

Family-Friendly Holidays on Ludlow Arrives on December 6 with Santa and The Belgians

Presented by Clifton Town Meeting and the Clifton Business Association, "Holidays on Ludlow" will take place on Friday, December 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Clifton's gaslight business district on Ludlow Avenue.

This annual free, family-fun event includes a variety of activities.

- Free horse-drawn carriage rides
- Shopping for Artistic Gifts at the Gallery Off Ludlow on Ormond Street
- Music and Caroling on Clifton Plaza along with Hot Chocolate for sale
- Photo-op with Santa
- Grab a drink or dinner along the many businesses along Ludlow Ave.
- Get a great start to your holiday shopping by shopping local!

Check the CTM Facebook page for more information!



Devon and Kristin Rich were early Santa visitors in 2018.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

DEW-you care to join Clifton Town Meeting for the election of new CTM trustees and annual board meeting, Monday, December 2? Registration for membership and voting begins at 6 p.m. Pizza and salad provided by Dewey's Pizza (while supplies last). Meeting follows at 7 p.m.



The beautiful, gentle Belgians horses are returning to Holidays on Ludlow 2019

President's Message

I first want to mention that elections for our trustees of Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) are on Monday, December 2, starting at 6 p.m. at the Clifton Rec Center. You must be a CTM Member to vote, you can even join that night, we will have pizza and salad from our community partner, Dewey's Pizza!

Clifton Town Meeting has been hard at work over the last year making improvements, implementing innovative ideas, and setting the groundwork for projects that look well into the future.

Our Arts and Culture Committee has been focusing on bringing artists into the community through their "Off Ludlow Gallery", located in the old post office space on Ormond Street. They have been filling the space with art from both local and national artists and have secured the funding needed to keep the gallery open another year! I hope you get a chance to visit, buy art, and help support this wonderful community asset!

You may have noticed the "parklet project" which took over two parking spaces along Ludlow Avenue. This successful project asked our community to reflect on what our business district could feel like if we prioritized pedestrians, as opposed to cars. A lot of work went into this trial, and we will see the fruits of that labor as we explore permanent buildouts along the business district along with other pedestrian safety and accessibility projects to solidify our business district as the safest and most pedestrian friendly in the city.

I can only mention a few projects in my limited space, but I assure you this is just a taste of some of the community-focused work we do as your community council. It has been an honor working with all the trustees, volunteers and community partners this year, and I want to thank them for all the work that is done in the name of CTM and our community.

One Proud Cliftonite,

Brad Hawse, CTM President

Spread Some Joy—Gaslight Clifton's own True Joy Acoustics is back in the Clifton Market Cafe during Holidays on Ludlow. Greg Huntington will be setting up at 4 p.m. if you want to come ahead of the crowd. Learn how to get started with the ukulele. A broad lineup of ukulele models will be for sale at special event prices and will help with the company's donation of high-quality ukuleles to music therapy programs in pediatric hospitals nationwide and related healthcare settings, including the Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House. Cincinnati Children's has received well over 100 instruments.

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Please email us at contactctm@ cliftoncommunity.org to learn how to subscribe to our emails or find us in social media. The CTM Membership Form is online.

Clifton Chronicle's new design to be unveiled in Spring!



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CTM Membership— Necessary to Register Your Vote December 2

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your local community council which advocates on behalf of the Clifton community. CTM also sponsors many activities and festivals throughout the year for our community. To support this important community work, we need your generous support. Membership dues are tax deductible and are the second largest source of income for CTM. If you paid membership dues sometime in 2018, thank you for your support. Memberships are based on the calendar year, and we need your support for 2019.

Starting or renewing your membership will help us keep Clifton a vibrant, desirable, and fun place to live, work, and play. CTM also accepts donations, and you can do that at the same time you renew at http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/membership/ or clip the form below and send a check or money order payable to Clifton Town Meeting, P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

Membership Categories

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Candidates for CTM Trustees — Seven Positions Open

"Clifton Town Meeting has seven open board positions for its community council board. The vote on December 2 from 6-7 p.m. will elect trustees to fill five three-year term positions, and one each of a two-year and a one-year term position.

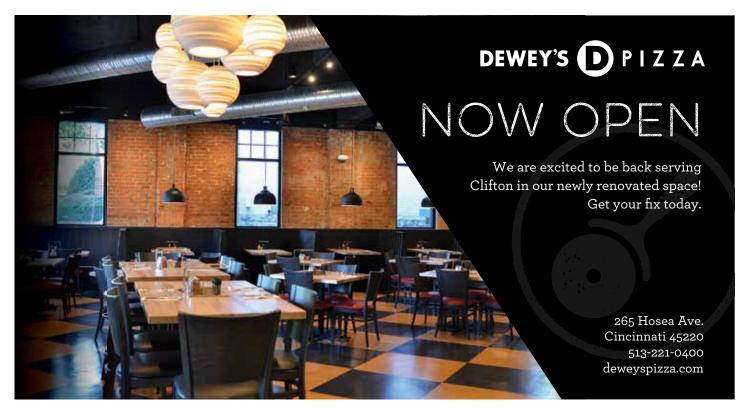
Votes for your community representatives can only be cast if you are a CTM member.

Membership can be obtained at the time of voting. See form above for fees.

Gérald Checco and his family moved to Clifton 18 years ago on September 11, 2001. He retired from the City of Cincinnati where he was the director of—consecutively-three departments, Parks, Public Services and Municipal Sewer District, each time assigned to these departments to solve problems, increase productivity and reestablish trust in these agencies. Despite being asked to continue to solve problems he decided to retire early, explore the world and work as a volunteer. He is now on sev-

eral boards dedicated to good government and environmental issues (Charter, Urban Forestry, Millcreek Conservancy, Green Umbrella and Board of Visitors.) He has deep knowledge of and personal contacts with most governmental agencies of the region, making him uniquely qualified to be on the CTM Board. He is known to be able to work with a wide variety of opposing agendas to reach win-win outcomes. He would be particularly interested and

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knowledgeable in the following committees: Beautification, Housing and Zoning, Transportation, Parks and Walking Routes.

Jan Brown Checco —Since moving to our long-time favorite Cincinnati neighborhood in 2001, I have enjoyed participating in many creative community-building projects. From 2008 to 2009, I served as the CTM community co-chair for design and construction oversight of the new Clifton Plaza. As a founding committee member of the reborn CliftonFest, I worked as artistic/programming director from 2012 to 2014, and introduced the matching of artists to business sponsors for creation of the annual sidewalk chalkworks. I was project manager for the mural painted at Clifton Plaza in 2014, an enduring Clif-

tonFest legacy project. Now I am serving on CTM's Arts and Culture Committee, working with the crew on design and fulfillment of the Ludlow Garage 50th Anniversary Mural, and also on the opening and operation of the Off Ludlow Gallery.

Following the Ludlow 21 Report delivered to CTM in 2013, I worked within the Ludlow 21 Committee to produce programming for Clifton Plaza from 2014 to 2017, including music, special projects for our Gaslight businesses, and movies on the Plaza. I've served on the Clifton Area Neighborhood School Advisory Group from 2017 - 2019 for branding and communications, and continue to serve Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) for campus beautification projects and development of the Creative Corridor Media Center on the school's third floor.

I frequently convene communities for commissioned art projects, and have re-

peatedly witnessed "the whole being greater than the sum of its parts". I've wished for a chance to develop strong, positive relationships throughout our "hilltop campus" neighborhood, including Fairview Clifton German Language School, Clifton Area Neighborhood School, Clifton Recreation Center and all nearby organizations that wish to share their assets, and to learn and work together. Clifton Town Meeting seems like a good "nest" for this kind of community building, and if I am invited to join the board, I would like to develop such a network.

Robert Hamberg—Serving as a Clifton Town Meeting Trustee over the last year has been an interesting and rewarding experience. Being involved and trying to make a difference in this community is important to me because of how special this area is to me and my loved ones. My relationship with Clifton goes back to my birth at Good Samaritan, and my family has been in residence here since the early 1950s. If I am selected to continue serving as a trustee, I hope I am able to support the efforts to keep Clifton a welcoming, wonderful place to live and work. I think this community draws its strength from our unique, diverse population and I'm so happy to call Clifton

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process improvement, risk mitigation and compliance. This experience helps me identify what works, what needs improvement, and how to make changes as efficiently as possible. I try to bring this perspective to the table when working on behalf of my neighbors, representing them as a trustee with the Clifton Town Meeting. My wife works at Children's Hospital as a psychologist, and we have a dog and a very opinionated 3-year-old daughter who loves the swings in Mt. Storm. We couldn't be happier being part of this community and look forward to being here for years to come.

Catherine Hamilton-Hicks—My husband, two children and I moved to Clifton in July of 2017. My father was a University of Cincinnati French Professor for 40 years. While in college I worked at both Skyline Chili and The Busy Bee.

We are a community-minded family, and I would love the opportunity to help serve in areas where my experience and ideas could possibly be of use.

- Served three years on The City of Dayton, Kentucky's Planning and Zoning Board
- Created the Northern Kentucky Kite Festival
- Remodeled 10+ historic properties and currently remodeling a 100+ year-old

bakery in Newport, KY

As a trustee I have been working on improvements that both enhance and calm Ludlow Avenue, making it safer and more enjoyable. These include: the creation of a temporary parklet, the lifting of parking restrictions that I helped push for, and the installation of the international flag display at Ormond and Ludlow.

Our children both attend CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School) and we are committed to doing our part to support the school, including serving on the LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committees) board.

Clifton is a place we are proud to call home.

Mark Jeffreys — Preserve and advance. Clifton is a neighborhood with incredible history and community with unique architecture, people and traditions, all of which need to be preserved. At the same time, there are opportunities to enhance our community such as working with the Cincinnati Parks to restore Burnett Woods to be even more of a gem, and partnering with the community and the city on ensuring that traffic coming up Ludlow to the central business district is not a raceway that endangers pedestrians.

I have lived in Clifton for 11 years, first on Bryant then on Cornell Place and now on Evanswood Place. My wife and I have four children —one in college, two at Walnut Hills and one at Clark Montessori.

Professionally, I've been an entrepreneur for the past two years after spending 16 years at Procter and Gamble (P&G) as an executive. I'm an avid runner (typically through Clifton and the Northside) with a passion for the arts, travel and the outdoors. Ten years ago, I started the non-profit go Vibrant, which is about making activity irresistible—bringing the P&G goVibrantscape to Smale Riverfront Park with the foot piano and flying pig, walking routes to communities, and most recently Bounce, an initiative that raised funds to bring athletics to 10 public elementary schools. I am currently the Chairman of the Board of go Vibrant. I also serve on the Cincinnati Parks Foundation Board of Trustees and run the Marketing/PR committee.

Over the past few years, through those engagements, I have worked to benefit Clifton through larger engagement, including by bringing the go Vibrant walking routes to Clifton with signs going up in the next few months, and by making Burnett Woods and Mt Storm two of five priority parks for fundraising for the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. Throughout these endeavors, I pride myself on the ability to engage different stakeholders to bring solutions to challenges and/or create new opportunities that we did not think possible before.

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I would welcome the opportunity to use my skills to continue to preserve what is great about Clifton while advancing our community where opportunities exist. I ask for your vote as a CTM Trustee. Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer H. Krivickas—I joined the University of Cincinnati (UC) Office of the Vice President for Research July 1, 2016. Before this position, I served UC College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP) as the unit head for the DAAP Library. I am a tenured member of the UC faculty, an active researcher, the primary steward for the UC Bonnie Cashin Collection, and I teach a popular elective at UC's top-ranked DAAP School of Design.

I came to UC from the Yale Center

for British Art, Yale University, where I served as the assistant director of the Yale Center for British Art Library and Photo Archive. Prior to that, I established and managed the Phillips Reading Room at Harvard University's Widener Library where Harvard faculty, visiting scholars and students in advanced studies conduct bibliographic research, using Widener's non-circulating rare, fragile and otherwise precious materials from Widener's stacks and beyond.

Currently, I serve as Assistant Vice President for Integrated Research and the Urban Futures Pathway. In this role I work to develop and direct Strategic Research Initiatives and Signature Programs on the enterprise-level. Some of my primary areas of responsibility include:

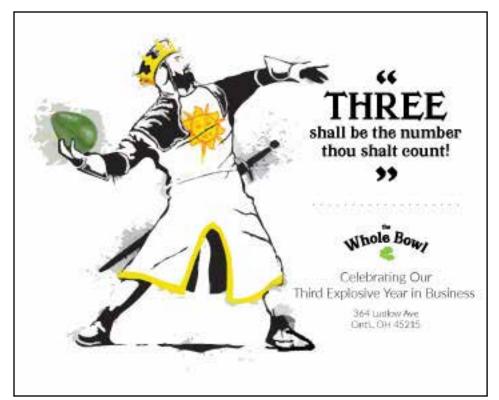
1. Research Development to increase the capacity and competitiveness of all UC researchers, scholars and creatives and to continuously improve UC's research infrastructure

- 2. External Outreach, Engagement and Communication to articulate the real-world impacts of UC Research and to foster the development of foundational and strategic research partnerships and alignments
- 3. Internal Signature Program Strategy, Development and Operationalization to foster and grow the impactful, inclusive, and innovative research, scholarship and creative activities of UC faculty and students
- 4. Strategic Development of Research Collaboratives to advance research programs at UC that have significant growth potential
- 5. Research Strengths and Priorities Identification to inform UC's research "brand" and growth strategy on the enterprise-level

Since moving to Cincinnati in 2009, I've lived in Clifton with my daughter, Kenyon, who is now in the 5th grade at Clifton-Fairview German Language School. We love our neighborhood, our neighbors, Fairview and UC, and I'd be honored to be given the opportunity to serve Clifton as a member of the CTM Board.

Ioanna Paraskevopoulos—was born and raised in the Clifton Gaslight District and, in 2019, she returned to the neighborhood with her three year-old, Hugo,

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after a lengthy detour through Annapolis, New York, Washington D.C., Brussels, and Northside.

She has served as Chief of Staff in Council Member David Mann's office since October 2016, and in 2019 co-founded Action Tank, a think tank committed

to partnering with artists to research, educate, and advocate for equitable policy in the Cincinnati area. She is passionate about helping community groups navigate City Hall to effect policy changes that lift up their neighborhoods, and she loves getting to know her neighbors as they work together to discuss, plan, argue, build, work, and celebrate their community.

She is a devoted yoga student, an enthusiastic amateur chef, and an avid moviegoer. Prior to returning to Cincinnati, she worked at the U.S. Department of State, where she managed the Human Rights and Congressional Affairs portfolio for the Middle East Bureau. She has a B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University and a J.D. from Northern Kentucky University.

History Photo Quiz

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Christmas Eve 5:30 Child-Centered Service 7:30 Communion 11 PM Candlelight and Carols



Weekly Hosted Activities Include:

Choir, Bells, Children's Music - Thursday Evenings CCAC (Clifton Cultural Arts Center) Classes All Week SLAA: Women 6:30 PM Weds, All: 7:30 Weds, 2 PM Sat Workaholics Anon: 6:30 PM Sunday Campus AA: 8 PM Thurs,

Clifton AA: 6 PM Sat, 12&12: 6:30 PM Sun Gamblers Anonymous: 8 AM Sat, 12 PM Tues & Thurs Sahaja Yoga: Friday 6:30 PM Easter Seals Hub 8 AM-2 PM Mon-Fri

Off Ludlow Gallery Continues to Amaze

Your CTM Arts and Culture Committee continues our mission to bring interesting art and experiences to your Gaslight business district stroll! The installation of the Ludlow Garage 50th Anniversary Mural is complete - find seven portraits of notable musicians from the Garage's history around the intersection of Ludlow Avenue and Ormond Street.

Off Ludlow Gallery Exhibitions for this season include:

"Gallery Gifts" November 8 - December 21, 2019

Do your holiday shopping with us while we celebrate the holiday season with a Fine Art and Fine Craft exhibition and sale. Gallery hours: Fridays 5-8 pm, Saturdays noon – 6 p.m., and for Holidays on Ludlow, Friday December 8, from 5-9 p.m. Featured artists include:

Paintings, Prints and Cards – James Billiter, Margie Lakeberg, Pat Olding, Donna Talerico, Ellina Chetverikova, Trish Weeks

Photography - Steve Barger, Kent Krugh Printmaking and Sculptures - Paige Wideman

Ceramics - Gail Lungren, the CRC potters, Audra Daniels

Glass - Shelby Hines, Lisa Inglet Woodcraft - Josh Hines, Melinda Ramos, Jerry Warner, Dylan Tennison, Robert Fry

Fiber - Barbra Sferra, Carol Rentschler, Jane Lach

Bookarts - Judith Serling-Sturm Jewelry - Sidney Cherie Hilley Mosaics and Note Cards - Jan Brown Checco

"Small Works Large Voices"



This exhibition is Off Ludlow Gallery's celebration of graffiti artists. Artists talks will be given on Saturday nights by graffiti artists David Gerena aka KAOS, Tanzing, Empr Ctzns, Spencer Vanderzee and Technique. These mysterious speakers will give talks as interesting as their names.



Experience Red Rock Canyon through the landscape images of Kent Krugh, accompanied by X-rays of plant objects, found or grown.

Off Ludlow Gallery is located at 3408 Ormond Street, 45220

Regular hours: every Friday and Saturday 4 - 8 p.m.

You can contact the gallery by email at



Landscape images of photographer Kent Krugh – May 2020



Graffiti art by David Garena January 10 -February 15, 2020

offludlowgallery@gmail.com or by calling 513-201-7153, and follow the gallery on Facebook at @offludlowgallery.

Off Ludlow Gallery is a project of the Clifton Town Meeting Arts and Culture Committee, with the support of Gaslight Properties, Peter Block and Joyce Rich and many other generous patrons.





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CliftonFest Showcases Art and Music on a Gorgeous Day

The eighth annual CliftonFest attracted thousands of neighborhood residents and visitors alike for two busy days of activity October 4-5, filling Ludlow Avenue with arts & crafts vendors, chalk artists, kids activities, pets on parade and live music.

Clifton Plaza was packed on Friday night for jazz and wine tastings, with kids and adults dancing to live music from Jump 'N' Jive Big Band and La Formula. Ludlow Wines provided the sampled wines.

Saturday was a summer-like day on Ludlow Avenue, featuring more than 40 craft and food vendors and 25 artists decorating sidewalks to highlight local businesses. Live music was provided by the Tracy Walker Band, Nasti Nati Brass Band, Mack West, Lagniappe, IsWhat?!, Cincy Steel and The Cliftones, with a brief break to celebrate winners of the annual pet parade as judged by State Rep. Brigid Kelly and Rob Williams of Fox19.

Thank you to the dozens of neighborhood volunteers who manned booths, poured beer, supervised kids games and cleaned up and to the festival sponsors: Clifton Town Meeting, Clifton Business Association, Ohio Arts Council, Gaslight Property, Ludlow Garage, Gaslight Bar & Grill, Ludlow Wines and West Sixth Brewing.



The band IsWhat?! performing on Ludlow

Save the date now for CliftonFest 2020, tentatively scheduled for October 2-3.

— John Fox



and strangers. "Other people are my Prozac," he said. His other interests included electoral politics at all levels, travel especially to Europe including his ancestral Ireland, and genealogy research.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Pama Mitchell, and daughter, Kristina Wyatt. Pama lives in Clifton and Kristina in Hyde Park, and they both hope that George will be forgiven for his all-too-human flaws and remembered best for his brilliance and friendliness.

Former CTM Trustee George Bishop Passes Away

Longtime Clifton resident George Bishop, a former professor of political science at the University of Cincinnati and a nationally-recognized expert on opinion polling, died in June 2019 after a year-long struggle with a series of infections. He was 76.

A native of New Haven, Conn., George was a U.S. Army veteran who later earned his doctoral degree from Michigan State University. In addition to his teaching at UC, he was a survey research specialist at UC's Institute for Policy Research.

He published scores of scholarly articles on opinion polling and politics as well as an acclaimed book on the many pitfalls of surveys, "The Illusion of Public Opinion: Fact and Artifact in American Public Opinion Polls." His book was named one of the best academic titles of 2005 by the American Library Association's "Choice" magazine.

George served two terms on Clifton Town Meeting in 2000-2008 and was active in CTM's safety committee. For years, he walked from home to UC's campus and around the neighborhood at other times, saying hello to everyone.

He said many times that he overcame hardship by interacting with both friends

Read "On The Avenue" articles in the online Clifton Chronicle.



New Life for the Clifton Market

Store Continues to Anchor Clifton as a Walkable Community

In August of 2019, Gurmukh and Genet Singh purchased the Clifton Market's building and business assets from the Clifton Co-operative Market. The Singhs had been managing the store's day-to-day operations since November of 2018 under a management agreement with the co-op.

Clifton has been a home to Gurmukh and Genet since they first arrived as teenage immigrants to Cincinnati and fell in love with our community. They have run a series of successful businesses, including The Elephant Walk restaurant in Clifton Heights. The Singhs were share-owners in the Clifton Co-op Market and strongly believed that a successful market was a necessary anchor for the Ludlow business district as well as Clifton and the surrounding neighborhoods. It was this sense

of commitment to Clifton and their firm belief in the Market's potential for success that led them to complete their purchase.

Soon after the Singhs took over the day-to-day operations, the Market began to consistently turn a profit. The Singhs are working to expand their successful operation by including a more diverse cultural selection of foods that reflect the makeup of the Clifton community. As Gurmukh has stated, "We have a vision for the market that looks more like Jungle Jim's than Kroger." Although the grocery business operates with razor-thin margins and is undergoing some fundamental changes from players such as Amazon and Kroger, the Singhs remain very optimistic that the residents of Clifton will continue to support and see the value in a local, walkable grocery store that reflects the diverse culture and economy of our community.

Rama Kasturi, CTM Trustee

Clifton's Engine 34 Grieves Loss of Fire Captain Ronald Wilson



Fire Captain Ronald Wilson, bottom left, died suddenly at his home, Thursday, October 10, 2019. (Photo: Provided/Cincinnati Fire Department)

Cincinnati Fire Department Captain Ronald Wilson died suddenly at home Thursday morning, October 10, officials said.

Wilson served in the department for 25 years. He was the company commander of Engine 34 in Clifton at the time of his death.

"He was a beloved husband, father and friend to many – both inside and outside the department," officials said in a statement Thursday.

In the spring 2019 *Clifton Chronicle*, Lucy Whedon, interviewed Ron for "Chronicle Chats". Here is an excerpt from that story.

Lucy Whedon: Describe your perfect day here?

Captain Ron Wilson: "My perfect day at the firehouse would be with my regular team and there really is no perfect day here because everyday is perfect here. Every day is perfect because every day is different and you never know what will happen that day really."

Lucy Whedon: You put a water bowl out for the dogs, what is the most interesting dog that you have seen?

Captain Ron Wilson: "Hmm . . . there are a group of three pit bull mixes that come there very often, so I would say them because they can be interesting."

Read Eric Davis' "Library Corner" in the online Clifton Chronicle. For updates on library programming and activies for all ages, visit http://cincinnatilibrary.evanced.info/signup/List. For information about Hamilton County Libraries Facilities Master Plan, visit https://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/NextGenerationLibrary/



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CTM Golf Outing Sets Record Fundraising

Little Sisters of the Poor the 2019 Recipient

You might not remember August 24th but it was a great day to be at the Avon Fields Golf Course. This year CTM partnered with The Little Sisters of the Poor (LSOP) for the 7th annual CTM Golf Outing. About 75 players turned out and once again we had a tremendously successful event. The net proceeds exceeded \$14,000! Making this our most successful year for fundraising through the Golf Outing.

I cannot stress enough the gratitude to the renewing and first-time sponsors who really make this event so successful. TriHealth, our returning title sponsor, has been the long-time lead sponsor for the outing. This year we had three presenting sponsors; Clifton Business Association.; KBC Remodeling & Home Modification; and The Law Office of Bryce Lenox, Esq., LLC. We also had sponsors for all 18 holes to round out a fully sponsored event. The bulk of the proceeds result from the contributions from these generous sponsors, please support them.

The Little Sisters of the Poor (LSOP) celebrated their 150th Anniversary in Cincinnati this year. They are located on Riddle Road where Martin Luther King meets Clifton Avenue. They serve the elderly poor through their selfless devotion to caring for those who have little means regardless of race, creed or gender. Sister

Shop Local — **New Poster Features Clifton Doors**

Just in time for holiday giving, History Buffs of Clifton is offering a new poster.. "Great Doors of Clifton" colorfully arrays our best old doors and all their eclectic architectural details. Find it at Clifton Market. (See colorful image on page 29.)



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Mary Imelda, whom I had the great pleasure of meeting, explained how the Sisters provide these people a way to live out their lives with dignity and respect. The majority of proceeds from the outing will go to The Little Sisters of the Poor so they may continue this good work for our community.

Please thank these volunteers and trustees who made this event and the past ones so successful. John Whedon, Joyce Rich (CTM), Karen Amend (LSOP), Vince Metger (CTM), Tom Dwyer (CTM alumnus), Drew Schwetschenau (CANS). Check out the online Clifton Chronicle edition for more pictures and all the sponsors of this year's outing.

-Eric Urbas



From left, Joyce Rich, CTM Trustee with Mother Marie Edward, lsp, Mother Superior St. Paul's Home for the Aged-Cincinnati

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Close to home, a recently published photo essay by Cliftonite Rama Kasturi, entitled Four Seasons in Burnet Woods, documents her healing journey from breast cancer in Burnet Woods.

We invite you to come and enjoy one of our Clifton parks and experience the health benefits they offer. Look for the trail upgrades and invasive species removal that has begun in Burnet Woods and the new sign recently installed at the Clifton and Dixmyth entrance to the park with funding from the Park Board and the Parks Foundation's Stewards of Burnet Woods. The Adolph Strauch landscape renewal project in Mt. Storm has resulted in the planting of well over 100 trees due to the generous gifts and manual labor contributed by many neighbors and friends of the park.

We also add a big thank you to Emma Hartkemeier, native born Cliftonite, who was recently recognized by the Clifton Community Fund for her contributions to the health and wellbeing of Clifton Parks.

Iim Goetz

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Clifton Soccer Spring & Fall Seasons Fielding teams for boys & girls ages 4-18 Great soccer in a great neighborhood! SAY East League sign up at cliftonsoccer.org

CCAC Unveils New Maker-Themed **Educational Activites**

Ever been interested in 3-D collage or cardmaking? How about sewing, building with recycled materials, or paper maché? In January 2020, Clifton Cultural Art Center (CCAC) will debut an exciting new lineup of maker-style classes at our three locations - adding to the full slate of dance, art, music and wellness opportunities we've offered for more than 11 years. "CCAC-Makes" will feature a variety of hands-on, creative, project-based classes designed for curious children and adults, and will result in a finished project at the end of each session. New classes will be added each quarter, including summer camps, resulting in a robust array of creative educational opportunities for all ages. —Emalene Benson

A Sad Farewell

With a heavy heart we said goodbye to our sweet office cat, Bitty Kitty, a few weeks ago. We will miss you Bitty Kitty and we will love you always.

-Howell Avenue Pet Hospital Staff Read the full article online.

Sign up for CPT's "Kids Act Out"

The Clifton Performance Theatre "Kids Act Out Program" is a nonprofit organization, enriching the youth of greater Cincinnati by providing positive artistic experiences and affordable educational opportunities for children ages 3-16. January classes are as follows: And Scene!, Ages 13-16 Starts Monday January 20; Young Actors Playground, Ages 7-12 Starts Tuesday January 21; and Treasure Chest, Ages 3-6 Starts Saturday January 25. All classes run six weeks and each is \$120 per student. To enroll please go to cliftonperformancetheatre.com.



New School Montessori Students Learn Steps to Save Our Bees

Local farmer and New School Montessori parent, Carrie Driehaus, told about the plight of bees and what we can do to help. Place ter and small



rocks in pans for bees to drink from, keep some leaves for wintering pollinators... Read the complete story online.

2019 Annual CTM Neighborhood Lantern Walk

Read all about this annual, fun family event in the online Clifton Chronicle.

DePaul Cristo Rey News

New Student Center, New Academic Leadership and Next Phase of Campus **Transformation**

DePaul Cristo Rey High School begun the 2019-20 school year on August 28 with a brand new Student Center, a new academic leadership team, and the start of construction on the final phase of its campus transformation. (Read the full article online.)

Skirball Museum Exhibits

Modern Israeli Art Concludes in January / February Brings a New Show and Refreshed Permanent Collection

An exhibition featuring nine of the most important Israeli artists of the twentieth century continues at the Skirball Museum on the historic Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion through January 5, 2020. Whether inspired by personal spirituality, the timelessness of the land, or the pull of modernity, Anna Ticho, Mordecai Ardon, Yosl Bergner, Marcel Janco, Menashe Kadishman, Reuven Rubin, Ivan Schwebel, Shalom of Safed, and David Gerstein achieved prominence in the history of Israeli art. Recently gifted to the Skirball Museum by Nancy Berman and Alan Bloch, many of the works were purchased directly from the artists or from distinguished early Israeli galleries by Nancy Berman's parents, Philip and Muriel Berman. The Cincinnati Skirball Museum was one of only three institutions selected to receive gifts from this impressive collection.

The Skirball's core exhibition, An Eternal People: The Jewish Experience closed in September to accommodate the renovation of the third- and fourth-floor galleries of the Museum. This renovation project is funded by the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation. The third and fourth floors will reopen February 18, 2020, with the opening of the Skirball's next exhibition, Archie Rand: Sixty Paintings from the Bible.

Internationally celebrated artist and Jewish scholar Archie Rand brings a unique blend of expressionistic comic book style and loosely painted imagery rendered in vivid tones to familiar stories from the Hebrew Bible. Visually stunning and thoughtful, the works are at the same time irreverent and serious, adding fresh perspective to stories that have shaped Western civilization. The exhibition is curated by Samantha Baskind, Professor of Art History at Cleveland State University. The exhibition opens with a reception in Mayerson Hall at 5:30 p.m. on February 18, and continues through June 28, 2020.

The Skirball Museum is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, contact the Skirball Museum at 513-487-3098 or jashton@huc.edu. (See photos and read more about the renovation online.)





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Old Clifton's "Racy" Side and Maud S

Ever wonder about old Clifton's bawdy side? In the last half of the 19th Century, Clifton was, according to plan, a quiet, idyllic neighborhood serving its grand barons and their estates. To keep it this way, a wide array of prohibitions were instituted, from saloons to horse racing within its boundaries. This was to insulate Clifton society from the "vulgars".

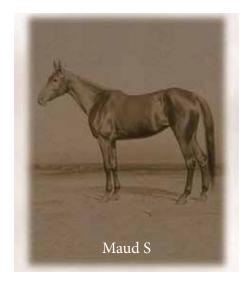
So, if you wanted to challenge someone to a trotting race in your buggy, you
went looking down on Spring Grove Avenue, which was wide, long and perfect
for challenge races, away from the laws of
Clifton. Also on beautiful Spring Grove
Avenue, you would see the upper echelons like James Corry, Thomas Mead,
Willian Dunn, et. al., turn out to display
and show off their double-team outfits (or,
4-in-hand) consisting of four beautifully
matched horses ahead of a Stanhope Gig
with footmen, requiring extreme skill and
bravado to drive (very splashy indeed).

Further on down Spring Grove was also the most famous and notorious roadhouse: the Mill Creek House, where you could set up your race, trade your horse, gamble, and drink all the whisky possible. It was heavily frequented by horsemen as a hangout away from home – a sort of Tijuana Mexico of the day. Even the mayor of Clifton, James Bugher, an avid horse fancier, and Captain George M. Stone, wealthy business man, could be seen there amongst the mixed crowd. This area of Spring Grove was known as Knowlton's Corner (Northside today), (nick name: Hell Town)

after pioneer, Ephraim Knowlton, who built the Mill Creek House in 1834 as well as his large grocery store, Clifton's only source for everyday groceries until the likes of Adoph Meyer, et al, established grocery stores up on Ludlow Avenue, to the relief of the citizenry.

If you even wanted a beer, you had to go beyond the boundaries to say, upper Jefferson Avenue, where Fries Café (1875) still stands untouched by modernization. It was here that my grandmother used to fetch buckets of beer for her father, using the ladies door (still there), for reasons of propriety in the 1890s. Her reward was to skim the foam off the top, a habit she held throughout life, always getting the privilege, whenever my grandfather popped a bottle of beer. Quaint.

Bringing these two worlds together was a horse! Her name was Maud S, a Standardbred (trotting race horses), foaled in Kentucky in 1874, then purchased as a two year old by Clifton's own mayor, James Bugher (residing on Clifton Avenue, across from Annunciation today), for \$250. Bugher named her Sadie Bugher, after his daughter and raced her at the old Chester Park track (site of present day Water Works on Spring Grove at Clifton) where she caught the eye of Captain George M. Stone, the park's owner. Stone then purchased her from Bugher (perhaps at the old Mill Creek House), for \$350. and renamed her Maud S (for Stone) after his daughter. Stone's mansion and stables still stand proud at Oak and Burnet Streets



(now the AA meeting house) where Maud S was stabled.

The magnificent Maud S, a slight reddish chestnut mare went on to break record after record and was considered the best trotter in the US and rightfully known as Cincinnati's most famous race horse. Virtually everyone knew of her feats, even William H. Vanderbilt in New York, who then bought her, through agents, for \$21,000 the highest sum ever paid for a horse then (\$600,000 today). And for what? So that he could use her for a road horse and not be beaten in those impromptu races up 5th Avenue. He was ostracized for subjecting her to harsh street conditions so she was then returned to the track and continued to break records, trotting the mile in 2:08 3/4. She was retired in 1885, died in 1901, and was buried in the Tarrytown Standardbred Cemetery, New York, next to the immortal Dexter and other great trotters of the day.

The turn of the century brought big changes to Clifton, with the electric street-cars now able to whist populations to work in the basin and back to the burgeoning apartment buildings and more modest houses along with new shops to serve them. Even saloons were being relaxed into the setting while the rumble of early cars was replacing the nostalgic sounds of racing hoof beats, signaling the passing of Clifton's most colorful period. It's no wonder that history buffs cling to this period in their imaginations and dreams.

Just thinking: how does Maud S Boulevard sound somewhere in Clifton? Too racy? —Geoff Gelke, The History Buffs

See more Maud artwork on page 27.



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New Faces Ring in the New Year at Clifton Branch Library

As we wave good-bye to 2019 and say hello to 2020, the Public Library invites you to stop by the Clifton Branch to say hello to any one of the new staff members that have recently joined the Clifton Library family. Here are some of the new faces you might notice when stocking up on your winter books, movies, and music.

Nana Agyemang, Senior Library Services Assistant

My name is Nana, and I am a Senior Library Services Assistant. I am new to the Clifton Library. I look forward to not only learning about the Library but also learning more about each person who visits the Library. I love people and I think it is cool how diverse the patrons who visit the Library are. In addition, it has been interesting to witness the different ways people use the services provided here at Clifton. So if you have never been, you must visit us (our building is really cool) and if you do visit, we would love to see you more often!

Drew Ahlers, Library Services Assistant

My name is Drew and I have been a Library Services Assistant since September. This is a place which is teeming with the opportunity to help others. It is great to work in such a historic and beautiful building which means so much to the Clifton community. The Library has been flexible with my schedule as I work towards my master's degree in secondary education at Xavier University. I am grateful to work in an environment which is rewarding and fun alongside other great Library staff!

Anna Carlson, Library Services Assistant

My name is Anna Carlson and I am a Library Services Assistant at the Clifton Branch. The opportunity to serve the Clifton community as a Library Services Assistant is really thrilling—as a voracious reader, a movie nerd, and as a pretty new resident of Clifton. Perhaps we'll get to exchange book reviews at the Library, one day. Challenge me to any "seen it?" movie question—I dare you. I have learned so much about this place, my neighbors, and even some new things about the services the Public Library offers. This branch is a

beautiful place to connect with people and ideas. I have appreciated that as a patron. Now, I am pleased to experience this space as one of your new library staff!

Jake Maier, Library Services Assistant

I'm Jake, a new Library Services Assistant, and I am elated to be working for the Library system. This position has allowed me to become more involved in the community and meet many of the faces of Clifton. The Clifton Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is a wonderful resource for the community and provides a range of services. Although I'm a new employee, I have been welcomed into the Library family and Clifton community, and am excited to meet more patrons who visit our amazing Library.

Suniti Nelson, Library Services Assistant

Hello, my name is Suniti and I am super excited to work at a library branch in such a vibrant neighborhood. I work at a branch close to the University of Cincinnati so I am always meeting new students, including many who come from abroad. I love that I can share the resources the Public Library has to offer to people new to the city. I am proud to work in an organization that is committed to working towards the diverse needs of its residents. —*Lisa Mauch*







From left: New Library Services Assistants Suniti Nelson, Nana Agyemang, Drew Ahlers, Anna Carlson and Jake Maier





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Holidays on Ludlow Arrives with Santa and the Belgians December 6!



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- Local Recognition and Awards
- CTM Golf Outing Highlights
- Art, Music, Theater!

2019 Annual CTM Neighborhood Lantern Walk

The Lantern Walk this year was on Sunday, November 10. On Friday, November 8, Fairview Clifton German Language School hosted a lantern-making event and chili cook-off in their cafeteria. The event, spearheaded by Clifton Resident and Fairview Art Teacher Katie Mitalski, was a huge success. The evening was full of arts and crafts, and homemade chili was served over the familiar noodles from Skyline. A good time was had by all.

The Lantern Walk itself enjoyed great weather and the turnout for the walk was tremendous. It was estimated that 200 people showed up for the walk and it's always fun to see our neighbors take



a Lantern-lit stroll through the neighborhood together. Thanks to all who helped make this year's event a success.

-Vince Metzger, CTM Trustee





Chalk Art Is CliftonFest Tradition



Harvest Riddle, daughter of John Rapach, finishes the Buddha sponsored by Toko Baru. You may have seen John producing this iconic image in front of Toka Baru for many years. Now his daughter picks up the gauntlet. (Photo by Tom Lohre)

Some News Is also Good News

- Esquire Theater always has special screenings, usually sold out, check their web site.
- China Kitchen changes hands, now Hunan Bistro. They distributed menus all over Clifton.
- Maya updated their American Indian collection.
- Lydia's on Ludlow just updated the menu with several new items. Celebrating their 10th year anniversary.
- Clifton Barbers featured in #6 Polly Magazine Special FASH-ION AND DESIGN Issue
- Marrakech Moroccan Restaurant thinks the parklet outside their shop looks good and once the barriers get covered with vines and flowers it will be finished.
- Bobby at Proud Rooster said, "CliftonFest was good."
- J Gumbo's is hiring for the late shift. Open till 3 a.m. Monday to Thursday; Friday to Saturday 4 a.m. Bring your own bottle.
- Grill of India does not serve alcohol. Please bring your own bottle.
- Clifton artist Gloriam C Connaghy is in Ruth's Parkside Cafe 3rd Annual Holiday Sale, Sunday December 8 at 12 noon to 4 p.m.
- Gaslight Bar & Grill has new fall menu items.
- Ludlow Garage Concert Venue is remodeled, booking sold-out shows. Restaurant is open. Ricky Lee Jones said, "It is the L shaped venue." The L is for Ludlow Garage.
- Improv Cincinnati is rehearsing for the holiday show. Forget about watching Saturday Night Live, go to the Improv.

—Tom Lohre



Baladi Syrian Restaurant & Bakery changed their buffet to the baked chicken entree that comes with a cup of soup, fountain drink, two pc baked chicken, rice, 2 pc falafel and choice of one cooked vegetable for \$12.75. It's still a lot of food. You will not be disappointed. They also changed their dine in service to Panera style service where our customers order at the register and retrieve their food as it comes out hot and fresh from the kitchen!

Rana Barazi, owner

Hot Sauce and Art at Habanero



Will Ross and Joe Peterson show off Habanero's new Ghost Hot Sauce by "The Man" Todd Uttely. Right: Habanero Artist Evan Wolff 513-720-1743 evanthewolff@gmail.com





Amira Beer Clifton Champion of 2019

Amira Beer, affectionately known as the "Trash Lady", was recognized by CTM Trustees as Clifton Champion of 2019 and honored with a neighborhood dinner for everyone in Clifton. This dinner was sponsored by the ET Carson Masonic Lodge in Clifton. The Lodge also presented Amira with a plaque for her efforts within the Clifton community. (Photo by Kevin Marsh)



Ludlow Wines has a new bench

Welcome—Capt. Maurice Bird is the new captain at Clifton's #34 fire station.

Neighborhood Flags Unfurl



Cincy Flags just released the flag designs for all 52 neighborhoods that make up Cincinnati. We are contacting each neighborhood community council or association seeing if they want to handle flag orders for their residents. This way we can produce the flags in bulk and save everyone money.

We did not want to make a set number of each flag and be short for one neighborhood and have excess inventory for another. Right now we are getting the initial response numbers and will begin production on your neighborhood flag shortly. This way we can offer you the flags at the lowest possible cost.

Thank you for your patience. – Cincy Flags Cincy Made



Space to Celebrate

Dusmesh Indian Restaurant, across from Cincinnati State, has lots of parking for your event. Here the children have fun while the wedding party celebrates in the large banquet room.

Postmark Re-introducing Themselves with New Goals for the Cincinnati Dining Scene

Postmark is hosting live acoustic jazz, world music with lite bites and specialty cocktails. The first one is Tuesday, December 3. Follow all the events on their Web and Facebook pages. A string quartet from CCM will be playing holiday music on Wednesday, December 18.

Serving charcuterie and cheese with lite bites, helping everyone have a good time. Shows will be starting from 7 to 9 p.m. Piggybacking on the shows at Ludlow Garage. Also booking private events into the first two months of next year as well.

"We want to start off slow and go with the flow. Maybe having a 'Refugee Night' entertaining the local refugees with their cuisine letting them tell their story. I want to have fun with this space." says Brad Bernstien, proprietor and third generation restaurateur. "Using it as a creative outlet. Let the community take advantage of the space as a community space for meetings and small dinners, parties and events."

"Offering food a step above the strip, with white table clothes. In the past we could not guarantee a consistent crowd. Sometimes it would be packed, and we could not accommodate everyone, other nights it was quiet."

"Being off the beaten path is a challenge. I like that challenge, making it a destination spot. Our first year out we got a lot of press and got out of the gate running.



This past year it fizzled. Red Feather also showed a little dip. We changed management. Maybe it took me too long to realize it. There was a time when attention to detail got in the way."

"Starting off small, letting it build. Creating romantic special evenings here. A place where the neighborhood can come together, having charcuterie and cheese, lite bites and specialty cocktails. People have tried to do small bites. It's a leap of faith. Keep the drinks going and have fun. There is a cultural thing that goes along with a group having fun together for the first time.

Clifton has an authentic character. I love this neighborhood. "said Brad.

World Peace Yoga Upcoming Activities

Free Community Yoga at Trailside

World Peace Yoga, Cincinnati Parks and the Stewards of Burnet Woods invite you to join in free community yoga indoors at Trailside Nature Center overlooking the beauty of Burnet Woods. Class takes place Saturdays from 11-11:45 am. This is an all levels beginner friendly yoga class. Please bring your own mat. More information at www.world-peaceyoga.com.

Heärt Montessori Open House

Interested in a school where children grow up learning self-reliance, sustainability, meditation, mindfulness, conflict-resolution, and compassion for all beings and the earth as a part of core academics? Join Heärt Montessori at an open house on Sunday, January 19 or Sunday, May 17 from 12-2 p.m. More information at www.heartmontessorischool.com.

Cincy VegFest in Clifton

Save the date! The Cincy VegFest is to take place in Clifton on May 16, 2020. Expect a variety of talks, music, food demos and activities with national and internationally known presenters, musicians, authors, artists, and chefs unfolding a path to a more peaceful world through compassionate plant-sourced vegan living. More information at www.cincyvegfest.com.

Inner Peace is Calling

The daily stresses of life are at an all-time high. In a 2017 Gallup poll eight out of ten Americans felt overwhelmed by stress each day. One practice that continues to come up in journals, book, and news sites as a way to reduce stress and increase our well-being is yoga. Physicians all over the world are prescribing yoga as means for healing our bodies and increasing our health. Not only is yoga a tool for decreasing stress and anxiety, it may be a powerful practice for coping with severe trauma and depression, as found in studies reported by Psychology Today and Newsweek.

More information at <u>www.world-peaceyoga.com</u>.

Enterprising Young Artists Offer Original Art



Cliftonites Ayan and Anya put a twist on the lemonade stand by selling original art.





Clerk by Day, Sculptor by Night

Ludlow Avenue Employees' Talents

During the day Natalie Masarik works the cash register, at night produces sculpture. Recently shown at Made in Camp Washington

http://camp-washington.org/campartists/

See the work at: https://www.nataliemaz.com



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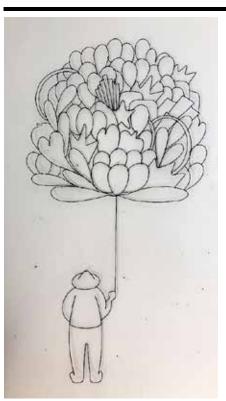


Dream in the Dark Paper Plate | Body Mantel



d. Raphael Gifts for the Unique

Photographer David Bren of d. Raphael Gifts has prints and cards from his travels to buy. In this image a traveler gives an egg as payment. Also cards coming in with photos of Jerry Springer from 1972... and Bo Diddly when Bo was in town.



Sitwell Act II News

Sitwell's is showing the wire art of Jeremy Meadows and coming up on their one-year anniversary.

A Sad Farewell

With a heavy heart we said goodbye to our sweet office cat, Bitty Kitty, a few weeks ago. Many of you knew him as he was a lovable fixture at our front desk. Sadly, he had chronic health issues, which is why he lived here with us at Howell Avenue.

As a tiny newborn kitten, he was found by a Good Samaritan and was brought to us severely injured and ill. We didn't think he would survive, but he had the spirit of a fighter. With much love and care from our team he pulled through and he found a home here with us.

Bitty lived an amazing five years and made many friends along the way. He was a nice big brother to all the little kittens who came through our building, he kept us enter-

tained and smiling with his tricks, snuggles and stretches. He gave love to anyone who needed it, a comfort to clients and staff alike during hard days. With his big eyes and bow ties he stole the hearts of many.

We will miss you Bitty Kitty and we will love you always.



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CTM Golf Outing 2019 Cliftonite



Director of the Clifton Recreation Center, Tom Reese was awarded Cliftonite of the Year at the 2019 Annual CTM Golf Outing.

Skirball Museum Renovation

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Kids' Putting Contest Future Golfers?

The winners of the juvenile putting contest at Clifton Town Meeting Golf outing were Grant Metzger, 2 and Miles Metzger, 4



Celebration Closes the 150 Year Anniversary for The Little Sisters of the Poor

On the August 30, the feast day of St. Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Residents, families, guests and Sisters celebrated the privilege of serving the elderly in need throughout America and in Cincinnati. The evening consisted of a Mass and reception at St. Paul's Home in Clifton.

Reverend Rob Waller together with Reverends Rey Taylor, Tom Snodgrass, Louie Gasparini and Rick Schneider, concelebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving. Fr. Waller's homily invited reflection on what had drawn guests in the pews to be a part of the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor, including the women who became professed Little Sisters.

"I came as a volunteer with a friend when I was 18 years old," he said, "and I never really left. My mom and dad lived here. It is a Home where everyone is treated as family."

Mother Marie Edward, lsp, Mother Superior of the Home, thanked everyone for coming. "We are thankful for all of you; without you we could not continue our ministry.'



Residents Ricky and Kitty enjoying time at the reception.



Knights of Columbus leading the procession into Mass



Fr. Rob and other co-celebrants during Mass



Residents, family, staff, volunteers, and Sisters during the Reception

The New School Montessori Students Learn Ways to Save Our Bees

Local farmer and New School Montessori parent, Carrie Driehaus, shared important learnings about the plight of bees and what we can do to help.

Preprimary students learned about how honey is made, the life cycle of a bee and the work of bees both in and outside of the hive. Students tasted honey, held a waxy honeycomb and observed bees at work inside Carrie's traveling Plexiglas-covered hive.

The elementary students focused on challenges facing bees and other pollinators in our modern world and what they can do to help.

- The effects of pesticides and unseasonal weather are interfering with important navigational and seasonal cues for honey bees.
- If flowering crops aren't pollinated, plants won't produce the resulting fruit, veggie or grain. This greatly affects us, as 85 percent of our food requires pollination. Even ice cream relies on pollinators since alfalfa is fed to dairy cattle.
- Scientists have discovered a 90 percent decline in Monarch butterflies over the last 20 years, and bumble bees and honey bees are also in serious trouble.

What can I do to help our pollinators?

We tend to think of honey bees as our primary crop pollinators, but bats, hummingbirds, butterflies, wasps, bumble bees, mason bees and moths are important pollinators as well. We can provide food and specialized shelter for these creatures to do our part to grow their numbers.

- During drought: Keep a shallow pan of water in your yard with small rocks to serve as landing islands for thirsty bees and other parched pollinators.
- Put up specialized animal houses: Bat, butterfly, ladybug and mason bee houses will make it easier for these pollinators to reproduce and can eliminate the need to use pesticides because they can keep pests under control naturally. (Hosting bats will also reduce your yard's mosquito and beetle population as each bat consumes half its body weight in insects each night.)
- Stop using pesticides, and delay mowing for a bit to let clover and dandelions bloom for a few days before removing their flowered tops.
- You might consider leaving a small area in the backyard un-raked or keep some leaves piled in your flowerbeds to serve as important habitat. Though monarch but-











terflies migrate to Mexico for the winter, the vast majority of butterflies, moths and native bees overwinter under a blanket of leaves.

• You can donate to organizations that support and protect pollinators. (monarchwatch.org and pollinator.org)

Carrie Driehaus is happy to have you contact her with questions or to request her as a speaker for your group. (carriedriehaus@gmail.com)

True Joy Acoustics Latest Initiatives

By Greg Huntington

On behalf of Ture Joy Acoustics, I (1) designed and started a "ukulele loan/ library" program at Cincinnati's Ronald McD House Fall 2018. I'm there every Sunday brunch time (and plan to be more often) loaning out ukuleles, accessories and showing kids/parents how to play. They get to borrow the instrument during their entire stay. I plan to resume doing "ukulele groups" (originally started it) but need help promoting the program and inviting others to help host such groups ... looking for volunteers, and RMHC is willing to pay those able to do these on a going basis.

(2) am donating 12 premium instruments (\$3k value) to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital music therapy program in honor of a special patient, Becca, who visits Cincinnati Children's and RMHC. This was just completed but it had some special touches (all instruments had a custom engraved plate honoring Becca, free of charge by Gillsons in Madeira ... they engraved the famous trophy in Denzel Washington's movie The Great Debaters). I am preparing to do social media features of this very soon and Liz Bonis/Channel 12 expressed prior interest to cover. It is a very inspirational (yet heart-breaking medical condition) situation. It is where I chose to devote my major donations for the year 2019 after meeting Becca and her mother/brother in person last July while loaning out ukuleles. She is a very special person and her condition is now getting very tough.

(3) curently auctioning off hand-painted ukuleles from my "Ukulele Art" project. Doing this in connection with StarShine home hospice (pediatric) by donating 5 instruments to their major fundraiser event mid-November. "Ukulele Art" was a BIG project I started 3 years ago. Involved many people and raised over \$16K on Go-FundMe to put lots of new instruments into Music Therapy. After their GoFund-Me drive and being on public display for over a year (two libraries + Fairfield Community Art Center atrium), I'm letting these special instruments do an "encore" fundraising boost for StarShine. They will go into a silent/online auction within the coming days. A special Limited Ed. design will be live auctioned at the Nov 15th event (Madison in Covington, Steve Raleigh Channel 9 meteorologist is the auction emcee).



True Joy Acoustics is back in the Clifton Market Cafe during Holidays on Ludlow. Greg Huntington will be setting up at 4 p.m. if you want to come ahead of the crowd.

Can SEE what they look like and who it honored at this link:

https://www.slideshare.net/True-JoyAcousticsUKULELES/ukulele-artworks-of-heart-82133772

Noteworthy to Clifton Gaslight ... along with these PAINTED ukuleles, I will also be auctioning off 4 AUTO-GRAPHED ukuleles that were signed by Jake Shimabukuro when he performed at LUDLOW GARAGE a few years ago. ALL proceeds will go toward driving more instruments into pediatric hospital music therapy. This auction will be hosted on eBay in November/December.

(4) am developing innovative "Musical Art Pouches" and "Ukulele Totes" that I created for kids at Ronald McD House, but will soon be selling nationally to enable my donations of them (as I do with Ukuleles). The first generation of these will be at my holiday booth. Beyond their versatile function, and despite their low cost, these items spark engaging conversations when I give them to kids/parents at RMHC.

(5) am getting settled and "present" in my new Clifton Gaslight community where I can support local events (e.g., CliftonFest, programs with Ronald McD House -- which is becoming World's Largest with their expansion). I also plan

to support many more expos in the broader Cincinnati community vs. just selling online. It's a ton of work and I do not profit from it (given how I use my proceeds), but it supports a very important cause that you can appreciate when you get to know what Music Therapy is all about. It can bring joy in the midst of the toughest physical and emotional crises.

P&G Employees Assemble Comfort Care Kits for Military Families

Operation Homefront, the national nonprofit that builds strong, stable, and secure military families, was honored to join more than 200 Cincinnati-area Procter & Gamble employees at the Great American Ballpark on September 27 to assemble 1,000 Comfort Care Kits for military families. Through its long-standing partnership with Operation Homefront, P&G's generous support has helped to make an impact on the lives of military families across the country.

P&G employees worked in one-hour shifts to assemble the kits, with the backdrop of the historic Great American Ballpark. The kits included familiar products from P&G, including Pantene, Crest, Gillette, Secret, Old Spice, Olay, Aussie, Oral B and Braun. Operation Homefront will distribute the 1.000 Comfort Care Kits to military families at Operation Homefront events throughout the year

Margi Kirst, Chief Development Officer for Operation Homefront, was on hand to thank P&G and to share Operation Homefront's story.

"This amazing gesture from Procter & Gamble and their employees serves as a clear reminder to military families of the support they have from their fellow Americans," said Kirst. "We are so honored to have partnered with Procter & Gamble for the last three years to help thousands of military families start strong and stay strong in the communities that they have worked so hard to protect."

The globally-recognized company and the national nonprofit have had a strong partnership since 2016, and in 2018, launched the "Start Strong, Stay Strong" campaign with a special website with resources for military moms.

Library Corner with Eric Davis

As autumn gives way to winter, the cool, crisp breeze and vivid, starry sky remind me that this is a wonderful time of year. It's nice to get outside and walk through woods and fields, breathe, clear the mind . . . and then get back inside to a cup of tea and a warm blanket and delve into that magical world that only a great book can deliver! I invite you to come in to our beautiful Clifton Library and discover all the books, magazines, music, movies and so much more we have to offer! You might also be inclined to sit and stay a while. Our library and all the branches in Cincinnati and Hamilton County have been focusing on creating inviting spaces -to work, read, and collaborate—based on input that YOU have provided through a series of community listening sessions that began in 2019 and will continue into 2020. Implementtion of this communityfocused vision has already begun in our library system and public libraries across the country. More recently, our library has increased the intentionality of this focus as we utilize funds generated by the passage of strongly supported Hamilton County levies. The library is grateful and, as good stewards of public monies, will maintain complete transparency as it moves forward with its analysis of and upgrades to its main library and 40 neighborhood branches. From new roofs and HVAC systems to full handicap accessibility and redesigns of spaces that reflect the evolving function and involvement within the community, our Facilities Master Plan will ensure that our library system is poised to best serve the people of Cincinnati and Hamilton County now and into the future. More information can be found about this exciting initiative here: https://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/ NextGenerationLibrary/

Community input and data is also helping the library to re-examine current offerings to better develop programs, events, classes and services to reflect the communities interests. This has been very actively implemented at the downtown main library where pop-up services, that have been identified as needed, appear in the atrium space each month. For several hours each Friday last September, representatives from some of the most soughtout social service agencies set up tables in the atrium to meet with, inform, and sign up customers for services and programs in an effort to make the process easier and to reach people where they are.

Here at the Clifton Library, when we moved into this re-designed space fairly re-

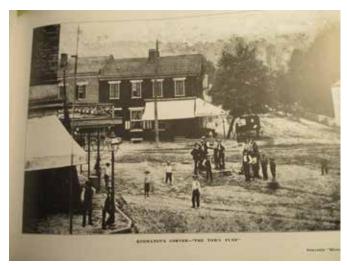
cently, we were already thinking along the lines of the new strategic plan for space and programming. A large meeting room and several study rooms were high on the customers' wish list. Other spaces throughout the building where customers could sit and read or work on laptop computers were also requested and provided. As for community-driven programming, manager Lisa Hamrick and senior library services assistant Julia reached out to neighbors with an interest in the beautiful homes and architecture that surround our library, gathering information and garnering interest in providing history about the homes and community. The response was very good and led to the development of the quarterly Clifton Architectural Walking Tours and Armchair Tour, which have been very popular and well-attended. Other events and classes for adults hosted at Clifton include Ted Talk Watch and Discussion Sessions, Your Health Matters Series, super cool Craft and Create Parties (just for adults), and the ever-popular Friday Morning Book Club. In 2020 we will be adding a series of films and film discussions on various engaging topics.

Highlighting programs specifically for adults is important, as often the assumption is the library is focused only on kids and teens. Fear not, we will continue to offer cool and educational events, classes and parties for teens and kids, and story times for little ones and their families—fostering early literacy development and providing lifelong learning opportunities for all ages. For a list of all the events and classes you can discover at your Clifton Library, go to: http://cincinnatilibrary.evanced.info/signup/List. Please note the age each program is designed for and that some programs require registration.

It's hard to believe that the Clifton Library has been in the new location at Parkview Manor for nearly five years! As we approach our anniversary on May 28, 2020, we are looking at ways to celebrate the exciting occasion and welcome input from community members and neighborhood organizations. Feel free to stop in the library to share your ideas or email us. You can reach us at: www.Cincinnatilibrary.org and then click on one of the three names listed under the contact information. We look forward to celebrating with our friends and neighbors in this wonderful community!



Old Clifton's "Racy" Side and Maud S Continued from page 14



Knowlton's Corner (Northside today) was nicknamed Hell Town after pioneer, Ephraim Knowlton



19th Century Spring Grove Avenue was wide, long and perfect for challenge races.



The plot for the Mill Creek House, the famous and notorious roadhouse.



Maud S at full speed



Ephraim Knowlton built the Mill Creek House in 1834



The upper crust turned out to display and show off their double-team outfits (or, four-in hand) consisting of four beautifully-matched horses on lovely Spring Grove Avenue.

Thanks to Geoff Gilkey for the history article. He is already working on another for the Spring 2019 Clifton Chronicle.

Celebrate the holidays with the Cincinnati Art Museum

REC the HALLS—December 1–29, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Thursdays—Bring the whole family to the museum for holiday art-making activities as part of the REC's fourth annual REC the Halls celebration! The Art Bar will be transformed into a holly jolly winter wonderland and visitors will be invited

to create holiday cards with a wide variety of materials, as well as create custom gift bags and holiday home decorations. There will also be a Holiday Helpfulness donation drive. Every donation will be granted an entry to win a family membership to the museum. Check the Cincinnati Art Museum REC page for more information

on the drive. FREE.

Belle Voci women's chorus performance Sunday, December 15, 3–4 p.m.

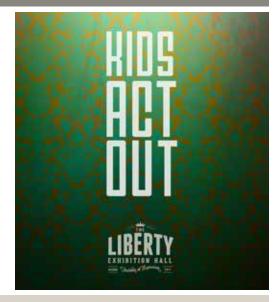
De-stress from holiday hustle and bustle with an enchanting choral performance by Belle Voci, a Cincinnati Youth Choir alumni chorus. View performance in the Great Hall. FREE.

Clifton Performance Theatre's Winter Classes 2020 at The Liberty Exhibition Hall

The Clifton Performance Theatre "Kids Act Out Program" is a non-profit organization, enriching the youth of greater Cincinnati by providing positive artistic experiences and affordable educational opportunities for children ages 3-16. Our mission is to guide each individual student as they develop their voice and place in the Arts. Our driving belief is every child will grow to be a participant or patron and both are imperative to the future of a healthy culture. CPT recognizes the majority of students will further their social intelligence and life skills for adult hood while advancing their abilities as a stage performer, writer, director or technician.

And Scene!, Ages 13-16 Starts Monday January 20
Young Actors Playground, Ages 7-12 Starts Tuesday January 21
Treasure Chest, Ages 3-6 Starts Saturday January 25
All Classes are a six week course class.

Each class is \$120 per student.



And Scene! Class

This six week course will focus on scene study of modern plays to explore advanced elements of performance such as establishing an emotional connection to a character, vocal variety and physicality. In addition student will walk away with one or more pieces they can use for future auditions.

The enrollment is limited to 10 students for this session.

Young Actors Playground Class

In this six week theatre class, students will start to explore the creation of character and narrative. How does an actor create a character from the script they are given? How does their character move, speak react?

This is a session about making choices as an actor and how that relates to our daily lives.

This class prepares performers to take the stage and encourages confidence in collaborative play.

This class culminates in a worksop performance for friends and family.

Treasure Chest Class

This session is calling out for our youngest creatives. Through the experience of acting we connect a child's artistic side to their social and emotional development. This class is designed for children of every personality type and experience level

Our treasure trunk provides a focus for each class, concealing something mysterious and exciting. We open the trunk to discover the items that inspires that day's adventure in theater. We will create characters and develop a story to act out each class time. Students learn stage terms and technique, how to be an ensemble and use their voices, bodies and imaginations.

Enrollment

To enroll please go to cliftonperformancetheatre.com or call

DePaul Cristo Rey News

New Student Center, New Academic Leadership and Next Phase of Campus Transformation



DPCR Academic Team

DePaul Cristo Rey High School beguns the 2019-20 school year on August 28 with a brand new Student Center, a new academic leadership team, and the start of construction on the final phase of its campus transformation.

The new Student Center houses:

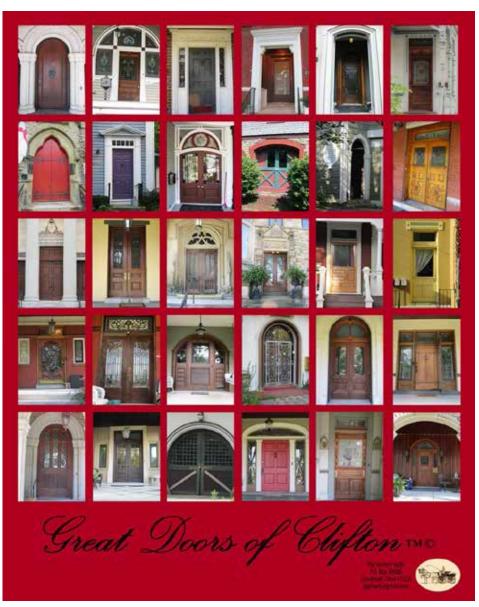
- The Linda and Harry Fath Gymnasium
- The Bruin Café and Kitchen
- The Ann and Harry Santen Performing Arts Space
- The Bruin Fitness Center
- Women's, Men's and Visitors' Locker Rooms
- Athletic Offices
- Athletic Trainer's Room
- Campus Ministry Office

The Student Center was completed this summer during phase one of the school's campus transformation plan funded by the successful Building. Futures. Together. For a Greater Cincinnati Capital Campaign. That campaign raised \$20.8 million which is also funding the construction now underway of a new three-story academic building. That building is expected to be completed in the summer of 2020.

The new school year began under the direction of a new Academic Leadership Team. Principal Paul Ebert was named DPCR's third principal in spring 2019. He is supported by Assistant Principal/Dean of Academics Katie Hoekzema, a former DPCR science teacher. New to DPCR is Ms. Dionne Partee, Assistant Principal/Dean of Student Life. She is the former principal of St. Joseph's School in Cincinnati.



DPCR Campus Rendering



History Buffs of Clifton is offering a new poster.. "Great Doors of Clifton" is available to purchase at Clifton Market.

TriHealth Promotes Infant Brain Development Through "Early Learning City" Initiative

Studies Show That Early Verbal Skills are a Predictor of Achievement

TriHealth has launched an innovative community program - called Early Learning City - in an effort to narrow the achievement gap by encouraging new moms to focus on developing their child's verbal communication skills.

The program is rooted in research demonstrating that early verbal communication with infants has been shown to foster early brain development in newborns and be determinant of future success in school. Studies have shown 85 percent of brain development occurs during the first three years of life.

"Research has shown that the first three years of life is the most important time for brain development and the spoken word - in fact, the first three years of life is essential for brain development and for preparing a child for readiness in school and success in life," said Mark C. Clement, president and CEO of TriHealth. "This program is designed to provide new parents with the skills and tools to develop their child's verbal skills, thereby creating a stronger foundation for future success."

As part of the program, TriHealth the region's largest provider of maternity and general pediatric services - will integrate early brain development teaching into pre-natal and post-partum parent education classes. And to better support parents, TriHealth will provide them with a "Brain Bag" in the hospital or at their child's first well visit. This "gift with a purpose" includes Baby Steps, a baby development book that can be personalized to track milestones; Fiona's Feelings, a storybook; along with a TriHealth information booklet, which includes talking tips and

local resources to educate on the power of parent talk in the early development of their child's brain.

TriHealth Pediatrics providers will also incorporate "Early Learning City" parent teaching and reinforcement into the 11 well visits during the first three years of life along with regular developmental assessments. Joe Bailey, MD and Chief of Pediatrics at TriHealth, says that, "Children whose parents read to them from birth are more prepared to start school because of the increased number of words they heard in their first three years." Bailey shared some much-cited research by Hart and Risley, stating that, "In fact, researchers found that young children who are read to or spoken to throughout the day are exposed to as many as 30 million more words in their first three years of life than children who don't have language-rich environments, and this can lead to significant academic and social advantages in later childhood and adulthood."

Here are some examples of what parents of infants can do to help develop their child's brain and verbal skills:

Talk all the time. Talk to your baby from the day you bring her home. Every word you say makes a connection in her brain. The more connections her brain builds, the smarter she will be.

Keep your ears open. When your baby coos or makes his first sounds, it's his way of trying to answer you. Don't miss those moments. Look him in the eye and answer back. When you do that, you are telling his brain to try again and make another word.

Sing and talk together. Make the things you do every day into times to learn. When you feed or change or bathe your baby, talk about what you're doing. Name the parts of his body. Count his fingers and

Make up silly songs about what you're doing. Rhyming words and music help growing brains recognize patterns and

No screens. A smartphone or a tablet or video is not a substitute for a human voice talking to a baby. Doctors say children under 18 months should have no screen time.

Answer with a sentence. Make the sentence fragments your baby starts to say into full sentences to help her learn more words. When your child says "Uppie, uppie," answer with, "Do you want daddy to pick you up? Now you are up so high, what can you see?"

The program is being supported by the Ed and Joann Hubert Family Foundation, the Bethesda Foundation, the Good Samaritan Foundation, and the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation. It is also aligned with Tri-Health's commitment to help address the social determinants that lead to poor health outcomes.

"There is more to improving the health of a community than simply providing high-quality medical care," said Clement. "And, as Cincinnati's fourth-largest employer, TriHealth has both the opportunity and the obligation to leverage its size, reputation and leadership position to inspire positive change and improve lives in so many ways beyond traditional healthcare delivery."

The Spirits of the Season Return to Cincinnati Playhouse

The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's joyous, time-honored celebration of the true meaning of the holidays returns for its 29th season as First Financial Bank presents Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL. The beloved, iconic story will be performed November 27 through December 29 in the Playhouse's Robert S. Marx Theatre. (Opening night is Nov. 29.)

More than 630,000 people have enjoyed the timeless classic at the Playhouse over the past 28 years. An immediate hit when

Dickens wrote it in 1843, A CHRISTMAS CAROL is often credited for revitalizing the celebration of Christmas as we know it today.

All show times for A CHRISTMAS CAROL are at 2 p.m. for matinees and 7 p.m. for evening performances to accommodate families with children. Please note the earlier curtain time. There will be no performances on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and selected weeknights in early December. In addition to calling the Box Office at 513-421-3888, tickets can also be purchased by visiting the Playhouse website at www.cincyplay.com.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL is suitable for all general audiences, including children ages 5 and older. Due to the full-length nature of the show, children younger than 5 cannot be admitted.

Playhouse is fully accessible. Audio enhancement receivers, large print programs and complete wheelchair access are available.

CWC Honors Long-Time Music Leader Jane Gavin

Song and Story-Filled Program Highlights Music and Friendship

Did a music teacher make a difference in your life? For many members of The Cincinnati Woman's Club, Jane Gavin has been that teacher! The long-time music leader was recently honored for her dedication to teaching, directing and overall involvement in the music community of Cincinnati during a program at the Club.

Ellen Zemke, current CWC President, told the story of Jane's musical career achievements along with the fun side of Jane's personality by sharing experiences as a member of the Choral Class.

Jane was inspired by her mother, a Miami University graduate with tremendous musical ability. She sang in choirs, was a vocal soloist, piano accompanist, and an elementary school teacher.

With her mom as her teacher, Jane started piano lessons before she entered school. Later, when Jane became a soloist at church and school, her mother was her accompanist. While attending high school, Jane took piano preparatory classes at Miami University.

Jane received a scholarship to Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music which in 1962 became the 14th college at the University of Cincinnati. She graduated from UC-CCM, became a music teacher and spent her spirited career at Sherwood Elementary School in the Forest Hills School District.

After retiring from teaching, she became the music librarian for the May Festival Chorus for the next 20 years. Jane joined the CWC in 1996 and started singing with the Choral Class.

As CWC Choral Director beginning in the fall of 2002, Jane found some of the best musicians in town to perform along with the Choral Class making these programs some of the best attended at the Club. Known for keeping things light Jane often said, 'If you can't have fun, what's the point?' Each year Jane taught a popular summer program at the Club about a music composer. While educating members, she encouraged everyone to sing along!

When the CWC Nippert Concert Series was established in 2013 to honor Louise Nippert's bequest to the Club, Jane Gavin was the obvious choice to co-chair the effort. Knowing nearly everyone in the musical arts community, she has been able to secure fabulous entertainers for all to enjoy.



From left: Paula Steiner, Dawn Bruestle, Jane Gavin telling a story

The Choral Class directed by Mary Bramlage and accompanied on the piano by Mary Ann Jordon (both CWC members), ended the program by singing a selection of songs for Jane in her honor. The

timing was perfect to share a 'gift of music' which she has been sharing with everyone who has had the privilege knowing the remarkable, Jane Gavin.

CWC Volunteers Support Joseph House

The Cincinnati Woman's Club members recently focused their community impact efforts with a hands-on everyone Can Do project to aid Joseph House. Located in Over-the-Rhine, Joseph House strives to meet the needs of homeless veterans suffering from addiction while providing treatment and recovery programs.

As Cincinnati's temperatures drop, members are mindful of those sheltered in the community. Blanket Project Co-Chair, Terri Schumacher said CWC members have been "blanketing" our community for over ten years. Nearly 20 members snipped fleece into cozy lap blankets. After a short

time, 40 were ready for delivery to the current residents of Joseph House.

More than 30 members simultaneously gathered in the CWC kitchen to prepare servings of comfort-food meals, under the direction of Joseph

House Co-Chairs, Susan Bacevich and Pat Humphrey. The volunteers worked in teams measuring, chopping and cooking ingredients, turning out snack packs as well as entrees.

"This was one of the largest "Can Do" events we've had in recent years," said Humphrey. "Members answered the call to support the effort."

The lap blankets, fresh veggie snack packs, casseroles and 100 decorated cookies were delivered the next day. All were welcomed by the recipients at Joseph House!



Jane Koppenhoefer and Mary Bramlage

The CWC Welcomes Cincinnati Art Museum's Cynthia Amnéus and Playhouse in the Park's Gordon DeVinney

Shakespeare Offers a New Twist for The Cincinnati Woman's Club Fashion Show

"Dressing Shakespeare" was on full display recently as local art and theatre experts joined to present an Elizabethan theme for The Cincinnati Woman's Club (CWC) fall fashion program.

More than 200 members and guests enjoyed the collaboration of The CWC with the Cincinnati Art Museum and Playhouse in the Park in a multi-themed program highlighting three of the "Bard's" most famous plays: "Much Ado About Nothing;" "Twelfth Night;" and "King Lear." Work on the program began in April when CWC Lecture and Enrichment Chair Cynthia Cole enlisted the help of Cincinnati Art Museum Chief Curator Cynthia Amnéus and Playhouse in the Park Costume Designer Gordon DeVinney.

Amnéus, who also serves as Curator of Fashion Arts and Textiles, noted that education, history, art, and theatre combined as the theme grew into more of a program than a fashion show. Ideas incorporated fashion models, video and dialogue highlighting period costumes featured in the three plays. She pointed out the quirks and highlights of mens' and ladies' fashion trends over the ages, including pleated neckwear, the "Ruff," one of the more eccentric garments of the Elizabethan era.

DeVinney explained to the audience that the three featured plays were actual live productions over the past 25 years at the Playhouse in the Park. As Costume Shop Manager, he was able to pull past costumes, including some when the Elizabethan era plays came to life through the eyes of the director in more modern time frames and locations using appropriate clothing wear of the day. The audience was enthralled to see the actual costumes modeled onstage.

DeVinney introduced videos of longtime costume designer Susan Tsu who narrated her experiences in creating period costumes for two of the three Shakespeare productions presented. Often she included textiles, buttons, beads and jewelry she would discover at flea markets and textile locations in New York and other cities. Then she would go to work in Cincinnati with milliners, stitchers and others to enhance the characters' roles with her creations.



Janet Self, Trish Larsen

DeVinney noted that the King Lear production required costumes the director wanted to depict in a Nomadic tribal wartime motif, a challenge met with Tsu's expertise. He remarked that the veteran designer and Yale graduate began her career in costume design working on the first Broadway production of Godspell.

"Dressing Shakespeare - Costume and Design of the Play" concluded with an Elizabethan inspired luncheon detailed with floral arrangements, framed cards of Shakespearean characters and take-home bookmarks thanks to the creativity of the Program Co-Chairs Trish Larsen and Janet Self.

Cincinnati Woman's Club Honors Military Service with Care Packages

Members of the Cincinnati Woman's Club (CWC) recently purchased, packed and donated 40 boxes of food, games and personal care items to provide "a touch of home" for active duty military personnel serving across the globe.

The initiative – Project Care – is part of an ongoing CWC partnership with the Yellow Ribbon Support Center, based in Union Township, OH and founded by Keith Maupin, father of Matt Maupin, who was captured in 2004 and lost his life while serving in Iraq.

A picture of Matt Maupin covers the outside of each box, accompanied by the words: "My Name is Matt Maupin, Please Remember My Face." When troops open their cartons, they find a wide assortment of treats ranging from candy, peanut butter and Cracker Jacks, to flashlights, manicure sets, playing cards and hand-held games. CWC members also tuck in hand-written notes thanking the military personnel for their service.

The elder Maupin said he and Matt's mother started the Yellow Ribbon Support

Center to get the word out to the troops that a soldier was missing in Iraq, asking that they keep an eye out for him in hopes they could "bring him home." After his son's remains were located and brought home four years later, Keith Maupin said, the mission continued in tribute to his son's memory and to the sacrifices of troops serving in the military, including two who lost their lives searching for his son. "It's a way to provide a touch of home and let them know that people remember them and care," Keith Maupin said.

Maupin continued, "I am sure that these care packages make a difference to our men and women currently deployed and serving in harm's way. I think the best part is that they do not know us and we don't know them, but we want to let them know that they are appreciated and we will support them until they return home. I have been told by the Platoon Sergeants that when the younger kids open these boxes, it's like Christmas."

The CWC Project Care Co-Chairs were Nancy Hilton and Joyce Maly.

"I just loved meeting Keith Maupin," Nancy Hilton said. "It makes me feel good to do something for our soldiers who protect us every day."



Nancy Hilton, Susan Hirth and Pat Krumm filled care packages

