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## Lakewood Will Have Seven Elementary Schools And A Finished High School

by Betsy Voinovich

The signs were up at schools all over town at the end of last week: "Community Meeting, Grant School, Tuesday Night." Robo-calls went out: Superintendent Patterson was inviting us to a brief but important meeting at Grant Elementary School. The purpose? An update on the District's School Construction project, to bring the community up to speed on the latest development in the Master Facilities Plan.

For those of us with kids in the school system, this was a big meeting. Lakewood High School parents wondered when



photos by Jim O'Bryan

*In 2005 School Board President Ed Favre kicked off the reconstruction of Lakewood Schools. In 2013 completion is in sight.*

the high school building would be completed, along with Middle School parents whose children will be on their way to high school soon.

Elementary school parents who have been trying to figure out the best elementary school for their children, given the fact that a 2009 decision put Lakewood as a six-school District, wondered whether the time had come for one of our schools to close.

This decision had been updated as our enrollment increased. A June 2012 decision to announce an elementary school closure the following Fall was suspended as the enrollment figures made clear that all seven of our elementary schools were pretty full.

But we all awaited the Ohio Facilities Construction

Committee's (formerly the Ohio School Facilities Commission) final study of Lakewood's

population and its school buildings.

As people filed in, the buzz filled the room. Had Grant School been chosen as the loca-



tion for this important meeting to honor it for its service, as its closure became final? Or had it been chosen to celebrate the **continued on page 3**

## The Taste Of Lakewood Celebrates A Delicious Decade

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will host the 10th Annual Taste of Lakewood on Sunday, June 2nd from 4-7 p.m. at the Screw Factory. The purpose of the event – to fund the Lakewood Chamber's scholarship program – has not changed since the first "Taste" in 2004. It is interesting, however, to look back at the early years of the event to see how it has evolved and grown.

The Clifton Club Years: 2004-2011

The following restaurants participated in the very first Taste of Lakewood in 2004: Aladdin's Eatery, Angelo's Pizza, Around The Corner, Bottoms Up, Create-a-Cake, Cronies, Gippetto's/Johnny Malloy's, Maria's

Roman Room, McCarthy's Ale House, Pacers, Panini's at the Riviera, Pickle Bill's, Pier W, Ranger Catering, Sullivan's Irish Pub, Sweet Designs Chocolatier, Swingos on the Lake, Sweetwater Landing, The Clifton Club, The Mud House, West End Tavern, and the Winking Lizard. Over the next seven "Tastes", some notable food purveyors made appearances at the event such as Breadsmith, Chipotle, Cleats, Three Birds, Dave's Cosmic Subs, Donatos Pizza, Souper Market, IHOP, 56West, Two Dads' Diner, and the Greek Village Grille. Attendees during The Clifton Club years happily remember the beautiful venue and listening to jazz on the lawn, as well as dealing with occasional weather- and nature-

related challenges (midges) and transit to and from The Clifton Club via shuttle buses.

Due to space restrictions, only 22 restaurants could participate at the Taste of Lakewood during these years, and ticket sales were capped due to the fire code occupancy limit for The Clifton Club. As the event grew in popularity, it became necessary to create restaurant waiting lists and, ultimately, to turn restaurants away from the event.

The Screw Factory: 2012-present

In 2012, the Taste of Lakewood moved to the Lake Erie Building, aka the Screw Factory on Athens Avenue. With the new expanded space, the Taste of Lakewood now features more restaurants, entertains more 'foodies', and welcomes the participation of the Screw Factory Artists who will hold open studios during the event. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce strives to improve the Taste of Lakewood experience each year, and has special plans to celebrate the event's 10th Anniversary. Do not miss this year's Taste of Lakewood - Lakewood's premiere food event! For more information on the Taste of Lakewood, visit [www.tasteoflakewood.com](http://www.tasteoflakewood.com).

## LHS Makes Best High Schools List

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School has been named one of U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools and a Silver Medalist for 2013! The magazine awards Gold, Silver and Bronze medals according to state proficiency standards and how well schools prepare students for college.

Overall, the nation's high schools are scored on student/teacher ratio, college readiness and math and reading scores. More than 21,000 schools were evaluated and the schools scoring in the top 25% overall

make the list.

"This recognition is a testament to the continuous efforts made to challenge our students to their maximum potential and constantly encourage them to reach for constantly higher goals," Principal Bill Wagner said. "We are very thankful for the parent and community support we receive in Lakewood that amplify these efforts and look forward to achieving the 'Gold Award' soon."

For more information on the U.S. News rankings, visit <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>

## Meet The Trucks Set For Saturday, June 1st

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA invite you to attend the 8th Annual Meet the Trucks on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. Come see, touch and explore the City's fine fleet of trucks and vehicles.

Vehicles on display will include an aerial truck, dump truck, refuse truck, fire truck, police car, police bike and more. In addition, the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA will offer crafts, cookie decorating, a DJ, bounce houses, raffles, Jungle Bob and numerous exhibitions. Many community groups will also be

in attendance offering children's activities and sharing information about their organizations.

**Attendees are asked to bring a canned good which will be donated to the Lakewood Community Services Center, the City's food bank.**

The following organizations helped to sponsor this event: University of Akron-Lakewood, Lakewood Family YMCA, Mid-Way OH Boys, Met-Chem, Inc., Ohio Mobile Gaming (bounce houses), Music Connection DJ Services, Jungle Bob and Zap Entertainment.

The 8th Annual Meet the Trucks event once again promises to have something for everyone. Best of all, it's free!

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Anila Nicklos, Lakewood's International Woman of the Year!



Captain Harry Anderson passes on at the age of 103.



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Updates on Lakewood and photos of things Lakewoodites are taking pictures of like the Bald Eagle Baby (214 photos) and Captain America (50 photos.) Added to hourly!



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# City News

## Lakewood Police Department To Hold Police Fair On June 7th

by Melissa Garrett

On Friday, June 7, the Lakewood Police Department's Neighborhood Officers will be hosting a Police Fair from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park.

This event will highlight the many units of the department and their important role in the community. There will be equipment displays and members of the Bomb Squad, K-9 unit and SWAT will be in attendance to speak with residents. Bike safety inspections and free bike licensing will also be available. In addition, parents with children ages 3 to 14 can have a Missing Child ID Card made free of charge. Other members of the department will be there to

provide information on home security, the Block Watch and Police Auxiliary Programs. This family-oriented event will also include interactive exercises for distracted driving and traffic safety.

"The events of the Boston bombing and local 10 year kidnapping underscore the importance of citizens working closely with public safety forces, stated Mayor Mike Summers. "In Lakewood, we place great emphasis on our community policing strategy. This strategy is focused on working with citizens to leverage each other's role in making our neighborhoods safe. This Safety Fair is one of many important elements of our community policing strategy."

## Seven Elementary Schools And A Finished High School

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fact that it was going to stay in service as a school? And, had the time come to finally FINISH Lakewood High School?

The room became silent as Superintendent Patterson took the podium. Since becoming Lakewood City Schools' Superintendent, Mr. Patterson has been very forthcoming with the citizens of Lakewood, conducting meeting after meeting to engage with the community, and to understand what we value. He has been very thorough when describing the ins and outs, dollars and cents, of the Administration's decisions affecting our children.

Tuesday night was no different. Mr. Patterson opened his speech reminding us of the community input given in over 30 meetings which made a 4 million dollar reduction in future expenditures possible along with the recent passage of a 3.9 mil operating levy by a majority of nearly 69%.

He then turned to the matter at hand: Our school system will soon have "a tremendous opportunity to complete our Master Facility Plan..." he said. He quoted Winston Churchill saying, "We shape our buildings, thereafter they shape us." He explained how important our school buildings are to Lakewood's future: "The design decisions we make today," he said, "will help or haunt the educational process in Lakewood for the next 50 to 75 years. We must do so much more than cobble together rectangular classrooms in an efficient configuration. We must do our best to envision the needs of the future and ensure that our new facilities complement the efforts of the students and staff housed in them. I am convinced we can accomplish this challenge by working together."

And then the big news was upon us. Superintendent Patterson explained that in mid-July the OFCC would in all probability declare our district eligible to receive \$50 million to complete our Master Plan. in order to qualify for state funds the board will act upon the revised Master Facility Plan on June 3rd.

And finally, Mr. Patterson

described what the June 3rd resolution would say: "I am excited to report that the resolution will provide for rebuilding ALL THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Roosevelt, Grant and Lincoln) as well as completing the eastern end of Lakewood High School."

The room erupted in applause. How did this happen?

Patterson described how, working with OFCC, the Administration went after enrollment numbers and projections in several different ways, and stood their ground regarding their faith in Lakewood's future, and its need for walkable schools. Currently, two independent sets of ten-year enrollment projections show that Lakewood is expected to grow an average of 35.8 students a year, each year, for ten years, for a total increase of 358 students. With those figures in hand, decisions could be made.

Mr. Patterson went on-- proving how well he understands Lakewood-- by describing how pleased he is that this plan will allow us to preserve what he described as our "treasured Lakewood tradition" of providing neighborhood schools.

The next task we must accomplish together is passing a bond to fund our portion of the project, he said. He expressed his appreciation for the knowledge, experience and collective wisdom brought to this process by the community, saying in conclusion, "Together we will complete the final phase of the Facility Master Plan."

Afterwards, Board President Edward Favre complimented Mr. Patterson and his administrative team for their continuing hard work and diligence in preparing for the OFCC's decision process.

As attendees took in the news, and prepared to ask questions (Superintendent Patterson is a big fan of feedback) the buzz in the room echoed his words. "This is great news for our school district, as more and more people are seeing Lakewood as a destination rather than a stepping stone. People are realizing what we have known for a long time. Lakewood is a great place to raise a family."



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## City News

# Considering Improvements To Lakewood's Lakefront

by Christopher Bindel

The May 20, 2013 Council meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Council President Brian Powers. Skipping ahead in the agenda, the first order of business was the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board Awards.

Every year the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board recognizes home and business owners for construction projects that complement the historic integrity of the building. This year marked the 12th year for the awards with nine structures and their owners being recognized. Among the winners were the Baily Building, Spin Bike Shop, The Clifton Club, a home that was originally built by German immigrants with German decorative aspects, and a home originally built for George Steinbrenner (grandfather of the Yankee's owner).

Next, Planning and Development Director, Dru Siley, asked Council to consider passing a resolution that would allow the City to enter into a contract with consultants that would help the city redesign the western portion of Lakewood Parks lake front. A number of years ago, when the improvements to Lakewood Park, including the waterfront promenade, were made, there were additional plans for a fishing pier and better access to the water. However due to limits on land

acquisition, land condition restraints, and funding, those improvements are not feasible. Since then there has been approximately \$300,000 left of the original money to still be used. However the money has specific restrictions on it that limit it only to lakefront park improvements. The City is seeking \$25,000 for consultant services to develop a plan for the western end of Lakewood Park's lakefront, fitting that budget.

Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) asked Director Siley why the consultant services on a \$300,000 project would cost them \$25,000. Siley told him that much of that portion of Lakewood Park is a landfill of construction debris, so part of the consultation would have to include surveying the land to find out what exactly it is made of and how much they are really able to alter it due to its make up, and that costs substantially more than surveying regular ground.

Council referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Councilman Tom Bullock then asked Council to consider combining forces with the Administration, Board of Education and the Recreation Department to conduct an assessment of the parks' needs in terms of athletic fields. He has received communica-

tions from residents indicating that they feel that the city is lacking facilities for some sports, and even some it does have facilities for, they feel are too small or the space is not evenly distributed around the city for ease of access for residents.

Council referred the matter to the Public Works Committee to be discussed, but Councilman Powers asked that they try to coordinate the discussion with the Parks Master Plan that was passed in 2010. He said a lot of work was put into creating that plan and he wants to make sure this process builds on top of that work rather than replacing it.

Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) then asked Council to join him in supporting a resolution that Fire Chief Gilman was asking Council to pass, making the week of May 20-24 Emergency Medical Services Week. Anderson pointed out that at least 18% of fatal car crashes are caused by distracted driving, including texting. As part of Emergency Medical Services Week, the Lakewood Fire Department will join the Lakewood Board of Education and AT&T to present an anti-texting message to the students at Lakewood High. Part of the presentation will include a 10-minute video

called "It Can Wait" featuring surviving friends of victims killed by texting and driving accidents. He closed his statement by saying that passing the resolution is also a way of recognizing the dedicated paramedics and EMTs who serve the city.

Fire Chief Gilman then asked Council to pass the resolution making the week of May 20-24th Emergency Medical Services Week. This year's theme is "EMS: One Mission, One Team." Council agreed and passed the resolution.

Law Director Kevin Butler then presented to Council the final assessment for the Arthur Avenue lighting project. After holding a required Board of Revision Assessments meeting, at which no one showed up to oppose the project, Council now gets to vote on the ordinance which would assess the cost of the project on the residents' tax bills over 10 years.

Council referred the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Coming to the end of the Council meeting, with no announcements from members of Council or the Administration, Council President Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:47 P.M.

## Bike The Beck - That Was Fun!



photos courtesy of The Great Lakes Courier

Lots of things to do on bikes, and not on bikes, like enjoying "216 Trials Bicycle Stunt Team." Riders are: Kevin Smith, John Schmitmeyer, Daniel Smith, and Robert Ponti. And Lakewood's Super Group, "Fireside," with members John Levis, Tom Leatherman, John Lathan, and Lance Healy. They play Vosh and Lakewood Park this Summer, check them out! Great party, Beck!



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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Saturday, June 1**  
**Lakewood Public Cinema**  
**“Why Do Fools Fall in Love?” (1998) Directed by Gregory Nava**  
**Rated R**

Halle Berry, Vivica Fox and Lela Rochon all fell in love with the same, no-good man—but were any of them really married? It matters because Frankie Lymon was an early rock and roll star, famous for singing the title song back in 1956, and an early rock tragedy, dying long before his boyish looks had faded. The three Mrs. Lymons are forced to dredge up painful memories in open court, forming the strangest sisterhood as they piece together his sad, forgotten life. Good laughs and good music go a long way towards healing old wounds.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Sunday with the Friends: Whiskey Island Ramblers: Irish Music**  
Their storytelling ancestors knew these kinds of characters a hundred and eighty years ago when they first arrived on Whiskey Island—cops, bus drivers, bartenders, hot dog vendors, drinking buddies, girlfriends and musicians. The Ramblers celebrate growing up Irish in an industrial landscape.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Monday, June 3**  
**Taste of Judaism: A Three-Part Class for People of All Faiths**  
These classes, sponsored by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and the Cleveland Board of Rabbis, serve as an introduction for new friends. Explore the spirituality, ethics and community of the Jewish faith with like-minded knowledge-seekers under the guidance of a local rabbi. The traditions of Judaism have deep roots in our national culture. Learn more about your own community by engaging in a dialogue with friends.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

**Mondays, June 10 – July 15**  
**Otaku Café - For youth in sixth through twelfth grade**  
Have fun exploring Japanese culture through Manga and Anime. Participate in discussions on shows, movies, books, characters, and plotlines, learn to draw manga style, discuss con etiquette and cosplay. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275 ext. 140.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

**Saturday, June 8**  
**Tail Waggin’ Tutors - For school-age children**  
Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-to-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

**Monday, May 20 – Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**Summer Reading Club - For youth, birth through twelfth grade**  
Feeling adventurous? Join our Summer Reading Club and read 30 books or for 30 hours over the summer. Visit the Reading Club desk to collect stamps and tickets for prize drawings. Special rewards for those who finish! To register, please stop in and fill out a registration form.

Children and Youth’s Services desk at both the Lakewood Public Library’s Main and Madison branches.

**Family Weekend Wonders**  
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Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

## LPL Serves Up A Steaming Cup Of Anime At Otaku Café

by Nicka Petruccio

Teens and tweens can meet up with like-minded peers this summer at Lakewood Public Library’s “Otaku Café,” a six week program aimed at fans of anime & manga.

The word “otaku” is a Japanese term used to describe someone with an obsessive interest and has come to be synonymous with anime and manga fans in the United States. The genre has steadily grown in popularity over the past 20 years, gradually getting absorbed into the mainstream. The appeal still may baffle some, but fans of the genre can’t get enough. To that effect, Lakewood Library is happy to present this program which will go beyond the cartoons and

comics, dipping into all aspects of anime culture. Whether you’re new or knee deep in your fandom, you’ll have a great time immersing yourself in six weeks of anime-themed awesomeness. We’ll examine Japanese culture as reflected in anime, hold a manga drawing workshop, host a series sharing session where everyone can talk about their favorite series, discuss anime cons & cosplay (dress-up), and lots more!

Join us Mondays, June 10th through July 15th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Youths entering the 6th through 12th grades are invited to attend, but registration is limited so call soon to reserve your seat at Otaku Café! Call 216-226-8275 ext. 140 for more information.

**Wednesday, June 5**  
**Lakewood Historical Society: “From Munich to Metropolis: The Evolution of Cleveland’s Artistic Heritage”**

From the earliest creative rumblings to the masters of the Cleveland School, follow the development of our region’s artistic legacy and its major players. Lauren Hansgen of the Cleveland Artists Foundation shares how Cleveland artists, as both students and teachers, brought regional traditions into the national and international art scenes with surprising results for our rich cultural heritage.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Saturday, June 8**  
**Hitchcock Comes to Hollywood “Spellbound” (1945)**

Ingrid Bergman is a psychiatrist at an asylum run by Leo G. Carroll who is about to retire. His replacement, Gregory Peck, arrives but behaves more like an inmate than a doctor. Bergman falls in love with him anyway as she tries to get to the bottom of his strange behavior. Surrealist Salvador Dali designed Peck’s outlandish dream sequence for Hitchcock and Miklos Rozsa wrote the Oscar-winning score.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Sunday, June 9**  
**Sunday with the Friends: “Winter Rails and Lackawana Memories”**  
Photographer Roger Durfee loves to take pictures of trains in all kinds of weather all over this great land. Watch his favorite locomotives come to life in this big screen presentation for devoted train enthusiasts and those who just like to watch them roll on by.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

**Monday, June 10**  
**Taste of Judaism: A Three-Part Class for People of All Faiths**  
These classes, sponsored by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and the Cleveland Board of Rabbis, serve as an introduction for new friends. Explore the spirituality, ethics and community of the Jewish faith with like-minded knowledge-seekers under the guidance of a local rabbi. The traditions of Judaism have deep roots in our national culture. Learn more about your own community by engaging in a dialogue with friends.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

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7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room



## Saturday MBA Open Houses

The Saturday MBA program is now registering for Fall 2013. The program is designed for working professionals and can be completed in two years -- every other Saturday – one course at a time.  
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Lakewood Public Library

Thank You, Thank You

by Kathryn Tatnall

On Tuesday May 14, author Stephanie Tolan stopped by the Library to meet and connect with budding young writers—thanks to the generous support of the Lakewood Public Library Foundation and the Friends of Lakewood Public Library. More than 200 student and adults were able to hear the presentation, “Once Upon a Time...Happily ever After, The Magical Life of a Writer.”

Did you know that Ms. Tolan began her writing career in the 4th grade? Thankfully neither she nor her mother listened to the criticism of her sixth grade teacher, who claimed that the author would never amount to anything because she was interested in too many different subjects. This diversity of interest seems to have only served to make her a better writer.

One of the more fascinating subjects she spoke about was the work she does with very gifted children and their families. From this work she was inspired to write the first two books in "The Ark" trilogy, with the third book



Author Stephanie Tolan stopped by the Library to connect with children.

to come when, as the author says, "It writes itself." Stephanie Tolan is one of the most intelligent and interesting people I have ever met and I think I speak for all that met her when I say thank you to the Foundation and the Friends for funding this event.

Who's That Librarian?  
Deborah Core

- by Ben Burdick
- 1. Name/Position/Department:** Deborah Core/Assistant Supervisor/ Customer & Automation Services
  - 2. Birthplace:** Tampa, Florida
  - 3. Tell us something interesting about yourself:** I self-published (and co-authored) a book which includes a collection of my meditations.
  - 4. How long have you worked at LPL?** 6 years.
  - 5. What's your favorite spot in the Library?** My favorite spot is the Grand Reading Room because of its quiet serenity.
  - 6. What are you reading right now?** "The Contemplative Heart," "Everyday Happy Herbivore" and "Frommer's Paris 2013."
  - 7. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three books would you want in your backpack?** "Lessons in Truth" by Emily Cady, "As a Man Thinketh" by James Allen and "The Prophet" by Khalil Gibran.
  - 8. Do you have a favorite memory of the library?** In my early twenties while browsing the stacks at the Hillsborough County Public Library, I discovered Rumi, Khalil Gibran, Jiddu Krishnamurti, Emmet Fox and countless others. It was a defining moment in my life.
  - 9. Suddenly you find yourself living the life of a book character. Who**



Deborah Core, Assistant Supervisor, Customer & Automation Services

**are you and why?** Well, a little twist on the question: I would love to find myself living my life with the character and consciousness of Jesus. He is an inspiration.

**10. What might surprise us about your work at LPL?** The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes is incredible. Each person in every department and all of our volunteers contribute in numerous valuable ways, providing a wide variety of services for the community. There's a world of resources here at Lakewood Library and I urge everyone to come in and utilize them. You never know what you'll discover!

Sunday With The Friends:  
Whiskey Island Ramblers

by Charity Thomas

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd at Lakewood Public Library for Celtic Rock from Whiskey Island by the Whiskey Island Ramblers.

Brothers Joe and Ed Feighan grew up performing traditional Irish music, eventually transforming their Folk duo into a Celtic Rock band in 2004. With the addition of percussionist Tim Lane and accordion/keyboard player Justin Gorski, the " Rambler" sound was born. Americana and Worldbeat rhythms pulse under vocals, guitars and accordians.

The Whiskey Island Ramblers have performed in the Great Lakes region and as far away as Belfort, France, in festivals, pubs, clubs, and concert venues. Following several limited releases the Whiskey Island Ramblers released a full-length album of original and traditional songs.

The Ramblers present a gallery of growing up Irish in America: cops, bus drivers, hot dog vendors, chimney sweeps, bartenders, gabbers, sailors, judges, mayors, parents, drinking buddies, girlfriends, lawyers, bumbling bureaucrats and musicians who drive around in junked up cars make their appearance on Whiskey Island and the surrounding industrial landscape. They illuminate these characters in song keeping in stride with the legacy of their storytelling ancestors who arrived on Whiskey Island nearly one hundred and eighty years ago.

The Whiskey Island Ramblers will take the Main Auditorium stage at Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

All programs are free and open to the public.

The New Bricks On The Block

by Katie Juray

There are some new bricks on the 15425 block of Detroit Ave. LEGO bricks that is. Thanks to the generosity of patron donations and the Friends of the Library, the Lakewood Public Library Children's and Youth Services Department now has the foundation necessary to build our newest program, The Lakewood LEGO League. The club, which will be for children in grades K-5, will meet once a month beginning on Sunday April 28, 2013 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Main library Activity Room. Additional sessions will occur on May 19, June 23, July 21, and August 18.

At each monthly session, students will be able to use LPL's collection of LEGO bricks to create fabulous new structures and designs. (Participants are encouraged to bring their imaginations, but not their own bricks-- while new ideas are likely to be found, tiny toys are likely to be lost!) They will also have the opportunity to meet other young builders, as well as to check out LPL's large collection of LEGO books. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their children, but due to choking haz-



ards children under the age of five will not be permitted in the program.

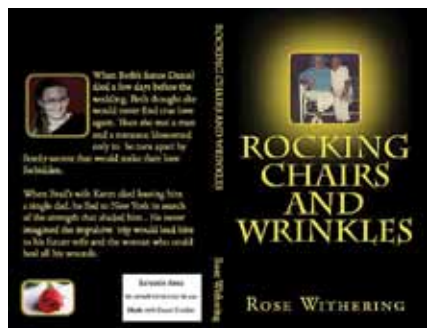
There is NO REGISTRATION for this program; however numbered tickets will be available 30 minutes before each scheduled time. One ticket will be issued per child. Tickets are picked up on a first come, first served basis each month. Please contact the Children's Department at (216)226-8275 ext. 140 for any questions.

Book Signing With Local  
Author Rose Withering

by Mary Lovallo

Local author Rose Withering has released her latest book, "Rocking Chairs and Wrinkles" and is holding a book signing at the Lakewood Library main branch on June 1st from 2-4 p.m. It is open to the public.

Please purchase her book on Amazon.com before attending as library regulations do not allow sales at the library. She will be giving away two copies of "Rocking Chairs and Wrinkles" and two copies of her second book "Soul Mates" in a FREE raffle. The library has a copy of both "Soul Mates" and her first book, "Amanda's



Local author, Rose Withering is holding a book signing for her latest book, "Rocking Chairs and Wrinkles" at the Lakewood Library main branch on June 1st.

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# Lakewood Schools



Invention Convention Grand Prize winner Sydney Heckeler of Emerson Elementary.

## Lakewood Students Grab Top Prizes At Invention Convention

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools grabbed three of the top six prizes at the annual Cleveland Regional Invention Convention on May 11, including the Grand Prize. Sydney Heckeler, a fourth-grader at Emerson Elementary, took home the Grand Prize and \$2,500, fifth-grader Evan Bell of Emerson and seventh-grader Damien Jouriles of Garfield Middle School captured first place for their grade levels, along with \$500 scholarships.

Heckeler's invention, "The Hit Free," entails using a small device installed near golf tees that senses if another golfer is too close and therefore in danger of being hit with a swinging club. In this case, the sensor's red light would illuminate. If the area is clear for the driving golfer, the sensor gives the all-clear green light.

Bell earned his first place award with his "Remote Retriever," which allows TV users to find their lost remotes by attaching the remote to a

retractable leash. Jouriles' first-place invention, "Paw Print Preventer," consists of a low, cushioned platform with holes for four paws. When a dog comes in from outside and places all four paws in the holes, a treat is automatically dispensed from an attached container.

Besides the three top prize winners, five other students submitted inventions for the competition, which included schools from seven Northeast Ohio counties. Two of those students earned a top 50 finish in their grade level and earned \$50 college bonds: Emerson fifth-graders Claire Martin and Tully Worrone. Garfield Middle School sixth-grader Gabby Murray and Emerson fifth-graders Alice King and Emma Hirsch also participated.

Heckeler is the second Lakewood Schools student who has captured the convention's top prize. At the 2008 convention, current Harding seventh-grader Saige Rook captured the Grand Prize for her "American Chopsticks" invention.

The students were guided by their teachers, Emerson 4/5 teacher Chris Karabinus, Garfield's Jessie Holland and Harding Science teacher Ann Pesta. Retired 2/3 elementary teacher Maureen Marshall has been the district's coordinator for the convention since it came to Cleveland in 2007.

The convention, which began 18 years ago in Columbus, inspires students in grades K-8 to create and problem-solve. The students always come up with useful, if sometimes crazy, and interesting solutions.

## Pair Of Principals Retiring



Kathleen McGorray



Noreen Hazen

by Christine Gordillo

Among the 37 Lakewood City Schools staff members that are retiring at the end of this school year are two key administrators. Horace Mann Elementary principal Kathleen McGorray and Lincoln Elementary principal Noreen Hazen will conclude their careers after many years with the district.

McGorray is wrapping up her 38th year with the district. She joined Lakewood City Schools in 1975 as an elementary teacher, eventually becoming principal at Taft and McKinley elementaries, and finally at Horace Mann.

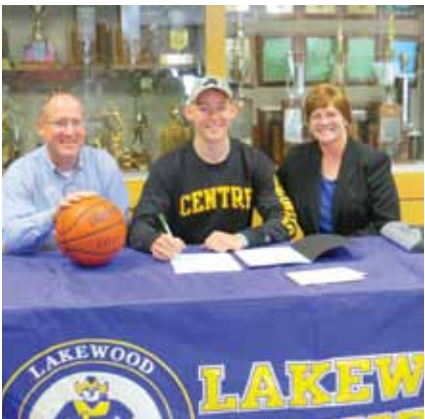
"I am so very grateful for the wonderful students and families and the exceptional staff with whom I've worked over the years," McGorray said. "What a pleasure it has been to watch our students learn and grow! I will always feel a part of our outstanding, supportive school community in Lakewood."

Hazen joined Lakewood Schools for the 2001-2002 school year and has spent her entire Lakewood career as principal of Lincoln. Prior to coming to Lakewood, she taught in Cleveland Schools, Urban Community School in Cleveland and Avon Lake, where she served also as assistant principal at Avon Lake High and principal at Eastview Elementary.

"It has been an honor to work with outstanding staff and parents to provide exceptional learning opportunities for the children at Lincoln," Hazen said. "I appreciate the opportunity to work in an outstanding school system and look forward to continuing my support of Lakewood City Schools as a very interested Lakewood citizen."

Both of these educators have contributed significantly to the success of our district.

## Nelson Headed To Centre College



LHS senior Peter Nelson, joined by his parents, Pete and Laura, recently committed to playing basketball for Centre College in Danville, Ky. Nelson will attend Centre on a 4-year, full ride Army ROTC scholarship.

## District Offering K-3 Reading Camp

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools will run a six-week summer Reading Camp for eligible students currently in grades kindergarten through third grade. This summer Reading Camp is offered to our students free of charge due in large part to a state grant received associated with the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

The Reading Camp is targeting students who are identified "not on track" for reading and have a Reading Improvement Monitoring Plan. Literacy skill development and home connections will be the focus of the camp in order to build strong reading skills that will transfer to the regular school year. It is the expectation that interested students will attend all six weeks of the Reading Camp.

The six weeks are as follows: June 17- June 20, June 24-27, July 8 July 11, July 15 – July 18, July 29 – August 1,

and August 5 – August 8. The Reading Camp will run from 9 a.m. – noon each day at Grant Elementary School. Transportation will be provided to and from all elementary schools with the exception of Grant.

It is our hope that parents of eligible children can take advantage of this opportunity. Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, students who are identified as "not on track" and who fail to attain the appropriate level of reading competency by the end of third grade will not advance to fourth grade.

You can sign your child up for this great opportunity in two different manners.

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LHS Students Savor Spring Break in Spain

by Sam Baker

We all know the feeling of when school has taken its toll, but with that, eagerness and excitement builds within you any time a break from academics is on the horizon. Maybe it was a fun family road trip that you were looking forward to, or partying it up on the warm and welcoming beaches of Florida! But how would you feel about exploring Spain?

When Lakewood High's 2013 Spring Break had finally arrived, it was officially time for 22 LHS students and three chaperones to jet off on the trip of a lifetime and tour the praised European country to its full potential.

This 12-day journey would entail spectacular sight-seeing, wandering, and learning within eight different cities of Spain including Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Costa del Sol, Seville, Córdoba, and the capital, Madrid.

Every single one of us had never been to Spain before, with the exception of our advisor, Mr. Heslep, who has taught Spanish at Lakewood High for nine years.

The experience was based around being exposed to, and then almost unknowingly immersed in Spanish culture. For example, if the waitress at our restaurant was rude, we didn't get the satisfaction of giving her a small tip, because in Spain everyone barely tips waiters and waitresses at all! In addition, eating countless cups of gelato, dodging cars that moved along the crowded, narrow streets, and staying up past midnight were just some of the ways the group was quickly getting accustomed to the Spanish lifestyle.

Since most of us study Spanish in school, we hardly struggled when we quickly realized that knowing the language in a foreign country is critically important. However, it seemed like we were the only ones in the whole country saying "lo siento" (I'm sorry) any time we bumped into someone. Although natives are actually glad that we're making our best attempt at speaking Spanish, some can grow very impatient. Nevertheless, this immersion was extremely good practice for us and enhanced our Spanish language skills.

The beautiful historical land-



The 22 LHS students who traveled to Spain for Spring Break outside of the Seville cathedral.

marks and sites that we saw made us appreciate everything Spain has that America lacks.

The Sagrada Família, built in Barcelona in 1882 by Antoni Gaudí, hales as one of, if not the most famous churches in all of Spain. It gave a whole new in-depth perspective into Christianity and religion as a whole.

Also located in Barcelona and also built by Gaudí, Park Güell is a masterpiece garden. Benches, terraces, and pathways are artfully-designed.

Mr. Heslep compared the park to the Cleveland Metroparks, but it far surpassed our valley.

The Alhambra, built in the ninth century, is an architecturally magnificent Muslim palace (now a popular place for tourists) that lies within a stone-walled fortress in Granada. It was the most historically significant site we saw on the entire trip.

Costa del Sol is Spain's main attraction for beach-going tourists. Although it had rained on one of our

two days at the beach, we still managed to enjoy the beautiful Mediterranean Sea on Spain's east coast.

Part of our beach and boardwalk time at Costa del Sol was spent getting pedicures. This meant that in order to get those smooth, callous-free feet, we had to put our feet in a tank full of small fish that loved the taste of dead human skin. It simply tickled when the fish would nibble from the legs to in between your toes, but it took about 20-30 seconds for the screaming to subside and the relaxation to set in. You may call it gross, but we thought our fish foot spa culture shock was glorious.

We toured the Royal Palace of Madrid during our last couple days in Spain. The elegance of every room had our group in awe. We learned primarily what every room's purpose was within the extensive complex, which even included a medieval armory. It was a real taste of aged cultivated beauty in Spain.

As we are still just your everyday American teenagers, this adventure was truly an opportunity worth nonstop appreciation. We got so much out of the trip that one of our advisors suggested a future Travel Club at LHS! Experience really is the best teacher, and Spain lived up to our fantastic cultural expectations.

Sam Baker is a sophomore at Lakewood High School.

Lakewood, OH, Schoolchildren Benefit From Start Of Veggie U Program

by Vicki Jenkins

The Veggie U classroom garden program is underway at Grant Elementary. This unique program was designed to teach children about nutrition and the importance of making wise food choices, as well as introduce them to the concept of sustainable agriculture. Veggie U's attitude surveys show that participation in the program increases the likelihood that vegetables will remain a healthy choice in the students' diet.

The mission of Veggie U, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to promote the well-being of children through a healthy lifestyle, with a focus on making wise food choices. Veggie U is an effective way to combat the growing epidemic of child-



Farmer Bob Jones guides schoolchildren throughout the Veggie U program.

hood obesity and diabetes, and the onslaught of packaged food marketing aimed at schoolchildren. Created by a team of educators, a physician, and a nutritionist, over 2600 of the classroom garden kits have been placed in 31 states and Washington DC. Veg-

gie U is made available to classrooms through private donations and grants. Funds were made available for the Veggie U classroom garden program at Grant Elementary through various

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Sports

# Rangers Varsity Baseball Captures Sectional Title, Advance To District Playoffs - Senior Wayne Naida Named All-Ohio

by Jay Foran

The Lakewood Rangers Varsity Baseball team took the momentum of their 21-win season into the state playoffs to capture the Lorain Sectional crown with a 13-3 pasting of the Elyria Pioneers. Elyria, one of Northeast Ohio's best offensive teams, had no match for Lakewood's pitching and defense and timely hitting.

no game this season better demonstrated the importance of baseball fundamentals and mental toughness as the two highly-talented teams squared up at Lakewood Stadium. The Rangers made the plays and delivered the hits when they had to while the Pioneers were guilty of ill-timed fielding miscues and base running errors. When three different Elyria runners tried to take an extra base the Ranger defense applied textbook relays to cut down the runners and take the starch out of potential Pioneer rallies.

Meanwhile the Rangers took advantage of a couple of Elyria mistakes to take control of the game in the bottom of the 2nd inning. The inning saw 13 Rangers bat and nine runners score on a collection of five hits, two hit batsmen, two Elyria errors and even a rare catcher's interference call. With the bases loaded thanks to Elyria errors, senior center-fielder Marquese Tyus got the Rangers on the scoreboard by ripping a two-run double to right centerfield. Senior short-stop Eric Roder delivered a double to the same spot plating two more runs. Senior designated hitter Jesus Denizard pushed the score to 5-0 with a single into left field. The bases were reloaded when junior Chase Osterman added a single and senior captain Wayne Naida was awarded first base on the catcher's interference. After sophomore Max Lavisky was plunked by an errant pitch to force in another run, senior leftfielder Dylan Bruening delivered a bases-clearing double to right center.

Head Coach Mike Ribar said "... that 2nd inning was huge! Getting a big lead early gave the boys confidence while at the same time let them settle down a bit. No matter how many games we won, these are the playoffs. Everybody is a little nervous." Ribar added, "The clutch hitting by the guys was impressive. All season we have been encouraging the boys to drive the ball toward the big tree that sits outside the field in deep right center. It was fun to watch at least four of our hits driven to that part of the park."

Junior Jameson Foran started and went the distance for the win, his fourth complete game and fifth victory of the season. He surrendered six hits and three runs while walking no one. In four of the innings, Foran set down the Elyria lineup one-two-three. Pitching Coach Tim LaBar commented, "Jameson is reflective of many of our pitchers. He is composed, has good control, challenges the hitters and has confidence in his fielders. Jameson made quality pitches when he had to."



Eric Roder (16) and the rest of the Ranger bench enthusiastically greet Wayne Naida (17) and Max Lavisky (18) after they scored on a Dylan Bruening double.



Junior starter Jameson Foran went the distance vs. the Elyria Pioneers to help the Rangers secure the Lorain Sectional Championship 13-3.

After Elyria closed the gap to 9-3 in the 3rd inning, seniors Denizard and Brian Hrdlicka answered back for the Rangers. Denizard's bases loaded walk added one tally and Hrdlicka singled up the box to bring in runs number 11 and 12. Hrdlicka and Bruening doubled back to back in the sixth to close out the game as game officials enforced the 10 run differential rule.

Next up for the Ranger squad is the Lorain District playoffs where they are likely to match up again with Midview and pitcher Eric Lauer. Midview has been Lakewood's nemesis this season, beating the Rangers twice behind the pitching of Lauer, a major league pitching prospect. Lauer, who is expected to again pitch against the Rangers, has not surrendered a single run in 42 innings this season. However, this Rangers baseball squad has shown a lot of mental toughness throughout this campaign and should never be underestimated.

**Wayne Naida Named All-Ohio**  
Senior catcher Wayne Naida was named All-Ohio in recognition of his outstanding 2013 season and his two-year Lakewood career. Naida, who transferred to Lakewood in 2011, is a tri-captain and demonstrated exceptional play both behind and at the plate. Naida is considered one of the best catchers statewide for his ability to handle the pitching staff, block errant pitches and make bang-bang plays at the plate. His hitting prowess is equal

to his defensive skill. Naida leads the Ranger hitters in nine offensive categories including Batting Average (.511), Slugging Percentage (.682), On Base Percentage (.564), Runs (32), and RBIs (28). Congratulations Wayne Naida!

**Below are capsules of Lakewood's last two regular season games:**

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The Rangers jumped out to a 7-0 lead by the 2nd inning and collected 13 hits overall in the contest. Senior first baseman Brian Hrdlicka applied most of the damage, contributing four hits and three RBIs. Eric Roder, Wayne Naida, Danny Zagaria and Tommy Fuller added two hits each. Senior Marty Hartsel (4-0) picked up the win, going five innings and giving up four hits and one run. Senior relievers Fuller and Roder each went a scoreless inning to secure the Rangers 20-win season.

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Midpark Meteors	3

Lakewood honored its 14 senior players prior to the start of the game. The senior-only starting line-up did not disappoint as they overtook the Meteors' early lead and won 11-3. Senior starter Jake Antel went the distance, pushing his record to 6-0. Coach Ribar worked the line-up so that every one of the 18 varsity players saw game time in preparation for the district playoff game versus Midview.

## Lakewood Rookie Burns Bright In Roller Derby



EnemyLou Harris, left center, scoring points for the Hellbombers in this season's opening game. Photo by Dave Brown Images

by Aubrey Winkler

Long-time Lakewood resident "EnemyLou Harris" hasn't let this being her first year skating stop her from turning heads in Cleveland's premier flat track roller derby league. A rookie member of the Burning River Roller Girls, EnemyLou took to her skates this season as a blocker and jammer for one of the Burning River Roller Girls' four home teams, the Hellbombers.

We grabbed her off her skates long enough for her to dish about roller derby. Learn a little about one of Lakewood's superstar skaters, and come out for the Burning River Roller Girls' next bout Saturday, June 1 at the Ohio Nets Sports Complex in Parma. Tickets are available at [www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/244691](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/244691).

**Name and number:** EnemyLou Harris, #74".

**Team:** " Hellbombers".

**What's your favorite thing about Lakewood?:** " I love the people. People here have this friendly attitude, almost like you're friends before you've even met."

**What benefits do you think roller derby brings to the community?:** "It's another fun thing to do. I think the more opportunities to get out and be involved in the community, the happier the community"

**What do you think is the future of roller derby?:** " I hope it keeps going strong because I love it, and I'm here to stay!"

**"You" in five adjectives:** athletic, competitive, empathetic, genuine, and conscientious."

**What is your personal motto when it comes to competitive sports?:** " If you put in the work ahead of time, you'll reap the rewards later"

**If people should know one thing about derby, it is:** "Derby is empowering to women and sets a great example for young girls."

Come cheer on the Hellbombers, the Hardknockers, the Cleveland Steamers, or the Rolling Pin-Ups on June 1 to see EnemyLou Harris! For more information, visit [www.burningriverrollergirls.com](http://www.burningriverrollergirls.com).



## Lakewood Is Art

Grammy Award-Winning Duo Performs At Beck Center:

# Cathy And Marcy Offer Music And Fun For Preschool Families And Educators, June 7 & 8, 2013

by Fran Storch

Beck Center for the Arts presents a weekend of music, fun and learning with two-time Grammy® Award-winning duo, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, June 7 and 8, 2013. A live concert for children and families takes place 7 p.m. Friday, June 7 in the Music-Armory Building at Beck Center. This is a free event, but space is limited and registration is required. To register, please call Brittany Lesch at 216.521.2540, ext. 34 or email blesch@beckcenter.org. This free concert is made possible through the generous support of the PNC Foundation's Grow Up Great initiative. To learn more, visit pncgrowupgreat.com.

Cathy and Marcy perform an engaging and interactive show on a variety of instruments including acoustic and electric guitars, banjos, mandolin, ukulele, percussion, and inspiring homemade instruments (oatmeal box banjo, cigar box electric guitar). The duo brings music to life in a memorable and meaningful way. Drawing on their repertoire of over 250 songs and 25+ years of performing, Cathy and Marcy's shows bring families together and allow children to have fun and learn at the same time.

Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer are singers, songwriters, educators, and record producers with a repertoire of traditional and contemporary folk, old-time country and swing music. Their superb harmonies are backed by instrumental virtuosity on the acoustic and electric guitar, five-string banjo, mandolin, cello banjo, ukulele, percussion and many other instruments. They engage and entertain audiences of all ages, with a broad following in family music and in American Roots styles. With a witty stage presence and warm audience rapport, this well loved music duo are a hit with children and adults. Learn more at cathymarcy.com.

On Saturday, June 8, Beck Center's Creative Arts Therapies Program hosts "Music in Early Childhood Education: Sing & Play in a Whole New Way," a professional development day for pre-

school educators from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Music-Armory Building at Beck Center. The day's activities begin with a Continental breakfast followed by a keynote address entitled "Positively Brainy Ideas to Create a Happier You In and Out of the Classroom" presented by Patrice Koerper, MSM, RPCV, a Certified Life Coach and Creative Consultant. Cathy and Marcy then present "Celebrating Diversity & Self-Esteem:

Discovery through Music, Stories & Art," a two-hour music session. The cost is \$15 per person. Participants may register online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org). The registration deadline for this continuing education course is Saturday, June 1, 2013. This is a Step Up To Quality approved training session presented in collaboration with Lakewood Child Care Center.

Patrice Koerper, MSM, RPCV, is a

Certified Life Coach and Creative Consultant, with a B.A. in Psychology and Masters in the Science of Management. In her keynote address, Koerper shares science-based, life-enhancing, fun tips to keep educators feeling refreshed and motivated. Find out why your brain is your best friend and how to use it to create your best life. For more information, please visit Koerper's website at [wishfulthinkingworks.com](http://wishfulthinkingworks.com).

## Beck Center Dance Education Presents Spring Dance Concerts: June 1-9, 2013

by Fran Storch

Beck Center's popular bi-annual dance concerts return this spring to the Mackey Main Stage. All students from the Dance Education Program at Beck Center participate in two uniquely different dance concerts the first two weekends in June. Tickets are on sale now.

"Our bi-annual concerts are reflective of the many types of dance that Beck Center offers," remarked Melanie Szucs, associate director of Dance Education. "These performance opportunities also give our students the chance to showcase their classroom efforts and progress by performing on stage in costume and make-up with professional lighting."

Youth, teen and adult dancers perform "And the Winner Is..." the weekend of June 1 and 2 with performances at 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. This dance concert is a Hollywood-themed performance that highlights awards ceremonies, complete with a red carpet and award-winning music from the Grammys, Oscars and Tony Awards, plus popular hit songs.

Beck Center's youngest dance students, ages 3 to 7, perform "A Day in the Park," June 8 and 9, where they share their developing talents in an age-appropriate park and play-themed dance concert. Performances are 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. "Beck

Center prides itself on offering quality technique-based instruction to all students regardless of their age or ability level," noted Szucs.

Tickets for each concert are \$12 for adults and seniors, and \$10 for children (18 and under) and may be purchased online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or by calling Customer Service at 216.521.2540, ext. 10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

These performances are sponsored by the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and free gallery exhibits featuring local, regional, and international artists.

## Razzle Dazzle Comes To The Beck Center

by Betsy Voinovich

A couple of Saturday nights ago, I had the great opportunity to take in a show at the Beck Center called, "The Nature of Things" put on by a group called Razzle Dazzle. My friend from the Root, Roy Williams, had given me a flyer and let me know that it would be a great show.

The show was made up of musical numbers all centering around the weather-- from "Cold As Ice" to "Heat Wave," with some "Raining Men," in between. Razzle Dazzle did dance routines, and conga lines with the audience, until everyone was on their feet enjoying "the weather." Thanks Roy, so glad I had a chance to see this, and thanks Beck Center for hosting the show.



Roy Williams shows off his muscles playing the strong man in Razzle Dazzle's version of "Raining Men."



Some of the audience joins the conga line as others high five the group.



Above: At the end of the show, every cast member was introduced, and given a chance to take a bow on their own.

Below: The end of the 13th annual Razzle Dazzle- another successful show!



Here Roy Williams is introduced as the "man about town" in Lakewood. Many members of the audience were invited by Roy personally.

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# Lakewood Is Art

## Scholarship Awarded To Up-And-Coming Woman Entrepreneur At Virginia Marti College

by Margaret Brinich

On Friday, May 24th the Virginia Marti College of Art & Design (VMCAD) celebrated the great work of its students at the Annual Student Art Exhibit. Each spring this student showcase features the talents of students from a wide variety of disciplines, ranging from fashion design to interior design to graphic design.

As usual, the highlight of the evening's event was the presentation of the Lakewood Arts Festival Scholarship. This year's \$500 award went to graphic design major Jessica Sheneman and was presented by Lakewood Arts Festival Foundation board member

Karolyn Isenhardt.

While the work on display from all of the students was excellent, Jessica's project outside the classroom setting serving as the graphic designer for the Virginia Marti College Foundation's "Great Women Entrepreneurs" event set her scholarship application apart. Her role with this event was particularly fitting given Jessica's own ambitions to open her own graphic design firm- she is a budding young woman entrepreneur herself!

Her instructor and Chair of the Graphic Design and Digital Media Departments, Todd Saperstein, described her work best explain-

ing, "She [Jessica] is a model student, always going above and beyond expectations. Jessica is an incredible Graphic Designer and Illustrator...Jessica is not just a great designer; she is a consummate professional."

Congratulations to Jessica and to all of her VMCAD classmates on another exceptional Student Art Exhibit.

*Left: 2013 LAF Scholarship winner Jessica Sheneman (center) stands in front of some of her graphic design work at the Annual Student Art Exhibit with LAF board member Karolyn Isenhardt and VMCAD department chair & instructor Todd Saperstein.*



## A One Night "BubbaPalooza" Is Happening At Breakneck Gallery

by Laura Dumm

Cleveland artist Laura Dumm announces BubbaPalooza, an art show "Happening": A one night event designed to celebrate everything that is "Bubba"!

Last year Laura created a painting rendered from a photo of her 17-pound orange and white cat named Bubba that became the start of a year-long exploration of artistic imagery, ranging from the comical to the sublime. Inspired by that one photo of her cat-muse, Laura utilized a diversity of styles and mediums to paint 19 different portraits of the cherubic feline. In addition to her paintings of Bubba, she produced a movie, a sculpture, a mask, a box, a ready-made, pencil drawings, ink drawings, a comic book (done with her husband Gary Dumm), a few pieces of jewelry and a construction. No stranger to the age of social media, Bubba even has his own facebook page ("Like" him at <https://www.facebook.com/BubbaDumm>).

This show is an exuberant and colorful exploration of the artist's craft. Each style variation in the finished art is evidence of the different challenges Laura met during the course of creating her show. "Ever since I was a young artist I'd been told to find a style and perfect it. I never understood that thinking. This past year has been so much fun painting how I felt at that particular moment, freely investigating my process of making art," Laura said.

Light refreshments and beverages will be served and a 3D exhibit will raise money for local cat rescue organizations.

BubbaPalooza will be happening on June 15 at Breakneck Gallery, 17020 Madison Avenue, from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. The show will be up from Friday, June 14th until Wednesday, June 18th. If you want to preview the show but cannot make the one-night event, you can make an appointment to view the



artwork by contacting Laura Dumm at [artcat12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artcat12@sbcglobal.net). For more information on the gallery, visit <http://www.breakneckgallery.com>.

Please join us for a celebration of "Everything Bubba"!

## Quaker Steak & Lube Is Hosting An Artist Bazaar

by Kayla Rutkowski

Quaker Steak & Lube in Lakewood would like to invite you to be a part of our 1st annual Artie Gras event!

Artie Gras is a new and exciting outdoor bazaar, hosted here at Lakewood's Quaker Steak & Lube in the parking lot as well as inside the building. Artie Gras allows many different artists and artisans to socialize while selling their hand-crafted art. This event will be held on the second Thursday of every month from 5-9 p.m. (weather permitting) and started on May 9, 2013. We are looking to make this year extremely successful as well as every year to follow.

We are seeking new, as well as established, artists and artisans who can bring something fresh and inspiring to the local community, whether it be ceramics, music, paintings, drawings, accessories, metals, dance, jewelry, photography, crafts, etc...,

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Lakewood Cares

# Did You Know Chautauquas Were Held In Lakewood In The 1900s?

by Jeanne Rickert

What is Chautauqua? Chautauqua has a number of meanings. Many in Northeast Ohio and western New York state know it as the Chautauqua Assembly, located on the idyllic shore of Lake Chautauqua in western New York.

What continues today at Lake Chautauqua in New York was actually the first of its kind. In the last decades of the 19th century, there were many similar assemblies. There was, of course, no television (or internet), and travel was only for the wealthy. The Chautauqua assemblies were summer entertainment, and part of an adult education movement throughout the United States. Chautauqua assemblies would have provided programs on topics of the day and drawn their audience from surrounding communities. As the railroads were built, the audience expanded and Chautauqua assemblies became larger and some were like big fairs.

The New York Chautauqua assembly was organized in 1874. It evolved from a camp set up as a summer training program for Methodist Sunday school teachers. It took on a life of its own and became more general in its curriculum. Another early Chautauqua was founded in 1877 at Lakeside,

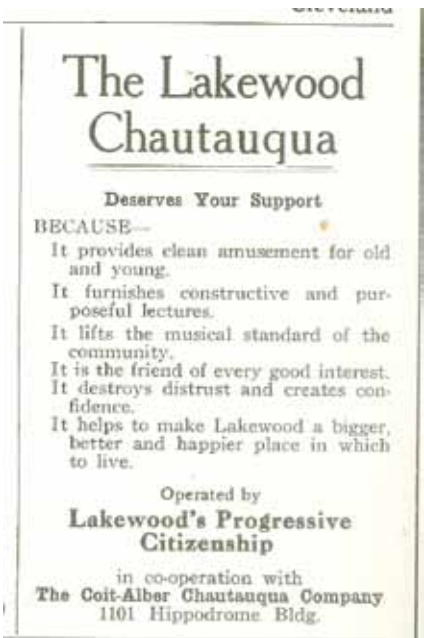
Ohio. Initially a teacher training camp, Lakeside--like other assemblies that were part of the Chautauqua movement--expanded its offerings to more general topics. While some speakers were of local interest, national figures such as Mark Twain and William Jennings Bryan were also on the Chautauqua circuit. The Women's Suffrage movement, with speakers like Susan B. Anthony, used the Chautauqua assemblies to spread its message. Many Chautauquas moved away from any religious connection, but remained family entertainment, often including music as part of the experience.

The limited ability of the audience to travel influenced the movement. The New York Chautauqua started correspondence programs to allow more folks to participate. Other Chautauqua assemblies did not have a fixed location but traveled to different communities. They put up a big tent to offer the local residents the interesting programs and entertainment that made up the Chautauqua experience.

When Lakewood was a new city in Ohio, it was a destination community of the Cleveland based Coit-Alber Chautauqua Company. The Lakewood Historical Society has rediscovered in

its archives a hand flyer advertising the Fourth Annual Lakewood Chautauqua to take place June 20 to 26 in 1918. It was to be located in a tent on the Lakewood High School grounds. The featured speaker was announced as World War I correspondent, Irvin S. Cobb, "World's Greatest War Reporter, just returned from being at the front of the front in France -- the greatest lecture event of the year." Society records show that there were more Chautauqua events held in Lakewood in the 1920s.

Building on the community's historic Chautauqua tradition, Lakewood will host Ohio Chautauqua this summer. Thanks to the efforts of the Lakewood Historical Society, a big red-striped tent will be pitched in Lakewood Park next to the bandstand from June 25 through 29 with musical and dramatic programs each evening. The theme of this year's Chautauqua is "When Ohio Was the Western Frontier." This series will explore the people and events that helped shape our state. The evening programs will feature a scholar, taking on the character of an individual from Ohio's frontier period. The scholar will make a presentation in character to give the audience his or her perspective of early



Advertisement published in United Methodist Cookbook, ca. 1920's

Ohio. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. During the day, related programs will be presented for a youth audience at the Beck Center and for adults at the Lakewood Public Library. Experience Chautauqua for yourself right here in Lakewood. More details can be found at the website of the Lakewood Historical Society at [www.lakewoodhistory.org](http://www.lakewoodhistory.org).

## Lakewood Women's Club Elects Officers For 2013-14

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by Margaret Wetzler

Members of the Lakewood Women's Club (LWC) unanimously voted in the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting on April 11, 2013. Torey Worrone will serve a second term as President, Mary Dodge will serve as Vice President, Diana Quickel will serve as Secretary, and Meghan Friedrich will serve as Treasurer. The officers make up the Executive Board of LWC, and serve a one-year term. The newly-elected officers will be installed at the annual Installation Dinner to be held at Gathering's Kitchen in May.

Mrs. Worrone, who has been a member of LWC since 2002, is excited to begin a second term as President. She says, "There was a lot of behind-

the-scenes work that was accomplished during my first term. I would like to focus on redeveloping our website and creating more of a presence for LWC within the community in the upcoming year."

Committee chairs were also announced at the Annual Meeting:

- Ashley Clements and Margaret Wetzler - Co-Chairs, Annual Pumpkin Fun Run, which will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013, at Lakewood Park
- Cindy Einhouse - By-Laws
- Leslie Wilton - Chair, Scholarship Committee
- Krsity Feyedelem - Membership/Recruitment
- Diana Quickel - Corresponding Secretary
- Molly Schroeder - Chair, Social Committee
- Margaret Wetzler - Editor of Magpie, LWC's monthly newsletter

Outgoing officers and committee chairs will be recognized for their service to the Club at the Installation Dinner.

Founded in 1962, with roots going back to the early 1900's, Lakewood Women's Club (formerly known as Junior Women's Club of Lakewood) has provided, and continues to provide, a philanthropic organization for women who are interested in serving their community and stimulating their minds while enjoying a program geared to fun and friendship. The Club supports Lakewood through three distinct programs: an annual scholarship awarded to a female high school senior

pursuing a higher education; funding for Project H2O, Help to Others, a program dedication to strengthening and enriching Lakewood by engaging its youth as community builders; and support of a Lakewood-based non-profit organization selected by membership through an application process.

If you are interested in membership, please email [lakewoodjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodjuniors@gmail.com).

### Barton Center Flea Market June 8

by Curt Brosky

The Barton Senior Center will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Local vendors will be selling new and used household items. In addition, Barton Center's craft and resale shops will be open. The Bake Shop will offer homemade delights and chocolate covered strawberries. The Snack Bar will serve lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with grilled hotdogs and tuna salad sandwiches and will feature strawberry shortcake with ice cream. Barton Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments at 14300 Detroit Ave.

Proceeds will be used to fund the many activities and classes offered by the nonprofit Barton Center, including transportation and instructors for computer and exercise classes. To find out more about Ohio's first senior center, call the Barton Center office at 216-221-3400.

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Lakewood Cares

Churches Reach Out Into The Community

by *Laura Jaissle*

Lakewood and Cove United Methodist Churches participated once again in the CHANGE THE WORLD Event. CHANGE THE WORLD is an annual event that the United Methodist Church promotes by encouraging congregations to participate in simple acts of kindness to build community locally and to fight malaria globally.

For the second year in a row, we had over 80 youth, adults and children who worked on 15 projects throughout our community, Lakewood Ohio. The church collaborated with local community development organization, LakewoodAlive and the City of Lakewood through the Department of Aging, as well as others to identify houses that needed extra care. The projects included mowing, weeding, tree cutting, pruning, yard clean up, planting flowers, painting a garage, debris clean up, painting a porch, porch repairs, and other minor repairs.

Many of the homeowners were



Members and Friends of Lakewood and Cove United Methodist Churches work on a home on Blossom Park.

elderly having a difficult time caring for the yards; others were families who were simply in difficult situations and needed some extra hands. The goal of

this project was to simply go out into the community and begin to change the world right in our own back yard through simple acts of kindness, hard

work and some sweat!

Lakewood United Methodist Church will continue its effort to reach out into the community for the second year with our Faith in the Neighborhood Project. This summer we will spend 4 days painting and doing minor repairs and yard work on a home. This project will once again be done in collaboration with LakewoodAlive.

If you are interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church or participating in our outreach programs contact Pastor Laura Jaissle [pastorlkj@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlkj@gmail.com) or 216-226-8644.

Check out the photos from Change the World event: <https://www.facebook.com/lkwduc>

We encourage other groups to continue to join in and collaborate with LakewoodAlive to continue to make a difference in our community. Please contact Laura Krawczyk, Housing Outreach Coordinator at Lakewood Alive to volunteer today- 216.521.1554 [lkrawczyk@lakewoodalive.com](mailto:lkrawczyk@lakewoodalive.com).

Lakewood Kiwanis Is Partying With A Purpose

by *Barry Wemyss*

On Tuesday, June 4th, the Lakewood Kiwanis will have a birthday party to benefit the Providence House. The event will be filled with balloons, barber shop quartet, games, lunch, and a fancy birthday cake followed by a perfect rendition of the song “Happy Birthday.” Birthday presents are

requested from the Providence wishlist. The wishlist can be viewed on the Providence House website: [www.prov-house.org](http://www.prov-house.org).

The Providence House is Ohio’s first and one of the nation’s longest operating licensed crisis nurseries. The Providence House offers emergency shelter and early child care services to

infants and children, newborn to ten year old, children that are at risk of abuse or neglect, combined with award-winning parent education, mentoring and aftercare for the family. Their program is the only voluntary alternative in our community to the public foster care system for families striving to stabilize crisis, protect their children, and keep their families intact.

Lakewood Kiwanis President, DeDe MacNamee-Gold, stated that “We are very excited to have a fun-filled meeting while benefiting such a worthwhile organization.”

Lakewood Kiwanis is part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to change the world one child and one community at a time. The birthday party for Providence House is one of the latest service project conducted by Lakewood Kiwanis. “Kiwanians” can be spotted all over town at various events. They are helping with holiday food baskets and working as volunteers at a variety of programs in the schools and community projects.

Kiwanis benefits from strong community support in their major fundraiser projects such as donut sales

in the fall, selling hot dogs at all the community events, Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Chicken and Rib Dinner, and their famous January Pizza Bake-off. All of their efforts go directly back into the community.

Lakewood Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at St. Clements Church Hall, 2022 Lincoln Ave. (corner of Madison and Lincoln).



Rose And Duane Horning

Rose And Duane Horning Honored As Lakewood Hospital Volunteers Of The Month

by *Angela Smith*

Rose and Duane Horning are no strangers to Lakewood Hospital. Rose was a nurse at the hospital for almost 20 years, retiring in 1999. Her husband, Duane, served as the hospital’s president from 1968 through 1978. The Hornings came back to Lakewood to volunteer because they wanted to continue their relationship with the patients, staff and hospital while continuing to fulfill a spiritual need. They began volunteering at Lakewood in 2002, and together have donated nearly 1,000 hours of their time working with the Catholic pastoral team offering

communion and praying with patients during difficult times.

The Hornings have been married for over 50 years, and have five children and 15 grandchildren. They lived in Lakewood for 41 years until moving to Rocky River. In their spare time they enjoy reading, traveling and family gatherings. Rose and Duane have also served as hosts for US and international guests for over 40 years.

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Lakewood Cares

Apply For Funding For Arts And Cultural Programs In 2014 Through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

by Jennifer Schlosser

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture encourages nonprofit organizations offering arts and culture programming in Cuyahoga County to apply for funding through its 2014 Project Support grant program. New applicants are encouraged to attend one of three informational workshops on June 12, 17, and 18 to learn more about the Project Support grant program and to visit <http://www.cacgrants.org/project-support.php> to learn more and apply. The Eligibility Check, the first step in the application process, is due Tuesday, July 2, 2013 by 4:30 p.m.

“Over the past six years, funding through our Project Support grant program has helped organizations to offer exciting arts and cultural events, programs, fairs, festivals and countless other projects, giving residents access to a wide array of arts and cultural programs throughout the County,” said Executive Director Karen Gahl-Mills. “Through our grant programs this year, we’re investing more than \$15 million in 174 organizations throughout Cuyahoga County, and we welcome organizations offering arts and culture programs to apply now for grants in 2014.”

At each workshop focusing on CAC’s Project Support grant program, CAC staff will review its grant programs, eligibility requirements and CAC’s application process. The same content will be reviewed at each workshop. Workshops are optional, but are

a valuable learning opportunity for new applicants. Attendees are encouraged to register online, as follows:

- Wednesday, June 12**  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
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15425 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107  
Register: <http://cac1.eventbrite.com>
- Monday, June 17**  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Cleveland Public Library – Carnegie-West Branch  
1900 Fulton Rd., Cleveland, OH 44113  
Register: <http://cac2.eventbrite.com>
- Tuesday, June 18**  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library – Main Branch  
2345 Lee Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
Register: <http://cac3.eventbrite.com>

For more information about the workshops, or CAC’s grant programs, applicants may contact Stacey Hoffman, grants manager, at 216-515-8303 x101 or [shoffman@cacgrants.org](mailto:shoffman@cacgrants.org).

CAC welcomes applications for funding through the following grant programs in 2014:

CAC’s Project Support I grant program is for grants of up to \$50,000 for 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations for arts or cultural projects that occur in 2014.

CAC’s Project Support II grant program is for grants of up to \$5,000 for 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations for

arts or cultural projects that occur in 2014.

CAC’s Project Support for Units of Government grant program is for grants of up to \$20,000 for units of government for arts or cultural projects that occur in 2014.

For more information about CAC’s grant programs, or to apply, prospective applicants are encouraged to visit [cacgrants.org](http://cacgrants.org) or call 216-515-8303.

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture’s mission is to inspire and strengthen the community by investing in arts and culture.

CAC was approved by Cuyahoga County voters in 2006, and since 2007, CAC has invested more than \$95 million dollars in more than 200 local arts and cultural organizations in Cuyahoga County. CAC’s vision for its first ten years of public funding for arts and culture is to help build stronger, more resilient arts and culture organizations, create vibrant and energetic neighborhoods infused with culture, and establish Cuyahoga County as a hub of creative activity and a destination for artists. For more information about CAC, please visit [cacgrants.org](http://cacgrants.org).

Sunrise Rotary Sponsors Student Exchange

by Larry Faulhaber

Pictured here are Claudia Stadler and Charlotte Hisel with Marty Harris of the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club at the recent Rotary District Conference in Painesville. They are part of group of Lakewood High School Students traveling to other countries later this year as part of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program. Each year, Rotary brings thousands of high school students from around the world to the United States, and sends an equal number to countries around the world. Individual Rotary Clubs sponsor students both inbound and outbound. Inbound students are hosted by families and the Clubs assist them in arranging for schooling and financing. Outbound students receive assistance in applying for the program, and Clubs assist in arranging transportation and contact with host clubs in the countries which support them during their exchange in their countries.

Claudia Stadler is receiving her Rotary Jacket and will be going to Germany in July for a 12 month exchange. She will travel around Germany and other countries of Europe with other exchange students and attend high school classes. She will learn German traditions and culture while living with host families. She will also attend meetings and activities of the Rotary Club in her host city. Charlotte will be going to Austria on a short term exchange and be involved in similar activities over the summer. Another Lakewood High School student, Renee Sureemee, will be going to South Korea, and Renee Klann is going to France on a short term exchange sponsored by the Sunrise Club. Currently, Celia Lang, Katy Meehan and Christina Corrigan are overseas with Rotary



Claudia Stadler and Charlotte Hisel with Marty Harris of the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club at the recent Rotary District Conference in Painesville.

Exchange, and three students are at Lakewood High sponsored by the Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Clubs.

This is just one of the many community and international service projects of the Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club. For more information on how you can join with over 1.2 million service-minded men and women in 35,000 Rotary Clubs, contact Kathy Berkshire, 440.331.2132 or [sloopyo-hio@cox.net](mailto:sloopyo-hio@cox.net). The Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Clubs meet at the Rocky River Civic Center on Mondays at Noon and Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. You are welcome to just stop in.

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Business News

Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Announces Scholarship Recipients

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2013 Scholarship winners have been announced and will be honored at the Taste of Lakewood on June 2nd

at the Screw Factory. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarship program, established in 2000, awards scholarships each year to four high school seniors who have demonstrated

exceptional dedication to their studies, extra-curricular activities, and, just as importantly, a commitment to working at a part-time or full-time job during their high school years. Nearly sixty

young men and women have received Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarships over the past 14 years.

Congratulations to the 2013 Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship recipients:

Stephen Burtzlaff, Lakewood High School

Aaron Donahoe, Lakewood High School

Grace Lazos, Lakewood High School

Conor O’Sullivan, St.Edward High School

Skylight Financial Group’s Ryan McKean Sponsors Lakewood Ballet Students

by Allison Lipinski

Three Lakewood students attend master class taught by Breaking Pointe star, Allison DeBona

Ballet in Cleveland, a non-profit promoting classical ballet in Cleveland, presented a ballet master class on March 2 at the Gund Dance Studio in Playhouse Square. The class was taught by Allison DeBona, star of the CW Network’s reality hit, Breaking Pointe.

Ryan McKean, a financial planner with Skylight Financial Group, offered three scholarship opportunities for Lakewood dancers to attend the sold-out class. The dancers selected included Emma Kantorak, of Lakewood Catholic Academy, and two Beck Center dance students, Olivia Martinez and Eva Wynn.

McKean, a volunteer on the Beck Center’s Education and Finance Committees, said the opportunity to have three girls from the Lakewood community attend such a selective master class is a true testament to the community’s commitment to the arts. “We are proud to have these three girls represent the local Lakewood community and look forward to providing additional scholarship opportunities for master classes in the future.”

Scholarship winner, Emma Kantorak, an eighth grader at Lakewood Catholic Academy, has taken ballet for 10 years and has trained on pointe for one year. She said DeBona’s down-to-earth style put students at ease. During a question and answer period, DeBona shared lots of advice with the students. “She said to learn to read music, play an instrument, follow



your dreams and never stop dancing!” said Kantorak.

Each student in attendance was able to participate in a question and answer session after the class as well as receive an official Ballet in Cleveland swag bag with a water bottle, Barre nutrition bar and autographed photo of Allison.

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Business News

# Cancer Doesn't Discriminate

by Mike Belsito

We all know someone who's been touched by cancer, though most of the time it's an older person. After all, cancer is less common in children and young adults. According to the American Cancer Society, about 77 percent of all cancers are diagnosed in people above the age of 55. But when children or young adults face a cancer diagnosis, often times it's scarier, more alarming, and harder to cope with. Add to that challenges around feeling stigmatized or just plain different from peer groups and cancer in young people feels like a whole different ballgame. One day you're going to school or starting a new project at work, hanging out with friends, going to sports games, and the next day your identity is stolen and you're "Cancer Boy." All of a sudden, your future is on the rocks, your family is coddling you like a toddler, and your friends are distant and awkward. Not to mention the added stress stemming from those confusing medical bills and insurance letters.

To help young people struggling with the disease and grappling with the emotional, physical, psychological, and social issues that come along with a cancer diagnosis, organizations like The Gathering Place are hosting support groups where young people can

connect with others their age who are going through similar experiences. Not only do those groups provide an outlet, they also provide inspiration and information.

On Tuesday, June 11th, eFuneral is partnering with the Gathering Place for a public screening of the Golden Globe-nominated "50/50," starring

Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Seth Rogen. Inspired by a true story, the comedy-drama film centers on a 27-year-old who learns he has cancer and must grapple with the new realities (and uncertainties) of his life. The film begins at 6:00 p.m. and will take place at the Lakewood Public Library's Main Auditorium. Immediately following

the screening, there will be a panel discussion featuring young adults touched by cancer and moderated by Social Worker Kathy Maxwell, LISW-S, leader of the Young Adults with Cancer group from The Gathering Place. The screening is free and open to the public.

For more information about the screening, contact [info@eFuneral.com](mailto:info@eFuneral.com).

## Lakewood Summer Meltdown: Participate In The 2013 Healthy Lifestyle Festival

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive is searching for groups, businesses and creative people that are interested in participating in this year's Healthy Lifestyle Festival (formerly named Streetwalk). We are looking to grow this part of the ever-popular Lakewood Summer Meltdown.

In years past we have had groups for Yoga, Fencing, Jazzercise, Skateboarding, Dance, and more. The Lakewood Summer Meltdown is Saturday July 13 and along with the Healthy Lifestyle Festival will run from 4-6pm. There is a small cost for each group to participate, \$25 non-profits and \$50 for-profits. If you are creative, energetic, and have a healthy lifestyle activity that you would like to share with this fantastic event, we want you. Contact Ken Brand at LakewoodAlive, 216.521.0655, [kbrand@lakewoodalive.com](mailto:kbrand@lakewoodalive.com) or visit [www.LakewoodSummerMeltdown.com](http://www.LakewoodSummerMeltdown.com)



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Pulse of the City

# Harry Anderson- The Magnificent Captain Of The Lakes Has Sailed On...

“Gary, Papa’s gone home to be with the Lord.”

It was one of those calls I never particularly welcome, but the hopeful and perhaps even joyous tone of Captain Harry Anderson’s daughter reflected the great faith of Captain Harry Anderson. It was a faith that the Captain obviously passed along to his children.

Lakewood’s great Captain of the Lakes passed away quietly this past week, with his family at his bedside.

Captain Harry was 103 years young, and until recently he had regularly gone to Detroit for the Edmund Fitzgerald’s annual services held at the Mariners’ Church in November in remembrance of those lost on the lakes. A former Cleveland Cliffs Captain, Harry has been Master of a number of their ore-carrying ships, including the Cliffs Victory, the Cadillac, the Frontenac, the LaSalle, the Pontiac, the Walter A. Sterling, the Edward B. Greene, and the William G. Mather (presently part of the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland).

As long as he had been able to, Captain Harry volunteered his time on the Mather’s decks. The ship is now a dockside museum, berthed by the Science Center near East 9th Street. Children loved to visit the distinguished sea captain with the white beard in the impeccable Cleveland Cliffs uniform that he wore on the Cliffs Victory in 1969.

He was known as “Heavy Weather Harry,” and a supervisor once discovered with amazement that Captain Harry had never “went to anchor” on a trip. This phrase means stopping a ship for weather conditions. The Captain once told me that by keeping a careful eye out, he was always able to circumvent the worst of storms.

Captain Harry’s love of sail-



Captain Harry Anderson

ing began at age 10, when he came to America from his native Sweden. He and his family members were third class (steerage) passengers, normally confined to lower deckrooms at the rear of the ship, and without portholes. As a talented singer, however, the future captain began to sing for his fellow passengers! Before long, the youngster had sung for the second class, and then the first class, before making his way up to the bridge for an audience with the ship’s Captain! The youngster’s pockets jingled with donations from passengers of many lands by the time the ship arrived in America! Even then, the lad knew that he wanted to pilot a ship one day! Before leaving Sweden, he had visited a dockside ship where a kindly Captain showed the lad around. The Captain of Harry’s Trans-Atlantic ship was amazed at the boy’s knowledge by the time he met the young singing

steerage passenger on the bridge.

Born in 1909, Harry came to this country in 1919 after the First World War. Not long afterwards, he was on the seas. Harry worked his way through the ranks, finally becoming a Captain for the first time in 1963. Over the course of his long career at sea, Harry would sometimes work the warmer open seas during the winter months, and return to the lakes in the summer. His favorite trip was on the “Round The World” cruise on the Dollar Line’s SS President Harrison. Some of his many ports-of-call over the years included Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe, Manilla, Hong Kong, Calcutta, Singapore, and Antwerp, among others.

During World War II, Harry served as a Second Mate with the United States Merchant Marine, taking Liberty Ships (small freighters) across the Atlantic with supplies for the war effort. Danger from German aircraft and U-Boat submarines was always present, but his ships arrived safely to their destination every time.

As befits a man on daily terms with the elements, Captain Harry was a man of great faith. He reverently wore the Mariner Church’s Cross and Anchor as a reminder of his Creator,

and he relied on the Higher Powers of Divinity as much as he did on the many instruments of science when he was on a ship’s bridge.

He attributed his long life to a moderate lifestyle. He gave up smoking long ago. He enjoyed meeting new people and learning new things every day. He loved the internet.

Captain Harry is survived by his extended family, including a great-great-grandchild, as well as his many relatives and friends from around the world. On the last page of his discharge book, he wrote “A very sad day” on the occasion of his retirement. Indeed, some may say that his day of passing from us is also a very sad day, but I’m not sure that he would agree. Captain Harry was truly excited about the world to come, and had great faith in his Heavenly future. I honestly feel that he would want us to be joyful that, indeed, Lakewood’s magnificent Captain of the Lakes has come home to the Lord!

In his retirement, Captain Harry did so much to brighten the smiles of generations of children and adults on the decks of the William G. Mather, teaching them about the lakes and seas, and in the process...about life, as well.

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## Lakewood Living

# Anila Coniku, Woman Of The Year

by Betsy Voinovich

Lakewood resident, Anila Coniku Nicklos has been chosen by the the Albanian American Women's Organization (AAWO) as Woman of the Year.

Twenty years ago, the AAWO "Motrat Qiriazhi" was founded when Albanian women united with one another and other members of the community. Year by year the AAWO grew, and became a pioneer organization in giving Albanian women a voice and representation, from the doctor's office to the White House.

In 1994 they began to celebrate "Mother's Day" and selected the first Woman and Mother of the Year.

This year, they have chosen Lakewood resident, Anila Coniku Nicklos as Woman of the Year because of her dedication to helping people in her community with their transitions and challenges in navigating the American system.

Anila Coniku Nicklos was born and raised in Albania. She appeared on National Television at an early age, enjoyed an artistic career and completed a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Albanian Language and Literature. After moving to the U.S. she received a Masters in Adult Learning and Development from Cleveland State University and is currently working on her Graduate Certificate in Diversity Management. Ms. Coniku Nicklos serves as a Program Manager in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for Cleveland Clinic.

She has worked closely with the City of Cleveland and the City of Lakewood and has become the Albanian Ambassador and an advocate for the Albanian community.

As an advocate for giving members of the community a voice, Anila has been a longtime supporter, friend and contributor to the Lakewood Observer project.

Congratulations, Anila!

We asked Anila to provide some details about her experience, and also to translate the contents of this article in Albanian so Albanian speakers in Lakewood can share in her experience.

**1. Can you describe how/why you first became interested in helping other people adjust to a new country?**

I have always been interested in helping people. This is a part of my



Lakewood resident, Anila Coniku Nicklos, Albanian American Women's Organization (AAWO)'s Woman of the Year with good friend and fellow Albanian Jim Belushi.

personality and I hope that when I require assistance, someone will help me. I suppose that this is a reverse "pay it forward" attitude on my part. As an immigrant, I needed time and assistance to adjust to my new home in America. Others going through a "cultural shock" also need help to become engaged in their new homeland. It is only thru helping each other and embracing diversity that the melting pot of America will realize a better life for all citizens.

**2. Can you describe the awards ceremony and what was your favorite part of it?**

The ceremony took place on March 10, 2013 in New York City. It was filled with excitement and pride. Many accomplished Albanian women from different paths and professions celebrated March 7th-8th holidays, respectively, the Teacher and the Women's Day. Each year the Woman of the Year Award recognizes outstanding women, their achievements, and contributions to their community. These women are role models and have paved the way for new generations to follow. I grew up watching Dr. Anna Kohen on Albanian TV in the late 1980's. She had become my role model before the creation of the Albanian American Women's Organization "Motrat Qiriazhi" which she founded in 1993 and continues to lead. I never forgot her TV appearances, her strength, dedication and commitment to the community. On March 10th, as I was giving my speech, I thought of her influence on me and others and how important it is for our community to continue to have role models who inspire younger generations. I also thought about the power of women and the differences

we make in the lives of so many.

Dr. Kohen was not aware of my memories with her. She lived in New York while I lived in Albania. While visiting Albania, she would make TV appearances and answer tough questions. I admired her courage and honesty. It felt like a dream to receive an award from her organization and to share with the event participants through my speech, how someone like her influenced my life and how we all as women will make a difference in other women's lives.

Qytetarja e Lakewood-it, Anila Coniku Nicklos u zgjodh si Gruaja e Vitit nga Shoqata Shqiptaro Amerikane e Gruas.

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Ajo ka punuar me te dyja Bashkite, ate te Lakewood-it dhe te Cleveland-it dhe eshte shnderruar ne Ambasadoren Shqiptare e avokaten e komunitetit Shqiptar.

Si avokate e cila i jep ze anetareve te komunitetit, Anila ka qene dhe mbetet nje mbeshtetese, mike dhe kontribuese e gazetes Lakewood Observer.

Urime, Anila!

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Lakewood Living

# Kosovo Youth Exchange Program Changes Lives In Kosovo, America

by Madeline Rife

“Opening myself up to a new family and a new culture was the best decision of my life,” says Dorotea, one of the class of 2012-13 Kosovo Youth Exchange Program (KYEP). Dorotea is a sophomore from Pristina, Kosovo. She is currently studying at Magnificat High School, where she’s made friends, joined the debate team, and made the honor roll. Along with other Cleveland-based KYEP students--Gresë, also a student at Magnificat, and Arbias, enrolled at Mayfield High School--Dorotea is taking advantage of what the program has to offer. Gresë agrees that her experience has been life-changing: “The friendships I have created are priceless. I am very lucky!”

KYEP is funded by the US Embassy in Kosovo and managed by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA). KYEP invites talented high school students from Kosovo to live and study in the United States for an academic year. These students are highly skilled in English and proven leaders in their communities. KYEP participants are involved in school clubs, service programs, and volunteer activities in their host communities. They are interested in cultural exchange, and take every opportunity to talk about Kosovo and learn about America. Perhaps most importantly, they are dedicated to returning home and serving Kosovo.

Kosovo is a relatively new country, having declared independence from Serbia in 2008. Its modern history has been marked by war and upheaval.



KYEP 2012-13 Charter Class, with CCWA's Executive Director Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy

Today, this new democracy is developing its identity and seeking a bright future. KYEP students feel strongly about contributing to this process. They are preparing for careers in law, architecture, journalism, physics, and information technology. KYEP allows students to improve their skills and make connections that will deepen their impact in Kosovo. KYEPers also learned some things they did not expect. “I probably learnt the most important lesson in life: that you cannot be happy and appreciative to the people around you, without being able to be happy with yourself first,” offers Arbias.

Next year, KYEP will continue

personal, immediate way.

The program, however, can’t function without host families.

Three Cleveland-area families hosted KYEP students over the 2012-13 academic year. Families and students alike say that the most rewarding part of the program is getting to know one another, and getting to feel like a true family. “Gresë and our daughter have become like sisters and are inseparable,” says Gresë’s host father. “We will miss her so much when she leaves.” But KYEP families and students know that the end of the program doesn’t mean the end of the relationship. “It is hard to imagine not seeing someone you grew so close to anymore,” says Arbias, so, of course “I [will] stay in touch with my host family, because they have given me a gift that is very rare in life, so simple yet so unusual – love!”

CCWA is seeking host families for the 2013-14 academic year in the communities of our partner schools: Cleveland Heights-University Heights, Mayfield, Magnificat, and St. Edward. Families who are interested in other cultures, open to new experiences, and interested in making a lifelong friend should apply. To apply, please visit our KYEP website: [www.ccwakyep.org](http://www.ccwakyep.org) or contact Madeline Rife at [mrife@ccwa.org](mailto:mrife@ccwa.org), 216.255.9007.

working with Mayfield High School and Magnificat High School. New partner schools include St. Edward High School and the Renaissance School of Humanities & International Studies at Cleveland Heights High School. Partner schools cite the global connection as one of the most rewarding parts of the program. Students who attend classes with KYEP participants are exposed to a broader perspective and learn about the world in a more

## Veggie U Program

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Veggie U fundraisers and private donations.

Veggie U's "Earth to Table" curriculum was inspired by chefs and farmers, and developed through the volunteer efforts of a nutritionist, doctor and local educators. The team recognized that children would greatly benefit from understanding the connection between what they consume and how that food is grown. Educating children in an engaging, experiential way helps them to learn. Veggie U's science-based program offers a hands-on seed-to-planting-to-harvest experience. A complete grow-kit is provided along with a comprehensive teacher's manual written to cover state and national science standards. The benchmarks for these standards are included at the beginning of each lesson so that teachers can integrate them into existing curriculum.

In addition to a hands-on, scientific approach to learning about plants and their components, the Veggie U curriculum incorporates extensive journal activities, mathematics, language arts and fine

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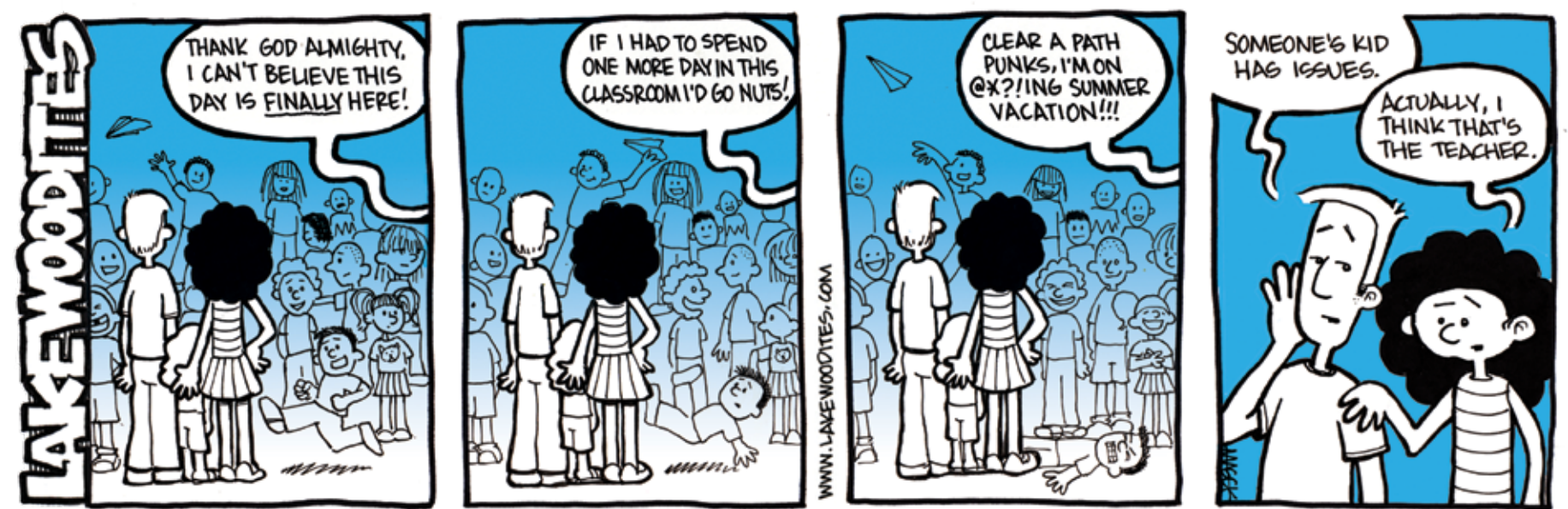
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