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## His Work Will Hang in the U.S. Capital

# Lakewood Student Takes Top Prize in Regional Art Contest

As an artist, you would like as many people as possible to see your work. One Lakewood student will have thousands view his artwork as it hangs in the U.S. Capital, having been chosen

“Best In Show” in the Artistic Discovery Competition.

An awards presentation yesterday at the Parmatown Mall featured Congressman Dennis Kucinich and his wife

Elizabeth awarding proclamations to Veton Esati and his art teacher, Sandy Norris. Winning artwork in all categories is on public display there through May 5. The competition is sponsored

by members of Congress annually for public and private high school students. Congressman Dennis Kucinich will present the awards Monday.

The Best in Show winner this year is Veton Esati, a senior at Lakewood High School. His art teacher is Sandy Norris. This is the second year in a row that an art student from Lakewood has won Best in Show awards for the Artistic Discovery Competition. Last year, Joe Nagbe was the winner.

Additional Lakewood winners this year are: Ina Imami, 1st place; Maggie O'Malley 2nd place and Jaime Wroten 3rd place in the category of mixed media. Natalie Young took 2nd place and Emily Lambrix took 3rd place in the category of black & white drawing.

Mr. Esati's artwork will be framed and sent to Washington, DC where it will hang in a special corridor of the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Mr. Esati, his parents and Mrs. Norris will fly to Washington, DC for the ribbon cutting festivities in June, courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

Prizes for the other winners were generously provided by American Greetings and Cox Communications.



Veton Esati, a senior at Lakewood High School, along with his art teacher Sandy Norris accept commendations from Congressman for the 10th District, Dennis Kucinich and his wife Elizabeth.

## 29th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

# Volunteers Get Their Day In The Spotlight

This year's 29th Annual Volunteer Luncheon was held at St. Gregory's Hall, and hosted by Dottie Buckon and Paulette McMonagle of Lakewood's Department of Human Services, Division of Aging. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon that was catered by Verba Catering. Here is a partial list of the over 440 volunteers.

### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lillian Cowry  
Inez Postma

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE,

Maynard "Doc" Unger

### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE,

Peggy Baukema  
Phyllis Bullock  
Robert Farren  
Mary Ellen Schraff \*  
Phyllis Strater  
Helen Unger  
Donald Wilkinson

### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Margaret Wilkinson

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Edward Chakan  
Sandra Conkling



Some of Lakewood's finest residents and volunteers enjoy a nice lunch.

Mary Ellen Czelusniak  
Edward Garmy  
Margaret Gerber  
Raymond Gerber  
Alice Hoban  
Marie Kane  
Coletta Klein  
Florence Mann  
R. Thomas Mowry  
Elaine Munhollen

Betty Neel  
Carol Parsons  
Julia Petonic  
Mary Somerville  
Robert Spooner  
Elsie Uher  
Dorothy Weckel  
Rae Lou Wilkinson

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# Lakewood Government

Michael Dever - Councilman At Large

## Status Report for Lakewood Park Improvements

Earlier this April the Public Works Committee of Lakewood City Council met with the Administration to discuss the improvements to Lakewood Park and to reaffirm Council’s commitment to the long-range plan and vision for the park. Through this process there has been a tremendous amount of hard work and time put in both by community volunteers like the Lakefront Coalition and by public officials, in this Administration and the last, to develop the plan.

All of the planning and construction is complicated by the fact that much of Lakewood Park’s waterfront consists of what was a landfill for most of the last century. With assistance of grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio program and from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the first phase of improvements is near completion. The grants were made possible by an agreement with the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine to donate a permanent easement for the public park along the adjacent waterfront owned by the Sisters. Access to the water will be possible from that easement’s waterfront, access not possible from the City’s own parkland.

Since the Lakewood Park Master Plan was developed many of the



The new entrance to Lakewood Park makes it all so much nicer and easier.

improvements have been realized. The entranceway to the park has been reconfigured and constructed while working and partnering with RTA. The Skateboard Park, since its opening in 2005, has been a huge success and provides our young people with a venue to watch and display their latest moves. The All-purpose Trail, which was completed last summer, has attracted many walkers, bicyclists and rollerbladers all hours of the day and has proven to be a favorite of the Dever family. Construc-

tion is nearly complete on the handicap access ramp and the waterfront promenade that should be opened to the public prior to Memorial Day. Altogether more than one million dollars will have been spent on the first phase of the plan.

The next phase of the work is to stabilize the hillside behind Lakewood Catholic Academy, the former St. Augustine Academy. Engineering and design contracts have recently been undertaken for that work, which will

also require many environmental and natural resource permits and substantial additional funding. This process could take as long as eighteen months to obtain permission to stabilize the hill and an additional three months to construct. The fishing pier, with an estimated cost of \$900,000, has yet to be funded but I hope it continues to be a priority and we find the necessary funds to make it a reality. So, this spring and summer come on down and enjoy one of Lakewood’s treasures.

### Observer’s Observation Deck

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Where Lakewoodites Go To Hang Out And Talk

Topic	Replies	Author	Views	Date
Hall House/Edwards				
Parking Lot meeting tonight 5/1	0	Mazie Adams	38	Mon May 01, 2006 12:00 pm
Is the City of Lakewood hostile to small business owners?	25	Phil Florian	498	Mon May 01, 2006 8:46 am
Not all media outlets cuddle up to Dennis Kucinich	33	terry batdorf	686	Mon May 01, 2006 5:15 am
Advice on moving to Lakewood	16	Jamie Carracher	554	Sun Apr 30, 2006 8:32 pm
Phishers try a phone hook	0	Suzanne Metelko	44	Sun Apr 30, 2006 6:08 pm
Fairview School District Takes Action - Will Lakewood?	31	Bill Call	1240	Sun Apr 30, 2006 8:47 am
Thank you	2	Jim O’Bryan	117	Sun Apr 30, 2006 7:20 am
Attention grass police	0	DougHuntingdon	71	Sat Apr 29, 2006 8:34 pm
Tax Credit	0	Mark Timieski	38	Sat Apr 29, 2006 7:11 pm
Saturday April 29, Free Presentation on Wind Power	4	Lynn Farris	157	Sat Apr 29, 2006 7:51 am

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# Lakewood City Hall

## This Paper Can Pay Twice

City Council 04.17.06

Stan Austin  
Lakewood Observer City Council Reporter

Lakewood City Council held its regular meeting on April 17, 2006. Prior to the meeting, veteran activist Julia Wiltse was in the corridor perusing the docket for that evening. Lakewood Observer readers will recall that at the last meeting it was decided by council leadership and the administration to change the wording of ordinance titles. “What’s the purpose of this?” she asked. It was explained that new wording replaced the term “Emergency” in order to more accurately reflect the timing and implementation of an ordinance. The wording must have been accurate because it seemed to satisfy the strict standards of the former schoolteacher. “The new wording, while clearer, might be temporarily confusing,” Wiltse said.

Under old business, two offshoots of the budget hearings took root. As suggested by councilmember Ryan Demro (ward two) council agreed to establish a citizens’ task force to assess the operation of Winterhurst Ice Rink. And, the request for a strategic plan moved a step forward with a request by Planning Director Thomas Jordan to hire a facilitator for that planning activity.

With a vigorous hospitality industry in Lakewood, liquor permits are a significant part of municipal regulation. Permit applications and transfers are reviewed by the Public Safety com-

mittee of council chaired by Edward Fitzgerald (at large). Applicants have to undergo a police investigation as part of the process and those who are found in good standing are routinely approved. It will be recalled that the Capsule Bar in the Madison Village District opened to much fanfare five years ago. It had a modernistic décor and theme and enjoyed some popularity. A new owner came in and made repairs after a fire last summer, then applied to have the permit transferred. Fitzgerald’s committee examined the investigation results.

Fitzgerald stated that, “there was a lack of complete cooperation, ... information would not be provided ... detectives being referred to the applicant’s attorney instead of providing information ... for starters.” Apparently, there is also a pending criminal matter the applicant was involved in with the City of Cleveland. Fitzgerald reported that the establishment had been operating without the transfer having taken place, no appropriate licenses for the equipment and signage and there had been citizen complaints. That committee recommended to council that it oppose the permit transfer.

Under new business, council member Michael Dever (at large) presented partial results of a two year

effort on his part to examine recycling in Lakewood. During budget hearings earlier this year Dever recounted his family’s experience with recycling. Their weekly trash can count was usually six cans. Then the Dever kids brought back from school some ideas they learned about recycling. The family put new practices into place and reduced their trash to one and a half cans weekly. In this report Dever zeroed in on paper or fiber recycling.

Right now Lakewood residents put out for recycling about 14% of the total amount of paper or fiber that is disposed. If paper is commingled with trash it costs the city to dump it. It’s potential scrap value is lost if it isn’t separated. Disposal (land fill dumping fees) costs \$38.60 per ton. Sale of fiber brings in \$40.00 per ton. So, each ton of paper that people put out on the tree lawn represents a total of \$78.60 in income and avoided disposal costs.

Now, based on that arithmetic, if 100% of paper in Lakewood were recycled, the potential income (avoided costs plus sale of paper) would be \$1,120,652 at today’s market prices instead of the \$165,688 the city currently receives. Therefore, Dever is

proposing mandatory recycling of residential mixed paper.

To further expand on the topic of recycling, Dever introduced Pat Holland of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to give an overview. Holland went into further detail about other recyclables such as plastic and metal. He said that a goal for Lakewood would be to become “entrepreneurial recyclers.” Income generated could be used for the eventual replacement of the recycling facility on Berea Road.

Council members enthusiastically supported Dever’s proposal. All realized that implementation and education would be the key to success to avoid the problems of a mandatory system. This proposal then goes to committee for work.

Finally, the administration introduced a resolution opposing the Tax and Expenditure Limitation Act (TEL) which will appear on the November ballot state wide. This is a proposal championed by Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell in his bid to be elected governor of Ohio. Mayor Thomas George along with dozens of fellow mayors locally, and the Ohio Municipal League are adamantly opposed to this act.

Council voted six to one to oppose this act with Demro voting against. He maintained that this resolution should go to the committee of the whole first.

Kevin Butler - Ward 1

## The Family Room



Councilman from Ward 1, Kevin Butler was spotted getting a tour of The Family Room, by Director Toni Gelsimino.

**Strong Kids And Strong Families Make Strong Communities**  
The Department of Human Services-Division of Early Childhood is sponsoring a free 8-week parenting series beginning Thursday, May 4, 2006. The series will be held at the Lakewood Family Room, 17400 Northwood Avenue, from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Thursday through June 22 and will offer parents of children 0 to 8 years of age a chance to learn new ways to manage their own stress, problem-solve and give positive attention to their children.



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Top female and male runners overall, and top three men and women in the following age groups:

14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and over

ENTRY FEES

\$15 Pre-Registration (if received by Friday, April 28, 2006)

\$20 Thereafter and day-of-race

DETAILS

Long-sleeved T-shirt and goody bag to all preregistered participants.

Day-of-race registrants will receive a T-shirt and goody bag, based on availability.

Post-race refreshments include fruit, bagels, power bars, yogurt, and much more.

Packet Pickup & Registration (\$20) Friday, May 5, 2006, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM Winking Lizard, Lakewood 14018 Detroit Avenue

Strollers and wagons welcome.

All proceeds benefit Lakewood Hospital.

For more information or to register on-line contact:

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Lakewood Business

Groundbreaking For Rosewood Place

By Stan Austin

It seems like Lakewood is becoming ground zero for new construction in Northeast Ohio. The rain held up and the sun came out on Friday morning as Mayor Thomas George, Council President Robert Seelie, and developer Thomas Barrett performed the ceremonial groundbreaking for Rosewood Place at the corner of Rosewood and Detroit Avenues.

This project will be a combination of retail and residential units and will turn a vacant used car lot into a sophisticated urban living experience. Barrett of North Coast Capital Partners described a setting where one could dine nearby, go for a workout at a brand new YMCA, select a book from a newly expanded Lakewood Public Library or just sit on a balcony and enjoy the view. He called it the convenience of an urban setting with the comfort of a suburb.

Mayor George gave some significant statistics. The property is currently valued at \$266,700 and will have a projected value of \$3,000,025. Seven per cent of the project will be financed with public funds and there will be a 100% tax abatement for two years declining to 50% for years three to five.

George emphasized that the financial risk to the city is minimal. "This represents a change of philosophy from the past" George said. The attitude that "we are so desperate that we have to give anything" has changed where we will now do new projects and minimize the city's risk.

The D-A-S Construction Company will have the basic building completed in 52 months. Visit [www.rosewoodplace.com](http://www.rosewoodplace.com) for a view of the building and its units.



From left to right: Bob Seelie, Nickie Antonio, Tom Barrett, Mayor Tom George, Ryan Patrick Demro, Tom's partner, and Dryck Bennett.



Top - Artist rendering of Rosewood Place.  
  
Middle - Mayor Tom George, listens to Council President Robert Seelie speak about this project. Tom Barrett looks on.



Bottom - Developer Tom Barrett "We are 15 minutes from the airport, downtown, Crocker Park, Great Northern and walking distance from the Library, YMCA, and ten good restaurants."

LakewoodAlive hosts

A 2020 Vision For Our Main Street.

By Paula Reed

On May 10, LakewoodAlive will host a forum titled "A 2020 Vision For Our Main Street" and what is "Main Street" and why is it important to our residents? The meeting starts at 7pm.

Main Street is a coast-to-coast movement led by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center that has been successful in more than 1,800 cities and towns across the country. In 2005, Lakewood was honored by being accepted into the Main Street revitalization program, and designated Detroit Avenue between Arthur and Bunts as Lakewood's Main Street area.

It is a volunteer-driven effort funded jointly by the City of Lakewood, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Hospital, First Federal of Lakewood and other businesses. The program is guided by a volunteer board, Lakewood Community Progress Inc. (LCPI), and Main Street Manager, Jennifer Hooper. The Main Street program provides a comprehensive outline for mobilizing the community to invest not only money but energy to create a sense of pride in and attract people to the traditional commercial district. Lakewood is the only western suburb with a true downtown area - it is the community's heart, and is essential to the character that makes Lakewood unique. The goal of the Main Street program is to rejuvenate the downtown area by focusing on a four point approach:

**Organization** - Providing effective management and support for human and financial resources.

**Economic Restructuring** - Strengthening and broadening the economic base of downtown.

**Promotion** - Promoting the downtown as the community's social, cultural and economic center.

**Design** - Encouraging visual improvements through good design compatible with historic features.

Lakewood's Main Street program kicked off Spring on April 8 with the "Clean-up Crawl." Volunteers with brooms and rakes joined forces with merchants to spruce up the area in front of their shops. LCPI presented each merchant with a broom for use in keeping up the good work.

To learn more about the Main Street program and plans for Lakewood don't miss the LakewoodAlive forum "A 2020 Vision For Our Main Street" on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Lakewood Hospital's Wasmer Auditorium. Featured speakers are Joyce Barrett, Program Director, Heritage Ohio; Sandra Hull, Main Street Manager of Wooster; Dave Shaw, President LCPI; and Jennifer Hooper, Main Street Manager of Lakewood. The event is sponsored by Prudential Lucien Realty and Lakewood Hospital.

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Lakewood Public Library

Library Announces Citizens’ Groundbreaking Ceremony

By Jeff Endress

It has become an accepted custom to initiate the construction of major building projects with a formal “groundbreaking” ceremony to commemorate the event. With a source of pride, the owner of the facility figuratively commences the construction by turning the earth on which the building will rise. It is generally difficult to differentiate one groundbreaking from another. Photos of the events will depict a row of dignitaries, corporate officers or office holders, all in hard hats, plunging a golden spade into the earth.

The Lakewood Public Library will hold its ground breaking ceremony for its new, Robert A. M. Stern designed addition on Sunday, May 7, 2006 . It is felt by many that the library is the symbolic heart and soul of the Lakewood community, and is not merely present for public use, but that the citizens of Lakewood are its owners. Mary Louise Nixon, a long time member of the Board of Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library felt that the groundbreaking for the Library should include those citizen-owners, not merely as observers of the typical assemblage hoisted their gold spades, but as actual participants in the ceremonial “turn of the spade”.

Nixon explained, “The voters of Lakewood provided the funds for this building project. They organized and campaigned for the Bond issue, and have supported their Library since the first Carnegie Library rose at the cor-

ner of Arthur and Detroit in 1916. Who better to break ground than the citizens who own and support this great civic institution”.

Nixon initiated discussions with other Board members and as a result of some collective brainstorming, the Board of Trustees agreed to a ceremony that, instead of featuring the leadership of the Library or the City, would make the citizens of Lakewood the primary focus. Given the fact that this year also represents the 90 anniversary of the Lakewood Public Library, it was decided that the groundbreaking should be a festive affair, celebrating both the rich history of a beloved institution, but also its expansion and renovation.

But there were certain logistics problems that had to be considered. Panzica Construction, the Library’s site manger expressed concerns that with the demolition at the construction site, that safety of a large number of participants could be an issue. There were also a number of practical concerns not the least of which was finding enough shovels for the use of all those who wish to participate. Given the fact the construction site is virtually paved over, there is precious little space in which to plunge a spade. But the innovative spirit that has made the LPL one of the finest libraries in the United States prevailed, and solutions were

found.

“Since there is a shortage of ground to actually turn over, we have arranged for a large container of soil to be placed at the front of the Library so that all citizens who wish to participate will have the opportunity for a ceremonial “turn”, said LPL Director Kenneth Warren. The Friends of the Lakewood Public Library donated funds which have been used to purchase ceremonial shovels for all participants. The limited edition souvenirs will bear the inscription “Lakewood Public Library: Celebrating 90 years and Digging a New Beginning”. To help in creating a festive event, special library themed cookie cutters have been procured, and the Friends have provided funding to have Elmwood Bakery bake library themed cookies. After participating in the groundbreaking, Library patrons are invited to a presentation to be held in the Library auditorium. After acknowledging and thanking the private citizens and elected officials who have played such a large part in the project, the participants will have the opportunity to hear Alex Lamis, of Robert A.M. Stern Architects, discuss the library project. In addition to being able to see floor plans, participants will also have the chance to preview artists’ renderings and sketches to get a preview of the new facility with its Grand Reading Room, unique children’s area and balconied circulation hall.

The Citizen’s Groundbreaking ceremony, May 7,2006 is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. to be followed by Lamis’ presentation at 4:00.



The tearing down started in earnest to keep the project moving forward on time and budget.

Community Gardens

A Green Place For Lakewood To Grow

By Hope C. McGuan

Community gardens could be a chance to fully enjoy urban life in Lakewood while appreciating the natural world within it. Obviously, a community garden would provide citizens of this densely populated built-up suburb with additional growing space. But a community garden is so much more than that. If situated in the middle of a neighborhood, the sights and sounds both inside and outside the garden can add to the entire gardening experience.

Inside the garden, true kinship among the gardeners can occur. Experienced gardeners offer tips and ideas to newcomers, vegetables and flowers are shared, and friendships are made. Oftentimes, individuals with nothing else in common come to understand each other through gardening, as in “Seedfolks”, an inspiring short story by Paul Fleischman. Children of all ages can help to plant, weed and water creating an intergenerational experience. Larger gardens can assign community service hours for the maintenance of

the common areas, organize vegetable sales, designate elevated wheel-chair accessible planting beds, and plan potluck picnics.

Outside the garden, the neighborhood just happens. Church bells ring, neighborhood children play, the sun shines or rain falls, friends wave as they walk by, and passerby’s stop to inquire. There is a strong connection between the neighborhood and the garden that is only possible in an urban setting. The garden adds to the quality of life of the area, as it becomes part of the neighborhood’s fabric. Moreover, the outside community enhances working in the garden.

A good example of a large community garden is the Kentucky Garden on Cleveland’s near west side. Situated near lake Erie in a beautiful mature neighborhood, The Kentucky Garden was established over a hundred years ago. It is an impressive organic garden with fruit trees, raspberry bushes and beehives. Gardeners grow a variety of vegetables including tomatoes, red and green bell peppers, swiss chard, potatoes, squash, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, and green

beans. Tomatillos and perennial herbs have naturalized there. Many gardens are edged in annuals like zinnias or marigolds and tall sunflowers that tower overhead are common. Each garden plot is individually designed, planted, and maintained so there is diversity of ideas and gardeners have much to learn from each other.

Like most community gardens, the Kentucky Garden boasts both novice and skilled members. Therefore, knowledge and practical experience can be passed along and shared throughout the years. Not only is plant information shared but food preparation and

preservation ideas are exchanged as well. The garden hosts potluck picnics where people bring foods using their own fresh produce. There is a great deal of pride associated with hard work that results in a bountiful harvest.

Lakewood is the perfect place for either a large garden like the Kentucky Garden or for a series of smaller gardens. Lakewood has dense urban underpinnings, beautiful streetscapes and excellent community spirit. Many of our citizens are enlightened individuals that value both the city and the environment. Community gardens would fit right in.

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# Green Lakewood

## First Step Toward Sustainability

By Don and Lynn Farris

State Representative Michael Skindell has been working ardently pushing Ohio to consider sustainable energy programs. It is a tough job against some powerful adversaries--the major utility companies in Ohio, but Skindell is persevering because it is so critical to our future. Skindell directly links economic development and job creation with energy diversification and the protection of the environment.

Research seems to be concurring with the position that renewable energy is not only good for the environment but good for our economy as well. Job Jolt, a new economic study by the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (a project of the University of Illinois), concluded that a Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard ("RPS") in Ohio would create 7,200 new jobs by 2010 and 13,500 new jobs by 2020. That equates to 600 million dollars of net economic growth by 2010 and one billion dollars in net economic growth by 2020. An even more optimistic report by the Tellus Institute and the World Wildlife Fund found investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency could create 34,600 new jobs in Ohio by 2010 and 49,900 jobs by 2020. A study by the state of Wisconsin found that increasing the use of clean renew-

able energy sources would create three times more jobs than increased uses of traditional sources of energy.

Skindell has two bills currently pending. The first is: House Bill 274,



energy. Ohio would be joining several states in implementing this relatively conservative but positive step towards energy independence and sustainability. States such as Minnesota, New

*...keeps energy dollars within Ohio's economy." It further "creates stability of energy prices through diversification and improves environmental quality for everyone."*

**William Skindell**  
State Representative

with ten co-sponsors -- the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard ("RPS") for Ohio. Basically the RPS ensures that a minimum amount of sustainable energy is included in the portfolio of electric resources serving a state. By increasing the amount over time, we can be on a path toward sustainability. These sustainable energy resources can be from energy sources such as wind, solar, biomass and geothermal

York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Iowa have already incorporated standards like these into their state policies. Skindell's plan is flexible and authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish a system of renewable energy credits that can be traded. The plan starts with 3% of the portfolio coming from renewable energy sources and increases to 20% by the year 2020. See [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=126\\_HB\\_247](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=126_HB_247) for more information.

The second bill that is being presented by Representative Skindell is House Bill 398, with fourteen co-sponsors, which creates a Council

on Sustainable Energy Development. This Council will consist of five voting members -- including four state senators and representatives and one representative of the general public. Their job will be to monitor and publicize information about biofuel and renewable energy development and to make recommendations about public policy to assist in that growth. They will also assist in making recommendations about an RPS for Ohio Utilities. See [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=126\\_HB\\_398](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=126_HB_398) for more information.

Skindell states that this "reduces Ohio's energy dollars outflow to others states. A significant amount of our energy is imported from other states and the development of local energy sources keeps energy dollars within Ohio's economy." It futher "creates stability of energy prices through diversification and improves environmental quality for everyone." Skindell shares that "According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Ohio is the third largest consumer of fossil fuels after Texas and California. Burning fossil fuels to generate electricity releases carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas responsible for global warming. In addition, burning fossil fuels creates sulfur dioxide, the cause of acid rains; nitrogen oxide, a contributor to smog; and particular matter, or soot, which lodges deep in human lungs and causes respiratory disease and premature death.

If you would like to voice your opinion about these bills, they are in the Public Utilities and Energy Committee. State Representative John Hagan is the chair. You can e-mail him at [district50@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:district50@ohr.state.oh.us).



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## Lakewood Air Keepers Update

by Jan Greenfield

During May of 2006, the Cleveland Division of Air Quality (CDAQ) will be conducting a full-scale enforcement inspection of the Ford Plants south of Cleveland. As some of us have discovered, when the wind blows in a particular direction, we are subject to the nasty odors & suspected adverse health effects of pollution given off by the Ford Engine Casting Plant in Brook Park.

Because of the CDAQ's impending inspection, volunteer monitoring and reporting of air pollution odors will be especially useful during this May. Our offer of citizen input was warmly welcomed by the CDAQ officials. If you would be willing to keep and share your log of Lakewood air pollution as you detect it during this month of May, please e-mail or snail-mail your written results to our group at:

[jan.greenfield@mac.com](mailto:jan.greenfield@mac.com) OR Jan Greenfield, 1198 Hall Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107

We would like you to include the date, time and exact location where you detected air pollution. If you can also describe the odor you smelled, that will be helpful. Below, you will find a sample Pollution Log form which you can use; you're also welcome to construct your own written record if you prefer. We will then present a collection of your citizen logs to the Cleveland Pollution Control Agency.

We have reason to believe that Ford Plant officials are listening to our concerns. Please help us to make positive strides toward an each-and-every-day high quality of air over our fair city of Lakewood, Ohio!

LAKEWOOD AIR POLLUTION LOG

Your Name:  
Your Street Address or Phone Number or E-Mail Address:

DATE TIME LOCATION TYPE OF ODOR\_\_\_\_\_



# Lakewood Pets

## Lakewood’s Four-Legged Livesaver

# Rescued Dog Returns the Favor

by Mike Deneen

At first glance Stoney seems like any of the thousands of dogs in Lakewood. For many years he has enjoyed a happy life on the west side of town. He has a soft place to sleep, plenty to eat and a daily walk. On his best days he even gets to visit the dog park, or go for a walk through the Metroparks.

However, Stoney’s life has been anything but ordinary. His life began in Charlottesville, Virginia where he was abandoned and left homeless. Stoney wound up at the Charlottesville SPCA, where he languished for weeks waiting for someone to adopt him. Although still young, he was no longer a puppy, and puppies are the preferred choice of most adopters. Stoney’s friendly disposition and intelligence impressed the shelter’s volunteers and employees. They allowed him to live two weeks beyond what should have been his scheduled death.

Stoney’s luck changed in June 1997 when an Amy Koozer, an employee and recent graduate from the nearby University of Virginia Medical School, visited the shelter. Amy, a 1988 Lakewood High School graduate, fell in love with the dog. She felt he was far too beautiful to let die. But she already had a dog, a mixed Black Lab named Derby, and wasn’t ready to keep a second dog. So she decided to adopt the new dog and give it to her father as a



Hero dog, Stoney

birthday present.

Amy kept the new dog for a few weeks, training and socializing him. She knew there was a great home waiting for him in Lakewood. So on July 13, 1997 she gave Stoney to her father, Lakewood resident Terry Koozer. Terry, who had been an animal lover for many years, was thrilled with his birthday gift. He quickly decided to name the dog “Stoney”. Since Stoney was born in a Confederate state, Terry felt it would be appropriate that he be named for General Stonewall Jackson.

Stoney fell in love with his new Lakewood home. Soon he and Terry were taking long walks in the Metroparks, and Stoney even learned many tricks. However, in the summer of 1998 Terry traveled to Portland Oregon to visit his son Matt, Amy’s younger brother. Amy volunteered to dog sit Stoney while Terry was out of town. Therefore, Stoney went back to his former Charlottesville home for a visit.

Stoney was staying with Amy in Charlottesville where she was on the

staff of the University of Virginia Hospital. One day Amy was off work on sick leave and was sleeping late. Suddenly, Stoney jumped on her and woke her up. When she woke she smelled a gas leak. She evacuated herself, her dog and Stoney. The man from the gas company came to the house and told her that if it had been much longer the dogs and then she could have died from the gas. Stoney became a bonafide hero, having saved the life of the woman who rescued him from the shelter one year earlier.

Stoney’s heroism has yielded great results. Amy is now 35 and is living in Cheasapeake,VA where, she is married to a Navy Officer. She has a daughter, Sarah Grace who is 4. Amy’s dog Derby died in 2001. When she and her husband Brian bought their house in Cheasapeake around 2000, she inherited a Springer Spaniel , Sassie. Sassie was grossly overweight, but Amy put her on a weight program. Sassie regained her health and Amy entered her in a contest and Sassie won for the Southeast US . She and Sassie won a trip to New York City for a dog show. Amy was interviewed for a segment on CNN news.

Upon returning to Terry a few weeks after the gas leak , Stoney was showered with treats and attention. Stoney has lived happily ever after, spending the past eight years in his loving Lakewood home.

## Tips For Visiting The Dog Park

By Mike Deneen

Springtime is back in Lakewood. The birds are chirping, the sun is shining and snow shovels have been put away. Among the most popular spring destinations in Lakewood are the city’s parks, and the Lakewood Dog Park is certainly no exception. Now in its third year of operation, the park has been a great asset for Lakewood’s dog owners. The recent addition of a small-dogs area (for dogs 20 pounds and under) is expected to make the park even better.

However, before you and Fido decide to visit the park, please keep the following helpful advice in mind:

\*All dogs must be properly licensed (L.O.C. 505.04), vaccinated (505.19) and wear a collar & ID tags at all times. Dogs in heat will not be allowed (L.O.C. 505.02(e)).

\*Owners must be in verbal control of their dogs at all times to prevent aggressive behavior. Owners will be responsible for all damage or injury inflicted by their dog(s).

\*Always keep an eye on your dog. Pay close attention to your dog and make sure to clean up its mess. Waste bags are provided at one of two stations in the park. It is strongly recommended that one adult be available to monitor no more than two dogs.

\*The dog park is not recommended for small children. Not all dogs in the park have children in their homes. Some of them have not been exposed to kids. This is not a place to bring a child to get over the fear of dogs. Also, children may be susceptible to intestinal parasites due to the presence of urine and feces.

\* Please refrain from eating, bringing dog treats and smoking in the park. Smokers may unintentionally burn a

quickly moving dog. Cigarette butts and food wrappers are tempting yet harmful treats for dogs. Eating and dog treats may instigate dog aggression. And some dogs may have food allergies.

\* Entering and exiting. When entering the double-gated entrance, one of the gates must remain closed and latched when the other gate is open. This is to prevent any unleashed dogs from escaping the park. Also, when inside the park, please call your

dog away from the gate as other dogs are entering or leaving. This prevents entering and exiting dogs from feeling overwhelmed.

\* It is strongly recommended that owners spay or neuter their pets before coming to the dog park. Un-neutered males may be aggressive with other males, and females in heat exacerbate this.

For more information on the dog park, visit [www.lakewooddogpark.com](http://www.lakewooddogpark.com)

## Hair of the Dog - May 25th

# Happy Hour Benefits Animal Shelter With Silent Auction Fundraiser

By Mike Deneen

The second annual “Hair of the Dog” Happy Hour & Silent Auction will be held Thursday, May 25, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Winking Lizard in Lakewood. The event is hosted by CCLAS (Citizens’ Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter) with all proceeds going to the Lakewood Animal Shelter.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Call Donna at (216) 521-6710 or Catherine at (216) 221-7953 for reservations.

There will be a silent auction, drinks and appetizers. Among the

items available at the auction are items from designer Bob Mackey, original works of art, and tickets to local sporting and theater events. CCLAS is still seeking donations for the silent auction. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact Mike Deneen at (216) 226-5536. All donors will be recognized at the event and donations are tax-deductible.

For over 20 years, CCLAS has contributed thousands of dollars to maintain the animal protection programs that make our municipal facility much more than a “dog pound.” Funds we raise are used to provide, in con-



Last year’s silent auction had tables of good items for pet lovers to bid on.

junction with the City, each adopted animal with a spay/neuter certificate redeemable by participating veterinarians.



# Lakewood Sports

# Lakewood Baseball Update

*Photos and text by Ivor Karabotkovic*

The Lakewood Rangers swept Rhodes HS in a doubleheader on Wednesday, April 19th. Rob Pecl hit a HR and a double in the first game, and Ranger ace Tim LaBar was unhittable in the second game striking out 10 batters in 4 innings of work.



*Junior Rob Pecl watches the ball get into the gap*



*Starting Pitcher of gm.1, Junior Adam Hrdlicka*



*Junior Ted Brink gets ready to warm up in the bullpen*

# Ronald W. Dees Elected Chairman Of The First Federal Of Lakewood

April 19, 2006 – First Federal of Lakewood has announced the appointment of Ronald W. Dees to the position of chairman of the First Federal of Lakewood board of directors. Dees became a director of the First Federal of Lakewood board in 1990.

Dees is a director and past president and chief executive officer of Watermill Express. He holds master's of science and bachelor's of science degrees from Purdue University, and has completed postgraduate work in finance and management at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He is also a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Wharton.



Dees succeeds Larry E. Faulhaber as chairman of the First Federal of Lakewood board of directors. Faulhaber has retired after 28 years of service on the board.

Dees has served on numerous non-profit boards and in 1996 was named Trustee of the Year by the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association in recognition of his community health-care service. Purdue University has also recognized Dees for his professional accomplishments, naming him an

“OLD MASTER” in 1998 and an Outstanding Alumni in 2000.

First Federal of Lakewood, with 13 locations in Northeast Ohio, has total assets exceeding \$1 billion. Founded in 1935, First Federal of Lakewood is a community savings and loan institution with a deep-rooted tradition of financial strength, stability and integrity.

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# Lakewood Volunteers

## Lakewood Volunteers Division Of Aging

City of Lakewood, Division of Aging  
by Barry Wemyss

Volunteers are an essential ingredient for the success of the City of Lakewood, Division of Aging. Last year, 451 Division of Aging volunteers worked 48,275 hours serving the people of our community. Behind these rather dry statistics are a multitude of human stories. Volunteers brought Home-Delivered-Meals to shut-ins, called bingo, served as liaisons with Lakewood's faith communities and helped run our offices. Division of Aging volunteers also worked with the children in our schools, took flu shot reservations, and taught ceramics, knitting and crocheting. In addition, they worked in our kitchen and helped to process Medicare paperwork. In short, the Division of Aging regards its volunteers as vital members of the team, working together with its staff to provide services to the community.

We at the Division of Aging also realize that providing the opportunity to serve is, in itself, a form of service. We are strongly committed

to the twin philosophies that everyone, no matter their situation, has something to offer, and that the giver receives a blessing in the act of giving. It is no exaggeration to say that for many of our older volunteers, their opportunity to serve, to be useful, is what gets them out of bed and out of the house in the morning. At the other end of the spectrum, many of our youngest volunteers are preschool / elementary school age children who deliver Home-Delivered-Meals with their mothers.

A regular refrain among the moms is that they want their children to experience the joy of giving to others, and thus be able to step outside of their own concerns for a while. We here at the Division of Aging believe that Lakewood is a richer place not only because of the volunteers who give so selflessly, but also because of the many opportunities to enrich oneself through the joy of service.



After reading a book to the children, Helen Chamberjain raises her hand when Barry Wemyss asks who is young enough for a treat. This was a special book reading to honor "The Week Of The Child."

### There are so many people to thank for keeping Lakewood clean and beautiful!

During April, volunteers of all ages came together to clean and beautify Lakewood parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, parking lots, school campuses, church grounds and neighborhoods.

The Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization and the City of Lakewood would like to thank the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, students, teachers, parents, members of the business community, church organizations as well as many individual residents for taking part in Lakewood's 2006 annual "Spring Spruce Up" event.

Special recognition also goes to the following businesses who supported this community event:

- Angelo's Pizza • Giant Eagle Supermarket
- Discount Drug Mart • TOPS Supermarket
- Graftech, Inc. • New York Life • Sherwin Williams

Please do your part to keep Lakewood clean.

- ❁ Use a car litter bag, not the window.
- ❁ Cigarette butts are litter too. Don't toss them!
- ❁ Put litter in the trash can, not on the ground.
- ❁ Keep garbage tightly contained and covered.



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#### Lakewood Kiwanis Is Reactivating "Senior Citizen Of The Year" Award

After several years' absence, The Lakewood Kiwanis Club is reactivating the "Senior Citizen Of The Year" Award with the cooperation of the "Lakewood Observer". This Annual Award recognizes the volunteer activities and contributions by Lakewood's senior citizens. It is designed to express the community's appreciation to seniors who contribute to the community's welfare in a significant way.

Nominees must be 60 years or older, retired and in community groups. The winner will be honored at an upcoming Lakewood Kiwanis Club meeting and in the "Lakewood Observer" with his or her picture.

To nominate someone, fill out the accompanying ballot and attach a note explaining why your nominee deserves this award. Mail the ballot and note to :

Harold B. Mathiot, Secretary  
Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, 2865 Wyndgate Ct. Westlake, OH 44145

The Deadline for nominations to be recieved is June 1st, 2006.

Lakewood Kiwanis Club-Lakewood Observer  
Senior Citizen Of The Year - 2006

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Lakewood's Volunteers

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*“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.”*  
Herman Melville  
American Writer

## OVER 1500 HOURS

Lola Backlund - Activities: (Card Bingo, Activity Committee), Community Service: (Flu Shots), Office Assistant, Outreach: (Hotline Phones)

## OVER 1000 “ HOURS

Carol Callahan - Community Service: (Flu Shots, Sewing Group, Recycling), Gingham Goose: (Crafts) Outreach: (Hotline Phones)

Margaret and Ray Gerber - Nutrition (Home Delivered-Meals), Intergenerational (Growing Healthy Together, Ohioreads)

Cynthia Hovis - Nutrition (SCE Dining Room) Outreach (Hotline Phones)

Wilma Whelan - GinIgham Goose: (Shop Volunteer, Special Knitting Projects)

## 850-999 HOURS

Marie Miller - Activities: (Activity Committee, Gold Coast Follies), Community Service: (Sewing), Gingham Goose: (Crafts), Nutrition: (SCW Dining Room)

Janet Ross - Nutrition: (SCE Dining Room), Office: (Front Office SCE), Special Services: (Nutrition Advisory Council)



Gary Rice and his father Robert. You can read an article by Gary on page 13.



Mayor Tom George with 15 Year Volunteers, Donald Wilinon, Robert “Doc” Farren, Phyllis Bullock, Phyllis Strater and Peggy Baukema.



Maynard “Doc” Unger gets an award from Mayor Tom George.



Lillian Cowry gets an award from Mayor Tom George.



Rae Lou Wilkinson gets a rose from Mayor Tom George.



# Lakewood Volunteers

## Spring forward to . . . A Beautiful Lakewood Place

By Nancy Patterson

Are you going to throw that out? Wait! Let me look at it. I'll think of something to do with it. When decorating my home or someone else's, let's work with what you have and just move it around. It can be very rewarding to produce a trendy look for little or no money! Do you know they have machines that actually make new furniture look old? What is it about weathered furniture that's so appealing? Comfortable, Beautiful, Functional. These words describe how I want to feel in my beautiful Lakewood home. What are your words? They will give you decorating direction and a starting point.

Springtime is a very good time to decide how you're going to nurture your home. I see a house as a living, breathing thing that defines us. Too

busy to care, you say. Everyone wants a beautiful home, though. You have children and toys everywhere? Is your living room a Fisher-Price living room? Storage and more storage will not only solve that problem but also teach your children to put their toys, books, trucks, and dolls away when done playing with them.

Where are my keys? I just had them. So, where do you hang your keys.... on the kitchen table? Is there a mirror by the front door so you can quickly catch a picture of yourself before opening it? Where do you put your cell phone to recharge it? These are just a few quick, simple questions that put organization to the test. Everyone's life is hectic these days, so you want to be sure your home is a safe haven working with you, not against you.

There are some questions I dread

as a decorator: what color to paint, what style of sofa and chairs, pictures, accessories, etc. Once I've made those decisions -- where do I put everything? I've heard just about all of the perplexing questions for our charming Lakewood homes and its safe to say they all have answers. Decorating is a process. It's your personality. What makes you smile and actually feel happy and safe? Translate those words into your home decorating. The results will be amazing, guaranteed!

Recently, I had a neighbor in my home for the first time and she thought it was beautiful. Music to my ears, no doubt. She then asked me, do you ever garage sale? I laughed, saying it's one of my best decorating secrets besides flea markets and thrift stores. Who needs money when you can buy your neighbor's trash for a pittance and turn it into your

treasure? As a matter of fact, my mother just told me the home channels now have shows on this very form of decorating! Who knew?! My latest and greatest find -- I inherited my grandmother's claw foot bathtub. A blessing! Any plumbers out there need decorating advice? I'm not sure how I'll get it upstairs but it will come to me eventually.

Take pleasure in reading decorating books and looking in various magazines. You might even go to furniture stores and open houses to help educate yourself on your likes and dislikes. Learn to trust your inner voice and creative eye because then you too can create . . . A BEAUTIFUL LAKEWOOD PLACE!

*Nancy Patterson teaches interior design classes in Lakewood and several Cleveland communities. She has been in the business sector for the past 20 years. Email your decorating dilemmas or questions to her at njpatterson\_2000@yahoo.com.*

## Sale On The Grounds

By Paula Reed

The Lakewood Historical Society celebrates the first weekend of May by offering great bargains on antique, nearly-new and gently-used items at its annual Sale on the Grounds at the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit.

The festivities begin with the Preview Party on Friday, May 5th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Guests get to shop early while enjoying appetizers and beverages. Admission is \$10 per person, and reservations are required, as space is limited. Call 216-221-7343 to reserve your ticket.

The Sale is open to the public from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6th and noon-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th. All proceeds benefit the Lakewood Historical Society.



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Sandy Koozer, Martha and her daughter Marsha Farkas, salvaging plants at the home to be demolished on Rosewood. All of these plants will be saved and sold at the Sale on the Grounds.



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## 2nd Annual Illegal Railroad Track Clean Up



Last Saturday, was the 2nd Annual Railroad Track Clean-Up organized by residents of the city. None will allow us to list their names as it is illegal to clean the railroad tracks. One old hipster was heard to say, "Ahhhh the sweet smell of civil disobedience."



Chef Geoff

# Perusing Pepper

As is often the case with the English language, culinary terms and names can often confuse and confound. We refer to a spatula, but are we talking about a rubber scraping device, or a metal device used to flip pancakes? Perhaps more confusing is the use of the term “pepper” to describe everything from the fiery hot habanero, to the seasoning we sprinkle on our scrambled eggs. Obviously the two are very different, and in fact are unrelated. It would be far more appropriate to refer to the vegetables related to the Nightshade family as chilies, which include the green and red California wonder “peppers” we grow in our backyard gardens, as well as jalapeños, seranos, cayenne and the aforementioned habanero. We will address the vast array of chilies in a future column, which brings along its level of confusion due to the name changes that many chilies undergo when dried, but for purposes of this discussion, let’s focus on real peppercorns, the fruit of a vine, *Piper Nigrum*.

Most are familiar with the four common colors of peppercorns: black, white, green and pink. While the black, white and green peppercorns represent the fruit of the same vine, pink peppercorns are not really peppercorns at all, but rather the berries of an unrelated South American plant, the Baies Rose plant. The misnomer of pink peppercorns is primarily the result of its appearance. While a pink or red peppercorn has a slight peppery taste, it is generally very mild, with a certain fruity overtone and can lend a colorful splash to poultry and fish. True peppercorns, on the other hand, have

### Recipe: Steak au Poivre

Serves 2

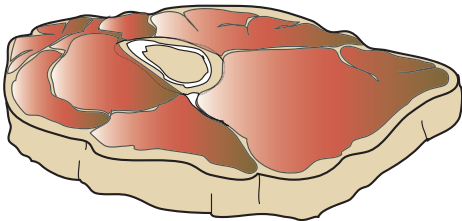
- 2 beef tenderloin steaks (filet mignon) 6 oz. each
- 2 tbsp. black peppercorns
- 1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp. finely minced shallot (substitute onion)
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup beef stock
- 2 tbsp. heavy cream

Using the coarsest grind on your pepper mill, freshly grind black pepper (or crack the corns using a mortar and pestle). If you wish a slightly milder preparation, use green peppercorns as a substitute for black. Spread the cracked peppercorns evenly and press into both sides of the meat.

Preheat a skillet to medium high, add butter and oil. When hot, add the beef, sear one side (approx. 1 min.) then flip, searing the other side. Reduce heat to medium, turn again and continue cooking. Turn again after 3-5 minutes (depending on thickness and desired doneness) and continue cooking another 3-5 minutes. Remove meat to a heated platter.

Add Shallots to pan and sauté until just translucent. Increase heat, add wine and allow to reduce by half (2 mins) any loose bits into the sauce. Add stock and again allow to reduce by half (2 mins). Reduce to low, add cream and heat through.

Spoon sauce over the meat and serve immediately.



a flavor that is distinct, and in some cases, quite pronounced.

Peppercorns are the most commonly used spice throughout the world. Indeed, this was spice that was sought out by the early spice traders and merchants, and played a large part in the development of trading routes between Europe and India, and could largely be responsible for the age of exploration. The familiar black peppercorn is the fully matured fruit, which is dried

according to age old methods of the craft. The largest, most expensive and flavorful of these peppercorns is called the Tellicherry, with only about 10% of the harvest meeting the standards for that classification. Smaller, but coming from the same plant and actually harvested at the same time, is the Malabar. This is the variety which is most commonly available. Typically, blackpepper is hotter with a more pronounced flavor than the other colored varieties.

White peppercorns represent black peppercorns that have gone through a process of removing the outer hull, typically by soaking in water until the outer shell is loosened.

The resulting white peppercorn is somewhat milder in taste, with a rich flavor that is favored in soups and Southeast Asian cooking.

Green peppercorns are the immature fruit which comes from the same vines that will later yield both black and white peppercorns. Green peppercorns have the mildest flavor, and are a preferred seasoning with more delicate dishes, such as seafood and vegetables.

Whatever color of peppercorn you may use, it always best to start with fresh, whole peppercorns. The drying process itself causes a significant loss of flavor, and using pre-ground pepper only causes further loss of the very flavor you are trying to utilize. There are any number of decorative and functional pepper mills which should be used to grind the pepper as it is needed, thus assuring that you are maximizing the flavor of the spice you are adding. There is absolutely no comparison between freshly ground pepper and the grayish sawdust that you typically find at the grocery store.

One of my favorite preparations that makes considerable use of the black peppercorn is the classic Steak au Poivre. The hot peppery spiciness of the cracked peppercorns goes beautifully with the flavor of a good steak, though I must caution that this is not a recipe for the faint of heart. The preparation is quite simple, and makes a wonderful “romantic dinner for two”. I would recommend serving with a crisp spinach salad, cottage fried potatoes, steamed broccoli and a full bodied cabernet.

## Summer Swim Season Has Year-Round Approach

*By Mike Callahan*

Summer is almost here and the Lakewood Municipal Pools will soon be visited by hundreds of Lakewood residents looking for a fun way to keep cool! Foster and Madison Pools are scheduled to open on Saturday, June 10. Look for the open swim, adult swim and family swim sessions, along with the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim programs at the facilities, which are owned by the City of Lakewood, and operated by the Community Recreation and Education Department of the Lakewood City Schools.

The Recreation Department also offers summer water aerobics, several competitive swim teams, and special events including moonlight swim sessions, a teen night, and the second annual Doggy Swim (after Labor Day). The Recreation Department’s summer brochure has been sent to all residents, and is also available for pickup at both branches of the Lakewood Public Library and city hall. Summer swimming registration has begun and pool passes are on sale at the Recreation Department. Call (216) 529-4081 for more information, or stop by the Department, at 1456 Warren Road. Register early because programs



fill quickly.

Some families are not waiting until summer to practice swimming skills or to take a water exercise class. The Recreation Department also offers year-round programs at Lakewood High School Pool. The spring learn-to-swim sessions are underway, as are many other programs at the high school pool. The Department offers nearly all aquatics programs year round, with summer being the busiest time.

“The great indoor swimming facility at Lakewood High School creates the opportunity to offer our community year round aquatic programs,” said Erin Fach, Commissioner of the Community Recreation and Education Department.

Of the 130 staff the department hires each summer, about 30 continue to work year round, offering early morning adult lap swim sessions, kayak sessions, open swims and other programs as well. The high school pool is the school year practice and competition venue for several competitive swim teams, including the Lakewood High School swim team and the Lakewood Recreation Swim Team, along with a few other area high school teams.

Approximately 110 of the 120 summer aquatics staff needed have been hired for summer 2006, and training is well underway, utilizing the high school facility to offer great community programming while helping the staff

prepare for the busy summer season.

“Having the indoor pool allows for year round training and helps maintain the guards’ skills, keeping them fresh and ready for an emergency. It gives the outdoor pool managers a lot more confidence knowing that the guards are keeping their skills sharp and are trained on a regular basis,” said Matt Demaline, the manager of Foster Pool. Demaline is also a substitute high school teacher who works at the high school pool during the school year as an assistant manager and lifeguard instructor.

So when the days start to get shorter, which unfortunately will happen all too quickly, remember that swimming programs don’t have to end with the season. Look for the Recreation Department’s fall brochure in August!

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# Lakewood Stories

## The Pulse of the City A Lakewood Experience

By Gary Rice

Summer, 1958 . . . Franklin, Pennsylvania . . . A seven-year-old boy was standing on the top step of a long stairway on the side of a hill leading down to an old blacktop mountain country road that could only optimistically be called “two-lane”. The fact that Copperhead snakes had once lived under that top step mattered not at all to the young boy of seven. In fact, a lamppost stood by that very step and the boy was clinging to it with all his might. You have to know this; he was more afraid of the future than of the Copperheads. Up in the woods behind his house, he had spent many hours with his grandfather learning the Indian ways, The boy had been told, however, not to tell anyone about his part-Indian blood as the government could come and take his land away if he did so.

As far as the Copperheads went, the boy had no fear of them, or of the Eastern Diamondbacks that sunned themselves on the long stone fence behind their house. Indian slaves had supposedly built that fence -- back when Pennsylvania had slaves. The boy had lived in those woods, spending many hours at peace with all the animals of his sylvan woodland. That was, after all, the name given to William Penn’s woods: Penn’s Sylvania. The boy had been happy in his own part of Penn’s Peaceable Quaker Kingdom. That is, until now. The boy now knew that he was indeed, about to lose his land. His parents, below, were telling him to come down and hop into the back of Ol’Betsy, the family’s black ‘55 Ford Fairlane sedan. Any other time, the boy would have been glad to do so. That old Fairlane had climbed to the top of the Smokies and boiled in the Florida sunshine. Many memory-filled trips had been taken in that old car. The boy knew well the joys of roasting and freezing in the back of that car -- in the days before auto air conditioning was anything other than a toy for the rich. In fact, the boy recalled passing an expensive car on the long road to Somewhere and his mother said, “Let’s roll up the windows so they’ll think we have air conditioning, too!” Yeah, good humor like that really made the miles fly by for the boy and his family. In another time and place, that Fairlane would have beckoned to more fun-filled adventures, but not this time. This trip would be different.

The boy’s father had just returned from a place called Lakewood, Ohio, where he had accepted a teaching job. He had rented the lower half of a home on Rosewood Avenue. His parents said that it was a beautiful brick street, lined with stately elms. All the boy knew was that he was losing his woods. Yeah, and his dog Skippy, too. The boy had to be pried, screaming and crying, from the lamppost. Suddenly, they were in the car and on to bigger two-lane blacktops.

It wasn’t long after they arrived in Lakewood, that the elms too, would be gone, along with the brick streets. In their place would be low shrubbery and sticky black tarmacadam, mixed with the acrid smell of everpresent exhaust fumes. Going from acres of limitless woodland to a postage stamp address, the boy, at first, was terrified. He felt closed in, alienated and alone. With no sisters and brothers to learn from, or fight with, and hampered with severe speech and hearing disorders, the first lesson of his new city was with the sounds. Constant sounds, at all hours of the day and night, kept the boy awake. His family allowed him a space in the basement for a club room. It was carpeted, with a few old chairs and shelves for the models that the boy began to build; his parents usually let him buy a new one, just about every Friday.

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Before long, the boy made a few friends on the street. He learned about dares, and double-dares, and also, about being set up to take a fall; sometimes, even a real fall. Once he jumped off a low garage roof and missed his objective. He would have landed on his head, except his foot was impaled on a fence on the way down. He carries the scar and the pain of that fall to this day. School was rough as well . . . many absences and students making fun of him -- both conspired to put a hard edge on the lonely country boy. One day, he was beat up. His father intervened with some Judo lessons. The boy never lost another fight, ever.

Eventually, the boy came to terms with his new city. He made good friends and excelled with his music. School was hard, with his hearing, leg and speech conditions, but he had a few good teachers over the years, including his own father. When the lad entered junior high, he learned about the world beyond. He imagined himself to be a great explorer, or perhaps a composer, or a writer. He spent the steaming civil rights summers in Alabama. His mother taught him about the importance of everybody being treated equally. He learned about his mother’s favorite poem “Others”. He began to act on his beliefs. He started to take the “Sermon on the Mount” seriously. He was in Birmingham, and Montgomery, and Gadsden, and Anniston, as a teen. He got in trouble for trying to drink from an old “colored” drinking fountain. His Southern relatives did not understand him. He did not understand himself either, nor did he try to.

His father and mother were active in church; or rather, churches. As his father moved from church to church,

directing choirs, the family followed. The boy liked the churches. He had been acutely aware that his mother had dedicated him to God. He also became aware of the fact that each church had its own ways. He remembered Dr. Martin Luther King saying that Sunday morning was the most segregated time in America and he took those words to heart. One day, he learned about the Holocaust, and that his name was possibly Ashkenazic Jewish. His father’s friends had given him war souvenirs, when he was sick, as a child. Some of those were from horrible camps in Germany. To this day, he shows and tells about them to young people. Religion runs deep in his soul, but he has trouble wondering why there are so many of them.

As he began to understand prejudice, hatred, and the need for a better world, he started a rock band. From the

beginning, it was a hard-hitting band with a political message and that message was about peace, tolerance and equality. His band was to be an instrument of the social justice that the boy so deeply wanted. At least it was, until it kicked him out; possibly because some of the other guys mostly just wanted to party. He went into jazz, and later, wedding bands. He liked to fix things, especially instruments. He would go into music stores and buy up all the broken instruments he could find. He would then repair them and often give them away to needy students. It was not long before Rosewood echoed with the sounds of guitars, banjos, mandolins and fiddles as well as his father’s band and orchestra instruments.

He went into the Scouts, too. In spite of health difficulties in meeting advancement requirements, he enjoyed the hikes. Especially, the Silver Moccasin Trail, near Cincinnati where, although having foot problems, he was among the first to finish a 25-mile hike. He still treasures the medal he received from the experience. Today, he volunteers with the Scouts and has helped hundreds of children with their merit badges. He received the District Award of Merit, the highest honor that a district can bestow on a Scout leader.

His college major was Political Science. The first two years of college were spent at Lakewood High as Cleveland State University opened a branch there. The young man had been a writer since grade school and then, started writing as a reporter for his college paper. Vietnam hit the American Dream with a sledgehammer. The only kid to ever beat the boy up, died over there. A singer from the boy’s band went there too, only to come back, changed forever. The young man considered trying

to enlist. Later, he considered burning his draft card. Neither happened. Wars end. The draft card still sits in his files. In college, he decided to become a teacher. Some of his advisors tried to discourage him. With his speech and hearing problems, the job might be too much, they thought. In the end, he became a teacher, graduating cum laude.

A Lakewood Principal felt that he would do well in Special Education, so he went into the new field of Secondary Special Education. Formerly, it was thought that Special Education was a temporary service that would not be needed in high school. That thinking would soon change. He became a pioneer secondary special educator in Parma. Although he had tutored in Lakewood, the opportunity to teach full-time came up in another district. He continued to live in Lakewood and teach for the Parma Schools. His guitar evaluation and repair expertise has been used in his capacity as “Guitar Guy Gary” -- the original guitar consultant to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

After 31 years in education, the Lakewood boy is now a fully-grown, retired teacher. Additionally, he is an active volunteer for the American Indian Intertribal Council as well as numerous other civic activities. Still a Lakewood resident, the man will always be grateful for the many friendships and opportunities that were extended to him during the formative years of his life by the many fine citizens of this beautiful city! That man, of course, is me: Gary R. Rice.

Hundreds of children move through the Lakewood Public Schools on a daily basis. Each of them will have memories -- some similar, and some, very different from my own. It is for us now to guide their lives and experiences so as to extend to them opportunities for growth like I experienced. One day, some other former Lakewood child will write their story on these pages. What they will put down will depend in large part on the help they receive from you and me today. The future is in our hands . . . but more so, in theirs!

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State Task Force on Eminent Domain Comes to Lakewood

By Lynn Farris

Last year, the United States Supreme Court decision in the eminent domain case of Kelo versus the City of New London allowed the use of eminent domain for economic reasons. However, as a part of that decision, the Supreme Court emphasized “that nothing in our opinion precludes any State from placing further restrictions on its exercise of the takings power. Indeed, many States already impose public use requirements that are stricter than the federal baseline.” As a result of that decision, in addition to many concerned calls from citizens to their state senators and representatives, the State of Ohio has enacted a Moratorium on Eminent Domain for Economic Reasons until December 31, 2006. During this time, the state has formed an Eminent Domain Task Force to take a fresh look at the eminent domain laws in the State of Ohio and how they are affecting Ohio citizens. They have made a preliminary recommendation to the General Assembly (which is available online at <http://209.235.212.195/pdf/EmDomTFreport1cg.pdf>) and by August 1, they will submit a final report.

During the last several months, the 25-member task force comprised of state senators, representatives and various other citizens, led by State Senator Tim Grendell, have listened to long days of testimony in Columbus. Since April 1, they have taken the show on the road and traveled to various locations in the state to listen to what the citizens have to say. While task force members are not required to attend the off-site meetings, eleven members showed up Monday, April 10, to hear from Lakewood citizens about eminent domain. Lakewood was the location of eminent domain controversy in 2003 which ended in a voter referendum where the project requiring eminent domain was narrowly defeated. Over one-hundred attended the meeting and twenty-four citizens spoke while many others submitted written testimony and listened during the three and a half hour hearing.

The majority of the speakers came



from Lakewood, and all but one from Lakewood spoke out against eminent domain for private development. Many spoke eloquently and forcibly about the situation that had occurred here, but perhaps the most memorable was Mrs. Saleet, who choked back tears describing how much her home meant to her and how having her home labeled blighted and being threatened with eminent domain had affected her and her family. It was also pointed out that Lakewood is currently undergoing a building boom under Mayor Tom George without the use of eminent domain. Each member of the task force was given a map and asked to take a drive down Detroit and see many of the new developments as well as the formerly blighted West End neighborhood.

However, the testimony wasn’t just from Lakewood citizens. People came from all over Northeast Ohio to share their stories. Lorraine Richey, from Lorain, spoke about the ten blight studies occurring in her city with no developer in mind. Councilman Harvey Brown talked about the problems with cemeteries in Bedford Heights. Tom Bier, a Professor of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University, discussed

the problems that older cities faced and pointed out that the state does little to help older cities like Lakewood, but provides cities such as Avon Lake with money for new development, which forces cities like Lakewood to consider drastic measures to increase their tax base. Hudson Mayor William Currin concurred that there are problems and developers are squeezing cities for tax abatements, even hiring consultants to get better deals. While he doesn’t want the state to impose regionalism, he has proposed cities get together to share property taxes from new developments as a way to cut competition and make

the tax base more equitable. Mayor Eileen Patton from Fairview Park spoke in favor of eminent domain for economic development, as did Mayor Deborah Sutherland from Bay Village, although she acknowledged that she had never used eminent domain.

Task force members asked many questions of the speakers and took copies of the testimony back to share with the other members of the task force. Six off-site meetings are planned throughout the state, including one in Norwood where a case involving eminent domain is currently pending in the Ohio Supreme Court.

West Shore Chorale Takes on Rarely Performed Bruckner Masterpiece at Spring Concert

Staff Report

The West Shore Chorale presents its annual spring concert at The Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts, 20770 Hilliard Boulevard in Rocky River, on Sunday May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The program will feature the Bruckner Mass in E Minor, one of the most unusual and powerful choral works in existence. “It may be the only time our audience will have the opportunity to hear a live version of this almost forgotten masterpiece,” says Chorale Conductor, John Drotleff. “The Mass calls for too few instruments for the Cleveland Orchestra to perform and the level of difficulty makes it almost impossible for most church choirs to take on.” And the unique beauty of the piece makes it a “must hear” for choral enthusiasts and for the chorally curious. “Bruckner combines the polyphonic styles of Palestrina with the harmonic color of Wagner,” says Drotleff. “The Chorale is thrilled to give music of this caliber an audience here on the West Side.” Selections will also include the challenging Bach Motet V, and Schutz’s Psalm 100. This spring the Chorale also celebrates its one year anniversary at the Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts, a 1,000 seat state of the art auditorium in Rocky River. “This is the Severance Hall of the West Side,” says Drotleff. “With beautiful appointments, great sight lines, fine lighting, and warm acoustics, it’s everything a performing group dreams of in a great venue.” Since 1968, the West Shore Chorale has been attracting audiences with superb performances of both traditional and contemporary choral masterworks. The group has performed on radio, television, at Blossom Music Center, Chataqua, Lakeside, and in England. The Chorale has also presented concerts for the Ohio Choral Director’s Association, and for the Ohio Music Education Association. For more information call 216-556-4368 or visit [www.westshorechorale.org](http://www.westshorechorale.org).



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## Minding the Issues

# On the Teaching of Religion

By Gordon Brumm

The subject was euthanasia. The setting was a philosophy class for adults that I was teaching two or three decades ago. I wanted a lively discussion with reasoned arguments on both sides, but I was concerned that the discussion would quickly come to a dead end because euthanasia would be seen merely as an act of killing and therefore absolutely wrong. To break the dogmatic ice, I needed to present a particular situation in which everyone would agree that euthanasia -- mercy killing -- was the right thing to do.

So I put forth a hypothetical -- or what I thought was a hypothetical. Suppose, I said, your best friend was caught in a fire, with absolutely no chance of being rescued, and he was burning alive before your eyes. Suppose he was begging you to kill him, begging for you to end his agony. Surely, I suggested, you would kill your friend in that situation.

One of the students disagreed. He was a young man, perhaps in his late 20s, who pretty much kept to himself; all I knew of him was his foreign accent. He quickly explained why he disagreed with me: He and his best friend, he recounted, had fought in the Lebanese civil war of the '70s. His friend was trapped in a truck that had been hit and had caught on fire. The friend was burning alive, and begged my student to kill him. My student refused to do so.

I have no memory of what I said then -- probably something non-committal, for surely I wasn't prepared to confront such a horrifically startling instance -- nor do I remember how I fit his account into our discussion. But I have no trouble remembering the instance itself. It comes back to me often, as when I hear of proposals to teach religion in the schools. For I cannot think of the Lebanese civil war without thinking of the religious conflict that motivated it. Without that religious conflict, my student's best friend would not have suffered an agonizing death. And without his (to my mind mistaken) religious scruples, my student would not have stood by while his friend suffered the agonies of being burned alive.

Those who want religion to be taught more prominently in the schools no doubt want students to gain a greater appreciation of its virtues and benefits. And that is all well and good. Let students hear of the missionaries who have done good works where good works were a scarcity. Let them hear of the nuns and prelates who have given their lives for social justice. Let them hear how religion was a civilizing force where civilizing was needed. Let them hear of the comfort that religion has afforded to hosts of individuals.

But in fairness let them hear the other side also. Let them hear about the violence and suffering and cruel oppression that religion has spawned through the ages. There are a multitude of examples to choose from: Mention

the Inquisition, and the Salem witchcraft trials. Mention the Thirty Years' War, which served to devastate a good part of Germany, and the Wars of Religion in France. And the many pogroms against the Jews of Europe. And the suppression of thought, as in the case of Galileo.

The Crusades of course come to mind, but their righteous (from our viewpoint) purpose often obscures the death and misery they caused, until we remember the instances in which they had a less than righteous (from our viewpoint) purpose. During the First Crusade, for example, Crusaders detoured to slaughter Jews in the Rhineland. The good Christian gentlemen of the Fourth Crusade spent three days sacking the Christian (but Eastern Orthodox) city of Constantinople. My favorite is the Albigensian Crusade, conducted in the thirteenth century by good Christians against a heretical sect, the Cathari, in southern France. The Crusaders ravaged the provinces in which the Cathari were concentrated and massacred them along with their regular-Christian neighbors. After the town of Béziers had been captured by the Crusaders, their captain asked the papal representative who should be killed. The papal representative reportedly replied, "Kill them all. God will know his own."

And lest you think that such evils belong in the dark past, let us not forget the conflict between Arabs and Israelis, nor the vicious conflict between Hindus and Muslims occasioned by the partitioning of India (a conflict that continues to this day in the dispute over Kashmir), nor of course the Sunni-Shi'ite strife in Iraq. Nor, of course, the Lebanese civil war.

You may protest that these evils were not expressions of religion, but rather the opposite -- contrary to the ideals of religion. Of course, that depends on what the ideals of religion are, and opinions on that subject differ radically. Everyone believes his or her own religion to be genuine; no one says "I believe in my religion, but it isn't genuine." It is religious conviction itself that causes such evils, and the question of legitimacy is irrelevant.

It may seem that I have no respect for religion, for the account I have given hardly distinguishes it from a number of other outlooks and attitudes that engender violence, suffering and oppression -- super-nationalism, greed, racism, to name a few. But surely religion is different from these.

Religion of course is different, but we must look to its inner nature rather than its outer form to see the difference. Religion is essentially a confrontation between an individual person and whatever that individual conceives to be the ultimate reality and ultimate source of value -- a confrontation suffused with fear and trembling and contrition and awe -- confrontation

with a reality that is incomprehensible to humans, for the disparity between the human person and the ultimate is infinite and cannot be bridged.

Although adequate understanding is impossible, the individual commits himself or herself to a certain belief-system -- a certain way of construing the ultimate reality and a certain way of ordering their life. To be sure, this belief-system is often provided ready-made, and is often shared with others for solace and support. Nevertheless it is the product of individual commitment.

Consider an analogy. Philosopher and novelist George Santayana held that just as one cannot speak a language without speaking a particular language, so one cannot be religious without holding to a particular religion. This is true. At first glance, Santayana seems to be calling for steadfast loyalty to one's own religion against all others, but we need to look further:

There is no one "true" language. Indeed a person may be able to speak several languages, all with the one purpose of communicating. Chance occurrence, usually of birth, determines which language is primary. And just because language is an individual matter, attempting to impose an alien language, as imperial governments sometimes do, is an insult to the individual.

Similarly, there is no one "true" religion. A person may practice several religions (though usually at different times) all with the purpose of relating to the ultimate. It is chance occurrence, usually of birth, that determines which religion commands a person's allegiance, or first allegiance. And imposition of an alien religion is an insult to the individual.

Religion, therefore, is essentially a set of individual commitments chosen on subjective grounds to provide understanding of a bewildering universe. No one's commitment can be judged to be truer than another's.

Yes, I respect religion. The question is whether religion respects me.

Do religionists respect my belief-system as my chosen commitment? Or do they condemn my commitment because it does not match theirs?

Unfortunately, some religionists mistake absolute commitment for absolute truth. (For example, those currently identified as the Religious Right.) Instead of recognizing religion as commitment chosen by the individual on subjective grounds, they assert it as dogma. They construe religion as the recognition of One Truth -- as God's Truth, so to speak -- and they consider all who do not share their conception as misguided, perverse or sick.

If dogmatism is the first sin of religion, then politicization is the second. In their arrogance and conceit, many dogmatists assume that they are entitled to impose their commitment on others, and they look to the power of government to accomplish this purpose.

They may justify their imposition by appeal to democracy, pointing out that Christianity (or Islam, or Hinduism, or . . .) is the religion of the overwhelming majority. But there is democracy and there is democracy. There is democracy that respects individual freedoms, and there is democracy that allows individual freedoms to be trampled by the majority. Present-day Iraq or Iran offers a good example of the second kind. Such is the democracy that the dogmatists would give us.

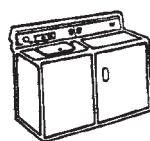
Or the dogmatists may justify their viewpoint by saying that religion is the one and only source of morality. Well, the catalogue of evils I have presented above should lay that myth to rest.

If we want religion to flourish, and freedom as well, we must respect the right of each individual to choose, without compulsion or coercion. Dogmatism and politicization are the empty shell of religion, serving the impulse to power more than the impulse to religion, and are responsible for all the evils I have described at the beginning.

That is what we need to teach.

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The Buck Stops Here

The Gift And Free Speech

Our belief in free speech is so central to our understanding of democracy in this country that we fail to see how much speech is limited in a market economy. When words become commodities, money determines their use. In William Gibson's novel of cyberspace, *Neuromancer* (written on a typewriter), whoever controls information controls the world. It is either corporate or loose on the street. Freedom of the press, says the cynic. Only for the man who owns one. Increasingly, we come across examples of control exerted over the free flow of data and language.

--Congress passed the memorial Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act adding 20 years to copyrights. (Bono served in Congress.) "I Got You Babe" now won't enter the public domain until 2061.

--Huey Newton's widow is trademarking the slogan, "Burn, Baby,

By Robert Buckeye

Burn" for use as a BBQ sauce slogan.

--A French director had to pay \$1300 after an actor in his film whistled the communist anthem, "The Internationale," without permission.

--Martin Luther King Jr.'s estate charges academic authors \$50 for each sentence of "I Have a Dream" speech that they reprint. (MOTHERJONES.COM/INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.)

Every day for the past several months I receive e-mail attachments of the novel Tom Bridwell is writing. I am one of a group of his friends he wants to read his work. Bridwell did not intend to write his work as e-mail, but suffered a computer malfunction that caused him to lose a 1100 page novel from his hard drive. He discovered (knowing as little about computers as many of us do) that the only way he

could write fiction was by e-mail. Why not? he must have thought.

It changed his writing. It was no longer a player in the marketplace, dependent on sales and hype, but, if you will, a gift, part of a culture based on community and reciprocity. Not simply loose on the streets. Loose on streets that are neighborhoods. I know other examples of gift cultures, which circumvent the culture of the commodity and have become, I feel, models for community.

Ken Warren, who you know as Director of the Lakewood Public Library, edits and publishes a little magazine titled, *House Organ*. House Organ is free. Whenever Warren publishes a writer, he asks him for the names of ten people the writer wants to see what he has written. Those ten stay

on the mailing list for future issues. In this way, his readership of those who are brought together by shared interest continues to grow.

Kathy Acker, one of America's most experimental writers, sent her first books through the mail to friends. (What would we be without photocopies?) Later, she would take already published texts and rework them in her fiction. (*Blood and Guts in High School* recycles Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*.) Writing was everyone's, she felt, and should circulate freely among us. (Transparency is the term journalists use to describe how open government is.)

The gift is anarchist property and a threat to a culture of the commodity. It proposes a different way of being. "The gift is to the giver," Walt Whitman writes, "and comes back most to him – it cannot fail." Perhaps it is time we should think of it.

Cutest Baby In The Universe!"

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Wouldn't it be nice if every mom had enough to provide complete care of her children? Enough food, enough clothing, enough toys and games, and enough money to get all the things her children need to live a happy, healthy and fulfilling childhood?

Unfortunately, not all mothers have enough. And because of that, Huntington National Bank's Lakewood West Banking Office is joining with Community Corner Hunger & Family Center to help make Mothers' Day special for some of the mothers and grandmothers in our community who are in need.

These are two great community

institutions helping to make our community stronger. Together, everyone can help make our beloved Lakewood stronger.

Community Corner Hunger & Family Center, serves 600 families per month with a three-day supply of emergency food, access to affordable items in their resale shop and comprehensive outreach. At least 60 percent of the families served at Community Corner are single moms and grandmothers with custody of their grandchildren.

And while it's Mothers' Day, we know that our contributions are really to help them help their children.



Here are three ways to help:

1) From now through May 13, Huntington Bank at 15111 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, will be running a "Cutest Baby In The Universe!" contest. For just \$5, you can submit a photo of a child, newborn to 3 years of age, for a chance to win 50 percent of the proceeds collected. You can enter a picture of yourself, your children, your mom, dad, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, anyone you think is the cutest baby in the universe. A panel of "judges" will vote for the cutest baby! The Community Center will receive the other 50 percent of the money collected to help buy supplies and fund programs for the center.

Huntington Bank is also a collection point for the Center and will be accepting

donations of food, and new or gently used items. Great items for donation are pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables, cereal, soup, crackers, etc. Foods that everyone typically likes are greatly appreciated and in desperate need.

Clothing! The Center is in urgent need of baby clothes, cribs, high chairs; anything a mom would need to take care of a new baby. Toddler clothes are in demand as well as toys, games, bikes, etc.

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2) Running May 1-May 13, Huntington Bank will have a "Ticket Auction" with items donated by local businesses. You can purchase tickets (\$1 a ticket or 7 for \$5) and drop them in the box for the item(s) you would like to "bid on." We have some great local businesses in Lakewood and we're looking forward to a lot of great items on display. Please help these moms by making a contribution in honor or memory of your own mom or special woman in your life. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of the mothers they serve.

3) A \$20 gift will feed a family of four for three days! And your generosity will mean so very much to the mothers and grandmothers Community Corner serves.







# Lakewood Health Care News

## Hospital News

By Rita Ryland



Photo by Rhonda Loje

Dr. Mary Walborn

Lakewood resident, Dr. Mary Walborn, is back! For those who already know her, it's a time of celebration.

Mary Walborn began her medical career at Lakewood Hospital. While in her residency at the Cleveland Clinic, Mary was moonlighting at Lakewood Hospital. Once her residency was completed, she practiced medicine at Lakewood Hospital as a house physician, as an emergency room and intensive care physician. She soon joined a medical group and started her private practice in Lakewood.

After more than a decade in pri-

vate practice, in 1995, Dr. Walborn was appointed as the Medical Director of the newly-established Cleveland Clinic Family Health Center in Westlake. Under her leadership, the Cleveland Clinic-Westlake grew from five to seventy physicians. It takes a person with vision and commitment to grow a practice from five to seventy physicians and to achieve the status of the busiest Cleveland Clinic Family Health Center in Greater Cleveland.

So who is Dr. Mary Walborn? What is she like? She's devoted to her family and her career and seems to have achieved a balance between the two. Jim Walborn, her husband of forty-four years, has been a source of encouragement and support since they attended high school together. In fact, Jim planted the seed and provided the encouragement Mary needed to undertake the long, arduous study of medicine. Mary, like many nurses, wanted to learn more. She had begun to explore the possibility of getting an advanced nursing degree when Jim said, "Why not become a doctor?"

Dr. Walborn is the proud mother of Jim Walborn, Jr., an information technology business owner, and Pat Gannon, an internist partner. Dr. Patricia Gannon, MD was one of the first five physicians with Mary at the

Cleveland Clinic-Westlake. Dr. Walborn is a playful grandmother of six. "It's pure joy," Mary said, with a wide grin. "From my grandchildren I've learned that you need to scoot your butt up to go down a waterslide."

Dr. Walborn is a faithful friend. A Lladro statue of the Virgin Mary sits on a credenza in her office. Next to the statue is a framed photo of Dr. Walborn and a companion paddling a canoe. "That's my best friend," Mary said, pointing at the photo. "She was a nurse at Lakewood Hospital." Her friend is now deceased. The statue, once her friend's, is a gift to Mary from the family.

In her role of Vice-President of Medical Operations, Dr. Mary Walborn is the physician-in-charge. She works with the hospital leadership and the medical community to provide patients with the highest quality of care. In fact, Dr. Walborn believes that Lakewood Hospital is a cut above the rest. Her goal is for the hospital to be listed as one of the Top 100 hospitals in the country.

Dr. Walborn's philosophy is "put the patient first." Ensure quality by looking at quality outcomes. She, along with Lakewood Hospital administration, believes that in order to deliver the best patient care the hospital needs

to take care of the caregivers. "We want our employees to be happy. We want an environment that is healthy and supportive," Mary said. This was a theme of Jack Gustin's speech at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the newly-renovated lobby of the hospital last December. Jack Gustin, Chief Administrative Officer of Lakewood Hospital, said of Mary Walborn, "I, as well as the hospital, am very fortunate to have Dr. Walborn back at Lakewood Hospital. I look to her advice, support and friendship in providing direction to this great organization. Mary is a valued member of the medical staff and community. The best trait is that she speaks from her heart and what's best for our patients. "Lakewood Hospital has a Discharge Call program in place where patients are contacted 24-48 hours after they are discharged to home. Patients are asked about their stay at the hospital and encouraged to provide comments about the care they received and about the facility. Dr. Walborn evaluates the Discharge Call Program reports and makes recommendations for improvement based upon patient feedback. Dr. Walborn also works with all physicians on the staff of the hospital to ensure the highest quality of care.

"I'm proud to be back," Dr. Walborn said at the end of the interview. And Lakewood Hospital is happy and honored to have her.

## Lakewood Hospital Names Mousab Tabbaa, M.D. Chairman, Board Of Trustees

### Press Release

Mousab Tabbaa, M.D., has been named as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Lakewood Hospital. His appointment marks the first time a physician will act as chair in the hospital's nearly 100-year history. Dr. Tabbaa replaces Dennis Roche, who has served as a member of the Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees since 1999.

"Dr. Tabbaa has a long and loyal association with Lakewood Hospital and our communities. I am very pleased that he was appointed our first physician chairman," said Jack Gus-

tin, Chief Administrative Officer of Lakewood Hospital. "As we approach our centennial anniversary and prepare for the future growth and development of Lakewood Hospital, we are fortunate to have Dr. Tabbaa in this leadership role."

Dr. Tabbaa was appointed to the Lakewood Hospital medical staff in 1988. He is currently serving as chief of gastroenterology. Dr. Tabbaa is a resident of Westlake. He has a private medical practice and is president of the North Shore Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Center, one of the largest and most innovative GI centers in Ohio. In addition, Dr. Tabbaa is an assistant clinical professor at Case Western Reserve University.

"I have had the pleasure to know Mousab Tabbaa, personally and professionally, for many years," said Fred M. DeGrandis, Chief Executive Officer and President of Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran hospitals. "I know that he will bring new perspectives and insights to the table as we work together with the Board and develop long-term strategic plans for Lakewood Hospital."

"I view our board as the custodian of an important community trust. As such, our role is to act as a liaison between the community and hospital administration," Dr. Tabbaa explains. "We want to guide administration so that community expectations are ful-

filled and their needs are always the priority."

To accomplish this, Dr. Tabbaa says he will focus the board's efforts on promoting quality throughout the hospital and creating a state of the art facility. "We must accept quality as a core value in the organization – from the technology we use and the staff we employ, to the expertise we have and the methods we use to deliver care," he says. "Our goal is to create a quality structure that becomes more attractive to physicians, staff, patients and the community."

In addition, Dr. Tabbaa plans to help modernize the structure of the hospital, correlating projects that will coincide with Lakewood Hospital's 100-year anniversary in 2007.

Dr. Tabbaa is board-certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He earned his medical degree at the University of Damascus, College of Medicine in Syria. He completed an externship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida before spending the next six years as intern, resident and then fellow. He is Assistant Clinical Professor at CWRU and President of North Shore Gastroenterology. Dr. Tabbaa is a member of numerous organizations locally and nationally and is the author or co-author of several studies published in professional journals.

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*News Release*

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"Moms everywhere have bought their kids ice cream so often that we thought it was time for a reversal," says Don McKenzie of Honey's Gourmet. "This year, moms can get some great-tasting ice cream themselves, courtesy of Honey's Gourmet."

On Mother's Day – the second Sunday in May – all moms will receive a cup or cone of gelato or honey ice cream, completely free of charge. The rich, made fresh on site, honey ice cream and gelato will be available to all mothers who come in to the store on Mother's Day.

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