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First Frozen Yogurt Shop Opens in Euclid

by Glenn McLaren

On October 23, Yogurt City, located at 22312 Lake Shore Boulevard, officially opened its doors to the public to much fanfare, and offered free frozen yogurt to customers all day long. Representatives from the Mayor's Office and Euclid City Council, City Economic Development officials and officials from the Euclid Chamber of Commerce celebrated the franchise's sweet arrival to the City.

Euclid residents will have a healthier alternative to satisfy their sweet tooth in the City.



Election results are in. The Ward 4 Councilman is Kristian Jrosz. In Ward 6, the Councilman is Patrick Delaney and in Ward 8, the Councilperson is Laura Gorshe. Elected and running unopposed were Council President Kristen Holzheimer Gail; Stephana Caviness to Ward 1 and Madeline Scarniech in Ward 2. School Board: Angela M. Lisy. The Charter change, Civil Service Commission won 4628 to 1,665 votes.



City Planning & Economic Development officials and members of the Yu family celebrated the sweet arrival of Yogurt City with the presentation of a commemorative friendship plaque from the City of Euclid and ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Frank Yu, owner of the China House at 22316 Lake Shore Boulevard in Shore Center Shopping Center, will operate Yogurt City right next door.

Yu recognized that the City lacked a place to get a healthy snack. At .45/ounce residents can also expect a bargain.

The store operates on a self-serve model. Customers choose from 10 flavors available daily and then select from more than 40 toppings which range from fresh fruit to candy. In total, the store boasts over 40 flavors which are rotated periodically.

The most unusual flavor is Maple Bacon Donut although Frank says his favorite is Peanut Butter.

Frank Yu transformed the vacant storefront making the space a place a great place to enjoy a guilt-free frozen confection.

Sheila Gibbons, Executive Director at the Euclid Chamber of Commerce is happy to have the new business in town. "We are always excited to see new businesses open and we encourage the community to come out and support our local business owners," she said

A Delicious Mission: The Euclid Fruit Harvest Project

by Sherrie Zagorc

Apples and pears abound in Euclid, and the Euclid Fruit Harvest Project people want to be sure that this delicious fruit goes to people not just our furry friends in nature. The mission of the Euclid Fruit Harvest Project is to locate abandoned or underutilized fruit trees that have edible fruit, harvest the fruit with volunteers, and donate the fruit to community organizations.

Of the 1149 pounds of fruit that was harvested so far this season, 795 pounds of fruit was donated to the Euclid Hunger Center, East Shore Church's Soup's On meal, and a local women's shelter. The volunteer pickers took home the remaining good fruit to eat, cook, and preserve. Unusable fruit that was gathered from beneath the trees was taken to the Memorial Park Community Garden's compost pile.

It started with a single pear tree in a Waterloo backyard three years ago and this year 20 volunteers harvested from 10 sites (some twice) that included trees at abandoned homes, front and backyards with owners' permission, and even a great tasting apple tree at a local fast food restaurant. Volunteer pickers' keen eyes spot trees during their neighborhood commutes and hand out postcards to invite homeowners to participate with our harvests.

We've had great support from Nicole Wright of OSU Extension with equipment and publicity. Memorial Park Community Gardeners have joined us as great fruit-finders and pickers and our mission is realized through the awareness and permission of the area



Jeanne Rowe weighing a recent pick of apples



Nicole Hufford reaching for the Red Delicious apples.

fruit tree owners. If you have a tree at your home, have knowledge of a possible source, or would like to join us, please contact euclidfruitharvest@gmail.com or call (440) 941-4620 and leave a message. Fruit tree care education, food preservation techniques, and increased gleaning in our community are future goals for the Euclid Fruit Harvest Project.

New Day Academy fuels future in medicine at Cleveland Clinic

by Sandra Ferrara

The basement is an endless maze of sterile-looking corridors. Massive robotic machines transporting megaloads of supplies churn their way up and down the hallways. People wearing white lab coats pass by at a pace that conveys intensity. It's a futuristic scene that bears resemblance to a science fiction movie teeming with suspense.

But this is no movie. The stakes are much higher than the cost of a movie ticket. This is The Cleveland Clinic – known across the globe for its cutting-edge innovation. And navigating her way with ease through the esteemed hospital system is New Day Academy Junior, Julai Matthews, on her way to her next assignment.

Julai is part of NDA's Career Internship Program with The Cleveland Clinic. It's a partnership that has been in place for years and offers New Day Academy

Juniors the opportunity to explore the medical field as a potential career possibility. Julai aspires to enter the field of medicine one day and finds the internship program offered by New Day Academy an invaluable resource. When asked what she most enjoys about her internship with The Cleveland Clinic, Matthews responds, "It gives me the chance to get real hands-on experience. I don't think I'd be able to get this kind of experience anyplace else."

Julai is just 1 of 9 NDA students who intern at the Clinic every Tuesday and Thursday, with round-trip transportation provided by New Day. Each student intern is assigned specific duties by Cleveland Clinic Volunteer Coordinator, Kevin Phipps. From transporting patients by wheelchair to delivering charts to physicians, Phipps keeps a masterful eye on the students' activities, ensuring they are exposed to a full range

of hospital procedures.

Apparently, it's a partnership that has payoff for both New Day Academy students and The Cleveland Clinic. Phipps comments, "We really appreciate having the students. They pick up things quickly and they are a big help to us."

NDA's partnership with The Cleveland Clinic is representative of a broad range of internship programs offered by the school. Founded in 2004 by Mr. Terrance Walton, New Day Academy, located in Euclid, prepares its students in grades K – 12 to become the leaders of tomorrow. Walton stands firm in the belief that every child deserves a world-class school. To NDA's student-interns, that means gaining experience from world-class organizations such as The Cleveland Clinic.



Cleveland Clinic Junior Ambassadors from NDA: (left to right): Kaneisha Swoope, Desiree Battle, Erin Burke, Quazane Holder, Carla Mason, Julai Matthews

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From the Bill Cervenik

by Mayor Bill Cervenik

Soon the City of Euclid will be distributing new trash and recycling carts to residents for curbside collection. City Council recently approved a new contract with Kimble Companies for both trash and recycling collection. Under the new contract, Kimble will supply all households with a 96-gallon trash cart and a 64-gallon recycling cart.

Residents are encouraged to place all

trash into the cart, but the contract also allows for unlimited trash pickup, so they can have additional cans or bags on the tree lawn as well. The recycling cart is much larger than the current bins now in use which will be more accommodating for many residents. Both carts are very easy to handle and maneuver. I am confident residents will be very pleased with the change. The new Kimble contract is expected to save the city more than \$500,000 over the next four years. The new carts will be distributed with an instruction sheet in early 2014.

Fall is here and unfortunately those beautiful leaves are now falling. City crews are working hard to keep up with leaf collection. Crews work their way from one end of the city to the other and then, start over. Please Be Patient! Cold and wet leaves are harder to collect and, on occasion, clog the vacuum delaying the collection process. Collection will be completed in early December and after that you can bag leaves and put them curbside with your trash collection. If you want to know where the leaf collection crews are working, go to www.cityofeuclid.com and on the homepage click on Leaf Collection.

Happy Thanksgiving! Mayor Bill Cervenik



50th Annual Thanksgiving desk of Mayor Polka Party Weekend

The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum presents the 50th annual Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend at the Cleveland Marriott Hotel and the 25th Awards Show spectacular, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 28, 29 and 30, 2013.

Celebrate fifty years of polka fun at one of the country's biggest polka festivals, a three-day polka marathon featuring the finest Cleveland-Style Polka and Slovenian performers from the U.S. and Canada. The Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show celebrates annual and lifetime achievers with a gala stage production at Euclid Auditorium on Saturday, November 30.

Sixteen dance bands are featured in the Marriott Grand Ballroom. This year's featured performers include Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek, the Joey Tomsick Orchestra (2012 Band of the Year), the George Staiduhar Orchestra (2012 Album of the Year) and RFD-TV's popular Squeezebox with Mollie B. Darling Mollie and the boys pack them in across the Polka Belt with their up-tempo takes on old-time polkas and waltzes.

The Marriott Grand Ballroom is the main music venue with non-stop entertainment from 3PM to midnight, Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, the traditional Polka Mass begins at 6PM, followed by dancing until midnight. The hotel's catering department prepares a menu of favorite nationality dishes for sale. You can order sausages made by Azman Quality Meats of Euclid, Ohio, the winner of the Slovenian Sausage Festival.

Thrill to a stage full of polka stars in tuneful production numbers at the Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show gala at Euclid Auditorium, just down the street from the Hall of Fame. Celebrity presenters add to the surprises, with WELW's Ray Somich as Master of Ceremonies. The All-Star Show Band, led by Tom Mroczka, accompanies the presentation of awards, such as Band of the Year and Album of the Year, as well as Lifetime Achievement.

The Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend was established in 1963 by radio personality Tony Petkovsek and has grown into the country's longestrunning polka music tradition. Nearly



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Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek, the three-time Grammy winner, takes center stage at the 50th annual Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend and

every legend in polka music has performed at this event.

Dance admission each day is only \$15 per person, including free indoor parking. 18 and under free. Awards Show tickets are \$15. Save with a twin Saturday ticket - the Awards Show and the Saturday dance for only \$25. For dance and show tickets, call the Polka Hall of Fame, (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or polkashop@aol.com.

The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum was founded in 1987 by musicians and leaders of Slovenian and ethnic organizations. The Cleveland style of polka has roots in Slovenian folk music with influences from country and western, jazz, show tunes, and other nationality sounds. The lively music was especially popular in the decade following World War II when artists like America's Polka King Frank Yankovic scored million-selling hits.

The museum features audio exhibits, photographs and original instruments tracing the Cleveland-style polka from its origins in the city's Slovenian neighborhoods in the 1890s to national renown. The Hall of Fame gallery honors significant musicians and individuals. The archive preserves 5,000 Slovenian and Cleveland-style recordings, dating back a century. Each year members nominate and vote for top polka musicians and achievers.

The Polka Hall of Fame is located at 605 East 222nd St. in Euclid, Ohio, in the historic former Euclid City Hall. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 5PM, and Saturdays, 10AM to 3PM. Admission is free. New and vintage polka recordings are available in the museum store. For details, contact (216) 261-FAME or polkashop@aol.com.

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Lake Erie beachglass

by Amy Steigerwald

A great asset of living in Euclid is having Lake Erie right in our backyard. Swimming in the summer, walking on the frozen water in the winter and watching nightly sunsets are some of the activities that Euclidians have the opportunity of enjoying. Another interesting but not as common activity is beachglass collecting. Other names for beachglass include seaglass, oceanglass and mermaid tears. Beachglass is a unique glass that has been tumbled and polished by the natural forces of the waves. It is one of the few items that can be found all around the globe in all bodies of water. Beachglass can be transformed into different jewelry pieces, art/sculptures and other artistic creations. However, beachglass shines the brightest when it is in its natural state.

It is not known exactly when beachglass was first discovered but there are pieces that have been traced back to over 100 years. Beachglass comes from broken glassware that has been washed up onto the shores. The color of beachglass often shows what era it came from. For example, yellow beachglass (which is rare to find) most likely comes from the depression era. (1930's) Beachglass found in pink and/or purple (although extremely rare) represents expensive perfume bottles that only the rich could afford.

Beachglass is best located along rocky shores at low tide, making Lake Erie a prime spot for this activity! Although there is no set way to find beachglass, many beachglass experts have secrets. Different ways include looking at the "fresh, top of the surface" part of the shore. It is not often that beachglass hunters dig for beachglass because most of it ends up washing right up on the shore. In fact, beachglass does not often

get buried very deep. By simply brushing your hand along the small rocks on the shoreline, you will be able to find a few pieces.

Diane Ramos, a member of the Brookwood Beachclub has been collecting beachglass since her teenage years. "I first started to collect beach glass as a teenager back in the 1970's when I was hanging out at Mentor Headlands with my friends. It was back in the day when beach glass pieces were 3 to 6 times larger than today and there was tons of it!" she said. This was most likely due to the fact that plastic was not being produced yet. Diane believes that had plastic not hit the market, there would be much more beachglass on our shores. "I can only hope and try to remain positive that someday 100 years from now or perhaps sooner than I think, another generation will come up with something creative for plastic debris washed up on shores here and all over the world."

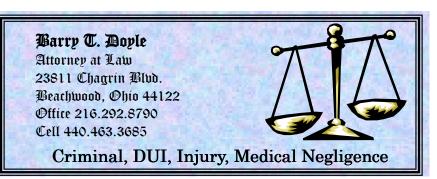
Beachglass is a small object that can make such a huge statement. It is amazing that the color of a small piece of glass can define a generation and be transformed into amazing creations. Hopefully future generations will take an interest in beachglass so its beauty will continue to shine.



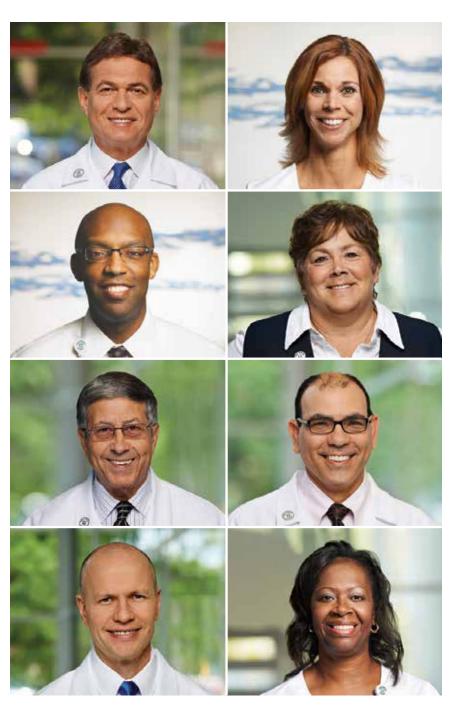
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by Ellen Ivory

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Dinner from Bob Evans Restaurant. Future Night of Learning Dates are

school has hosted in the past.



Silhouette Productions Presents Classic Musical Favorite: 'Guys And Dolls'



Silhouette Productions and Shore Cultural Centre will present the musical favorite 'Guys and Dolls' for six performances starting Friday, November 15th. You will not want to miss this fun and energetic American classic, performed in the historic

Shore Auditorium.

Director Ian Atwood, Musical Director David Coxe, and Choreographer Tara Mirabile will be running the show that is being dedicated to the memory of Charles Abraham. The cast is set and full of

wonderful local talent. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 15, 16, 22 and 23, at 7:30pm and on Sunday afternoons, November 17 and 24, at

Advance tickets are on sale at Shore Cultural Centre or online at shoreculturalcentre.com/ guysanddolls.

In the auditorium lobby, beer, wine

Celebrity Bartenders

and refreshments will be available before each performance and at intermissions. The drinks are going to be served up by some of our favorite Euclid "celebrities" who will be competing in a tip competition with donations going to benefit Shore Cultural Centre. Bartenders will include Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik,

Peter Rubin, President of the Coral Company, Councilpersons Daryl Langman & Candace Jones, Council Candidate Laura Gorshe, and more!

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Dinner and a Show

Make it a great night out by purchasing a 'Dinner and a Show' package with either Vittorio's or Mama Catena's! This \$36 package is available for Saturday and Sunday shows and includes your theater ticket, a hearty meal including appetizer, entrée, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert, as well as tax and gratuity. Saturday dinners will precede the show, while Sunday dinners will follow the matinee Make your reservations now by calling (440) 585-7700.

Popular Kids Cartooning Class To Begin New Session



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starting November 2nd. Usmani's first class offered an opportunity for kids to spend their Saturdays writing,

Shore Instructor drawing, and creating imaginative characters. One collaborative effort by (left) is back by the kids produced Yin and Yang, a pair of twin pandas, one mostly black with some white, the other mostly white with some black

> The course covers a wide range of cartooning practices including character creation/development (people, animals, fictional creatures,

inanimate objects, etc.), backgrounds/ scenery, narrative storytelling, caricatures, observational drawing from life, carious demos (colored pencil, watercolor, pen/brush and ink, scratchboard, etc.), group critiques, guest artists and more!

By the end of the full course, students who attend regularly will have completed a full comic strip or series

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of art works they can take home and be proud of. Classes will run on Saturdays from November 2nd to December 14th, from 10:00am to

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Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus will begin at 6:45pm.

The Holiday Concert will begin at 7PM in the Auditorium.

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holidays!



Shore Cultural Centre offers an array of arts and educational programming in the heart of downtown Euclid

Schools

Our Lady of the Lake visits **Mary Mavec Opportunity School**

by Lauren Zbiegien

What better way to spread some Halloween cheer, but to visit with neighbors! The seventh graders of Our Lady of the Lake did just that. The students walked down Lakeshore Boulevard to Mary Mavec Opportunity School in order to play some Halloween games and make a craft. The afternoon was filled with fun and laughter for everyone who was involved with the day.

A key objective in the religion curriculum for seventh graders is to offer service to others. The Our Lady of the Lake seventh graders did this by working hard in class to develop different Halloween activities that they could share with the Mary Mavec community. Some students created "Goblin Bowling" which was made out of recycled materials. There were also Halloween word games and



Nina Tomesalli playing Candy Land at Mary Mavec

guessing games too. One group of students even made many individual crafts, such as pumpkins, witches, and ghosts to help the clients put together. Still another group, created a Halloween version of the game Candy Land.

The students were not only performing an act of service, but they had fun doing it. In fact, the seventh graders are already planning for the holidays!



by Elisheva Creve, Intervention Specialist, New Day Academy

New Day Academy students are proud to be participating in the 2014 Best of the Best Fashion Face-Off and Prom Expo. The annual event is a city-wide high school fashion competition with a grand prize of \$1,000 awarded to the winning school. Beginning in 1997, the competition, which is open to both males and females, enables students to raise money for their prom, as well as show off their fashion style. The competition has previously brought together hundreds of students throughout the Cleveland and Akron areas.

While the final competition is not until March 2014, New Day Academy students have assembled as early as October to decide on a theme, select music, and the clothing that will be modeled. More than modeling, however, New Day students are learning the importance of teamwork, organization, and how to prepare for large scale events. Henderson Deal, the advisor for NDA's team, had the

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New Day Academy models first walk the runway at NDA's YOU-nity Fest in June, an event that allowed the community atlarge to view what NDA has to offer.

To date, NDA's participants are exciting competition.



Desiree Battle (11th grade), Kamille Harris (9th grade), Janasha Robinson (10th grade), Naija Roundtree (12th grade), and Brooke Sims (10th grade). Deal states that spaces for both male and female models are still available, however. Don't forget to check the New Day Academy website at www.newdayacademy.us for more information on this

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An Evening of Learning: Cultures

New Day Academy's 10th grade girls demonstrated their dedication to raising awareness of breast cancer by collecting donations from fellow students, and giving a voice to all those who've been affected by the disease. Collaborating with New Day's Student Council, the girls hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Thursday, October 31.

Student, Chardelle Wills, who first thought of the idea, states, "I like helping people and since October is breast cancer awareness month I thought this would be a good way to raise money." All students who donated in advance were allowed to wear pink shirts, socks, and accessories to support finding a cure for breast cancer. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer awareness.

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New Day Academy students and faculty host Breast Cancer Awareness Day

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VASJ students 'Make a Difference'

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By Emily Robinson

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School student Rachel Smith wasn't overly enthusiastic the morning of VASJ's Sophomore Make a Difference

"I was tired and not ready to help people," Smith says. Undoubtedly. Smith was not the only student feeling this way. Enthusiasm at 8 in the morning is rare among teenagers.

Not surprisingly, though, the moment the students stepped through the doors of the various nonprofit agencies they would be serving, they were eager and willing to work hard to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

For Smith, her service involved volunteering at the St. Anthony Adult Day Center, a part of the Rose-Mary Center serving adults with disabilities. As soon as she entered the facility, she immediately sat down next to one of

the residents and started talking as if she had volunteered there hundreds of times before.

Rachel Smith served as a reader during Mass while volunteering

at the Rose-Mary Center on VASJ's Sophomore Make a Difference

Her classmates did the same. In fact, each and every sophomore participating in the service day made their faculty chaperones extremely proud of the maturity and hard work they demonstrated at the 11 agencies

"I am so proud of my group," says Lori Conley, student account manager at VASJ and chaperone at the New Avenues to Independence, an organization serving adults and children with disabilities.

"The maturity and courage they showed walking in and interacting with these individuals, to relate to them so



A group of VASJ students prepare to serve food at St. Augustine Church and Hunger Center during the Sophomore Make a Difference Day.

well – I'm not sure I could have done that at their age," Conley says.

Listening to the students share their experiences with one another at the completion of the day, it became clear that those being served in the various agencies were not the only ones positively impacted. VASJ students walked away from the Sophomore Make a Difference Day with a greater appreciation of the power they have to make a difference in the lives of those

When VASJ Campus Minister Jill Latkovich started the Make a Difference Day seven years ago, this was exactly what she had in mind - that the day would be mutually beneficial for both those being served and the students providing the service.

"I wanted to help the kids to see it can be a very positive experience," Latkovich says. "Working together with their friends and classmates and seeing the difference they can make is the best."

The sophomores at VASJ gained a very clear understanding of the impact they can have by giving just one day of service to a nonprofit agency. Perhaps even more important, they came to the realization that as Christians – and Vikings – they should be serving those

"As a Viking family, we should all work together to make people feel better about themselves," says Maco

Young of his experience volunteering at the Cleveland Food Bank.

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"Everyone needs help at some point so you should give help to others when you can," says Victoria Francetic who, like Smith, spent the day interacting with residents at St. Anthony's Day Center.

After attending Mass with the residents, Francetic began playing the piano in the chapel. "I've been here for 21 years," says Deacon Ray Daull, "and that is only the second time that piano has ever been played."

To Francetic, her piano skills seemed rusty and amateur but in a chapel that seldom hears music, the sound couldn't have been more

Whether the task was helping a family find used clothes or giving basic necessities like toothpaste and deodorant to someone without them or preparing and serving meals to those who would otherwise go hungry or even sharing musical talents, regardless of how futile they may seem, VASJ students gained an understanding of how such little acts of kindness can have an enormous impact.

Though Smith and her classmates may have been tired and hesitant about the Sophomore Make a Difference Day at first, they couldn't help but walk away with even a small amount of the joy and happiness they provided to those they served.



Victoria Francetic plays the piano after Mass for clients at the St. Anthony Day Center, a part of the Rose-Mary Center, during VASJ's Sophomore Make a Difference Day.

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Janezic honored for El Salvador work

VASJ religion teacher Chris Janezic vividly remembers the day El Salvador became a part of his life. It was 1980 and he was enrolled at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe when he heard the tragic news that four women - Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel and lay missionary Jean Donovan from Cleveland and Marynoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke – had been martyred in El Salvador.

"The churches in Cleveland shook when the news came out that those women were killed," Janezic says. "It changed the direction of my life. I felt a calling to get involved. Sometimes you choose an issue but in this case, the issue chose me. "

Janezic has spent the last 33 years with the organization Community of Oscar A. Romero (COAR), founded in 1980 by Rev. Ken Myers, a Catholic priest from Cleveland. Fr. Ken, whose mission was to promote justice, community and peace in El Salvador, died in 2002.

At an awards reception on Saturday, October 5, Janezic was

From the moment students enter

the doors at Villa Angela-St. Joseph

importance of service to others. One of

the core values of education at VASJ,

service is an important component of

the Ursuline and Marianist traditions

With all the emphasis on the

students completing service hours in

order to be able to graduate, Principal

on which the school was founded.

David Csank decided it was time

for the faculty and staff at VASJ to

"practice what we preach," he says.

for the students, he decided to have a

"We're supposed to be role

tell the kids to help others and serve

In addition to setting a good

example, Csank says, the Faculty Day

isn't just the students who are called to

"It is easy to get caught up in the

of Service is a good reminder that it

day-to-day routine of teaching and

educating our students that we forget

we are still Christians and Catholics

and this is what we are called to do,"

"It is important to take a step

back and remind ourselves that this is

those less fortunate and we need to

show them that we do it, too,"

models for students," Csank says. "We

and staff at the school.

do service.

Csank says.

Faculty Day of Service for the teachers

When a free day became available

High School, they are taught the



VASJ religion teacher Chris Janezic was honored for 33 hours of service to COAR.

honored for his 10 years of service on the COAR Board of Directors. For six of those years, he served as the Board President. Janezic was the recipient of the Rev. Ken Myers COAR Service Award at the reception held at the site of the COAR office, the same Borromeo where he first felt the calling to serve the people of El

Faculty and staff give day of service

"I never thought of this work having that kind of public recognition," Janezic says. "That's not why I do it. It's part of who I am now and to not do it would be to lessen myself.'

El Salvador and its connection to Cleveland and VASJ through Sister Dorothy is an important part of all the religion classes at VASJ. Janezic has taken a delegation of VASJ seniors to El Salvador for 10 years. Janezic has taken a total of 33 trips there.

"The goal of COAR is to raise Salvadoran children to be good Salvadoran citizens and leaders," Janezic says. Over the past 33 years, he has had the gratifying experience to see this goal become a reality among many of the children served through COAR. "You do a lot of work and don't get to see the end result but occasionally you get to see a glimpse of success," Janezic says.

The entire VASJ community salutes Chris Janezic for his service and congratulates him for his muchdeserved honor.



Here at VASJ, we often ask ourselves an important question: "What's the point?" No, it is not because we have misgivings or doubts about our mission. Actually, it's precisely the opposite. It is because we seek to constantly remind ourselves why we do

What's the point of encouraging leadership and achievement if not to make lives better and to improve the

It may sound impossibly idealistic, but we know that the ideals we espouse can and will be reached if our hearts and minds are willing.

It all starts right here at home in the communities where we live. That's why service is an integral and vital part of the VASJ experience. Elsewhere on these pages, there are stories about the service provided by our sophomores on VASJ's annual "Make a Difference Day" and the counterpart faculty day of service we held this year.

Make no mistake: These by no means represent the sum total of service projects our students, faculty and staff perform. There is an ongoing expectation of service that is woven into the fabric of VASJ. We are, after all, a values-based school. Service is merely a logical extension of the lessons taught in our classrooms.

What is the point of sending 100 percent of our graduates to college if not to have them continue their journey of service to others?

This attitude has deep roots – as deep as they can be - at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. It is the prevailing attitude expressed in the writings of St. Angela Merici and Blessed William Chaminade, founders of our two sponsoring religious orders, the Ursuline Sisters and the Marianists.

We adopted the Ursuline mission when Villa Angela Academy was founded in 1878, we adopted the Marianist mission when St. Joseph High School was founded in 1950, and we continued these complementary missions when the schools merged into VASJ in 1990.

I remember the emphasis placed on service when I was a student here in the 1960s and, if anything, the call to service has grown stronger in the ensuing years. Those who attend our school know our tradition of service as well as they know our record of academic and athletic excellence.

This is as it should be. Otherwise, what's the point?

of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

VASJ faculty and staff prepare sandwiches at the Cleveland Food Bank headquarters. our calling, too – serving others and gratification for a job well done. helping those less fortunate."

Csank shared his idea with Campus Minister Jill Latkovich, who made the day happen.

"She did all of the hard work getting it all organized," Csank says. Most of the faculty and staff spent

the day volunteering at the Cleveland Food Bank while others volunteered at the St. Anthony Day Center, a part of the Rose-Mary Center serving adults with disabilities.

What would normally have been a day off for faculty and staff turned into a very labor-intensive, hard-working day of serving others.

Faculty and staff came to work the following day tired and sore but full of

"It was a lot of fun but it was also rewarding to know that we took

time out of our day to give back and

do what we are always pushing the students to do," says Director of Advancement Mary Paxton. The VASJ working crew prepared over 2,000 sandwiches and sorted over 10,000 pounds of meat during their

shift at the Cleveland Food Bank. The faculty and staff volunteering at the St. Anthony Day Center spent the day doing crafts with the clients and sorting clothing donations for the

children residents. Csank says it often to the students, faculty and staff at VASJ – "You will get out of today what you put into it."

Richard Osborne '69 is president

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Catholic education in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions



Homecoming King and Queen 2013





Homecoming

The EHS football team fought hard for the homecoming victory against Lorain, ending the night with a score of 18 to 12.

HOMECOMING ATTENDANTS

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CANDIDATES Kyle Johnson Jordan Washington Marjani Brown **Emma Hastings**

KING CANDIDATES Tim Piotrkowski

QUEEN CANDIDATES Denise Amini Tanaja Kidd Ciara Bell Lauren Lockett

Megan Ginley **HOMECOMING COURT 2013: CROWNED JUNIOR PRINCE**

CROWNED JUNIOR PRINCESS Emma Hastings

CROWNED QUEEN Ciara Bell

CROWNED KING Tim Piotrkowski

Trick or Treating 📂 at Euclid High School

The halls were hallowed and the line was out the door for the annual trick-or-treating event at Euclid High School. Various organizations throughout the Euclid City School District decorated doors, donated candy, and volunteered to work the

event. All of the money raised from ticket sales was donated to the Euclid Police Animal Shelter. This spooktacular event was organized by Mr. Nick Selvaggio and his criminal justice and crime scene

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Dr. Smialek with Trick-or-treaters!

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Boka

It's All About ENERGY: STEM Connections

by Bridget Simenc

STEM Connections is a collaboration between students in Mrs. Michelle McGarry's Engineering class at Euclid High School and students from 5th grade classes at Arbor Elementary. STEM education is an approach to teaching and learning that integrates the content and skills of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. One goal of STEM Connections is to instill problem solving skills in the students and to look at how science, inquiry, investigation, and problem solving intertwine.

Another goal is to create connections between the high schoolers and elementary students. Groups meet at either Arbor or Euclid High School. This year's theme is all about energy. The STEM Connections crew kicked off the year by investigating renewable energy. The high school engineering students shared projects they created using wind turbines and hydrogen fuel cell cars. The 5th graders then got to make their own cars using paper bags, straws, tape and four life saver candies. They tested their cars by seeing if a wind source could move their creations. All 5th graders were successful! The goal of STEM education is to prepare students for the 21st century workforce.



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Central Middle School 6th graders reach new heights

Crisp fall weather didn't stop Central Middle School 6th grade students from enjoying the outdoors for two days and two nights. Students took hikes, climbed rock walls, went fishing, canoeing, and exploring at Hiram House Camp in Moreland Hills. The ultimate team-building experience, as students took their classrooms into the wilderness at 6th grade camp. EHS NJROTC students volunteered as counselors, along with Central Middle School Staff. Students, teachers, and high school volunteers took learning to new heights as they tackled the high ropes course.



with a spike, the spike of a volleyball to be precise. The Euclid High School Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball Teams hosted "Volley for the Cure" on October 3 in the girls gym. Blue and gold turned pink to raise awareness for breast cancer research through the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The girls were able to raise almost \$400 from ticket sales,

a 50/50 raffle, and bake sale. We are Panther Proud of the EHS JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball Teams!



50/50 Raffle



Bake Sale









Canoeing at Hiram House Camp.

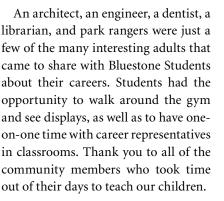


Getting ready for the high ropes course.



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Career Day at Bluestone Elementary **School**





Ray Knight, Engineer





Initiatives at CWRU



Tom Kander, Euclid Firefighter

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Euclid Cares

Recent event taught me surprising facts about Hospice

by Janathan Wooley

Last month, at the Marriott Hotel on Richmond and Harvard Rd. in Warrensville Heights, I attended an annual event hosted by Hospice of the Western Reserve entitled "Voices for Hospice, Dispelling the Myths." This was my first time attending, so I did not know what

I have visited a hospice location in the past to see friends who were at their end of life stage. The setting was beautiful, but now I know that I had a misconception that this is the only purpose of hospice.

As soon as I walked in, I was met at the registration table where friendly, helpful hospice staff and volunteers directed me to the dining room. Before I went in, I observed several tables set up with information about all the services Hospice of the Western Reserve has to offer. I was overwhelmed to learn that the nonprofit agency serves people of all ages, ethnicities, religions, diseases, etc., at any stage prior to the end-of-life transition. Care is provided wherever a person calls "home," including their personal residence, nursing and assisted-living facilities, hospitals and at Hospice of the Western Reserve's two residential hospice houses: Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake and David Simpson Hospice House on East 185th St. and Lakeshore Blvd.

I visited several information tables: One focused on volunteering and was hosted by Gwen Strayhorn. I was given information on a therapy called Reike that I have tried and find to be very



relaxing. I also met the Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Rochelle Lattimore.

I met Diane Hartt, Provider Relations Manager, who informed me of the many services that can be used now instead of waiting for the final stages of life, and she provided her number for me to call. I met Bonne Juzenos, RN, CHAN, and Dionna Headen who were hosting a table on Helderberg Hospice in South Africa. Hospice of the Western Reserve has developed a close partnership with Helderberg, raising funds, and sharing ideas, information, cultural perspectives and educational opportunities.

This is the first time I heard of hospice services in another country. I bought a cookbook they offered with delicious global recipes. I met Dominique Butler from Hospice of the Western Reserve's Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center. She offered me information about community grief support groups and workshops, many of which are free, and gave me her number. Dominique also works with our local schools to provide grief and trauma support to students, teachers, administrators and parents following a sudden or unexpected loss.

I viewed a special mural created by one of the agency's art therapists. At the event, attendees were encouraged to inscribe the names of loved ones on butterflies. These were attached to the mural to create a beautiful three-dimensional piece of memorial artwork. It was very colorful and uplifting. It's now on display at the Hospice of the Western Reserve headquarters building on St. Clair.

Dr. Sabrina J. Ellis, Executive Pastor of the Pentecostal Church of Christ, was the keynote speaker. Her presentation was informative and interesting. She shared her personal experiences within her family with terminal illness revealing her dislike of visiting hospitals, which she stated she is still working through. She was very honest about her prior misconceptions about hospice. She stressed that hospice is not a location, but a service that provides assistance in all areas prior to and/or at the end stages of life. Dr. Ellis stressed the use of faith, the challenge to find God in all situations and left with a statement of scripture, "To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord." Her presentation was very inspirational.

I enjoyed meeting new people and seeing old friends. Heidi Barham, Chair of Hospice of the Western Reserve's African American Outreach Committee, coordinated the event. I grew up with her Aunt Pam. I hate to say that I remember



when Heidi was born! I sat with Heidi's in-laws and an old friend, Nola.

Those who attended received gift bags filled with useful information and tokens of the wonderful day. I feel so much better knowing that there is a service many can use, especially in the African-American community right now. We do not have to wait to the final stage of life take advantage of help. I can't wait to get assistance for my 94-year-old mother who lives alone in East Cleveland and for myself now that I am a diabetic. I thank God for Hospice and all the programs available. Now I

just have to pick up the phone.

Editor's note: For more information about Hospice of the Western Reserve's services, call 1-800-707-8922 or visit www.hospicewr.org.

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Janathan Wooley, a resident of Euclid, has also lived in East Cleveland bordering the Collinwood neighborhood. Retired from the VA Medical Center, she volunteers in the Salvation Army's Citizen Circle to assist ex-offenders in re-entering society. She is also active in the music ministry of her church, The Historic St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Cleveland.

Ss. Robert & William Parish is hosting their annual Holly Berry Bazaar

On Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Ss. Robert and William Catholic School gym will be transformed into a shopper's paradise. A variety of crafters and vendors will be on hand to offer you a charming selection of holiday food and gift items. This is a great venue to find unique Christmas gifts for those special people in your life.

Come take a leisurely stroll down our aisles and see what we have to offer. Admission is \$1.00 per person and will include free coffee/hot chocolate and cookie stations. You will also have an opportunity to take chances on a Christmas Wreath which has \$100 in cash affixed to it, or to purchase our '50 Days of Holiday Cash' tickets. Light luncheon items will also be available. Come



Unique items are being offered at this year's Bazaar

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Euclid Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert Preview

A new Christmas concert of holiday classics will be presented as The Euclid Symphony Orchestra takes center stage at the Shore Cultural Center's acoustically acclaimed auditorium on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m.

This inspiring concert performance will feature the following pieces: A Christmas Festival, by Leroy Anderson; Sleigh Ride, by Leroy Anderson; Hallelujah; A Hanukkah Medley and other Christmas melodies.

"This ultimate holiday experience will appeal to all age groups," states J.D. Goddard, Director of the Orchestra. "It is an afternoon in which you can come and relax during the bustle of the holiday season."

Also included in the programming is a special punch and cookie reception

which will be hosted by the Euclid Symphony Orchestra Board and Greater Cleveland volunteers. This provides guests the opportunity to meet orchestra members and sample treats that are made and donated by them. A special appearance by St. Nick and Mrs. Claus will take place too, and you will also have a chance to vote between two musical offerings that will be played at the Pops Concert in May, 2014.

Tickets for this concert are available in advance for \$8 at the Shore Cultural Centre main office, 291 East 222nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123 or at the door the day of the concert for \$10.

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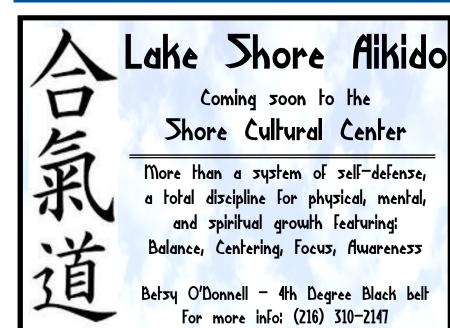
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