

## Westlake Girl Scout completes Gold Award project

by JENNIFER CIRINCIONE

Westlake Girl Scout Katie Cirincione, who is a 16-year-old junior at Westlake High School, recently completed her Gold Award project. She is an Ambassador Girl Scout and this is her 10th year in Girl Scouts. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouts and can be earned by scouts in grades 9-12. Less than 6 percent of eligible scouts complete the award, which requires a girl to complete an 80-hour project that makes a lasting impact on her community.

For her project, Katie put together two “Language Library” carts. These carts each contain about 140 books in other languages.

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PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Skateboarders and bikers showed their skills at the “Bright Idea” event held on April 11 at the Randy Stang Memorial Skatepark. See more photos at [facebook.com/wbvobserver](https://facebook.com/wbvobserver).

## A bright idea: Lighting Bay’s skatepark

by DAN OVERFIELD

The Randy Stang Memorial Skatepark has been a popular fixture in Cahoon Memorial Park for nearly a decade. The skatepark itself is the result of many years of tireless public advocacy led by a middle school teacher, Lawrence

Kuh, his students at the time, and many other community members who generously gave their time and efforts to see the project to its current state. I want to highlight the extensive advocacy required for the current skatepark because it represents a model that everyone can value.

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## Westshore senior directors speak at national conference



PHOTO BY CAT CHIA

Senior center directors Jackie Chavez-Anderson from North Olmsted, Deb Huff from Rocky River and Lydia Gadd from Westlake, with Tak Sato from Center for Aging in the Digital World, get ready to present at the Aging in America Conference.

by LESLIE SELIG

Three Westshore senior center directors, along with their technical partner, were chosen to speak about their collaborative website at the national Aging in America conference in San Francisco last month.

Senior center directors from Westlake, Rocky River and North Olmsted, and technical partner Center for Aging in the

Digital World, represented the eight senior centers that comprise the collaborative behind [www.westshoreseniors.org](http://www.westshoreseniors.org).

This website was launched last December to provide a “one-stop shop” experience for anyone looking for senior center information on the west side, a concept that was recognized for its innovation by the American Society on Aging.

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## Meet and chat with Jodie Hausmann, next Bay superintendent, on April 23

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Board of Education is inviting residents, staff and students to attend a “Meet and Greet” reception for incoming Superintendent Jodie Hausmann on Monday, April 23, 3:30-6 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Road. Visitors can introduce themselves and chat with Hausmann. Light refreshments will be provided.

Hausmann was selected by the school board in February to replace retiring Superintendent Clint Keener. She is currently the superinten-



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Clint Keener’s interview with incoming Bay Village Schools Superintendent Jodie Hausmann is available on the Bay Schools website.

dent of Perkins Local School District. She begins her new position with the Bay Village Schools on Aug. 1.

To further introduce Hausmann, the district has published a video interview

with Keener and questions asked by a number of Bay Village Schools teachers and students.

The video can be viewed at [bayvillageschools.online/HausmannInterview](http://bayvillageschools.online/HausmannInterview). ●

## Does baby wildlife need our help?

by MORGAN PASKERT

Spring is here and wildlife reproduction will soon be at its peak. As Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s wildlife staff prepares for their

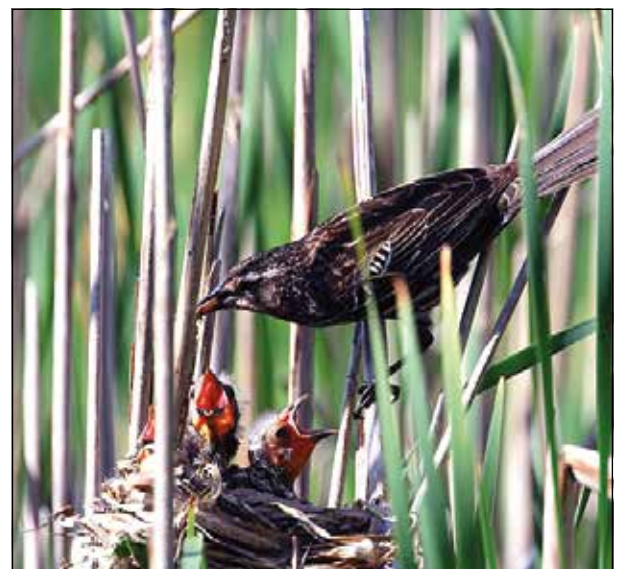
busiest season of the year, Director of Wildlife Amy LeMonds answers the most common questions her staff receives about baby wildlife.

**Q: I noticed a fawn alone in the grass. Is it abandoned?**

A: Baby wildlife is rarely abandoned in nature. Mothers will often leave their young unattended for several reasons. For instance, a

fawn lying quietly by itself with no mother in sight is perfectly normal. Deer do this to protect their young, as the presence of an adult would attract the attention of predators.

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A red-winged blackbird feeds babies in the nest. Baby wildlife receives the best care from natural parents; human intervention should be a last resort.



## GIRL SCOUT

from front page

One cart went to the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland to offer books to those who may already know other languages.

The other cart is in the cafe of the Westlake Porter Public Library in order to give those learning another language a resource to practice with, as well as to inspire cultural and lingual diversity. The public is encouraged to utilize the resources on the carts to help better their linguistic abilities.

Katie collected books in 23 different languages over a span of six months. She received the books through donations from friends, Half Price Books, Lorain County Community College, and the Book Nook used book room at Porter Library. Katie also bought books online and from several local book sales. After the books were collected, each book was labeled to show that it belongs to the Language Library, as well as with the language that it is in.

Katie used her passion for language as inspiration for this project. She speaks Spanish and is learning French. Katie plans on using language as a part of a future career.

Also, as a part of the project, Katie hosted a Culture Fair at Porter Library in March. Several groups shared their cultures through traditional food, music, displays, pictures and objects. There were also surveys on language and culture, in which the 100 attendees were invited to participate. One of the Language Libraries was on display at the fair before being delivered to the library's cafe.

"The idea behind the Culture Fair was to get people excited about all the cultural connections that can come from knowing another language," Katie said. "Another important part of the fair was to showcase all the diversity that we have locally."



Katie with the two Language Library carts.

Katie admits that her project was more challenging than she thought it would be. Since the start of the project in August 2017, Katie has put about 110 hours into the project.

"The project is a simple idea, but there were several parts to it that I did not anticipate, such as researching books online, making sure every book's language is correctly identified, designing labels for the books, and trips to book sales. All those 'little things' added up to a lot of time spent!"

Katie's leadership skills

have grown as a result of this project. She was able to learn more about managing events and being in charge of volunteers. This project also helped her learn about more languages.

Katie says that she could not have completed this project alone. She would like to thank everyone who helped with this project, including her project advisor, Ms. Carolyn Fain, the Book Nook at Porter Library, all the volunteers at the Culture Fair, her friends and her family. ●

## WILDLIFE

from front page

**Q: A nest of baby bunnies is in the middle of my yard. Should I move them?**

A: Eastern cottontail rabbits often build their nesting sites in yards and open spaces. If you stumble across one of their nests, do not move the baby bunnies because their mother will be unable to find them. She will return at dusk and dawn to feed and groom her babies.

Baby wildlife does not need to be protected from natural dangers. Children, predators and automobiles are all a natural part of their

urban and suburban environments. Baby wildlife must grow up among these circumstances in order to learn how to successfully co-exist with them. Growing up in the wild is dangerous, but removing animals from their parents can be equally as detrimental to their survival.

**Q: A baby squirrel fell from a tree. Should I feed it?**

A: Please do not feed baby animals. Each species requires a specialized diet and feeding an animal the wrong food can be harmful to its health. Squirrels often maintain more than one nest site and will retrieve their babies when they end up out of the nest too early.

**Q: I see a baby bird that can't fly. Should I help it?**

A: A baby bird with skin still visible or only covered in downy feathers should be placed back in the nest or in an artificial nest. If fully feathered but unable to fly, the bird is a fledgling that should be left alone to learn critical survival behaviors.

Baby wildlife will never receive the same quality of care from humans as they would receive from their natural parents. Human care, to some extent, is always damaging to the animal. For this reason, human intervention should be the last resort.

If you have questions about wildlife, contact the

expert wildlife staff at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-471-8357 or [wildlife@lensc.org](mailto:wildlife@lensc.org). The Center's team is always happy to answer questions and provide resources to the community.

**Save the Date:** The Center will host its third annual Birds of Lake Erie Day on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a variety of programs and activities for all ages including birding hikes through Huntington Reservation, live animal presentations, an update on Cleveland's Lights Out initiative and planetarium shows about the night sky. The fee is \$8 per person. ●

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# Far West Center exhibit shows how art helps and heals

by DENISE AYRES

Far West Center invites you to come share our inspirational art exhibit on display during the month of May at Westlake Porter Public Library. This community exhibit will showcase the artwork created by individuals in recovery from mental illness. These unique works of emotional expression are captivating and demonstrate how artistic opportunities provide tools for recovery and healing.

Far West Center is a nonprofit community behavioral health services agency located on the West Shore Health Campus. The Art Helps and Heals (AHH!) Open Art Studio program helps adults managing severe mental illness, and teaches ways to identify and express emotion using artistic tools. Creating artwork offers persons new feelings of success and accomplishment.

AHH! Art Helps and Heals Open Art Studio is supported by the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County and also supported by the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Council. We also appreciate support from the Bay Village-Westlake Rotary Club to offer this unique program.

Our client-artists are delighted to be given this opportunity to exhibit their works. Paintings, drawing, masks and mixed-media art pieces will give you a glimpse into the powerful messages of healing. Our exhibit will leave you with a sense of hope and a better understanding of how art helps and heals.

The Far West Center AHH! Open Art Studio Exhibit is open during the entire month of May, in celebration of May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. You can view this exhibit during regular library hours.

Save the Date: Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 20, 2-4 p.m., for Far West Center's Annual Compeer Day Community Open House Event at Porter Library. Far West Center staff and AHH! client-artists will be on hand to present information and answer questions about the Art Helps and Heals Open Art Studio program, and additional mental health services. Music and refreshments included. ●



# April 29 ceremony to honor Bay citizen, project of the year

by TARA WENDELL

The Bay Village community is invited to attend a reception at the Community House on Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m., to celebrate the 2018 Citizen of the Year, Catherine Flament, and Project of the Year, the Community Yard Sale to benefit hurricane victims.

Mayor Paul Koomar and other elected officials will recognize the honorees in a brief ceremony, followed by refreshments and tours of the Rose Hill Museum and Osborn Learning Center. The event is free and open to all.

Flament was chosen for the award by the Bay Village Community Council for her work with the Bay Village Historical Society, Destination Bay, Girl Scouts and other community organizations. The Community Yard Sale, organized last October by Annie Nock, raised more than \$10,000 for the victims of hurricanes that struck Texas, Florida and the Caribbean. ●



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# Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

May the Fourth Be With You when you join us at the Bay Village branch library on Friday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate Star Wars day. We'll have coding, gaming and Jedi training activities! Don't forget to wear your Star Wars gear! Space is limited, so please register to reserve your spot.

### CHILDREN

- **Mondays & Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages
- **Wednesdays (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** – ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

**Thursday, April 19 (4 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL: MARYELLEN** – Grades 2-4: Learn about the times and cultures represented by the dolls. Feel free to bring your doll to the program if you have one.

### TEEN

**Wednesday, April 18 (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE** – Grades 5 & up: Chill with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more!

**Monday, April 23 and 30 (7 p.m.)**

**GIRLS WHO CODE** – For girls in grades 6-12 who want to explore coding in a fun and friendly way! Our club will meet weekly on Mondays.

**Thursday, May 3 (3 p.m.) WRITE ON!** - Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing. Registration required.

### ADULT

**Wednesday, April 18 (7 p.m.) THE PROBLEM OF WILDLIFE IN OUR GARDENS** – Do you have deer, rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels and skunks frolicking in your garden and dining on your carefully-tended plants? The Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will focus on these problems and what we can do about them.

**Friday, April 20 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION** – Join library staff and neighbors for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus in the Sullivan Gallery. This month's book, "Everyone Brave is Forgiven" by Chris Cleave, is available at the library and BAYarts.

**Wednesday, April 25 (7 p.m.) MAKER NIGHT: MAKE, TAKE AND DONATE** – Join library staff to make a neck warmer. Make one for yourself and one to donate to Bay Village Meals on Wheels. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library Branch.

**Please register to attend the programs online at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), call us at 440-871-6392, or stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian.** ●

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Digital world mimics real world

by TAK SATO

Maybe no one explained how the two worlds complement each other. Perhaps the lines were more lucid 10 years ago but now they are blurred. "Shaken, not stirred," just like Ian Fleming's British spy agent likes his martini.

Every morning your cerebral cortex signals the idiom "clear as mud" when you try to understand the two worlds but said signal is not accompanied by a sense of urgency. You face another day without grasping the consequences that your actions in the digital world invites in the real world.

While waiting for your afternoon cuppa joe, you learn about the 141st data security breach of 2018, this time affecting 1 million customers; you quickly swipe to the next news story. As common as your customized morning commute traffic reports you get through the "Waze" app on your smartphone, you came to learn that initial numbers in most data security breach news are under-reported. You cynically blame that as crisis management M.O. (modus operandi)!

As you take a sip of your afternoon caffeine boost you wonder "what's next?" Is the fictional character Morpheus, played by Laurence Fishburne in the 1999 cyberpunk film "The Matrix," going to appear and ask you to choose between the red or blue pill?

Luckily for us, there is no need to take a pill to understand the duality of the worlds we live in.

Simply put, the digital world mimics the real world. That said, what's

mimicked in the digital world achieves intended and unintended results faster and more efficiently than in the real world. We'll get back to those "unintended" results as the punchline later.

Take Facebook and other social networking platforms as an example of this mirroring effect on steroids. You can add 100 friends in the click of a button, while in the real world it requires some kind of one-to-one interaction like meeting for coffee to curate relationships.

By the same token you wouldn't just meet someone for coffee in the real world unless there is a compelling reason (blind date, looking for a financial planner, etc.) yet it is very easy to be Facebook friends with someone you have never met because the person was a friend of a friend of your BFF (Best Friends Forever). Really? What made you accept that friendship in Facebook?

I'll let the media paint the picture regarding how a British company – Cambridge Analytica – used Facebook data through a survey app that lived in Facebook. Punchline: If a survey comes through the postal mail, other than the Census Bureau survey that you are by law obligated to answer, would you participate? I don't think so.

Just like you wouldn't put out a big yard sign announcing that your home will be vacant while on a cruise vacation, you will follow common sense to minimize being victimized.

As technology permeates into every nook and cranny of our lives, remember that "street smarts" in the real world can be applied as "internet street smarts" in the digital world. ●

# Cheers to the Knickerbocker in Bay Village

by CHERYL SHAVER

The Knickerbocker Senior Center, located in the Knickerbocker Apartments at 27100 Knickerbocker Road in Bay Village, will be hosting a "wine & cheese" fundraiser, a "last hurrah" of sorts in the building's original glory before construction begins this summer. Come and celebrate this historic building on Thursday, May 10, 5-8 p.m.; sip and eat and win some amazing prizes with all proceeds to benefit our senior residents. The event will be the last in the building before remodeling and funds will serve the residents for activities, meals and outings during the lengthy construction period.

Bay Inter-Faith Housing, LSC Service Corporation and PIRHL Developers have partnered to rehabilitate and recapitalize Knickerbocker Apartments. It was originally developed and is still owned by Bay Inter-Faith Housing, which is a consortium of four Bay Village churches (Bay Presbyterian, Bay United Methodist, Bethesda on-the-Bay Lutheran, and St. Barnabas Episcopal), that organized in the late 1960s to address the growing need for senior housing and services in the area. Constructed in 1974, the property is restricted to seniors over age 62.

Many things have changed cultur-

ally within the building. There once was a dress code, women could only wear dresses and men business attire while residents were required to come in the side door with packages, groceries and carts. It is now a more modern, casual atmosphere. The entire west parking lot was once home to gardens before cars became essential and a raised garden is in the new backyard development plan. The Senior Center itself (Westshore Senior Center) once served the entire community with dinners, socials and volunteer events.

Residents continue to enjoy the social activities from morning coffee to exercise classes, hot lunches, sing-a-longs, birthday celebrations, craft classes, movie nights and a monthly entertainment event. These events, especially music, are always popular and critical to the well-being of the residents. The building now provides an in-house activities coordinator, social services coordinator and Eliza Jennings health care.

All in all, our seniors deserve our care and attention. They are our past, and key wisdom to our future. They are the parents and teachers that set our morals, values and principles. Many don't like to ask for help, but it is beneficial to us as human beings

to support and respect them for a strong community. The Knickerbocker Senior Center helps to provide warm meals, outings, socials, educational programs and recreational activities to its residents. The Center is a 501(c)(3) and all funds are acquired by donation.

Tickets for the May 10 fundraiser

## DIRECTORS

*from front page*

Visitors to the site can find program and social service information for Avon, Bay Village, Fairview, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake. Community West Foundation provided funding for the site.

"The feedback we received was

are \$35 (tax deductible) and can be purchased on site at the Knickerbocker Apartments between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 1-4. For questions contact Cheryl at 440-835-1111. Mary Beth Ions will be serenading guests at event from 6-7 p.m. Renderings of the new building will be on site to view. ●

that attendees from across the country were 'amazed' at our collaboration, and how unusual that is," said Lydia Gadd, director of Community Services for Westlake. "The Westshore senior centers have collaborated for more than 10 years, so we don't experience the competition that other senior center communities do. Over the years our collaboration has grown to enable us to create our website." ●

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# SKATEPARK

from front page

Mr. Kuh, who was recognized for his work by the Bay Village Community Council as “Citizen of the Year” in 2010, demonstrated to his class, and to his entire school, the importance of civic engagement, the importance of being prepared to defend a position, the ability to reach compromise and find common ground between those holding opposing values, and that of the extraordinary persistence often needed to reach one’s goals.

Whether or not a person cares for skateboarding, a completely American sport that will make its Summer Olympics debut in 2020, becomes irrelevant when one considers the value of the experience that Mr. Kuh and his group of supporters provided to our students during those years. I am very grateful that Mr. Kuh is one of our district’s many dedicated teachers.

Mr. Kuh and I have not always agreed about skatepark-related issues but I am today and always have been grateful to him and his team because our little skatepark is something I’d hoped for since my first advocacy experience in mid-1980s when our City Council at the time treated my inquiry as wildly absurd and trivial.

My children and I are frequent visitors to the skatepark and we have always wanted lights,

especially during the months between September and April when many otherwise great evenings are ended by early sunsets.

The “Bright Idea” event held on April 11, in which a generator was set up to light the park for the evening, was designed merely to begin the discussion of bringing permanent lights to the skatepark – the only unlit recreational attraction in Bay Village. Encouraged by my children and following the example set by Mr. Kuh I met with City Council to seek formal permission for the event.

I am grateful to the City Council for considering and approving my idea and I am looking forward to the possibility of making lights a reality in the near future. I want to thank everyone who attended the event and I am especially grateful to my Council representative, Lydia DeGeorge, for her guidance during the process; Joey Strunk (one of Mr. Kuh’s students long ago) for designing the flyer; bringing lights and helping spread the word; Mindy Stroh and her family for loaning me a significant number of Christmas lights; John Paytosh; my parents and family; Lawrence Kuh; and every little kid who showed up and had fun.

I urge anyone, supportive or otherwise, to reach out to their City Council representatives so that this matter of lighting the skatepark can be properly considered and maybe even made a reality. ●

# Explorer Club 360 promotes water conservation challenge

*This is the third in a series of articles written by Explorer Club 360 on the health of Porter Creek.*

by NORAH HAMIL

Over the winter Explorer Club 360 conducted an environmental study of Porter Creek. We found that its watershed needs help to reduce the negative impact that runoff is having on the creek ecosystem. As a positive and first step forward, we are suggesting the promotion of the Wyland Mayor’s Water Conservation Challenge to the citizens of Bay Village and Westlake.

The challenge requires individuals to take the My Water Pledge, “a friendly competition between cities across the U.S. to see who can be the most ‘water-wise.’ Mayors nationwide are challenging their residents to conserve water, energy and other natural resources on behalf of their city through a series of informative, easy-to-use pledges online. Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category win.”

At the time of writing this



Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar, pictured with Anna Grossman, left, and Jennie Koomar, demonstrates good environmental practice by washing his car on the lawn.

article Bay Village ranked 29th; Laguna Beach, California, was ranked No. 1 in our population category. Westlake was ranked 500+ in their category with Parma ranked in the top 10 in same category.

Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar is on board with the idea. He stated, “I am very proud of these young people and their green activities. Future generations will reap the benefit of their hard work and dedication. I encourage all our citizens to take up the challenge and pledge.”

At the quarterly meeting of the Westlake Watershed Group, held on April 13, chaired by Wesley Davis, P.E., Storm Water

Discharge Coordinator for the city of Westlake, the group agreed unanimously to move Westlake out of the basement. As responsible citizens Explorer Club 360 is encouraging everyone to visit the website, mywaterpledge.com and take the pledge.

Please help us promote the challenge and get our cities, Bay Village and Westlake, out of the basement. Thank you for your help.

Learning for Life, Explorer Club 360 is a co-ed after school program for middle school youth. For more information on joining contact Richard Gash, skipper@seascoutship41.org or 440-871-6106. ●

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“The Westlake Porter Public Library has been one of the best libraries in the country for many years and is an important part of our community. On Tuesday, May 8th, please remember to support YOUR library and vote FOR the levy. Issue 6 is a RENEWAL, not a tax increase.”

• **Dennis M. Clough**  
Mayor, City of Westlake

“Renewing this levy will enable Connecting for Kids and Westlake Porter Public Library to continue our programming to educate and support parents. On behalf of the more than 1,000 local parents that participate in a program annually at the library, I urge you to renew the levy.”

• **Sarah Rintamaki**  
Executive Director, Connecting for Kids

“It is no wonder that our precious Porter Public Library is a Five Star Library. Our dynamic library Board of Trustees and staff care and exceed the dreams of 1884 Dover Township Public Library Founder Leonard Porter through offering programs for all ages and stages of life.”

• **Mary Levtzow**  
St. Paul Lutheran Hunger Ministry Director

“I’m excited to support the levy renewal for the Porter Library. Passage of Issue 6 continues a family friendly place promoting reading, learning and neighborhood meetings without raising taxes.”

• **Michael O’Donnell**  
Westlake City Council, Ward 4

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## THE GREEN REPORT

## Green your spring cleaning

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

When winter is over (will it be over? Ha ha!) do you like to spring clean your home? Many people enjoy clearing stuff out of their home in the spring and giving it a good cleaning before summer arrives. I want to offer suggestions that will help you dispose of unwanted items in an environmentally friendly way.

The No. 1 thing you should think about when wanting to get rid of things is if they are in good enough condition for donating. Donating used items keeps them out of the landfill, and also helps people with limited means. When looking to get rid of used clothing, toys, furniture, housewares, shoes, books, small appliances, etc., please make sure you donate what you can. There are many services that will come pick up your items from your house, such as AMVETS, Easter Seals and Volunteers of America. It is easy to Google these organizations and check their websites for how to set up a pick-up at your home. Donations are also tax-deductible so keep track of how many bags you are donating and their estimated value.

Another great way to get rid of items in an environmentally friendly way is to use the Bay Village Freecycle Facebook page. This is a Facebook page that gives you an opportunity to sell or give away pretty much anything, and it's super easy to use. It is a private group, so you have to request to join. On the page at any given time you can find items such as T-shirts, shoes, strollers, furniture, flooring, and even appliances (and everything in between).

Different from the Bay Village Freecycle Facebook page is The Freecycle Network ([www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)). The Freecycle

**Saturday, April 21**  
**Bay Village Police Station**  
**SHREDDING DAY**  
**9 a.m. to noon**  
**HABITAT FOR**  
**HUMANITY COLLECTION**  
**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Network is a world-wide non-profit organization dedicated to keeping stuff out of landfills by offering an outlet for people to give (and get) things for free. You can go on the website and register, and then you are able to see what's available in your area and post items you no longer want. A few years ago we had some work done on our home and I had some doors and windows that we did not have use for anymore. I posted them on [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) and everything was picked up. I just left the stuff on my front porch for pick-up. If you have something that you are not able to get rid of using the Bay Village Freecycle Facebook page, I guarantee you can find a place for them using [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org).

Are you remodeling or replacing windows? Habitat for Humanity ReStore will accept many different items such as building supplies, trash containers, furniture, windows, doors, cabinets, light fixtures, sinks, tubs, showers, plumbing/electric/HVAC, lumber, and full rolls of wallpaper. Please do not bring mattresses, paint or clothing. For a full list of what is accepted, please check [clevelandhabitat.org/restore/donations](http://clevelandhabitat.org/restore/donations). To make this even easier for you, you can drop these items off on Saturday, April 21, at the Bay Village Police Station between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. as Habitat for Humanity will be there accepting donations.

As I wrote about last time, if you are looking to get rid of sen-

sitive documents, you can also bring these on Saturday, April 21, to the Bay Village Police Station between 9 a.m. and noon for shredding. There is no limit to the amount of paper you can bring. If you already have shredded paper at home you are not sure what to do with, you can bring it in a paper bag for recycling to the Paper Retriever bins located around town (such as the ones across the street from Huntington Beach). Shredded paper is not recyclable curbside.

Do you have things that you think are not worthy of donating or selling, such as socks with holes or very worn clothing? Broken toys? Worn backpacks or a broken coffeemaker? Shoes that are falling apart? Yes, there is a place for these and it's not the trash! Residents of Bay Village and Westlake are able to place all of these unwanted items in their Simple Recycling bags that have been provided to every household. It is estimated that 85 percent of clothing does not get donated or recycled, it gets trashed. Simple Recycling helps us keep these items out of landfills. If you do not know where your bags are or would like a full listing of what Simple Recycling will take, please visit [simplerecycling.com](http://simplerecycling.com). Personally, I keep a Simple Recycling bag in my hall closet at all times, so when I find items in my house that are no longer wanted (such as the socks with holes, etc.), I place them in the bag. When the bag is full, I put it out on the tree lawn on trash pick-up days.

Lastly, there are many other ways to keep things out of the trash, such as selling them on Craigslist, having a yard/garage sale, and dropping off at Goodwill or Salvation Army. Anything you do that keeps stuff out of the landfill makes a big difference for keeping our world beautiful! Each of us makes a difference. ●

## SPORTING VIEWS

## 2018: Can Cleveland once again be the 'City of Champions'?

by JEFF BING

A number of years ago – okay, a really, really *big* number of years ago – when we thought a microwave was only a modest ripple in Lake Erie, Cleveland was known throughout the sports world as the “City of Champions.” No, not Cleveland, Tennessee, smarty pants, Cleveland, Ohio. If you're too young to know what an “I like Ike” button meant, you probably think I'm making this up. But I'm not. I deal in facts, baby.

Back in the 1940s and '50s, Cleveland was the envy of the rest of the nation because all of Cleveland sports teams won pretty much all the time. The Browns, for example, won championships with more regularity than MiraLax.

The Indians, although they didn't have many championships to show for it because of the domination of the mighty New York Yankees, were the only team to consistently give the Yanks a run for their money year after year. Check this out: from 1947 through 1958, the only team NOT named the Yankees to represent the AL in the World Series was our beloved Wahoos. Not too shabby, eh?

Although the Cavaliers didn't join the NBA until 1970, we did have the AHL's Cleveland Barons, who dominated for a generation. And don't dismiss the Barons because they belonged to the “minor league” AHL, either. Remember that the NHL consisted of a mere 6 teams, and the quality of play in the AHL was very close to that of the NHL. Nothing minor about the Barons.

Yes, life was good in the City of Champions. Who'd a thunk that it would all go to heck in a handbasket so fast and – worse yet – for so *long*? The Indians stunk up baseball for most of the '60s, '70s, '80s, and into the '90s before the Dick Jacobs era revived baseball in Cleveland.

The Browns had some flashes of entertaining football in the '70s and '80s, but the last time they won a playoff game was in 1994. Correct me if I'm wrong, but that's about a quarter of a century, no? And the last time they appeared in a playoff game was 2002. And of course, the Browns teams of recent years have given fans new appreciation for watching grass grow as their Sunday entertainment.

The Cavs? They had the Miracle of Richfield in the late '70s, and some very good teams in the late '80s, but hit a pretty long dry spell after that. The only “miracle” involving the Cavs for a while was that they didn't move to another city.

Is it time for Cleveland to reclaim their “Champions” title? We had a tease in 2007 when the Indians went to the AL Championship Series, the Cavs went to the NBA finals. And the Browns – gulp – won 10 (count 'em, *ten*) games! Unfortunately, the following year the Indians stunk, the Browns remembered who they were and became the Browns again, and the Cavs didn't play in a championship series again until 2014-2015.

So maybe the chances don't appear to be all that great. But we can dream ... *right*?

After all, Ike would have wanted it that way. ●

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Thank you for supporting the Bay Village Kiwanis pancake breakfast

The Bay Village Kiwanis and Bay High School Key Clubs held their annual pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Fairytale Foundation Princesses on Sunday, March 18, in the Middle School Cafetorium. We would like to thank the local community for their generous support without which the Bay Kiwanis Club could not continue their community service efforts.

If you would like to learn more about Bay Village Kiwanis and what we do, join us for dinner on Tuesday nights, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Bay United Methodist Church at the corner of Lake and Bassett roads. Visit [bayvillagekiwanis.com](http://bayvillagekiwanis.com) for more information, or visit our Facebook page, Bay Village Kiwanis.

– Stan Grisnick, Bay Village Kiwanis

## Friends of Bay Village Library spring book sale

by LINDA LAMB

The Friends of the Bay Village Library's spring used book sale begins Saturday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. and runs through Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. The sale is held in the meeting room of the library.

There is a large selection of books for readers of all ages as well as magazines, DVDs, CDs, audio books and more. All materials have been categorized

for easy shopping. Tuesday, the last day of the sale, is bag day when a full bag of books costs \$1. Bags are provided by the library. Proceeds from the sale are used to support upcoming library programs and activities.

For more information on the book sale, volunteering to help with sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Road or call 440-871-6392. ●

## Westlake Watershed Group to host stream cleanup

Since all stormwater flows directly into Lake Erie untreated, removing trash and other debris from the streams helps keep this vital resource vibrant.

The Westlake Watershed Group will hold the Community Spring Stream Cleanup on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are asked to dress for the weather, bring gloves, and meet in the gazebo BEHIND Westlake City Hall at 27700 Hilliard Blvd. Pizza will be provided at noon for all who help.

Please RSVP by emailing [sukipu@gmail.com](mailto:sukipu@gmail.com) by Monday, April 30. Details at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Go-Green](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Go-Green). ●



SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

Bay United Methodist Church to receive Ohio Historical Marker

The story of Elizabeth Tryon Sadler and the Bay United Methodist Church

by KAY LAUGHLIN

The Bay United Methodist Church is receiving an Ohio Historical Marker to commemorate the site and give credence to the importance of this church in our town. The new marker will be arriving in June, our 191st anniversary. Many of Bay Village's first settlers were members of this church. The names of Sadler, Cahoon, Osborn, Foote, Aldrich, Drake, Tuttle, Eddy, Dodd and Mathews, to name a few, are written in the history kept at the church. Their work ethic, will to succeed, thrust for knowledge and strong faith are the backbone of what Bay Village is today.

Elizabeth Tryon Sadler, (1792/3-1872) grew up in Pennsylvania. Her parents were strict and devoted Methodists who didn't play cards, dance or drink. She was named Elizabeth, the connotation being conse-

crated to God, and she was true to her name. With prior training and Christian example she was early led to give her heart to God, and united with the Methodist Church when about 10 years old.

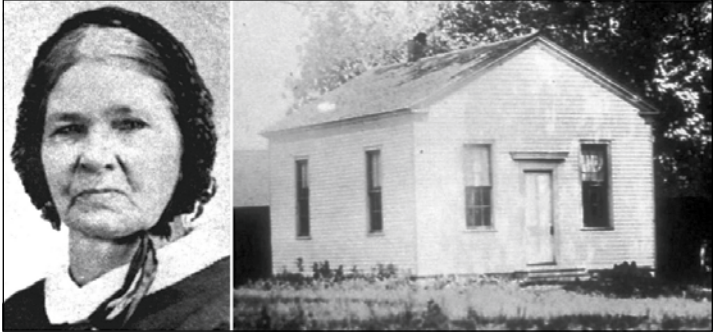
Elizabeth married William Sadler in 1813 and moved to Clarence Station, New York. In 1815, she traveled with William and the children to Lots 92/98 on the lake shore in Dover Township 7, Ohio, Range 15, in Connecticut's Western Reserve to begin a new life.

Upon arrival, here, she found she was the only Methodist in the town. To be a Methodist, in 1815, did not mean what it does to be a Methodist today, and Mrs. Sadler soon found that her religious belief made her unpopular. She was a firm believer in the Methodist doctrine and longed for a church home with Christian fellowship, but found neither. Elizabeth made a small church alter in

her backyard. She prayed and meditated there every day.

Elizabeth's neighbors in Dover Township tried to persuade her to join their denominations. She was told the Methodist Episcopal religion practiced paganism. A resident minister of another denomination called upon Mrs. Sadler inviting her to membership in his church. She declined saying she very much preferred her own church and hoped soon to have a Methodist Church here with which she could unite. The minister looked at her in amazement, saying, "Mrs. Sadler, that can never be. The Methodist Church will be very short lived; it has no foundation but witchcraft and can never stand."

Elizabeth would not change the teachings she had grown up with in her family. To find a Methodist Church, Elizabeth had to travel to the southern part of the township, a trip she



Elizabeth Tryon Sadler and the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church.

found very difficult in the early 1800s. She sought a church on the lake close to her.

In June 1827 Elizabeth, looking to worship with others of her denomination, founded along with four other faithful inhabitants the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church in North Dover Township (today Bay Village). Reverend Eliphalet Johnson, (Sarah Johnson Osborn's brother-in-law), Eliphalet's wife, Margaret, their daughter, Rebecca, and Catherine Porter Foote were charter members. They met in

the Sadler log cabin.

In 1841, Elizabeth Sadler gave the land in Lot 98 on the southwest corner of Bassett and Lake Roads to the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church to be used for the building of a new church on the grounds. This church was the only church in North Dover for 90 years.

Elizabeth was an exemplary Christian woman. Elizabeth died in 1872. In the family, she was known as a staunch Methodist. The historical marker will be a tribute to her. ●

BAYarts' annual juried show on display

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

On the weekend of April 6, nearly 300 pieces of art entered the Sullivan Family Gallery on the BAYarts campus. After careful selection, judges Bellamy Prinz and Jason K. Milburn selected nearly 60 pieces to adorn the walls.

The exhibition has a range of art pieces in all mediums, including oil paintings, mixed media, encaustic, ceramics and more. Artists 18 and older were invited to submit. It will be on display through April 27.

BAYarts would like to thank all participating artists.



"Robin #1" by Donna K. Bargar

- Best in Show:** Donna K. Bargar, "Robin #1"  
**First Place:** Chris Gray, "Missing in Action"  
**Second Place:** Sharon Pomales, "1540 Broadway NYC"  
**Third Place:** Lisa Schoenberg, "Earth Vista, Coral and Blue Moon"  
**Honorable Mention:** Misty Hughes, "Hoboken"  
**Director's Prize:** Larry Kasperek, "Patriotic Youth" ●

Tri-C Westshore hosts discussion on human trafficking

by JOHN HORTON

The Westshore Campus of Cuyahoga Community College will examine human trafficking in Northeast Ohio at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, as part of its Learning for Life lecture series.

The free program will identify the myths, realities and red flags of human trafficking and highlight efforts to combat the criminal industry often linked to the sex trade. Ohio reported a surge in human trafficking investigations last year.

The session will include a panel discussion featuring Karen Walsh of the Cleveland-based Collaborative to End

Human Trafficking; Teresa Stafford of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center; and Detective John Morgan of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department.

The discussion will be followed by a Q&A session with additional local leaders involved in the fight against human trafficking, including:

- Kathy Hackett, a sexual assault nurse examiner with University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
- Cathy Knorzer, chief nursing officer at UH St. John Medical Center
- Captain Jerry Vogel of the Westlake Police Department
- Bill Wagner, superintendent of Fairview Park City Schools

The program will be held in room 112 of Westshore Campus, located at 31001 Clemens Road in Westlake. Registration is requested but not required and can be done by contacting Kara Copeland at kara.copeland@tri-c.edu or 216-987-5968. ●

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Featuring Ann Gilbert on bass, Joe Hunter on piano, and Bill Marx on drums.

Sunday, April 29, 2018  
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Westwood Country Club

22625 Detroit Road, Rocky River

★ Complimentary Valet Parking Provided

★ \$40.00 per person

★ Cash Bar, Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund of The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.

For more information: 440-250-5565 or w-wac.org



# BHS's Christine O'Hare wins top honor in Governor's Youth Art Exhibit

by KAREN DERBY

Bay High School senior Christine O'Hare cracked the elusive "Top 25" in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit with her photograph "Kenopsia." The honor earns O'Hare the Governor's Award of Excellence and the possibility of a scholarship offer by over 30 universities and colleges of art.

O'Hare has been inspired by photographer Fredrik Marsh's "Dresden Project," which explores abandoned residences in East Germany before their demolition to make way for modern spaces. "I wanted to create an Ohio version of that," Christine said of her work.

Bay High students Allie Maust and Ana Baron also had paintings selected in the 300-piece Governor's Youth Art Exhibit. The competition received about 11,000 entries from schools across Ohio. ●



Christine O'Hare's photograph, "Kenopsia," earned the Governor's Award of Excellence.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Porter levy plans for the future

What will libraries be like in the future? I hope they will be a lot like what we have right here, right now, at the Westlake Porter Public Library.

Our library has a large, high quality collection of books and other materials. It has creative spaces for children and teens to learn and grow, and places for quiet study or noisy activity. It has the latest technology, and many opportunities for meetings large and small. Our library is a great place to connect with your family, with your friends and neigh-

bors, or your community organization.

Looking for a way to unplug from technology for a little while? Check out one of the thousands of great books that can entertain or challenge you.

Through sound fiscal management, the library has held the line on costs while continually improving services. If this 2.8 mill levy is renewed, the library will be operating on the same funds for the next five years that it has for the last 10 years. Not many services cost the same amount for 15 years!

For all these reasons and more, please join me in voting yes on May 8 for Issue 6, the Westlake Porter Public Library Levy renewal.

– Duane Van Dyke

*Westlake resident and former Westlake Porter Public Library trustee*

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Wednesday, April 18 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** – Ohio Genealogical Society trustee Eric Johnson will discuss "Ohio and World War I: Reconstructing Your Ancestor's Military Service Records."

**Wednesday, April 18 (7-7:45 p.m.) BUCKEYE REFLECTIONS, LOCAL AUTHORS VISIT** – Authors Maureen Zapala and Jack Park will talk briefly about their new book, "Buckeye Reflections: Legendary Moments from Ohio State Football," and will sign copies. Books will be available for purchase. Please register.

**Thursday, April 19 (noon-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN: DEVELOPING A BUSINESS PLAN, PART I** – A business plan is your business's road map. Whether you're just starting a business or already have one in operation, you'll want the direction that a business plan offers. We'll explore how to get started, the elements of a business plan, and issues to consider when developing yours. Please register.

**Thursday, April 19 (2:30-6 p.m.) CPR CERTIFICATION** – CPR and AED certification for adult, child and infant. Instruction by certified instructor/paramedic Ken Hehnen. Must be 13 years of age. Please register.

**Thursdays, April 19 and 26 (4-5:15 p.m.) CODE CLUB!** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Grades 3-4. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Friday, April 20 (Preschool session: 9:30 a.m. and Toddler Session: 11:30 a.m.) TEACH ME TO PLAY** – For families and their children (Toddler: ages 18 months-2 years and Preschool: ages 3-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Diverse opportunities for

learning are provided, with an emphasis on facilitating communication, practicing social interactions and responding to behaviors in a positive way. The program is led by an early intervention specialist and speech-language pathologist. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register) or by phone: 440-250-5563.

**Saturday, April 21 (10-11:30 a.m.) BEGINNING CODING FOR ADULTS** – Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. Please register.

**Saturday, April 21 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) ADAPTED STORYTIME** – Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. This 30-minute storytime, followed by time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Saturday, April 21 (11 a.m.-noon) COLLEGE FINANCIALS** – A panel discussion about the financial aspects of planning for and attending college: financial aid, scholarships and grants. Learn about managing your financial resources for college success. Intended for parents and high school and college students. Please register. Register by April 19 and receive a coupon at the event for a pizza lunch.

**Saturday, April 21 (1-2 p.m.) FINANCIAL LIFE SKILLS** – Join our local First Federal of Lakewood branch manager as she discusses and demonstrates the importance of budgeting and managing your money so that you can lead a successful financial life. Please register. Register by April 19 and receive a coupon at the event for a pizza lunch served at 12:30.

**Saturday, April 21 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS** – Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

**Mondays, April 23 and 30 (3-4:30 p.m.) TWEEN CODE CLUB** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Registration begins one week before each session. Grades 5-8.

**Mondays, April 23 and 30 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

**Monday, April 23 (7-8 p.m.) THE MONEY ROOM** – Have you ever thought about renting a room in your home as an income stream? Michelle Moore Brady, author of "The Money Room: Create An Income Stream Renting Rooms," will discuss what she has learned about advertising, screening, leases and rent collection. Her book will be available for purchase. Please register.

**Monday, April 23 (7-8:30 p.m.) 3D PRINTING ORIENTATION** – In order to use the library's new 3D printer, you'll need to take this orientation first. Learn library policies about using it, how to download a 3D-printable object, and how to prepare it for a great print. Please register.

**Tuesday, April 24 (2-3 p.m.) TRAVEL CLUB: ICELAND** – 16 Days on the Ring Road – Mark and Yvonne Sanderson of Focal Plane Photography will talk about some of their favorite destinations and things to do in Iceland. Please register.

**Tuesday, April 24 (2-3 p.m.) CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH** – Join us to learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with an expert instructor.

**Tuesday, April 24 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) ANIME MOVIE CLUB** – Enjoy and discuss all your favorite anime movies from Studio Ghibli and beyond! Grades 7 to adult.

**Tuesday, April 24 (7-8 p.m.) WESTLAKE WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL**

**SPRING RECITAL** – Come join the library's own Maria Fesz with Ben Malkevitch on piano for an evening of music for cello and piano. Works by Robert Schumann and Sergei Prokofiev will be performed. Free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, April 25 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – The April selection is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

**Wednesday, April 25 (2-3 p.m.) KANOPY MOVIE DISCUSSION CLUB** – We'll discuss the movie "Greenfingers," available for viewing with a Kanopy account. Watch at home, then meet and discuss! See the library's website for details on setting up an account and viewing the movie. (Click "Research Resources" then "K" to find the Kanopy link.) Please register.

**Wednesday, April 25 (7-8 p.m.) TECH ASPECTS OF RECYCLING** – Kathleen Rocco from Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will talk about what tech is recycled and how technology is used in recycling. Please register.

**Friday, April 27 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS** – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

**Saturday, April 28 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY OUT CRAFTS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what our featured craft is this afternoon. We have all the supplies you'll need to create something fantastic!

**Saturday, April 28 (3-5 p.m.) ANIME CLUB** – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

**Sunday, April 29 (2-3 p.m.) "PAINTED" COASTERS** – We will be "painting" coasters using sharpies and rubbing alcohol. Take home a set of four coasters from your own unique design. Grades 6 and 8. Registration begins April 22.

**Sunday, April 29 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB** – Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for ages 6+, but all ages are welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

To register for any of the programs, please visit [westlakelibrary.evanced.info](http://westlakelibrary.evanced.info) or call 440-871-2600. ●



BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join a celebration of the ‘Life of Eleanor Roosevelt’

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Join the Bay Village Historical Society on Thursday, May 17, as it celebrates the “Life of Eleanor Roosevelt,” an American politician, diplomat and activist.

Guest speaker Ruth Pangrace will give her portrayal of Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, the longest-serving first lady of the United States during her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s four terms in office.

Eleanor Roosevelt served as the United States delegate to the United Nations, chaired the UN Commission on Human Rights and oversaw the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She later chaired President Kennedy’s Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. She was the first presidential spouse to hold press conferences, write a daily newspaper column, write a monthly magazine column, host a weekly radio show and

speak at a national convention. Roosevelt was regarded as one of the most esteemed women in history and called, “the object of almost universal respect” in her New York Times obituary.

The 7 p.m. program will be preceded by a 6 p.m. social hour and potluck dinner at the Bay Village Community House. The historical society will provide the main course of barbecued pulled pork. Guests with a last name beginning with A to L are asked to bring an appetizer or

dessert for 10 to share. Attendees with a last name beginning with M to Z are asked to bring a side dish. All guests must bring their own place setting.

Admission is free for Bay Village Historical Society members. If you are not a member, a \$5 donation is requested when you arrive at the meeting. Membership is encouraged and the annual fee is only \$20. Please RSVP to Steve Ruscher at [steveruscher884@gmail.com](mailto:steveruscher884@gmail.com) or 216-346-5645. ●

Welcome back spring with ‘Baskets and Bonnets’

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

“Baskets and Bonnets,” the latest exhibit at Rose Hill Museum in Bay Village, celebrates the return of spring and the reopening of the museum for 2018.

The exhibit, which debuted on April 15, features bonnets dating back to 1818 through 1940. The bonnet collection has never been displayed and is complemented by baskets from the same period.

Adding to the display in time for the Bay Village Historical Society’s June 16 “Cahoon in June” antiques, crafts and collectibles show will be a collection of individually boxed miniature vignettes from the Cleveland Miniature Society. The Cleveland chapter of this international organization is accepting members and membership forms will be available at the June show. The local group meets monthly at the Rocky River Memorial Center.

Rose Hill Museum, 27715 Lake Road, is open from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. Group appointments can be arranged. Phone 440-871-7338.

Membership in the Bay Village Historical Society is open to anyone in the community interested in keeping history alive. Families are welcome. Call 216-386-5997 for membership details. ●

3 Westlake teachers selected as Fund for Teachers Fellows

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Three Westlake High School teachers were selected as 2018 Fund for Teachers Fellows and will spend this summer in field seminars that will support authentic learning.

Science teacher Melissa Barth, and language arts teachers Julie Davidson and Ann Hasenorhl, were selected by Fund for Teachers and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation as 2018 fellows.

Hasenorhl and Davidson received \$3,860 each to participate in Kristin Linklater’s Advanced Course on Shakespeare’s Monologues and Scenes in the Orkney Islands of Scotland. The program applies innovative and differentiated strategies

that bring Shakespeare to live for diverse high school students.

Barth received \$2,384 to participate in a field seminar focusing on phenology and climate change for citizen scientists at Yellowstone National Park to inform a student-centered research project based in the WHS new pollinator garden. She previously received a tuition waiver from Yellowstone Forever to attend the summer field research seminar. The fellowship will cover the balance of her expenses for that trip.



Ann Hasenorhl, Julie Davidson and Melissa Barth received grants for courses to develop their skills.

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Departing Bamberger names Jane Mueller key player

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

All of northeastern Ohio opera lovers and aspiring opera singers from near and far owe more than they know to David Bamberger. But recently, when he was being honored and thanked by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council, he quickly pointed out the immeasurable contribution made by Jane Mueller, longtime Westlake resident and WWAC member.

In 1991, when Mueller was fairly new to the WWAC, she suggested a program that would preview upcoming Cleveland

Opera productions, which would provide information to those who might attend or just be interested in learning more about opera. Mueller said she recalled that in past years when the Metropolitan Opera toured and performed in Cleveland for a week each spring, Lakewood Library had a similar program.

The idea was approved and Mueller called Cleveland Opera, which Bamberger began in 1976. Mueller said she received full cooperation and people willingly talked with her and Jean Povinelli, another WWAC member, to structure the program. Speakers were obtained for two or three

programs a year and, Mueller said, “Even the honorarium for the speakers was provided.”

But FYI: Opera also attracted other sources. For about five years, until the retirement of the contributing professor, programs on upcoming productions by Oberlin College School of Music were also presented.

In 2004, following his departure from Cleveland Opera, Bamberger joined the faculty at Cleveland Institute of Music. Bamberger, whose programs were always a draw, then

offered FYI: Opera not only his expertise, but also talented voices to showcase opera highlights.

For the past 27 years, through all the program's changes and life's surprises, Mueller has unfailingly arranged each program, procured needed publicity, funds, refreshments, and when Porter Library's new building was under construction, Mueller found a temporary home for FYI: Opera.

Mueller's unfailing commitment to the program forged a bond

between these two sincere music lovers who work to share this appreciation with others. Prior to the public announcement that Bamberger and his wife, Carola, will be relocating to California, he called Mueller to tell her, so that she would hear it personally from him.

At the recent April 3 FYI: Opera program, a special farewell reception was also held for the Bambergers and many loyal FYI: Opera fans were feeling the loss. Many accolades will, and should, be given to this man who Crain's Cleveland Business dubbed “Cleveland's ‘Mr. Opera.’”

This writer adds her fond farewell with tons of thanks to the Bambergers.

And for opera lovers who would like one more taste of Bamberger's work, “Spring Scenes” will be performed April 20, 21 and 22 at CIM's Kulas Hall in University Circle. For information go to [cim.edu/events/tickets.php](http://cim.edu/events/tickets.php) or call 216-795-3211. ●



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Jane Mueller stands between David Bamberger and his wife, Carola, at the reception held by the WWAC for the Bambergers.

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# Bay Community Theater opens season with comedy

by TOM JOHNSON

Bay Village theater-lovers are headed back to their seats. The Bay Village Community Theater players will stage “Over The River And Through The Woods,” by Joe DiPietro, in five performances in Bay Village during the last week in April and the first Sunday in May, as their opening salvo for area live theater-lovers this season.

Returning to last season’s venue at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Parkside Hall in Bay Village, the play, a family-friendly Italian-themed comedy, pits a footloose young man against his cagey Italian grandparents, who are intent on

keeping him from moving away from them to the other side of the country.

Young Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey. He sees both sets of grandparents every Sunday for dinner, but tells them during one meal that he is going to take his dream job in Seattle. They resort to all-out warfare, including bringing the lovely – and single – Caitlin in to help him change his mind. BackStage called it, “A hilarious family comedy that is even funnier than his (DiPietro’s) long-running musical review, ‘I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change.’”

Directed by Doug Farren, cast members include: Kristin Brosky as Caitlin,

Rodger Govea as Nunzio, Margy Haas as Aida, Jonathon McCleery as Frank, Zack Mitchell as Nick and Meg Parish as Emma.

With riffs on the passions and humor of Italian life, “Over The River and Through The Woods” has quickly won a following among America’s theater lovers, for its audience-friendliness and good-natured humor.

Performances will take place Friday, April 27, through Sunday, May 6 – Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and one Sunday matinee, May 6, at 3 p.m. Plans call for intermission refreshments.

Ticket prices are \$12; seniors and students, \$10. Order online: [www.bay-theater.yapsody.com](http://www.bay-theater.yapsody.com), or call 440-847-8494.

St. Barnabas is located at 468 Bradley Road, Bay Village. Parking at the Wolf Road entrance is free. ●

# FYI: Opera, a gift to its audience

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The ageless music of five renowned composers was beautifully performed by four gifted singers to an appreciative audience on April 3 at Westlake Porter Public Library. The event marks the 27th year that the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council has sponsored FYI: Opera, an invaluable gift, offered free to the community.

From Bizet to Bernstein, with Donizetti, Mozart and Verdi mixed in, David Bamberger, Opera Artistic Director at Cleveland Institute of Music, offered introductions and interesting asides for each of the CIM voice students and their selections.

Kaylee Norris enhanced her lovely soprano voice with cunning actions to interpret an aria from Mozart’s “Cosi Fan Tutte,” suggesting women should have the ability to wrap men around their finger. Following his beautiful rendition of Donizetti’s popular tenor aria “Una Furtiva Lagrima,” Benjamin Liu acknowledged the expert piano accompaniment of John Simmons, CIM’s

coach-accompanist.

Soprano Nayoung Yeo beautifully sung an aria from Verdi’s “Il Trovatore.” Her high notes were clear and lovely. When London Long-Wheeler took the spotlight to sing the “Habanera” she left no doubt she was the provocative “Carmen” from Bizet’s opera. Her sultry mezzo-soprano voice was framed with proper visuals in costume and actions.

In introducing a selection from “The Pearl Fishers,” which Bizet wrote when he was not yet 25, Bamberger noted that because “Carmen” achieved great popularity, many think it is the only opera Bizet wrote. But when Liu performed the melodious tenor piece, it filled the room with warmth and beauty and Simmons’ piano accompaniment was perfect icing on the cake.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of Leonard Bernstein’s birth, Bamberger included a selection from Bernstein’s one-act opera “Trouble in Tahiti.” The rousing, fun song called “What a Movie” was done by Long-Wheeler. She put all the needed energy and her mezzo-soprano voice into a rousing performance



PHOTO BY LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Kaylee Norris and Benjamin Liu end FYI: Opera with “The Drinking Song.”

of the character named Dinah.

When it might have been thought nothing could match the earlier performances, the program ended with all four voices taking part in “The Drinking Song” from Verdi’s “La Traviata,” which gained even more vigorous applause from the appreciative audience.

The only bittersweet note to this FYI: Opera program was the knowledge that David Bamberger will be re-locating to California. His greatly appreciated, long-time association and support for FYI: Opera will be missed. ●

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Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m. WESTLAKE DEMOCRATIC CLUB CANDIDATE FORUM

Voters will have a chance to hear from 16th Congressional District candidates: Mark Dent, Aaron Godfrey, Grant Goodrich, TJ Mulloy and Susan Moran Palmer. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. Contact Vern, 440-289-6291 or coachvlong@gmail.com.

Western Cuyahoga Lodge, FOP Hall #25, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, April 18, 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m. WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB FIELD TRIP

The Westlake Garden Club will travel to Westlake High School to learn more about the school's beekeeping program and plans for a pollinator garden. Arrivals start at 11:15. There will be an indoor presentation, outdoor garden tour, club meeting and lunch. The event is open to the public but non-members should register in advance with Shirley Lutz, 440-871-2541.

The Red Brick Community Arts Room, Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER, OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Eric John, Ohio Genealogical Society trustee, retired United States Air Force Lt. Colonel and

author of several military books, will present,"Ohio and World War I: Reconstructing your Ancestor's Military Service Records." Program is at 7:00 p.m. Social time from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Public is invited to attend, at no cost.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. CANDIDATES NIGHT FOR THE 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The League of Women Voters is hosting Candidates Night for the 16th Congressional District to allow voters to meet the candidates, have discussions and ask questions. All are welcome.

North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd.

Thursday, April 19, 6:30-8 p.m. BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM MEETING

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Saturday, April 21, 8:30 p.m. TELESCOPE NIGHT

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

Monday, April 23, 11:30 a.m. 10 GREAT PLANT STORIES

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Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m. RETIREMENT SERIES, PART 2: WHEN TO CLAIM SOCIAL SECURITY

This workshop is primarily intended for adults who are nearing retirement and are exploring when to stop working full time and start collecting their Social Security benefits. Younger audience members may be considering an early retirement and wondering how various work and life circumstances will affect the amount of Social Security retirement benefits they will receive and how this decision will affect their retirement paycheck. FREE; RSVP to 899-3442.

Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Thursday, April 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. BIRDS OF LAKE ERIE DAY

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, April 28, noon WEST SHORE CHORALE HOSTS MEET THE COMPOSER

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