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Bravery Boxes for troops assembled and shipped by Bay High Key Club

by Karen Derby

One Bay High graduate serving in Qatar and more than a dozen Bay High graduates serving active duty state-side will receive Bravery Boxes from current Bay High Key Club members, whose participation in the project resulted in quite a learning experience.

“We know packages from home are one of the biggest morale boosters for our troops”

Richard Gash, Class of 1992, and members of his unit deployed in Qatar from the westside of Cleveland, will enjoy boxes filled with treats like coffee, tea, dried fruit, cheese, candy and student-baked cookies. Also included are personal amenities like toothpaste, magazines, liquid soap, batteries and lip balm.

“Tracking down the names of the alumni who are serving was the biggest challenge,” said Anita Bauknecht, the students’ advisor. “But it’s worth it. We know packages from home are one of the biggest morale boosters for our troops.”

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Bay High's Tori Tarr and Jenna Fisler pack boxes for their school's alumni serving in active military service.

Westlake firm helps develop Baldwin-Wallace software engineering major

by Shawn Salamone

Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea has received approval from the Ohio Board of Regents to offer Northeast Ohio's only baccalaureate major in software engineering, a field that is projected to experience rapid job growth. The new B-W major will help close the gap between the high demand for these specially trained graduates and the relatively small number of bachelor's degree programs available.

B-W's math and computer science faculty developed the new major in collaboration with an advisory board representing some of Northeast Ohio's leading technology employers including Westlake-based Hyland Software. The Bureau for Labor Statistics expects employment of computer software engineers to increase by 32 percent from 2008-2018, “which is much faster than the average for all occupations.” The lack of properly trained software engineers is often cited as a root cause of outsourcing of employment to countries such as India and China.

Cleveland also is one of the fastest growing technology regions in the United States but there is no bachelor's degree major in software engineering offered in Northeast Ohio and only one in the entire state.

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Westlake artist's museum-quality portraits on display at Porter Library in March

When Bill Kufahl was a third-grade boy, he spent every spare minute sneaking in drawings of the prettier girls in his class. During the month of March, Kufahl, 68, will display the blossoming of that childhood passion.

This rare showing of his paintings and drawings at Westlake Porter Public Library caps a lifelong career of painting portraits as a full-time, self-employed artist.

Although Kufahl's paintings hang in board rooms and homes throughout the United States and Canada with several also in Italy, the Czech Republic, and Luxembourg, the artist is perhaps best known for a triple tribute to Ronald Reagan that will serve as the entry piece to the Porter show.

A candid portrait of entertainer and “sausage king” Jimmy Dean – which the entertainer once referred to as “the best Christmas present I ever received” – will also figure prominently in the display. The retrospective show will include approximately 40 pieces of art dating from 1970 to 2012.

One set of paintings is particularly interesting. Kufahl portrayed a lovely young girl when she was three years old. Hanging next to this portrait is a larger painting of this child who has grown into a beautiful young woman, dressed elegantly with the Mar-a-Lago in the background.

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Students express science through literary work

by Kim Bonvissuto

Ten Westlake High School English students earned awards from the Cleveland Clinic for their literary interpretations of peer-conducted scientific research.

The Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Language Project is an interdisciplinary program that utilizes written communication to engage high school students in the world of scientific research. Through project-based, peer-to-peer learning, students produce literary interpretations of research documented by Cleveland Clinic summer interns.

The students produced literary works mirroring the research of fellow students Andie DeMarsh and Lauren Choban, summer science interns with the Cleveland Clinic. DeMarsh studied mother/baby bonding, while Choban studied concussions – a hot button topic in the news in recent months.

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SOUP COOK-OFF IS SUPER



Marny Havas of Home Instead Senior Care serves a tasting of soup at Dwyer Center's fourth annual Soup Cook-off fundraiser on Jan. 27. See more on page 9.



Bay Village Education Foundation's fundraiser has record-breaking results

by Jacquie Mayer and Tara Wendell

“Creating Opportunities,” Bay Village Education Foundation's sixth annual fundraiser, was a smashing success this year, raising over \$16,500. The sold-out event, held at Arrabiata's Italian Restaurant in Bay Village on Jan. 29, featured a silent auction filled with unique items, 50/50 raffle, and the “Wheelbarrow for Education” raffle; as well as fabulous dining and an open bar. Several area businesses and organizations donated a variety of products and services in support of this effort that directly benefits Bay Village students and teachers.

For the second year, it was with heavy hearts that the foundation's trustees and guests remembered the life of a friend, BVEF

trustee and Bay art teacher Ruth Purdy-Leslie, who passed away last spring. Dwight Clark, trustee and Bay Village city councilman, made a special presentation to her daughter, Janet Purdy.

Clark praised Ruth's “unwavering support of the arts in the Bay Village school system,” both as an educator and BVEF trustee for over 20 years.

“Ruth left an indelibly positive impression on so many people,” Clark said. “She will be sorely missed and never forgotten.”

Last year's BVEF fundraiser was dedicated to the memory of Randy Stang, also a longtime trustee whose untimely passing in February 2010 stunned the community.

BVEF is a non-profit organization that supports, promotes, and funds creative enrichment programs and projects in Bay Village City Schools that are not funded by tax dollars. To help support the BVEF in its mission, contributions may still be made for the annual Ten Campaign until Feb. 10, 2012, either online at www.bayedfoundation.org or mailed to P.O. Box 40262, Bay Village, OH 44140. ●



Janet Purdy accepted a special recognition in honor of her late mother, Ruth Purdy-Leslie, from event emcee Dwight Clark during the Bay Village Education Foundation's annual fundraiser. Photos by Nancy Clark



Bay Village Education Foundation trustees Ellie Bricmont, Scott Best (president), Meredith Muccio, Rhonda Schneider (vice president), Dwight Clark, Amy Papp, Jacquie Mayer (recording secretary) and Ann Mowery.



Event attendees Pat and Eileen Meehan and Diane and Greg Puntel.



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- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. Your stories will be read by people throughout Westlake and Bay Village (and beyond) so keep the audience in mind when choosing topics.
- Know you'll be edited. All stories pass through editors who review stories for spelling and grammar. We try to keep the news as “unfiltered”

as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.

- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
- Don't write stories solely to promote your business—that's what ads are for.

Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process.

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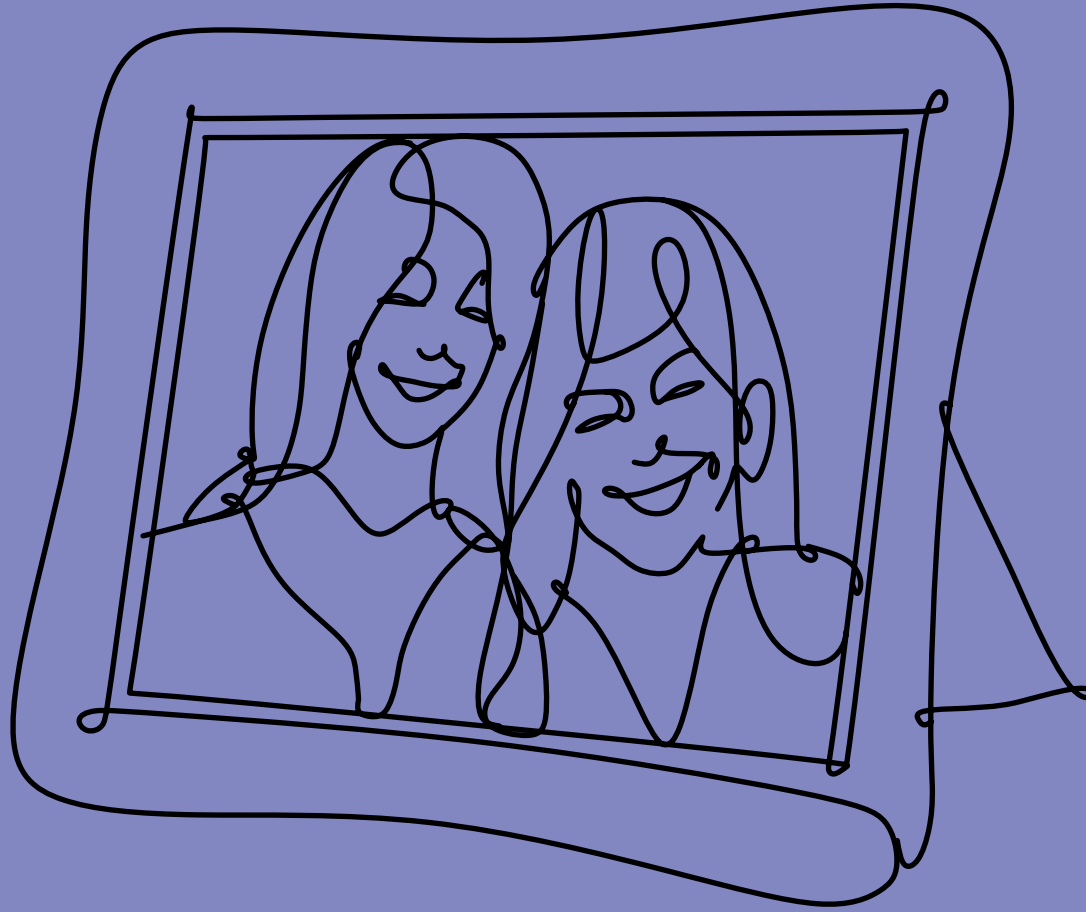
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Tri-C offering free tax preparation services

by Dave Kich

Community members are invited to “Super Tax Refund Saturday” at Cuyahoga Community College, a free personal income tax filing service for those who meet eligibility requirements (described below). The events, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, and on Saturday, April 14, are sponsored by the Cuyahoga Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition, Tri-C, PNC Bank, the City of Cleveland and the Internal Revenue Service.

Super Saturday Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A.) will be hosted at the Metropolitan Campus, at 2900 Community College Ave. in rooms TLC 153 and 154 in the Health Careers & Sciences Building.

Free parking is available in lot 2 on Community College Avenue. Appointments are suggested for these dates and can be made by calling 2-1-1 or 216-436-2000 and specifying the Metro campus.

“Each year, millions of dollars in refunds go unclaimed by individuals filing tax returns,” said Michael Taylor, senior vice president, PNC Community Development Banking. “We look forward to again helping to efficiently deliver tax refunds to local families and communities most in need.”

Walk-in assistance on a first come, first served basis is also available at Corporate College West, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, from 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 7 through April 3, except for March 13, in room 213.

Returns will be prepared and filed by IRS certified tax-preparers and completed while the taxpayer waits. All returns will be screened for eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

To qualify, tax-payers must have a 2011 earned income of less than \$49,000, and must be filing a simple return. V.I.T.A. sites generally do not prepare Schedules C, D or E.

Taxpayers need to bring: current photo I.D., social security cards for each adult and child on the return, W2 and 1099 income statements, child care expense statement and provider’s Tax I.D. number, form 1099-INT for any checking or savings accounts as well as bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of refund. ●

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Good signs on the employment front for 2012

by Michael Perry

Over the last few months I’ve made presentations at area job seekers groups and corporate outplacement companies to nearly 1,000 people in transition. The bad news is that there were nearly 1,000 people at the presentations (this is one of those situations where I would have welcomed a smaller audience!).

The good news is that virtually all of the leaders/directors of these groups and the employees at the outplacement firms report that people are landing new positions in nearly half of the time that it was taking just a year ago.

Over the last twelve months, our company has co-sponsored a networking event with a local restaurant. The average number of attendees has remained somewhat the same, but that is because many who have landed new jobs come back to help those still in transition, they’re “paying it forward.”

I’ve heard the following statement dozens of times from people who find new employment after being in transition for a few months (or more): “I never realized how difficult it would be to find a new job after being laid off and I want to keep coming back to this job seekers/networking group and help those who are still here.” Kudos to those folks, they “get it.”

College graduates learn, over time, how valuable it can be to network with alumni within their industry or geography. Often, no matter how long it’s been since a person has graduated, reaching out to someone from your alma mater results in a quick return call/email. Job seekers are learning that there is also a

growing number of “transition alumni” out there (and now employed) who are committed to providing them assistance (i.e., informational interviews, networking meetings, connections to decision makers within their companies, etc.).

Although more job seekers groups are doing some record keeping regarding their alumni, there is room for improvement. This is another case where you never want to assume. Ask the staff at the corporate outplacement firm you are using/used or the directors of the job seekers group(s) you attend if they can provide you with contact information for their respective “alumni.” Never pass up an opportunity to make a good networking contact! And, remember – these folks have walked in your shoes and felt your pain. They’ll be more willing to help you than someone who has never been through a forced job transition.

Here are some tips for using job seekers groups to your advantage:

- If you have not yet attended a meeting of a local job club/job seekers group – do so, as it is well worth the time (of course, remember that you’ll only get out of these groups what you put into the effort).
- If you are attending job club meetings or networking events – invest the time to do some meaningful networking with the others in attendance, the group’s director(s) and the invited speakers.
- If you have “graduated” from the job club circuit as a result of landing a new job – please consider returning to the group every so often to provide assistance to those still in transition and “pay it forward.” ●

GOVERNMENT

H.B. 18 repurposes resources to accommodate growing businesses

by Nan Baker

We have had an encouraging year with a drop in the unemployment rate and successful results in the arena of job creation. We are moving in the right direction after a series of very financially difficult and unstable years. While the pain of the financial crisis is still able to be felt, the wound is beginning to heal for Ohio. The key to keeping job creation and economic recovery headed in the right direction is developing legislation that is both innovative and resourceful. It is in the spirit of innovation and resourcefulness that I introduced House Bill 18.

H.B. 18 is a bill that accommodates future growth by using resources that Ohio already has in its possession. In recent years, economic hardship has forced businesses both large and small to leave Ohio, abandoning their operating buildings in urban, suburban and rural settings. These buildings sit vacant in areas that are full of citizens that need jobs and are ready to work. Areas with high percentages of vacant properties are also areas that have high unemployment rates.

H.B. 18 gives an incentive to businesses that are out of space, adding new employees and need to relocate. The bill authorizes a \$500-per-employee grant for a business that occupies a facility that has been vacant for 12 months, increases its payroll by hiring new employees, and employs either 50 employees or 50 percent of its Ohio employees at the vacant facility. A larger employer, for example, may have thousands of employees nationwide but would only have to locate 50 employees in an abandoned building.

For smaller companies expanding their payrolls and needing a larger facility, such as a hair salon, hardware store or pizza parlor, 50 percent of their payroll would have to be added for this bill to take effect. For example, if a hair salon that has six employees needs to add three more hair stylists, this incentive would help pay for an extra three salon chairs or building repairs. Ten employees, perhaps a hardware store, would need to add at least five more employees to manage the added projected sales an expansion into a larger facility would bring. This incentive will give the business owner an incentive to stay in Ohio, or if out of state, come to Ohio and consider locating to a vacant building.

As these vacant buildings begin to be filled and provide jobs to local citizens it will make the local economy more enticing for other businesses to enter. H.B. 18 creates the opportunity to revitalize communities that are in desperate need of economic development. The bill creates an environment in which businesses are able to expand and new jobs are created in communities that are in great need. By occupying previously abandoned buildings, property values increase and therefore local governments and schools receive a higher return on property taxes.

As you can see, with House Bill 18 the benefits come full circle. This bill has the potential to revitalize communities and sets the tone for developing innovative legislative solutions to the task of job creation in the future. The economic multiplier of purchasing foreclosed homes, positive business growth, additional purchases, investment, more employee hires and returning blighted areas into safe neighborhoods is immeasurable. ●

Class on ‘lost boys’ of war-torn countries coming to Bay Village Branch Library

by Beverly Thomas

Come join the CWRU group at the Bay Village Branch Library for our upcoming session titled “The Voices of Boys” where we delve into the plight of boys fighting for survival in war-torn countries. As one of the cities where some of the rescued “Lost Boys” have been resettled, we will find out their story.

This is an interactive experience with lively discussion guided by our leader/teacher Barbara Parr as we explore the world of some of the “lost boys.” We will meet at the library, 502 Cahoon Rd., every Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. for eight weeks beginning March 19. Advance registration together with payment of the course fee of \$70 is required, and must be received by CWRU no later than March 5. Thereafter walk-ins may sign up as space allows. Class size is limited to 20.

In our readings we encounter the story of young boys fighting for survival in war-torn countries. Their courage, leadership and determination provide inspirational reading. “What is the What?” by Dave Eggers tells the story of the lost boys of Sudan who are pursued by militias, government soldiers, lions, hyenas and life-threatening disease. Many of the boys are rescued and resettled in the U.S. (including Cleveland) to face myriad challenges and heartache.

“A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier” by Ishmael Beah is about the boys from Sierra Leone. At the age of 12, Ishmael fled attacking rebels; at 13 he was picked up by the government army and sent into battle. At 16, he was removed from the fighting by UNICEF and placed in rehabilitation.

“Lord of the Flies” by William Golding is an exploration into human nature under stress where unencumbered by adult influence, these boys demonstrate the conflict between human nature and the common good. Golding’s allegorical novel acts as a foil for the other memoirs.

A number of Observer readers have joined us in the past for these classes and we look forward to meeting more new people and the insights they bring. These classes are sponsored by Case Western Reserve University’s Adult Continuing Education program. CWRU courses are offered across the Greater Cleveland area. For more information on other classes, call the Office of Continuing Education at 216-368-2090.

For more information on this class or to register, call Marianne at 440-808-0076 or Beverly at 440-835-2917. ●

Normandy, Westerly students get keyed up about business

by **Katie Knight**, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

The 2011-2012 First-Fourth Key Chain Company is off to a great start! The fourth-graders in Mrs. Woodburn and Mrs. Mahall's class at Westerly School in Bay Village and Mrs. Glinka's first-graders at Normandy School have been hard at work making key chains to sell at each school on February 8, 9, and 10.

The two classes met four times. The first meeting was a meet-and-greet where ideas and stories were shared. Pictures of the "buddies" were taken and made into a wonderful album to share with the families.

The second meeting was dedicated to building the company and learning the basics of economics. The third and fourth meetings were production days. Beads, beads, everywhere. What a great time, and in the end, nearly 1,500 key chains were produced.

Sale dates at both Westerly and Normandy are February 8, 9 and 10. Each keychain costs \$1.00 and will most certainly add some "bling" to your back-pack. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Release your inner splendor with Unity's Lenten meditation and book study

by **Terri Zajac**

Unity Spiritual Center offers a two-part program for Lenten preparation based on the theme of releasing your inner splendor by affirming divine wholeness and erasing thoughts and patterns that no longer serve us. On Tuesday evenings from Feb. 21 through April 10, Unity will offer a guided meditation from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Following the meditation, a book study will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. based on Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore's book "Keep A True Lent." It contains thought-provoking essays and affirmations on self reflection and prayer that guide the reader toward a spiritual awakening. You may attend either

of the events or both.

Unity is culturally Christian, yet spiritually unlimited, and is welcoming to people of all faiths and religions who wish to enrich their spiritual lives. The group meditation and book study allows people to support each other in a deeper experience of Lent as a preparation for Easter. For more information, visit www.unityspiritualcenter.com or call 440-835-0400.

Unity's philosophy of Lenten preparation for Easter with its theme of releasing your inner splendor, includes opening new channels for the giving and receiving of love, transcending past experience and surrendering that which doesn't serve your greater purpose. It includes awakening from the illusion of lack and giving way to the abundant flow of life. ●

Hear the Silence

by **Dianne Borowski**

*Silence speaks to me ...Of snowflakes tumblingFrom a winter's sky.
Of gentle raindropsOf misty meadowsA mother's gentle lullaby.
For in the silence.....Of this heart of mineLife can be quietly redefined.
So, take a momentOr maybe twoTo reflect upon something new.
Leave the worries.....Of a weary world behind.... To leap into a life redesigned.*

SPORTING VIEWS

A case (or four six-packs) of mistaken identity: Cleveland sports predictions, part 3

by **Jeff Bing**

Venturing onward with predictions that make even a guy like Nostradamus look inept, 'tis with bated breath – or is it just early-onset COPD? – we gaze eagerly upon the third quarter of 2012...

July: The Indians are still in full damage control mode, dodging negative fallout from the January revelation that pitcher (formerly known as) Fausto Carmona was, in reality, some guy named Roberto Hernandez Heredia. Mercifully, the Indians finally conclude and release the results of a three-month-long investigation into the background of every employee of the entire Cleveland Indians organization.

The good news is that they didn't find any more players with phony Dominican identities. The bad news is that the investigation reveals the organization has been – unknowingly – employing three illegal aliens, two actual aliens, and a female impersonator named "Trixy."

Even more disturbing news is revealed later in the month when the third-party firm hired to do the background checks on everyone in the organization turns out to be a eight-year-old Westlake kid operating out of his basement. Red-faced Tribe officials vow to recoup the \$430,000 paid to the suspect – known only as "Billy" to the media because of his age – but admit getting the money back might be difficult as apparently Billy did a "pretty good job of hiding his piggy bank."

(Personal comment here: Is anyone really all that surprised at phony Fausto (or should I say Faust-OH-NO)? The guy only had one good year, and that was way back in '07. For comparison's sake, I've only written one good column, and that accident occurred much farther back than 2007. If I could go back and do it all over again, you think I'd be using my real

name? I feel your pain, brother.)

August: The Indians finally resolve their off-the-field issues, and it becomes apparent, in retrospect, that they probably would have been smarter to let those issues linger a while longer. A quick perusal of the AL Central standings indicates the Tribe is 37 games behind the Prince Fielder-led Tigers on August 1. With some 60-odd games to play, skipper Manny Acta maintains that "Anything can happen!" and sure enough, anything does! Acta is fired on the fifth of August, replaced by some guy named Roberto Hernandez Heredia.

September: The Browns home opener is played to a less-than-enthusiastic crowd on a warm afternoon at Browns Stadium. At halftime, they are trailing Kansas City 17-0 and Browns GM Mike Holmgren, stating he's looking for "more consistency in the team" stuns the football world – but absolutely no one in Cleveland – when he fires Pat Shurmur and replaces him with Offensive (and I do mean offensive) Coordinator Brad Childress. Childress delivers the consistency by also being outscored 17-0 in the second half of the 34-0 loss. "I think we're on the right track," a pleased Holmgren spouts afterwards.

Well, kids, that's three more months in the proverbial can. We'll wrap up this whole prognosticating thing next issue, after which I can concentrate on the more "serious" issues facing us collectively as a Cleveland-sports-loving race.

Speaking of races, if anyone else is going to participate in the Chili Bowl Classic 5K race at Tower City Center on Feb. 18, stop and say hi if you get the chance. Most likely, I'll be the one the priest is administering last rites to. Let's just say my recuperation from a stress fracture in my left leg last summer took a bit longer than anticipated to heal, and I'm totally out of shape! ●

Jeff welcomes all feedback and suggestions, pro or con, which may be sent to editor@wbvobserver.com.

Climbing your family tree? Cuyahoga West members can help!

FREE HELP SESSIONS AT PORTER LIBRARY FEB. 15, MARCH 1

by **Jayne Broestl**

Are you feeling the effects of wintertime cabin fever and looking for an escape? Perhaps, a trip to the past is the remedy. Members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) invite you to join their ranks and learn more about how to research your family history. A membership drive is currently underway.

This Chapter offers free help sessions from 1:00-2:30 p.m., on the first Wednesday of the month (except December, January, July and August), in the Computer Lab at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Just bring what information you have collected thus far, on a particular ancestral line, to one of these help sessions. Members will help you extend your research, or get started on your journey. The next afternoon session will be Wednesday, March 7.

If you are unable to attend the daytime sessions, an evening help session and genealogical roundtable discussion is being offered on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 7:00-8:45 p.m., in the Porter Room at Westlake Porter Public Library. Evening programs are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month (except August and December) and dues provide funding for guest speakers throughout the year.

There is no charge for attending a meeting or a help session and you do not have to be a member. However, members do receive the added benefit of a quarterly newsletter, The Tracer, which includes notices of upcoming genealogical meetings and events, both local and national. Also, members are entitled to a 10% discount on chapter publications. Membership runs from January through December and dues are just \$15, or \$18 for two people at one address. For additional information, visit their website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com ●

Oscar Night Gown and Costume Sale

by **Pam Kilpatrick**

Is a fabulous party dress, tux, vintage outfit or accessory in your future? Clague Playhouse will be holding an Oscar Night Gown and Costume Sale on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the theater, 1371 Clague Rd. in Westlake.

You'll find no Razzies among our offerings, just Oscar-worthy formal wear and grand old classics! For more information, call the Box Office at 440-331-0403, Wednesday through Saturday from 1:00-6:00 p.m. ●

WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

Party at the Rec, presidential style!

by Jim Dispirito

6th Grade After Hours Bash

Friday, Feb. 10 (8:30-10:30 p.m.) – The return of the popular after hours fun time. We close the doors and stay open late for these special events. Gym, pool, DJ Eazy spinning tunes. Snack and water provided. Please register early to avoid being closed out. Open to members and any child who goes to school in Westlake. Fee: \$10/members; \$15/residents.

Pre-School Beach Party (ages 3-5)

Friday, Feb. 17 (10-11 a.m.) – Come beat the winter blues and have some fun with your family and friends in the tot pool. We will play pool games, splash and swim, make a craft and enjoy a light snack. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 20. Fee: \$4/members; \$8/residents.

Presidents Day Beach Party

Monday, Feb. 20 (12:30-3 p.m.) NO SCHOOL on Presidents Day? What a great time to have a beach party! Music,

games including the famous Big Kahuna Cannonball Classic and prizes, too. Advanced registration (before Feb. 13): \$3/members; \$6 residents; \$9 non-residents. Day-of-event registration: \$5/members; \$10/residents; \$15 non-residents.

Fun Float Fridays!

Friday nights (6-8:30 p.m.) – For a Friday full of fun, bring your favorite fun float to the pool! Inner tubes, beach balls, floating animals and noodles are all welcome! Regular pool admission policies apply. Held each Friday, except for special events.

No School Day Camp (Grades K-6)

Feb. 20 – This camp is designed to keep the kids entertained with games, swimming, art projects and other fun activities in a supervised setting. Children will need to bring a brown bag lunch, a towel and a swimsuit. An afternoon snack will be provided. This program is only for children in grades K-6 and we reserve the right to confirm a child's school grade. Any questions, please contact Rachel



It'll be a presidential splash at Westlake Rec on Feb. 20.

O'Malley at 440-617-4418.

More information regarding all of these programs and more can be found at our website at www.wlrec.org or by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd., calling us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●

AWARDS *continued from front page*

This is the companion program to the original eXpressions contest focusing on art. This is the second year the WHS English Department has participated in the writing program. Mindy Clark, Amy Klenz and Ann Peebles each had students submit entries.

A blue ribbon was awarded to junior Carly Parker for "Each New Day."

Red ribbons were awarded to sophomore Eleni Packis for "White Walls" and junior Angel Tran for "This Bright Light."

White ribbons went to junior

Victoria Floyd for "The Trap," junior Izabela Jamsek for "Darkness Dreams Up Babies," sophomore Allyson Pesta for "If Only," sophomore Nicole Radish for "Miss Angeli" and sophomore Ryan Thaxton for "The Last Two Weeks."

Honorable mentions were awarded to sophomore Liana Huge for "Hospice" and junior Cara Murthy for "Hospice."

Winners will receive cash prizes and their work will be mounted and displayed along with the winning art projects from WHS in a special exhibit at the Great Lakes Science Center, which opened in January. ●



Cleveland Clinic literary award winners: (front row, from left) Victoria Floyd, Cara Murthy, Izabella Jamsek, Niki Radish; (back row, from left) Ryan Thaxton, Liana Huge, Allyson Pesta, Carly Parker, Angel Tran, Eleni Packis

Westlake school board accepting applications for vacant seat

by Kim Bonvissuto

Applications for a vacancy on the Westlake Board of Education will be available at all Westlake Schools main offices, Porter Public Library, the Westlake Schools Administration Building and on the website.

Deadline for applications is Friday, March 2, at 4 p.m.

Interviews for candidates will be scheduled for the week of March 12. It is anticipated the appointment will be made on March 26 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting. The appointee will finish out the remainder of the term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2013.

The seat was vacated by

Andrea Rocco, who announced her resignation last month. Rocco, who recently accepted a position as special counsel to County Executive Ed FitzGerald, was forced to step down as a result of FitzGerald's policy prohibiting county cabinet employees from holding public office.

All applications must be

returned to the Westlake Schools Administration Building by the March 2 deadline at 4 p.m. Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered to Westlake City Schools, c/o Board of Education, 27200 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145. The Administration Building is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ●



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TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

Destination Imagination: Beach Clean Up

by **Audrey Ray**, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

Do you remember my last article? It was about a fundraiser that my Destination Imagination team did to raise money for our community service project to clean up Huntington Beach. After that fundraiser, our team, The Aqua Girls, decided that we would like to meet with the Bay Village Green Team and the Bay Village City Council.

Before we met with them, we wrote a presentation to say in front of them. We all wrote different things that we thought were important to tell them about Destination Imagination and our community service project. We are hoping that they will become community partners with us and support our project. If they agree to be community partners with us, we are hoping that they will have advice for us.

After we emailed the Bay Village Green Team three of the members asked if they could attend one of our meetings. We were so excited! The members that we met with were Lori Sprosty, Heather Bingaman and Tara Wendell. It gave us a chance to rehearse our presentation and answer questions that they had about our project.

They had wonderful suggestions for us to think about like asking us if we think we should teach the community about why the beach is dirty and how we can stop polluting it. We really appreciate Ms. Lori, Ms. Heather and Ms. Tara for coming to our meeting and helping us.

We have also been creating an advertisement about our beach clean up. We hope to talk to all the local businesses and hang our advertisements for the community to see. One of our goals is for the entire Bay Village community to come to Huntington Beach on Saturday, April 28, from 1-3 p.m. and help make our beach beautiful. Stay tuned! ●



Westerly's Destination Imagination team – from left, Ava Ransom, Grace Chilton, Audrey Ray, Eliza Aleksandrovic, Patty Yuhos and Caroline Fowles – share their ideas with the Bay Village Green Team.

Two Lady Rockets sign with colleges

by **Karen Derby**

Bay High soccer captain Giuliana Pugliese will play at Ursuline College next year, and her classmate, volleyball MVP Rachel Vick, will head to Eastern Kentucky University to play on their volleyball team.

Pugliese played soccer all four years at Bay High, serving as Captain of the Lady Rockets Varsity Soccer team her junior and senior years. Giuliana has participated in choir, Bay High's Youth Philanthropic Foundation, and the Bay High HUDDLE (Helping Us Develop Dedication, Leadership & Enthusiasm) group, which serves and role models for young students and teaches them healthy lifestyle choices. In addition, Giuliana spent all four high school years working with Bay High's P.A.L.

group (Pupil Assistance in Learning), where she mentored students with disabilities. She has been named to Second Team All-Cleveland and First Team All-Conference for soccer as a sophomore, junior and senior.

In addition to playing volleyball all of her four years at Bay High, Vick played basketball as a sophomore and ran track as a junior. She participated in choir all four years of high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. She also participated in her school's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) organization and the Bay High HUDDLE group. Rachel was named to First Team All District, First Team All Conference, and All Conference MVP in volleyball as a junior and senior. ●



Bay High soccer captain Giuliana Pugliese.



Bay High volleyball player and All Conference MVP Rachel Vick.



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Baldwin-Wallace College Math & Computer Science Chair, Dr. Jodi Tims, flanked by students.

Chuck Rotuno, President & CEO of OEConnection, a leading software provider to the Automotive and Heavy-Duty Truck industries, also helped develop the criteria for the major. "OEConnection, along with the entire technology sector in Northeast Ohio, welcomes the addition of quality software engineering education and training. We congratulate B-W not only for offering this much-needed undergraduate degree, but also for collaborating with leading software companies in the area to develop a program that will meet the growing needs of the region and the technology industry," Rotuno said.

B-W Math and Computer Science Chair Jodi Tims says the software engineering major will differ from the more broad computer science degree by focusing students on the application of programming skills in the real world, empowering them to contribute to the development of very

large, highly complex software systems involving teams of developers over many months or even years.

"Successfully performing in that type of environment requires an understanding of how to analyze, design, implement, test, and deploy these large scale systems and that is not taught in the programming courses of a typical computer science program," Dr. Tims says.

Architects of the B-W program paid careful attention to the accreditation standards of ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) and the curricular recommendations of the Association for Computing Machinery, the leading professional organization in computing. The software engineering major will be available to B-W students beginning in the fall of 2012. For more information, contact B-W's Math & Computer Science Department at 440-226-2052. ◆

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Check out www.bayvillagegreenteam.com under Events for more information. To register for this event, please contact Warren Remein at 440-724-1578 or email wremein@yahoo.com.



Kious House - straw bale construction

PORTRAITS *continued from front page*

Another portrait with a particularly interesting story is that of Judy, whom Kufahl painted in 1974. In 2012, her husband, having never seen the painting before, viewed it on Kufahl's website and returned a touching note, described the memories that flooded back to him. He called the portrait "breathtaking" and noted that the image was one that had "great power to convey [his wife's] life essence in oil."

Besides bringing joy and beauty to families, Kufahl's portraits hang at businesses and universities throughout the country. Locally, Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management displays his Bert and Iris Wolstein portrait, while the Malicky Social Science Center at Baldwin-Wallace College contains his portrait of Dr. Neal Malicky. A

triple portrait of coaching great Don Shula hangs at John Carroll University.

For 25 years, Kufahl has completed family portraits for American Greetings and Carlton Cards as well as 145 oil portraits of inductees to the Women's Bowling Hall of Fame in Arlington, Texas. Closer to home, thousands have seen his displays at the I-X Center's Home and Garden Shows. His painting are also readily accessible through his website, www.portraitartist-ohio.com.

Kufahl's studio has been located in Westlake for the past 27 years, where he also teaches painting and drawing classes to students of all ages. His focus is on equipping others to portray people, animals and landscapes in a realistic way. The paintings reflect his motto: "expressively realistic." ◆



Bill Kufahl's "Character Study of a Great American: Jimmy Dean" is one of the portrait paintings that will be on display at Porter Library this March.

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Souper success at cook-off

The annual Soup Cook-Off, held at the Dwyer Center in Bay Village, is always a sold-out event, and this year was no different. As the 11:30 a.m. start time for the cook-off approached, a line of soup lovers had formed all the way out the door of the Dwyer Center.

The fundraising event, now in its fourth year, draws folks from across the community to sample the wide variety of soups prepared by ten local chefs, and a chance to win one of the many donated door prizes.

Among the 220 people attending was Bay Village Police Chief Dave Wright who predicted the first place winner before the judging was announced – the Southwestern chicken chili soup – prepared by the chef of North Ridge Apartments in North Ridgeville. Second place was awarded to the Lutheran Home of Concord Reserve for their chicken paprikash soup. Third place went to the Knickerbocker Apartments for their broccoli cheese soup.

All proceeds from the event benefit the programs provided by the Dwyer Center throughout the year. ◆



First place in the fourth annual Soup Cook-off was awarded to North Ridge Apartments of North Ridgeville for their chicken chili soup. Photo by Shirley Hostetler.



Chicken paprikash soup from the chefs of the Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve in Westlake won second place at the soup cook-off.



Staff from the Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village serve up their broccoli cheese soup.

Legion donates a new flag for Dwyer Center

Jim Potter presents Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland with a new flag for use at the Dwyer Center during a recent city council meeting. Potter, Americanism chairman of American Legion Post 385, stated the existing flag is tattered and needs to be replaced.



Free tax assistance available at Bay's Dwyer Center

The AARP Tax Assistance Program began Feb. 3 for people with less than \$75,000 per year income. An IRS-trained and certified volunteer tax counselor will do your tax returns. The program will continue every Friday until mid-April. The returns are filed electronically and there is no charge. Call Bay Community Services at 440-899-3409 or 440-899-3442 to make an appointment. ◆

Laura Mutch Borns' artwork on display in Berea

by George Ryan

Paintings by former Bay Village resident Laura Mutch Borns are on exhibit in "The Gathering Place" of the United Methodist Church of Berea, 170 Seminary St., Berea, until March 2. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (though evening hours vary). Admission is free.

The paintings of Laura Mutch Borns on display are detailed representational studies, most of nature subjects and familiar landmarks of Rocky River Reservation and the Olmsted Township and Olmsted Falls communities.

Other subjects include still life, portraiture and wildlife. All have in common a focus on light, both its dramatic and subtle aspects.

Laura finds metaphors for life's journey in the perceived world. By drawing and painting she records and reflects upon the steps on her journey. ◆



Laura Mutch Borns' "Spring Thaw" depicts the Cedar Point formation near Valley Parkway in the Metroparks.

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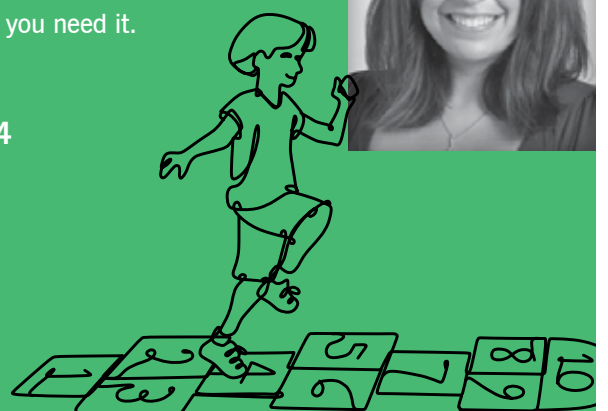
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Bay Schools receives 2012 safe boating grant

by George Christ

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Watercraft recently announced that the Bay Village City School District has been awarded a grant of \$2,239.71 as part of the Boating Safety Education Grant Program. The Division of Watercraft is awarding \$366,528.02 to political subdivisions and non-profit organizations for boating education programs. The Bay Village Schools is one of 30 organizations across the state to receive funding.

The funds will be used to provide a free boating safety education program this summer for seventh-grade students. The nationally recognized program, known as Spirit of America (SOA), provides students both classroom and on-the-water sessions to teach safe boating skills. Participants will take the Ohio Boating Education Course on two Saturdays in May and must pass a written exam. This meets the Ohio law that requires any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1982, to show proof they have completed an approved boating course if they are operating a power boat over 10 horsepower.

The on-the-water sessions involve a pool session to help students understand the importance of personal flotation devices (PFD's) and to learn how to upright overturned sailboats, kayaks and canoes in a safe environment. The remainder of the on-the-water sessions are held at Whiskey Island Marina where students will be instructed in hands-on sessions in power boats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, personal watercraft and, new this year, paddleboards.

The Bay Village Schools have been associated with the program



Spirit of America students learn to operate a personal watercraft.

for 12 years and are the fiscal organization for the grant. The program is open to registered students who live in Cuyahoga County. Registration will be held in March and April and the classroom sessions are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays, May 12 and May 19. The on-the-water sessions at Whiskey Island Marina will be held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on June 18, 25 and July 2. For additional information go to www.spiritofamerica95.org and look at the Bay Village location or email Cuyahoga@spiritofamerica95.org.



Spirit of America students prepare to sail.

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Students also learned about the commitment required by our troops from some who have served. Bay Village resident, Dr. Edward P. Horvath (M.D., M.P.H., Colonel, Medical Corps, U.S. Army Reserve), spoke at a meeting about his three recent tours of duty. Chuck Knight (Commandant of the Firelands Detachment 1192, Marine Corps League) worked with students to pack boxes and donated funds for mailing costs.

Items were collected from students and staff throughout Bay High, and students also wrote notes of appreciation to be included with the treats.



Bay High student Lauren Chen, Chuck Knight (Commandant of the Firelands Detachment 1192, Marine Corps League), and student Julia Mosier pack Bravery Boxes for troops.



Dr. Edward P. Horvath (M.D., M.P.H. Colonel, Medical Corps, U.S. Army Reserve) spoke with Bay High Key Club members about his three recent tours of duty.

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A rockin' good time benefits the Village Food Project

by Scott Pohlkamp

Rock-N-Bowl II raised approximately \$3,400 for the Village Food Project on Jan. 28 at Bay Lanes. In its two years, the Rock-N-Bowl event has raised nearly \$7,000 towards this deserving cause. The Westshore community is blessed with caring, generous people.

Over 240 people gathered at Bay Lanes for an evening of music, dancing and bowling. Money was raised through admission prices. Additionally, Sunnyside Toyota of North Olmsted owner and Bay resident Kirt Frye generously presented a check for \$2,500. Toyota Motor Sales USA matched Sunnyside's donation with a check for \$2,500. In total, about \$8,400 in proceeds were delivered to the Village Food Project for the evening.

DDK was the opening musical act comprised of Bay residents Keven Blake, Dave Lowery and Avon resident Dave Marlette.

Bay resident Randy Geise entertained the crowd with his Delmar Everheart "red-neck" routine.

The Feedbacks closed the evening with two hours of great rock 'n' roll. Cancer survivor Dave MacAskill of Bay is the lead singer and assists in organizing and promoting the event, as does Keven Blake of DDK.

"Mark Nazario and his staff at Bay Lanes worked very hard to ensure the facility was in tip-top shape and our generous guests were given first class customer service," said organizer Scott Pohlkamp. "The entertainment was grade A. We are very appreciative of the musicians who donated their evening and waived their usual fees for the sake of the Village Food Project. We are also thankful of the organizational efforts of Allison Pohlkamp, Village Food Project director Barb Harrell and other volunteers who helped organize the event." ●



Scott Pohlkamp strikes a classic Elvis pose with Barb Harrell.



Barb Harrell accepts a check from Bay resident and owner of Sunnyside Toyota Kirt Frye and his wife, Diane. The Fries donated \$2,500, which Toyota matched for a total of \$5,000 for the Village Food Project.



The Feedbacks got the house rockin' at the second annual Rock-n-Bowl benefit.

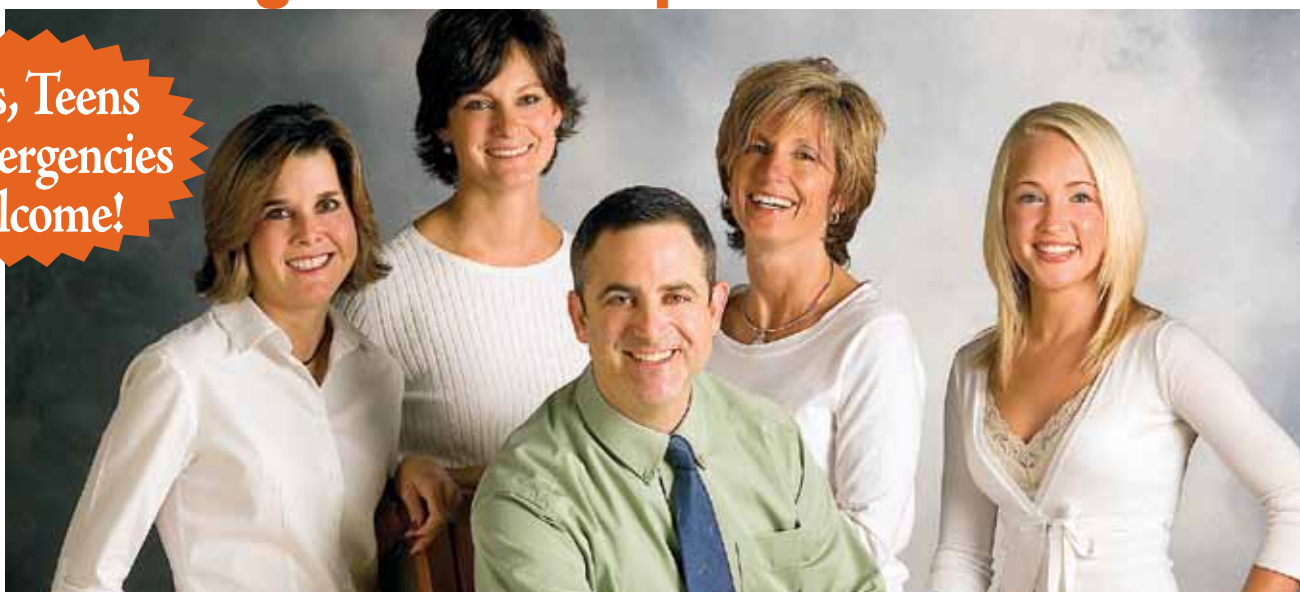


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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Westlake Porter Public Library's calendar of events

by Elaine Willis

Thursday, Feb. 9 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The February selection is “Travels in Siberia” by Ian Frazier.

Thursday, Feb. 9 (7-8 p.m.) ADHD: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM – Join Dr. Nora McNamara for a discussion on supporting children with ADHD at home.

Saturday, Feb. 11 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO! – Join us for a fun and easy craft experience! All supplies provided; just drop in. A new, cool craft idea every time!

Saturday, Feb. 11 (10-11:15 a.m.) INTRODUCTION TO OVERDRIVE AND E-BOOKS – Join a staff member from the Popular Materials Department for an instructional class on downloading eBooks on the most popular eReaders. Please register.

Saturday, Feb. 11 (2-3 p.m.) BRICKBUILDERS CLUB – Love those LEGO bricks? Then bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-13. Registration begins one week before each session.

Monday, Feb. 13 (4-6:30 p.m.) TEEN TECHNO-LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Techno-Lounge located in our computer lab! You can access the Internet, do homework, or just hang out.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In February we'll discuss “Woman in Red” by Eileen Goudge.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGAWEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, Feb. 15 (7-7:30 p.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Friday, Feb. 17 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Registration begins one week before each session.

Saturday, Feb. 18 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO! – Join us for a fun and easy craft experience! All supplies provided; just drop in. A new, cool craft idea every time!

Saturday, Feb. 18 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) KIDS IN MOTION SENSORY TIME – Join us for stories, activities, music and more! Program is designed to engage children with special needs/sensory challenges, and consists of a 30-minute storytime followed by a 30-minute social-sharing time. Each child must have adult caregiver.

Saturday, Feb. 18 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS

Saturday, Feb. 18 (2-2:45 p.m.) TEDDY BEAR PICNIC – Let's have a “beary” good time! Bring your favorite teddy bear and join us for an afternoon of stories, songs and a simple craft. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 3-6. Please register starting Feb. 11.

Sunday, Feb. 19 (2-4 p.m.) FRIENDS' SUNDAY SOUNDS – Mike and Mary will perform music from the Oscars. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, Feb. 19 (3-4 p.m.) WPPL'S 2011 ANNUAL REPORT – Library Director Andrew Mangels will present the library's 2011 annual report.

Monday, Feb. 20 – PRESIDENTS DAY – THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN!

Monday, Feb. 20 (2-4 p.m.) KIDS LOVE MUSICALS! – Join the Musical Theater Project for an interactive production of “Peter Pan”! Kids and their grown-ups will be involved in presenting selected scenes from the show. For kids grades 1 and up with an adult. Please call the Youth Services Department starting Feb. 13 to register for this program. Space is limited to 40 participants total. Co-sponsored by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.

Monday, Feb. 20 (2-4 p.m.) OPEN PLAY WII – Looking for something to do on your day off? Come play Wii with us! We have two consoles for twice the fun. Choose from Super Smash Bros. Brawl, MarioKart, Guitar Hero and more! Grades 5 & up.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 (7-8:45 p.m.) DEAN'S GREENHOUSE MOVIE SERIES – Join Debbie Dean Espie for a viewing of “Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead.” Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The February selection is “The Paris Wife” by Paula McLain.

Thursday, Feb. 23 (7-8:45 p.m.) COFFEE BREAK – Join us for a coffee tasting in the Porter Room! Please register.

Friday, Feb. 24 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

Saturday, Feb. 25 (9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) ACT PRACTICE EXAM – Get ready for test time with an ACT practice exam, then return on March 3 to get your results and discuss testing strategies and techniques. Grades 10-12. Please register starting Feb. 18.

Saturday, Feb. 25 (10-10:45 a.m.) SATURDAY LAPSIT STORYTIME – Join us for songs, rhymes and stories, then stay and play! For ages 0-24 months with caregiver.

Saturday, Feb. 25 (2-3 p.m.) BRICKBUILDERS CLUB – Love those LEGO bricks? Then bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-13. Registration begins one week before each session.

Monday, Feb. 27 (12-6 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Monday, Feb. 27 (4-6:30 p.m.) TEEN TECHNO-LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Techno-Lounge located in our computer lab! You can access the Internet, do homework, or just hang out.

Monday, Feb. 27 (7-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, Feb. 29 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Wednesday, Feb. 29 (7-8 p.m.) HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS! – You could not, would not want to miss a party that's as much fun as this! Join us for stories, games and a craft to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Ages 3-6. Please register starting Feb. 22.

To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Joy, love, friendship benefit brain health

by Denise Ayres

As you read the title of this article you may think “don't we know that already?” We all get positive feelings from joyful activities, falling in love and spending time with friends. In addition to those positive feelings, these three actions have actual, measurable health benefits for brain function. Adding or increasing activities that bring more joy, love and friendship into your monthly schedule can start to improve your brain function.

Brains function and communicate by way of a great number of chemicals present in our bodies including neurotransmitters and hormones. They are sometimes referred to as our “brain chemistry.” When the majority of those body-produced chemicals are in correct balance we are feeling well. If some of these chemicals are not in proper balance we feel less than healthy or somewhat unbalanced. It is encouraging to know that there are many things we can chose to do that can promote healthy brain chemistry!

What brings you joy? Do you enjoy laughing at comedy, practicing a sport with your child, playing catch with your dog or singing along to a great song while you commute? The old saying “laughter is the best medicine” now has a lot of research proving that laughter reduces the stress hormone cortisol and releases endorphins, chemicals that improve our mood. Neurologists' studies have proved that activities like caring for a pet or singing to upbeat music can reduce cortisol and release endorphins.

Physical movement which increases heart rate is like “a fountain of youth to the brain” states Dr. Marie Pasinski, neurologist and faculty member of Harvard Medical School. Dr. Pasinski was making reference to an increased flow of oxygen rich blood to the brain during play, exercise or sports.

As John Lennon suggested in the Beatles hit, “all you need is love.” Being in love has positive health benefits to the brain that can be measured. Research done by Arthur Aron at SUNY Stony Brook, using MRI scanning, found that when people viewed a photo of a loved one the area of their brains which release dopamine were lit up! Dopamine is a neurotransmitter that promotes positive feelings, helps energize and improves concentration. Many believe dopamine is a key brain chemical needed for motivation. So whether it's spending time with your Valentine, watching your dream Valentine acting in a movie or some quality time with loved ones, it will give your brain increased dopamine!

Friendship benefits our lives in countless ways. So it is no surprise that friendship helps our brains stay healthy. Studies in sociology demonstrate how having positive friends help keep the physical body and brain healthier. Some of these studies indicate that the larger the number of friends, the happier a person reported feeling over a time period of years. Other studies show how the positive influences a friend can provide are beneficial to life long health.

In our Compeer Program we strive to help people move away from depression and increase their joy and happiness. To be happy every human needs to add healthy activities and healthy people into his or her life. Try to think about how your brain chemistry affects your life and your health. ♦

History of words and phrases

by Dave Scullin

Mind your P's and Q's: Take your pick of two popular derivations. 1) It stands for “pints and quarts.”The bartender would keep track of customers running a tab. 2) It comes from the early printers' trade. When setting type, it was easy to mix them up and cause a typographical error.

Speak softly and carry a big stick: The phrase is actually a West African proverb. It was made popular in 1901 when Vice President Theodore Roosevelt used it in a speech.

Caught red-handed: Seen in print as early as the 1800s, the phrase is an analogy to a murderer who is caught so soon after doing the deed, his hands are covered with blood!

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

The 2012 Newbery and Caldecott winners were announced last week amid the usual excitement. The Newbery Award went to Jack Gantos's "Dead End in Norvelt" while the Caldecott was awarded to Chris Raschka for "A Ball for Daisy." Stop in and let us reserve a copy of these books for you and you can decide if you agree with the choices. We also have a list of all of the past award winners. See how many you've read, or start reading your way through the list. Also, make plans to join us for these upcoming programs!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Feb. 8 (7 p.m.) HOME SWEET REVENUE – Are you wondering how you could benefit from the current housing market? There are many strategies that can be used, from "flip that house" to renting and property management.

Thursday, Feb. 9 (7:30 p.m.) THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us for a discussion of the book "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Lauren Hillenbrand.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 (10 a.m.) HOW TO DOWNLOAD E-BOOKS – Need help downloading library books to your device? Joe Salamon will be here to answer all of your questions!

Wednesday, Feb. 15 (7 p.m.) JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, CLEVELAND'S MOST FAMOUS CITIZEN – John D. Rockefeller had a big influence on the area through his philanthropy as well as his suc-

cessful businesses. Learn about the man behind the legend as storyteller Dan Ruminski returns to share another story about the history of Cleveland in the early years. Learn how he made his money, his hobbies and why he ultimately left Cleveland.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Monday, Feb. 13 (3:30 p.m.) MONDAY MADNESS – For ages 11 and up. Want to start the week off right? Join us for some extreme fun! Stretch your imagination to the max with different activities with CHOCOLATE!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Feb. 8 (4 p.m.) VALENTINE ART WITH CAROLINA MARTIN – For ages preschool-grade 3. Carolina Martin from Art on Wheels Inc. is back with a new process to share for a Valentine-themed object.

Saturday, Feb. 11 (11 a.m.) PLAY/STORY – For ages birth-5 years and a caregiver. Children can play with interactive and developmental toys and share a story while their caregivers meet new friends and socialize. Bring your playgroup here for a morning of fun!

Monday, Feb. 20 (11 a.m.) TALES AND SONGS BY THE FIRESIDE WITH FOSTER BROWN – For ages 2-10. Join storyteller and musician Foster Brown on a day off school as he shares nature stories and songs with audience participation.

Please join us for these programs, and weekly storytimes as well. Register to attend these specials by going online to cuyahogalibrary.org, calling 871-6392, or by stopping in at the library. We look forward to seeing you!

John D. Rockefeller, Cleveland's most famous citizen

by Joyce Sandy

American industrialist John D. Rockefeller founded the Standard Oil Company in Cleveland which became the first great United States business trust. Because of his success and through his philanthropy, he had a tremendous influence on the area.

Local historian Dan Ruminski returns by popular demand to the Bay Village Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library to share another story about the history of Cleveland in the early years. Learn the story behind the legend of Rockefeller, how he made his money, his hobbies and why he ultimately left Cleveland.

This program will be held on Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required. Please register by calling the library at 440-871-6392 or online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch. ●



Downloadable e-book help at the Bay Library

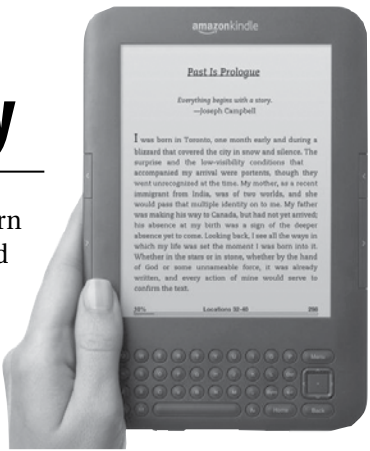
by Andy Karp

Do you have a Nook or Kindle? Would you like to download e-books for free? All you need is a Cuyahoga County Public Library card.

The popularity of e-books is growing every day and Cuyahoga County Public Library has been keeping up with the trend by offering thousands of downloadable titles to its customers. Now, those that are new to the trend or those with new devices can visit the Bay Village Branch on Tuesday, Feb.

14, at 10 a.m. to learn how to download and start reading e-books today.

Join us as Library Internet Specialist Joe Salamon demonstrates how to download e-books for a wide variety of eReaders and mobile devices. Cuyahoga County Public Library supports dozens of devices including the Kindle, Nook, Kobo eReader, Blackberry, iPad, iPhone and Android devices. Helpful hints and tips to finding and downloading from our ever-



expanding collection will be presented.

Registration is requested as seating is limited. Call the library at 440-871-6392 or go online to register at www.cuyahogalibrary.org. Transportation to the library for this program is also available for seniors via Dwyer Memorial Senior Center. ●

Winter book sale a big success

by Linda Lamb

The Friends of Bay Village Library's annual winter book sale held the last weekend in January was a huge success. The proceeds from the sale help fund programs, activities and speakers at the library. We encourage you to stop in the library and check out upcoming events.

The Friends would like to thank all who supported our sale as well as Heinen's for supplying plastic bags. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who worked with the setup and the actual sale. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a member of the Friends of Bay Village Library, please stop in the library or call 871-6392 and leave your name and phone number.

Our next sale is April 21-24. Mark your calendars. We accept donations of books all times during the year. ●

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EATS
BEAT

Just ‘wing it’ and stop in at The Rusty Barrel

by Steve Novak

In an era where big sports bars are a dime a dozen, it's great to go into the neighborhood bar where you're recognized, and if you're not, you're made to feel right at home. If this sounds inviting to you then make your way to the Rusty Barrel.

Located at the intersection of Center Ridge and Westwood roads, this comfortable bar and grill in Westlake offers a multitude of televisions for viewing your favorite sporting event or just a great gathering place to meet family and friends. Some booths even have their own personal TVs, with your own remote.

The u-shaped bar lends itself to easy conversations, wherever you sit. The full service bar offers a great selection of domestic, imported and micro-brewed beers to satisfy any taste. Happy Hour is Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m., and "Power Hour" is from 5-6 p.m.

Let's start with a dozen of their "Award Winning Wings," the Grilled Cajun BBQ (\$6.75) to be exact. These big, meaty wings are smothered in BBQ sauce, grilled and then finished with Cajun spices. In my opinion, they are probably some of the best wings not only in Westlake, but Cleveland.

Another delicious appetizer is the Creamy Crab Dip (\$8.95). This blend of crab meat and creamy cheese sauce served warm with flat bread chips is truly addicting.

I said it before and I'll say it again, I love a good salad. That's why I recommend the Chicken "Cesar" Salad (\$7.95). Fresh romaine tossed in their home-



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made Caesar dressing and finished with bacon bits, fresh Parmesan and seasoned croutons. If you prefer to have your dressing on the side, don't; they dress it just right.

LET'S TALK BURGERS! Just move down the menu to the Bottom of the Barrel Burger (\$8.25), the big brother of their signature burger. Two beef patties with American & Swiss cheeses, bacon, jalapeño and banana peppers, grilled mushrooms, onion straws, lettuce and tomato. Need I say more, it's tasty.

If you like seafood, try the Fresh Grouper Sandwich (\$7.25). A lightly seasoned fillet,

perfectly sautéed, and topped with lettuce, tomato and a homemade tartar sauce. Try it "blackened," it gives it a great kick.

I had a Margarita Grilled Cheese Sandwich as the special. Fresh Mozzarella, tomato slices, basil leaves on grilled bread, with a marinara sauce for dipping, it was delicious. All sandwiches and burgers are served with



potato chips and pickle. Do yourself a favor and go with either the fresh cut regular or sweet potato fries, they're always a winner.

Here's a few nights to think about: 2-for-1 Burger Mondays, Taco Tuesdays, 45-cent wing Wednesdays, BBQ Thursdays, Beer Battered Cod/Lightly Breaded Lake Perch Fridays and Prime Rib Saturdays.

The staff is friendly and service is spot on for this friendly neighborhood jaunt.

There is no shortage of entertainment at the Rusty Barrel. There is an internet jukebox, video games and live music on both Friday and Saturday nights. The owner, Rusty Jasset, also informed me that they will be rolling out a new menu shortly. Subscribe to their email newsletter which will keep you up to date on entertainment and many of the creative promotional evenings Rusty plans throughout the year. He is very active in many community fundraisers.

The Rusty Barrel has been open a little over five years and it is a classic, comfortable neighborhood bar, so needed in the city of Westlake. ●

Steve Novak is a Westlake resident and 30-year veteran in the restaurant industry, working at all levels from dishwasher to manager to chefflower. The Observer makes two anonymous visits per restaurant and does not accept complimentary meals.

SENIOR LIVING

Westlake resident takes the stage in heartwarming fashion

by Lisa Anthony

At 16, Elsie Albrightson would sneak out of her Staten Island, New York, home and sing in New York City clubs. Eighty years later, Elsie can still bring down the house!

"An Afternoon with Elsie" was part of a HCR ManorCare Heart's Desire program that Arden Courts Memory Care Community in Westlake sponsors on a couple of times a year for their residents. The program is designed to enrich the lives of residents, encourage them to take advantage of all that life has to offer and continue their active participation in the community.

When employee Catherine Murray, who has worked as a care partner for eight years, was asked by a corporate liaison to think of a Heart's Desire for one of her residents, the choice was an easy one. "Elsie is the one I choose, she loves to sing and has a voice of an angel," Murray said.

Elsie, a former Bay Village resident, was all smiles as she started the afternoon off by being escorted to her stage by the Arden Courts building services coordinator. She took to the stage like she did so many years ago and there was not a dry eye in the house.

Zoe Harper, a Clague Playhouse entertainer, joined Elsie with a few songs as well as interjected tidbits of background information on some of the musical pieces. Lisa Berghaus,



Elsie Albrightson is flanked by her daughters K' Louise Cook and Christine Cully during her "Afternoon with Elsie" performance at Arden Courts.

who entertains at Arden Courts monthly, accompanied the singers on the piano and shared her memories of Elsie singing in her church choir.

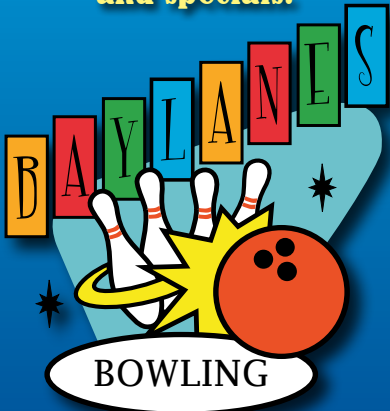
Elsie's two daughters, K' Louise Cook of Medina and Christine Cully of Philadelphia, also shared in her special day. K' Louise and Elsie sang a favorite bedtime song "Chocolate Choo Choo" and Christine shared stories of Elsie's life in New York.

"People with memory loss may not remember current events, but are often able to remember the past," said Regina Rock, Executive Director. "Music is a perfect way to bridge the gap as residents are more easily able to remember the lyrics of songs from their past." ●



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BAYarts Portrait Studio Show



Christine England is one of the longtime members of BAYarts Open Portrait Studio. The group's work will be on display beginning Friday through March 3 in the Dianne Boldman Gallery.

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BAYarts

BAYarts annual emerging artists show features 'small good things'

As part of BAYarts' commitment to encourage and support aspiring artists, each February the works of artists whose work shows promise on a professional level is featured in the main gallery. This year's emerging artists are BAYarts pottery student and painting teacher Erin Schectman and potter Sue Kirchgessner. The two have collaborated on the planning, presentation, theme and execution of the show with gallery director Eileen Stockdale.

The show, entitled "Small Good Things" includes Erin's "small" oil and mixed media paintings and Sue's ceramic tableware and garden art. A blog devoted to the journey of creating the show is at <http://potteryandpaint.blogspot.com/>. The show will open with a reception on Feb. 10, from 7-9 p.m. and be on view until March 3 in the Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House. Hours are Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.bayarts.net for details. ●



"Rabbits in the Grass" by Erin Schectman



Sue Kirchgessner's ceramic tableware

Call for entries: BAYarts' spring juried show

by Eileen Stockdale

Artists 18 and up are invited to submit up to two pieces of work to BAYarts' annual juried show, opening March 9 in the Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House. Judges for this year's show are Christopher Lynn, Executive Director of SPACES Gallery; and Anna Arnold, artist, teacher and Cleveland Museum of Art Community muralist. Entry forms and details can be downloaded from BAYarts' website, www.bayarts.net, or picked up at the BAYarts office 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday. The show will run through April 7. ●



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

View more events and post your own on the Observer website at wbvobserver.com**Feb 7, 7-9 p.m.****Menu for the Future Discussion Group**

Menu for the Future is a program published by the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) that explores the connection between food and sustainability. It is a six-session program to have a dialogue, not consensus, and is meant for everyone who eats. There is no cost for the program; the required book is available for purchase for \$20. Join the discussion! If you eat, there is a chair for you at Menu for the Future. For more information, email janicelitterst@gmail.com or call 440-670-2252.

Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Feb. 8, 10 a.m.**The Herb Guild General Meeting**

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. followed by luncheon. The program will begin at approximately 1 p.m. The speaker will be Corky Thacker, member of the Cleveland Rose Society. The talk is entitled: "Roses: Enjoy the Herb of the Year in Your Garden." For information call 440-899-2647.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Feb. 8, 6:30-8:30 P.M.**General Meeting, Northeast Ohio PC Club**

The meeting is free and open to the public. You don't have to be a member. If you use Skype, or are thinking of it, you'll enjoy this talk. Bruce Bockman will present "Skype Updates." His presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m. but come early (6:30 p.m.) to socialize and enjoy free refreshments – and to meet Bruce.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Feb. 9, 7 p.m.**ADHD: Beyond the Classroom**

Parents, mental health professionals and anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of ADHD are invited to join Dr. Nora McNamara, a child psychiatrist at University Hospitals, for an informative discussion on how to support children with ADHD at home. This free event is sponsored by University Hospitals' Discovery and Wellness Center for Children and Westlake Porter Library.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Feb. 10, 11, 13, 14 (hours below)**Locks of Love Cut-athon**

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that pro-

vides hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss any diagnosis. Hair donations should be 10" or longer (with donation, your hair is cut free), clean & dry, free from bleach. For more info, call 440-847-2041. Hours: Feb. 10 & 11, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; Feb. 13, 3-7 p.m.; Feb. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Spa 5, 28105 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m.**BAYarts Exhibit: "Small Good Things"**

See the story on page 15 of this issue.

BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m.**BAYarts Exhibit: "Portraits"**

See the story on page 15 of this issue.

BAYarts, Dianne Boldman Gallery, 28795 Lake Rd.

Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**Oscar Night Gown and Costume Sale**

See the story on page 5 of this issue.

Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.**A Night for the Rockets**

The annual fundraiser for Bay Middle and Bay High School athletes. Features auctions, blackjack and Texas Hold'em tables, and much more! Tickets are \$40 each and include heavy appetizers, beer and wine. Visit bayrocketsassociation.com for details.

St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted

Feb. 12, 3 p.m.**Winter Concert: Students of B-W Conservatory of Music**

The concert will feature vocal and instrumental students from the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music in a performance of recital music. The students will be accompanied by pianist, Jason Aquila. Admission is free. For more information please call 440-331-0834.

Church of the Redeemer UCC, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Feb. 13, 8-9:30 p.m.**Rocky River Chamber Music Society Concert**

The Rocky River Chamber Music Society presents the third concert of its 53rd season. This concert features the Contemporary Jazz Trio in an exciting mix of jazz standards, original compositions, and American popular song arrangements. Members

of the ensemble are Peter Dominguez, bass; Billy Hart, percussion; and Dan Wall, piano. All three artists are faculty members at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. There is no admission charge! West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Feb. 14, 3-4 p.m.**Love is in the Air at Brighton Gardens!**

Brighton Gardens of Westlake will be hosting a special complimentary Valentine's Day Party for residents and local seniors. Live musical entertainment will be provided by David Byrd, with scrumptious treats for all! Please RSVP by Feb. 13 to the Concierge at 440-808-0074 if you would like to attend!

Brighton Gardens of Westlake, 27819 Center Ridge Rd.

Feb. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.**Bay Village Green Team Meeting**

Join us for our monthly meeting. The meetings are open to the public. All are welcome. Email bayvil-lagegreenteam@gmail.com for an agenda.

Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Feb. 14, 7 p.m.**Democratic Party Primary Debate**

Featuring Ohio House District 16 Representative candidates Todd LeVeck and Andrew Meyer. Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the West Side Democrats.

Church of the Redeemer UCC, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Feb 15, 7-8:45 p.m.**Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society**

Family history research assistance and genealogical roundtable discussion will be the agenda for this month's meeting. Refreshments and social time from 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Feb. 19, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**Bay Village Women's Club Foundation's 43rd Annual Antiques Show and Sale**

Dealers from surrounding area show and sell quality antiques including

furniture, art, glass, primitives, jewelry and more. Entrance donation \$6.00 which supports scholarships. Wheelchair accessible. For details, call Nancy at 440-334-7539 or Lou at 440-871-3075 Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Rd.

Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m.**Westlake Republican Club Meeting**

Join like-minded Republicans as we discuss the formation of a vibrant Westlake Republican Club, gathering data, finding workers, forming Womens and Youth Auxilliary, etc. Free pizza and wings, free admission, free soft drinks, free parking. Cash bar. Panini's Bar and Grill, 23800 Detroit Ave., Westlake

Feb. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.**Prostate Partners: Drugs for Prostate Partners**

This drop-in support group for those touched by cancer offers the latest news and information on drugs and medication used to battle against prostate cancer. Donald Zabriskie, RPH, will present to those in attendance. Family members are welcome at all Prostate Partners quarterly meetings. The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Feb. 21, 7 p.m.**Westlake Democratic Club hosts Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald**

Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald reports on the first year of progress under the new county form of government and respond to questions/issues from residents.

Church of the Redeemer UCC, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

GREEN LIVING TIPS

Turn down the thermostat when leaving the house and before going to bed. Better yet, purchase a programmable thermostat so you won't have to remember!

WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Come to an old-fashioned Valentine's Day party

by Lysa Stanton

Everyone is invited to experience an old-fashioned Valentine's Day party at the Clague House Museum on Sunday, Feb. 12, beginning at 2 p.m. The museum is located at 1371 Clague Road (north of Hilliard Blvd.) in Westlake.

Complimentary tours of the Clague House and refreshments will be available, as well as free crafts for the entire family. This will also be an excellent opportunity for everyone in the family to experience how life was lived in early Dover (now known as Westlake) during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

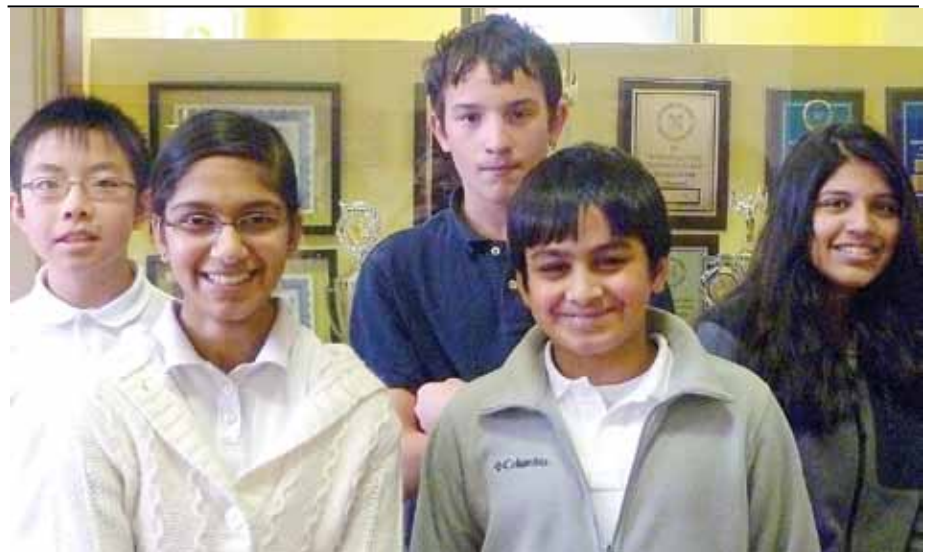
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tact the Westlake Historical Society at 440-808-1961, or check our website at www.westlakeohiohistory.org.

The Society will be holding a yard sale in the spring, and is currently collecting any items that people would like to donate. Furniture, kitchenware, clothing, shoes, tools, magazines, electronics, etc. all are requested. Please contact the society at 440-808-1961 or visit www.westlakeohiohistory.org for more info. ●

Westlake residents win creative art and writing awards



Six Westlake residents attending Birchwood School in Cleveland received awards from the 2012 Scholastic Writing Awards in the new regional affiliate at the Cleveland Institute of Art. The seventh- and eighth-graders' work was selected from over 100,000 creative works of art and writing. The Westlake winners were, from left, Clive Chan and Kavya Ravichandran (silver key awards); Adam Issa, Vinayak Kurup and Hana Lodi (honorable mentions). Not pictured is honorable mention recipient Christine Bashour.

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