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Summertime Fun!

by Lisa Mayernik

The Summer at Sims Park Concerts are attracting large crowds from throughout the area. The free concerts are held the last Thursday of the month with music beginning at 6pm. In July, the Mike Wojtila Band gave a fantastic performance as the audience enjoyed a beautiful sun set over Lake Erie as well as great food from local food trucks.

The final concert of the season will be on Thursday, August 27th in Sims Park, 23131 Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid featuring The Kinsman Dazz Band, popular and known for playing a variety of music including soul, R&B, and jazz. Information about the concerts can be found on the Summer at Sims Facebook page or www.cityofeuclid.com.



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Gift from Lifelong Euclid Resident to Fund Hospice House Upgrades



Guests stroll along the Vista Walk overlooking Lake Erie.

by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve Announces Long-Range Growth Plans

Twenty years ago, Hospice of the Western Reserve began admitting patients at its new hospice house – the first in Ohio and one of only a handful in the country – overlooking 1,200 feet of Lake Erie waterfront. At a recent anniversary ceremony, president and chief executive officer Bill Finn announced the agency is engaged in a master planning process with C.C. Hodgson, a firm specializing in healthcare and senior living design services.

“This is a multi-year journey,” Finn said, speaking before an audience of staff members, volunteers and community supporters. “Our objective is to set long-term goals for David Simpson Hospice House and the adjacent 12-acre Christian Life Center property we acquired in 2009. As we examine the options to grow and to expand this campus, our focus is on solutions that will most benefit the Northeast Ohio region - our patients, families and the community.”

The nonprofit community-based agency, one of the pioneers of the hospice movement in the U.S., was founded in 1978 as “Cancer Family Service” in Lake County, Ohio. The organization evolved into Hospice of the Western Reserve, today caring

for more than 1,100 patients per day in a service area that encompasses nine Northeast Ohio counties. By October of this year, the organization projects it will care for its 100,000 patient. End-of-life care is provided for a broad range of illnesses. A palliative or “comfort care” program is also available to those who need help managing chronic symptoms earlier in the disease trajectory. Services have expanded to include educational and grief support programs for the general public, the region’s school systems and the professional healthcare community.

Finn acknowledged the generosity of donors, including a bequest from former Euclid resident Helen Kassay - the largest in the agency’s history. Kassay was a Hospice of the Western Reserve volunteer. She and her husband, Steve, were also cared for by the agency.

A portion of the gift, along with those of other donors, will fund new furniture, flooring and window treatments throughout David Simpson Hospice House. Flat screen TVs and virtual-visiting technology will be installed in the 40 suites, allowing family members to Skype with loved ones receiving care there. “Twenty years ago,

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Welcome to a NEW Paradise Island Saloon



I will go back for more of this Fireball French Toast off the brand new Brunch Menu. See more on Page 15.

Dialogue



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Euclid Industrial Corridor Attracts New Business and Investment



Work is nearly complete on Bluestone Business Center 2 (right) in Euclid's Industrial Corridor.

by Jonathan Holody

It has been a busy summer in Euclid's Industrial Corridor with the addition of a new company on East 222nd Street and the construction of a second building at Bluestone Business Park.

After being vacant for over a year, the

building at 1250 East 222nd Street has a new owner and tenant. The 152,000 square foot building was acquired in May by Weston Inc.

Weston has a strong track record of owning and managing large commercial properties through-out the country. Locally, the company developed the Fersenius dialysis center at Century Corners Business Park.

With assistance from the City of Euclid, Weston successfully attracted Mechanical Dynamics & Analysis (MD&A) as its first tenant in the building.

MD&A manufactures and repairs turbine parts for the electrical power industry. The company will bring over 40 new employees to the City of Euclid.

Much progress is also being made on Blue-

stone Boulevard where Ray Fogg Building Methods is nearing completion on the construction of a second industrial building.

With the first building fully leased, and strong local demand for high-quality commercial distribution space, Fogg broke ground earlier this year on the second building at Bluestone Business Park.

Bluestone Business Center 2 measures 127,000 square feet in size. It will feature 32 foot high ceilings, energy efficient T-8 lighting and a modern ESFR sprinkler system. The building will also receive 100% property tax abatement for 15 years through the City's Community Reinvestment Area Program.

Bluestone Business Center 2 is currently available for lease. For more information, please visit www.fogg.com.

Ask an Officer



by Kate McLaughlin

Question: I've seen neighborhood dance parties promoted on social media which charge admission fees to the kids. Are Euclid residents allowed to have a children's dance party in their homes and charge admission?

Answer: from Lt. Mitch Houser, Community Policing Unit

Yes, but there are rules that must be followed and fees paid. A homeowner wishing to hold a paid-admission dance or ball at their private residence must consider the following:

1. You may not hold a public dance or public ball in Euclid without having obtained a

permit from the Mayor. A permit application must be filed at least thirty days in advance.

2. A "Public Dance" and "Public Ball" as any dance or ball where admission can be had by (1) payment of a fee or (2) by the purchase, possession or presentation of a ticket or token or (3) to which the public generally may gain admission with or without the payment of a fee. If admission is charged, the City's admittance tax must be paid.

3. All public dances and public balls shall end no later than 1:00 a.m.

4. Between the following hours, any music and noise that can be distinctly heard at a distance of more than 100 feet from its source shall be deemed excessive and illegal:

11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. when the morning hours are Monday-Friday

11:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. when the morning hours are on a Saturday

11:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. when the morning hours are on a Sunday

5. Curfew for minors is as follows:

Under 12 years: 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

12-15 years old: 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

16-17 years old: 11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

It is my opinion that anyone wishing to hold a paid-admission event should rent a professional, properly licensed, party center to avoid potential problems and liability.

If you would like to submit a question to Ask an Officer, contact Community Policing at the Euclid Police Department: email kmclaughlin@cityofeuclid.com or call 216-289-8449.

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when we accepted our first patients here, this technology did not exist," Finn said. "We are grateful for Helen's gift, which will dramatically enhance the family environment we work so hard to create."

A large portion of the Kassay gift is earmarked for staff development, including underwriting for the cost of professional certifications. "The funding enables us to continue our focus on specialized training to provide symptom management for even the most complex cases," Finn said.



Chief Quality and Education Officer Shareefah Sabur relates personal memories of former volunteer Helen Kassay. A gift from the former Euclid resident will fund many upgrades at David Simpson Hospice House.



President and CEO Bill Finn greets guests.

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Sick or injured? It may be time for a trip to the emergency department.

When it comes to meeting our immediate healthcare needs, we have a lot of choices. These include express care and urgent care centers, doctor's offices and emergency departments (EDs). But when is it time to go to the ED?

"In life-threatening situations, you should always call 911," says Rich Lowery, RN, BSN, MBA, director of emergency and outpatient services at Euclid Hospital. "If you need treatment for an injury or require immediate care for a sudden or unexpected medical condition, you should go to the nearest emergency department."

Conditions that call for a trip to the ED include:

- Heart attack symptoms
- Stroke symptoms
- Head injuries
- Loss of consciousness or fainting
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Possible broken bones
- Serious burns

According to Mr. Lowery, more than 38,000 people are treated each year in the Euclid



Marita Volk, MD

Hospital ED. The more severely injured or sicker patients are treated in the acute ED's 16 private rooms; those with less traumatic injuries or minor illnesses are treated in seven fast-track rooms.

"ED patients are treated by board-certified Emergency Medicine physicians, and highly trained ED nurses, physician assistants and respiratory therapists," says Marita Volk, MD, medical director of Euclid Hospital's ED. "Laboratory, radiology and other services are immediately available if needed. Should you need to be admitted, you are only steps away from our hospital inpatient care and specialty services."

Advanced stroke care at Euclid Hospital

Euclid Hospital is an Advanced Primary Stroke Center certified by the Joint Commission. It provides access to patients from Cleveland Clinic's Mobile Stroke Unit, which is integrated into the City of Cleveland's 911 dispatch system. The goal of the Mobile Stroke Unit is to shorten the time between the onset of stroke-like symptoms and the delivery of clot-busting drugs, which must be administered within three hours of when symptoms began.

For more information about emergency and other services available at Euclid Hospital, visit euclidhospital.org. In case of emergency, call 911.

Take Charge of Your Health: 3rd Annual Bring Someone You Love to the Doctor Day

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City and County Landbank Partner to Expand Golf Course



Briardale Greens Golf Course successfully expanded with the help of the City of Euclid and Cuyahoga Landbank.

by Edward Chenock

Briardale Greens Golf Course is a popular destination among local golfers during the summer months. Now, through a partnership between the City of Euclid and the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, the 18-hole course has been expanded to offer a safer and more scenic golf experience.

For years, Briardale General Manager Matthew Baca was concerned with two houses immediately south of the course on East 250th Street. Located just beyond the green of the 3rd hole, the homes were directly in line with shots from many golfers. In addition, the properties were becoming increasingly deteriorated year after year.

The City of Euclid was able to demolish one house and transfer the property into its landbank in 2009. When the second home became abandoned in 2014, City officials

turned to the County Landbank for help.

Utilizing funds from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Neighborhood Improvement Demolition Program, the Landbank demolished the dilapidated structure and assisted with the transfer of the property to the City. "The Cuyahoga Landbank is pleased to have removed a blighted influence and at the same time assist the City of Euclid with their golf course expansion," said William Whitney, Chief Operating Office of the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation.

Briardale Greens Golf Course opened in 1977. The course was designed by renowned golf course architect Richard LaConte. Today, Briardale is managed by Billy Casper Golf of Reston, Virginia. The 18-hole, par 70 course offers amenities and golfing for players of all levels. More information is available at www.briardalegreens.com.

Euclid Library Celebrates 80 Years

by Rebecca McFarland

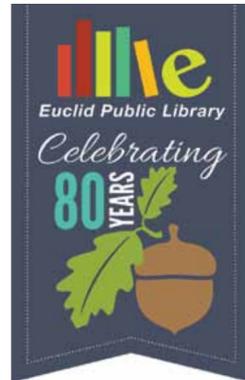
Euclid Public Library officially was named a public library on August 12, 1935 with a resolution stating that the newly elected board would establish "a Public Library free to all inhabitants of the Euclid City School District and Cuyahoga County, Ohio." At this first meeting it was also agreed that "the said library board will serve without compensation" with Sam Foster officiating as the library's first President.

Sam Foster was born in 1897 and, at the age of sixteen, he began a lifelong railroad career with the New York Central Railroad. Railroad men are typically good members of the communities in which they live and Sam Foster was no exception. He served as the library's president of the Board of Trustees from the beginning in August of 1935 until July of 1953, 18 years later. During his tenure, the public library operated out of the two high school buildings, Central and Shore. Other branches came along in other schools, but it was Mr. Foster who encouraged the board to pass a resolution to build a main library building in 1957.

Helen Pickard was the first librarian hired. She worked for 25 years with the Euclid Public Library. She said she worked at the library as it was going through its first growing pains. She said, "We were given a hole in the wall at old Euclid Central School's basement (the building is no longer standing,) where the pipes rattled and the water dripped." Later, when Miss Avis Lane became Director, the library moved into the upper floor of the senior high building in a room 9' by 12'." Miss Pickard said "We had six employees, four busy typewriters and boxes of books piled up to the ceiling on all sides. If you liked air and light, that room

was not for you!" Prior to her time at the library, Miss Pickard served as secretary to Mr. Ely, Mayor of the Euclid Village in 1925.

During this month of August, the library will host numerous events to remember the history of the library. On Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m., librarian Tom Pappas will take a look at the history of the City of Euclid. Did you know it was once a wild town with illegal gambling and rife with political corruption? Then, on August 12 at 2:30 p.m., we'll host a birthday party, complete with cake to celebrate the lives of our residents who also were born in 1935. We'll talk about what it was like to grow up in the 1930s and 40s. Friday, August 14 at 6:30 the Library's Foundation will host a beer tasting event. "1930s Beer, Prohibition and Murder!" is the event where we'll gather to taste a number of beers and hear interesting tidbits from the 1930s from three, local historical researchers! Tickets for this event are \$25, all other library events are free.



Community

ECPAAA Donates and Prepares Meal for Euclid Police



Holiday Meal Flyer

by Jen Wolford

This is my first year for all the ECPAAA events, but our organization has done the holiday meal for many years. Traditionally it was done at Christmas, but with the influx of food given as gifts during the Christmas season, the meal was moved to the 4th of July.

This year we held our annual holiday meal on Thursday, the 2nd of July and Saturday, the 4th of July. The meals are spread out over two non-consecutive days to allow as many officers as possible to partake.

Dedicated, caffeinated volunteers arrived at the police department at 5 am. The breakfast shift ran from 6 am until 9:30 am and lunch and dinner from 2 pm until 5:30 pm. All meal supplies and decorations for the roll call room are donated by the ECPAAA or members of the group independently.

A handful of people fried bacon and sausage, made pancakes and waffles, fresh fruit salad and hot egg strata were a few of the choices available for breakfast. Lunch included pulled pork, mashed potato salad, deli sliders, macaroni salad, crudite, and



Denny Brown frying up his amazing walleye.

fresh caught and fried on the spot Lake Erie Walleye. There were also various desserts.

We fed all the members of the Euclid Police Department and the corrections officers from the jail. Everyone was sure to show their gratitude and appreciation. It's funny, when you cook bacon, people are just nicer.

The ECPAAA set up, ran, and cleaned up this entire event. Terri Zakraysek, Jean Schoeniger, Jen Wolford, Guy Wolford, Denny Brown, Peggy Owens, Jason Owens, Colleen Kendel, Melissa Horvath, Krystal Kaminski, Bob Ayers, Carl Lake, Bonnie Gallon, Ryan Cederlund, Marlene Cederlund cooked or brought in dishes to share. Captain Denny Brown's walleye was definitely a favorite.

The Euclid Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is a group of Citizen Police Academy graduates who give their time and resources to helping out the Euclid police department. You can find out more about our organization at <http://www.euclidcpaaa.com>.

Euclid Toastmasters Club Achieves Highest Club Honor



by Jessica Gerich

Bailey Toastmasters has achieved the highest honor a Toastmasters club can achieve for its 2014-2015 club year, being recognized as a President's Distinguished Club. In order to become a President's Distinguished Club, Bailey achieved 9 of 10 goals, including members giving 10 speeches from the beginner competent communication manual, additional members speaking 10 times from an advanced manual and recruiting 5 new members.

"Toastmasters has helped me become a more confident communicator in all aspects of my life. The encouraging atmosphere has helped me to grow and challenge myself. I believe Toastmasters is one of the most positive and cost-effective professional development programs around." ~ Jeanine M.

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Bailey Toastmasters meets each Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at the Euclid Public Library. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Shore Cultural Centre's Angels



by Chris Cipriani

Shore Cultural Centre's new signage, which displays their colorful logo, will help draw attention to a building that is home to a wide variety of arts, cultural and commu-



nity activities. The signage is a reflection of the vibrant events which take place within the building. Shore Cultural Centre thanks their angels for the gift which allowed the improved signage to become a reality!

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Upcoming Events

Collinwood Slovenian Home 2015 “Man of the Year” Congratulations Dinner

by Bob Podlogar

The Collinwood Slovenian Home is honoring their 2015 “Man of the Year”, Ed Kocin, with a dinner on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The event will be held at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. Dinner will be prepared by Julie

Zalar and will be served from 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$13.00, and a cash bar will be available. For tickets or more information contact the Club Room (216) 681-6649, or Mary Podlogar (216) 486-6424.

Local Filmmaker Brings Hollywood to Cleveland



Cat and crew signed this poster. Thank you Jonah Kenney

by Jonah Kenney

“Banger”, a feature film written and directed by award-winning filmmaker Mike Berry of Skip Thomas Productions begins filming on May 19, 2015. Berry brings to the screen this suspense thriller that is sure to make audiences hold on to the edge of their seats.

While the city enjoys the influx of Hollywood films flowing in and out, Berry has rooted his production in Cleveland, OH completely utilizing local actors, crew and resources while bringing in Hollywood talent to create blockbuster caliber film. “Cleveland, similar to what happened in Atlanta GA over recent years, has the capability of being the next Hollywood Midwest. We could use a thriving industry and the movie industry has wide-open potential”, says Berry.

In true Skip Thomas form expect twists and turns along with a jaw dropping conclusion. “We have assembled a phenomenal cast”, says Producer Tina Hobbs,

“made up of seasoned actors from the area and have recently added the talented Clifton Powell (Ray, Menace to Society, Dream Girls), Omar Gooding (Baby Boy, Smart Guy) and Ohio Native Joe Estevez best known for his impressive trail of movie credits as well as his famous acting family (Martin Sheen, Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez) to the roster.” During the months of May and June. The actors have made several appearances through the City of Euclid including The Henn Mansion, The Shore Cultural, and Simms Park

Skip Thomas Productions is also the producers of “Secrets”, “If You Knew Better, You’d Do Better” and the television pilot “3rd Floor West”, all award-winning. “Banger” is expected to release in early 2016. Future announcements and updates may be found at www.Bangerthemovie.com

Sincerely, Tina Hobbs HobbsStyle Casting 26250 Euclid Ave, #211 Euclid, OH 44132 (216) 438-1677

Imagine Bella Meet and Greet Night



Walk the red carpet on August 18th on Meet and Greet Nite!

We are rolling out the RED CARPET for our families on August 18th! Come in and meet your child’s teacher, sign up for Before

and After Care, and dance with the staff in the parking lot with DJ Castro!

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Almost Back-to-School (for all ages!) at Shore

Classes in voice, instruments, theater, dance, ceramics, yoga, fitness, cartooning, painting, drawing, and more variety is planned for this fall. Whether you are looking for after-school, homeschool, or classes for adults, you are sure to find something of interest in our lineup. Visit our website or call for information, fall catalog coming soon!

Euclid Farmers’ Market

Fridays 3-6:30pm @ Shore Cultural Centre through Oct. 9



Start your weekend off right by visiting the Euclid Farmers’ Market! Our Market features locally grown and organic produce, baked goods, plants, flowers, jams, soap, fresh cooked food and more! Visit each week to enjoy the changes throughout the season. **Bill Hach** performs on Aug. 7 beginning at 4pm. **Youth Musical Explosion**, featuring live bands, performs Aug. 14, 24, and 28, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music!

Be sure to visit the “Summer at Sims” free concert Aug. 27th! Great music, food and fun!

Shore Cultural Centre offers an array of arts and educational programming in the heart of downtown Euclid

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com

Upcoming Events

SRW Vacation Bible School



During the week of July 20-24th, Ss. Robert and William Parish entertained approximately 50 students in their Vacation Bible School Program. The week concluded with an Intergenerational Luncheon, which included the grandparents of VBS students.

September four artists: Diane Collins, James Jenkins, Troy Blum and Lauren Deveney will hold a art show at Euclid Public Library

by Lauren Deveney

This September four very different artists: Diane Collins, James Jenkins, Troy Blum, and Lauren Deveney will show their art at Euclid Public Library 631 East 222St. Euclid ohio, 44123. Collins is a trained ceramicist/enameler; Jenkins is a painter; Blum is a folk water-colorist; and Deveney drawing/3D. They will share not only their personal work styles, but also bear a resemblance to one another when they attempt to work in three similar platforms: ceramics, drawing, and en-caustics. Occasionally, this small group of artists get together to pay visits to local gallery art shows. They then analyze and critique what they see. This past winter they paid a visit to Baldwin Wallace Fawick Gallery in Berea, Ohio, where there were five artists: Eileen Dorsey, Hilary Gent, Dott Schneider, Dawn Teckler,

and Jack St. John. Motivated by this show, they chose to challenge themselves to work in the styles of two of the artists, St. John and Dorsey. For scale and material they decided upon St. John’s identically framed large paper paintings and will contrast this to the scale and material of Dorsey who works in small plywood en-caustics. On International Peace Day, Monday September 21st, there will be a free reception at the library to meet and greet these artists. All are welcome.

New Board President for the Euclid Symphony Orchestra

by Carl Lake

Shore Cultural Centre in Euclid, OH and The Euclid Symphony Orchestra (ESO), enters its 55th season under new leadership. This month Past President Ryan Roberts will hand down the gavel to Rochelle Hylton. Congratulations, Madam President, and a “job well-done” to Past President Roberts! Your efforts and leadership have been well appreciated!

The ESO is a non-profit organization formed in 1961. Since then, ESO has strived each season to bring Classical Music and Musical education to our citizens

and school children affordably.

Our Season begins November 1. Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 6, with additional concerts on March 6 2016 and May 1, 2016. All performances are held at the Shore Cultural Centre, East 222nd St. and Babbitt Rd, all on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the performance. Please view our Facebook page, or WWW.EuclidSymphonyOrchestra.com for any further details.

We certainly hope you will come help us kick off another wonderful season!

Artists Needed for Holly Berry Bazaar

by Maureen Frydl

Local Artists Wanted for our Annual Holly Berry Bazaar. Join local artisans on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Ss. Robert and William Parish. Do you have a unique craft or homemade food item that you would like to sell? Kick

off the holiday season with this festive event. Contact Ellen Ivory at elvory@srweuclidcc.com or call (216)731-1515 if you are interested. Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish is located at 367 East 260th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44132.

Panther Pride Night



Panther Pride Night

Join us as we kick-off our fall sports and the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year! We will introduce our fall athletes from the following teams:

- ▶ Football
- ▶ Volleyball
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Girls Tennis
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Girls Soccer
- ▶ Boys Soccer
- ▶ Cheerleading
- ▶ Marching Band

When: Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Where: DiBiasio Stadium
711 East 222nd Street

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Who: You! This event is open to the community.

What: A pep rally to kick-off the 2015-2016 school year and meet our new high school principal, Angela Terella! For more information contact aholtzman@euclidschools.org or call 216.797.2984.

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com



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Back to School Means Book Bag Blessing!



It's almost time to head back to school - which means we're busy planning this year's Book Bag Blessing! Join us on August 30, 2015 as we welcome students and families and help them get the school year off

to a good start. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Book Bag Blessing will take place at the 10:00 Mass on August 30, with fellowship to follow in the Church Hall.

Retreat Helps Participants Discover and Share Gifts

Beginning with the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Catholics were invited to reflect upon their "personal vocation" and consider what God had given to them and what God might be asking from them. While the general use of the word, "vocation" was hardly new to Catholics, the new emphasis that each of us has been given a "personal vocation" by the grace of our baptism provides a broader perspective on "vocation," beyond the boundaries of Priesthood or Religious Life. Lay people also have a vocation!

We are asked to first consider what God has given to us - our gifts and talents as well as our opportunities and our experiences. Stated differently, each of us is invited by God to carefully consider our "charisms" (our spiritual gifts) so that we can first celebrate what God has given us and then put those gifts at the service of others.

Our Lady of the Lake parish, along with other parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland, is offering a workshop/retreat to anyone who wishes to discover (free of charge!) and develop his or her personal "charisms." On Saturday, September 12, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will be gathering in the Church hall to participate together in the

"Joyfully Gifted" program.

Each participant will be provided a personal "inventory" which he or she will complete and tally, as the first step in identifying one's gifts. The workshop/retreat will then provide opportunities and exercises to further refine one's understanding of one's gifts, and then to connect with other participants who share those gifts. Participants are guaranteed to come away from the "Joyfully Gifted" experience knowing a lot more about themselves and others.

For those who wish to do so, we will also offer four optional follow-up gatherings once a week after the workshop/retreat. We see this entire program as part of our ongoing effort to encourage parishioners to share their gifts with others.

The Workshop/Retreat will end with Mass at 4:00 pm. Please consider yourself warmly and personally invited, and we hope to see you on September 12th! If you would like more information or to register, you can contact Shawn Witmer via e-mail (shawn@olleuclid.org) or phone (216-486-0850, Ext. 14). There is no charge for this exciting opportunity, but we would appreciate knowing you are planning to participate. But walk-ins are also welcome!

OLL Parish Feast Day September 12

Our Lady of the Lake has come to celebrate its Parish Feast Day as a cherished annual tradition. Each year, Mass, a procession and a gathering at the lakefront bring our faith family together in a celebration of community that has become very special for friends and neighbors in the parish. This year the celebration begins with 4:00

Mass on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Afterwards, we invite everyone to join us as we process to the lake, and to stay for a special wine and cheese party. We promise to also have fun treats for the kids, plenty of space to play and lots of good fellowship. All are welcome!



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Unhu students and teachers take a photo during one of their house meetings.

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IGBOYA means courage.

From the Yoruba language
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Openly embrace the unknown and be courageous enough to set goals
House Color: Green

SELF-ULWAZI means knowledge of self.

From the Zulu language
Value and show that you respect yourself by being honest

Making sure that our words have "Nia" - meaning
House Color: Purple

UJIMA means collectiveness.

From the Swahili language
Show selflessness
Showing integrity and doing what is best for the whole
House Color: Black

UNHU means reciprocity.

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Red Carpet Meet and Greet Nite



Come meet the Imagine Bella Family on August 18th at 6 p.m.

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Education, Library, or Computers. We can't wait to see how Dance will be showcased at our Annual Spring Performance. Come to Imagine Bella on August 18th at 6 p.m. to see all the teachers for Meet and Greet Nite!

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Want to know more about Imagine Bella? Want to help our exciting journey to become a National Blue Ribbon School? Enrollment packets available online and in

our office. Call 216-481-1500. We would be more than happy to give you a tour and answer any questions!



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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, August 18th | Meet and Greet Nite 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19th | First Day for Kindergarten

Thursday, August 20th | First Day for Grades 1-6

Monday, September 7th | Labor Day- No School

September 14th-17th | Fall Scholastic Book Fair

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Life Learning Love

Enjoy Four Days of Food and Fun at the Fifth Annual International Family Festival at Ss. Robert and William, August 13-16

by Kristi Ward

Join neighbors and friends at the fifth annual International Family Festival at Ss. Robert & William Catholic Church, 367 E. 260th St., Euclid, August 13-16.

Enjoy live bands, rides, games, home-made pierogi, stuffed cabbage, delicious food, hands-on activities, pony rides, Chinese Auction and a chance to win a \$10,000 raffle prize. For more information, follow us at Ss Robert William International Family Festival on Facebook or visit www.srweuclid.cc.

Festival Schedule:

THURSDAY Aug 13: Open 5 to 10 p.m. ~ Ss. Robert & William School Spirit Night! 5 p.m. Festival Opens!

6:00-9:00 Oktoberfest Area hours (air conditioned)

6:15-7:00 Dog Show (Main Tent)
7:00-10:00 Band: New Barley Corn (Main Tent)

7:00-10:00 Outside Casino
7:30-9:00 SRW School Spirit Night

5:00-9:00 Ponies
5:00-10:00 Rocket Ship Rides
5:00-10:00 Laser Tag

6:00-9:00 DJ: Rich Smith (Oktoberfest Area)

10:00 Festival Closes

FRIDAY Aug. 14: Open 5 to midnight 4:00-5:30 WINT AM's LIVE Friday

Radio Show
5:00-7:00 WINT's Game-playing Street Team! (concession area)

5:00-6:00 Outdoor Mass
5:00-9:00 Ponies

5:00-10:00 Rocket Ship Rides
5:00-11:00 Laser Tag

5:00-10:00 Face painting
6:00-10:00 Oktoberfest Area hours (air conditioned)

6:00-12:00 Band: Midlife Crisis (Main Tent)

6:00-12:00 Outside Casino
6:30-8:30 Singer: Katie Cooper (Irish) (Oktoberfest Area)

Midnight Festival Closes

SATURDAY Aug. 15: Open 5 to midnight 6:00-10:00 Oktoberfest Area hours (air conditioned)

5:00-9:00 Ponies
5:00-10:00 Rocket Ship Rides

5:00-11:00 Laser Tag
6:00-10:00 Face Painting

6:00-12:00 Outside Casino
6:30-9:30 Band: Patty C & The Boys (Polka) (Oktoberfest Area)

7:00-11:00 Band: Festivus (Main Tent)

Midnight Festival closes

SUNDAY Aug. 16: Open 12 noon to 8 p.m. 11:00-12:00 Polka Mass with The Joey Tomsick Orchestra

12:00-6:00 Oktoberfest Area hours (air conditioned)

12:00-4:00 Car Cruise In
12:00-5:00 Face Painting

12:00-7:00 Laser Tag
12:00-8:00 Outside Casino

12:30-3:00 Band: The Joey Tomsick Orchestra (Main Tent)

1:00-3:00 Euclid Safety Forces
1:00-6:00 Ponies

2:00 Drop off Bake-Off items to the Vienna Café

2:00-5:00 Singer: Steve Hegedus (Variety) (Oktoberfest Area)

3:00 Bake-Off Winners Announced!

5:00-8:00 Band: Phil 'n the Blanks (Main Tent)

5:30 Father McNeil's Country Hour (Main Tent)

5:00 International Raffle Closes (Oktoberfest Area)

7:00 High-End Raffle Closes

6:00 Chinese Raffle Closes (Garage)

8:00 Grand Prize Drawing (Main Tent)

8:00 Festival officially closes until 2016!

Food - New this year: Homemade stuffed cabbage! Plus, hot from the grill: sizzling ribs, chicken, brats, hamburgers and hot dogs, steamed clams, and award-winning Raddell's Sausage! Homemade ethnic favorites like pierogi's, cabbage and noodles and cavatelli's and meatballs. Sip refreshing beverages such as homemade lemon shake-ups, Cleveland's own Great Lakes Beer products and cold pop.

Enjoy Italian favorites such as cavatelli, sausage sandwiches, chicken parmesan and meatball sandwiches. Of course, there will be All-American festival favorites like hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ ribs, BBQ and baked chicken, bratwurst, elephant ears, cotton candy, root beer floats, sundaes and cones, ice cream and lemon shake-ups. To top off your hearty meal, stop by the Pastry Booth inside the school for homemade bakery lovingly made by SRW Seniors. If you're too full for pastries, request a take-home box to enjoy later. Plenty of food options will tempt your taste buds. Come to the Festival and let us serve you!

Adult Casino Games Money wheels, two "Over & Under" dice tables, "Big 6 Wheel" and Instant. An Adult Midway will be added near the Casino area (thank you, Wendy Hudik, Mark Dean and Andrea Ralph).

More Entertainment - More Fun!

Back this year: Laser Tag! Plus more carnival rides, a climbing wall and laser tag! Euclid Beach Rocket Ship Car rides will be back on Friday and Saturday, along with real carnival rides and pony rides all four days. Face painting by Painted Peacock on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Kiddie Korner: The children's area offers carnival rides, a Prize Wheel, Euclid Beach Rocket Car Rides, crafts, face painting, pony rides (all three days) and affordable games such as Knock-down-the-Cat, Birthday Wheel, Dime Toss, Giant Plinko, Putt-Putt and Pasta Smash. Festival volunteers have been working hard to gather prizes, crafts and treats for the Children's Area. Also, stop by the "Photo Booth" on Friday to capture the great memories you'll be making at the Festival!

Game tickets will be sold at .50 each and can be used to play the kiddie games, for activities and crafts in the craft tent and for face painting. Please note that some games and activities could cost one, two, or four tickets each. Face painting, crafts and kids games will end at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Most games will have tokens for the kids to win and redeem at a Prize Redemption Tent,

similar to Chuck E Cheese's! Purchase a festival t-shirt and LED blinky novelties in the T Shirt tent on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Ride prices will be as follows:

\$5 Rocket Ship
\$3 All Festival Rides
\$2 Kiddy activities
\$5 Ponies
Best Value: \$20 Wristbands (Wristbands are all-inclusive, except for Rocket Ship rides).

OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY! Spend an afternoon admiring vintage and classic cars on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Cars will be on display (weather permitting) in the parking lot section of the festival. Winners announced at 3 pm.

Polka Mass at 11 a.m. Sun., Aug. 16

You don't want to miss the 11 a.m. Polka Mass featuring the Joey Tomsick Orchestra and Father John Betters presiding. Everyone loves the Joey Tomsick Orchestra, and their crowd-pleasing polka style will have you foot-tapping during mass. This polka mass reminds us of our unique cultural heritage here at Ss. Robert & William.

\$10,000 Raffle, Get Connected Technology Raffle & Chinese Auction Baskets The \$10,000 Grand Raffle Prize winning ticket will be drawn Sunday evening as the festival comes to a close. The Chinese Raffle Auction, with loaded baskets of gift certificates and prizes, will take place at 7 p.m. while the Main \$10,000 Raffle and the "Get Connected" Raffle will take place at 7:45 p.m.

NEW! High-End Raffle

With great planning and a great amount of support from our parishioners, we are pleased to report that we have secured many fine gifts for our High End Raffle which will be located in the school hallway. To pique your interest, here is a glimpse of what is being raffled off: • Sharp Aquos 55" HD Smart TV • Kitchen Aid Mixer • 6 Bottle Wine Cellar • 14 piece Hard Enamel Nonstick, Rachel Ray Cookware • Lifesize "Fatheads" Vinyl Cling of LeBron James/Cavs • Lenox Crystal Bowl, Amber/Amethyst • Nespresso, Vertuoline Coffee Maker • Fire, HD 6, With Matching Leather Case • Samsung Smart Camera • Kindle Paperwhite • Proscan, 7" Tablet Several other 'surprises' are in store for you at this raffle! Make sure you stop by and take your chance on winning these special prizes.

NEW! Children's Chinese Raffle!

New to the Oktoberfest Area (aka school gym) we are featuring a "Children's Chinese Raffle." We have received a wonderful donation of "Danbury Mint" and "Hamilton Heritage" international, collectible Dolls. Additional toys/games representing other cultures will also be featured. Bring the children by to peruse - and take a chance - on these lovely treasures.

Wait, there's more!

First Annual Dog Show

New this year: Show off your beautiful dog at the SRW International Family Festival Dog Show! Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:15 p.m. in the Main Tent Area.

Here is the Official Entry Form form, which you can click on to print out, fill out and turn in to the Rectory.

You'll need to provide your name, your pet's name, your complete mailing address, phone number, email address and then check the categories you'll be entering (Best Tail Wagging, Most Adorable, Most Obedient, Most Scruffiest, Least Obedient, People's Choice).

There is an unlimited category entry fee of \$25, or you can enter individual categories for \$10 each. Entry fees are payable by check or credit card, and half of your fee will go to the Euclid Animal Shelter and the other half will directly benefit our parish and school!

Your signed registration form, with payment, is due to Ellen Ivory at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

SRW Festival Dog Show Rules:

- The Pet/owner must report to the Main Tent area by 6 p.m. if you expect to participate.
- Your pet must be leashed and manageable throughout the event.
- For your pet's comfort and safety, we request that they are taken from the premises immediately following the Dog Show.

Bake Off!

Enter your best Brownie or Chocolate Chip Cookie recipe for our 3rd Annual Bake Off Contest held in the Oktoberfest area on Sunday, August 16, 2015. Click on the link below to print out an official entry form and bring it with you and your bakery to the judges table before 2 p.m. on the Sunday.

Don't forget to nominate your children for this year's "Prince/Princess" of the Festival.

Thank you to our sponsors: Euclid Hospital, Notre Dame College, Action Car Stars, TNT, Lake Catholic High School, Western Reserve Interiors, Raddell's Sausage Shop, Liberty Bank, Brickman Funeral Home, the Euclid Cowboy, VASJ High School, and Mr. Chicken. Thank you so much for all sponsor support!

Mickey and Minnie will perform in the Children's area on Thursday, August 13th from 7 to 7:30 p.m. They will also be performing under the Main Tent on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Father Scott Goodfellow will be donating 12 homemade craft beers!

Visit our Facebook Page or www.srweuclid.cc for more information about the 5th Annual Ss. Robert and William International Family Festival. We hope to see you there!

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In order to attend Boys State, students must have good scholastic ranking and be recommended by their principal to the sponsoring American Legion Post/Squadron.

Four VASJ students were recommended by VASJ Principal David Csank and selected to be sponsored by the American Legion Post 7 in Wickliffe to attend Boys State.

The mission of Buckeye Boys State is to teach young men about city, county and state government and the organization of political parties. And they teach this by letting the students do it all.

"It develops a lot of responsibility – no one is holding your hand through it," says Joe Martin '16, one of four students from VASJ to attend this year's Boys State. "There are no instructions. You have to figure out the best way to fill your occupation."

The hands-on approach to teaching and learning resulted in attendees relying on one another to be successful and perform their job duties well.

"I don't think anyone there worked alone," Joe says. "It definitely develops skills in teamwork and leadership."

Coincidentally, all four VASJ students chose careers in law enforcement.

Joe ran for county prosecution and opened his own law firm. Jacob Stauffer '16 was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Brandon O'Donnell '16 served as Chief of

Police and John Henry Posey '16 was selected to serve as Sheriff.

Boys State attendees worked in their mock jobs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day of the program.

One of the many lessons VASJ students learned at Boys State is that sometimes you have to put in extra effort (and hours) to do a job well.

"I worked longer hours because I had a lot of cases," says Joe of his role as an attorney.

John Henry, who served as Sheriff of Welsh County, also found his job to be more demanding than anticipated.

"Sometimes I had to stay for a half an hour afterwards to finish last-minute items," he says. "I had to create a budget for the department, supervise the execution of warrants and represent the department in court."



Joe Martin '16 proudly displays his Buckeye Boys State certificate.

Practicing law is something Joe had never seen himself doing so it was



Jacob Stauffer '16 (center) was elected Supreme Court Justice at Buckeye Boys State.

a chance for him to try something new.

"It was an opportunity to go outside of my comfort zone and try something different," says Joe.

For Jacob, it was a chance to set high goals and work hard to achieve them.

"I wanted to be on the Supreme Court and I figured why not go big so I ran for Chief Justice," Jacob says.

"I think that I was elected because of my ability to speak well and my ability to talk in front of a big crowd," he adds.

John Henry saw it as an opportunity to get some valuable experience in an area he is interested in pursuing.

"I chose to be a sheriff because I am an aspiring law enforcement officer," John Henry says.

His experience as sheriff was an eye-opening one.

"I learned that the role of a police is more challenging than one can

imagine and that working in high levels of law enforcement is both rewarding and stressful."

The hands-on, real-life work experience they gained at Buckeye Boys State was invaluable.

Joe learned the importance of being a self-starter and being proactive to achieve his goals.

"It made me realize that I need to start working on my own," Joe says. "If I want something, I need to go out there and get it. I can't keep waiting for things to just happen or come my way."

Buckeye Boys State taught Jacob that a little confidence can go a long way.

"I learned that anything is possible if you're confident enough."

Hopefully they walked away realizing that their futures are bright and the best is yet to come.

But those who have watched them mature and grow over the last three years at VASJ already knew that.



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Food

Sunday Brunch at the Paradise Island Saloon

by Janeen Hoggett

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from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. with a varied menu that includes famous dry rubbed wings, Cuban, tacos, and burgers. They have live music on the weekends and offer complimentary valet parking. Stop in for the food and stay for the entertainment! Check out their website at <http://www.paradiseislandsaloon.com>.



These award winning Bloody Mary's carry the official Observer Seal of Approval.



The chef has created a fabulous take on a traditional Cuban sandwich.



The dry rubbed wings are the most ordered item on the menu and once you try them you will know why.



This thick Belgian waffle is topped with crispy fried chicken and sage sausage gravy with a drizzle of maple syrup.



This Breakfast Burrito off the new Brunch menu will rock your world.

Beach Club Bistro Putting out Some Amazing Food

by John Copic

Be sure to stop by the Beach Club Bistro for lunch, dinner or just cocktails. They are more than just pizza, although the pizza is terrific. Excellent appetizers, salads, and

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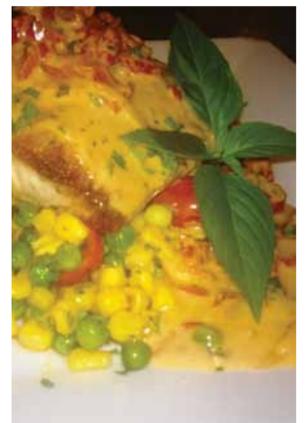
Chef Paul Hamalainen (on the right) and right hand man Lanny Haladyna (on the left).



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- Park-like setting with playground area
- Online rental payment and maintenance requests
- Intercom access entry

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