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Amazon Delivers for HELP Foundation



Amazon Facility Manager Amanda Lovelace-Tobicash (left) presents Doug Knoop (center), Chief Asset & Development Officer for the HELP Foundation, with a \$10,000 donation. The donation will go towards helping the organization provide vocational support services to its more than 500 members. Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail (right) welcomed Amazon to Euclid by helping flip the switch to officially begin the tree lighting ceremony.

As you may have noticed, the City of Euclid Mayor Kirsten Gail opened this year's Euclid Holiday Celebration at Shore Cultural Center on December 1st with her warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season and

the introduction of a few special guests. With a twinkle of festive joy in her eye the Mayor introduced Amanda Lovelace Tobicash from Amazon as well as Doug Knoop with HELP Foundation. Amazon



Two friends pose with Amazon "fulfillment" cookies after getting their faces painted like reindeer.

be lit Amazon made Christmas come early for HELP Foundation as they presented a donation of \$10,000 to support HELP's mission!

"What an honor it's been to be part of Euclid's holiday celebration and to have the opportunity to contribute to the service mission of HELP. We're excited to be bringing 1,000 jobs to Euclid with the building of our new fulfillment center in 2019 and proud to give back to the community that has welcomed us so warmly," said Lauren Lynch from Amazon.

Mr. Knoop thanked Amazon "On behalf of HELP Foundation for their generous gift, which will be used to support the people who have developmental disabilities that we are honored to care for!"

Amazon's generous gift will be used to support the purchase of a vehicle which is critical to HELP's ability to serve individuals who have developmental disabilities by assisting them in living and enjoying their lives to the fullest.

is Euclid's newest business resident and already a wonderful neighbor, and HELP was honored to have a few residents that they serve in Euclid chosen to light this year's Christmas tree. Just before the tree was to

Rick Case Honda Invests \$500,000 with New Building Addition

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

On Thursday, December 21st dozens of Rick Case Honda executives, members of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce, and City of Euclid officials and employees gathered to celebrate the opening of a 2,250 square foot addition to the existing dealership on East 200th Street just off of I-90.

The half-million dollar investment provides new service bays featuring state-of-the-art technology and detailing facilities. The project was presented to the City of Euclid's Architectural Review Board in July 2018 and received unanimous approval by the Board. The City's Department of Building and Housing then worked with the business to meet their accelerated construction schedule.

From Rick Case Automotive Group's

press release for the ribbon cutting: "Rick Case truly appreciates the great relationship with the City of Euclid. With city improvements planned for Euclid, Rick Case is proud to continue supporting the business development with the city".

National Parts and Service Director for the Rick Case Automotive Group, Ryan Case, flew in from Florida to lead the ribbon cutting and to commemorate the addition to a business that has steadily grown since first opening in Euclid in 2000.

"This project is a great example of the growth and investment happening in Euclid" said Planning and Development Director Jonathan Holody. "Congratulations to the team at Rick Case Honda on a job well done."



Rick Case Automotive Group Director Ryan Case was joined by Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Ward II Councilman-elect Brian Moore, members of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce and employees of Rick Case Honda and the City of Euclid for a ribbon cutting on December 21st, 2017.

Community Comes Together for Young Leaders Program Christmas Dinner



by Breauna Sweeney

On Dec 21, 2017 the Young Leaders sponsors Smolic Tire, Sievers Security, Ocho Rios & Bari Beauty & Health came together to help supply food for the Young Leaders Christmas Dinner for 100 people. There was a total of 25 volunteers at the event helping to serve Turkey, Stuffing, Dressing, Macaroni & Cheese, Green beans, Sweet potatoes, Apple and Cherry pie. The event was held at North point transitional living. This event was a success the volunteers felt it was a humbling experience and the residents enjoyed their meal. Other people and businesses who helped this come about is R&D Appliances, New Beginnings Day-care, Paninis bar & Grille, ChilliPeppers Fresh Mexican Grill, Brick Ceramic & design studio, Pendeltons barbershop and council woman Taneika Hill of Euclid Young Leaders would like to thank all the participants for helping to provide a good Christmas to the community.

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by Sheila Gibbons

The Euclid Chamber of Commerce is usually the one handing out awards but on December 6th was on the receiving end of the Euclid Hospital Community Service Award. Executive Director, Sheila Gibbons, and several Trustees of the Board, were present during a special Euclid Community Hospital Advisory Council luncheon to accept the award. Several Euclid Chamber Trustees, along with Gibbons, serve on the Advisory Council.

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January Programs at Euclid Public Library

by Ashley Gowens

Ohio Means Jobs
Wednesday, January 10
2:30 PM / Computer Training Room
OhioMeansJobs.com can help you plan your career, search hundreds of thousands of jobs, post resumes and explore online training. In this program, we will give an overview of the website and show you how it can help you with your career. There is a limit of six slots for this program. Please call 261-5300 ext.0 to make a reservation.

Coyotes! A 'Wily' Ohio Neighbor Since 1919
Saturday, January 13
2:00 PM / Lake Room
Join the Wildlife Specialists at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History LIVE for this investigation into coyote behavior and history in Ohio. These intelligent, highly adaptive animals can be found in city, suburban, and rural areas. Meet the museum's family of four coyotes and live chat with their human caretakers, from inside the beautiful, new Perkins Wildlife Center! Registration begins December 30. Space is limited. (All Ages)

Winter Reading Begins!
Tuesday, January 16
Get ready for some winter fun as we begin our annual Winter Reading Program!



You're invited to join Northeast Ohio's largest book club. This year's selection, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Dr. Matthew Desmond, will transform our understanding of poverty and the centrality of home.

Upcoming programs at EPL for January/February:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
What's on My Plate? Equipping Families to Handle Stress
6:30 PM / Lake Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
Poverty, Profit and Politics Documentary
7:00 PM / Shore Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Eviction and Housing: A Community Discussion
7:00 PM / Lake Room

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impACT Winter Session Begins January 9



impACT the 216 Winter Session Begins Jan. 9 - register today!

by Ashley Gowens

Improve your chances to receive more scholarship money by increasing your ACT scores with College Now Greater Clevel-

land's impACT ACT Prep Course at Euclid Public Library!

The impACT eight-week winter session at EPL will begin Tuesday, January 9 and run until Thursday, March 1, 2018. There is no cost to participate, and students will receive enhanced math and reading proficiency through ACT Test Prep, a \$100 stipend upon completion of 30 days of participation and an increased ACT score, bus tickets, and field trips.

Classes are Monday – Thursday, 2:40 – 5:40 PM, and Friday 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Can't make it this winter? Join us this spring from Tuesday, March 13 - Thursday, May 10, 2018. To learn more or to register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/impactwinter18> or contact College Now at (216) 635-0428.

Let's be 'Friends' - Join Today!

by Ashley Gowens

For more than 55 years, the Friends of the Euclid Public Library has proudly served the community. Friends actively support EPL in many ways, such as, volunteering for library services and events, hosting community programs including poetry jams, and fundraising through bi-annual book sales.

As a Friends of the Euclid Public Library member, you receive early notification of Friends events, invited to a special members' preview of the book sale before it opens to the public, and your dues may be tax deductible if you itemize.

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Special Gift - any amount

To join, pick up an envelope at the library, or address one to The Friends of the Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd St., Euclid, OH 44123. Questions? Contact the Friends via email at foepl@euclidlibrary.org.

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Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Monday, January 8 at the library: \$7/individual and \$25/foursome. For more information, please call (216) 261-5300 ext.107.



Thank you for supporting the library!



Euclid Arts Christmas



by Susan Herrle

Euclid Art's 2017 Christmas Party, Potluck Dinner, and Chinese Auction Fundraiser was held on Monday evening December 4th at the Henn Mansion. We made over \$420 for our art scholarship fund. We award a deserving senior art student from Euclid High School a \$500 scholarship each year. Our members and their guests enjoyed an evening of great food, fun and friendship.

Immediately upon entering the beautiful Henn Mansion, you feel like you are being transported back in time...to Christmas in the 1920's. The atmosphere inside was warmly festive and very impressive. As members and guests arrived, we sold tickets for our Chinese Auction, browsed through the back porch and sun room to see what auction items to bid on, enjoyed a cup of Christmas punch, nibbled on goodies from the appetizer table, and resisted stealing a cookie off the dessert table.

Our president, Lee Peters, who looks

just like Santa, gave the invocation and read The Night Before Christmas...an EAA tradition. Then, we lined up on both sides of the entree table to fill our plates with so many good things....a selection of salads, stuffed shells Florentine, Ina Garten's mac & cheese, scalloped potatoes, honey baked ham, chicken breast pieces, candied sweet potatoes, veggie lasagna, vegetable enchiladas and so much more. After dinner, Lee said "last call for auction tickets". As we headed off to the dessert table set up in the breakfast room, we stopped to buy more tickets....increasing our chances of winning items like a Black & Decker Drill or an Eddie Mitchell original oil painting.

We enjoyed an assortment of desserts....delicious Merry Christmas cake from a bakery in Painesville, 7-Up cake and an orange crush cake, chocolate peppermint bundt cake, peppermint brownie tartlets, caramel chocolate chip cookies, even fortune cookies and more. Our plates were

stacked high to overflowing! You could see smiling faces all around. And, thanks to Greg Lawrence from Lake Shore Coffee House, there was lots of coffee to go with all those amazing desserts.

Soon after, the auction got started. Our auctioneer, Rozenia did an excellent job, along with her helpers, Jaden and Joan. We auctioned 32 amazing gift items, ranging from art books, to art wine, to gift baskets, to original artworks and more. We were all anxious to see if we won the Eddie Mitchell painting this year....it was the last item auctioned off.

It was nearing 9:00pm and we had to leave the Henn in perfect order before 10:00. With everyone's help, we cleaned up quickly. Eleven year old, Jaden, was a big help moving chairs and tables back to where they belonged and he even vacuumed the carpet in the living room for us....a task his mother says he enjoys doing!

We appreciate everyone who helped us

get ready for the evening's events....those who arranged and set the tables, who worked in the kitchen getting the food ready to serve, who sold auction tickets, who set up the auction items and called the winning numbers, and to everyone who came to the party. A BIG THANK YOU to all!

Our next monthly meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall of East Shore United Methodist Church, 23002 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid. Guests are welcome for a \$3.00 donation. Every year we like to feature several of our members and we ask them to Show & Tell us about their artwork. In January, William Kless, Barb Greenwood, and Diane Rogazione will present their artwork. Plus, our president, Lee Peter, will have a surprise presentation for us to see. We have very talented people in our organization! Please come and enjoy a fun evening of art and refreshments afterwards.

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Local Manufacturer Eliminates Noise and Moisture Issues for the Construction Industry



Driwall™ Rainscreen 020-1, a drainage mat for exterior wall systems



Keene Building Products, Euclid, Ohio, expansion



Quiet Curl® 55/025 MC sound control mat designed to limit impact noise between floors



Jim Keene, founder of Keene Building Products



by Gina M. Tabasso

How did Keene Building Products get its start?

Keene was started in 2002 as an importer but quickly began development of its production line. Although educated as an accountant, Jim Keene, the founder, became involved in the engineering of the system to produce the materials -- a unique plastic extrusion process. Sales were simple since he was involved with many of the customers in the market.

Why was the decision made to locate in Euclid?

Jim's home town is Richmond Heights, up the hill, but his father and mother went to Euclid High School. Euclid is a great place to manufacture, and Jim wanted to be a manufacturer.

How are the products that you manufacture used?

Keene Building Products is a manufacturer of three-dimensional filament products for the construction industry. Its noise products are designed for construction projects, such as multi-family apartments and condominiums to stop impact and airborne noise, while its building-envelope products can be utilized in wall, masonry, roofing, and foundation applications to eliminate moisture issues.

Starting as a plastic manufacturing company in 2002, Keene has innovated new construction tools in an effort to improve product performance for the market. At first, it only manufactured entangled net products in applications that had coatings

and concrete all around them. Today, its capabilities include blending powders and creating chemicals. In addition to plastics extrusion, the company has expanded its expertise to floor-preparation products, below-grade systems, roofing, plastic fabricating and 3D filament.

How many employees work in the facility in Euclid?

30 employees but it will be increasing to 50 in the near future.

Tell us about your building expansion. How many square feet and why?

25,000 square feet for warehouse purposes that will allow us more room for manufacturing.

Are there ways that the company participates in the community?

Not yet!! We will soon.

What do you think is the biggest challenge that manufacturing currently faces?

Skilled labor

What does the future of manufacturing, especially in Northeast Ohio, look like?

The future is very bright here but we need to educate our young people better. Our schools are not up to par, and our workforce doesn't graduate ready for the positions we need to fill.

What inspires you?

Helping the people in our organization realize their career and financial goals.

Are there any interesting facts about Keene Building that most people don't know?

- Weatherhead 100 four years running
- Two businesses in the award
- Holder of 20 patents either issued or pending
- Family business with other family members as part of the team
- More likely to sell product on one of the coasts, with full North American coverage and sales in every state. *Gina M. Tabasso, marketing communications specialist, HGR Industrial Surplus, www.hgrinc.com*

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Former St. Roberts Property Serves as Construction Staging Area



The former St. Roberts property on Lakeshore Blvd. is fenced in and now serves as a staging area for construction projects happening in the area.



A map of the area showing the property saa The City owned property has an unusual shape as other owners continue to hold properties on adjacent lots, potentially complicating future development efforts. ndwiched between the Harbor Crest and Normandy apartments.

by Kurt Steigerwald

The City of Euclid owns 310 parcels of property of various shapes and sizes scattered throughout the City. Some parcels make up larger pieces of property – such as City Hall or the sledding hill on Euclid Avenue, while others are oddly configured leftover properties that serve little purpose. In a continuing exploration of this issue, this space will look at several key properties to understand why the City owns the property and its long term plans for these properties.

For many years the former St. Roberts Parish Campus was home to a local Catholic Church and grade school. Approximately 10 years ago, the Cleveland Catholic Diocese evaluated a number of parishes and schools, deciding to close or combine parishes that were seen as overlapping or serving similar areas. St. Robert Bellar-

mine's parish closed in December of 2009 when the parish combined with the former St. William's parish.

In 2011 the former St. Roberts Parish Campus, including all the properties, was bought by the City of Euclid for a cost of \$674,000. According to Allison Lukacsy-Love, Community Projects Manager with the City of Euclid, the price paid for the property was below the fair market appraisal. City Council voted in favor of the purchase by an 8-1 margin. Current Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail was among the supporters of the purchase with former Councilman John Wojtila being the only one to oppose the purchase. (Wojtila has since been re-elected to his former Council position.)

Euclid obtained a grant by the US EPA to remediate the site of contaminants and grant funds were used to demolish the

buildings on the site in September of 2015. Located on the south side of Lakeshore Blvd between E. 242 and E. 238 streets, a fence was installed and paid for by a contractor in 2016 that used the site as a staging area for construction materials and equipment for the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Facility project in downtown Euclid. A Veteran's group was authorized to temporarily operate a garden on the site.

Adjacent to the City-owned property is a small retail establishment and the site of the former Happy's Pizza. Several other properties connected to these properties create a zig-zag boundary that could prove challenging to future development efforts.

According to Lukacsy-Love, the properties were acquired for the purpose of assembling land in the vicinity of the planned lakefront development. While it is still unclear what the final plans are for this

publicly owned property, she said "the site is intended for future redevelopment and installation of complimentary public improvements as recommended in the Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan within the next five years."

This property sits several hundred feet to the east, and on the other side of Lakeshore Blvd., of a planned gateway park for the Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan. For the near term, the site will continue to serve as a staging area for construction equipment and materials. Longer term there are no specific plans for the property's use.

In the next issue, this space will explore how the City of Euclid came to own 183 properties while similar sized communities hold far less than half that number of properties.

Ask an Officer



These principles provide a foundation for the types of crime prevention measures that can be taken by residents and businesses to protect property. When you understand the principles, you can think of your own property in a different way and make adjustments to increase safety.

- 1. Target hardening - making it physically more difficult to commit the crime such as:**
 - Fitting better, stronger locks to your doors and windows
 - Replacing an ordinary entrance door with one that is certificated to enhanced security standards
 - Installing a retractable gate
 - Fitting a strong padlock and hasp to the shed or garage door
- 2. Target Removal - removing something from risk or from view such as:**
 - Removing items of value from your parked car and putting the car in the garage
 - Putting things like jewelry, money and important documents into a fire safe or in a safety deposit box when you go on vacation
 - Not leaving a cell phone on a table when ordering food and drinks at the bar
 - Not hanging a purse on the back of a chair

- by Kate McLaughlin
- Question: What are the ten principles of crime prevention?**
- Answer: by Kate McLaughlin, Crime Prevention Specialist*
- In a busy restaurant
- Growing a climbing shrub over a repeatedly graffiti damaged wall
- 3. Removing the Means - criminals often need things to commit crime, so be aware of:**
 - Not showing others your PIN when using a debit card
 - Keeping passwords hidden
 - Removing lawn chairs and grills so they can't be used as a climbing aid to break into your house
 - Turning of the ignition and locking car doors at the gas station
 - Not leaving gardens tools lying around the garden

- 4. Reducing the Pay-Off -reducing the profit the thief can make from the crime which includes:**
 - Marking your property in such a way that others will not want to purchase the item from the thief
 - Not buying property you believe or suspect to be stolen
 - Displaying empty boxes in shop windows
 - Using dye alarms in cash carrying cases and dye alarm tags on clothing

- 5. Access Control - prevent the criminal from gaining access to the target**
 - Making sure you lock your doors and windows
 - Making sure that car doors and windows are locked
 - Having a tall fence around the yard with climbing prickly shrubs and a well-locked gate
 - Adding an access control system to the

- main entrance
- Employing a security guard

- 6. Surveillance – improve visibility so criminals can be seen at all times by:**
 - Ensuring that the front hedge is not so high that close approaches to the front of the house can't be seen from the road or by the neighbors
 - Employing security officers to patrol an office complex or shopping center
 - Installing a monitored security system
 - Establishing neighborhood block watch
 - Training employees how to challenge strangers in their building or on the site
 - Not filling a shop window up with so many posters that people on the street cannot look in

- 7.Environmental Change -improving the condition and appearance of streets and open spaces so that the area has the impression of being looked after by the local inhabitants which is achieved by:**
 - Cutting the grass on vacant properties
 - Introducing new plantings and fencing
 - Cleaning away graffiti within 48 hours
 - Picking up trash and litter regularly
 - Improving the street lighting

- 8. Rule Setting – discipline and rules should be set which might include:**
 - Agreeing on some routines with the family, such as the last person going out of an evening leaves plenty of lights on and makes sure that everything is locked up
 - Informing visitors arriving in an office car park to report to the reception desk and to wear a visitor's badge during their visit.
 - Displaying a "No Solicitors" sign or a "We

- do not buy goods at the door' sign on your door or window
- Displaying signs such as 'No Trespassers', 'No Access Beyond this Point' and 'No Smoking' etc.

- 9. Increasing the Chances of Being Caught – employ measures specifically intended to track down and catch the criminal such as:**
 - Using alarm tags on clothing to trigger an alarm to catch shoplifters
 - Using tracking software in a PC or laptop so that its new location will be covertly signaled to a monitoring station
 - Using tracking devices on vehicles that can discover the vehicle's location should it be stolen
 - Using appropriate security lighting to illuminate potential thieves
 - Employing shop-lifting security guards

- 10. Deflecting Offenders – this approach is varied and can include:**
 - The use of timer switches to make your home look occupied when you're away on holiday
 - Having a dog for a pet that barks at intruders
 - Referring drug users to drug rehabilitation programs in order to stop them stealing to fund their habit
 - Making certain streets 'one-way' for vehicles
 - Introducing parking restrictions

City of Euclid

Euclid-based Manufacturer Terves Among First Selected for Scalerator NEO



Terves represented Euclid manufacturers as one of 14 Northeast Ohio companies to graduate from the inaugural cohort of Scalerator NEO in fall 2017.

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Euclid is home to multiple preeminent manufacturers who are one of very few North American companies making specific parts or using proprietary processes pioneered in our city's industrial corridor. Terves (www.tervesinc.com) is one such company – a leading manufacturer of dissolvable metals and polymers used for making many tools and components in the oil and gas industry. The company has been in the news lately for honors such as winning MAGNET's [M]SPIRE pitch competition in 2016.

In 2017, Terves became one of just 14 Northeast Ohio companies to graduate from the inaugural cohort of Scalerator NEO, a six-month educational program for

companies who have potential to rapidly grow their workforce and profits.

Crain's Cleveland Business reported on the cohort's experiences from the start of the program in April 2017. The City of Euclid's Department of Planning and Development caught up with Terves COO and Scalerator NEO participant Brian Doud in December 2017 as he reflected on the impact of the program. Below is an excerpt of the conversation:

Q (City of Euclid): What were the benefits of the diversified Scalerator NEO cohort and interacting with leaders from different companies and industries?

A (Terves): It was great to interact with peers in different industries dealing with similar corporate and growth challenges.

Multiple industries, peer working groups and being able to interact with lots of people that are going through similar things really added to the value of the program.

Q: How has Scalerator impacted Terves' predicted growth?

A: The program was an excellent fit for Terves as it has helped us focus on items important to growth and accelerate our execution as we have stalled up and grown significantly in the past 6 months.

Q: Would you recommend the program to other Euclid-based companies?

A: This program is great for companies willing to focus on growing their organization year after year I would recommend this program to everyone who is eligible.

For their next cohort, Scalerator NEO is looking for companies in all sectors with roughly \$5-\$15M in sales. The program is designed for entrepreneurial leaders who are motivated to aggressively grow their business. The program begins in April 2018. More information can be found at: <https://www.scaleratorneo.org/apply-now>

Home Repair Resource Center: Euclid Series

by Mary Mastalski

The City of Euclid along with the Home Repair Resource Center will be hosting a two part series on Drywall and Plaster Wall Repair at the Lakefront Community Center located at 1 Bliss Lane. The drywall repair session is a free workshop and takes place on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30pm. At this event residents will learn how to repair holes in drywall, how to use tape to cover seams, and how to put joint compound over tape and seams. The second session will follow on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm and is only \$15 with possible discounts available. This workshop will teach residents how plaster walls are constructed and how to repair cracks, holes and sags in the plaster. Join us for an informative evening including hands-on demonstrations. Interested participants can register, complete the discount application or find more information at www.hrrc-ch.org.

Make a Difference: ‘Keep Euclid Beautiful’ Looks for Volunteers in 2018

by Jim Spittle

Allison Lukacsy-Love

In December 2017, Euclid City Council unanimously passed a ceremonial resolution recognizing 'Keep Euclid Beautiful' (KEB) as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

After nearly a year of planning and training, a committee of volunteers is rolling up their sleeves to improve the appearance of the city by installing new gardens and public art, picking up litter, providing recycling education, and more. Led by Linda Beck in the Mayor's Office, KEB affords the city the opportunity to compete for grants and provides tools for measuring success.

KEB is looking for volunteers just like you!

The first meeting of KEB in the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 6pm at Euclid City Hall. The agenda will



Join other volunteers for the first KEB meeting in the new year on Wednesday, January 17th at 6pm at Euclid City Hall.

outline goals for 2018 and begin planning for the second annual Euclid v. Collinwood "Big Clean" Great American Cleanup. If you are not interested in planning events, but still want to help create a beautiful Euclid, email Linda at LBeck@cityofeuclid.com to join the mailing list.

Save-the-date for the "Big Clean" city-wide cleanup on Saturday, April 21st, 2018. The date is a few weeks earlier than last year and coordinates with the date of Cuyahoga County's countywide cleanup with the Litterbugz as well as the weekend recognizing Earth Day. Stay tuned for details.

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Christmas Memories at Our Lady of the Lake



Christmas is always a very special season, and this year at Our Lady of the Lake we captured some special memories to help us remember. At every Christmas Mass, Fr. Joe invited parishioners to take out their phones and take a selfie, or snap a picture of others near them in church. Hundreds of

smiling people are now captured in a beautiful Christmas Album that we'll treasure and enjoy sharing with all our parishioners. Thank you to all the "photographers" who helped us create this Christmas keepsake! To view Our Lady of the Lake's Christmas Album, visit www.olleuclid.org.

Join Us for Open House



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week at OLL School

Each year, Our Lady of the Lake School kicks off Catholic Schools Week with an Open House, which offers an opportunity to welcome everyone in the community to come by and say hello. If you're wondering whether Catholic school might be the right choice for your child, this is your chance to come and have a look. You'll find a warm welcome, a dedicated team of teachers eager to answer any questions, and a group

of student ambassadors who would love to show off their school. You'll also have a chance to visit the first-class gym, computer lab, preschool program and more. If you would like more information about enrollment, open house, or scheduling a tour, please contact Rita Kingsbury, Principal, at rkingsbury@olleuclid.org, or call the school office at (216) 481-6824. Our Lady of the Lake School Open House January 28 - 11:00-1:00 175 E. 200th St www.ourladyofthelakeschooleuclid.org

Life on the Lake Supports OLL School

Celebrating 90 Years of Catholic Education

Each year, Our Lady of the Lake School hosts a fantastic fundraiser that helps support technology and enrichment programs for all of its students. Over the years, this event has helped pay for iPads and Chromebooks for every student, smartboards in every classroom, a state of the art computer lab, distance learning technology and much more. Last year's event raised nearly \$32,000. This year's event celebrates 90 Years of Catholic Education with a Dancing Through the Decades theme. Treats in

store for party-goers include dinner, drinks, dancing, and raffles, with an incredible array of prizes, from sporting gear to nights out, jewelry, technology and even a trolley tour! It's an event you won't want to miss. Tickets and sponsorship information are available at www.ourladyofthelakeschooleuclid.org. Life on the Lake February 3, 2018 - 5:30-midnight www.ourladyofthelakeschooleuclid.org (216) 481-6824

Academic Brain Brawl Team Makes it to Nationals!



From left to right, seventh graders Josie Carpenter-Lewis, Rebecca Young, Mason Adrine, Liam Delaney, and Chris Staggs, after competing at Lorain High School this past fall.

by Anne Hribar

Congratulations to Our Lady of the Lake students for participating in an Ohio Academic Challenge tournament in Lorain this past fall as well as one in Painsville this December placing several students to compete in the National tournament! Seventh graders Josie Carpenter-Lewis, Liam Delaney,

Christopher Staggs, Rebecca Young, and Mason Adrine along with eighth graders Emme Trickett and Paul Paciorek! Students gave up time on select Saturdays to compete in several matches against other schools, often in nail-biting rounds, and the questions cover every academic topic you can imagine. Great work!



Families Helping Families



Watch for the tree next December!

Each year before winter break, Imagine Bella's Families Helping Families giving tree displays ornaments of items needed by Imagine Bella students. Families and staff members anonymously donate uniforms, coats, boots, and toys to help the students in our Imagine Bella community. Each item is wrapped up for families to take home on the last school day and open during the holiday season.

Imagine Bella Caring for the Community



First graders painted ornaments and sold them with proceeds going to Laura's house.



Second graders made blankets for the animal shelter.

Character Education is an important part of the curriculum at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence. Each classroom completed a service learning project to help the

community. See some of these photos how students led decisions for how to care for others.

Friday Clubs



Students find a comfortable spot to read in the Advanced Reading Challenge (ARC) club.



Lego club fun. Let's get building!



Time to get fancy with Nail Polish club!



One piece at a time with Puzzle club!

Friday clubs are up and running. Pictures show some of the clubs in action!

Winter Art Walk



Crafts, Food, and Fun during the Winter Art Walk at Imagine Bella!

Zoo Field Trip Fun



Ms. Eucker's Kindergarten class takes a group photo in the Rainforest!



Bundled up and having fun at the Cleveland Zoo!

The cold weather may be here in Cleveland, but that doesn't stop our fun! Imagine Bella students in many grade levels had field trips to the Cleveland Zoo in December. Stu-

dents bundled up for the times they were outside and stayed warm in the Rainforest and other indoor exhibits. Check out some of these pictures of their visit to the zoo!





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Outstanding performance awards earned by EHS Chinese Language Students

Our Euclid Chinese Language students took the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University stage once again last month. Euclid High School Chinese teacher, Miss Zenisek took a group of Chinese students to Cleveland State University to perform in the annual Art Performance Competition.

This year, EHS had eight performers present seven programs, the most out of all other participating schools and organizations! Among Chinese II students, Sam Carlson and Olivia Augustine played the Chinese song, "Secret" on the piano and violin. Ellen Palko danced solo to "Ai Shang Ni" ("In Love With You") and Chrislynn Brownlee sang the song, "Rang Wo liu zai ni shen bian" (Let me stay by your side).

Our first-year Chinese students were also well represented on the stage. Kobe Patrick performed an ancient Chinese poem, "Jing Ye Si" (Quiet Night Thoughts). Zayda Stormer sang, "Wo Ai wo de Jia" (I Love My Family). Briznni Crusoe sang, "I Have Nothing" and Da'Rion Martin danced to the song, "Famous DJ." All of Our Euclid performers were awarded "Outstanding Performance Award" certificates.

After the show, students went on a tour of Asian Plaza in downtown, then had a delicious authentic Chinese lunch at Bo Loong Restaurant, where everyone practiced using chopsticks! We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that these talented students put into this competition.



Looking for a New Year's Resolution? Resolve to be an "Always A Panther" Mentor in #OurEuclid! Join us on Jan. 10 at 5:30 PM at the Fordyce Admin Building. If you are interested and want more information, you can contact Dr. Smialek via email at csmalek@euclidschools.org. We hope to see you there!



Meet Our Euclid Parent Mentor

We would like to introduce you to Our Euclid Parent Mentor, Nikki Montgomery. A former educator, Mrs. Montgomery has earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English, along with a master's degree in Educational Psychology, with research focused on informing and empowering parents of medically fragile children. She completed a graduate certificate in Patient Advocacy and serves on the board at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. She also created the Family Advocate Network model for engaging parents of children with special education needs in the school setting. Mrs. Montgomery is a district employee and also a parent of a child with a disability.

The Ohio Department of Education recognizes the need for parents to be able to communicate with school staff. Parents of children with disabilities are in greatest need of this help. Created in 1990, the Parent Mentor Project promotes communication between families and schools. Parent mentors provide resources, guidance and support to families. They work with the schools, families and the community to find the best possible options for children. Currently, there are approximately 75 Parent Mentor Projects in Ohio. They serve nearly one-third of the schools and families in Ohio's school districts. Parent mentors provide information and support to the families of children with disabilities and their school districts.

Mrs. Montgomery helped to spearhead Our Euclid Family Advocate Network, a program designed to engage parents of diverse learners.

This parent-led group focuses on advocacy in the school setting and provides skills and information that help parents to participate in meeting the educational needs of their children in the school setting.

The Family Advocate Network meets on the first Wednesday of each month during the school year at the Early Learning Center (22800 Fox Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44123). For more information visit euclidschools.org.



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Great things happening in Our Euclid...



Shoreview earns the Momentum Award

The Ohio State Board of Education recognized our very own Shoreview Elementary School with the Momentum Award last month. The Momentum Award recognizes schools for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year.

Schools must earn straight A's on all Value-Added measures on the report card. Students and staff members were excited to meet State School Board Member, Merle Johnson (District 11), when she personally delivered the Principal, Mary Thomas and some of our fantastic students.

Bluestone, Chardon Hills, and Arbor earn The Ohio PBIS Bronze Recognition Award



Bluestone Elementary School, Arbor Elementary School, and Chardon Hills Magnet School were recognized by the state for their implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Tier 1 at the State PBIS Showcase! All three schools received, "The Ohio PBIS Bronze Recognition Award for 2017."

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a way to teach and support positive behavior in schools. PBIS is based on research and making school a safe and positive place for all students to learn. Every school in our district has behavior expectations.

EHS Girls Basketball Teams Up with Arbor Stars



The Euclid High School Girls Basketball Team has been spending time with Mrs. Grosel's class over the past few months. These young ladies walked from EHS to Arbor after their school day to work with our Arbor Elementary School Stars before basketball practice!

The week before winter break, they came to a pajama party to read the Polar Express and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. These girls have made such a positive impact on Our Euclid!



Did you download the FirstView App yet? It's easy! Simply visit the Apple App or Google Play store on your smartphone or tablet and search, "FirstView!" The FirstView™ map screen shows you the live location and direction of your student's bus, your student's stop schedule for the current day and timestamps for school arrivals and departures. You'll know when the bus gets to school in the morning and leaves in the afternoon!

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VASJ Students ASPIRE to Become Nurses

by Khalid Mitcham '19

A wonderful opportunity was recently offered to five VASJ students who are looking to pursue a career in nursing and healthcare.

Last year, an email was sent out to all VASJ students who were eligible to apply for the ASPIRE Nurse Scholars Program, an enrichment program designed for high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing. The student must be a junior with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher in order to be considered for this opportunity.

ASPIRE focuses on providing participants with career information and critical skill sets to help prepare them to enter into a higher education nursing school and beyond.

The program is coordinated by Daria Sheafe, a Nursing Coordinator at the Cleveland Clinic and will help answer the question of whether or not these students want to pursue a career in nursing.

"I absolutely love being in this program," says VASJ senior Schenley Blase who is one of the five VASJ students in the ASPIRE Program.

"Going into it I wasn't sure if I wanted a career in nursing but this program has assured me that I want to take that path. Thankful is definitely an understatement!"

In this 12-week program, students develop their understanding of a nursing career by focusing on themes such as strength-based assessment, relationship-based care, patient experience, and health literacy.

The ASPIRE program will truly allow students to hone their skills in the medical field and go out into the world to help those in need.

"This program will provide me with the skills that are critical for me to become a Patient Care Nursing Assistant straight out of high school," says Schenley.

"Not only that but I will be attending Tri-C on a full scholarship thanks to the sponsor of the ASPIRE program, the Howley Family Foundation."

The Howley Family Foundation, which awards academic scholarships and tuition assistance to elementary, high school, and college students, want



to make sure that students receive the best education possible, regardless of economic means.

This is the same foundation which received the VASJ Distinguished Foundation Award at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on December 1, 2016, for their longtime financial support of VASJ students.

"This is a tremendous opportunity

for students to learn and experience the nursing profession," says VASJ guidance counselor Mr. Chris Petitti.

"It provides students with a more hands-on learning approach and allows them to apply what they learn in the program."

The Viking Village will be cheering on these students as their dreams come to fruition.

VASJ to hold annual Continue the Dream gala on Feb. 17

VASJ will be holding its annual gala on February 17 with a few exciting changes.

The event will take place at La Malfa Center in Mentor with a Mardi Gras theme.

Retired Fox 8 sportscaster Mark

Schroeder will serve as the live auctioneer.

As always, there will be a strong presence of VASJ students so guests can hear directly the positive impact our school has on the lives of our students.

Performances by the men's and women's choirs will be a highlight of the event.

Sponsorships and advertisement spots can be secured at any time and auction item donations are being accepted now. Full sponsorship,

advertisement and auction donation information can be found on the event web page at vasj.com/continuetheDream.

Registration will officially open on Friday, January 5. We hope you are able to join us.



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A Great New Year's Resolution - Improving your Communication Skills through Toastmasters



A scene from Bailey Toastmasters' recent holiday party. Meetings are free and open to the public, including reindeer!

by Greg Fondran

This is the time of year when New Year's resolutions are made, and often broken soon thereafter! Most resolutions involve some sort of self-improvement, which, if they were easy to achieve, would have been achieved by now. But nothing in life worth anything is just given to us. It takes commitment and discipline to achieve worthwhile goals, two important attributes many of us struggle to maintain in our lives.

Well, here is one resolution that will take some level of commitment and discipline, but with the help of your local Toastmasters club is definitely achievable. No matter who we are, we can all benefit from improved communication skills. Even the best

orators find ways to improve their speech content, speech delivery techniques and general presentation skills. Toastmasters provides a guided learning experience that will methodically help you work through improving your communication and leadership skills. Through Toastmasters you will develop and practice those skills in the safe, supportive environment of your club, working through projects and assignments that enable you to build real-world skills in a variety of disciplines. Toastmasters four guiding principles will help you achieve that New Year's resolution: experiential learning (giving prepared and impromptu speeches), peer feedback (evaluations), mentoring (guidance from more experienced members) and self-paced (based on your needs and abilities).

Learn more about Toastmasters by checking out a meeting. In Euclid, we meet every Thursday night at the Euclid Public Library from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Or better yet, visit us during our next Open House on Thursday, February 8th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will introduce you to a typical meeting format, discuss the new Toastmasters Pathways Learning Experience, and provide refreshments. See you there! Visit www.3628.toastmastersclubs.org for directions and updates to meeting locations and times.

Local Family Spends Every Christmas Morning with Hospice Patients



by Laurie Henriksen

Santa can't be everywhere. So sometimes he has some very special people filling in for him. Members of the Jindra family have taken turns donning a Santa suit and gathering up a dedicated group of "elves" to spread holiday cheer at medical centers in Cleveland every Christmas morning for the past 54 years, including the last 14 years at David Simpson Hospice House. They are carrying on a century-old family tradition started by his great-grandfather in 1916.

This year marked the 101st anniversary of the family's Christmas morning tradition of giving back to others. It all began when multiple generations of the family began visiting patients at the former St. Alexis Hospital in Cleveland. When St. Alexis closed its doors, they "relocated" and began coming to David Simpson Hospice House, one of Hospice of the Western Reserve's three inpatient care units. They have visited the hospice house on the shores of Lake

Erie faithfully every Christmas morning for the past 14 years.

This year, the Jindra brothers were there once again bright and early. This year, it was Ed's turn to be St. Nick while his brother Bill played the part of one of the elves. They and their dedicated group of volunteers - neighbors and friends of the family - made their rounds delivering flowers, candy canes, popcorn balls, fruit and fresh carnations to help brighten the day for hospice residents and visiting family members.

Even though the Jindra brothers are never at home Christmas morning to open gifts with their own families, they insist on keeping the tradition alive. They have discovered the true meaning of Christmas; that the real gift is in the giving. "We both love being here on Christmas morning," Bill says with a twinkle in his eye. "We can't imagine staying home and opening socks and underwear."

Fat Cats Treats Hospice Families to a December Meal to Remember



by Laurie Henriksen

The sun setting over Lake Erie provided the perfect backdrop to a memorable December Meal to Remember at David Simpson Hospice House. For the fourth consecutive year, Fat Cats, the popular eclectic eatery in Tremont, donated, prepared and served residents, their families and caregivers a meal featuring some of the most requested signature dishes from their menu.

The Tremont restaurant has been described by one food writer as a "Modern American Melting Pot" with a menu that draws from a variety of influences, including Asian, European and North and South American cuisines.

Fat Cats provided a meal that served more than 100 patients, families and staff. Guests dined on Chicken Augusto, baked eggplant lasagna, scalloped potatoes, roast-

ed vegetables, mixed spring green salads with house-made balsamic dressing, rolls from Cleveland's On the Rise bakery and apple cobbler. Some couldn't resist second helpings!

"We are grateful to Chef Sandoval and the Fat Cats culinary team for their incredible generosity," said Bill Finn, president and chief executive officer, Hospice of the Western Reserve. "There is no greater gift than more time with loved ones, especially around the holidays. The simple act of gathering around the dinner table is an experience many of our families have not had for months so it is deeply appreciated."

The Atrium was filled to capacity with guests seated at poinsettia-decorated tables courtesy of volunteer Pat Korcheck. As they dined, families were treated to piano medleys performed by hospice volunteer



Nicky Bucur and accompanied by vocalist Michelle Dean. Families photos were taken by volunteer photographer Terry Krause to provide special keepsake mementoes.

In addition to providing photography, centerpieces and live musical entertainment, Hospice of the Western Reserve volunteers also assisted with setting up for the event and helping the culinary teams with serving and cleanup afterwards.

Assisting at the Fat Cats Meal to Remember were volunteers Pat Korcheck, Colleen Brady, Doris Lantz, Dale Greenbaum, Marilyn Walsh, Andy and Judy Carran, Roy Page, Eileen Groh, Cynthia Hairston, Brenda Evans, Gordon Yonel, Jennifer Grano, John Martinich, Cindy Gagnon and Bridget Assing-Marok.

"We are so appreciative of the support contributed by our dedicated volunteers

month after month to make these dinners a success," said volunteer service manager Lori Scotese. "We could not host these monthly meals without them."

About Meal to Remember
Once each month, Meal to Remember brings a different Cleveland restaurant to David Simpson Hospice House so residents and their families can enjoy a restaurant dining experience together, complete with fine china and linens, wine and live musical entertainment. All food, time and talent are donated by the restaurant. Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Bridget Assing-Marok, the dinners are always accompanied by a selection of fine wines donated by Scoperta Importing, Inc.

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com

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A Spiritual Journey in Faith

by A Tabar
Orphan Annie believed that the sun would come out tomorrow...she had strong faith in that belief. In all of today's personal challenges, is your faith strong enough in the midst of negative emotions, to climb above these earthly energies and BELIEVE brighter days are ahead. It can be done in the quieting of your mind and through the letting go of past moments and embracing the present moment which is perfectly designed for creative thought and manifestation. Whatever you need to see or know to face or surmount, the way is shown to you.

Flu Prevention Tips



by Eileen N Wilk RN, BSN
Public Health Nurse
WHY GET A FLU SHOT?
• Flu shots work well to protect many people.
• If more people get the flu shot, it's harder for the virus to spread.
• By staying healthy, you can help to keep your family members and co-workers from getting sick.
• If you do get the flu, a flu shot will make your symptoms less severe.
• There is a place near you that offers the flu shot.
Visit <https://vaccinesfinder.org> to see a list.

WHO SHOULD GET A FLU SHOT?
• A flu shot is recommended for everyone over 6 months old.
• If you are taking care of babies, children, the elderly, or those who are chronically ill or have weakened immune systems, it is very important for you to get a flu shot.

HOW DOES FLU SPREAD?
• Flu can be passed from person-to-person in these ways:
• Sneezing or coughing without covering

BELIEVE and you will be shown the way. The Light will dawn through the reservoir of faith within you. Three gentle breaths opens the heart and mind to infinite wisdom and peace. Through this silence and deeper union with the power and presence of God, all things are possible. May this new year be a joyous reunion with mind, body and spirit in harmony for your highest and best good. Join us at the Rishis Institute of Metaphysics for new classes in higher living. Call 216 486 7240. Blessings to all.

your mouth
• Shaking hands with someone
• Touching or preparing food with dirty or infected hands
• Flu can also live for several hours on surfaces such as doorknobs, telephones, computers, shopping carts and many other places that are not regularly cleaned or sanitized.

HOW TO STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU
• Handwashing
• Washing your hands is one of the best things you can do.
• Wash thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and warm water.
• Make sure that you wash at these times:
• After using the restroom
• After blowing your nose
• After petting an animal
• Before preparing food
• Before touching food
• Before you eat
• Before touching babies, young children, and the elderly
• Cover your coughs and sneezes
• Keep germs away from others by coughing and sneezing into the bend of your elbow. Don't use your hands because germs can easily spread to people and surfaces around you.
• Stay home if you are sick
• Rest and sleep will help you to get better.
• Being home will help to keep your co-workers and customers from getting sick.
• Clean common surfaces
• Pay attention to the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom surfaces that everyone touches. Use wipes in between your regular cleaning schedule and also while someone in the house is ill.

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HELP Foundation Acquires Cornucopia, Inc.



by Stefanie Merkosky
Euclid based HELP Foundation is pleased to announce it has acquired Cornucopia Inc. of Lakewood. Cornucopia has helped people with disabilities develop skills, find confidence and provide work adjustment training since 1975.
Both HELP and Cornucopia focus on empowering individuals with disabilities. "We are thrilled about the opportunity to provide even more people in Northeast Ohio with the skills and confidence they need to achieve long-term employment" said HELP Foundation's CEO, Tami Honkala. "We look forward to joining with Cornucopia to enhance and expand services in our area".
Cornucopia's management and governance will transition under Help Founda-

tion's organizational structure which will allow Cornucopia to continue its vocational training, job placement programs and its catering operations without interruption. We are delighted that Cornucopia's program staff will maintain their positions and caseloads so we can best serve client needs. All food service, including wholesale and catering, will continue to operate out of Cornucopia's Vocational Training Center.
HELP Foundation will continue to support consumers by providing residential services, summer programming for children, daytime programs for adults and seniors and a variety of vocational training programs.
We are so excited about all the opportunities this partnership will bring in 2018! Please stay tuned in for updates as they emerge on HELP Foundation's Facebook page or Instagram account @helpfoundationcleveland.

We Made It!



by Cindy Barber, Northeast Shores Vice President
We made it! On Friday, Dec 29 at 5 PM the Wagner Sign truck pulled away from the LaSalle Theater with the updated electronic marquee in place. Thanks to the City of Cleveland Department of Building and Housing, Councilman Mike Polensek, General Contractor TownCenter Construction, Monarch Private Capital and the folks at Cleveland Neighborhood Progress

for working together with Northeast Shores Executive Director Camille Maxwell to meet our end-of-the-year deadline to get construction completed and approved on the restoration project. We will now start planning for an opening gala in the spring. And thanks for Northeast Shores board member Robert Gatewood at Full Spectrum: GamerHaven across the street from the LaSalle for monitoring this milestone in pictures.

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Euclid's Joe Strukel, Mark Habat and Jan Horvath Win at 30th Polka Music Awards



Accordionists Joshua Kay, 16, and Eddie Rodick performed "Slovenian Home Polka" at the 30th Polka Music Awards Show, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame, Saturday, November 25, at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel.



Euclid's Mark Habat and Jan Horvath received the Tony Petkovsek Awards from the founder of the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend at the 30th Polka Music Awards Show, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame, Saturday, November 25, at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel. Mark served as chairman of the event and Jan hosted the hospitality suite.

by Joe Valencic
Accordionist Joe Strukel, a Euclid resident, was one of six polka performers to score their first wins at the 30th annual Polka Music Awards, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott Ballroom. Twenty-two awards were presented at a gala stage show on Saturday, November 25, 2017. The Awards Show was the high point of the 54th Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend. The Tony Petkovsek Award was presented by the founder of the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend to Jan Horvath and Vice President Mark Habat, chairman of the three-day event.

Other first-timers for annual awards were Klancnik and Friends (WI) for Band of the Year; Wisconsin bandleader Mike Schneider for Song of the Year ("Happy Polka Day); side musicians Eric Stehle (MI) and Joe Wojtila (OH); and radio host Joe Godina (PA) for support and promotion. Klancnik accordionist Brian O'Boyle earned his third Musician of the Year award.
Other winners were from the Cleveland area: Ron Likovic for button accordionist; Patty C and the Guys for button accordion ensemble; Dave Skrajner for vocalist; Kirtland's SNPJ Recreation Grounds for Culture and Heritage; and the Fred Ziwich Orchestra for Album of the Year for the



Joe Strukel (left) won as a Side Musician of the Year and as a member of Patty Candela's ensemble, Patty C and the Guys. The group won Button Box Band of the Year at the 30th Polka Music Awards Show, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame, Saturday, November 25, at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel. Drummer Mike Tucci is at right.

band's "40th Anniversary Recording."
Five entertainers were added to the Polka Hall of Fame Trustees Honor Roll: bandleaders Mikey Dee (PA), Bob Doszak (IL), Harry Faint (AZ) and Linda Hochevar (OH), and Ray Somich, president of Cleveland radio station WINT.
The show theme, "Take a Polka Road Trip," featured performers from around the U. S. and Canada, including Barefoot Becky from Iowa, Minnesota's Singing Slovenes and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek. For the 30th anniversary awards show, seventeen lifetime achievers from the Polka Hall of Fame appeared, including 2017 inductees Stan Blout (CA), Kathy Hlad (OH) and Frank Stanger (OH).
The eight-piece Awards Show stage orchestra was led by Tom Mroczka with orchestrations by 23-year-old musician Aaron Dussing. The show was directed by Ray Somich and Denny Bucar and produced and written by Joe Valencic, President of the Polka Hall of Fame. Each guest received a 64-page souvenir program book.
The Thanksgiving Polka Weekend brought 22 polka bands and five busloads of fans from the U.S. and Canada to Cleve-

land, Ohio, for the three-day music festival. Nearly 700 room-nights were booked at the Marriott. Forty-eight musicians appeared on the main stage in the traditional jam session on Friday evening. The Polka Mass was celebrated by Fr. Frank Perkovich of Minnesota. Jam sessions extended into the night.
"If you love to dance, this is the place to be," said Chantal Brutovsky of Binghamton, New York. "That's why my husband and I come every year."
For information and photos on the 2017 Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend and Awards Show, check www.polkafame.com the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame page on Facebook. DVD recordings of the 2017 Awards Show can be ordered from the Polka Hall of Fame at (216) 261-FAME. The museum is at 605 East 222nd Street in Euclid, Ohio, and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 to 4. ###

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Events

Auditions for UpStage Players’ Singin’ in the Rain, Jr. Scheduled for Early-January 2018



by Matthew Orgovan
UpStage Players, one of Northeast Ohio’s most enduring non-profit children’s theatre companies, invites area youths, ages 7 to 15, to audition for the troupe’s Spring 2018 musical, Singin’ In The Rain, Jr. Known for its no-cut policy, UpStage Players “works for the kids” of Greater Cleveland.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 for 7- to 11-year-olds and on Sunday, January, 2018 for 12- to 15-year-olds. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the North Collinwood-based organization’s performance space, Cleveland Public Li-

brary’s Memorial-Nottingham Library Branch Auditorium, located at 17109 Lakeshore Boulevard. Auditions will start at 10:00 a.m. sharp and end at 2:00 p.m. on both days. No late comers will be admitted. All children will be required to stay for the entire time. This is an open audition – no parts have been pre-cast. Call backs will be scheduled by the artistic director.

Those auditioning are asked to dress in comfortable clothes and shoes, as well as prepare to perform a 1- to 2-minute song from a Broadway musical, bring a current photo and a \$10 registration fee.

Audition applications and emergency forms are available online at www.upstage-players.com, so participants can complete the forms in advance to bring with them to the audition. Actors will learn choreography and sing for a panel in a friendly, nur-

ture environment. UpStage Players is a teaching theatre, so all levels of experience are welcome.

Singin’ in the Rain, Jr. will be performed on Friday, March 23rd (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, March 24th (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, March 25th (2:30 p.m.). Rehearsals will begin in early-2018 and \$10 pre-sale tickets will go on sale via the group’s ticket website, www.showtix4u.com, on January 10, 2018.

The signature endeavor of UpStage Players each year is the organization’s annual spring musical. After several months of learning and collaboration, the efforts of dozens of children and adult volunteers come to fruition through the professionally-produced junior edition of a Broadway-caliber musical.

UpStage Players is the proud recipient of a 2017 Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) grant, and is also supported by the Down-

town Cleveland Kiwanis Club #2 and the Children’s Guild of Cleveland. The mission of UpStage Players is the dedication to the child performer, instilling a love of theatre while building leadership and community. The non-profit group was founded in 1994–1995 with 30 children and a vision to create love and respect for the performing arts. Beyond evolving into a strong organization of nearly three times as many children today, two keys to the success of UpStage over the years have been its unwavering no-cut policy and its army of committed volunteers. The children of UpStage Players come from varied backgrounds and neighborhoods throughout Northeast Ohio, yet they all enjoy a demonstrable transformation from everyday kids into accomplished artists. For more information, e-mail info@upstage-players.com or visit www.upstage-players.com.

Commemorating The One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary of the Collinwood School Fire of 1908

by Elva Brodnick
Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society presents Commemorating The One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary of the Collinwood School Fire of 1908.

It’s hard to believe that it’s been ten years, since our community remembered the 100th Anniversary of the Collinwood School Fire, of 1908.

Yet here we are, ten years later, remembering again, this tragedy that not only tore

our own community apart, but truly had a far reaching impact on not just Collinwood, or our nation, but the world. It underlines the strength of this community of ours; we can never forget the tragedy of this – but we must also celebrate the strength of our Collinwood community in overcoming it. It is why the Memorial Garden stands in front of Memorial School – and why Memorial School is Memorial School.

Briefly, for those perhaps not familiar

with the story, on Ash Wednesday, March 4th 1908, Lakeview School on Collamer Rd (what’s now E 152nd St), caught fire, killing 172 students, two teachers, & one “unknown” rescuer. Because of the Collinwood School Fire, doorways to public buildings were revamped, to ensure safe escape in case of fire.

That’s the very basic story, the rest of the story is complex, and fascinating.

So come February 2018, your Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society will be kicking off a series of events, commemorating this the 110th Anniversary of the Collinwood School Fire. Do look at the accompanying schedule of events; not only will there be a month long display about the Fire, at Memorial Nottingham Library, each Saturday will also have a program, then the Commemoration itself over March 4th & 5th. We’re also excited to be working with Mr James Badal, and the

Kent State Press, on a book about the Fire – and are looking forward to sharing that (and more) with the community. Hope to see you there!

There’s something else too. We’ll be looking for your stories about the Collinwood School Fire. What stories have been handed down in your family? Are there photos, newspaper clippings etc you’d be willing to share? We’ve been researching this for over ten years, and we still come across things that help “tell the story” – you could very well have yet another piece of this so very complex story. So do get in touch with us! We very much appreciate it!

Looking forward to meeting all of you!
Elva Brodnick
Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society
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Saturday, February 3
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Display and Reception
Collinwood School Fire 110 Commemoration
Memorial – Nottingham Library

Saturday, February 10
2:00 PM

Children’s Program in association with CSF Display
Memorial-Nottingham Library

Saturday, February 17
2:00 PM

Annual Meeting for CNHS
Talk on Early History of Collinwood/Nottingham
Memorial Nottingham Library

Saturday, February 24
2:00 PM

Talk by Ed Kern regarding a personal reflection on the CSF
Memorial Nottingham Library

Community

Cleveland East In-Home Care Location Named “Caring Star of 2018” by Caring.com

by Lauren Kaminski
Beachwood, OH Dec. 18, 2017 —Right at Home-Cleveland East has been selected by Caring.com as one of America’s top-rated in-home care agencies with the website’s “Caring Stars of 2018” recognition. This is the second year in a row that Cleveland East has earned this distinction. The annual list highlights in-home care service excellence and aims to help families in their online search to find care for their elderly loved ones. The Cleveland East senior care franchise was one of a select 61 Right at Home offices that earned Caring.com’s highest-possible ratings from consumer ratings and reviews through the website’s partnership with Home Care Pulse. Cleveland East’s Right at Home is one of two home care agencies recognized in the Northeast Ohio region.

“When we decided to open a Right at Home agency, we did so with the intention that the business would provide the best, most personalized service to the aged of our community,” said Shalom, owner of Right at Home-Cleveland East. “This award publicly acknowledges that we are deeply committed to providing the best in-home care to seniors in the area, and it is wonderful to be able to have a lasting and positive effect on so many clients and their families who can’t always be there.”

The excellence shown can also be contributed to RightCare, Right at Home’s unique approach to home care. RightCare acts as a guide to ensure each location’s customers are best taken care of, and it’s comprised of four pillars: RightPeople

representing the most professional and passionate people in the business; Right-Services encompassing a wide range of care to clients; RightApproach for personalized and tailored care plans; and RightMission to improve quality of life for those served.

This year, there were 253 Caring Stars awarded across the nation by Caring.com. To qualify for the award, the in-home care agencies had to have several positive reviews on their Caring.com listing, and the agencies had to have responded to reviews requiring attention. In recent months dozens of the Cleveland East office’s client families have given their caregivers the highest marks for professionalism and compassion.

“Congratulations to these top-rated Right at Home in-home care agencies, for receiving high praise in online reviews

from family caregivers and older adults and standing out among the best in the nation,” said Caring.com’s CEO Karen Cassel. “The Caring Stars program, and our collaboration with Home Care Pulse, both help us to meet the senior care needs of families across the country, and we’re thrilled to compile and showcase this important list each year to support their search for agencies in their area.”

To learn more about the Caring Stars program and view the complete winner list, please visit: <https://www.caring.com>

\$7,500 Grant to Cleveland Food Bank - Check Presentation



by Heidi Langer
The Greater Cleveland Food Bank Receives \$7,500 Grant from the Joy in Childhood FoundationSM to Help Make the Holiday Season Bright for Kids in Northeast Ohio

Funding is Part of a \$2.7 Million Commitment to Support Critical Child Health and Hunger Needs

CLEVELAND, Ohio. (December 20, 2017) – With the holidays upon us, the Joy in Childhood Foundation is making a special

gift to address child hunger needs in Northeast Ohio. The Joy in Childhood Foundation, the charitable foundation supported by Dunkin’ Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, today announced that it will award a \$7,500 grant to The Greater Cleveland Food Bank on Wednesday, December 27 at 11:00am at Dunkin’ Donuts, 22200 Lakeshore Drive, Euclid, OH 44123.

This grant is part of a \$2.7 million commitment to bring joy to sick and hungry kids during the holiday season and is one of nearly 200 grants being distributed to non-profit organizations in local communities that address children’s health and hunger issues.

“The Joy in Childhood Foundation brings joy to kids year-round, but to have an op-

portunity to bring joy to kids facing hunger in local communities, including Northeast Ohio, during the holiday season is very special to us,” said Karen Raskopf, Co-Chair, Joy in Childhood Foundation. “We know that this time of year can be difficult for them and it’s also an especially busy time for the food banks they rely on. Our grant to The Greater Cleveland Food Bank will help ensure that children in the area who are facing hunger and can experience the joy of the holidays – just like any other child – without having adult-like worries, such as where their next meal will come from.”

“The holiday season is a critical time for us, which is why we are so grateful for the generous support we’re receiving from the Joy in Childhood Foundation,” said Kellie Biller, Marketing and Corporate Events Manager, The Greater Cleveland Food Bank. “This grant will give children who are facing hunger in our community access to the essential resources they need that give them energy to focus, engage, learn and grow.”

To learn more about the Joy in Childhood Foundation, please visit www.dunkinbrands.com/foundation or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/JoyInChildhoodFoundation.

About the Joy in Childhood Foundation
The Joy in Childhood Foundation, the charitable foundation supported by the Dunkin’ Donuts and Baskin-Robbins brands, pro-

vides the simple joys of childhood to sick and hungry kids. The Foundation brings together a wide range of stakeholders — including franchisees, crew members, employees, partners and guests — and partners with food banks, children’s hospitals, and nonprofit organizations directly committed to serving sick and hungry kids to fund joyful environments, joyful experiences and joyful expressions to ensure that children whose lives are compromised by hunger or sickness have the support and essential services to find joy in their daily lives. Since launching in 2006, the Joy in Childhood Foundation (formerly The Dunkin’ Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation), has granted more than \$16 million to hundreds of national and local charities across the country.

About the Greater Cleveland Food Bank
The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio having provided over 47.8 million meals in 2016 to hungry people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland and Richland counties. Our mission is to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. For more information or to donate to the Food Bank, please visit GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org.
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Father Salvatore Ruggeri, Pastor of Saint John of the Cross Parish, Releases Christian Music CD



Father Salvatore M. Ruggeri, Pastor of Saint John of the Cross Parish in Euclid.



"Blessed Beyond Measure," Christian music cd is available at www.saintjohnofthecross.org/cd.



by George Sam
Father Salvatore Ruggeri, pastor of St. John of the Cross Parish in Euclid, recently completed production of his first inspirational CD, "Blessed Beyond Measure." The CD features traditional hymns like How Great Thou Art and "I Need Thee Every Hour," and contemporary favorites like Fernando Ortega's "Take Heart, My Friend" and Marie Barnett's "Breathe."

Father Sal was encouraged by parishio-ners to record this CD as a fundraiser for St. John of the Cross ministries because he is so passionate about singing at Mass and in praise to God. Many parishioners have told him his vocal stylings inspire and comfort them, and he hopes the CD will do the same for all who hear it.
The CD is dedicated to Father Sal's long-time friend, Lisa Craine (a member of St. Hilary in Fairlawn, Ohio, his first assignment as a priest) and a cancer survivor for over seven years. "Lisa is a true example of grace, strength and faith in God," he affirms. "She's been through so much yet maintains a positive outlook and inspires not only her friends and family, but others battling the disease and the doctors and nurses that care for them."
He adds, "I could not have even considered this undertaking if it were not for

the support of my talented local musician friends who perform with me, including Sarah Kozlowski - piano, Paul Zaepfel - guitar and vocals, Stephanie Ristau - vocals, Francesco Binda - synthesizer, and Olivia Clark and Belinda Conrad - cello. And, I am especially grateful to Vince Casamatta, a Los Angeles sound engineer and son of parishioner Skip Casamatta, who graciously donated many hours of his time and talent to record some of my vocal tracks and mix the entire CD."
Other local artists featured are Megan Poletti Kuhar of Cleveland Heights and Michael Papatonis of Strongsville. The CD was mastered by Michael Schoonmaker in New York.
The CD's title "Blessed Beyond Measure," was taken from a phrase that Fr. Sal recalls was painted onto wood in Amish

country that he says best describes his journey. The CD cover photo, entitled Sunrise at Hazard Rock, Narragansett, Rhode Island, was taken by photographer Michael Blanchette (www.michaelblanchette.com) who permitted its use as a fundraiser for the parish. Fr. Sal says that he discovered this amazing photo online, and it just so happens to be the exact location where he ultimately made the decision to accept the call to the priesthood while on retreat as a seminarian.
CDs sell for \$20 each and are available to order at www.saintjohnofthecross.org/cd just in time for the Christmas season. Songs from the CD will be performed at a live concert on Dec. 8 at 7 pm at Saint John of the Cross Parish in the church followed by a reception in the parish community center.

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Scott Andrew Mills
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by Scott Mills
If you neighbor's tree falls on your home, who pays for the repairs? If it rains A LOT and water comes into your home from the outside via a door or window, are you covered? If you are backing out or pulling into your garage and miss the door, do you claim it on your auto or homeowners policy? Are you covered for a stone ship on your windshield? For answers to these and other insurance questions, please call me at 440-895-5200 When you call ask how you can receive a \$10 gift card.

Annual Meeting
The Slovenian Society Home Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
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Medicare Disenrollment

by ginny calvey

Robert had coverage for his Medicare from an advantage plan and through his agent had decided to change to a Medicare supplement. They met near the end of annual enrollment, discussed the plan options, as well as the different companies offerings and completed online applications from both the supplement and an independent prescription drug plan.
Around the fifteenth of December, Robert received a letter from the supplement company to whom he had applied, rejecting his application due to a prescription he was taking. Companies can refuse coverage or charge a higher rate for medical coverage unless the client is initially entering the Medicare market or guaranteed coverage through specific circumstances.
This was devastating news, because, as of January first, Robert would not have health coverage due to the rejection. When an application for prescription drug coverage is filed through Medicare, the previous Advantage plan or drug plan is automatically cancelled. Robert would have drug cover-

age and be covered under original Medicare but be responsible for the deductibles, copays and full twenty percent of the medical costs which is not covered.
The agent advocated with the insurance company on Roberts behalf and was able to negotiate coverage. He is covered under both a supplement and prescription drug plan starting January first. If you are ever considering changing from the Advantage plan to a supplement, there is a strategy using rapid disenrollment which would protect you in the event coverage was not approved.
From January first through February fifteenth of every year, enrollees in Medicare Advantage plans have the option to disenroll from their plan and return to original Medicare. At this time, once you have been approved for coverage gap protection through a supplemental policy, you may also enroll in a prescription drug plan. This procedure allows you to maintain coverage in the event you do not Health qualify for the new plan.

Aging Mastery Program Graduates at Lakeshore Rose Center



Aging Mastery Program participants at Lakeshore Rose Center

by Ashlee Williman

Congratulations to over 20 graduates of the Aging Mastery Program* at Lakeshore Rose Center!
This ten-week health and wellness program for older adults, was developed by the National Council on Aging (NCOA). Each week, the AMP participants would explore

a new topic ranging from healthy eating, community engagement, financial fitness, sleep, advanced planning, healthy relationships, and falls prevention. The classes consisted of a presentation from an expert speaker, in class activities and homework. The graduates were recognized at a graduation celebration on December 12.

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Turning 65 in 2018? Get Ready for Medicare



Laura Mutsko.
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by Laura

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The day you turned age 65 used to be the day most people retired. They left the work place behind, started collecting Social Security and enrolled in Medicare. It was a fairly clear-cut process. But transitioning to Medicare is different today. If you are turning 65 in 2018, I recommend you take some time before your birthday to learn about the choices you will be facing. Here are steps to help you get started:

Step 1: Know when to enroll

You can sign up for Medicare at any time during your initial enrollment period or IEP. Your IEP begins three months before your 65th birthday month, includes your birthday month and continues for three months after. Delaying your enrollment may result in penalties so it is important to enroll on time.

Step 2: Learn what's covered and what's not

Original Medicare does not cover 100% of your medical costs. Many people are surprised to learn long-term care, most routine dental and vision care and hearing aids are not covered. Even if Medicare covers a service or item, you generally have to pay your deductible, coinsurance, and copayments. Lean how much you will be responsible for so there are no surprises in store for you.

Step 3: Learn about Prescription Drug Coverage

Original Medicare offers prescription drug coverage (Part D) to everyone with Medicare. Part D is added through a standalone prescription drug plan or as part of a Medicare Advantage plan. Each plan can vary in cost and the drugs it covers.

Step 4: Learn about Other Options

Your other options include Medicare-approved Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements. There are also plans providing coverage for vision, dental hearing and long term care. These vary in coverage and cost but are intended to take care of a portion of your costs or offer additional benefits not covered by Original Medicare

Step 5: Learn more by attending Getting Started with Medicare

Plan now to join me for a presentation of Getting Started with Medicare, a class where we cover all these topics and you have a chance to get answers to your questions now, before you sign up for Medicare. Getting Started with Medicare classes are only for educational purposes and no plan specific benefits or details are shared

Our next class will take place in conjunction with the Mentor Library on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, from 6 to 8 pm. Call 440-255-8811, ext. 216 for more information on where the class will meet. Visit www.MutskoInsurance.com/seminars for additional upcoming class dates and times. I look forward to you joining me. You can also contact me at 440-255-5700 or email me at Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com.

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Bob’s Corner



by Bob Payne
We tend to make things much more difficult than they need to be, and it's all because of our thinking.

We can complicate anything. We can ruminate about conversations we've had; thinking of things we should have said, and guessing at what the other person really meant. We can drive our car and get to our destination, but not even recall exactly how we got there because we were lost in thought along the way. We can even allow our mind to scare us and affect our mood with anxious or depressive thinking.

When was the last time you quit worrying? At what point do you finally resolve to stop complicating your existence with stinking thinking and instead enjoy the day to day experience of being alive? You are having a physical life, but many people miss it because they are lost somewhere in their head.

Try this. For a short period of time, you get to pick the length, let go of your worry and expectations. Instead of occupying your mind with thought, just stay present in this moment. First, take a couple of slow, deep breaths. Feel the air filling your lungs. Relax, and let it out. Let your shoulders drop. Feel the chair you are sitting in and the weight of the clothing on your body. Breathe slowly and deeply again. When thoughts enter your mind (and they will), don't fight them. Let them come and go like clouds blowing across the sky. Don't grab on to any particular thought, just stay here, in the now. Gently slow yourself down and center on the reality of this moment. Breathe.

You are so much more than your busy thoughts and inner dialogue. You are a wondrous, unique, irreplaceable expression of life in this world. And, here's a secret (shhh, don't tell anyone). Life enjoys having you in it!

What makes you think that the sun doesn't love shining on your face? Is it really so hard to believe that the wind likes musing up your hair? And, is it possible that maybe, just maybe, the earth adores the feel your feet?

The meaning of life is to live. If you want to have a meaningful life, do those things that are meaningful to you. It's that simple, and it's that profound. You get to decide which direction you go, what you pay attention to and what you disregard. It is all an incredibly beautiful dance. Don't get so lost in thought that you miss it. Be present!

Bob Payne, Manager

Euclid Senior Center

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Breakfast with Bob



Breakfast with Bob will be on Thursday, January 11th, 8:30 AM at Gus's Diner One Eight Five 797 E 185th St, Cleveland, OH 44119



Bingo

Tuesday, January 9th @ 1:00 PM
Fun Bingo Sponsored by Manor Care and Braeview. FREE
Tuesday, January 23rd @ 1:00PM
Fun Bingo Sponsored by Mt. St. Joseph's. FREE

Breakfast with Grande Pointe
Wednesday, January 10th @ 9:30AM
Join us for muffins or bagels, fresh fruit, coffee and tea. Please sign-up at the front desk by January 8th.



Sachi's Crafts

Wednesday, January 10th, 10:30 – 11:30AM
Sachi will be onsite to showcase and sell her Origami creations as well as other crafts.



BIRTHDAY DAY

Wednesday, January 17th.
Cupcakes sponsored by Brookdale.



Foodies

Thursday, January 18th @- 10:30AM
Join us in the Library for Fun For Foodies. All participants please bring your favorite dish Sign-up at the front desk.

Game Day

Thursday, January 25th @ 1:00PM
Fun, games and snacks sponsored by Gateway and Braeview. So please stay and play. Game Day will continue every 4th Thursday of the month.



TRIPS:

SweetBerry

Thursday, January 4, 2018. We will be leaving the Center around 12:30PM and returning around 2:00PM.

Grande Pointe Fun Bingo

Tuesday, January 16th,
Leave the Senior Center around 1:15PM returning around 3:00PM. Register at the Front Desk. FREE

Jack Horseshoe Casino

Tuesday, January 30th. Leave the Center around 9:30AM and return around 3:00PM. FEE \$5.00 Sign up at the Front Desk.

SPEAKERS
Ask a P.A

Monday, January 8th @ 11:00AM. Teresa D'Alessandro from Cleveland Clinic Foundation will be onsite to answer questions regarding your health.

Community Police Talk

Thursday, January 11th @ 12:15PM
“Cop –a- Question” – Immediately after lunch. Members from our Police Department update us monthly and answer all

your questions. Can't be here? Leave your questions at the front desk. Also, if you have old medication that you need to discard, they will take it as long as it is not liquid or needles.

Grief Support Group

Thursday, January 11th @ 12:45 PM
The Grief Support Group is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one; whether it was a spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. Provided by Euclid Senior Programs & Hospice of the Western Reserve.

CVS

Tuesday, January 16th @ 11:00AM. An Audiologist, representing CVS, will be onsite to speak on the topic of your hearing health.

Euclid Family Pharmacy

Wednesday, January 17th @ 11:00AM Tim Williams, the owner and operator of Euclid Family Pharmacy will be here to talk about all things pharmacy.

MANOR CARE ASK MEIH

Tuesday, January 23rd @ 11:00AM. Meih representing Manor Care will be onsite to speak with us on the topic of “Sex & Seniors. If you have any questions you would like to have answered, please drop them in the box at the front desk. “Ask Meih”. Meih will continue answering questions every other month.

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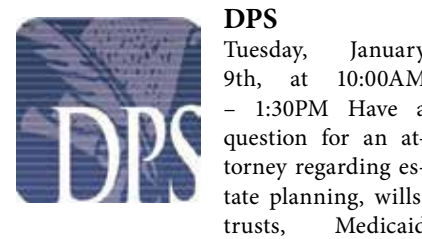
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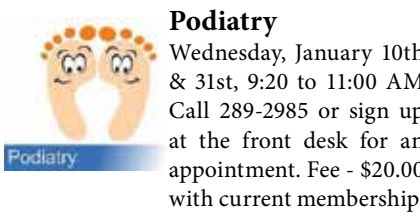
Thursday, January 4th, @ 1:30 to 6:30PM in the Dining Room Annex...

AARP Meeting

Monday, January 8th @ 1:30PM.
Board Meeting & Audit



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Podiatry

Wednesday, January 10th & 31st, 9:20 to 11:00 AM
Call 289-2985 or sign up at the front desk for an appointment. Fee - \$20.00 with current membership.



Lisa Lee's Reflexology

Friday, January 12th & 26th, 10AM - 12:00PM Reflexology techniques are relaxing to the mind and body. Along with the sounds of artistic music and aroma to soothe your soul, reflexology allows you to escape into the healing mode to help ground and nourish you. 10 minutes for \$10.00. Sign-up at the front desk.

Computer Classes

Friday, January 12th @ 1:00 PM. Interested in learning Computer Basics? Join us in the computer room. Sign up at the front desk.

FREE FRESH PRODUCE

Monday, January 22nd @ 12:30PM – 1:00PM (or until all produce is gone)
First Come First Serve Please bring your ID You must be a current member of Euclid Senior Programs to Participate.

BENEFITS CHECK-UP

Monday, January 22nd, @ 9:00AM – 1:00PM Benefits Check – Up is a program to screen adults 60+ for over 70 money-saving programs: prescription drug assistance, help paying Medicare premiums, help with heating bills, phone discounts, and much

Christmas Celebration at Lakeshore Rose Center



by Ashlee Williman

Lakeshore Rose Center for Aging Well enjoyed celebrating the holidays with one another at the annual Christmas Party. The party consisted of delicious food, photo booth and gift exchange! Stop by

more. Call 216-289-2985 or sign up at the front desk.FREE

Post Office On Wheels

Friday, January 26th @ 10:50-11:15
Purchase stamps, money orders & packaging supplies. Mail letters & packages. Special services available.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Chair Yoga – Monday at 10:00 AM
AC \$ 3.00 per class. No Class on January 1st & 15th.

Yoga – Thursday at 9:00 AM
Annex Room \$ 3.00 per class.

Tai-Chi – Tuesday at 3:30 PM Six week series - \$24, Drop-ins \$6.00 per class.

Billie Exercise Class – (Chair)
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00AM

Line Dance – Thursday, 1:00PM.
No Line Dance on January 4th & 11th.

Ballroom Dancing – Monday & Wednesday, 1:00PM No Class on January 1st & 15th.

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM Please give your name to the volunteer who will issue you a number. Wait in the hallway until your number is called.

Chair Exercise to Music – Wednesday, 11:00AM

Silver Sneakers Class –
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 10:50AM – Free with Silver Sneakers membership. No Silver Sneakers on Monday, January 1st, 15th & 22nd.

FUN AND GAMES

BEADING CLASS:

1st Monday of the Month @ 10:30AM. to Noon. FREE to members

Quilting Class – 2nd & 3rd Thursday @ 12:30PM-2:30PM

Pinochle Tournament – Friday @ 1:00PM. Computer Room.

Open Card Play –Wednesday @ 1:00 PM. Card games, Pinochle, Bridge & Rummy.

Bingo – Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 12:45PM. No Bingo on January 1st & 15th.

Pool Tournament – Friday, January 19th @ 9:20AM December winner –Bill Solnosky

Crochet– Tuesday @ 10:00AM
Adult Coloring – Tuesday @ 1:00PM

EDUCATION –
SOCIALIZATION

Bible Study – The group meets Tuesday @ 10:00AM.

Arts & Crafts – Wednesday @ 10:00AM –

Sewing – Thursday @ 10:00AM

Art with Jack – Tuesday @ 12:45PM

Book Discussion

Monday, January 8th @ 1:15PM
Jennifer, from Euclid Public Library, will lead the discussion on the book, “Vintage” by Susan Gloss.

Nutritional Programs

Euclid Senior Center offers a lunch program Monday through Friday at Noon. We serve a nutritious meal that supplies 1/3 of your daily nutrition requirements. Our menus are written by a licensed dietician to ensure you receive a healthy lunch. The suggested donation is only \$1.00. Reservations are to be made Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, BY NOON for the following week. When reserving, please be conscientious and look ahead to make sure you reserve lunch for the days you know you will be here. We now have to report the number of no-shows and seconds. Please help us to lessen the no shows/seconds. You can help to make a difference. Thank you!

Exercise Classes at Lakeshore Rose Center

by Ashlee Williman

Start the New Year off right by attending upbeat & energetic exercise classes for seniors at Paul W. Alandt Lakeshore Rose Center for Aging Well! Join us for classes on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30am. The class is led by Christine Lee, and features a variety of chair

exercises that incorporate light weights, resistance bands, and exercise balls. Christine energizes the group with upbeat music and positive encouragement throughout the class. Lakeshore Rose Center is located at 16600 Lakeshore Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44110. Please call 216-373-1915 with any questions!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
10:00 Coffee and chat with friends	10:00 Coffee and chat with friends	10:00 Coffee and chat with friends	10:00 Coffee and chat with friends		
10:30 Yoga/Meditation	10:30 SilverSneakers exercise	10:30 Various Activities	10:30 SilverSneakers exercise		
11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch		
12:30 Line Dancing	1:00 Knitting group	12:30 Bingo	12:00 Bible study		
1:00 Cards, puzzles, games	216.373.1915		1:00 Computer lab open		
			Movie afternoon		

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for registration and location.

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Mon., April 9 • 6-7:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Library
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