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2014 Weekend In The Commons

by Mike Byrne

Good food, good music, and good friends are a sure-fire recipe for summer fun and that's just the package the City of Parma Heights is offering during its Weekend in the Commons, Friday through Sunday, August 8, 9, and 10, 2014. Parma Heights is, and has always been a city with a small-town atmosphere, so our celebrations feel like a block party with neighbors and friends getting to sit back, relax, and enjoy each other's company.

This year's Weekend in the Commons will begin with the dedication of the Ohio Flags of Honor, presented by the Ohio Flags of Honor Foundation, with an Opening Ceremony on Friday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Ohio Flags of Honor was created by the father of one of



Flags of Honor tribute.

Ohio's Fallen Heroes to pay tribute to the men and women from our state that have lost their lives in the service of our country during the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. I encourage all our residents to join us as we remember and honor our Fallen Heroes. The Ohio Flags of Honor will be on display through Sunday, August 10 at 12:00 noon when a

Closing Ceremony for the flags will be held.

The popular outdoor Movie In The Commons, presented in partnership with Cox Cable, will be held in the grassy area behind the tennis courts on Friday night at 9:00 p.m. This year's feature presentation will be the animated film "The Lego Movie." "Everyone is encouraged to bring their blankets and lawn chairs," said Recreation Director Tom Moran. In the event of rain, the movie will be moved indoors to the N.E.O. Soccer facility.

Saturday entertainment kicks off with a car show presented by Mike "Cadillac Mike" Azzarello and the Cadillac Sound Machine in front of Yorktown Lanes at noon. Classic cars, trucks and motorcycles will be on display until 4:00 in the afternoon while Azzarello spins oldies tunes from the '40s to the '80s. The Fire Department will



Residents enjoying the music

be offering blood pressure checks, apparatus tours, balloons and coloring books for kids.

The steel drum sounds of Island Jeff bring a bit of the Caribbean to the Commons pool on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. "He has been a popular entertainer the past few years and we're happy

to have him return", explained Recreation Director Tom Moran. Island Jeff also has a variety of family-oriented activities planned.

The pool will be open from noon to 8:00 p.m. for open swim with a \$1 donation requested with proceeds going to the Ohio Flags of Honor

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Parma Night First Pitch Winner



Pictured (left to right): Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, Nicole Coventry, and First Pitch winner Johnny Coventry.

by Brian Furda

On July 10th, the City of Parma hosted Parma Night at Progressive Field where the Indians faced off against the Yankees. Mayor Tim DeGeeter gave the honors of throwing the first pitch to a lucky Parma resident under the age of 17.

The winner of the drawing was nine-year-old Johnny Coventry. Nicole Coventry, Johnny's mother, and Kathy Lucheese, his grandmother, shared his excitement. "Johnny was very surprised," Lucheese said. He said "I really hope the players sign the ball for me!"

University Hospitals Provides \$300,000 To The Parma Hospital Foundation For Distribution To The Hospital's Founding Cities

by CJ Sheppard

Underscoring its commitment to the health and wellness of the communities it serves, University Hospitals will provide \$300,000 in grant funding to support wellness initiatives in University Hospitals Parma Medical Center's six founding communities. The funds will be given to the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation, which will distribute \$50,000 grants to each of the cities of Parma, Parma Heights, North Royalton, Seven Hills, Brooklyn and Brooklyn Heights.

"The Foundation is pleased to distribute these wellness grants," said Marcia Ferguson, Executive Director of the Foundation. "We are proud to support UH Parma Medical Center's efforts to enhance and improve its citizens' health and well-being, and we look forward to the positive outcomes that will arise through these grants."

As part of the integration of UH Parma Medical Center

into the University Hospitals health system in January 2014, UH committed to funding unique programs aimed at improving and enhancing the health of local residents. The municipalities' mayors worked with their constituents to determine the wellness programs that best fit their needs.

"We are pleased to announce the distribution of these grants which will help support vital wellness programs in the cities surrounding UH Parma Medical Center," says Eric Bieber, MD, President, UH Community Hospitals, West Region. "Providing community benefit is a long-held core value at University Hospitals; it is embedded in every aspect of our mission: To Heal. To Teach. To Discover."

Plans defined by each of the communities include:

Parma - To create a handicapped-accessible area in James Day Park and purchase exercise equipment for Veter-

ans Memorial Park.

Parma Heights - To repurpose a former ice rink to create and provide equipment for an all-purpose room where daily classes such as Pilates, yoga and jazzercise can be taught to members of the community.

North Royalton - To provide a local match for a \$1 million Clean Ohio Grant, which will enable North Royalton to connect with Brecksville, Broadview Heights, and the Metroparks, for an all-purpose walking/biking trail.

Seven Hills - To create a handicapped-accessible playground next to the city recreation center and to improve transportation for seniors who want to come to the recreation center for wellness visits.

Brooklyn - To purchase a van for seniors to be transported to appointments for wellness and medical care.

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Community News

The President's Corner

by Sean Brennan,

Back in 2011, I decided it was time to fulfill my dream of creating a local running and walking event. When selecting a theme for the event I settled on combining two of my loves – running and pierogies. Thus was born the Parma Run-Walk for Pierogies. Thanks to the dedication of my co-chair, Gary Uveges, many volunteers, the support of local businesses, civic leaders and non-profits and, of course, hundreds of runners and walkers, the Run-Walk has become one of our community's premier summer events.

Each year I have been overwhelmed by the growth of our event. For instance, last year we hosted approximately 550 participants. This year I hoped to top 600. To my amazement we attracted 828 runners and walkers. Although we are still working on the final totals, I am confident that we will be able to donate more than ever before to this year's charity partners - All Faiths Pantry, the American Cancer Society Parma Area



Sean Brennan,
Parma City Council President

Relay for Life, the Parma All Kids Playground Project, and the Parma Police Auxiliary. This writing is my attempt to thank all who contributed to the event's success.

The assistance of the following individuals is truly appreciated: the

2nd Annual Golf Scramble Raises \$15K For The Zechariah House

by Tricia Kuvinen

65 Golfers and another 17 dinner guests gathered in support of the moms and babies residing at The Zechariah House on Monday, June 16 for a beautiful day of golf at Fowler's Mill golf course in Chesterland. The 2nd Annual Maggie's Place Golf Scramble was held to support the continued operation of The Zechariah House, a non-profit hospitality home for pregnant women located in Parma.

Maggie's Place is a community of hospitality homes in two states (OH & AZ) for expectant women who may have no place to live during their pregnancy. Maggie's Place provides safe housing, nourishing food, clothing, counseling, parenting preparation, employment readiness, and educational opportunities for pregnant women who may be alone, on the streets, or facing other difficult life circumstances. Women must be at least 18 years of age, non-drug using, and pregnant to be admitted, and may stay up to six months after their child's birth.

This is the second annual golf scramble for Maggie's Place Ohio, and was supported by numerous Northeast Ohio companies including Garland Industries, T1Co, Easton Telecom Services, Pearl Travel, Express Link and Salem Communications. The Zechariah House, which can house up to nine homeless pregnant women at a time,



Dick DiBacco, far right, and Jim DiBacco, Steve DeCrow, Don DiBacco of Garland Industries golf in support of Maggie's Place.

helps young, expectant mothers with important life skills such as parenting classes, completing a GED, job training, or attending college classes with the help of Maggie's Place scholarships.

To learn more about Maggie's Place Ohio, visit www.maggiesplace.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter @maggiesplaceOH, or call 440.866.2620 to arrange for a personal tour of our Parma location. Maggie's Place always welcomes the active involvement of volunteers and donors who make our special work with vulnerable pregnant women possible.

About Maggie's Place

Maggie's Place provides homes of hospitality and ongoing support to help pregnant and parenting women in need reach their goals, and welcomes them into a community filled with love and dignity.



Cleveland Cavaliers mascot, Moondog, commences the 2014 Run-Walk for Pierogies.

Brennan and Denk families, our official photographers Trish Uveges and Anita Orenick, volunteers Kevin Leigh, Kristi and Jane Denton, Russ Fisher, Anna Marie Donley, Rudy Stralka, Bill Burkley, Rick Kraft, Dave Dorn, Ken and Sue Dworzniak, Chuck Kiehl, Joyce Merrill, and John Rader, President of Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus Dr. Ron Liss and Community Liason of CCC-West Radiah Douglas, Terry Deis and Mark White of our major sponsor University Hospitals Parma Medical Center, Jim McIntyre of WHK 1420, Bob Fenner of Newschannel 5, Jeff Sako of Grand Slam Graphics, Mark Holan of the Sun News, Vince Rucci of Vertical Runner in Brecksville, Tom Apathy of Eaton Corporation, Ed Majchrycz of Peace Tea, Larry Walk's Happy Polkland for their excellent entertainment, Helenrae Bidzilek for designing and producing our pierogi awards, Marc's for donating all of the delicious fruit, the Parma Hospital Auxiliary volunteers, and the Cleveland Cavaliers' own Moondog.

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Health/Culture

Support Hospital's Mission At Elegant, Exciting Casino Royale On Sept. 13

by CJ Sheppard

Enter the thrilling atmosphere of an elegant casino-themed evening at the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation's Casino Royale, being held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Embassy Suites in Independence.

Co-chaired by Angelo and Mary Jo Pimpas, guests will enjoy a delicious dinner, artfully displayed appetizers and creative cocktails at their leisure while trying their luck at poker, roulette and other games of chance. Throughout the evening, which runs from 5-11 p.m., guests can participate in a live auction and raffles.

The Casino Royale is the Foundation's only major fund raiser for 2014 and a philanthropic opportunity to support care for people who face challenging illnesses. The top supporters of this event are Legacy Health Services,

Parma Hospital Auxiliary, Forest City Enterprises Inc., Embassy Healthcare, the Medical Staff of UH Parma Medical Center, and Weston Hurd, LLP.

Tickets for the Casino Royale are \$175 per person. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please call 440-743-4280. Dress is black tie optional for guests.

"The Foundation supports UH Parma Medical Center's mission to care for the health and wellbeing of the community within and beyond the walls of the hospital," says Foundation Executive Director Marcia Ferguson. "This year, we are expanding the Wound Center at UH Parma Medical Center by bringing Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy to the community and making enhancements to the Wellbeing Retreat at UH Seidman Cancer Center at UH Parma to help people who suffer from cancer."

Hospital 5K Set For August 23

by CJ Sheppard

Register now to participate in UH Parma Medical Center's 5K Run & One-Mile Walk on Saturday, Aug. 23, beginning at UH Parma's Medical Arts Center 4, 6115 Powers Blvd., Parma. Preregistration is \$20 and guarantees each runner a tri-blend style T-shirt. Registration on race day is \$25 and begins at 7:30 a.m. Awards will be given to the top male and female finishers by age, in categories from 14 & under to 65 & over (group for every five years of age). And new this year: Top Masters male and female awards. Runners will have chip timing, and the unique, scenic course winds through residential areas and Ridgewood Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds benefit community wellness activities. For details and registration, go to <http://www.parmahospital.org/UHParma5KRace/>

Parma Chess Club To Hold Tournament In Ukrainian Village

by Stefan P. Stefaniuk

Looking for something fun to do this summer? This year, the Parma Chess Club is holding its first annual Ukrainian Heritage Park Chess Tournament for players of all ages and skill levels in Parma's Ukrainian Village! Slated for Saturday, August 9th, the tournament will be held at Ukrainian Heritage Park, located just north of the intersection of State and Snow Roads directly across the street from St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church on State Road. Rain date is Sunday, August 10th.

Parking will be available across the street at St. Josaphat's parking lot and along nearby side streets such as Liggett Drive, Lucerne Avenue, and Hearstone Road.

The tournament will be broken down into four sections featuring four rounds (G/30 + 5s delay) with onsite entry between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. The rounds will take place at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 2 p.m. Rated sections will have an entry fee of \$20 with cash prizes awarded to the top two finalists. Adult and youth beginner sections will have an entry fee of \$5 with trophies awarded to the top two finalists.

During this exciting event, food and refreshments will be available at the park. A delicious variety of lunch and snack options are also conveniently located within walking distance. These options include the Tradesman Tavern (5746 State Rd), Lviv International Foods (5689 State Rd), Royal Donut (5759 State Rd), and La Bakery Boutique (5721 State Rd).

Specific questions about the upcoming Ukrainian Heritage Park Chess Tournament or the Parma Chess Club can be directed to William Wright of the Parma Chess Club. He can be reached by phone at (440) 572-9565 or by email at grubber@adelphia.net.

The Parma Chess Club is dedicated toward promoting the great game of chess for players of all ages and levels of ability. They meet every Tuesday, except holidays, from 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. at German Central, 7863 York Rd, Parma, OH, 44130.

To learn more about the Parma Chess Club and its upcoming events, visit ParmaChessClub.org. To keep up with the latest news and developments in Parma's Ukrainian Village, visit [Facebook.com/UkrainianVillage](https://www.facebook.com/UkrainianVillage).

Now That's Funny? by Julia Cindric



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Asset Corner #55

by Gene Lovasy

August's Asset Category: Constructive Use of Time All work and no play can be boring and stressful. If you're a regular follower of the Asset Corner, by this time you should have a fairly good understanding of the "Constructive Use of Time" asset category. And, just as a refresher...

Constructive Use of Time Assets Include:

#17 Creative Activities – Young person spends 3 or more hours/week in lessons or practice in music, theater or other arts. (21%*)

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

#19 Religious Community – Young person spends 1 or more hours/week in activities in a religious institution. (58%*)

#20 Time at Home – Young person is out w/friends "with nothing special

to do" 2 or fewer nights/week. (51%*)

Rather than focus on just one of these assets, for a change of pace this month, I'd like to share with you something I came across on the ParentFurther.com web site called "Midsummer Pop Quiz! 10 Fun Activities to Boost Your Brain"**. If you're looking for a fun way for you and your child/children to spend some "constructive time" together, give this a try. The quiz begins and continues as follows:

"It's summer, so there's no time limit and there's no class schedule, which means you can dig into new subjects as much as your heart desires. If something catches your interest, keep looking and learning!

Go ahead and use the Internet — or maybe even better, the library — to do your research. But you might want to set a timer to remind you to refocus if you start surfing mindlessly.

1. In what country do people build

other traditions surrounding this holiday can you find? What is this holiday called in three other countries? Using what you learn, organize a fun Jaanipäev party for your family and friends.

2. Who holds the record for the fastest mile hopped on one leg? How fast did she hop? How far can you hop on one leg? Can you work up to a whole mile?

3. What is a surya namaskar? Have you ever tried something like this? Learn how and teach your friends to do it with you. Can you challenge yourself to do this every day?

4. How many teaspoons in a gallon? Before you Google, think about the steps you could take to figure it out on your own, e.g., teaspoons in a tablespoon, tablespoons in a cup, etc.

5. Could you win the Bocuse d'Or? Learn about this prestigious event and organize something similar with your friends. Invite your families to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

6. Where is 19.4167° N, 155.2833°

W? According to legend, who lives there? If you can borrow a smart phone or GPS device, use latitude and longitude to organize a scavenger hunt for your friends.

7. What is Taraxacum officinale? Can you find one in your neighborhood? I bet you can. Then look for: Acer rubrum, Bellis perennis, Cichorium intybus, Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus, Myosotis sylvatica, Ranunculus Sardous, Rudbeckia hirta, Solidago virgaurea virgaurea. Which of these are edible? Can you find some good recipes?

8. What is the mathematical word that describes repeated shapes that fit together infinitely with no spaces in between? What artist is most closely associated with this phenomenon? Check out his work and see if you can make your own examples.

9. Do you know what ga-ga is (Hint: It's not a pop singer)? Do you eat it? Grow it? Play it? Find out, learn more about it, and make it a fun part of your summer.

10. Where would someone greet you with "Su Prabhat"? What else can you learn about this place? Can you learn a song, a game, or a dish from this place to share with your family? "

So, there you go. Your challenge now is to take some of the remaining summer break, partner up with your child/children and/or just some kids you care about and together, figure out how to find and record the answers to

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Inspiration

I Believe

by Daniel Taddeo

Acknowledge and delight in God's present and future promise.
 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.
 Anxiety about "looks" begins at a very early age. Parents should do their best to minimize this.
 Being a slave to the opinions of others makes for a less than desirable existence.
 Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
 Contentment is an internal matter that is not at the mercy of external circumstances.
 Each of us will give an account of himself or herself to God.
 Everything good and loving has its source in God.
 Face the future with joy and anticipation. God has great plans for each of us.
 Fill up the crevices of time with the things that matter most.
 Forgiving ourselves is just as important as forgiving others.
 Friendship with the world (doing anything that conflicts with God's Word) is hatred toward God.
 God has a record of everything.
 God is first and He is last! We are gathered up in between, as in great arms of an eternal, loving kindness.
 God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble.
 Grace means God accepts us just as we are.
 Gratitude is a conscious and deliberate decision to focus on life's blessings rather than its shortcomings.
 If we cannot say something positive, silence is the next best alternative.
 It is impossible to control and change others. We have our hands full controlling and changing ourselves.
 No one has our unique design; therefore, everyone is different but of equal value in God's eyes.
 Proud people are seldom grateful because they seldom think they get as much as they deserve.
 Rather than expect perfection, settle for daily improvement.
 Replacing negative thoughts with positive ones puts us on the "right" road.
 Talk only about what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good reports.
 The longer we have been exposed to a particular blessing, the more likely we are to take it for granted.
 The more we seek to become satisfied as consumers, the emptier we can become.
 The "owe me" attitude or belief that someone or some group owes us destroys gratitude.
 The power of habit causes us to express the negative and ignore the positive.
 The strongest self-worth develops in children who perceive unconditional love from their parents.
 What comes out of our mouths is a reflection of our inner thoughts.
 What we dwell on becomes increasingly prominent in our minds and determines our actions.
 What we sow in thought, either useful or useless, manifests itself in our behavior.
 When people with different values "hang out" together, somebody ultimately changes.
 When we change our focus, we change our life.
 When we give up the need to be right, we expand our options and experience joy instead of stress.
 When we practice compassion, we detach ourselves from the situation and do not over-personalize it.
 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?

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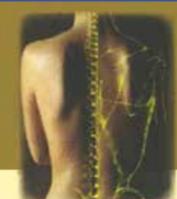
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The Month Of August Usually Sizzles Then Fizzles

by Ruth Revecky

August is a month when many folks travel to distant places; but let's take a closer look at what Parma and surrounding areas have to offer: Parma has 19 parks within its borders and welcomes neighbors to share and to enjoy them. The city of Parma offers many sports activities—baseball, volley ball, soccer, ice skating, basketball, swimming and golfing, to name a few! Parma also offers West Creek Conservancy, another gem in the Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace; West Creek has been referred to as the "Pearl of Parma!" And not far away, we have access to Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Ohio has a total of 3 national parks. The state of Ohio has created 74 state parks, which offer swimming, bird watching, camping, hiking, boating, fishing and comfortable and affordable lodges; many state parks also offer skiing during the winter season. Many of our avid skiers have close access to Boston Mills and Brandywine, which are both located in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Nearby Strongsville offers a tobogganing run that has become very popular. But for now, let's make the most of sizzling August, because it fizzles out by August 31st when school bells begin to ring! Have fun in the sun!

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Foundation.

Music at the Gazebo begins on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. with Ronnie Fiorentino of the Rat Pack Era who will be performing until 5:30 p.m. Starting at 6:00 p.m., the band Shady Drive will entertain Parma Heights with their mix of blues and rock through 8:00 p.m. Rounding out Saturday's entertainment from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. will be the sounds of The Soul Men, a Blues Brothers Tribute Band.

Sunday's entertainment starts off with the lively sounds of Tom Mroczka and The Music Box band playing polka music and a variety of non-polka tunes from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. "A splendid time is guaranteed for all" as The Liverpool Lads, Northeast Ohio's favorite Beatles Tribute Band, takes the stage and performs the music of the Fab 4 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cleveland's Breakfast Club, an 80's tribute band, will bring the entertainment at the Gazebo to a close Sunday night from 8:00 -10:00 p.m.

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PSH Alumni Association Holds 2nd Annual "Golden Redmen Reunion" August 23rd

by Judy Martins

Calling all alumni of Parma Senior High and Parma Schaaf who have already celebrated their 50th class reunion! The PSH Alumni Association is holding its "2nd Annual Golden Redmen Reunion" on August 23rd for all alumni (and spouses and friends) from Parma Schaaf and Parma Senior High graduating from 1963 back to the 1930s. Don't miss this fun day in the PSH Ballroom (cafeteria) featuring a school tour, light lunch and refreshments, and lots of reuniting with old classmates, hugs, reminiscing and memories. Over 200 attended last year, and this year they're expecting even more!

In the 1980s, Lee Bailey '29, George Red Rees '34 and Tony DeMarco '62 worked on a plan to have an annual reunion for PSH alumni who had already had their 50th reunion. Financing and contacting alumni made it impossible to do at the time. It took another 30 years to get the ball

rolling, but they did it—they held their "1st Annual Golden Redmen Reunion" in August of 2013! Over 200 alumni happily socialized, mixed, mingled and reminisced, enjoyed snacks, refreshments, pizza, music from the 50s and 60s, and toured the building.

Tell your friends who are Parma alumni about the "2nd Annual Golden Redmen Reunion" Saturday, August 23rd, to be held from 11 am to 4 pm in the PSH cafeteria, 6285 W. 54th Street in Parma! (\$8 Advance Tickets, \$10 at the Door.)

For more information and a printable Invitation & Reservation Form, go to www.pshalumni.org. Advance Ticket deadline is August 15th. Mark your calendars, spread the word, get your advance tickets and don't miss it!

"Friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. Work had to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young."

Celebrate Summer!

by Kathryn Mabin

Join us for a FREE family fun event! Come to the Parma Area Fine Arts Council's 8th Annual Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Event on Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Local Tavern Parking Lot, 5513 Pearl Road. There will be prizes for the kids, ages 2 through 13, free chalk, giveaways, refreshments, surprises, and more. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The event is sponsored by Parma Area Fine Arts Council, Polish Village and of course Local Tavern which features the largest outdoor patio in Parma. Local Tavern believes in employing local and contributing to the community. They offer local musicians with a local venue to perform and display their talents. Their motto is "Tavern fresh" with a "rock-n-roll meets art gallery vibe." Bring the kids and join us in a Celebration of Summer!



A piper at Ohio Flags of Honor, celebration in Parma Heights.

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Perspective

Reaching Common Grounds

by Brigitte Gerard

I have a terrific friend who could not be more different from me: “bleeding heart liberal” (his words), atheist activist, and very affluent. I am a conservative libertarian, Christian and poor as a, well, church mouse. We met shortly after I starting taking fencing lessons last summer. We fought each other a couple of times and really hit it off. As we started having conversations about topics other than fencing, we discovered what good conversationalists we both were. We easily and quickly developed a depth of talking that we both find uncommon in other people. We also discovered that our worldviews and orientations couldn't be much more dissimilar. That has never been a challenge to our friendship, because we have such high regard for each other. It has, however, challenged me, at least, to articulate my arguments in a more logical and clear manner, impelling me to state my ideas in a concise way that leads to real dis-

cussion. Rather than dropping my point and avoiding difficult subject matter in order to protect our friendship, I hold my ground. I won't withdraw from the friendship. Avoiding our differences is cowardly and unsatisfying.

I am so grateful! It is a gift to have an intelligent friend who is willing to have a meaningful conversation, arguing over points of contention rather than personality. What a relief. I can be who I am, speak my mind, and be accepted. He can, too. We both appreciate that. Here's how we manage to do this:

We take care to maintain our friendship by making goodwill, candor and clarity our starting points. Neither one of us has to be right, neither one of us has to “win.” That isn't our purpose. Our purpose is to hear and be heard. We are genuinely interested in the other's point of view. That's because we are curious intellectually and are not one another's adversary. Not at all. We are tolerant of each other's differences of

opinion because we genuinely like each other. We aren't threatened by our differences. I welcome my friend as he is. He is free to speak his mind with me and challenge me on my opinions, beliefs, and rationales. It's better to know him than to be just like him. This is a priceless aspect of our friendship.

Nor do we fall for the fallacy that our differences mean we can't get along civilly, be friends, or find some common ground. There are meaningful points on which we agree as well as disagree. That's okay: Our values of patience, mutual respect, and honesty line up nicely and are more important than conformity and agreement. I have friends I've known for years that don't grasp the significance of this.

We may tease or mock each other in fun, but there is no smugness present. We continually create a safe environment in which to share our very different mindsets. It's incredibly liberating. I never worry about being ridiculed or

vilified. I am confident that I will be allowed to express my true, authentic thoughts, couching nothing in apologies or masking what I really mean.

We know better than to equate people with their ideas. Great people can have dumb ideas. Dumb people can have great ideas. Great ideas can sound dumb when they are not articulated well and dumb ideas can sound like genius when they are skillfully presented. If I thought my friend was simply the sum of his politics and belief, I wouldn't have much reason to talk to him and would be the poorer for it.

He invited me over for coffee recently; I reached across the table for one superb cup of freshly ground coffee after another. We talked for more than a couple of hours. What did we talk about? The recent change in abortion laws in Ohio. And yes, we differ significantly on this topic. I'm looking forward to telling you about that next time. See you then.

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Citizen Viewpoint

Tales From The Tollgate House

by *Kenneth Lavelle*

In our community there are many interesting historical sites that we all walk or drive by each day. Many go unnoticed in our normal routines of modern living. In the last nine years several Ohio Historical Markers have been erected to have us pause and reflect on our local past. Each individual marker is a base to move forward with into the future.

Currently there are seven Ohio Historical Markers erected in the Parma-Parma Heights area. PARMA'S BIRTHPLACE Ohio historical marker located at Pearl Road along Ridge Road in a tree lawn was dedicated on April 22, 2010 with much celebration. The Fay home was the first business in



Parma – an Inn for stagecoach travelers and visitors.

The most recently erected Ohio Historical Marker is for Holy Name High School in Parma Heights.

The following list consists of the erected Ohio Historical Markers in our

area as of 2014.

Key Persons involved with each Ohio Historical Marker:

Stearns Homestead – Annjean Slater (2001)

First Rural Brick Road in U.S. - Kenneth J. Lavelle (2003)

Crile General Hospital – Dr. James W. Banks (2002)

Parma's Birthplace – Sean P. Brennan (2010)

Parma's First High School – Lee Bailey, Tony DeMarco and the Parma Sr. High

School Alumni Association members. (2011)

German Central Farm – Members of their association.

Parma Heights Water Facility – Parma Reservoir – Planned for 2033-34

Parma CLW/B&O Train Station Depot – Planned for after 2023 XX-18

Parma Heights Cemetery – Site of First Parma Twp. School Planned after 2016

GrafTech International Ltd – Snow Rd.(2011) Parma-Developed Storage Battery

Henninger Homestead (1840) – Broadview Road near Old Rockside Road (2013)

Other Historical Markers in the Berea, North Royalton, Parma, Ohio Area

John Shepherd – An American Hero (1729-1847) North Royalton Cemetery

Adams Street Cemetery(1834-1977) – William Boone's Berea High School

AP History Class 2008-2009
B-W College Campus: Baldwin University

B-W College Campus: Lyceum Square

Berea District 7 Schoolhouse
Berea Old District 10 Schoolhouse

Berea Union Train Depot
Berea Triangle

Berea Sandstone Quarries Photo of Big Quarry

Lake Shore and Southern Michigan(N.Y.C.)Train Depot (1877)-Olmsted Falls

Holy Name High School

FREE TICKETS! Summertime Fun!

by *Kathryn Mabin*

Friends of Parma Theater wants you... to submit your stories and fondest memories of the Parma Theater. Was it where you received your first kiss, met your spouse, or viewed the best movie ever? Share your memorable moments that are tied to Parma Theater with us. In return, the eight most memorable stories will receive a pair of tickets for baseball on Friday night, August 22, 2014, to Union Night for the Captains vs. Fort Wayne Game at Classic Park in Eastlake Ohio. And, with your permission, your stories may be used in future editions of the Parma Observer. Friends of Parma Theater is an all volunteer

group of concerned citizens committed to the cause of saving the Parma Theater. The mission is to cultivate a creative arts district and multi-use facility to enrich and educate Parma and the Northeast Ohio region, while showcasing an economic redevelopment catalyst in a mature suburban location. Friends of Parma Theater operates under the nonprofit umbrella of Old World Parma/Polish Village. Friends of Parma Theater can be found on Facebook. Submit your entry by email to kathrynmabin@att.net. Call for more details at (440) 843-6474. Deadline for entries is Friday, August 15, 2014.

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Congratulations to all of our finishers, especially those who ran or walked their first 5K (3.1 miles) and the many

who set their personal best records. Special congratulations to our first place male and female finishers Samuel Pitcavage (15:51) and Lesley Sherwood (19:21).

We are already gearing up for 2015. If you are interested in getting involved as a participant, sponsor or volunteer, please contact me via e-mail at councilmanbrennan@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 440-884-0489. Please check out our website for more information and to check out pictures at <http://www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/parmapierogies.asp> and like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parma-RunWalk-for-Pierogies/510203692378698>.

School Supplies For Children In Need

by *Erin Gadd*

Hundreds of children in need in the Parma City School District will be provided with backpacks and school supplies through community partnerships in the 2014-2015 school year. The "Backpacks for Kids" program has been in operation for several years, supplying needed backpacks and school supplies for Parma City School District students each year. "We couldn't do it without the big hearts and generous donations from our partners," says Bryan Stanton, Family to Family Supervisor at the Parma Area Family Collaborative. "Last year alone we were able to provide a backpack and supplies needed by more than 1,000 students. The project is critical to helping students in need start the year off on the right foot. And this year we project an even greater need."

Local businesses and community organizations raise funds throughout the year for the program. The UAW Local 1105 is hosting a Country Night Fundraiser on August 2nd with the goal of stuffing a school bus with school supplies and collecting monetary donations to support the program. The KIKS Office and the PCSD Community/Business/Schools Partnership donates more than 400 backpacks and supplies each year. Community drop-off points, such as Bartels Busack Pet Hospital, collect supplies for the initiative as well. "It's hard to describe what it means to a child to start the new school year with a fresh backpack full of the proper school supplies. You're helping a child come to school ready to learn," says Stanton. "It means so much."

Families interested in applying



for the program should complete an application and return it to the Parma Area Family Collaborative at 11212 Snow Road, Parma by August 6th. While filling out an application does not guarantee school supplies, eligible families will be contacted by the Parma Area Family Collaborative to coordinate their effort. School supplies will be distributed to students on August 23rd at various locations throughout the community, including partnering churches.

Want to help? Participate in the efforts above, or contact the Parma Area Family Collaborative at 440-887-4873 to donate, or volunteer.

The Parma Area Family Collaborative focuses on the well-being, safety, and academic success of the children in our communities by connecting families in need with resources and programming for success. For more information, visit their website at www.parmacityschools.org/collab.

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The Parma Art Scene

Artist Of The Month Jill Golias

by Kathryn Mabin

Parma is home to a great many talented individuals, artists and craftsmen, both professional and amateur, who specialize in variety of mediums. This article is the second in a series which will showcase a Parma area artist and introduce you to many of your talented neighbors.

Jill Golias

Jill Golias and her husband Brian live in the Polish Village area of Parma and have lived in Parma most of their lives. They are both proud graduates of Parma High School. Jill is an amateur photographer.

Her love of photography started when dad, Gary Soukup, bought her a camera at age 11. Tinkering with her camera has brought her great joy and some unique and unusual shots, too. She eventually migrated over to a DSLR Nikon camera. In addition to portraits, she loves nature and the capturing of a subject in a moment of time, thus preserving its beauty for eternity. Jill has studied under the tutelage of her accomplished photographer cousin, Steve Perry, owner and operator of Backcountry Gallery. Her photographs have been auctioned off on the WVIZ Auction. She also has participated in numerous photo contests and

donated photos to Parma Mayor Timothy DeGeeter. You can view some of her photos on her Facebook page, Jill Golias Photography.

In March of 2012, Jill was diagnosed with Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer, with a recurrence in December of 2013. Ovarian Cancer is a "silent killer" and she has been working towards breaking the silence through fundraisers to support ovarian cancer research and education. The most recent, OROC, OutRun Ovarian Cancer will hold the 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, August 2, 2014. The run begins at the Rock Hall. OROC is an all volunteer group dedicated to raising awareness and funds for research and education. Founded in 2003, OROC has raised over \$600,000 in Northeast Ohio.

When Jill heard about Polish Village's Flamingo Fever, she thought it would be a unique way to further her goal. She created the charming Ovarian Cancer Awareness Flamingo, which lists the symptoms on a plaque that is attached. This flamingo is a lovely teal and yellow creation with long eyelashes and a bejeweled beak that make her stand out in a crowd. The Flamingo Fever Placement Committee felt that UH Parma Hospital was the ideal loca-



tion for her creation. So the Committee traveled to the hospital and made contact with the Regional Marketing Manager. The decision was made to place the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Flamingo at the Seidman Cancer Center, which focuses on Ovarian Cancer. Hopefully, the flamingo will call attention to her cause and help bring awareness and additional funding.

Many artists, both amateur and professional, use their creative talents to not only make our world a more beautiful place to live, but a better one.

If you are an amateur or professional artist, living in the Parma area, or know of someone who is, and would like to be featured as an artist of the month, please contact me by email at kathrynabin@att.net.

\$300,000 To The Parma Hospital Foundation

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Brooklyn Heights – To purchase exercise equipment for children and adults to use at the city park.

"We passionately, and compassionately, care for the welfare of our communities, and for making the

Northeast Ohio region a better place to live, work and thrive – in health," added Dr. Bieber, who also oversees UH's Accountable Care Organization. "By reinvesting our resources in Parma and surrounding cities – and throughout our region –we help ensure the availability of the best health care for

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