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City Hopes New Holiday Traditions Take Hold

by Jeannie Roberts

The Parma Jaycees, the City of Parma and Stearns Farm are partnering this year to bring area residents a Christmas parade with a slightly different route from years past but a bigger reward at the end of it. Instead of marching from Parma Circle to Parmatown (now the Shoppes at Parma) the parade will move slightly down the street with a different starting and ending place.

The parade, which will step off at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, will begin at City Hall, on the corner of Ridge



A float from the Jaycees Christmas Parade, 2012

and W. Ridgewood, and proceed south to Stearns Farm. Mayor DeGeeter will flip the switch on the Stearns Farm Christmas tree sometime around 5 or shortly thereafter.

"This year, when the

parade's over, the fun is not over," Mayor Tim DeGeeter said. "The parade ends at Stearns Farm, and families and parade-goers can enjoy the Christmas at the Farm celebration going on there."

This could signal the beginning of new Parma traditions for the beginning of the holiday season. "We love that the parade leads people right to Stearns Farm, which is a hidden Parma jewel," the Mayor said.

Another holiday tradition that got a strong push locally this year is Small Business Saturday, which happens annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is a national event started by American Express in 2010; this past year, the City administration gave it a very strong campaign, distributing Shop Small signs to small business owners to display in hopes of luring customers in throughout the holiday season.

"We are so excited about creating new traditions that are useful to the city and also that the residents can anticipate and look forward to," Mayor DeGeeter said.

Stearns Farm's Christmas at the Farm celebration runs two days on the first weekend in December, Saturday from noon-6 and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. and many activities – photos with Santa, feeding the animals, basket raffles, bake sale, Gibbs House tours - will be available on both days.

The Jaycees parade will feature three high school marching bands, Santa and Christmas floats.

Mt. Alverna Village Honors Veterans With Inspiring Ceremony

by Daniel P. McCarthy

On Veteran's Day I had the pleasure to attend a ceremony honoring veterans that was held at Mt. Alverna Village in Parma. When I look at these elderly veterans, most in wheelchairs, I have to remind myself that some 70 years ago, these were vibrant young people in the prime of their lives, called to serve and fight in a world wide war the likes of which had never been seen. They had just lived through a terrible economic depression that tested the very soul of this country. Keeping this in mind, referring to them as "the Greatest Generation" seems wholly justified, as far as I am concerned.

The ceremony was held in the beautiful chapel at Mt.

Alverna Village. Parma Ward 5 Councilman Allan Divis, whose father Frank Divis was one of the honored veterans, represented the City of Parma as he delivered a proclamation of appreciation from the city, and North Royalton Mayor Robert Stefanik did likewise. Andrew Stefanik, son of the North Royalton mayor, also spoke to those assembled. He is a war veteran and a coordinator with Ohio Homeland Security. He spoke eloquently of the extraordinary sacrifices made by these and all veterans, and his insightful commentary was well received by those of us in attendance.

There are undoubtedly countless stories about these senior veterans, and here are

but a few: Albert Cimperman was in the U.S. Army and was in the first wave at Normandy on D-Day. Ted Wilk made the Air Force his career, and it was there that he met his wife Rose. Ray Gedeon was in the Army Air Corps during World War 2, and to pass the time he formed a baseball team with his fellow soldiers. Army veteran Alan Weilacher served in Korea- he had a dog named Chico which he taught to salute higher ranking officers. Henry Kercher served stateside in the U.S. Army during World War 2. Father Mike Ondo was a Chaplain for the Army, Navy, and Marines. Gerry Franklin served in the U.S. Army during World War 2 and received a battlefield commission. I heard that one of these veterans at the assembly was 101 years old!

It was fairly apparent that many of these veterans are so elderly that these days they may not remember much about their service, if any of it at all. What is most important, I believe, as evidenced by the rapt attention from all who were present to honor them, is that we most definitely remember what they did and how they sacrificed and served so selflessly, and I hope that we as a country never forget.



Stearns Farm, where Parma tradition runs parallel to history, fun, education and life.

Food Pantry Serves And Empowers Local Residents

by Stefan P. Stefaniuk

If there was ever a need for a food pantry in Parma Heights, that need is certainly evident today. Like so many other communities throughout the Greater Cleveland area, the Great Recession has taken a financial toll on the residents of Parma Heights. Since the recent foreclosure crisis hit, the city's median home sales price has decreased by about 30 percent and the individual poverty rate has increased by 46 percent reaching 11.1 percent today according to the most recent American Community Survey estimate. This amounts to about 2,300 residents in poverty in a city with a population of more than 20,000.

Fortunately, the Parma Heights Food Pantry (PHFP), a local, nonprofit, community and faith-based supported charitable organization, is ready to serve those most in need. This is due largely to the dedication of its many volunteers such as PHFP's Executive Director, Ann George. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, George can remember her mother doing what she could to feed individuals in need and helping them through one of the most difficult eras in American history. She believes her mother's commitment to helping those most in need may have led her toward taking on a similar role.

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Veterans assembled all receive American flags during the ceremony honoring them and their service held at Mt. Alverna Village in Parma on November 11.

Community News

The President's Corner

by Sean Brennan,
Parma City Council President

It is hard to believe, but during the month of December I will be working with All Faiths Pantry to conduct the Third Annual Parma Peanut Butter Drive. The project is literally a dream come true, as I awoke one October night in 2011 with the idea in my head. Thankfully, the generosity of many residents and businesses of the Parma area made the first two drives complete successes. We are hoping that this year will be even better!

Sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Public Library System, Parma Community General Hospital, the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce, Republic Waste and Recycling Services and Columbia Gas of Ohio, the Drive will run between December 1 and December 31.

Personally, I have been concerned by reports pointing to the growing demand at local food banks and the dramatic rise in peanut butter prices. In fact, peanut butter prices have skyrocketed nearly seventy-five percent in the past couple of years. Further, suburban poverty throughout the nation, including right in here in northeast Ohio, has also risen and the demand on our food banks is increasing. In the meantime, food donations are lagging behind demand and the prices of food are rising.

Looking back, my mom was a single parent raising my sister and I. I guess I never really questioned why we ate so much peanut butter growing up. However, now I realize that this was the cheapest source of protein mom could afford. Today, with the price of peanut butter rising, this staple is becoming out of reach for many needy families in our communities.

John Visnauskas, founder and director of All Faiths Pantry, which serves low-mobility residents in Parma, Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Old Brooklyn, and Brooklyn Center, points out



John Visnauskas, Executive Director of All Faiths Pantry, Parma City Council President Sean Brennan, Kathy O'Connor of Parma Hospital and All Faiths Board Member Jeffrey Fowler surrounded by peanut butter donations.

that "Peanut butter is food bank gold, a valuable commodity," adding, "It is the primary source of protein for many needy individuals and families." Further, "Peanut butter is a staple that many families are having a hard time affording," according to Visnauskas.

Donors are asked to consider donating a jar (or several jars) of peanut butter or making at least a \$5 donation to support the drive. Donations may be dropped off at the Parma City Hall City Council office, any Cuyahoga County Public Library branch in Parma, Parma Community Hospital or the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce office in Paratown Mall. Please make checks payable

to All Faiths Pantry. Checks may be mailed to "Parma Peanut Butter Drive," 6611 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio 44129.

In closing, I want to thank John Visnauskas and the many volunteers at All Faiths Pantry for filling a desperate need in our community. Without selfless individuals like them, many in our midst would truly be suffering. To find out more about All Faiths Pantry or to donate online, please visit their website at <http://allfaithspantry.org/> or contact me for a brochure at (440) 884-0489 or councilmanbrennan@sbcglobal.net.



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Veterans Community Art Center

by Richard Lasky

Veterans Day has passed and as I reflect upon the many generous offerings made by local businesses to our veterans, I am reminded of how appreciative our community is. When it comes to our veterans, the people of Parma are the gift that keeps giving.

As a lifelong resident of this great city, I too wish to give. That is why I started the non-profit, Veterans Community Art Center (VCAC), which will be located in Parma. This art center will focus on showcasing the artwork created by veterans and their families. In addition the art center will offer art therapy programs.

These programs have helped veterans throughout the country to better

adapt to a return from duty and to assimilate back into their communities. Military life is difficult in the best of conditions, and many times this lifestyle is stressful for families. Art therapy, although a fairly new approach to relieving stress, has been very successful in treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental and emotional conditions.

The VCAC will allow the veteran a safe zone for him or her to be creative and also allow them to showcase their work. In studies involving art therapy patients, a place to exhibit their work is a important part of the healing process.

The VCAC will unite with Ursuline College to create the art therapy programs. Ursuline offers the only

graduate art therapy program in the state of Ohio.

So you ask, why in Parma? Several reasons. To begin with, the Veterans hospital recently built an outpatient facility on Brookpark Road in Parma. A veteran center, commonly called vet centers by the veterans, is also located on Pearl Road in Parma. Add a community college and five high schools to the mix and a great opportunity for community involvement exists.

The VCAC will strive to connect the veterans community with it's surrounding community in an effort to become interconnected culturally.

In a recent Kiwanis breakfast meeting with Parma mayor Tim DeGeeter, the mayor said he supported the idea of the VCAC in Parma, and he suggested that I follow up with Eric Tollerup, Parma's Community Economic Development Director. In conversations with Director Tollerup, he mentioned a possibility that space may be donated to us in the recently closed library near Ridge and Pleasant Valley.

It is our hope that the space will be made available to us so that the VCAC can open and start the process of serving our veterans. More information will be made available as we receive them. Supporters can express their interest in this project by communicating with their Council representative or City Hall.

As the director of VCAC, I look forward to working with the veterans and the community.

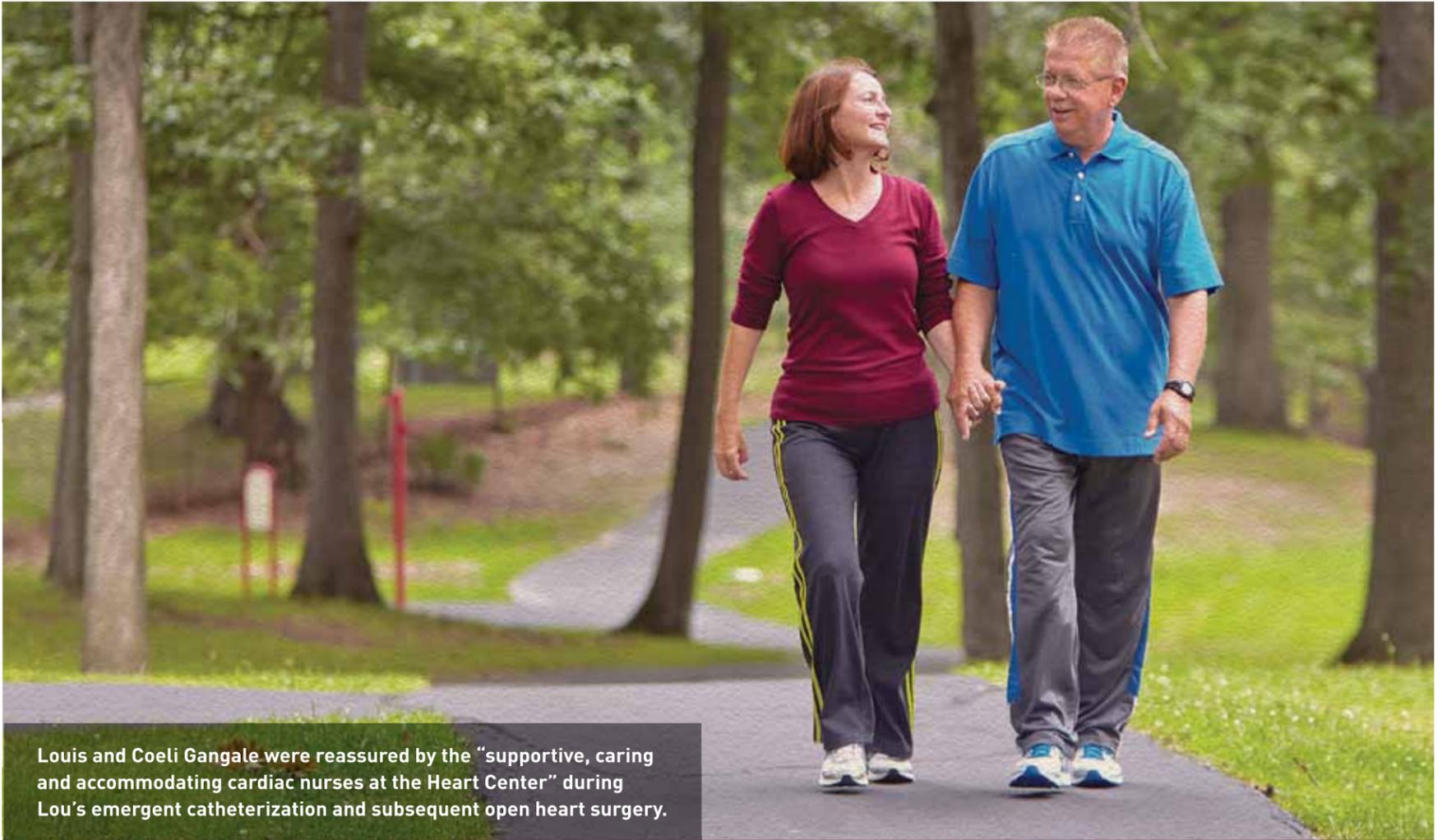
Rich is a Marine/Vietnam veteran and can be reached at VCACRichard@gmail.com

City Of Parma Scholarship Applications Now Available

by Sean Brennan

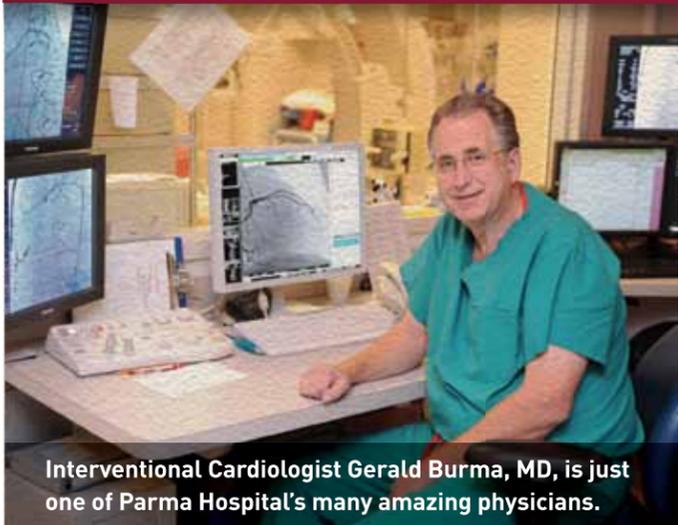
The Board of Trustees of the City of Parma Andrew Boyko Memorial Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2014 award season. In its eighth year, the Foundation will once again offer three to five scholarships with a minimum award of \$1,500 each. Applications are available on the City of Parma website at <http://www.cityofparma-oh.gov>. Applications may also be obtained at Parma City Hall, any of the Parma Cuyahoga County Public Library branches or any high school located within the Parma City

School District. The Scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to high school seniors or equivalent who are residents of the City of Parma wishing to pursue post-secondary education during the 2014 – 2015 academic year. Financial need, work ethic and accomplishments are among the selection criteria for the scholarship. The application deadline is March 31, 2014. For more information or to donate to the Foundation please contact Parma City Council President Sean Brennan at councilmanbrennan@sbcglobal.net or (440) 884-0489.



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Top Five Tips For Staying In SHAPE This Season

by CJ Sheppard

The holidays are a time of celebration but also overindulgence. Michael Saridakis, DO, a family practice physician at Parma Community General Hospital, offers five helpful tips for staying in SHAPE during the busy holiday season.

Sleep – Eight hours of sleep will do wonders to help you maintain a pleasant mood. Take a nap, if possible, before evening activities.

Healthy Choices – Fruits and vegetables will give you a healthy start to your day and keep you on track toward a balanced diet. With an abundance of food choices during the holidays, work at choosing wisely.

Avoid – Stay away from germs by washing your hands frequently with soap and water or using hand sanitizer. Also, avoid touching your face. “Touching your face helps promote germs to getting inside where they can do harm,” says Dr. Saridakis.

Plan – Be organized and stock the refrigerator with healthy food choices. Plan for adequate sleep and try to avoid



Dr. Michael Saridakis, DO

bad habits, such as excessive eating or drinking.

Exercise – While you may have to change your routine during the hectic holiday season, make adjustments to squeeze in exercise. At the very least, try to get outside for fresh air and, if possible, some sunshine.

“On behalf of the Parma Hospital community, have a healthy, happy holiday season,” says Dr. Saridakis.



Maggie's Place Runners Clear the Starting Line

Hundreds Race In Support Of Maggie's Place

by Tricia Kuivinen

Friends and runners of all levels gathered at the Cleveland Zoo to run/walk on Saturday, Oct. 12, raising \$10K in support of the pregnant women and babies served by The Zechariah House in Northeast Ohio. The 4th Annual Race for Maggie's Place, presented by Spectrum Surgical and First Federal of Lakewood, kicked off at 8:04 a.m. at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and included both 9K & 5K races inside the Zoo, and a 1-Mile Fun-Run/Walk for Families. Event registrations topped 235 runners, and groups totaling more than 50 event volunteers included students from area churches, Walsh Jesuit High School and Baldwin Wallace College. Top 9K finishers included Mark Durno of Fairview Park in the men's division, and Shannon Casserlie of Doylestown in the women's division. A link to all Race results can be found here: <http://www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/results/2013/MAGGIES%20PLACE.htm>

The crowd was joined by Emcee Joe Cronauer of WKYC-TV. A post-race family picnic was also held at the Primate Pavilion with food donated by Northern Haserot, Bruegger's Bagels and the Strongsville Chick-Fil-A. The Zechariah House, a Catholic Hospital-

ity home for pregnant women in need, has served more than 70 homeless and vulnerable young moms and their babies since opening in 2009. Find out how you can volunteer or help support a young mother by visiting www.maggiesplace.org or by calling the home directly at 440.886.2620.

ABOUT MAGGIE'S PLACE

Maggie's Place is a community of homes for pregnant women that are alone or on the streets. Maggie's Place provides for the immediate physical and emotional needs of expectant mothers including shelter, food, clothing, and a supportive community. In addition, Maggie's Place connects the mothers to the appropriate agencies and resources, including prenatal care, health insurance, low-cost housing, and education programs, supporting new mothers in both their short-term and long-term goals.

Maggie's Place currently has four homes in 2 states and 2 additional homes under development. Started in May 2000, the nonprofit has grown to serve close to 700 moms and babies. For more information on Maggie's Place, please visit www.maggiesplace.org, find us on Facebook, or Follow us: @maggiesplaceoh

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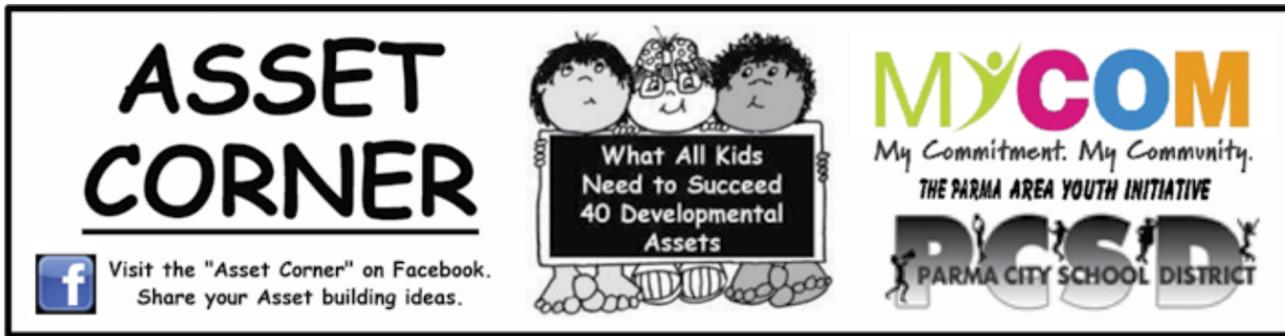
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Parma Schools



Asset Corner #48

by Gene Lovasy

December's Asset Category: Constructive Use of Time Help kids find activities that make **CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF** their TIME All kids need access to quality programs and activities that enrich their lives, develop their talents and interests and help them develop healthy relationships. These can include: music, drama and other arts, sports and hobbies, and involvement in a church, synagogue, temple or other religious community. It's also important that they spend time at home.

Constructive Use of Time Assets include:

#17 Creative Activates – Kids spend 3 or more hours/week in lessons or practice in music, theater or other arts. (21%*)

#18 Youth Programs – Kids spend 3 or more hours/week in sports, clubs or organizations at school and/or in the community. (57%*)

#19 Religious Community – Kids spend one or more hours/week in activities in a religious institution. (58%*)

#20 Time at Home – Kids are out w/friends "with nothing special to do" 2 or fewer nights per week. (51%*)

(* The percent of youth who experience or have this asset in their lives. Data based on an aggregate Search Institute sample of 148,189 students surveyed in 2003. The sample included students in 202 cities in 27 states.)

This column's focus will be on..... Asset #18 Youth Programs

After-school activities: They may be extra but they're also essential

It's appropriate that the word extracurricular starts with the letter "E." But the word should really be essential-curricular. In fact, they're so important many schools are now calling them co-curricular activities. For many young people, youth programs at school and in the community are the highlight of their day. They meet new people who share their interests or introduce them to new pursuits. They spend time with adults who also enjoy the activity. And they boost their skills.

Here are the facts

Research shows that young people who regularly spend time in sports, clubs, or other youth programs have higher self-esteem and better leadership skills, and are less likely to feel lonely. About 57 percent of young people, ages 11–18, spend three or more hours a week in youth programs, according to Search Institute. Young people involved in interesting activities helps bring out their best.

Tips for building this asset

Encourage young people to join a school or community activity that matches their interests, or try one they have never considered before. People can learn a lot about themselves by taking a chance on something new. Clubs and programs can also help young people make new friends of all ages, give them leadership opportunities, and make school more fun. Many groups also let them choose how much time and energy to commit.

Also try this

In your home and family: With your child, make a list of activities he or she wants to learn about. Rank the ideas according to her or his level of interest. Together, research ways to try out the top two choices.

In your neighborhood and community: Check your newspaper for upcoming community activities such as charity lunches, art openings, or

athletic events. How many are youth-centered or allow youth participation? If you don't see many, consider starting an activity for young people with your neighbors.

In your school or youth program: Discuss the following with the young people in your class or program: If you could start a club of your own, what would it be? How would you get it started? What materials would you need?

ASSET RELATED NEWS

• A lot of great things going on at our local libraries. If you haven't yet, take the family to visit the new Parma Branch next to Parma City Hall and/or make a point of witnessing the grand re-opening of the Parma-Snow Branch beginning at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, December 7th. That one is located on Snow, close to Broadview Rd.

• There's still time to participate in the Collaborative's annual Holiday Assistance program. Last year the

program served 100+ families & over 330 children. They expect an increase in the number of families in need of assistance to make the holidays special. If you or your agency/organization/business is able to help in any way, (adopting just one child, or adopting 15 children, or donating gift cards, or simply donating one gift) they would GREATLY appreciate it! Send your donation/s to the Parma Area Family Collaborative, 11212 Snow Rd., Parma OH 44130. If you have any questions or need additional detail, call Megan Drozda at 440.842.7026.

The annual Xmas Parade, sponsored by the Parma JC's will kick-off December 7 at 3:30 p.m. from Parma City Hall and finish up at Stearns farm. This is just one of our area's many family-friendly holidays events and a great way to begin the Christmas season.

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Visit www2.parmacityschools.org/assets or www.search-institute.org/assets for more information about the 40 Developmental Assets and ideas for helping young people build them. Or go here <http://www.parentfurther.com/> for great asset-based parenting tips, tricks, activities and ideas.

Food Pantry Serves And Empowers Local Residents

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George reported in a recent "State of the Pantry" address that back in July 2007, the PHFP served 213 bags of food to 36 households made up of 91 individuals - mostly older, widowed women. However, as of January, the PHFP served 2,430 bags of food to 283 households made up of 869 individuals - an increase that has affected all types of people. Today, the PHFP typically averages 250 to 280 households each month, though his number represents just three percent of the 9,137 households in Parma Heights.

While the PHFP is largely focused on serving the needs of the local community, George says that she does not turn others away. "One woman took three buses to get here from another city and we didn't turn her away," she said. The PHFP provided her with about a week's worth of food and also told her about a food pantry closer to where she lives. Some choose to visit different locations in order to procure enough food for their families since the typical assistance at each food pantry may be limited.

The PHFP stocks many healthy, high quality foods including fresh produce. In addition to the Cleveland Food Bank, donations have also been made by Acme Fresh Market, Target, Chipotle, Starbucks, Bob Evans, Olive Garden, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Sheetz, and others. Rather than provide a predetermined package of food items, people are able to choose their items themselves. In doing so, George

believes that this is one of many ways to provide them an opportunity to regain control of their lives and have a better chance at improving their situation.

The PHFP also informs visitors about current job opportunities as they are made available and it has certainly had some success in helping families get back on their feet as shown by the letters of gratitude and occasional donations made by former visitors. As the local economy slowly starts to improve, George sees the Shoppes at Parma redevelopment at the center of the Parma and Parma Heights com-

munities as a step in the right direction toward economic recovery and job creation. But, in the meantime, residents can rest assured that the PHFP volunteers will do what they can to continue helping those in need of assistance.

To support the PHFP in its mission, please send checks made out to "Parma Heights Food Pantry" to 6285 Pearl Road Suite 30, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. Food donations can be dropped off Mondays from 9 am to 12 pm, Wednesdays 1 pm to 4 pm, and Thursdays 5 pm to 7 pm. For any questions, please call (440) 842-6491.



Inspiration

Sounds Of Music

by Ruth Revecky

Listen carefully! Sounds of music permeate the
Air--sighing winds, laughing children, chirping
Sparrows, croaking frogs, growling dogs, and
Hissing cats—all have unique sounds.

Violins sing and trumpets command, while piano
Notes perfume the music room; falling leaves crunch
Beneath shuffling feet; corn begins popping in August's
Blistering heat; and in winter, crackling ice creates
Music as skaters glide over frozen lakes.

Yes, sounds of music are everywhere; drums beat to
Dancing feet; flutes create rhythms that move
Ballerinas to bend with grace; tapping toes and
Clicking heels blend together, creating contemporary
Refrains.

Grumbling thunder, splintering spears of lightening,
Cradles rocking like a rhythmic metronome, babies
Cooing, mothers crooning soft melodies to their
Beautiful child; bleating lambs, clucking hens,
Excited roosters crowing again, all fill the air with
Strange, symphonic music.

Melting ice becomes a chilly stream, bubbling
Staccato notes as it flows to a melodic dream.
God's world symphony is oft-times syncopated,
But He's in command—enjoy the concert He
Orchestrates, by a wave of His majestic baton.

Worldstock's Holiday Beat

by Wayne Mesker

After a whirlwind few months on the campaign trail things are finally settling back down in Worldstock World, allowing us to get back to other important business such as the ongoing push to bring about the development of a thriving Arts community here in the City of Parma. To that end, along with friends



U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur with Parma Observer Publisher Daniel P. McCarthy in Lakewood on November 22, at the Beck Center for a Cuyahoga County Arts and Culture Roundtable Conference.

Observer Publisher Daniel P. McCarthy and Veterans advocate Rich Lasky we attended a Cuyahoga County Arts & Culture Roundtable on Friday Nov.22 at the Beck Center Armory in Lakewood. Our own U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was the guest speaker. Marcy shared her amazing insight, knowledge & broad perspective on the Arts & the impact they have on all aspects of our lives. Drawing on her personal experience & observation from "driving" the State to meet with constituents in her district she shared with us the wealth of natural growth along the Ohio coastline and the economic development that it can help bring about.

Congresswoman Kaptur challenged the audience which was comprised of many others in the Cleve-

land area Arts Community to think big & collaborate with one another in new ways. We will be continuing our dialogue with Marcy in the future & look forward to some exciting developments. On a different note, during this holiday season we ask those of you that have enough, to keep in mind those that don't. The economy hasn't rebounded as much as we had hoped it would and this has had a profound effect on many area residents. Thankfully we have community groups like the Parma Area Family Collaborative & the Parma Hunger Center to lend a helping hand as well as other local Church & Community groups.

Worldstock wishes all of our readers a joyous, happy holiday season.

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I Believe

by Daniel Taddeo

A person with good character is accountable, caring, fair, honest, kind, sincere, trustworthy and more.

- Biblical principles never change; they are the same "yesterday, today and forever."

- Chances are children are going to worship the god of their parents, whoever or whatever it is.

- Children, especially boys, should be older than the average rather than younger when they start school.

- Children must be taught to accept responsibility for their actions rather than make excuses and blame others.

- Children tend to adopt their parents' attitudes very early in life. Children who become good at making excuses seldom become good at anything else.

- Contentment is one of the most precious gifts we can choose to experience and to wish for others.

- Effective listening is an important part of communicating.

- For spiritual birth, we admit we are sinners, believe Jesus died for our sins, and commit our lives to Him.

- (ABC) Good character is what we look for in others, and this is what others look for in us.

- Improper conduct is the number one reason employees are fired and not promoted.

- In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current.

- In most households, this is the first time in history that parents are no longer the main influence in child rearing.

- "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." (George Washington) Most of us tend

to be better talkers than listeners. Most people know what is right and what is wrong but choose to do otherwise. Parents are the first and most influential teachers their children will ever have. Parents are ultimately responsible for how their children turn out. Parents should avoid comparing their children with other children, especially their brothers and sisters.

- Reach out to everyone, even those who annoy you.

- Right moral choices produce positive results; wrong moral choices produce negative results.

- Take the time to build a relationship with God.

- The Bible teaches of physical birth over which we have no control and spiritual birth over which we have control. The Lord requires the following from us: do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

- The test for a right decision is to ask this question: Does it adhere to Biblical principles?

- We are captives of sin (vice), and the only way to free ourselves is by faith and trust in God.

- When desire and envy are not kept in check, they become our gods and supersede the God of the Bible.

- Words of our mouths, thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do must be filled with faith, hope, and love.

Because yesterday is a cancelled check and tomorrow is a promissory note, we must spend today's "cash" wisely. Self-reflection is always a good exercise. What I believe is a work in progress, not limited to these statements and subject to change. What do YOU believe?

An Ancient Chinese Poem

by Bryan N Griffin Jr

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Have summoned me
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Parma's Seniors

Seniors Plan For A Sparkling Holiday Season!

by Judy Martins

Parma area seniors anxiously look forward to another merry holiday season! In addition to enjoying the Parma Jaycees' festive Christmas Parade on December 7th, and the many wonderful Christmas concerts and programs featuring the talented students of the Parma City School District this December, they'll be celebrating at



the Donna Smallwood Activities Center's two Holiday parties for seniors, to enhance the joy of the season! First, the Center is hosting a "Jingle Bells" Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11th from 11:00 to 2:00, featuring lunch, singing and lots of Holiday merriment. Their annual gala "Deck the Halls" Party and Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 18th (at St. Vladimir's Hall, 5913 State Rd.) from 11:00 to 3:00, with entertainment by the Bell Choir, an extra-delicious lunch, prizes and surprises and singing and dancing to the music of Al Battistelli. The seniors love the music and especially love to dance! Those who aren't dancing will be tapping their toes, singing and enjoying the festive atmosphere and the beautiful melodies. After a delicious dessert and bowls of punch, many happy party-goers will be awarded prizes—lovely centerpieces



and very special raffle gifts. Both parties will be a truly fun and exciting opportunity to dress up, fill the day with music and song, meet old friends and make new ones, and celebrate this wonderful season!! All seniors are welcome! Advance tickets are required for the Christmas parties, and may be purchased at the Center.

If you are over 55 years of age, come to the Donna Smallwood Activities Center any weekday between 8:00 and 4:00. It's located at 7001 West Ridgewood Drive (behind Parma City Hall, up the hill at the first light east of Ridge). All seniors are welcome any weekday! JoAnn Mason, Director of the Center, or one of the friendly, capable staff will be happy to show you around. Join them for lunch at noon, and take part in any of the many fun and informative activities on the schedule every day. They offer monthly

parties and dances, fun and interesting bus trips, levels of line dancing from beginning to advanced, senior exercise, chair stretch Yoga, Zumba Gold, quilting and crafts, computer classes, pinochle, Bingo, bridge and pool, low vision programs, Wii bowling, group singing, Coffee n' More, and so much more! Especially popular is the Center's support group, "Healing Hearts." This warm, welcoming group meets every Monday at 1:00. With over 50 members, they're growing all the time—in numbers, in emotional strength and in their hearts. If you have stress, grief, loneliness, illness or anything troubling you in your life—join them! Reach out! Healing Hearts is there to take your hand. "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress and healing together is success."

There are special days for free blood pressure and health screenings and interesting and informative

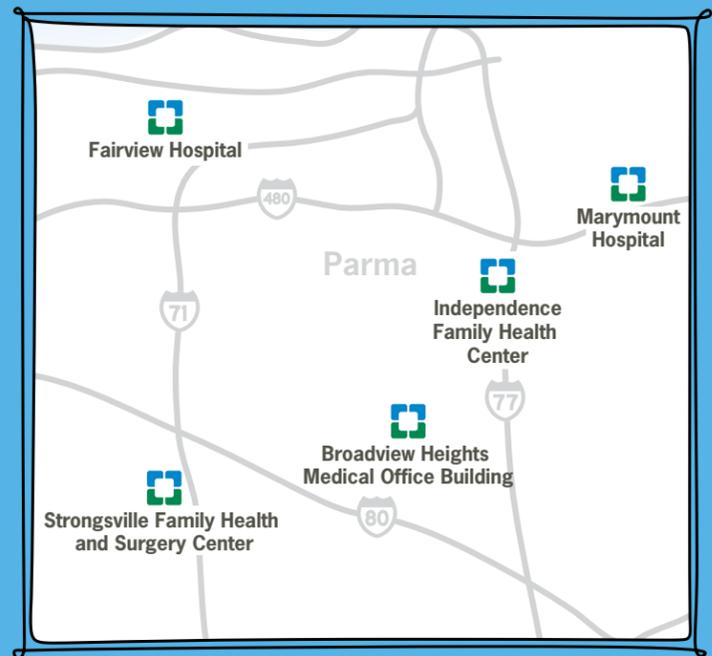


presentations by many senior-related providers. They also offer home delivered meals and bus transportation programs. (Call 440.885.8143 for bus details.) Also, be sure to visit their colorful, musical website at www.smallwoodcenter.com for a calendar and details of monthly Center activities, parties and trip listings, lots of photographs and links to other helpful and informative senior websites.

Seniors, come to the Smallwood Activities Center! Stop in to pick up a copy of their 28-page monthly newsletter/magazine, "The Center Line," which is chock full of helpful and informative articles for seniors, a complete calendar of programs, and events, activities, presentations, trips and local happenings for seniors, daily lunch menus, and more! You'll be so welcome—and you'll be so glad you did!

Have a little spare time? The Smallwood Activities Center always needs volunteers, especially to help decorate for their parties! If you'd like to be part of this helpful, friendly group, please call 440.885.8800 for more information about our volunteer program, or any questions you may have about this outstanding facility for seniors.

The staff, volunteers and members of the Donna Smallwood Activities Center wish a Beautiful and Blessed Holiday Season to all of you, your families and your friends!



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Perspective

Health Insurance Policy Cancellations Common

by Lee Kamps

Recently there has been a lot of controversy regarding the cancellation of individual health insurance policies. The people affected are being notified that their individual health insurance policy is being cancelled because it is not compliant with the provisions of the ACA or Obamacare. Everyone remembers when President Obama said repeatedly that “if you like your health insurance, you can keep it” under the ACA. He also stated many times that “if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor”. Opponents of the ACA are accusing the president of lying to the American people.

While the president did say that if you liked your health insurance, you

could keep it; that didn't imply that your health insurance company had to like you. Under the provisions of the ACA, individual health insurance policies that were in force on March 23, 2010 when the act was signed into law would be “grandfathered” into the ACA providing that there were no changes in the coverage or policy prior to January 1 2014. But the reality in health insurance is that individual health insurance policies are changed constantly, so most of those policies in force on March 23, 2010 were changed and not eligible to be continued.

Another truth that is often conveniently omitted by Obamacare opponents is that most of those cancelled policies do not offer the comprehensive level of benefits that are

guaranteed under the ACA. Most of those policies offer skimpy coverage that while they might cover a doctor's office visit, they could expose the insured people to medical expenses that could bankrupt them.

In the course of my career I have seen many of those cheap, yet skimpy junk health insurance policies. Their low price is the major selling point despite the fact that one commonly sold policy had only a \$50,000 annual cap and a \$250,000 lifetime cap on benefits. Another commonly sold “junk” individual health insurance policy was sold as “100% coverage”. But that coverage was 100% up to the insurance companies schedule of benefits. That schedule capped a hospital stay at \$200 per day and surgical costs at \$5000 for open heart surgery. Other policies would only pay benefits if the insured person was hospitalized overnight. Some had individual deductibles of \$5000 or more.

What is often being overlooked in all this is that those people affected by these cancellations have a great option available to them. If one is losing their individual health insurance, they can get new coverage and often much better coverage through the exchanges and not have to worry about being rejected or not having pre-existing conditions covered. While this new coverage might be much more expensive than the cancelled policy, it offers much better coverage and if their income is less than 400% of the federal poverty level (\$42,300 for a single adult, \$63,000 for a married couple and \$92,000 for a family of four); they can be eligible for a premium subsidy that could make the new coverage more affordable, perhaps less out of

pocket than the old policy.

The other thing that is not being mentioned in all this is that health insurance policy cancellations were common place before the ACA was signed into law. In fact a health insurance company could cancel a policy any time for any reason they liked to get bad risks off their books. Most of the time the insured person had no fault in the cancellation. In fact one particularly insidious form of policy cancellation, rescission, has been banned under the ACA. That is when the insurance company would cancel the policy because of some technicality or minor information was omitted on the application and was usually discovered when someone was hospitalized.

Prior to the enactment of the ACA, if one was notified that their health insurance policy was cancelled, they had few options open to them. If they could get new health insurance, it would be much more expensive than the old policy. But more often, especially if that person had developed a pre-existing condition, they had no option but to join the ranks of the uninsured.

I find all the concern from Obamacare opponents over these policy cancellations to be hypocritical and phony. Health insurance policy cancellations have been commonplace for a long time and very often left the affected people in the lurch with no options for new coverage. But those politicians showed no concern over people losing their health insurance then.

So why is all this concern now that those people facing the cancellation of their health insurance have another option open to them to get better coverage at an affordable cost? Rather than being concerned about someone losing their health insurance, those phonies are more interested in scoring political points. They deserve our scorn, not the president.

Your Tax Dollars At Work?

by Dale Powell

On October 26th. I attended the Grand Opening of the new Cuyahoga County Library on Powers Blvd. in Parma. I was impressed by the way the building looked, the size of it and the modern feel. Something that I most definitely was not impressed with was the way that the opening was handled by the staff at the library. What I saw there that day can only be described as a sad spectacle indeed.

It was an unseasonably cold and rainy, windy day. Obviously they had planned for festivities to take place outside, as there were tables and chairs set up. Instead, anyone who could be inside the warm building. I say anyone who could, because apparently only V.I.P.'s or friends of the library staff were allowed through the doors to wait in comfort. Everyone else, and I mean hundreds of people, including elderly and families with very small,



Just a portion of the waiting taxpayers not lucky enough to be allowed inside.

freezing children, were told that they had to wait until the stroke of noon for the doors to open.

Picture this: as people waited in front of the main doors, there was a constant stream of other people showing up, and apparently they knew the right people at the door, since they were let in immediately, much to the discontent of those being made to wait. To me it resembled a scene from a **continued on page 9**

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Perspective

Adult Bullying, Part II

by Lucy McKernan

The first in this series focused on workplace adult bullying. The second focuses on personal ADULT relationships, whether they be marital, living situations or siblings, etc. Remembering the three B's of bullying: bully, bullied, bystander(s), let's first consider families of origin.

Being the youngest of EIGHT children – yes, I'm a young Boomer – I can honestly say that bullying is in every family. I'm not naming names, but let's assume that birth order has a lot to do with it. Siblings, like it or not, are here to stay, and they are our unchosen lifetime friends, so it behooves us to get along. Besides, as we age, bullying gives way to more insight, humor and shared personal growth.

The first recommendation is to recognize that older sibs are always going to try to lord it over younger ones. They can't help it. The onus is on the youngest to detach and reframe the situation when things get heated, like when a parent dies, money is involved, or health care/end of life/memorial services require timely responses. How many times have I heard, "When Mom/Dad dies, my sister/brother disap-

peared and had nothing to do with the services?" This is the extreme opposite of bullying. Neither fight nor flight are appropriate. Ironically -- because they are supposedly more mature – older sibs can instantly regress to childish behavior, including all manner of bullying. They usually resort to the easiest form first. Stand your ground, don't flinch. Don't run and don't fight.

No sibling ever wants to hurt his/her brothers or sisters; they do it completely unconsciously, so it helps to remember this when bullying arises. Sometimes, family bullying appears in the form of sarcasm, humiliation, ganging up in nonverbal ways, having an inner sanctum or allegiance to key players. Whatever overt or covert form it takes, recognize sibling bullying for what it is: an old, outdated game YOU have the power to see and detach from. Otherwise, you may make the mistake of holding it in to the point of justifiable explosion or implosion, and who wants to give that kind of power to a bully?

But this isn't about outwitting sibling bullies. It's about seeing that whatever the bully's card – inheritance, popularity, the need to be involved in

life-and-death decisions – the responsibility is on you to break the chain. This is probably why I find Buddhism so attractive: we neither run from nor indulge in anything.

Getting sibling bystanders to intervene is notoriously unsuccessful, probably because families are training grounds for future bullies. But trying to beat them to the punch by being the hammer when you fear being the nail will only backfire. Wait until you are alone, and tell your sib how you feel when he/she bullies you. If it continues, walk away.

The Fallen Feather Memorial

by Kathryn Mabin

Tuesday evenings you will find a group of individuals who share the love of woodcarving, meeting for an open carve night at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center, 7001 W Ridgewood Drive. Their ages range from 30's to 90's and they all are members of the Great Lakes Wood Carvers. Sometimes they choose to work on the same project, other times they bring unfinished projects from home. Although this is not a regular class or workshop, there is always someone available to offer suggestions and assistance. It is also a nice way to spend an evening, relaxing, laughing and enjoying the art of woodcarving. Some say they can look at a piece of wood and it talks to them about what is wants to be, others will say that you manipulate the wood to be what you want it to be. Either way you can tell that these individuals love their craft.

Stan Stary, President of Great Lakes Wood Carvers states the group began in 1975, and has changed location a few times, to settle as an affiliate organization of Parma Area Fine Arts Council. Not all the members are from Parma and some travel a distance to be with like minded individuals and share their love of carving. The group began with serious carvers, semi-professionals, master carvers but has evolved into a group of carvers for the fun of it. Open Carve Night allows them the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with others in the group as needed. Beginners and new members are always welcomed.

Sometimes the group does a project, as an example, The Carvers Quilt, which is hung in the lobby of the Donna Smallwood Activities Center. The quilt consists of 72 different wooden blocks, created by 35 artisans. When visiting the center stop and look at the various techniques used. It is beautiful and a

Remember, these are your brothers and sisters who love you, and you love them, even if they can be bullies. After all, your sibling must just lose it one day on your behalf, like when Ralphie went caveman on Farkus the neighborhood bully in the movie "A Christmas Story." Okay, I admit, this is one of the most viscerally satisfying "vindication" moments in film for me. That, and the Johnny Depp slashfest moments in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," which I fantasize happening to all the bullies who kill deer.

focal point in the lobby of the center.

This year the carvers have chosen a very special project, as a way to give back to the greater community. The Fallen Feather Project is about honoring Ohio Service Members that have fallen during Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. The project consists of wooden feathers carved from wood grown in Ohio by carvers from all over the State of Ohio. The catalyst is Graham Webb III from Columbus Ohio. Graham said "The Gold Star Families I have talked with are touched that people they do not know would take their time; apply their skills to create a remembrance like this." Each feather will have the name of a fallen serviceman, and is approximately 15 to 16 inches in length. These feathers are as individual and unique as the servicemen whose names will appear on them. They will be placed into a 50 caliber shell casing, then mounted into a major sculpture, with a Bald Eagle at the top. As of September 2013, 273 Ohio servicemen have fallen. A book is also being written with the names of the servicemen along with a bio of each, which will accompany the memorial. Great Lakes Wood Carvers will be sending 30 Fallen Feathers to Columbus to participate in this project which helps bring to light what sacrifices going to war brings, and will offer families of our fallen heroes a place to reflect and heal. The feathers created by Great Lakes Wood Carvers have been on display in the lobby of the Donna Smallwood Activities Center through the month of October, and will be making their way to Columbus in November. A truly great Ohio community endeavor.

For more information about Great Lakes Wood Carvers, follow them on Facebook. For more information on Fallen Feather Memorial, visit Fallen Feather Project on Facebook.

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movie where there is a nightclub somewhere and people are patiently waiting and hoping to get in, and all the while others show up and the velvet rope is lifted for them to pass and enter, except there was no velvet rope. Truly disgraceful. The people waiting after all are the same taxpayers whose hard earned money paid for this brand new 15 million dollar structure.

When I say that there were people being let in while "common people" were forced to literally stand in the cold,

I don't mean a mere handful, or even dozens. It appeared to me that there were at least as many people waiting inside as there were waiting outside. What do you think happened? When the people waiting outside were finally let in for the opening ceremonies, those who were privileged enough to be inside first occupied the entire portion of the building where the actual ribbon cutting ceremony was to take place, and those forced to wait outside had to settle for seeing the backs of the privileged, only hearing the proceedings over speakers, because no one had thought to erect an elevated stage of any type.

As I understand it, this library plan was not without controversy from start, and I heard from a lot of people in the crowd about how much the public had not been happy with actions by the Cuyahoga County Library Board that were not the wishes of a good many citizens of Parma. It seems that this treatment at the opening of this library, whether intentional or not, only adds insult to injury. I only hope that those in charge of decision making at the Cuyahoga County Library realize that these citizens are presumably voters as well, and when the next library levy is on the ballot, the memory of this shameful spectacle may not have faded.

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PSO Holiday Concert

by Joe Germana

The Parma Symphony Orchestra will present a Holiday concert on Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM at Valley Forge High School Auditorium located at 9999 Independence Boulevard in Parma Heights.

Music Director Dr. Randolph P. Laycock will feature Dr. Alex Wasserman performing Tschaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No 1", Ralph Vaughn William's "Suite of English Folk Songs" Overture to "The Wasps" and Fantasia on "Greensleeves" And Holiday Favorite: Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride"

The orchestra, in it's 46th season consists of 75 members of all walks of life from all over the entire Greater Cleveland area. They meet weekly for rehearsals and present at least four concerts annually.

General admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Family passes of \$20 are available for families of up to 2 adults and their children. All tickets are available at the door beginning at 2:30 PM.

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Hailed as a "sensitive and sophisticated artist," Dr. Alex Wasserman



PSO to present Holiday concert Sunday 12/8 at 3pm Valley Forge Auditorium.

pianist is rapidly establishing himself as one of the most engaging performers of his generation. A recent prize winner of the Bauru/Atlanta piano competition, Dr. Wasserman maintains an active concert schedule, with recent recital performances in the cities of Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, La Jolla, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Santa Barbara. His performances have frequently been broadcast on television and classical radio stations, including Atlanta's NPR affiliate WABE 90.1 Chicago's WFMT 98.7 FM, and Los Angeles' KUSC 91.5.

As a concerto soloist, Dr. Wasserman has appeared with the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic (CA), the New Valley Symphony (CA), the Suburban Symphony (OH), the Parma Symphony (OH), and with the Santa Barbara Choral Society and Orchestra. Recent and upcoming performances include concertos by Beethoven, Grieg, Liszt, Rachmaninov, and Tchaikovsky.

A committed chamber musi-

cian, he regularly appears with some of the most preeminent musicians in the United States. His performance of Schubert's Trout Quintet with the Atlanta Chamber Players in the fall of 2012 led to an immediate re-engagement and performance of Brahms' C Major Piano Trio later that season.

Equally dedicated to the education of emerging talent, Dr. Wasserman serves on the music faculty at Reinhardt University (GA), and in the preparatory department at Clayton State University (GA). Previous to his move to Atlanta, he served as Professor of Piano at Youngstown State University (OH). Furthermore, Dr. Wasserman has masterclasses at Uni-

versity of St. Thomas (MN), Westmont College (CA), Cleveland Music School Settlement (OH), Youngstown State University (OH), and Kennesaw State University (GA – fall 2013). He also maintains a private piano studio in Atlanta, GA.

Alexander Wasserman, a native of Los Angeles, began formal piano studies with Suzanne Julian. He went on to receive degrees in Piano Performance from the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music (BM), the Cleveland Institute of Music (MM), and the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University (GPD). Most recently, he completed the prestigious Doctoral of Musical Arts program in Piano Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music. His primary teachers include Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Yong-Hi Moon, Daniel Shapiro, and Antoinette Perry. Additional study with Paul Schenly and Sergei Babayan has also been of primary influence.

Dr. Wasserman currently resides in Atlanta, GA with his wife, Jessica Oudin, a member of the Atlanta Symphony viola section.

K-9, Rocky, Retires From Seven Hills Police Department

by Kathy Holland

The Seven Hills Police Department is announcing the retirement of Police K9 Rocky. Rocky began his training to be a police dog in November 2004 along with his handler Sergeant Daniel Kappus. The two began working the road together in January 2005 and have worked with each other ever since. In the nine years Rocky served as a police dog, he assisted the Department in drug searches, tracking for both missing people and suspects along with building and area searches. In addition to his assistance in criminal matters, Rocky spent much of this time at public relations events, school presentations and also helped out at Safety Town of Parma for many years.



Recently after reaching ten years of age, Rocky began to experience health issues that affected his ability to safely perform his duties as a police dog. Rocky is now living a happy retirement at home with Sergeant Kappus and his family.

2013 Seven Hills-VFW Post 7609 Children's Christmas Party

by Kathy Holland

The 2013 VFW Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8th at the Seven Hills Community Recreation Center from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. This free family event is provided by the City of Seven Hills and VFW Post 7609 and is sponsored by The Loan Gals at CrossCountry Mortgage.

This year the Children's Christmas Party will have plenty of festive holiday fun. There will be a craft fair in the gym plus live entertainment by G Force followed by a performance by the talented dancers from the Diamond

Dance Center. This event also features a sing along with Georgia Kostyak, Santa Claus and his merry elves, toys, light refreshments, a silent auction and raffle, a visit from Cinderella and the Handsome Prince and Balloon twister Rodger the Dodger from Katie Bee Entertainment. While all of the above events are free, attendees are encouraged to bring a non-expired food item for the Yuletide Hunger Program.

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Reflections



Smallwood Center Director JoAnn Mason, Barry Axelrod and Mayor DeGeeter with the donated GMC Envoy.

Barry Axelrod Donates Vehicle To Smallwood Center

by Jeannie Roberts

Barry Axelrod has owned Axelrod Buick GMC since 1979. He's been happy to be one of Parma's most prominent businessmen. He is well-known and well-liked ... and for good reason.

Axelrod displayed his generosity and local pride recently by donating a 2008 GMC Envoy to the Donna Smallwood Activities Center. The Center will use the vehicle for various transportation needs, among them meal deliveries.

"It's nice to be in a position to help and for such a great cause," Axelrod said. "Being part of a local business community also means understanding and caring what happens in that community. This is a great opportunity to show my

support for the Smallwood Center."

Center Director Jo Ann Mason said the vehicle will be put to good use immediately. "We definitely have use for it, and we are so grateful to Barry for being so generous. With budget cuts from Columbus, it's tougher these days to make things work, and Barry has made it easier for us with this vehicle."

Mayor Tim DeGeeter sees Axelrod's donation as a living example of the philosophy that his administration espouses. "We forge partnerships everywhere we can, and our local business community has stepped up in a number of ways," he said. "Barry is a terrific example of a businessman who really cares about his community. We are very grateful for his generous donation."

Colorful Garden to Bloom At Seven Hills City Hall In 2014

by Kathy Holland

On October 26, 2013, The City of Seven Hills Garden Club along with assistance from local Boy Scout Troop 372 planted 550 mixed Large Cup Daffodils, 500 Muscari Blue Grape Hyacinths, and 50 Blue Jacket Fragrant Hyacinths. Spring colors will be enjoyed around City Hall from March-May! The Garden Club planted Fragrant Blue/Purple Hyacinths in the window boxes, Daffodils and Small Grape Hyacinths the entire length from the Police Station throughout the Veteran's Memorial, and Fragrant Hyacinths along the walkway between the Police and City Council entrances. Also 225 Daffodils were planted at the Marquis on Broadview Road and Civic Drive and the area was weeded as well. The Garden Club paid for the bulbs as part of their ongoing civic improvement commitment. There will be another planting in the late spring of 2014 when the old

daffodil leaves will be cut, not pulled, at that time. The bulbs need to store food for the summer/winter so the leaves will be permitted to die naturally.

A thank you goes out to Troop 372 for their help with this project. Troop 372 is chartered at Ridgewood United Methodist Church on Ridge Rd. in Parma, OH.

The Garden Club members involved were Gerry Craider, Margaret Bertin, Joann Predina, as well as her daughter Jocelyn and husband John, and Susan Jurecki and grandson Matt.

A big thank you is extended to the City of Seven Hills Garden Club for their continued involvement in the beautification of City Hall. Their volunteer efforts are truly appreciated! To be part of this wonderful organization, please contact Joann Predina, jpredina2@cox.net

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