.

In 1982, the Center broke ground at the Euclid Avenue campus to build a state-of-the-art residential center for children.

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Letter from The Publisher

by John Copic

We are happy and proud to be back in print for 2012. Many thanks to everyone who makes this project possible from our talented writers to our long-time advertisers. Remember, the Euclid Observer is a community-written project. If there are articles you aren't seeing in this paper, it may be because you haven't written them. If you have a great story, or know of one, or would like to become a City Hall, sports, schools or arts reporter,

now is your chance! Cover your event. Submit your story. Go to www.euclidobserver.com, click on Member Center, sign in, and you are a writer for the Euclid Observer. And take photos too. If you know of others with great stories, encourage them to do the same. This is YOUR paper.

We also need more local advertisers to make our paper grow. Next time you are in your neighborhood bank, drug store, or grocery store ask the manager to support this important effort with an ad.

May you be healthy and keep smiling - Spring is on the way!

Community

What is medicare?

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by Stacie Simon Wertheimer

Hi, I am Stacie Simon Wertheimer and I am a Senior Insurance Advisor in Euclid, Ohio. I help seniors with all of their Insurance issues, from Medicare Supplements, Advantage Plans and Prescription drug coverage's to helping find a final expense plan for burial if you have medical issues. I also can answer questions on Long Term Care and Annuities.

What is Medicare?

It is Health Insurance for the following people:

Under 65 with a Disability
65 and over
People with End Stage Renal Disease of any age.
(Permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant)

There are 4 parts to Medicare:

Part A: Hospital Coverage
Part B: Outpatient and Doctor Visits
Part C: Medicare Advantage Programs
Part D: Prescription Drug Coverage

Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance):

What is Part A (Hospital Insurance)?
Part A is hospital insurance that helps cover inpatient care in hospitals, skilled nursing facility, hospice, and home health care:

What are the costs for Part A?
Most people don't pay a Part A premium, because they paid Medicare taxes while working. In most cases, if you choose to buy Part A, you must also have Part B and pay monthly premiums for both.

Kiwanis Club's Boots and Shoes Program

by Rose Tanner

The Annual Boots and Shoes Program, sponsored by the Euclid Kiwanis Club was a great success. During the month of November, Marie Dula contacted the Euclid School system and all of the Catholic schools in Euclid to ask for names of children who could use a pair of boots or shoes. Certificates were mailed to the parents telling them of two different dates in December, when they could come to the PayLess Shoe Source to purchase a pair of boots or shoes for their child. They were authorized a \$25.00 gift certificate, to pay for their purchases.

A big thank you to the staff at the Euclid Payless Shoe Source and its manager, who made the event a special affair. Parents were allowed to come into the store before business hours, to make their selections. The children were given hats and gloves along with a Christmas goodie bag, an tooth brushes from our President, Dr. Kari Cunningham, who

was on hand to put on a correct brushing, of the teeth, demonstration to children who had asked especially about flossing. It was a happy time, not only for the children who received the gifts, but also for the Kiwanis members who were there to greet and assist the parents and children.

Our goal was to give out 100 gift certificates this year. We almost reached that goal. Thanks to every one who worked on this project. Remember that all the money raised by the Kiwanis Club in Euclid, is returned back to the community in the form of projects that benefit the community.

Upcoming events are the Bowl A Thon on February 18th at Wickliffe Lanes, Honor the Citizen, Youth, Kiwanian, and Business of the year awards, The 200th Street Stroll, Our Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday at the Manor Country Cabin. If you would like to become a part of this active group, contact us at euclidkiwanis@gmail.com.

Euclid Kiwanis sweetheart bowl-a-thon

by Rose Tanner

Grab your shoes, grab your bowling balls and help the Kiwanis Club of Euclid further its cause!!

Come One, Come all, make it a family affair for an afternoon of bowling, and Chinese Auction fund raiser.

Saturday, February 18th 2012 at Wickliffe Lanes, 30315 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Oh (near United Skates of America). Registration/Sign in: 2:15 pm, Bowling: 2:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Raffle: 5:00pm to 5:30 pm. There will be prizes and lots of fun.

Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased in advance or if you would like to sponsor a lane, please contact us at euclidkiwanis@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENT: In the near future, we will be holding a reception to honor the following persons: Citizen of the year, Business of the year, Youth of the year, and Kiwanian of the year. This is an honor bestowed on these various citizens and voted on by their peers and club members. Watch for the announcement.

Fudge and Latourette lead bipartisan effort urging President Obama to address vacant and abandoned homes

by Belinda Prinz

U.S. Representatives Marcia L. Fudge and Steven LaTourette, joined by 14 other Representatives from Ohio and Michigan, have sent a letter to President Obama urging his administration to support efforts that help communities address the large quantity of abandoned and vacant homes. Action is needed to revitalize communities that were hit the hardest by the foreclosure crisis. Without market demand for these homes, tens of thousands of properties sit empty and decaying.

"Our neighborhoods are in desperate need of revitalization. In many cases, vacant and abandoned homes have caused adjacent property values to plummet. Some have also become dangerous centers of crime and blight, negatively impacting the quality of life for other residents," said Congresswoman Fudge. Estimates show that in addition to being abandoned and vacant, over 70,000 homes in Ohio are in such a state of disrepair, they require demolition. However, due to the sheer volume, communities lack the resources to adequately address the crisis.

While federal programs to date, such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) have offered some relief, Congresswoman Fudge and the other Members of Congress urge the President to facilitate a strategic and comprehensive federal response to leverage local and private funds to finance demolition projects that preserve property values and stabilize local economies. The letter was sent on January 23rd.

In addition to Representatives Fudge and LaTourette, the letter was signed by Representatives John Conyers Jr. (Michigan), John Dingell (Michigan), Michael R. Turner (Ohio), Marcy Kaptur (Ohio), Dale Kildee (Michigan), Sandy Levin (Michigan), Steve Chabot (Ohio), Dennis Kucinich (Ohio), Hansen Clarke (Michigan), Gary Peters (Michigan), Pat Tiberi (Ohio), Tim Ryan (Ohio), Jim Rennaci (Ohio) and Betty Sutton (Ohio).

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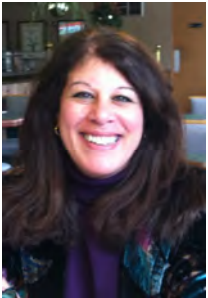
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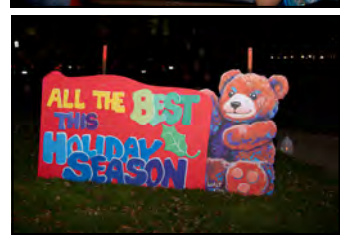
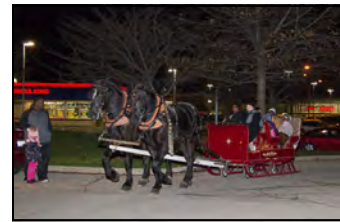
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Winter got off to a wonderful start this season at Shore with our first annual Holiday Celebration. If you missed those festivities, be sure to mark your calendar for the next one. The lighting, choir concert, sleigh rides, and activities were all a big hit. More than 1500 people attended and downtown Euclid really came to life.



While the cold will here for a while, there are still lots of fun stuff to do at the center. We are expanding all of our class offerings from dance to fitness, music to drama.

Now is a great time to try something new: learn sign

language, join a movie club, checkout Pilates or try your hand at cake decorating. We've got something for every age and interest.

Whether you are fulfilling a New Years resolution or just want to get out with friends

and have a fun studio experience with a full range from photography to pottery to stained glass and jewelry making, grab a buddy and get creative.

Shore Cultural Centre Continues After School Art and Dance Classes for Kids

Our after school art and dance at Shore proved so popular we are expanding our out-of-school-time offerings. Thursdays between 3:00 and 5:00

p.m. we have a variety of arts and dance classes for youth. Friday's will host new drama and dance lessons and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

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- Boxing
- Print Making
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- Batik

And don't forget many of the businesses and groups housed at Shore offer additional classes and workshops of their own. Check them out for seasons in scrap booking, yoga, dance, exercise and much more!

You can more about all the many arts based businesses at Shore Cultural Centre by visiting our website at www.shoreculturalcentre.com or call 216-289-8578 for our most recent catalog.

Cultural Dinners Coming to Shore

A great way to explore your way around the world through global cuisine! Join Chef Robin Blair for a series of gustatory adventures, first stepping into the kitchen to see ingredients come together first-hand, then sitting down to enjoy a full meal featuring cuisines of different regions. Cultural Dinners will be held the fourth Friday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Culinary Bistro on Shore's lower level. Sign up now to hold your space!

- February 24: A ragin' Cajun New Orleans dinner
- March 23: A Culinary Journey to India

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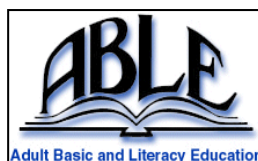
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What do you get when you put together the Euclid Animal Shelter, a handful of local taverns and an a bunch of poker enthusiasts? Well, you get The Annual Poker Run... A WIN-WIN-WIN!

The Annual Poker Run for the Euclid Animal Shelter was a SUCCESS! Three lucky individuals came into money, the Animal Shelter received a \$1000 donation and local taverns have organized for future projects!

The Poker Run had evolved from the "Home For The Holidays" Pub Crawl., which I assembled a few years back. Introducing the Poker Run was an idea suggested by good friend and Chef Bob Ryan.

Each participant has 6 weeks to visit each establishment and get their card stamped. Upon completion they qualify to draw their poker hand at the wrap-up party, that was hosted this year at the Paradise Island Saloon on Jan. 14th.

And what a party it was! Celebrity dealers, Mayor Cervenik and Council Pres. Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail dealt several winning hands. Abbey Dave took home the Grand-Prize of \$250, Kevin Stucin won \$150 and the consolation drawing of \$100, went to Barry Rinkus, who promptly donated his winnings back to the Shelter. Thank You Barry!

The event, a 6-week Poker Run, started on Dec. 2nd and ran till Jan. 14th. It included 10 local taverns: 2nd Chance Lounge, BG's Old World Tavern, Cebars "Euclid Tavern", Coach's Place, Paddy's Pour Haus, Paradise Island Saloon, Scoreboard Tavern, Stevenson's, Sticks Pub & Grille and Tradewinds Lounge.

Michael Heaton, the Plain Dealer's "Minister of Culture" and I

visited a few of the participating taverns. He then penned a Friday Magazine cover story, (Jan. 6th), promoting the Poker Run and Euclid Taverns. Heaton wrote, "Yes, It's your Father's Bar AND It's Cool Again". Thank You, Michael! We received inquiries from as far as Sandusky, They wanted to do it as a same-day event, finishing at the Wrap-Up Party!

While the Euclid Animal Shelter was the big winner, this may also be the beginning of a very good relationship among these local taverns! While organizing such an event, I have found rounding up tavern owners is akin to "herding cats". The resulting organization is "Beer Joints R Us", which has become a new website, www.BeerJointsRUs.com and promises to be a monthly column in the Collinwood and Euclid Observers! We have future plans for brewery bus trips and special promotions, all to help our Collinwood and Euclid Businesses get the recognition they deserve.

Plans are to continue with this Euclid/Collinwood Observer column, BeerJointsRUs, which will highlight some local history and legacies of these and other taverns in and around our town. Got a story? Please contact me, at Ron@BeerJointsRUs.com.

COMING SOON: Mardi Gras Brewery Bus Trip... Late Feb or Early March. Tentative stops: Market Garden Brewery, The Beer Engine and The Parma Brew Garden. Details at www.BeerJointsRUs.com

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The Fruit Tree Project

by *Sherrie Zagorc*

A group of local residents along with the OSU Urban Agriculture Program are wanting to make a difference in our community by creating awareness about urban fruit production in order to increase the amounts of fresh and preserved fruits consumed by residents, decreasing the amount of waste generate by fallen fruit, and cultivating appreciation for the value of fruit trees in the urban landscape.

Proposed activities for this project include meeting to develop the organizational structure of this project, locate landowners in and around the city of Euclid and identify the location and types of fruit trees. As fruit trees were very important in Euclid for family health one hundred years ago, Roy Larick is interested in using Google Earth to help us map the locations of found trees. We will seek permission from tree owners and volunteer groups would go pick fruit that would otherwise go unpicked. Group harvests will be scheduled and the fruit will be distributed to area organizations such as the Euclid Hunger Center, other nonprofits, the culinary school, or even used for food preservation classes and demonstrations. Modeled after other fruit tree projects in the U.S., our project will also provide fruit to the volunteers. We also hope to increase the knowledge and skills related to fruit tree care and maintenance by creating workshops and other educational opportunities for Euclid area residents.

Would you like to help us with this initiative? Contact Sherrie at 216-798-7089 or Nicole Wright of the OSU Extension Urban Agriculture Program (216) 429-8200 x 249 for more information.

New year, new hobby

by *Rochelle Schiffbauer*

You may not realize the plethora of classes available at the Shore Cultural Center.

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Join the Euclid Diabetes Support Group

by *Joan Holmes*

If you are a person with diabetes or have been diagnosed as pre-diabetic, consider joining the Euclid Diabetes Supporting Group. The EDSG started more than 12 years ago to encourage people with diabetes to manage their disease and live a healthy lifestyle. New members are always welcome.

Dan Finkenthal, R.N., facilitates the meeting each month. He is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker who brings

VASJ students attend 39th Annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C.

by *VASJ senior, Malik Sullins*

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow shall keep pro-life activists from saving lives. Thirty members from Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School attended the Right to Life March in Washington D.C on January 23, 2012. This event is held annually to help persuade Congress to reverse the decision of Roe v. Wade. When the group from VASJ arrived in D.C. on Monday morning they first attended Mass at the St. Mary Mother of God church before participating in the march.



Twenty-seven students and three faculty members from Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School traveled to Washington D.C. this weekend in support of the March for Life Rally.

Kiddie City’s “Fun for Funds”

by *Sherrie Zagorc*

Place Saturday, April 21 on your calendar and join the KC community at Wickliffe’s Italian American Club for an adults-only dinner, dancing, and a Chinese auction to support the educational enrichment programs for the children at the area 501 (c)3 child care center. Individual tickets are \$20 or \$150 per

table of eight and that includes a pasta dinner, salad and dessert, beer, wine, and soft drinks, and DJ service by Platinum Entertainment. Opportunities are available for tax deductible sponsorships and donations. Contact Jennifer Boger at 216-481-9044 to get involved. For more information, check out the calendar on www.kiddiecityeuclid.org.

Euclid Art Association meeting Feb. 6

by *Nancy Daily*

Euclid Art Association meeting
7 pm; February 6, 2012 at East Shore Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall
23002 Lake Shore Boulevard
Euclid, Ohio

Artist **Robert Crombie** will do an oil painting demo.

For more info (216) 692-0538

Our March 5 meeting will be a watercolor demo by **Billie Richards**.

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Euclid Symphony to perform on March 11

by *Joseph Stepec*

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert on March 11th, at 3pm at Shore’s Cultural Center. The program will feature Elgar’s haunting Cello Concerto with orchestra soloist, Xirlita Pitsch, as well as some family fun and audience favorites, Strauss’ The Emperor Waltz, and Jean Sibelius inspiring, Finlandia. The program will also feature Copland’s celebrated Fanfare for the Common Man and Charles Ives’ thought provoking, The Unanswered Question. Come and joining the orchestra

Once a month on Monday evenings the members meet at the Euclid Public Library at 7 pm. Meetings are scheduled for Jan 23, Feb 20, March 19, Apr 16, May 21, and June 18. All meetings are free and open to the public. Flyers with the month’s topic are usually available at the library.

Members can socialize before and after the meetings. Twice a year members share potluck dinners featuring healthy foods. In July they meet for a picnic and in December for a holiday celebration. Start a healthy new year by joining the EDSG.

Nia Classes have begun at Boulevard Presbyterian Church!

by *Lisa Kindle*

A new Healing Ministry has begun at Boulevard Presbyterian Church. The community is invited to participate in Nia classes on Tuesday’s at 5:00 p.m.

What is Nia? Nia is a sensory-based, multidimensional cardiovascular movement practice that leads to health, wellness, fitness and deepening of one’s spirit. A holistic alternative to the modern-day fitness routine, Nia empowers people of all shapes, sizes, ages, abilities and backgrounds by connecting the body, mind, emotions and spirit. Drawing from the elements of Martial Arts, Dance Arts and Healing Arts, it fosters awareness as well as the 5 Sensations of Functional Fitness: strength, flexibility, agility, mobility and stability. Nia classes are a safe, non-judgmental place to move, breathe, de-stress, renew a sense of balance and energy, laugh and just BE.

Come join us and taste Nia for yourself! Classes are on open to the community and are on a pay as you are able basis. Suggested offerings for the class are \$1-\$5 with the proceeds going to the Healing Ministry here at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 24600 Lake Shore Blvd, Euclid. Classes are led by Ann Gilbert, certified Nia instructor.

Healing Ministry began last summer with an inter-generational bible school, “God’s Loves Heals”. Along with the Nia classes we will be having a book discussion at 5:45 p.m. based on the healing stories of the bible, “The Healing Light” by Agnes Sanford and “Simple Ways to Pray for Healing” by Matthew Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn, and Dennis Linn. Please come join either session or both!

For further information, please contact us at (216) 731-8147 or by email at blvdpres9669@sbcglobal.net

for a program of “classical pops” on Sunday, March 11th!

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 by visiting the orchestra’s website at www.euclidsymphonyorchestra.com and filling out the concert ticket pre-order form, returning it by mail no later than March 5th, or by purchasing a ticket for \$10 at the door. We hope to see you there!

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Sensory Garden



Courtyard of the Children’s Center

In 1987 the Center’s mission was further expanded to include adults as well as children with developmental disabilities. Euclid House, Rose-Mary Center’s first adult group home, was opened in 1989. In addition to the 40 children served at the

original Euclid Avenue location, the Center operates seven group homes for 51 adult men and women. The group homes are located in Cleveland, Euclid, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights, and South Euclid, OH.

Rose-Mary Center provides residential, habilitation and education services, medical, dental, psychiatric and nursing care, as well as behavior management programs guided by a trained psychologist for clients with maladaptive behaviors. Also included are occupational, physical, speech and therapeutic recreation therapies.

In addition to residential services, Rose-Mary offers day programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Before and after school, day and overnight respite services are offered at the Center for children in Euclid to individuals and families who are primary care givers.

St. Anthony Adult Day Center, located at the main campus in Euclid, provides supervision, respite and socialization for adults with developmental disabilities, Alzheimer’s, physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy or paralysis, and the frail elderly who can benefit from daytime care, yet do not require skilled nursing care. Founded in 1996, the program is managed and operated by Rose-Mary, in conjunction with Catholic Charities

Health and Human Services Corporation.

The Summer Camp Program is offered to children diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Recreational activities and outings are offered to children who would otherwise be excluded from community programs. Activities are designed to help the individuals develop appropriate social and behavioral skills, as well as to enjoy the summer months. The camp is located at the Rose-Mary Center School.

Rose-Mary Center School, located in the Tremont area, is a public school, operated by the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (ESCCC) with additional support from Rose-Mary Center and provides an education program for children with multiple disabilities.

Financial support for Rose-Mary Center’s programs and services comes through the federally regulated Medicaid program, from Catholic Charities Corporation and United Way Services, and from various other local and state agencies. Private contributions from individuals and various organizations have been all important in enabling the Center to continue to reach out to children and adults with special needs.

To learn more about the Center and the events that are planned for the 90th Anniversary, go to www.rose-marycenter.com

Euclid Creek Watershed Program published new Community-Specific Watershed Fact Sheets

by *Katherine Bulava*

The Euclid Creek Watershed Council Public Involvement and Public Education (PIPE) Committee has developed nine community-focused fact sheets to help residents learn what watersheds are located in their community.

A fact sheet for the City of Euclid is available for download on the Euclid Creek Watershed Program Website at http://www.cuyahogawscd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/EC_WatershedFactSheets.htm, and for all nine Euclid Creek Watershed Council communities (Beachwood, Cleveland, Euclid, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights and South Euclid). You can find a hard copy at Euclid City Hall. To request a copy, contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, Claire Posius, at 216-524-6580 ext. 16 or cposius@cuyahogawscd.org

A watershed is an area of land that drains rain and snow to a common

body of water such as a stream, river, or lake. This new educational brochure explains what a watershed is and why we should care, and includes a map showing watershed boundaries, parks and natural resources, and current projects helping streams in the nine Euclid Creek Watershed Council communities. Each fact sheet describes roughly how many miles of streams are above ground and how many miles are buried underground in culverts due to urban/suburban development. Additionally, the fact sheets include details about each watershed, information on what your community is doing to help its watershed(s), and offers ways in which residents can help their watershed.

The main goal of watershed planning is to collaboratively address water resource issues like water quality protection and to look at each watershed holistically by its watershed boundary and drainage area. The Euclid Creek Watershed Program approach allows

stakeholders to better target limited financial resources and address common water-related problems. The community level fact sheets take a closer look at each community and efforts underway to protect each watershed’s resources within the community. The fact sheets will be distributed at community events, school programs and displayed at libraries, civic centers and community centers as a way to raise awareness about our local watersheds and storm water issues.

For more information contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, Claire Posius, at (216) 524-6580 ext. 16 or cposius@cuyahogawscd.org.

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EHS promotes community service

by *Charles Smialek*

Euclid High School students recently gained the ability to receive special recognition for performing community service. Students who perform at least 20 hours of service for each year they attend Euclid High School will be designated “Outstanding Citizens” at their Commencement Ceremony. Their names will be highlighted to thank them for their service and they will wear a specially designed cord to further mark the honor.

Euclid High School administrators developed the concept to provide an additional means of recognizing outstanding student performance. Students can earn service hours for functions both inside and outside the school. Many students are active members of their churches or other local organizations. Recognizing the contributions of these students will reinforce the importance of becoming active citizens.

This initiative stems from the mindset created by the “STAND UP” movement, originally formed to help combat violence within the school. Students involved in the “STAND UP” organization continue to focus on reducing bullying and promoting non-violent resolution to conflict. However, the club has also become a promoter of enhanced school spirit and, now, community service.

“STAND UP” members recently chose to spearhead a food drive to help local families in need. “STAND UP” leaders teamed with NJROTC cadets to lead a competition between homerooms to see which class could donate the most items. Then, students loaded a box truck full of donations and brought them to representatives of the Euclid Collaborative. In all, 20 crates of more than 75 items each combined with more than 20 \$20 gift cards to help provide food to families for the holiday season.

The students were thrilled with the results of their efforts. Diamond Hawkins, EHS junior, exclaimed, “This is amazing we have so much food.” “I know this is really going to help a lot of people,” stated Shaquille Hairston, a senior. Isaiah Chambers, a sophomore, was tired after carrying out so many boxes to the truck but explained, “It’s worth it...it’s all going to a great cause.”

The EHS faculty hopes that the addition of the community service honor to Commencement will help to promote more of these selfless acts of citizenship.

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Rain Barrel Workshop in Euclid

by Claire Posius
Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the City of Euclid will be hosting a 4th annual Rain Barrel Workshop with the Friends of Euclid Creek on Sat., April 21 from 10-11:30 am at the Euclid Historical Society.
A rain barrel is a container used to collect and store rainwater that would otherwise be lost to runoff and likely diverted to a storm

drain. Collected water may then be used to water lawns and gardens. Cost is \$60 (Friends of Euclid Creek members receive a \$10 discount) and includes the 60 gallon barrel, all materials and downspout diverter.
To register for this workshop (registration required), contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coord at (216) 524-6580 x16 or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org by April 13.
Stop by and see environmental displays on composting, rain gardens and other sustainable practices. Booths include the Euclid Community Garden, Solar Fountain, Worm Farm, Container Planting and more.

Illegal dumping - a serious issue

by Claire Posius
Illegal Dumping is the improper disposal of waste at any location other than a permitted landfill or facility. Illegal dumping poses a threat to human health and the environment.
Also known as open dumping or midnight dumping, illegal dumping usually happens in open areas, along roadsides, in wooded areas, streams and rivers, and frequently occurs late at night to avoid detection. The waste is dumped to avoid disposal fees or time and effort required for proper disposal.
It is illegal to allow open dumping on your property. Property owners sometimes try to benefit financially by charging a fee for someone to dump waste on their property. This is illegal.

- What types of materials are commonly dumped?**
- construction and demolition debris like drywall, shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete and siding
 - large appliances and furniture
 - household garbage
 - medical waste
 - abandoned vehicles, parts and tires
 - yard waste or plant materials

Why is illegal dumping a problem?
The human health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Illegal dumps can be accessible to people who could come in contact with chemicals (fluids or dust) or get hurt

from nails and sharp edges of materials.
Illegal dumps also attract rodents and insects. For example, illegally dumped waste tires provide an ideal place for mosquitoes to breed. Mosquitoes multiply 100 times faster than normal in the warm, stagnant water collecting in waste tires. Dumps also result in a decrease in property values.
Illegal dumping can impact proper drainage making areas more susceptible to flooding when debris blocks creeks, culverts and drainage basins.

- What can I do?**
- If you see illegal dumping or an open dump, call your community and report it - they can direct you to the proper authority
 - If you are having a house built or remodeled, make sure the waste from your site is being properly disposed of - ask your contractor for the details
 - Recycle
 - Grasscycle (leave grass clippings on lawn when mowing)
 - Compost your yard waste or plant materials
 - Properly dispose of solid waste

For more information, contact your community, the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District [(216) 524-6580, www.cuyahogawcd.org], or the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District [(216) 443-3749, www.cuyahogaswd.org]

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