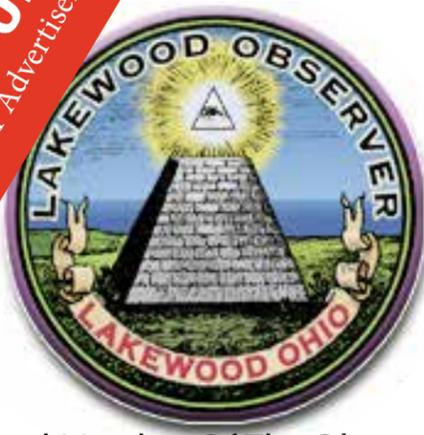


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## Lakewood Hospital Battle Continues In Council

by Christopher Bindel

The February 16, 2016 Council meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M. by Council President and Ward II Councilman Sam O'Leary. The first order of business was to excuse the absence of Councilman Dan O'Malley due to illness.

Council began to then move through old business items mostly placing them on second reading. One of the items of old business was an ordinance submitted by voter referendum repealing the ordinance passed in December approving of the agreement between Cleveland Clinic and the City of Lakewood regarding Lakewood Hospital. The

Council needed to decide on whether they would pass this ordinance repealing the agreement or send it to ballot for the citizens of Lakewood to decide. In order for it to make it to the March ballot Council would have had to act by February 15th.

Considering that the next regular meeting of Council was not scheduled until February 16th, and that all items have to be read three times by Council before a vote can be taken, the only way to get it on the March ballot would be for Council to call a special meeting and then suspend the rules to hold a vote.

Council President

O'Leary did call a special meeting of Council, which was held on February 11th, with the sole purpose of discussing this ordinance. The referendum committee was invited by Council to the meeting to present a plan for the future of Lakewood Hospital if they were to repeal the current ordinance. This committee, made up of some of the most outspoken supporters of the Hospital from the Save Lakewood Hospital group that have become recognizable regulars at the Council meetings, complained to Council that it was nearly impossible to come up with the kind of plan they wanted in the few hours they were given. Some said they did not even find out about



photo by Jeanne Mackay

Save Lakewood Hospital and Citizens for a Strong Lakewood supporters gathered outside of The Masonic Temple in Lakewood where Mayor Mike Summers delivered his State of the City presentation. Protestors carried signs that read STOP THE MONEY GRAB and LAKEWOOD LIVES MATTER to raise awareness of what they say is a rotten deal for Lakewood that closed Lakewood Hospital, puts lives at risk and transferred over a thousand healthcare jobs out of the city.

the special meeting until getting home from work that day. In addition, comments were

made that rather than creating **continued on page 3**



Senior Gold Award winning team members Ken Priddy, Cameron Thompson and Shelby Hurd.

## An Abundance Of Gold At Culinary Competition

by Lynn Foran

West Shore Culinary Arts students had another highly successful year at FCCLA Regional Competitions winning five Gold Medals in Garde Manger, Pastry Tray, Pastry Cake and Team Competition, as well as a Silver Medal in the Team Competition. These students practice for numerous hours after school throughout the winter perfecting their recipes and skills to prepare for the competition.

Senior Student Gabriel Antos, a two-time regional Gold winner received 97% in the Pastry Cake category for her Raspberry and Mango

Charlotte Royale. Senior Stephen Watkins, also a two-time regional Gold Medal winner received 95% in Garde Manger. He prepared a Charchuterie Platter consisting of Spicy Pork Sausage, Apricot Compote, and Port & Veal Terrine.

Senior Culinary Team consisting of Shelby Hurd, Kenneth Priddy, and Cameron Thompson showed the judges how they can work well as a team demonstrating three different knife cuts and preparing four identical plates of the Appetizer, Entrée & Dessert from a FCCLA-

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## Nicholson House Designated Local Historic Property

by John Vacha

It was there before the street that bears its name.

That's the Nicholson House, which in December was designated a Local Historic Property by the Lakewood Planning Commission. Built by pioneer Lakewood Settler James Nicholson c. 1835-1839, the frame colonial residence shares honors with the Honam ("Oldest Stone") House as Lakewood's two oldest extant structures.

Located at 13335 Detroit Avenue, the Nicholson House is a center-hall colonial build in the characteristic Western Reserve style epitomized by architect Jonathan Goldsmith. Living and dining rooms opened off either



The Nicholson House.

side of the central entrance hall, with a stairway leading to a second-floor bedroom and weacing room. Rooms were added to the rear of the house by the family, which maintained

occupancy into the 1940s. Like most of the original settlers of Ohio's Western Reserve, James Nicholson **continued on page 17**

## Get Out And Vote On March 15!

by Margaret Brinich

On Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ohioans will have a chance to weigh in on a wide variety of races, including of course the President of the United States. Depending on which party's ballot you pull (or non-partisan), voters in Lakewood will also see U.S. Senator and Congressional

Representatives, Ohio House of Representatives, County Prosecutor, County Council, Ohio Supreme Court, county judicial seats, county Health & Human Services tax renewal, and, if it's a Republican ballot, the Republican Central Committee Members on the ballot.

Vote by mail applications for an absentee ballot must

be received by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Office by noon on Saturday, March 12. For complete in person early voting hours at the Board of Elections, to determine your polling location, or to view a full list of the candidates and issues on your ballot, visit: <http://boe.cuyahoga-county.us>.

# LO Calendar

## Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Take a training. Save a life. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Training  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

You can learn to recognize a crisis and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. The goal of QPR training is to help prevent deaths by suicide in Cuyahoga County and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and addiction.

Jane Granzier, Assoc. Director of Crisis Services at Frontline Service and certified QPR Instructor, will be providing the QPR Training.

You will learn to:

- Recognize the warning signs of a suicidal crisis
- Offer hope
- Help save a life with community resources

\*This free training has been brought to Cuyahoga County by the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board is able to offer this free training thanks to a grant from the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation and with the support of The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio.\* 1.5 CEU/RCH will be awarded.

Location: Lakewood Park Women's Pavilion- 14532 Lake Avenue, Lakewood 44107

Hosted by the Lakewood Area Collaborative

## Sunday, March 6, 2016

Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park Spring Fling  
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us at Pet's General Store on March 6, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a Spring Fling. The Easter Bunny will be there to pose with your pets and Portraits by Martha will photograph all the fun. No appointment necessary. A doggy themed basket, donated by K-9 Cafe Dog Treat Food Truck will be raffled to benefit Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS).

Location: Pet's General Store 16821 Madison Ave.

## Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Victor Samalot in Concert @ The Bevy in Birdtown  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Victor Samalot is an acoustic instrumental guitarist inspired by Jazz, Latin, Acoustic rock, Ambient and World rhythms. Some of Victor's guitar influences are Carlos Santana, Jeff Beck, Ottmar Liebert, Craig Chaquico, Phil Keaggy, Jose Feliciano.

When performing live, Victor uses digital looping technology, which is a foot-activated device capable of simultaneous recording and playback in real-time, creating a one man band. For more info visit [www.victorsamalot.com](http://www.victorsamalot.com).

Location: The Bevy in Birdtown Bar and Restaurant 12112 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107

# Hot Off The Deck



Mayor Summers, Julie Hutchison, and Ian Andrews at Havana Nights.

## Root Café Owner Julie Hutchison Receives Ambassadorship To Cuba

by Jim O'Bryan

Julie Hutchison, owner of the legendary Root Cafe in Lakewood was awarded the Ambassadorship to Cuba by the City of Lakewood and Ohio State Representative Nickie Antonio.

Julie has been traveling back and forth to Cuba and already has brought one of Cuba's top entertainers, Miguel Cuni, Jr., to Lakewood. "I am looking at getting back there on an arts and trade mission this summer in order to create a bridge for arts, music, dance and commerce between Lakewood, Northern Ohio and Cuba," Julie said.

"Cuba has a lot to offer, and I am happy to represent Ohio in the opening of Cuba." If you are interested in Julie's upcoming trade delegations, or in having Julie represent your arts or commerce ideas, stop by the Root Cafe let her know.



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Miguel Cuni, Jr.

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## City News

# Lakewood Hospital Battle Continues In Council

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a plan themselves, they were advocating for the City to take part in a formal Request for Proposal process, like they have requested from the beginning, to search the country for a replacement for the Clinic to run the Hospital.

The committee did mention a possible replacement for the Clinic at Lakewood Hospital which has been discussed before. Although previous discussion of this development group did not lead anywhere, suggestions that there might be more to it raised the interest of at least Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) who did not feel comfortable voting on the ordinance in front of them without looking into this possibility.

Law Director, Kevin Butler also spoke at the meeting on the 11th and informed both Council and the committee that it was his legal opinion and the position of the Administration, that the current agreement cannot be undone by the referendum. Based on a case out of Middletown, Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that a legally binding contract authorized by the a municipality cannot be undone, or the obligations of the city in the contract impaired, by either the legislature or the electorate. They made their ruling based on the contract clause in the Constitution that states "[n]o State shall...pass any... Law impairing the Obligations of Contracts." Butler said that considering the fact that parts of the Master Agreement have already been carried out, the whole idea of a referendum was put into question.

By the end of the meeting, which was over three hours, it seemed like there were still too many questions

to move forward with either passing the referendum or sending it to the voters. Therefore Council agreed to place it on first reading. This erased any chance of getting the issue on the March ballot.

Returning to the February 16th meeting, Council placed the referendum ordinance on second reading. With the ordinance on the agenda, all of the people who would have normally spoken during the public comment section at the end of the meeting spoke during the discussion time for this agenda item. Ten people spoke, with responses from Council and the Administration. The discussion on this matter took over an hour.

Coming to new business, Councilman Bullock reintroduced legislation that would implement some of the recommendations made by the Tree Task Force. In 2014, Councilman Bullock introduced four pieces of legislation on the behalf of the Task Force that would help implement some of the 19 recommendations they made to the City. Of the four ordinances, two were passed, one was deemed unnecessary, and no action was taken on the fourth. It is that last item that Councilman Bullock reintroduced. The resolution endorses principles for tree care and urban forestry management goals. These principles and goals would help establish policies and provide guidance to the strategic planning of urban forestry.

In addition to reintroducing his ordinance, Councilman Bullock also requested a hearing with the Administration to discuss its 2016 tree lawn planting program. This meeting would be used to discuss how, and under what circumstances it might be extended to streets that lack sufficiently wide tree lawns by permitting the planting of City trees in front

yards, on the private side of the property.

Council referred the matter to the Public Works Committee.

Next, Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large) asked Council to consider an ordinance that would allow cyclists to use the Clifton Boulevard bus lanes. Law Director Butler originally brought this issue to Council's attention back in November and this ordinance is a direct result of the conversation that followed.

Council referred the ordinance to the Public Works Committee for discussion.

Mayor Summers then asked Council to consider a resolution which would open up discussion regarding the City's partnership with the Lakewood Board of Education and shared use of the new public sector fiber optic network being installed. The anticipated agreement between the City and the Schools is expected to include the cost of installation of the sections connecting each

school building, the disposition of a fee that has long been paid for by the City to the Schools for the use of television broadcast services, and the shared cost of maintenance of the new network.

The Mayor said that the agreement was currently being drafted to be reviewed by the Lakewood School Board. The final draft of the agreement is not expected until about mid-March.

Council referred the resolution to the Committee of the Whole.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, members of the public began addressing Council. Of the six people who spoke to Council, four of them had already addressed Council during the discussion on the agenda item mentioned above. All six of them discussed the issues surrounding Lakewood Hospital, with only one speaking in support of the City's position. The public comment section lasted just over a half hour.

Council President O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

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## City News

# House Democratic Caucus Announces Leadership Changes

## Antonio moves up, Cera elected Assistant Whip

by Nickie Antonio

The Ohio House Democratic Caucus recently announced leadership changes, following Rep. Kevin Boyce's (D-Columbus) departure as Democratic whip to run for Franklin County commissioner.

Former Assistant Democratic Whip Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) will move up to Democratic whip, while Caucus Dean Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) will take her place as the fourth-highest ranking Democratic member of House leadership.

"I am proud to be surrounded by such a strong team of leaders," said Democratic Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton). "Their expertise and understanding of the legislative landscape will serve our caucus well and put us in the best possible position heading in to 2016."

Antonio was initially elected to the Democratic leadership team in late 2014 and was first elected to the House in 2011.

"I am so proud to be part of a team and caucus that puts people first in all we do at the Statehouse,"

said Antonio. "It is an honor to take on this new leadership position, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to stand up for commonsense policy solutions that lift all Ohioans."

Last August, Cera took over the informal leadership position as caucus dean, the longest serving member of the minority, after state Rep. Ron Gerberry resigned.

"I am honored to serve Democratic House members and my constituents in this leadership position," said Cera. "I

believe my experience in the legislature and my commitment to service will add thoughtful perspective to the discussion in Columbus about how we can best move our state forward."

A native of Bellaire, Ohio in Belmont County, Cera first served in the Ohio General Assembly from 1983-1996. He returned to the legislature in 2011 when he was appointed to serve as the state representative of then House District 95. With redistricting taking effect in 2012, he now represents Ohio

House District 96, which includes all of Jefferson County, all of Monroe County, and portions of Belmont County.

The new, four-person Democratic leadership team is comprised of:

-House Democratic Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton)

-Assistant Democratic Leader Nick Celebrezze (D-Parma)

-Democratic Whip Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood)

-Assistant Democratic Whip Jack Cera (D-Bellaire)

# Representative Antonio Encourages Local College Grads To Apply For Paid Statehouse Fellowship

by Nickie Antonio

State Rep. Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) recently announced the Ohio Legislative Service Commission is accepting applications for its 13-month Legislative and Telecommunications Fellowship Program. The Commission will hire 24 fellows to work with members of the Ohio General Assembly during 2017.

"The Fellowship Program is an excellent opportunity for college graduates to learn about the legislature and how public policy decisions are made," said Antonio. "I highly recommend this program to any recent graduate interested in state government and the legislative process."

Rep. Antonio encourages local graduates of all major fields of study who have a genuine interest in learning about state government to apply to the Columbus-based fellowship program. No political experience is required, however telecommunications fellows must

have majored or minored in a telecommunications-related field of study or have comparable experience.

Legislative fellow duties include assisting members of the Ohio General Assembly with constituent work, writing press releases and speeches, assisting in legislative research, attending meetings, and performing administrative duties. Telecommunications fellows assist in televising House and Senate proceedings and in preparing educational video productions about the General Assembly and the legislative process.

Fellows receive full state of Ohio employee benefits and are paid \$31,200 per year, with the opportunity to earn a \$2,000 bonus based on length of service in the program.

Legislative fellowship application

materials must be postmarked by April 1, 2016 to be considered for the program. The application deadline for the two telecommunications positions is April 30, 2016.

All applicants must have graduated from a four-year college degree program by the December start date. Persons holding graduate or professional degrees may apply.

For more information or for an application and instructions, please visit: Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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# An Abundance Of Gold At Culinary Competition

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determined menu within the allotted 90 minute time requirement.

Juniors Jessica Bohannon and Clara Wagh earned Gold Medals. Jessica Bohannon received 92.5% for her Japanese style Christmas Cake with strawberries, whipped cream and coconut icing. Clara Wagh received a score of 93% in the Pastry Tray category for her Apple Puff-Pastry Roses & Mini Hazelnut Cakes.

Junior Culinary Team members Skylar Bannerman, George Johnson, and Isaiah Pierson earned a Silver Award in the Team Competition.

Top scoring participants from around the state will compete later this spring in Columbus. The state competitors will be announced in early March. West Shore Culinary

Instructors, Devan Corti and Rob McGorray have high hopes that they will be taking several students given the high scores achieved.

To see these students and other Culinary Arts students in action, visit the Ranger Café @ Lakewood High School on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for lunch. Please call 216-529-4165 to make a reservation.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

### Saturday, March 5

#### "Deliverance" (1972) Directed by John Boorman

"What did happen on the Cahulawassee River?" In the deep back-country of Northern Georgia, four city slickers set out to tame wild, gorgeous rapids. These men have prepared themselves to face the raging water and wilderness, but not the reclusive inhabitants who live there. Jon Voight, Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty and Ronny Cox play the soft urbanites thrust into a fight for survival.

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

### Sunday, March 6

#### The Admirables

This funky soul band from Akron boasts enough raw energy to knock your socks off, but they keep it smooth and tight. Front man Nathan-Paul Davis encourages the crowd to get up and move. The power of the horns is undeniable. The rhythm section is a revelation. Says Davis, "It's a big soul party and everybody's welcome, so come as you are!"

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

### Thursday, March 10

#### Meet the Author - "The Ashtabula Hat Trick: A Milan Jacovich Mystery" by Les Roberts

The people of Queenstown, Ohio don't take kindly to strangers. But they have no choice in the matter after a man's body is found in a local park and a second man's body turns up days later. Private investigator Milan Jacovich tags along when his main squeeze, Cleveland homicide detective Tobe Blaine, is dispatched to rural Ashtabula County to handle the case. But the mixed-race couple receives a cold welcome. Looming over the case is nearby Conneaut prison - privately run, overcrowded, and rumored to employ some questionable methods. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Saturday, March 12

#### "Paths of Glory" (1957) Directed by Stanley Kubrick

"Paths of Glory" is Stanley Kubrick's powerful indictment of self-seeking military. The film was banned in France until 1975 but had a resurgence of popularity elsewhere during the Vietnam era. In his new series, "Johnny Get Your Camera," Terry Meehan will introduce each film with rare clips and original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

### Sunday, March 13

#### Honeybucket

Honeybucket is a Cleveland-based Newgrass band that plays energetic, boot-stompin' tunes with a dash of sweetness. Featuring Adam Reifsnnyder on guitar, Brendan O'Malley on mandolin and Abie Klein-Stefanchik on upright bass, the trio blends tight three-part vocal harmonies, original melodies and a unique blend of old-timey sound with modern sensibilities.

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

### Tuesday, March 15

#### Meet the Author - "Carnegie Libraries of Ohio: Our Cultural Heritage" by Mary Ellen Armentrout (Plus a Look at Lakewood's Lost Carnegie Library)

This invaluable book documents the one-hundred-and-eleven libraries given to Ohioans by Andrew Carnegie from 1898 to 1918. We're still proud of the fact that we began our life as a Carnegie library. As an added bonus to the author's presentation, facsimiles of the recently rediscovered blueprints of the original 1916 Lakewood Public Library, drawn up by the same Edward L. Tilton who literally wrote the book on designing libraries, will be on display at the event. Mary Ellen Armentrout is a library historian who has spent her career working in academic, special and public libraries. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Knit and Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crochet, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee.

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

## Illustration Creation

by Jeffrey Siebert

Calling all artists in kindergarten through first grade! Do you love to look at the illustrations in picture books?

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own works of art for sixty fun filled minutes!

This program at the main branch of the Lakewood Public Library is for students in kindergarten through first grade. Illustration Creation will be on Thursdays, March 10 through April 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room of the Children's and Youth Services Department. Space is limited and registration is required. Stop by the Children's desk or call 216-226-8275x140 to register.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Meet Author Les Roberts At LPL

by Amy Kloss

Milan Jacovich is a private investigator, a former cop and Vietnam veteran who likes to kick back with a Stroh's when he's not investigating crimes in Cleveland. He's also the creation of Les Roberts, one of our area's most successful and prolific fiction writers.

Join Les Roberts at Lakewood Public Library on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. for an opportunity to buy a signed copy of his latest book, "The Ashtabula Hat Trick." Published in 2015, this is the 18th book in the Milan Jacovich mystery series.

A Chicago native, Roberts fell in love with Cleveland after coming

here in 1987 to create Cash Explosion, a television game show for the Ohio Lottery. That visit inspired him to create Slovenian P.I. Milan Jacovich. "Pepper Pike," the first book in the series, was published in 1988. At the time, Roberts was a television writer in Los Angeles, working on shows such as Hollywood Squares

and the Andy Griffith Show. Roberts kept returning to Northeast Ohio to do research and promote his books and finally realized that Cleveland was where he was meant to be. He's lived here since 1990 and says that the years in Northeast Ohio have been his best personally and professionally.

His love of the area shows in the many references to local places and faces and vivid descriptions of the lake, the city and surrounding areas. Roberts' books are also page-turning mysteries that keep the reader both on edge and entertained. Although fans sometimes wonder if Roberts and his character Jacovich are really the same person, the author insists that his character is both bigger and badder than he is. Roberts does, however, share values and ethics with his character, values that show through in his fiction. In "The Ashtabula Hat Trick," Roberts makes a case for animal welfare and male monogamy and against for-profit prisons.

Join Les Roberts on March 10 in the Main Library Auditorium to hear this celebrated author discuss his life and work.

## Special Needs Programming At LPL

by Nicole Born-Crow

Lakewood Public Library now offers two exciting programs for families with children with special needs, Sensory Story Time and Music Therapy & More! Sensory Storytime is very similar to a typical story time, but is specially designed for 3-7 year old children with special needs, autism, or those with sensory processing challenges. It is also a perfect option for any child who has trouble sitting through a regular story time, and requires more interaction to

stay engaged.

Music Therapy & More is a program delivered in collaboration with Connecting for Kids, presented by a Board Certified Music Therapist for children ages 1-6. Families will enjoy thirty minutes of music-making fun, dancing, and instrument playing. At the conclusion of the program, parents will receive handouts with resources for continuing the music therapy experience at home.

Sensory Storytime will be held

on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Main Branch of Lakewood Public Library in the Toddler Storytime Room. Spring and Summer dates are March 13th, April 10th, June 5th, July 31st, and August 28th. To register, go to [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth), call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Music Therapy & More will be held on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. on March 5th and April 2nd at the Main Branch of Lakewood Public Library in the Toddler Storytime Room.

To register go to [www.connectingforkids.org/register](http://www.connectingforkids.org/register), email [info@connectingforkids.org](mailto:info@connectingforkids.org), or call (440)-250-5563.

## Discover Carnegie Libraries With Author Mary Ellen Armentrout

by Elaine Rosenberger

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7 p.m., Mary Ellen Armentrout will visit Lakewood Public Library to talk about her book, Carnegie Libraries of Ohio: Our Cultural Heritage as part of our Meet The Author series. The event takes place in the Main Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

This invaluable book documents the one-hundred-and-eleven libraries given to Ohioans by the steel king and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie during the years from 1898 to 1918. One of these Carnegie libraries is our own Lakewood Public Library.

As an added bonus to the author's presentation, facsimiles of the recently rediscovered blueprints of the original 1916 Lakewood Public Library will be on display.

Mary Ellen Armentrout is a library historian who has worked in academic, special and public libraries. The research that led to this book, which was funded by the George and Mildred White Fund at Otterbein College, combines her interests in history, architecture and photography to an impressive end. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

## Happy 100th Birthday, Beverly Cleary

by Jeffrey Siebert

Did you know that Beverly Cleary is turning one hundred this year? The author of "Beezus and Ramona," "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" and "Dear Mr. Henshaw" has a birthday on April 12 and we're going to celebrate at the Main Branch of the Lakewood Public Library. Watch classic interviews with Beverly Cleary and scenes from

movies based on her books, then create festive birthday cards to send to the author.

This program will take place Wednesday, March 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room in the Children's and Youth Services department. Registration is required. Stop by the CYS desk or call 216-226-8275x140 to register.

We hope to see you there!

## Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Saturday, March 5 Connecting For Kids: Music Therapy For you and your 1-6 year old child

A Board-Certified Musical Therapist will lead families in a fun music-making class for children struggling in an area of development. Register at [www.connectingforkids.org/register](http://www.connectingforkids.org/register) or call (440) 250-5563.

9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Time Room.

### Wednesday, March 9 Art Connection For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Create a unique piece of art step-by-step to show off to friends and family. Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

### Thursdays, March 10 – April 14 Illustration Creation For students in kindergarten through first grade

A six-week program introducing kids to art based on a different children's illustrator each week. Kids will finish by putting on an art show for family. Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

### Saturday, March 12 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.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

### Sunday, March 13 Sensory Story Time For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program can be enjoyed by all children, but it is specifically designed for young children with special needs, autism or those with sensory processing challenges. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Time Room.

### Wednesday, March 16 Happy 100th Birthday, Beverly Cleary! For the school-age children

Beverly Cleary turns 100 this year and we'll celebrate with fun activities based on her books. Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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## Lakewood Schools

# Shaving Heads & Raising \$50K For Pediatric Cancer Research

by Heidi Martin

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events on March 11, 2016 from 12:30-2:30 pm at St. Mark School in Cleveland, where nearly 100 students, staff, parents, and other family members will shave their heads in solidarity with kids with cancer and raise money to conquer childhood cancers. Many Lakewood families and businesses will be involved in the event.

St. Mark last year raised more than \$52,000 and this year organizers have set a goal of \$53,000 and are nearly a third of the way to meeting that goal. Besides soliciting donations from the community and local businesses, participants are also holding bake sales and restaurant fundraisers in support of St. Baldrick's and the Shave Your Mane event.

"The response by our community businesses has been fantastic, whether it be an in-kind donation or willingness to sell our lucky charms," said event coordinator and St. Mark parent Heidi Martin, who was inspired to stage St. Mark's first St. Baldrick's shave event in 2014 by her young nephew, Gavin Cole, who died last year at 16 months old from a rare pediatric cancer. Gavin will be an honoree this year along with Michael Orbany, who passed away in 2014 shortly after the St. Mark shave event, St. Mark preschooler Gianna Andolina, Shane Haddad, Alex Haylor Liam Waldron, and Ashley Nelich, all of whom have a connection with St. Mark's.

Mark "Munch" Bishop of ESPN Cleveland radio on WKNR-850 will return as emcee of the event. Speakers will include Michael Orbany's mother, Georgianne, Gianna Andolina's mother, Julie, and Megan McNamara,

mother of Maria McNamara and co-founder with her husband of the Prayers for Maria Foundation, which plants the sunflower field along I-90.

Worldwide, a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes, and one in five children diagnosed in the U.S. will not survive. With only 4 percent of all federal cancer research funding dedicated to pediatric cancer research, St. Baldrick's Foundation

volunteers, supporters and donors are needed to continue the battle against this devastating disease.

If you would like to contribute to the St. Mark event, visit [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) and search for St. Mark Shave Your Mane on March 11. The event organizers are also seeking barbers and hair stylists to volunteer their time. Contact Heidi Martin at [Heidi.martin1119@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.martin1119@gmail.com).

## LHS Steps Up For Cancer Fight



From left: Student Council Secretary Paula Atfield, LHS staff member Mona Atfield, Lisa Walsh of The Gathering Place, LHS staff member Andrea DeVries, Student Council President Angela Vogli and LHS staff member Anne Giffels.

by Christine Gordillo

Students at Lakewood High are doing their part in the fight against cancer. Representatives from the Lakewood High Student Council on Wednesday presented a check for \$3,300 to The Gathering Place, from money that was raised through two separate t-shirt sales. The fundraisers were in honor of staff members Mona Atfield, Andrea DeVries and Anne Giffels, who are all fighting breast cancer.

Sales of t-shirts for the annual Pink Out football game in October raised \$1,800, sales for "Purple & Gold Down to the Bone" t-shirts raised \$1,500. The group also presented a check of \$550

to the Domestic Violence & Advocacy Center raised from a Powder Puff football game in the late fall.

Lisa Walsh, who accepted the check on behalf of The Gathering Place from Student Council President Angela Vogli and Secretary Paula Atfield, said that the LHS donation will help keep services free of charge for those who use the organization's services. Those services range from a wig service, to exercise classes, to therapy, to summer camps for kids with cancer.

The three honorees were moved to tears at the presentation and praised the good hearts of the students and their adviser, Alison Breckel.

## District To Start Online Payment System For Lunches

by Christine Gordillo

Beginning this month, the District will start implementation of a new electronic lunch payment system. The system will allow parents to pre-load money into their student's account via an online portal. When the student goes through the line in the cafeteria, he or she will simply punch in a custom 6-digit PIN to complete the transaction.

The roll-out of the new system will begin at Horace Mann this month and proceed to Hayes, Harrison and then Emerson. The middle schools will follow and then finally, Lakewood High and Lakewood City Academy. The roll-out

should be complete by mid-May. Grant, Lincoln and Roosevelt elementaries will have the system installed once the new buildings are open in August.

Nancy Early, director of Nutrition Services for the District, said that the new system will make going through the cafeteria line more efficient, giving students more time to eat.

Parents will load cafeteria accounts using the EZPay portal, which is already operational for the District for parents to pay school and pay-to-play fees. Families will receive student PINs in a letter to be mailed home prior to each school's start of usage of the system.

## LECPTA Welcomes Parent Educator Amy Speidel

by Kate Ingersoll

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA and the Lakewood Family Room welcome nationally recognized parent educator Amy Speidel to Lakewood on Monday, March 7th from 7:00 - 8:15PM at the Lakewood Methodist Church (15700 Detroit Ave. in Daniels Hall East).

Amy Speidel is a national presenter with Loving Guidance, Inc. She is also a certified Parent Coach, working with families within a pediatric practice. Amy first used Conscious Discipline as a teacher, and witnessed a transformation in her students. She now aspires to support all adults who come in contact with children by sharing Conscious Discipline® with them through practical, user-friendly seminars and workshops.

The event is free and open to the public - you do not have to be an LECPTA member to attend. The Lakewood

Family Room is generously providing free childcare. Please email Jessica Parker at [Jessica.Parker@akewoodoh.net](mailto:Jessica.Parker@akewoodoh.net) to reserve a space as it is limited.

For questions about the event, please contact Kate Ingersoll at [kate.schantz@gmail.com](mailto:kate.schantz@gmail.com).

## LHS Boys Hoops Ousted In First Round

by Mike Deneen

The Rangers' roller coaster boys basketball season ended on February 25 at Rhodes High School, where Lakewood lost 71-53 to the Rams. Seniors Justin McDonald and Logan Swift led the scoring for Lakewood, with 20 and 15 points, respectively.

Lakewood traveled to Old Brooklyn with a two-game winning streak, and hoped to advance to a second-round game at Brecksville-Broadview Heights.

The game started well, as the Rangers outscored Rhodes 13-9 in the first quarter. McDonald scored 11 of Lakewood's 13 points, spearheading the Lakewood effort.

The game turned in the second quarter. The Rams, who shot poorly from the outside in the first period, hit three three point baskets in the span of less than one minute. They hit a total of 8 three point baskets in the period, opening up a 35-26 halftime lead.

Rhodes hit 3 more triples in the

third quarter, stretching the lead to 49-35 with less than two minutes remaining in the period. Senior Logan Swift scored six quick points, including one three pointer and one thunderous dunk, to cut the margin to 49-42 at the end of three.

The late third quarter run gave hope to the large contingent of Ranger fans in attendance. However, Lakewood would never get any closer. The Rams pulled away in the fourth quarter to seal a 71-53 win.

# Sports

## High School Sports News

by Mike Deneen

### ST. EDWARD DISMISSES VALLEY FORGE, POSSIBLE IGGY REMATCH AHEAD

St. Edward defeated Valley Forge 95-47 in a second round OHSAA tournament game at St. Ed's. The Eagles, seeded #1 in the Strongsville district, looked the part. St. Edward took command early in this game, and by the fourth quarter both benches were playing. Tom Shmock led all Eagle scorers with 18 points. Matt Gonzalez had 13, Sean Flannery and Paul Gassman each had 11.

The Eagles advance to play North Royalton on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Strongsville High School. North Royalton beat Parma 53-44 at home on Saturday. On the other side of the bracket, St. Ignatius will play Brecksville-Broadview Heights on Wednesday. If both win Wednesday, a St. Ed/St. Ignatius game would happen next Saturday at 7 p.m. at Strongsville. The rivals met twice this season, each winning on their home floor.

### LHS TRACK FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL

Track coaches Mike Dow and Stephanie Wetzel-Toole organized the 1st Annual LHS Track Wing Night Fundraiser at Around the Corner. The event, held February 20, raised money

for both the boys and girls programs. The evening featured not just wings, but also some great raffle prizes.

The event was very well attended by a cross section of folks, including other LHS coaches such as girls basketball coach Mike Harper and baseball/football coach Mike Ribar. "I support all the Lakewood sports," said Coach Ribar at the event, adding, "We have a lot of football players running track."

Coach Wetzel-Toole was pleased with the event, which she called "wonderfully successful." She was happy to take on the task of organizing, because she loves her sport. "Track and field is the type of sport that any athlete can compete in," she said.

### LHS POLE VAULTER SETS SCHOOL RECORD

Senior pole vaulter Jimmy Toner set a new LHS boys indoor pole vaulting record on February 20 at the University of Akron. Toner reached 14 feet, eclipsing the old mark by six inches. Toner looks forward to the upcoming outdoor season, and hopes to continue competing in college. He would like to major in chemical engineering, and is

looking at schools such as Duke, Yale, and the University of Colorado.

### LHS CHEERLEADERS TAKE "POLAR PLUNGE" TO HELP SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The LHS Cheerleaders jumped into Lake Erie on Saturday, February 27 as part of the 20th Annual "Polar Plunge." The event, a fundraiser for Special Olympics Ohio, was held at Breakwater Beach in Geneva-on-the-Lake.

Assistant Cheerleading Coach Claire Toth got the idea after seeing Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon take the plunge in Chicago. She was also motivated by the addition of the "Sparkle Squad" at LHS this year. "When we started working with the Sparkle Effect this year I thought it would be fun to give back to another organization that helps students with disabilities," she said.

### LHS SOPHOMORE TAKES BIG STEPS FORWARD

One of the positives of the girls basketball season was the maturation of sophomore center Olivia Nagy, who had a breakout season. Nagy, who stands 6' 2", only started play-



photo by Mike Deneen

LHS Boys Hoops coach Alex Cammock leading a huddle during Rangers loss to Rhodes.

ing basketball in 7th grade. This year she emerged as the team's primary rebounder, and offered strong shot blocking skills. She evolved into a viable offensive threat under the glass, boosting the Rangers scoring. With her size and improving skill set, many feel she could earn a Division 1 college scholarship by her senior year.

## Ranger Girls Beat Rocky River During OHSAA Tournament

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood girls basketball season ended February 22 with a loss to Magnificat in the third round of the OHSAA tournament. The loss ended a strong late season charge for the Rangers, who upset Normandy and Rocky River in the first two rounds.

After dispatching Normandy in the first round, the Rangers traveled across the bridge to face Rocky River. The two teams met the previous week in the regular season, a game Lakewood won in double overtime. Everyone expected the rematch to be tight, and it didn't disappoint.

Lakewood jumped out to a 5-0 lead

in the opening couple of minutes, paced by a pair of baskets by sophomore center Olivia Nagy. She added another a few minutes later, and the Rangers led 9-6 after one quarter. As expected, the game was a tough defensive battle. Lakewood played the Pirate guards very tight, forcing turnovers. Cristin Donahoe and Mallory Shaw were both key factors in limiting the Pirates. Both teams continued to play great defense all night.

The Pirates battled back in the second quarter, tying the game at 12. Then senior Mallory Shaw hit a three pointer, and Lakewood went on to take a 17-15 lead at the half. Lakewood widened the lead in the third quarter, behind a Ryann Greenfield three pointer, two buckets by Mallory Shaw, and four more points from Nagy.

The Rangers led 31-22 going into the final period, and managed to hold off Rocky River. The Pirates rallied to cut the lead to 34-30 with 3:45 left in the game. Greenfield hit a pair of critical free throws to stretch the lead back to six, but River cut it to three with 1:38 left. Greenfield hit another free throw with 1:08 left to make the lead 37-33, and Nagy added the final dagger with 12 seconds left, making the final score 39-33.

When asked the key to the game, Ranger head coach had a one-word response. "Defense," he said. Nagy had a huge game, scoring 17 points. "We knew we had a size advantage," said Harper, referring to the 6'2" Nagy. He also praised Shaw. "She was big going to the basket."

Lakewood moved on to the third round of the tournament, where they faced Magnificat at Valley Forge High School on February 22nd. The Blue Streaks, one of the top teams in the state, were heavily favored. The Rangers jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first two minutes of the game, showing good energy at both ends of the floor. The teams battled through the first quarter, with Mags hitting a late basket to open a 12-7 lead.

The Blue Streaks took command of the game in the second quarter, outscoring Lakewood 10-1. Hopes sank even lower when Christin Donahoe, one the Rangers key defensive players, picked up her third foul with over two minutes left in the first half.

The Rangers made a nice run early in the third quarter, paced by senior Mallory Shaw. She hit a pair of three pointers that brought the partisan Ranger crowd to their feet. A pair of Nagy free throws cut the lead to 44-38 halfway through the third, but Lakewood would never get any closer. Magnificat used its depth and talent to pull away to a 58-36 victory, ending the Rangers season.

After the game, Coach Harper was pleased with his team. "We battled injuries all through the year," he said, "I'm proud of them." Harper also thanked the large number of Ranger fans who traveled to each of the three tournament games. In all three gyms, Lakewood had more fans than its opponents. "I was very pleased with what our fans did," he said, "I couldn't be more grateful."

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## Sports

# Lakewood Looms Large In Plans For Championship Gaelic Football Team

by Brian Royer

Gaelic football is a centuries old Irish ball game played by teams of 15—or 13 in the United States—on a field very similar to a soccer field. The objective is to pass the ball into the other team's goal for three points, or through a set of two uprights for one point. It's been played in the greater Cleveland area for nearly a century, and during that time teams from the Forest City have been good. Very good.

Today, Cleveland St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's Gaelic Football Club, a team formed after Cleveland St. Pat's and Cleveland St. Jarlath's merged, is the country's defending national champion, but this year the pressure is on and the stakes are high. They are under the microscope, and they know it. Every club in their division, which includes teams from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan, and more than forty other teams from throughout the United States are watching every move they make. As they prepare to kick off the 2016 season, Head Coach Martin Wall knows that Lakewood is going to be a big part of their title defense.

"This year is certainly going to be different," said Wall. "We can see how other clubs are filling out their roster and the moves they are making. Make no mistake about it, they're coming for us. It's not a time to get fancy, we're keeping it simple. We're going to work on our fitness and be bigger, faster, and stronger than we were last year, and we're going to recruit athletes who want to compete. Lakewood is going to be a big part of that."

The first stop for the men of Cleveland St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's will be Birdtown Crossfit, a local gym that focuses on strength and conditioning. As Wall tells it, the team's competitiveness began to turn the corner at the end of the 2013 season. The team's skill level was improving to be sure, but the biggest difference was their overall endurance, strength, and durability. He asked around and found that a number of his players had been participating in regular workouts at Birdtown. Always quick to take advantage of a good opportunity, Wall and the club's board of directors worked with Birdtown Crossfit's owners Tricia Tortoreti and Jillian Neimeister to develop a customized six-week pre-season strength and conditioning program for his players that will begin in March.

"As far as the results of Birdtown workouts," said Wall. "I've seen them myself, so there's no question there. I can say from firsthand experience that their programming has improved some of our players, even extended some of their playing careers. They know what they are doing."

Next up, according to Wall, the team needs to recruit new athletes who are interested in learning a new, fast-paced, competitive game. Gaelic football is like any other sport — if you aren't moving forward, if you aren't building for the future, you're moving backward. In many ways, new player recruitment is always



Cleveland St. Pat's - St. Jarlath's players and coaches celebrate after winning the 2015 National Championship tournament in Chicago.

the hardest part of the plan. Most athletes simply don't know or understand the game of Gaelic football, so it can be a bit daunting. Fortunately for the team, that is an easy bridge to cross in Lakewood. Considering the number of players who call the city home, most folks have probably run into more than a few around town, or at least shared a pint with one of them.

Mid-fielder Chris Weimar, half-forwards Kyle McIntyre and Nick Cobos, and full-forward Rory O'Neil all call Lakewood home, and long-time player and starting center half-forward, Kevin Pap, is the owner and operator of Plank Road Tavern.

"Yeah, if you're in Lakewood, St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's guys are not hard to find," said Cobos. "We're kind of all over. If you can't find one of us, just head up to Plank. Get yourself something to eat, have a pint. One of us will be there soon enough. Best joint in town."

This type of neighborhood retail recruiting—where new players are brought in by old players they know from the neighborhood—is a bit untraditional. For St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's though, it's key to their success.

"In a lot of ways we're a small-market team," said Cobos. "When you look at cities like Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, you're talking about clubs with hundreds of players backed by hundreds of thousands of dollars. In that regard, it's impossible for us to keep up with them. They can afford to do whatever they want. But look at the past ten years. Cleveland has four national championships. Can they keep up with us on the field?"

The results are hard to dispute, but the club knows how intimidating a new game can be to potential players. According to Cobos, that shouldn't stop them from trying. "Here's what I tell guys, everybody has a first day. All of us. But when you boil it down, it's a simple game. Run. Catch. Kick. If you're an athlete of any sort, you'll pick it up quickly," he said. "If anything you're going to have a great time, and you get to hang out with great guys. It's not the worst way to spend a summer."

If you are interested in learning more about Gaelic football or Cleveland St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's GFC, you can find them on Facebook at /stpatsgfc, follow them

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## Lakewood Cares

# Time To Think Spring With Friends Of The Lakewood Dog Park

by Karen Karp

What is the first sign of spring? Robins, yes; the sound of icicles crashing to the ground, oh yes; buckets collecting sap from maple trees, yum; seed catalogs in the mail, yep; a last minute blanket of snow hiding the crocuses, almost always. But the surest harbinger of spring is the Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP) Spring Fling photo event featuring the giant bunny, Hoppy Paws.

Please join FLDP for our annual rite of spring on March 6, 2016, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Pet's General Store, 16821 Madison Avenue, in Lakewood, OH. The guest of honor, Hoppy Paws, will be posing for pictures with all of his canine and brave feline friends and their peeps.

Photographer Martha Widdowson, of Portraits by Martha, will be there to capture all the fun. In addition to photos of various sizes and combination photo packages, Portraits by Martha features magnet, button and phone case photo accessories. Traditional portraits begin at \$12 for one 5x7 or two 4x6 photos. No appointment is necessary, just hop on in. A portion of each sale will benefit FLDP.

New this year, FLDP will raffle a dog-themed basket to benefit fellow Lakewood non-profit, the Citizens

Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS). Your donation will be used by CCLAS to help with adoption efforts, veterinary costs, foster care programs and to improve general living conditions at the animal shelter. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. The winner does not need to be present when the winning ticket is drawn.

The basket was donated by K-9 Cafe

Gourmet Dog Food Truck. Keep your eyes open for the truck at dog parks and dog events beginning early this summer. K-9 Café specializes in hand-crafted, natural, organic and preservative-free treats made just for your pup.

During the Spring Fling, human treats will be provided by Pet's General and FLDP. While you are munching, be sure to check out the fleece dog toys,

made by FLDP volunteers, in bright new colors for spring. And remember to browse FLDP T-shirts and hoodies that are currently one-third off regular price.

FLDP is an all-volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that works with the City of Lakewood to care for the dog park and raises funds for dog park improvements.

*Save The Date:*

## Lakewood Women's Club Invites You To Our "Girls Night Out"

by Torey Worrone

Lakewood Women's Club Invites You to Our "Girls Night Out Happy Hour" at Deagan's on March 10th at 6 p.m.

Founded in 1962, The Lakewood Women's Club (LWC) is a social organization that also does some very positive work in our community. Our ultimate goal is to raise money each year that goes towards a college scholarship for a Lakewood resident graduating from high school and, we

also donate funds to a local non-profit organization that is in need of funding.

However, the LWC is not only a club that gives back to our community, but we are also a group that has fun together and where life-long friendships are developed. Joining the club does not require a huge time commitment because like you, we understand that everyone is busy with work, families or other obligations.

So, if you have been a past member,

are interested in learning more about the LWC, or simply just need an excuse for a "girl's night out," then please join us!

If you have any questions, we can be reached at lakewoodjuniors@gmail.com, or you can check out the Lakewood Women's Club on our Facebook page, for all the latest updates & information.

Hope to see you at Deagan's on March 10th from 6-9 p.m.!

*Torey Worrone is the Publicity Chair of Lakewood Women's Club.*

## Breakfast With The Bunny

by Emmie Hutchison

Hop into spring on Saturday, March 19th by registering for the annual Breakfast with the Bunny, hosted by H2O and its dedicated volunteer committee. Guests will enjoy the beautifully-decorated Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park, full of color and celebration for the coming spring. Our youth volunteers will serve tasty breakfasts, which include pancakes, sausage, juice, and delicious coffee from the Root Café. Young attendees are welcome to visit the Bunny and have their pictures taken in front of a bright, scenic background. One of the highlights of the event is the dazzling array of raffle baskets, full of items donated by local businesses. Each basket is unique and full of goodies, which guests can purchase

tickets to try to win. Raffle ticket will be sold throughout each seating.

Breakfast with the Bunny has four seatings, 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:45 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at [www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/h2o](http://www.thelakewoodfoundation.org/h2o), or feel free to call 216-529-6045 for more information. All proceeds from the event will support H2O, the "Help to Others" Program and its year-round volunteer projects. Funds raised by H2O primarily support the popular Summer Service Camp, open to Lakewood residents in middle school.

*Pictured at right: Bright Easter themed decor livens up the Women's Pavilion for the annual H2O "Breakfast With The Bunny" event - held on March 19, 2016.*





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## Lakewood Cares

# North Coast Health Earns National Recognition For Patient-Centered Care

by Elizabeth O'Brien

The National Committee for Quality Assurance has recognized North Coast Health as a NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), Level 3 for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term relationships. By enhancing patient engagement and improving outcomes, North Coast Health earned the highest level of recognition.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system. Research shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patient and provider reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that North Coast Health has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, North Coast Health demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

This is North Coast Health's second Level 3 recognition from NCQA, demonstrating our continued commitment to quality patient care.

### About National Committee for Quality Assurance

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's web site (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

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### About North Coast Health

North Coast Health is a faith-based charitable clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved. Every day, people come to North Coast Health because they have no other option for affordable care. As a Patient Centered Medical Home, Level 3, as designated by the National Committee for Quality



Assurance, we are able to provide individualized, comprehensive and coordinated care in a professional clinical setting. For more information visit [www.northcoasthealth.org](http://www.northcoasthealth.org).

## Spring Cleaning?

by Heidi Murray

Spring seems to be a time to refresh and eliminate the clutter of the prior year-- clearing files of old bills and statements, organizing your cupboards and closets and rethinking the décor of your rooms. If you are tackling a clean-up project, here are some local organizations that can benefit from your purge.

**Lakewood Historical Society** will gladly accept kitchen items like dishes, utensils, cookware, housewares including tablecloths, curtains and rugs; it also accepts all decorative items like vases, platters, sculpture, holiday

pieces and art. Donations are accepted at the Skate House at Lakewood Park 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The next drop-off date is March 19. If you have a question, call the Society at (216) 221-7343.

Clothing for all ages can be donated to the **Seventh Day Adventist Church** on Arthur and Detroit (behind Taco Bell). You can reach them at (216) 221-9612. All donated clothing is made available for free to locals in need.

**Habitat for Humanity Re-Store** will accept donations and even pick them up. They are the place to call for furniture, building materials, appliances and remolding cast offs like

cabinets, toilets, tubs and, yes, even the kitchen sink! Call (216) 429-1299.

Have books? **Friends of Lakewood Library** would love them for an upcoming sale. Books can be dropped off at the library during regular business hours.

**The City of Lakewood Recycling Center** is located at 12920 Berea Road and accepts aluminum cans, anti-freeze, household appliances, metal, batteries, blue bag mixed recyclables, cardboard, construction debris, motor oil, paper, yard waste and standard packaging styrofoam (EPS 6 only).

## Join The Fun At The Annual Chili Cook-Off

by Anne Palomaki

Join us on Saturday, March 5 at Lakewood United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. for the annual Chili Cook-Off. All are welcome to enter the contest to win the honor of creating the best chili. Anyone who wishes to enter should email [teresa469@netzero.net](mailto:teresa469@netzero.net) to insure a place for your crock pot filled with at least 2 quarts of chili and bring it by 6 p.m. Others can come and taste the entries and vote for the winner. There will be "prizes" for the top three vote getters.

Anyone wishing to come for dinner will pay \$5. The maximum for a family

will be \$20. The dinner will be served in Daniels Dining Room on the ground level. This is a family event and children are welcome. There will be many types of chili including mild to HOT. There will be corn bread and salads served as well.

There will also be an auction to purchase different gift baskets filled with treasures!

This is a fundraiser to earn monies to fund church mission. Lakewood United Methodist Church is located at 15700 Detroit Ave. Parking is available off Detroit just west of the church or off Summit just north of the church

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# Lakewood Is Art

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by Buzz Kompier

*Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.*

*Notice: Starting this issue, I'll be including links for where you can purchase the fine products I review here. This was a suggestion from Craig Bell, of many fine local acts. I didn't want to do it, but it's a crime against nature to disappoint Craig, so there ya go.*

**Caucasoid - Caucasoid - My Mind's Eye Records - 6 songs - 7"**

A couple quick notes: This is technically an Italian band, but because it's on a local label and because vocal talent Anus (aka Alessandro) used to live here (and was in some cool local bands like Folded Shirt and Flyin' Trichecos), I'm counting it as "local-ish." There was also a cassette release of this on Blow Blood Records a little while ago, but how complicated do you want this to be? Good punk rock, sorta Pagans-ish, definitely has the 70s punk feel going on. The head guy at the label who put this out (who also told me to "stop quoting [him] in the reviews") said that it's like a cross between Grabbies (another Anus band) and Folded Shirt, because of something to do with the drummer not being able to drum. Where was I going with this? I don't remember. Cool lyrics, too: "At the pub I'm

drinking late, I'm by myself not by mistake, I want alone but you want a debate, say 'What's wrong with ya, oi cheer up mate,' I'll smile when you die." Well, maybe I should stop there. Don't wanna ruin the mystery. Also, I mean 'cool' as in 'funny.' I do not endorse the lyrics about "siegeheiling with a smile," or, necessarily, "Smile When You Die." Or the ones about beating people up. Ok, so I don't endorse any of the lyrics, exactly, but...ah, you know, just don't buy this one if you don't have a sense of humor. Oh, wait, I did like the lines "I wanna ruin your day for you, do do do do do, possibly my day too." I'll officially endorse that line. Because it's funny. My personal favorites, for what it's worth, were "Sunday Morning," "Smile When You Die," and "Didn't Like Her Anyways." Anyway, I liked it. If you like any of the bands named previously in this review, or just good punk, maybe check this one out. 4/5

[mymindseye.bigcartel.com](http://mymindseye.bigcartel.com) (though it hasn't been added there yet, so just buy it at the physical My Mind's Eye store)

**JuJu Shrine - JuJu Shrine - Quality Time Records - 8 songs - Cassette, download**

I believe this band is now defunct (or at least on an indefinite hiatus), so this tape may be your only chance to experience them. I've just looked this up (gotta have some cold hard facts in these things) and I guess they only played 8 shows, which I guess makes them kinda like this generation's electric eels, except no it

doesn't. Anyway, when they were around, they were fronted (vocals and guitar) by Marty Brass, who you probably remember from such bands as The Nico Missile, Ma Holos, and Pig Flayer, among at least 16 others, if I had to guess. The first track, "Pills & Ills," decidedly sets the tone for what the rest of it will be like, with its snarling guitar and swirling organ. Other good ones include "She Always Creeps Behind," which shows off the drum talent of George Chattem in a way, as I don't believe it's in 4/4 (I could be wrong, I've never been great with music theory) and has a classic punk chorus, "Brain Swirls," which has a swirling organ riff indeed, courtesy of Dylan Grove, and the very catchy "Get Over It." "Dead Sun" is kinda psychedelic, if that's your thing. I think the real winner here, for me anyway, was "High Score Pt. 1 & 2," which shifts from part 1's great melody and lyrics about "got a message from my old lover," who is "moving to California in the middle of the summer," into a slow instrumental bridge, then a chaotic noisy bit that crashes into what I assume is part 2, which is faster and ends with the assurance that "we're getting nowhere." Isn't that just like a Cleveland band? Anyway, I thought it was pretty good, catchy punk. The organ adds a special touch. I could complain about the production on the vocals a little bit, but they were mostly comprehensible, so I won't. Cool stuff. 4.5/5

[qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com](http://qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

**Key To The Mint - Polynesian Dreams - Peanut Butter Records - 12 songs - Cassette, download**

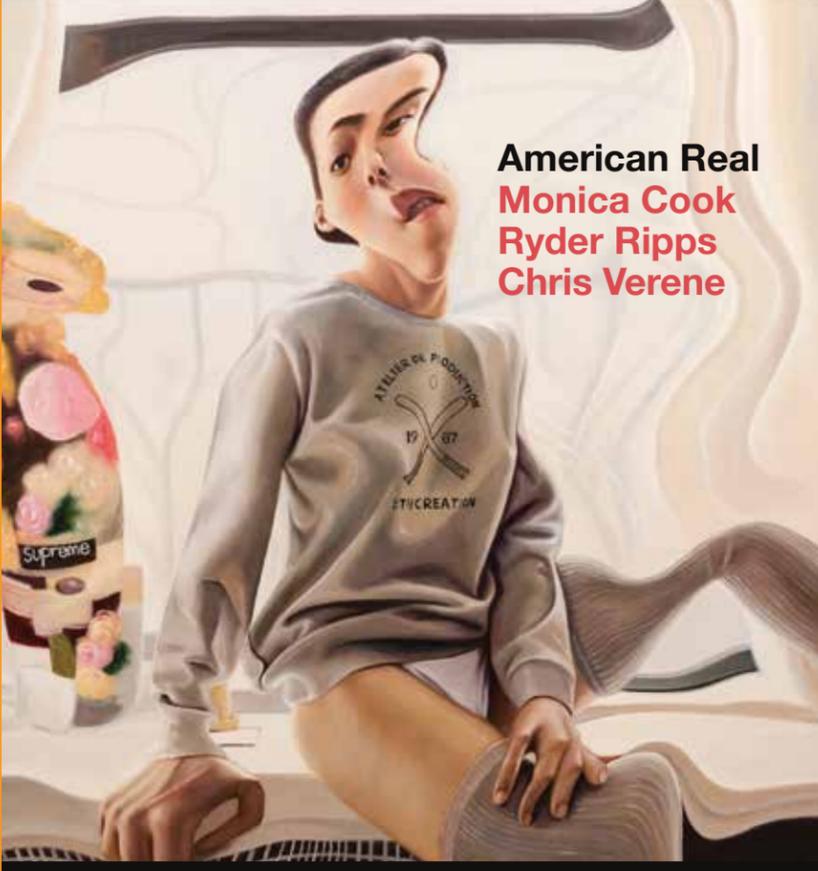
Key To The Mint is a post-punk band, rest assured. I don't really know much about them, so I'll skip all the stuff I usually blab about and move straight on to the music. The opening track is a short instrumental entitled "Good Enough For

Tiffany," which goes right into the first full song, "Navel-Gazer," which instantly sets the tone for the rest of the album, and reminds me of Depeche Mode meets The Smiths. It's also got the catchy chorus of "we're all dead," so there's a plus. Moving on in the cassette, there's "Mannequin," where they fully bring out the post-punkness of it all. That song reminds me of a specific song that I cannot remember at all, but believe me, it's familiar. Then there's "Spirits Are Deadly," which was pretty darn good. It opens with an ominous keyboard/drums part, again, very much reminding me of Depeche Mode, but also very much like The Cure. Something about it really reminds me of 1981 Cure mixed with "Blasphemous Rumours." This is followed by "Ohio Shores," which is so upbeat that it's almost a shock after the previous song (though the lyrics do seem to hide something darker in them if you listen closely), but, to continue the Cure thing, I suppose you can't have "The Hanging Garden" without "Let's Go To Bed." I'd like to point out, just for the heck of it, that the cassette insert is incorrect, as side 2 starts with "The Photos That You Left," not "Patients." On side 2, the standouts for me were "Cascades" and "Hanging Weights." On the whole, I think side 1 was stronger than side 2, though that might be because side 2 had the really long songs on it. If you didn't pick up on what I've been saying the whole review, it's very '80s sounding. I thought it was pretty cool. If you like The Cure, or Depeche Mode, or even Cleveland's own Pleasure Leftists, you'll probably like this. 4/5

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**Yambag - (Be) Wear The Mask - Saucepan Records - 8 songs - Cassette, download**

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by Tim Tavcar

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Admission is by free will donation.

For more info call 216-712-6926 or visit our website, [www.wordstageoh.com](http://www.wordstageoh.com).



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Pretty good hardcore. The titles of each of the songs here are animals. I'm not sure if this theme extends to the lyrics as well, but I'm just gonna have to assume that it does. I think I heard some animal names thrown around in there, but you never know. This cassette really flies by, at less than 10 minutes, but it's a solid punch anyway. My picks here are the opening track "Shark," "Squid" (which was also featured on the Quality Time Records compilation tape, along

with JuJu Shrine's "Brain Swirls" - see, it all ties together!), which goes from a fast part to a faster part, then back to just regular fast, and on like that, and my favorite one here, "Possum." I liked the vocals, the musicianship is tight, the songs are distinct. However, I get the feeling they're really more of a band you should see live, as, well, the title of the cassette (which is a great title, by the way) does have something to do with the singer's (not named here, but referred to on the Distort Cleveland

website as ¿Mask?), um, garb. And, hey, features members of Lucha Eterna, Bad Noids, Prison Moan, and probably tons and tons of others, so how can you go wrong? If you like some good, fast, loud hardcore, this is the cassette for you. 4/5 [saucepanrecords.bandcamp.com](http://saucepanrecords.bandcamp.com)

MOVIE REVIEW: *Enjoy Cleveland DVD (Noid Films)*

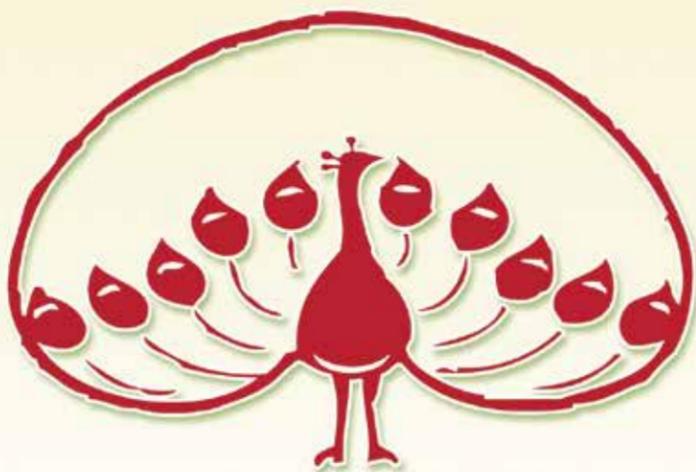
The concept here, if I've understood correctly, was that bands filmed music

videos in a big room with a green screen. I think it turned out pretty good. This DVD immediately started on a high note for me, as the menu screen has looped footage of the members of Cruelster jumping around in front of said green screen, which I could just watch forever. This film has lots of your favorite Cleveland punk bands and some that you've probably never heard of before. You do notice after a while that a

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## Business News

# Swim-A-Thon To Benefit Two Organizations

by Lynn Donaldson

Girls with Sole and the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River will be the beneficiaries of support from the sixth annual Swim-a-Thon on March 13 at the Rocky River Recreation Center pools from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Swimmers or those wishing to make a pledge should contact Harlan Radford, Rotarian and event coordinator, at harlanrjr@yahoo.com.

The recreation facility is located at 21012 Hilliard Blvd.

Last year, nearly \$3,000 was raised for the two organizations. Eighteen swimmers participated. Additionally, there were 10 volunteers who provided supervision and registration and students from Rocky River High School who served as life guards and received service hours' credits.

Girls with Sole is a Rocky River

non-profit that is committed to providing programs to empower the minds, bodies and souls of girls who are at risk or have experience abuse of any kind. Rotary is a worldwide organization that fosters the ideal of

service, assisting people locally and across the globe.

Additional information on these two organizations can be found at [www.girlswithsole.org](http://www.girlswithsole.org) and [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org).

## Rotary To Award Four Scholarships

by Lynn Donaldson

The Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Foundation is offering grants for study in any accredited post-high school educational institution. Four grants of \$2,500 will be awarded toward the cost of one year's tuition.

Applicants must be a member of the 2016 graduating class of any accredited high school and be a resident of Lakewood or Rocky River; in the top one-third of the graduating class; have applied to a specific college, university, community or junior college, or trade

or professional school; and have no direct relationship to a Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian.

Applications must be received by 3 p.m. Monday, April 11. The awards will be presented on June 13.

Required information must be submitted on the application form that can be downloaded or completed online at <http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>.

Guidelines for submitting the application, as well as other criteria, are included.

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lot of these bands share members. But you probably already knew that. The other thing is that, on occasion, the green screen effects are...well, not the greatest, which only adds to the humor of it all. Highlights for me included Vanilla Poppers doing two songs I hadn't heard before, Cruelster doing the Cruelster thing over a background of a lawnmower commercial, and our friends Yambag returning for the second time this column, in which their mysterious singer flails around in his mask, until it falls off and ruins the mystery. At one point, Richard- I mean, Mr. Mask picks up his fallen headgear and seems like he's gonna put it back on, then apparently decides against it and just flings it to the floor again. That was pretty entertaining. Other great segments include a very entertaining Saucepan Records commercial (which I won't spoil for you, except to say I can't believe

multiple people put those records in their mouths, but maybe I'm just squeamish (actually, I know I'm squeamish because I had to avert my eyes during most of Rubber Mate's video segment)), a band I hadn't heard of called Bulsch, whose video might be the funniest thing I've seen all month - they sing in, from what I can tell, a made-up language, first of all, then there's nine of them on screen at once (three different versions of each of the three members), and they seem to be berating the viewer with whatever their words mean, or at least that's what I'm taking away from the fact that they keep flipping off the camera, and hey, the songs were actually pretty good too, musically, and Bad Noids in a variety of ridiculous costumes just generally causing chaos. The film closes, as it should, with Perverts Again doing the smash hits "I Don't Want A Phone" and "Figgy Pudding," over a background of themselves playing a house show in what looks suspiciously

similar to the room from the Saucepan ad. The singer here marches in place for no discernible reason during the first song, then during the second one, lights a cigarette and just stands there with it, which might just tie with the Bulsch video for funniest thing here. As credits roll, the footage in the background continues with Perverts Again doing what I suppose is their theme song. Anyway, since I'm not really here to do movie reviews and I'm only doing this because it's local music-

related, I won't give it a rating, but I will say that if you like all that Cleveland punk stuff, you'll probably get a kick out of this movie. Nice cover art, too.

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Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email [vaguelythreatening@gmail.com](mailto:vaguelythreatening@gmail.com) or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.

## Gaelic Football Team

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owner and operator of Plank Road Tavern.

"Yeah, if you're in Lakewood, St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's guys are not hard to find," said Cobos. "We're kind of all over. If you can't find one of us, just head up to Plank. Get yourself something to eat, have a pint. One of us will be there soon enough. Best joint in town."

This type of neighborhood retail recruiting—where new players are brought in by old players they know from the neighborhood—is a bit untraditional. For St. Pat's-St. Jarlath' though, it's key to their success.

"In a lot of ways we're a small-market team," said Cobos. "When you look at cities like Chicago, Boston, Phila-

delphia, San Francisco, you're talking about clubs with hundreds of players backed by hundreds of thousands of dollars. In that regard, it's impossible for us to keep up with them. They can afford to do whatever they want. But look at the past ten years. Cleveland has four national championships. Can they keep up with us on the field?"

The results are hard to dispute, but the club knows how intimidating a new game can be to potential players. According to Cobos, that shouldn't stop them from trying. "Here's what I tell guys, everybody has a first day. All of us. But when you boil it down, it's a simple game. Run. Catch. Kick. If you're an athlete of any sort, you'll pick it up quickly," he said. "If anything you're going to have a great time, and you get to hang out with great guys. It's not the worst way to spend a summer."

If you are interested in learning more about Gaelic football or Cleveland St. Pat's-St. Jarlath's GFC, you can find them on Facebook at [/stpatsgfc](https://www.facebook.com/stpatsgfc), follow them on Twitter @cleveland-gaelic, or head up to Plank Road Tavern at 16719 Detroit—somebody will be there soon enough.

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**Forum**

# SLH Seeks Unity And Choices While City Hall Fights To Limit Choice And Divide Us

by Brian Essi

The hospital saga has followed the well known playbook of large hospital systems that divide and conquer local communities to *limit consumer choice and limit competition*. They do this by sizing up local leaders, promising the leaders things that the leaders want and then dividing the community to achieve the hospital system's goals of *limited consumer choice*. In Lakewood's case, the Cleveland Clinic (CCF) worked that playbook to perfection and City Hall *chose* to side with CCF and divide itself from the people.

**City Hall Chose to Limit Choice and Divide the City.**

The record is clear that several years ago, CCF promised things to Mayor Summers and he then *chose* to side with CCF—Summers was promised land and money to pursue his recreation and economic development agenda in exchange for giving CCF a virtual monopoly on healthcare, *limiting competition and choices* for the people of Lakewood. It is now clear that Summers, with the help of others, steered a “sham” bid process allowing CCF the inside track. Indeed, Summers *chose* two CCF Trustees to assist in conducting and overseeing the bid process. On January 14, 2015, councilmembers Mary Madigan and Tom Bullock (who were likely aware of the sham process) made their *choices* to join with CCF in *limiting choice*. On December 21, 2015, City Council collectively made their choice by voting 7-0 to limit the peoples' choice to CCF. Several Councilmembers even explained their *choices* to join CCF and divide from the people as “the only option.”

**The Grassroots Movement Gives the People Choices at the Ballot and for their Healthcare.**

Since its formation in January, 2015, the grassroots organization known as Save Lakewood Hospital (SLH) has consistently promoted *choices* for all of the people of Lakewood. SLH consistently urged City Hall to have a fair, open and honest bidding process concerning all available *options*. City Hall embraced the sham process and refused to engage in an open, honest and otherwise legitimate bid process. SLH promoted a charter amendment known as issue 64 to give the people the *choice* on the hospital issues. The political action committee (PAC) that opposed issue 64 was funded by the Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) with much support from City Hall and CCF. While they outspent the grassroots effort 10 to 1, filled mailboxes with false campaign literature and propaganda, they eked out only a narrow 52 to 48 “victory” to *limit the choice*.

Last month, SLH successfully led a signature drive and referendum effort to give voters the *choice* of overturning

the City Hall/LHA/CCF *limited choice*. If the referendum passes, it will nullify the Master Agreement that gave away \$70M in value to CCF for free and unfairly restricted operation of a hospital in the existing city-owned hospital Lakewood Hospital building (the “restrictive covenant”). The restrictive covenant helped CCF limit choices of the people and also helped Summers, et al with their recreation and economic development agenda. Passage of the referendum will also allow the city to properly have a fair, open and honest bidding process concerning all available *choices for future healthcare*—a longstanding goal of SLH supporters.

**City Hall is Fighting the People's Right to a Vote and Choices for their Healthcare.**

The referendum could have been placed on the upcoming March 15th ballot, but the law department and city council made *choices* to delay the vote. On February 11, 2016, Kevin Butler announced the “city's legal position” is that if the referendum passes, CCF/LHA/City Hall will proceed with their alliance and ignore or fight the voters' *choice*. So essentially, City Hall has *chosen* to fight the people's right under their own city charter to have a *choice*

in their own healthcare.

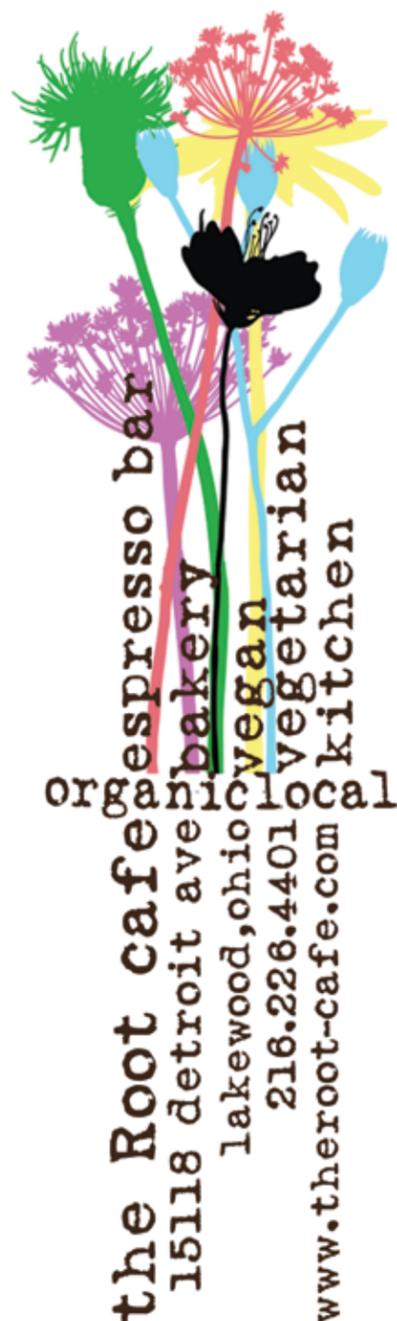
By all accounts, City Hall/LHA/CCF secretly manufactured and contrived a “legal position” that if valid would essentially steal the right of the people to choose the future of healthcare in Lakewood. In a twisted justification for keeping the details of the secret plan from the public, the city has argued that the taxpayer lawsuit (citizens seeking sunshine on the process) provided them with the “legal” cover to negotiate the Master Agreement with CCF and LHA in secret. Since the Master Agreement has been made public, City Hall has refused to answer questions and produce public records as to how and why critical details were arrived at. Instead, they use Mr. Butler to engage in legal gymnastics to try to explain why the voters are being deprived of choices.

As City Hall chose a divisive and contentious course through alliance with CCF/LHA and crafty lawyers, various councilmembers acknowledged that CCF and LHA had behaved badly and could not be trusted. There was also an acknowledgement that the Master Agreement was not really about healthcare at all. The basic needs of the people remain unmet.

**Imagine if City Hall Chose to Unite with its People and Divide from CCF and LHA.**

Just imagine if City Hall chose to divide itself from CCF/LHA by overturning the agreement or even remaining neutral and letting the people make their own choice at the ballot box as soon as possible. Just imagine if City Hall chose to open the bidding process and an honest and reliable partner came in to buy or lease the existing facility as a full service hospital. Since no other party was ever offered to bid on what CCF was offered on the inside “sham” track, just imagine if a more honorable competitor was given that opportunity and offered to do the same thing as CCF has “promised” and we actually got some money for our valuable beds licenses, equipment and real estate at fair market value---likely yielding tens of millions of dollars more, rather than just giving it to CCF for free. Just imagine if City Hall stopped pretending that the Master Agreement was improved healthcare when everyone knows that is not true.

Just imagine if City Hall had a reunion with its people instead of fighting them and siding with an outsider.



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## Forum

# SLH And Citizens For A Strong Lakewood Protest Clinic CEO And Mayor's Speeches

by Kevin Young

Wednesday, February 24th was a very busy day for the Save Lakewood Hospital committee and Citizens for a Strong Lakewood members, who protested at two high profile speaking events.

At 6 AM, committee members protested in front of the Intercontinental Hotel next to the Clinic as invitees filed past on their way to Clinic CEO Toby Cosgrove's "State of The Clinic" address. Temperatures were in the low 40's as a soaking rain fell, but that didn't dampen committee member spirits. Commuters honked their horns and gave members thumbs up as rush hour traffic swelled on Carnegie Ave. Local TV media covered the protest and reported on morning broadcasts. Crain's Cleveland Business' health reporter, who was one of the invitees, tweeted a photo of the protest and a link from our YouTube Channel. <https://youtu.be/Yzf4EDK25Xs>



photo by Jeanne Mackay

Save Lakewood Hospital and Citizens for a Strong Lakewood supporters gathered before sunrise in the cold and rain outside of The Cleveland Clinic's State of the Clinic address to protest CEO Toby Cosgrove's strategy for healthcare delivery that they feel puts profits before people and caused Lakewood Hospital to close earlier this year.

Twelve hours later, the committee re-enacted the scene at Mayor Summer's State of the City address at the Lakewood Masonic Temple. Just as was the case earlier that day, the falling

rain soaked committee members as they picketed on Detroit Avenue in

front of the Temple. This time the honking horns and cheers of approval were even more intense than they had been before. The sound of horns and cheers filled the main hall of the Temple as council members shuffled in for the address.

Once the address commenced, committee members joined the small group of Mayor Summer's supporters in the Temple's main hall. Empty as the hall was, it provided a chance to dry off after what had been a very successful day. This kind of visibility has made it clear to everyone that the campaign for health care justice in our community is far from over. The committee continues its commitment to save lives, save jobs, save Lakewood and to save Lakewood Hospital. The issue that will determine the future of our hospital will be on the ballot sometime in 2016.

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## 'Twas The Save Lakewood Hospital Protest

by Marguerite Harkness

'Twas the rainiest morning,  
And out on the Street,  
Stood legions of SLH folks,  
Who wouldn't be beat.

"Save Lakewood Hospital,"  
They shouted out loud –  
"Save Lives, Save Jobs, and  
Keep Lakewood proud!"

The rain was relentless,  
The puddles were deep,  
The drivers were happy  
To tell us "Beep-Beep"!

The Clinic cops were decent,  
This we must say,  
As we cleared the crosswalks,  
And promised to obey.

Back home before breakfast,  
Our coats soaking wet,  
Our gloves and our pants  
And our shoes were a mess!

Toby is bragging,  
We heard with alarm,  
He says Clinic's flush,  
Means Lakewood no harm.

But Clinic monopoly  
In Lakewood's own town  
Means Lakewood's economy  
Is heading WAY DOWN!

A thousand of jobs,  
And a ton of dough,  
No inpatient beds,  
And NOWHERE TO GO!

Marguerite Harkness is Co-Chair of the Save Lakewood Hospital Committee.

## Forum

### *The Violence Against Women Re-Authorization Act Of 2013:* **A Recommended Outreach Program**

by Michael Lauer

In my opinion, under Title III, Sec. 302 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, any grants allocated to an outreach program that enhances knowledge about human developmental psychology and family law to the general public would help prevent the scourge of domestic violence in our communities.

This type of outreach program would consist of a team of professionals who are licensed in the areas of education, psychology and law. The philosophy is that by integrating both the disciplines of human developmental psychology and family law when resolving domestic issues, family decision-making skills in effect will make family choices more productive and at the same time help with avoiding common decision traps and thinking errors that may lead to domestic violence. It will also ensure

real-life family-oriented scenarios that will inspire and motivate commitment and action on how to critique and solve family disputes through problem-solving strategies like collaboration, communication, and negotiation that are needed for successful, decision making.

The primary goal of this type of outreach program is to prevent domestic violence in our families and educational institutions by learning and applying skills needed that help manage emotion and perception issues while increasing objectivity in stressful family decision situations that occur often in impoverished communities.

According to the American Psychological Association, children and adolescents who were exposed to or have been physically or sexually abused can suffer a range of psychological and behavioral problems, from mild to severe, in both the short and long

term. These problems typically include depression, anxiety, guilt, fear, sexual dysfunction, withdrawal, and acting out. The Association also reported the costs of teacher victimization; lost wages, lost days of work (927,000 per year), need for training and replacement of teachers leaving the school prematurely, lost instructional time, medical and psychological care resulting from threats and assaults, and increased workers' compensation claims and premiums.

According to U.S. News and World Report, June, 2014, Report: School Crime and Violence Rise, the report indicated that the number of teachers who say they've been physically attacked by students is the highest yet. Non-fatal incidents at school—such as theft and assaults—appear to be on the rise, after several years of steady decline. In 2012, students between the ages of 12 and 18 experienced more than 1.3 million nonfatal victimizations, according to the report.

In 2012, the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reported a gradual increase in the past three years in assaults by students against school personnel. The American Psychological Association called violence against teachers a national crisis. In 2012, 1,749 school workers statewide were physically assaulted in 1,401 incidents involving

1,412 students, according to DESE.

In 2012, Chicago Public Schools reported 854 attacks against teachers and school employees in the last school year, with 180 resulting in injury. In 2014, New Bedford High School teachers are spending more time breaking up fights, than actually teaching and in the process they're the ones becoming the victim.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported in 2011, students ages 12-18 were victims of about 1,246,000 nonfatal victimizations at school, including 648,600 thefts and 597,500 violent victimizations.

National Commission on Teaching and America's Future (NCTAF) findings are a clear indication that America's Teacher dropout problem is spiraling out of control. Teacher attrition has grown by 50 percent over the past 15 years. The problem is most acute in the nation's high minority, high poverty, and low performing schools. Estimates put the costs of teacher attrition at \$7.3 billion a year.

In recognition of the fact that the safety in our educational institutions and homes play a significant role in our communities, I believe an outreach program that integrates and supports those programs, projects, and activities related to human psychological development and family law will help reduce domestic violence in our communities.

### **Nicholson House Designated Local Historic Property**

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emigrated from New England. Born in Massachusetts in 1782, he moved with his family to Connecticut, from where he left at the age of twenty for Trumbull County in the Western Reserve. There he wooed and married another newcomer from the Nutmeg State, Betsey Bartolomew.

Nicholson still wasn't ready to set down roots, as in 1818 he purchased 142 acres of land to the west in Township 7, Range 14 of Cuyahoga County. He, Betsey, and their growing family were settled there within a year or so in a log cabin Nicholson raised on the north side of the Detroit Road. They were the first permanent settlers on that section of the thoroughfare.

As if to verify his permanency, James Nicholson became one of the leading residents of the neighboring environs. He attended the meeting in 1819 that adopted the name of Rockport for their township. In years following he would establish Rockport's first school and its earliest church.

Soon Nicholson moved from his original cabin to the other side of Detroit Road. There he built a frame home which he occupied for ten years before abandoning it for the present house that still bears his name.

Begun probably in 1835, the frame colonial was built of timber cut and dried on the grounds. Windows and doors were fashioned by hand and arranged symmetrically across the front of the house. The front doorway, flanked by twin columns and sheltered by a sloping portico, has been the home's most distinctive feature from the time of its completion around 1839.

Born in 1835, James and Betsey's youngest child, Ezra Nicholson, likely traced his earliest memories to his parents' new home. Eventually he would inherit both the house and its surrounding farm,

which James had enlarged into a long, nearly mile-wide swath of land stretching from Madison Avenue north to Lake Erie.

It was Ezra who would develop much of the Nicholson holdings into residential property in the 1890s. Nicholson Avenue was cut through to the north, giving the family homestead a sweeping vista to the lake. Three other streets were named for Ezra's children: Grace, Clarence, and Lewis. His mother Betsey's birthplace in Connecticut was memorialized as Waterbury Avenue.

The younger Nicholson also emulated his father's involvement in civic affairs. Just as James had helped name the township of Rockport, Ezra Nicholson served on a two-man committee that recommended the name Lakewood when the eastern section of the township incorporated as a separate entity in 1889. He served two terms as Lakewood's first clerk and treasurer.

Following Ezra's death in 1915, two more generations of Nicholsons continued to occupy the white landmark at the head of Nicholson Avenue. During the Depression the house was chosen for inclusion in the Historic American Buildings Survey of the New Deal's Works Progress Administration (WPA). In 1979 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since 1985 it has been owned by the City of Lakewood and maintained by the Lakewood Historical Society as a rental facility for special events.

Its recent designation as a Local Historic Property protects the Nicholson House from any inappropriate exterior alterations. Two privately-owned residences, the Weber home on Homewood Drive and the Mackey home on Lake Avenue, were also added to the list recently. Property owners interested in being included may apply for designation through the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board.

### **Save Lives, Save Jobs, Save Lakewood, Save Lakewood Hospital**

by Barbara K. Coleman

Lakewood residents deserve a fulltime acute care hospital! Lakewood is the most densely populated city between New York City and Chicago. 52,000 residents live here. Senior citizens have been encouraged to move here to senior apartments near our hospital. They are less likely to have a car to take them for medical attention.

Transportation to other hospitals on the west side is difficult, especially for those without a car. There are three EMT units for transporting emergencies to medical help. The closest Emergency Room other than Lakewood is at Fairview Hospital - three miles away. The Clinic building in Avon is 25 miles to the west with no public transportation to it.

Someone with a critical situation - stroke, heart attack, or another life-

threatening problem may have a long wait if no EMT unit is available because it is out of the city. Average wait times in local Emergency Rooms vary from two hours and nine minutes to four hours and six minutes. In extreme times the wait can be longer.

TIME IS TISSUE! According to Doctor Kilroy, MD, of Lakewood: The Lakewood Hospital contract is NOT A DONE DEAL. Join the Save Lakewood Hospital Committee, which meets most Sundays at Lakewood Public Library at 4p.m. For more information call 216-586-2401.

SAVE LIVES-SAVE JOBS-SAVE LAKEWOOD-SAVE LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL

Barbara Coleman is a retired school librarian from Emerson and a Lakewood resident since 1957.



# Lakewood Living

## Your Walls Can Talk

by Jeff Weber

Ever wonder who lived in your house before you? Ever wonder what they were like? What did they do for a living? Did they have kids? What were their interests? Well, you'd be amazed what you can learn with a little on-line research.

Next year in July, 1095 Homewood Drive turns 100 years old. Maybe it was this impending event that stirred me to find out more about the homeowners who preceded me. With some guidance by the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board and a few hours on the Internet, here is only a small amount of what I found out.

Eight families have owned the property, including us. Three of those families lived here in excess of 23 years. The families before us have hosted weddings, harp recitals, garden club meetings, even a wake. Some locally notable people were among those with ties to the home.

The property was purchased in September 1916 by a real estate investor, Robert P. Clark and his wife, Lucille. They lived at 15105 Lake Avenue. It is unclear whether they ever lived here or just had the home built to sell. They bought the property for \$2,775. The original building permit shows the anticipated building cost to be \$10,000. The first real estate ad for the home ran in September 1918 with a list price of \$22,500. George Kauffman, a Canton-area contractor turned architect, designed the home. He was also the architect for the Sly Mansion (now owned by the Semaan family). Side Note: The Sly mansion is one of only three original lakefront estates that remain in Lakewood of 31 that were once between West 117 and Summit Avenue. All three are in the Overlook Park neighborhood. The other two are currently owned by the Munsons and the Hollands.

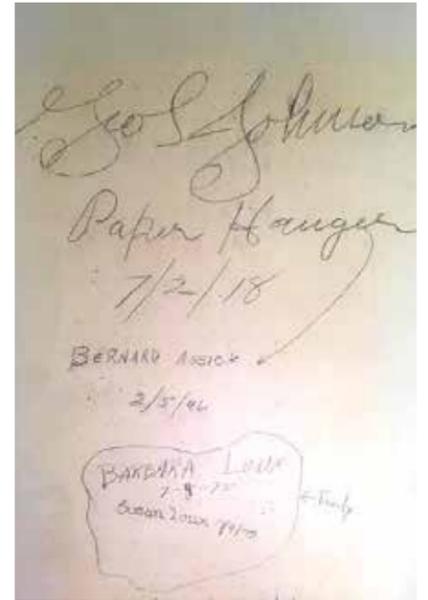
The second owners, Joseph and Nettie Mitcheltree, lived here from April 1919 to September 1924. Nettie put the home up for sale less than a year after Joe's untimely death in July 1923. Joe and Nettie frequently entertained friends at The Clifton Club and Westwood Country Club. In 1927 a Joseph Mitcheltree Trophy was awarded to J.C. Pettee, a Westwood veteran. Joseph's obituary says he was a member of the Knights of Templar. It is unknown if Joseph was involved in Templar Motors, but most certainly he knew men who were. The automobile was built in Lakewood between 1917 and 1924. A circa 1921 photo shows a Templar auto in front of the home.

The third owner of the house turned out to be a millionaire

according to his obituary. David Lowensohn and his wife, Ida, lived here for 8 years. He owned an engineering/construction company that built the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge and the Lorain Bridge over the Rocky River by Fairview Hospital. His company also installed a 24" water main on Clifton that supplied water to Rocky River and Bay Village. Because the company was an "open shop" it frequently made headlines when it was embroiled in work disputes with local unions. In 1932 he and his wife moved down Edgewater Drive to what is now the Morgenthaler house at 13904 (next door to the Mellino's). The Lowensohn's eventually moved from Lakewood to 2823 Winthrop Road in Shaker Heights. Interestingly, the Lowensohn Construction Company served as the engineering partner to the Van Sweringen brothers real estate company for years; so most certainly Mr. Lowensohn had something to do with the development of Shaker Heights. He and his son were the first Clevelanders to fly across the Pacific in November 1936.

Lewis and Muriel Winter (whose daughter married a Lieutenant in the Air Force and whose son served as a Lieutenant in the Army); Barbara and Gordon Loux; Jeff and Karen Weber each owned the home for 23 years or longer. During these years there were births, graduations, weddings and lasting friendships formed. One such friendship was between two young boys: Gordon Winter and George Steinbrenner, who frequently visited his grandparents at 1096 Homewood Drive. Years later, Gordon was an usher at George Steinbrenner's marriage to Elizabeth Joan Zieg held at the Scioto Country Club.

In 1996 as we stripped wallpaper



Kimi's wall

in our daughter Kimi's room we were surprised to uncover a written history left marked on the wall. George L. Johnson, paperhanger signed the wall in 1918 with a flourished signature reminiscent of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In 1946, Bernard Assick, paperhanger signed the wall. And in 1975 Barbara Loux signed the wall. It seemed only fitting that we too leave our inscription.

To this day, this wall continues to talk. We left it exposed and coated it with polyurethane to preserve it for the next 100 years. It's a living reminder that after all, we are mere custodians of a house...part of a chain in an on-going narrative. Building memories and moving on; allowing others to build their own cherished memories.

*Post Script: In December 2015, the Planning Commission of the City of Lakewood approved our application for Historic Designation. And next year...we hope to mark the home's first 100 years with a befitting party.*

# Lakewood Living

## Home-Selling Safety Tips

by Chris Bergin

The Spring Selling Season is just around the corner! You have enough to think about without worrying that your home isn't safe, or that your things may be stolen. Open Houses and showings mean strangers will be in your house. A few safeguards can lessen your worry:

**Remove things that matter:** Store

jewelry, fine art or collectibles with a friend or family member. If that's not an option, find a place to hide valuables in your home or keep them with you in a suitcase and take it with when you leave. The same applies to personal papers with account numbers and/or social security information. And medicine cabinets are often a target. Buyers will open closets, cabinets, and

even drawers.

**Secure your home:** Keep doors and windows locked. Prospective buyers will often open windows or doors. Some will even do that to return later to steal things. Others may even visit several times and bring an accomplice to distract the agent. So double-check doors and windows when returning after a showing.

**Consider an alarm system:** It may seem impractical to install a system when you'll be moving, but it will not only deter burglars, but may also be a strong selling point.

**Make it look like you're home:** If you're aren't currently living in the home, think about installing motion sensors or timers to automatically turn on lights. Make arrangements to have your mail forwarded so that it is not piling up at your house. And ensure that the lawn is being taken care of or the snow being removed.

**Reach out to your neighbors:** Ask them to keep an eye on your place. Introduce them to your agent so they know things are okay when the agent is on the premises.

By taking these extra precautions, you can feel safe and secure during a home sale process and focus your attention on the goal: getting your home sold! Sellers can find other useful real estate information at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

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## Sanders Campaign Hits The Streets Of Lakewood

by Mike Deneen

On February 20, over fifty Bernie Sanders supporters spent the unseasonably warm Saturday volunteering at his campaign office in Lakewood. They went door-to-door here and made phone calls to Democratic voters across Ohio.

Amelia Logan, one of the event organizers, was pleased. "I think it went really well," she said, "turn-out was awesome, people here are amazing." When asked how he felt about the turn-out, local Sanders Campaign Leader Tristan Rader responded with the Bernie-as-Larry David line: "Pretty, pretty, pretty good."

Volunteers went door-to-door

all across Lakewood, and got mostly positive responses. They also got some interesting feedback on the election. "One guy told me the election's between Sanders and Trump," said Jill Snellman, a volunteer who came from Gates Mills.

Lakewood resident Brittany Dobish was very nervous about canvassing, since she had never gone door-to-door before. After finishing her shift, she expressed how much she enjoyed it. "We do have a lot of Bernie supporters around here [Lakewood], which is awesome."

The door-to-door canvassing continued the following day, as volunteers reached all four wards of the city. They were out again the next weekend, and plan to continue through the March 15

Democratic Presidential Primary.

Many of the volunteers got a treat when Sanders came to the Cleveland area on February 25. They helped to facilitate a campaign rally held that morning at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea. A crowd of over 2,500 packed the small gym, and supporters were thrilled. Dobish was part of the crowd, sitting on the stage where Sanders spoke. "Really one of the most amazing experiences of my life," she said.

In addition to canvassing, volunteers have been phone banking every day in an attempt to reach every Ohio Democratic voter. Lakewood resident Sydney Darton is one of dozens of volunteers making calls. As with many Bernie volunteers, this is her first campaign. "Instead of just talking about making a difference, I'm taking steps to help," she said.

The local office, located at 11910 Detroit Avenue, will continue canvassing every Saturday now through March 15. Shifts begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The public is also invited to visit the office to pick up information on Bernie, to volunteer, or to get a yard sign.



Zibby "aka Bernie Dog" came to help the campaign. Here she is with her human Kristen Locurto.

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