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## Parma Observer Is 12 Years Old

by Daniel P. McCarthy  
Publisher

The number 12 has always had significant meaning throughout human history. 12 makes a dozen, 12 inches in a foot, 12 months in a year, 12 apostles, and so on. The fact that I have been publishing the Parma Observer for 12 years now is also very significant to me. I am inspired to think back to that first issue in October of 2009 and remember how different times were then compared to the present day. The Great Recession was in full swing when we started publishing in October 2009. Who knew that in the next 12 years, we would have a whole lot of ups, and a bunch of downs, and all throughout some really momentous times.

Here we are in 2021, still printing stories from volun-

teer hyper-local journalists. We've lost some tremendously good people during that time, but we always seem to have new friends emerge and contribute to the rich tapestry that is life here amidst the 7th largest city in Ohio. We are prepared to experience some notable changes coming to our community, as is always inevitable. Hopefully, with pragmatic choices and steady leadership, these changes will be for the better, and make our Tri-City Area stronger, more resilient and suited to embrace the third decade of the 21st Century. I need to thank each and every person who has in any way contributed to the success of the Parma Observer since 2009 in our mission to preserve and encourage civic discourse and progress. Ever forward.



## Treat & Greet In Polish Village

by Kathryn Mabin

Saturday, October 23, 2019, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Ridge Road in Polish Village will be teeming with young trick-or-treaters and their parents for the Annual Treat & Greet. This much anticipated family oriented annual event has grown by leaps and bounds over the years.

Polish Village is the business district located on Ridge Road, from Ridge and Pearl to Ridge and Thornton. Polish Village Parma, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization brought this event to the area as a creative way to introduce small

businesses to the community, and a great family oriented event. Participating businesses pass out candy donated by Polish Village Parma Volunteers. Approximately 60,000 to 100,000 pieces of candy are distributed during this event. Many businesses also supplement with give-aways of their own. On Saturday you will see swarms of costumed children, accompanied with an adult walking down Ridge Road, stopping in at participating businesses.

This event also offers something for the adults. One passport per family is distrib-

uted to the adult accompanied by children. The passport is stamped at each location visited and must be turned into Headquarters, at 5769 Ridge Road, no later than 2:15 PM. Adults are given raffle tickets based on the number of stamps on the passport, which gives them the opportunity to win one of the many baskets, or gift certificates available.

Residency is not a requirement to participate. Families come from all the surrounding communities. Photos of the event will be posted on the Polish Village Facebook page for all to enjoy. See you there!

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## 4th Annual Parma Fall Food Drive And Shred Event

by Vito Dipierro

Save The Date!! 4th Annual Parma Fall Food Drive and Shred Event, Saturday, Oct. 30th, From 10 am - 2 pm At the Parma Armory 5301 Hauserman Rd, Parma, OH 44130

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## Script Parma Picture Of The Month



This month's script Parma picture of the month was submitted by Jessica Dete. It was taken on National Pink Flamingo Day and includes the staff at Vista Springs Greenbriar Village who "are proud to be a part of the Parma community." Jessica will receive a gift card courtesy of Rookies Sports Bar and Grill, as well as a free car wash courtesy of Sgt. Clean's Car Wash. Pictures can be emailed for the monthly contest to Parma City Council President Sean Brennan at [councilmanbrennan@msn.com](mailto:councilmanbrennan@msn.com). Be sure to include your name and address.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

# The President's Corner

by Sean Brennan, Parma City Council President

Our military veterans have always had a special place in my heart. This was probably triggered by the stories my grandfather would tell me about his service during World War II. This is why Honor Flight Cleveland is so near and dear to me. In fact, over the years I have acted as volunteer and raised funds for the organization.

Honor Flight Cleveland is an organization that is dedicated to ensuring that as many of our local veterans as possible can visit Washington, D.C. to see “their” memorials. In fact, from 2007 to the present, they have flown over 3,500 veterans on an all-expense paid trip to the nation’s capital. The focus has been on our World War II and Korean War veterans, however, any veteran who is terminally ill is prioritized and invited. I have had the honor of acting as a guardian for the organization. Below I will describe my most recent experience acting as a guardian for my friend Helen Jeris who served in the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) during World War II.

The day began around 4:00 am when I picked Helen up at her home here in Parma. We drove to Cleveland Hopkins Airport and met Honor Flight’s top brass, as well as the other veterans and their guardians. Every



veteran is required to be pushed in a wheel chair by their guardian, due to the fact that it is a long, tough day. Once we got checked in, we processed through security to the gate. Along the way, fellow travelers applauded the vets. Needless to say, many of us were in tears as we made our way to the gate (I nearly teared up writing this, in fact.). We arrived at Baltimore-Washington Airport around 10:00 am where we were greeted by hundreds of travelers who, again, applauded the vets. Yes, we cried again! We soon boarded our motor coach, which took us into D.C. We spent the entire day touring



the World War II, Vietnam, Korean, Air Force, Marine-Iwo Jima, and Lincoln Memorials, as well as Arlington National Cemetery where we saw the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What an honor it was to visit the World War II and Korean Memorials with a group who served in those conflicts!

Although our legs were tired from a long day of trekking around the D.C. area, we were longing for more, but it was time to go around 6:00 pm. Surprisingly, on the bus trip back to the airport and flight back to Cleveland, the conversations were constant, as we were all so excited about what we experienced together and many fascinating stories were shared. Honor Flight is certainly memorable for all who partake.

Although Honor Flight suspended service in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID, as well as the fact that the Korean War Memorial is currently closed for refurbishment, the hope is to commence flights next year. In the meantime, the organization, which is funded entirely from donations from patriotic donors, will no doubt be in need of financial assistance, as, once flights commence, there will surely be a lot of catching up to do – a lot of vets who have been patiently waiting for the trip. The cost to fly each veteran is approximately \$300. If you are able to donate, please send a check payable to Honor Flight Cleveland, 724 Coralberry Lane, Madison, Ohio, 44057.

To find out more about Honor Flight Cleveland, visit their website at [www.honorflightcleveland.com](http://www.honorflightcleveland.com). Thank you to all of our veterans who sacrificed so that we may be free! As it says on the Korean War Memorial: “Freedom is not free.”

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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## UH Parma Medical Center Wins National Award For Quality Stroke Care

by CJ Sheppard

A local man who had a stroke after breakfast learned the benefit of living near a community hospital experienced in quality stroke care – and the advantage of his local hospital being connected to an academic medical center where the clot in his brain could be specially extracted before lunchtime.

“Every person involved in my care – both at UH Parma and at main campus – was just fantastic,” says Jim Kane, who climbs telephone and light poles for a living with a utility company but never expected to get a bird’s eye view of Cleveland from a medical transport helicopter.

Kane, 58, was brought to University Hospitals Parma Medical Center by North Royalton paramedics who were among the first in the region trained in telestroke, communicating with the Emergency Department before the patient’s arrival via an iPad during the advanced stroke assessment. Upon arrival at the hospital, a CT is immediately performed to rule out a hemorrhagic stroke, or bleeding in the brain. A CT angiogram of the head shows the blood vessels in the brain to identify potential occlusions. In Jim’s case, the CTA did reveal an occlusion or blockage, and he was determined to be a candidate for thrombectomy, a surgical procedure to remove clots from blood vessels that supply the brain. He was taken to UH Cleveland Medical Center – the only hospital in Ohio for the second consecutive



UH Parma Medical Center, where the Emergency Department is under the leadership of Dr. Christopher Dussel, has been recognized again for high-quality stroke care.

secutive year to receive all four of the highest awards presented by the American Heart Association in their Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke awards.

UH Parma was among 14 UH hospitals honored for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment, according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines supported by the latest scientific evidence. UH Parma won the Stroke Gold Plus and Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite awards.

“All of our stroke teams across the UH Health System have worked

together to deliver the highest quality stroke care in an integrated network that provides care close to home for residents of Northeast Ohio,” said Cathy Sila, MD, Chair of the UH Department of Neurology, and Director of the UH Comprehensive Stroke Center and UH System Stroke Program. “Stroke is an emergency, and the best outcomes occur when patients are taken to their closest stroke center to start that life-saving treatment. So it is very important to us that all of our hospitals can deliver that highest-quality stroke care. We are honored that our efforts are recognized

by the American Heart Association, and that the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke provide proven knowledge and guidelines to improve outcomes for stroke patients.”

UH Cleveland Medical Center has met specific scientific guidelines as a Comprehensive Stroke Center achieving Target Stroke Advanced Therapy Honor Roll for rapid diagnosis and treatment of severe stroke patients like Jim requiring thrombectomy procedure. For this award, hospitals successfully treated at least 50 percent of qualified stroke patients within 90 minutes of arriving directly to their facility and within 60 minutes of arriving by EMS transport.

In retrospect, Kane realizes that there must have been warning signs of his stroke. A heavy smoker for nearly 25 years, he quit six years ago and has been working on improving his health. He learned that the atrial fibrillation he didn’t know he had put him at higher risk for stroke.

“I’ve always been of the mindset that I don’t have anything wrong with me until I go to the doctor and he tells me I do, and I think a lot of people think that way,” says Kane who underwent a cardioversion procedure in the weeks after his stroke to help resolve his afib. “Now I feel better than I have in a long time. I don’t need to suffer getting older, I can actually feel good. And I know where to get the care I need.”



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### Family Connections' SPARK Program Is Now Serving Families In Parma

by Gene Lovasy

Parma children who are 3 and 4 years old can now participate in a FREE kindergarten readiness program known as SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids). Every month, a parent partner meets with the family, either in-person or virtually, to provide parents with the skills and confidence they need to prepare their children for success in kindergarten and beyond. The parent partner demonstrates a lesson that supports the state standards, then supplies a book, an activity card, and materials so that the parent can continue the learning between visits.

SPARK works cooperatively with the child's preschool, conducts developmental screenings and links families to community resources in an effort to address barriers to academic success.

For more information view this link and contact Kirsten Radivoyevitch at [kradivoyevitch@familyconnections1.org](mailto:kradivoyevitch@familyconnections1.org)

## Trash Crawl

by Kathryn Mabin

The Parma non-profit We Are Parma Proud, is hosting a Trash Crawl on Saturday, October 16th along State Road from 1 to 4 PM. The Spring Crawl was such a huge success they decided to do it again! Meet your neighbors, support local businesses, clean up your city, and take pride in our community. Several rest stops are planned for along the way for food and refreshments. Door prizes, loads of fun, and supplies will be provided. For details and to register visit Facebook, We Are Parma Proud.

## 4th Annual Parma Fall Food Drive And Shred Event

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jam the shredding machine.

Some top items we are seeking are, but not limited to, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, noodles, and any other canned vegetable. These are most items that are continuously asked for and need to take care of families that may be living right next door to you. Last year (2020) the Parma Hunger Center provided approximately an 8-day supply of food to 1,878 Parma families, totaling 5,540 individuals.

The Parma Food Drive and Shred Event is a great way to raise awareness about hunger in our community and encourage others to help. Hunger affects every community, but many people don't realize it. Please help spread the word about this event.

According to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank:

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103-Year-Old Veteran...Still Serving

by Tony Kessler

The American Legion is the largest Veterans Organization in the world. When a veteran joins the organization, they are considered "still serving" in a manner of speaking. The American Legion contributes a lot to the city, state, and nation so members are considered still serving their country.

Mike Zaderecky is this month's Hometown Hero. He entered the Army in July 1941 during the 2nd world war... He served with the 8th Infantry, 45th field artillery. He saw action in Germany in 1944 & 45 and was part of the cleanup crew scouring the beaches for land mines after the Normandy Invasion. He joined the American Legion in the winter of 1945 and is still to this day an active member in good standing. His continuous membership has now reached 76 years as a legionnaire making him, although at this time I am unable to verify, but I believe him to be one of, if not the longest active current member in all the American Legion. He was also the very first elected Commander of The Parma Post 572 located on State Rd. Affectionately known as "little Mikey" around the post canteen,



he still can be seen in the canteen 2 days a week enjoying a "cool one" and shooting the breeze with other veteran members. He is always ready with the one liner and a story.

After discharge from the Army, he went to work with his father in the plumbing company he owned, later he took over the company. He decided to get out of the business when one day he happened to see one of his workers' paychecks for the week...It was more than his and that told him he was probably in the wrong business.

After giving up the plumbing business, in 1950 he went to work for the City of Parma as Ward 4 Councilman. He held that position until 1954, he then took the position of building inspector and when a bailiff in Judge Spanagel's court room took ill, he was

asked to take over temporarily until the regular bailiff returned. The regular bailiff never returned, and Mike stayed in the position until his eyes no longer allowed him to fulfill the duties of bailiff....Mike was 99 years old when he finally retired ending a 67-year career with the city of Parma. When asked what his secret was to his long life, he said, "staying away from women". I have known Mike for many years and if space wasn't limited, I could go on and on with his life story. Having spent a long lifetime serving his country and community, he is truly deserving of the title "Hometown Hero of the Month".



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# Neighborhoods

## Parma Heights Bars With The Best Football Traditions

by Emery Pinter

The only thing that makes watching the game even better is cheering for your team in a crowd of other folks ready to go just as nuts as you when Baker Mayfield lobs the ball to Nick Chubb in the end zone. Whether you're looking for the perfect place to find rabid fans or you need a hideout where it's okay to root for Tom Brady, Parma Heights sports bars are full of people that make games even more exciting to watch, win or lose.

My Corner Bar 6211 W. 130th. Gather here for like minded cheering and, of course, for its excellent bar food and drinks. Try their killer tacos or a sensational Sloppy Joes. There are plenty of screens for game watching as well as draft beers, a large selection of whiskey's, gins and vodkas plus a full menu. That's a game day win!

Pounders Bar & Grill 6370 York Rd. Everyone knows everyone else, and regulars are quick to welcome new-



Just some of the Sports Memorabilia at The Tavern on 42

comers into the fold. Suds and sports go together like nothing else here. And everyone knows the most important food group for football season is wings.

The Tavern on 42 6249 Pearl Road. The TVs are always tuned to sports. A great spot to catch any college or professional sports game. And what else are they known for? Their food! Even the menu will get you in the mega-fan mindset, with Fried Pickle Chips, loaded Nachos, and a Build Your Own Burger. And there's no hiding the bar's Cleveland Browns fandom.

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PERSPECTIVE

We Have Lost Our Sense Of Community

by Lee Kamps

One of the major reasons why it seems that the country is so divided and dysfunctional right now is that perhaps too many Americans have lost our sense of being part if a larger community and have retreated into our own little bubble of family and close friends. Of course, this has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

I truly believe that one of the major contributors of this nation's "greatness" was that so many Americans considered themselves as part of a larger community. Whether it was our cities, towns, neighborhoods or even our country; many of us believed that the "greater good" of the community was more important than one's individual satisfaction.

Perhaps nothing exemplified this feeling of the greater community more than my parent's generation or

the "greatest generation" that grew up during the great depression, then had to either go off to fight in the Second World War or stay home and make sacrifices for the war effort. Every young man was in uniform or doing something for the war effort. Women often went to work in the factories to make the material to fight the war. Consumer goods, such as food and gasoline were rationed so everyone got their share.

Even after the war ended, I believe that the sense of community still prevailed throughout the nation. I am old enough to remember John F Kennedy's inaugural address sixty years ago earlier this year when he said, "ask not what your country could do for you, but what you could do for your country".

Many Americans were inspired by that and joined the Peace Corps and committed themselves to making the United States a better country. Many

young people became involved in the civil rights movement. Others served in the military.

As a boy growing up in Parma then, this spirit of doing more for the community was impressed on me when I was in the Boy Scouts. At Valley Forge High School later in the 1960s, I was a member of the Key Club, a service club affiliated with the Kiwanis Club. The Key Club did many service projects in the community as well as the school.

Later, after college and as a young adult, I joined the local Jaycee club in my community. Our Jaycee club also did many service projects for the community ranging from picking up Christmas trees in January to running a haunted house in October to raise money for community projects. Because of the money we raised through the haunted house, we were able to make a down payment for a neo natal monitor at the

hospital, purchase a van for the senior center and many other community projects.

That Jaycee club had a membership forty years ago of almost 200 men under age 36. Women weren't admitted as members until the mid 1980s. I also learned how to coordinate events as well as many other important skills that helped my career.

But now, that old Jaycee Club is no more. In fact, many Jaycee Clubs are defunct. The Valley Forge Key Club is no longer active. When I was in the Jaycees forty years ago, our chapter had nearly 200 members in a city of 25,000. The Parma Jaycees were also a strong chapter. But now both Jaycee clubs are defunct. I am currently a member of the Parma Kiwanis Club, and our club is struggling. Very often only a few members show up at a meeting.

All the time I hear in the community people complaining about everything. But they expect that someone else should do something to solve the problem. But what do those people do to make the community a better place to live? So many people don't even bother to vote except in presidential elections. How many people intend to vote this year when local elected offices are on the ballot?

Not just the Kiwanis Club, but other clubs and organizations that do service projects for the local community are also struggling for members. When I was in high school, I was in the DeMolay, a fraternal organization for high school boys affiliated with the Masons. Parma used to have a nice Masonic lodge and an active chapter. But that is gone as well.

It seems that so many of us have retreated into our selves and in the process, we have lost our sense of belonging to a much larger community and that makes us a much poorer nation.

A Vote For Issue 55 Is A Vote For Fairness

by Bob Wrobel

I'm writing in support of Issue 55, which would adjust the Mayor of Seven Hills' salary to \$40,000 for the next mayoral term (beginning December 10, 2023, basically 2024). When I was on council, I was very involved in

correcting many long-standing issues in the City of Seven Hills. One issue important to me that we did address was correcting the mayor's salary, but for one reason or another it did not make the ballot.

In all the cities I have reviewed, I

found Seven Hills to be the only city where voters must approve the mayor's salary. Other municipalities were indexed to a certain wage or scale or at the discretion of council. The topic has become a political football resulting in 37 years of stagnation in addressing the mayor's salary.

It is important to note this is not a tax issue or a request for funds in any. In fact, there is no material impact on the budget. If this measure is approved, it would represent 0.001 of our total 2020 revenue.


The mayor's salary has remained at \$14,000 since 1987. Since then, salary for council members has increased 174% and will increase with annual cost of living adjustments to 189% by the time Issue 55 would take effect. During this same period our entry level salary for our service department has been increased by 181%.

These changes in salary are closely related to the rate of inflation over the last 37 years. Bringing the mayor's salary to \$40,000 is basically an adjustment for 37 years of inflation.

It should be noted, if passed, the mayor's salary will remain at the bottom of the mayor salary scale of comparable Cities, by far.

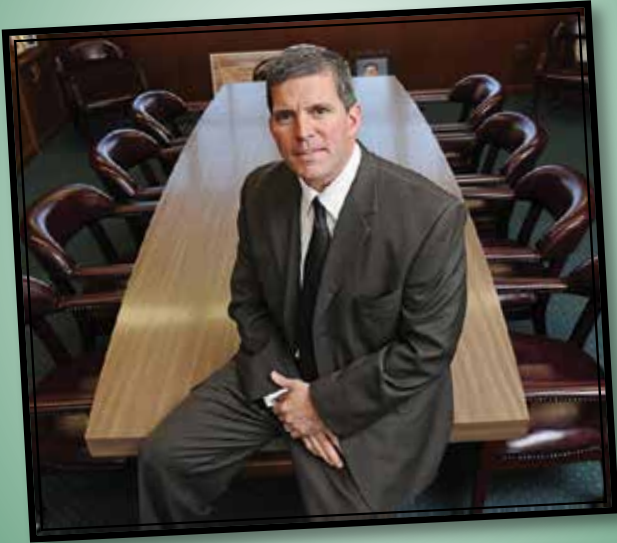
I believe this is a matter of fairness and good government and urge a yes vote on issue 55.

Bob Wrobel  
Former Ward 2 Councilperson  
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PARMA’S ART SCENE

Making The Scene...

by Kathryn Mabin

**Whistling past the Graveyard; Cemeteries & Graveyards of Cuyahoga County** is a one man photo exhibit of Sean Mabin’s photo tour of local cemeteries. This exhibit is at Negative Space Gallery, located at 1541 E 39th St and runs September 25th through October 27th. This exhibit is just in time for fall and Halloween. Sean has photographed over 40 cemeteries and graveyards around Cuyahoga County. His images capture their romantic beauty, forgotten monuments and statues, melancholic moods, gothic architecture, misty fogs and dewy spiderwebs.

**PAFAC Members Exhibit** – Prama Artspace Gallery & Boutique, 5411 Pearl Rd is hosting an exhibit consisting of the works of members of the Parma Area Fine Arts Council, Inc., October 1st through October 17th. You’ll find the works of 16 local area artists who work with a variety of mediums. Included in this exhibit is water color, acrylic, colored pencil, drawing, comics, photography, enamelling, basket weaving and more. Artists include Michelle Behal, Tony DeMarco, Emery Bogardy, Donata Rahne, Katie Harroff, Doris Truly, Jane Zampedro, Carla Zampedro, Craig Peters, Cameron Peters, Nica Zampedro, Kendall Hogan, Craig Lindsley, Kathy Mabin, Angie Reali-Mabin, and Sean Mabin.

Senator Antonio Recognizes Importance Of Unions On Labor Day

by Nickie Antonio

On September 4th, I joined North Shore AFL-CIO for their Labor Day Rally at Lakewood Park to speak on the importance of workers' rights and protecting our unions. We have all heard about the labor shortage right now, but the fact is that there isn’t a labor shortage; there is a wage and workers’ rights shortage. During the early days of the pandemic, we celebrated frontline and essential workers.

Stop in and see examples of your talented neighbors works.

**How To Kill A Spider (In Five Easy Steps)** is the title of the 11th self published comic in 13 years created by Craig Lindsley, board member and instructor of Parma Area Fine Arts Council, Inc. This tale was created from stories shared by his future son-in-law Michael Karla, who has often regaled the family with methods for the eventual demise of spiders, as told with Craig’s sense of humor. Spoiler Alert – dynamite is involved! Books are available on Craig’s Facebook page “Caesars Comics” and will also be on sale at the Youngstown Indie Comic Expo on Saturday, October 16th. This event is located at the Days Inn at 5425 Clarkins Rd., noon to 6:00 pm in Austintown, Ohio. He recently participated at the Hall of Fame City Comic Con in Canton, Ohio.

Coming soon at Prama Artspace Gallery & Boutique, Rock and Roll Nightmare, October 22nd to November 26th. Rock, shock, noise, horror, colorful, loud, proud and in your face. Including but not limited to the works of Ryan Jones’s rock star portraits, Eric Ortiz’s colorful surrealist musical themed works, and Nancy Elhallak’s hand-painted guitars. Duo Decibel System will be performing on opening night October 22nd. View the art, hear the music. For details follow Prama on Facebook and Instagram.

We cheered, banged pots and pans, and called them heroes, but we still do not pay many of those workers a wage they can survive on.

At a time when our country should be pulling together, we are more divided than we have ever been. We have to find common ground and issues we can agree on, like improved

Read the rest of this article online at: [parmaobserver.com](http://parmaobserver.com)

Truly A Blast



Ready to go! Anticipation was building as the starting gun was only moments away. Exciting atmosphere on a crisp morning as people assemble to honor the memory of Kathlene Cochrane DePiero and raise money for good causes.

by Daniel P. McCarthy

The Bubble Blast 5K Run/Walk on September 18 at the North Royalton YMCA was a sight to behold. Early in the crisp late summer air, Many runners and walkers were gathered to take part in a race that raises money for great causes and at the same time honors the precious memory of an outstanding woman named Kathlene Cochrane DePiero, who left us way too soon. I cycled in from Parma, tackled the State Road hills, and was pleased to see her family members and so many supporters assembled there and ready to go, especially Dean DePiero, who keeps this event front and center in memory of his loving wife.

The Bubble blast couldn't exist without the help of all the great spon-

sors, including: The Cochrane Family, The Depiero Family, Di Geronimo Companies, Rosewood Grill, Southwest General North Royalton Physical Therapy, Cleveland Communications, Inc., HR Hospitality Restaurants, Axelrod Buick/GMC, Century 21 DePiero & Associates, Inc., Friends of Larry Antoskiewicz, Friends of Timothy J. DeGeeter, North Royalton Council President Paul Marnecheck, Quality Control Inspection, Inc., Bashein & Bashein Co LPA, Holistic Halo Salt Spa, Distinctive Eyewear, Inc., DLZ, The Islander Bar & Grille. Hope we didn't miss anyone. Thanks to everyone involved for making this memorable event so special and truly a blast!



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