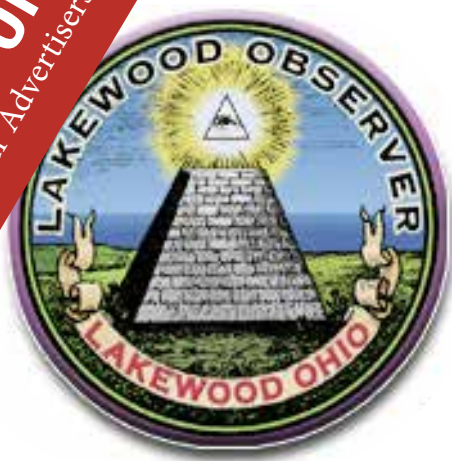


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## Rotary Honors Speech, Music, Visual Arts Student Achievement

by Lynn Donaldson

Winners of Rotary's annual Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contest were honored at an awards ceremony and reception April 2 at the Beck Center for the Arts.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, the competition annually showcases the incredible talents

of students attending one of five high schools – Lakewood, Lutheran West, Magnificat, Rocky River, and St. Edward.

Speech contest first place winner is Grace Dill. Also honored were Ella Chanter, second place, Haley Schultz, third place, and Ava Wahl, fourth place. All students are from Lakewood High School.



Winners in the 74th annual Four-Way Speech Contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River were honored at the Beck Center on April 2. They are (from left) Grace Gill, Ella Chanter, Haley Schultz, and Ava Wahl. All students are from Lakewood High School.

## Volunteers Needed For LCAC's Spring Cleaning Distribution

by Celia Dorsch

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation is once again in need of many helping hands. On Saturday, May 11th, LCAC will sort and deliver bags overflowing with cleaning supplies to 250 family households and senior residents in need. As temperatures start to climb, folks become anxious to wash off winter's dirt and grime. Many households struggle when it comes to spring cleaning because necessary supplies are expensive, and not covered by WIC.

YOU can make a difference for your neighbors in need by joining LCAC's Spring Cleaning distribution. By donating just two hours of your time, you can help 250 Lakewood homes sparkle and shine!

Thanks for putting May 11th on your calendar. LCAC's Spring Cleaning Distribution event will begin at 9am. As with our holiday food drives,



LCAC board members and volunteers will meet in the rear parking lot of the Masonic Temple at 15300 Detroit Ave. This time, instead of turkeys and canned goods, helpers will be filling bags with detergents, personal hygiene products and other cleaning supplies. Then, the bags will be loaded into volunteers' cars and head off to be delivered to households in Lakewood.

Come, rain or shine! All ages are welcome at LCAC events! Gathering with neighbors to help friends in Lakewood is what community is all about.

Please check our website - [www.LCAC.info](http://www.LCAC.info), or our Facebook page - (Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation) for more details.

Speech contest finals were at the Rotary club's March 25 meeting. Speeches must be of original content and be based on "The Four-Way Test of Rotary" which asks, "Is it the truth, Is it fair to all concerned, Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

This is the 74th year for the club's speech competition.

Music contest first place winner is Kira Marjanovic, Lakewood, who performed "Sonata for Trumpet and Piano" by Kent Kennan on the trumpet. Nadine El Dabh, Rocky River, placed second; Zearatus Perry, Lakewood, placed third; and Breslin McCrae, Lakewood, received an honorable mention.

The music competition follows the judging standards set by the Ohio Music Education Association.

Visual arts winners were Chloe Becker, Magnificat, first place; Connor Starowsky, Lakewood, second place; and Isabella Dombrowski, Lakewood, third place. Honorable mentions went to Natalie Costello, Lakewood; Phoebe Dunn, Rocky River; and Zed Skinner, Lakewood.

Over 90 pieces, of numerous styles employing various media, were submitted by all five schools. A jury of artists selected outstanding works of art that met the contest requirements. From this gallery, judges chose the award winners. The selected entries are displayed in the Jean Bulicek Galleria at the Beck Center.

"This annual event is a wonderful way to acknowledge the talents of our youth," stated Ed Gallagher, Beck Center director of education, "and the quality work of the participants truly shows that the arts and creativity are alive and well in our community."

All winners received congratulations and prize money from Rotarian and master of ceremonies Charles Eversole. This is the twenty-second year that the Beck Center has collaborated with the Rotary club for this competition.



## Muni Judge Pat Carroll Revamping Bonding Out

by Jim O'Bryan

Municipal Judge Patrick Carroll announced last week that he is offering a revised bond schedule for people arrested in the City of Lakewood.

Bonds will only be required for felony and specific misdemeanor offenses listed in the schedule, unless the police and/or prosecutor request a bond for any other charges.

Considerations for setting bail are limited to:

- 1) Securing the defendant's appearance in court, and
- 2) Risk of harm to the defendant, victim, or the community.

Download 2019 Bonding Schedule Here: [http://media.lakewoodobserver.com/media/docs\\_1554489660.pdf](http://media.lakewoodobserver.com/media/docs_1554489660.pdf)

Judge Carroll explained it like this, "Now a person arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, (OVI) by a Lakewood police officer is required to post a \$364.00 bond while a person arrested by the Ohio State

Highway Patrol in Lakewood for the same offense is released to a sober person without bond.

There has been no significant difference in the defendant's appearance in court on the charges. As such, the bond serves little other purpose than a down payment for a fine if the defendant is later found guilty."

With increased substance abuse and mental health issues, bond classifications

Read the rest of this article online with links to all documents. Just scan QR Code or go to [lakewoodobserver.com/forum](http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum)



## LEAF Heirloom Plant Sale

by Margaret Brinich

LEAF (Lakewood Earth and Food) Community's annual heirloom plant sale will take place on Saturday, May 11 from 2-5 p.m. at the Lakewood Garden Center (13230 Detroit Ave, Lakewood). We will be hosting several local seedling vendors to help you get your garden ready for spring or find the perfect last minute gift for Mother's Day. Additional local food and craft vendors will be included and the brand new, Lakewood owned, Dang Good Foods Food Truck will

be there! Still accepting vendors (email [leafcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:leafcommunity@gmail.com) for information). Plus, Garden Guru Emil Girod and his apprentice Jim will be selling seedlings at the sale as a fundraiser for LEAF.

Current slate of vendors (more to be added once confirmed):

Ridge Bridge Farm - tomato and other veggie starts

Bay Branch Farm - veggie starts

Community Greenhouse Partners - veggie starts and  
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Lakewoodobserver.com/Forum

Things you missed last week on the Lakewood Observer Observation Deck. Stop by check it out. Sign up, it's free.



City of Lakewood’s Public Works Department workers carrying out the American Flag at a recent Monster’s game. Stop by. Check it out. Sign up, it’s free.



Bad weather or trouble? We always seem to have an Observer nearby taking photos, making notes, asking questions. This was Sunday just north of Wooster Ohio.



The best of all things in and around Lakewood. Exclusive images of our Bald Eaglelets as they hatched! We climb the trees so you don’t have to! Stop by!

But what we are best at--all of the Observers--is working together to try to understand the community and what is going on in it, better than anyone.

We ask tough questions of elected officials and share information and documents in online conversations that stretch back over a decade.

That’s what we do better than anyone. We’ve been together since 2004 having serious conversations and serious fun.

The next LO party is in May. Stay tuned.

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A Lakewood Hospital bill from 1944 someone sent in. Thanks. Keep those memories and photos coming!

HOT OFF THE DECK!

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Spring Sale At Nicholson House	Betsy Voinovich	0	133	Sat Apr 13
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Another Business Leaves Lakewood	Bridget Conant	3	401	Thu Apr 11
Time To Ask Hard Questions	Mark Kindt	8	693	Wed Apr 10
We Have A Baby!!!	Jim O'Bryan	1	673	Tue Apr 09
View from Ward 2	Dan Alaimo	3	854	Mon Apr 08
Ward 4 town hall meeting Thur 4/11	Dan OMalley	0	507	Mon Apr 08
Lakewood Hospital In Photos 1901-2019		21	4331	Mon Apr 08
Accident Causes Slowdown In Donut Line		3	1281	Fri Apr 05



Lakewood’s longest accident. A driver was noticed driving irregularly west on Madison Ave from Highland Ave.(aka W117th St.). At Lewis and Madison the driver hit a car and continued west with other drivers following. At Crest Lane and Riverside the 70-year-old man slammed into a parked car and then into a pole. The impact sent the parked car over 400’ through two intersections. Only the driver was hurt and taken to Fairview Hospital. Great work, Lakewood Police and Fire Departments.



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The Lakewood Small Business Incentive Workshop takes place on April 24. (Photo by Sky Media Cleveland)

## LakewoodAlive, City Of Lakewood To Host Small Business Incentive Workshop April 24

by Matt Bixenstine

In our city, small business is big business.

LakewoodAlive is pleased to partner with the City of Lakewood to host a Lakewood Small Business Incentive Workshop on Wednesday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Taco Tontos (13321 Madison Avenue). This free workshop for businesses and building owners aims to edu-

cate attendees regarding programs and resources available through the City of Lakewood to help you open or grow your business.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the following incentive programs at their disposal:

**Storefront Renovation Program:** Provides businesses and

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## Antonio Applauds Ohio’s Transportation Budget

by Nickie Antonio

Just last week, the Ohio legislature passed the state’s two-year transportation budget, House Bill 62.

I was honored to serve as the highest ranking Democrat on the Transportation, Commerce and Workforce committee where the transportation budget was deliberated. Once the budget passed the Senate, it then moved to Conference Committee, a committee made up of three House members and three Senate members. I was honored to represent as the appointed conferee, the only Senate Democrat, on the committee. The job of the committee was to sort out the differences between the Governor’s-introduced budget and the passed budgets in both the House and the Senate and come up with compromises through various amendments. In the end, we forged a compromise bill that the majority of Democrats could vote for.

HB 62 includes \$70 million per year for public transportation, a 10.5-cent increase in the gas tax and a 19-cent increase in the diesel fuel tax as well as an increase in the state’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for low- and moderate-income Ohioans amongst other items.

I supported this budget because it will bring more dollars to public transportation, provide an increased tax credit for low-income Ohioans, and bring needed funds to our local communities to fix our roads and bridges—core principles we fought to include.

Certainly, no one prefers tax increases; however, in order to keep our roads and bridges safe and increase public transportation, this was the only option. I was especially proud of the collaboration between the Ohio House and Senate Democrats as we worked



Senator Antonio testifying in committee

together for the best way forward for all Ohioans.

Later this month, the Ohio Senate will begin deliberations on Ohio’s operating budget, and I look forward to taking up that process.

For those of you who contacted our office during the transportation budget process, your input was much appreciated. Going forward to contact our office, our phone number is 614-466-5123 and our email is Antonio@ohiosenate.gov. My Legislative Aides, Taylor Phillips and Sarah Taylor, would be happy to assist you.

State Senator Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) is honored to be serving in her first elected term in the Ohio Senate District 23, following 8 years of service in the Ohio House of Representatives, 13th House District with 5 of those years serving in leadership as Minority Whip. Antonio has also served as Lakewood City Councilmember, Executive Director of an outpatient drug/alcohol treatment program for women and teacher for children with special needs.

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## Celebrate Cinco De Mayo

Friday, May 3, 2019 \* 3:00-4:30 p.m.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday April 18, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Booked for Murder Book Club

If you share a passion for mystery, join the group each month to discuss your favorites and selections made by group members. Tonight we will discuss “Morality Play: A Novel” by Barry Unsworth.

In the Main Library Meeting Room

Friday, April 19, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Film - “Pariah” (2011) Directed by Dee Rees

Teenage Alike (Adepero Oduye) lives with her parents (Charles Parnell, Kim Wayans) and younger sister (Sahra Mellesse). A lesbian, Alike quietly embraces her identity and is looking for her first lover, but she wonders how much she can truly confide in her family, especially with her parents’ marriage already strained. When Alike’s mother presses her to befriend a colleague’s daughter (Aasha Davis), Alike finds her to be pleasant companion.

In the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, April 20, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Film - Picnic at Hanging Rock (1975) Directed by Peter Weir

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

On Valentine’s Day 1900, two teachers and several schoolgirls from Appleyard College picnic at mysterious Hanging Rock. A few of the girls set out to explore, and none return. The site is scoured to no avail. Young valet Albert Crundall (John Jarratt) searches by himself and finds only one of the girls. What or who caused the others to vanish? Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

In the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - CLOSED ALL DAY

Library Closed

Lakewood Public Library will be closed in observance of Easter.

Monday, April 22, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Hire Local Lakewood

Presented by Lakewood Community Services Center and The Centers for Families and Children’s El Barrio Workforce Development

Join us to learn about the services offered to Lakewood residents through Hire Local Lakewood. After an overview of our job preparation and job search services and our job training programs, there will be a hands-on skill building activity. Residents and businesses can learn more about the services provided by Hire Local Lakewood by calling (216) 325-WORK, or visiting the Hire Local Lakewood office, located at the Lakewood Community Services Center.

In the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Genealogy Workshop

Taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD

Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unravel your history with professional results using the free Library Edition of ancestry.com and other resources. Space is limited at the workshops, but you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Also, keep in mind that the Library Edition of the famous genealogy resource, ancestry.com, is free to use every day at the Library. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

In the Main Library Learning Lab

Wednesday April 24, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Staffed Exhibit Time

When visitors interact with digital creative tools such as Emerge or Thread, their voices will be incorporated into the exhibit in a variety of ways—from a scrolling group poem to posted cards printed from the Emerge web application. If you want to engage with these tools, but don’t know where to start, visit while our docents can assist. To schedule for large groups please email events@lakewoodpubliclibrary.org or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 174.

In the Main Library Second Floor Gallery

## Children And Youth

compiled by Nic Starr

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Happy Chinese Workshop: Chinese Ink Painting

For students in first through sixth grade.

Learn to make simple traditional Chinese paintings with ink and brushes. Registration required.

In the Main Library Activity Room.

Friday, April 26, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Blackout Poetry

For students in sixth through twelfth grade.

Celebrate National Poetry Month by learning how to create Blackout Poetry using pages of old books or newspaper. Registration is required.

In the Main Library Activity Room.

Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Family Music and More: Nora the Explorer Animal Encounters

For the whole family

Enjoy a fun-filled program with a parrot, rabbit, chinchilla, bugs, snakes, lizards and more. No registration required. Free and open to public.

In the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Workshop, Led by Leanne Hoppe

From the Italian, stanza means a room—a place to pause. Indeed, Traveling Stanzas offers individuals moments of pause, with which to reflect on their lives, their city and a shared experience of their community. Leanne Hoppe, local teacher, editor and translator will lead workshops in the Traveling Stanzas Exhibit to give attendees a structured moment to explore the interactive tools.

In the Main Library Second Floor Gallery

Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Film - “The Big Sick” (2017) Directed by Michael Showalter

Based on the real-life courtship between Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon, “The Big Sick” tells the story of Pakistan-born comedian Kumail (Nanjiani), who connects with grad student Emily (Kazan). What they thought would be just a one-night stand blossoms into the real thing, which complicates the life that is expected of Kumail by his traditional Muslim parents. Kumail must deal with the emotional tug-of-war between his family and his heart.

In the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.

WordStage Performance “Give Me Your Tired”:

Expressions of Immigration

Poet Emma Lazarus wrote the, “The New Colossus.” Its most iconic line reads, “Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” Join us for this performance featuring immigrant stories through the poetic voice. The poems featured will come from community members and influential poets. WordStage is a chamber music reader’s theater dedicated to the presentation of works with special literary, historical and musical merit.

In the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Traveling Stanzas: Immigrant Voices Poetry Contest Reading

The Traveling Stanzas: Immigrant Voices Poetry contest will culminate in a poetry reading featuring the winners and two runners up from each of the three age categories. The winners will be selected by a panel of local poets. Each submission is inspired by the Traveling Stanzas Exhibit, exploring the theme of immigrant voices and reflecting on the impact of immigration in our community. Join us to hear from the winners as well as from a local poet.

In the Main Library Auditorium

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Telling Our American Story: Immigrant Literature

Literature Series presented by Barbara Parr

Discuss the books “Brooklyn” by Colm Tóibín and “West of Kabul, East of New York” by Tamim Ansary, two immigration stories, during this four-part course led by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Please read the first 125 pages of Brooklyn for the first class. Registration is required. Register online at lifelonglearningcleveland.org or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

In the Main Library Multipurpose Room

## Nora The Explorer Animal Encounters

by Marge Foley

Bring the whole family to the Lakewood Public Library when animal educator Nora the Explorer brings her collection of creatures. From creepy and crawly to soft and fluffy, her collection includes a parrot, rabbit, chinchilla, bugs, snakes, lizards and more. Nora the Explorer Animal



Encounters will take place in the Multipurpose Room on the first floor of the Main Library in the Children’s and Youth Services area on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

## LEAF Heirloom Plant Sale

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Jim and Emil - veggie starts

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Dang Good Foods -tastes from Singapore and more

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# Lakewood Public Library



## You’ve Written A Book... Now What?

by Amy Kloss

Local author Amanda Uhl writes a blog which sometimes gives aspiring writers advice on the writing and publishing process. So what is her secret for finishing a book when faced with writer’s block? Keep writing.

If you want more practical tips and insight into the book publishing world, join us at Lakewood Public Library on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Uhl will be joined by Jill Grunenwald, Dana McSwain and James Renner for a panel discussion moderated by Lee Chilcote, founder and former executive director of Literary Cleveland.

Each of these local authors has published at least two books. Uhl is a romance novelist, Grunenwald writes memoirs, Renner has written both fiction and true crime, and McSwain writes fiction with a strong action theme. As Cleveland-based writers who have successfully navigated the writing and book-publishing process, these four authors will offer their expertise on writing, editing, query letters and

finding an appropriate publisher. As moderator, Chilcote will begin the discussion, followed by questions from the audience.

Whether you want to ask these successful authors questions about your own manuscript, or you simply like reading and supporting the work of local writers, join us at Lakewood Main Library on May 2, 2019 for an enlightening evening. Books will be available for sale and signing.

## WordStage Performs "Give Me Your Tired": Expressions of Immigration

by Lisa Calfee

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free” are the words of Emma Lazarus. Her poem, “The New Colossus,” has found a permanent place at the base of the Statue of Liberty and in the hearts of people the world over who hope in its promise.

Celebrating America’s rich immigrant history through verse is the goal of Travelling Stanzas: Immigrant Voices, a collaboration between Kent State University’s Wick Poetry Center and Lakewood Public Library

with special funding by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library. The interactive exhibit is open to visitors from March 1 through April 30, 2019 in the Main Library Second Floor Gallery. Madison Branch has a smaller scale interactive component as well.

WordStage is coming to Lakewood Public Library to participate in Traveling Stanzas: Immigrant Voices with a performance that features immigrant stories told through the poetic voice. Join us on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. for this special Sunday With The Friends program taking place in

## Traveling Stanzas: Immigrant Voices Poetry Contest Deadline Extended

by Molly McGirr Norris

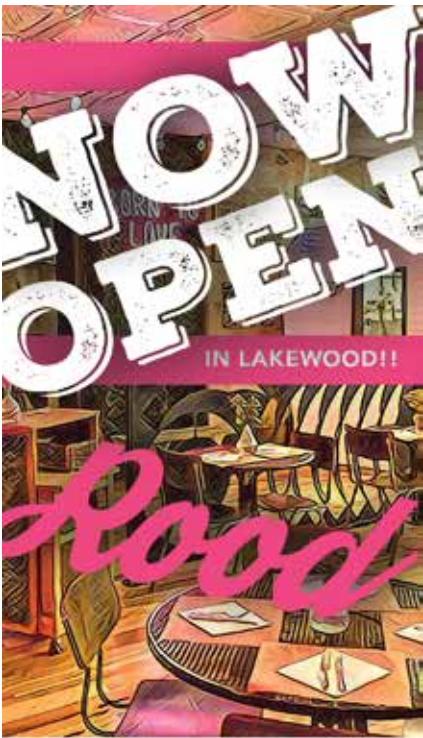
The submission deadline for the Immigrant Voices Poetry Contest has been extended to April 22, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. To submit a poem, visit the Traveling Stanzas Exhibit located in the Main Library Second Floor Gallery and use the theme, Immigrant Voices, to compose your work. Poems will be judged by local poets. The winners and two runners up for each age group will be selected from the following age groups: Kindergarten through eighth grade, ninth through twelve grade and over eighteen years of age. The contest will culminate with a poetry reading by the



winners. Submissions will be accepted at any Library service desk at the Main Library or Madison Branch and via email to [events@lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](mailto:events@lakewoodpubliclibrary.org). Please include your name, contact information and age group.

the Main Lower Level Auditorium. The show’s poetry will come from community members and influential poets from many lands.

The WordStage Literary Concert Series has been enjoyed throughout Northeast Ohio and Vermont. Producing Artistic Director Tim Tavcar brings the far-reaching talents of local professional artists together with valuable literary works and musical compositions to create an experience that never fails to inform, educate and entertain.



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# Lakewood Public Schools



Harding STEM teacher Laura Baillett.

## Harding Teacher Headed To Southeast Asia On Fellowship

by Christine Gordillo

Harding Middle School STEM teacher Laura Baillett has been chosen to be a 2019 Fund for Teaching-Jennings Foundation Teaching Fellow. This award will allow Baillett to observe three environmental education programs this summer in Bali, Indonesia and Borneo, Malaysia: the Green School, the Indo Ocean Project,

and the Rainforest Discovery Center. “My goal is to learn about their curriculum and conservation efforts, and collaborate with them to create my own environmental education curriculum for my classroom,” Baillett said. “I can shape my STEM projects to focus on both the foundations of STEM and environmental stewardship. STEM can be transformed into 'enviro-STEM'... This would give my students the environmental awareness they need to start making changes in their school, home, community, and planet.”

The Fund for Teaching said Baillett’s application stood out for its bold vision and Baillett’s commitment to push her own boundaries for learning. Baillett is involved in many efforts to raise awareness regarding conservation and the environment. She is leading the District’s recently formed Lkwd-GoesGreen task force and has reached out to organizations such as Sustainable Cleveland, The Sierra Club and Drink Local, Drink Tap to help with the group’s mission to help the Lakewood Schools community be more environmentally conscious. She also creates cartoons about environmental topics that have been published in local and national publications.

## LHS Students Take Top Awards In Hiram Writing Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High students took home the top two spots in the Hiram College Emerging Writers Nonfiction Contest and had several other finalists, including an honorable mention award. Earning first place was junior Halina Dreger and runner-up was junior Tyler Biddulph.

A dinner was held on April 2, 2019 at the college recognizing all the honored young writers. Each year for the contest a specific theme must be addressed. This year’s theme was “Technology.” In addressing the contest theme, contestants were asked to

consider specific plusses and minuses of technology in their own life.

Other juniors earning recognition for their writing were Evan Bell with an Honorable Mention and finalists Cameron Levis, Anna Rigdon, Laura Shields, and Audrey Stahl. Sophomore Sara Jarecke was also a finalist.

The contest is open to all Ohio high school sophomores and juniors. Cash prizes include \$200 for first, \$100 for second and \$50 for third. Hiram College also awarded a \$1,000 renewable Emerging Writers Scholarship to all students selected as contest finalists who enroll as full-time students at Hiram College.

## Firefly Formal Tickets On Sale Now

by Julie Sweany

Lakewood’s Firefly Formal (formerly known as the Father-Daughter Dance) takes place Saturday, May 11, from 6-9 p.m. at Lakewood High School. This community event welcomes all Lakewood girls (through grade 12) and their one special grown-up. Ticket price includes food, beverages, music, dancing, photo ops and fun!

Tickets are now on sale at both Lakewood Drug Mart locations and are available online via Eventbrite at [https://firefly\\_formal19.eventbrite.com](https://firefly_formal19.eventbrite.com). The cost for one adult and one girl is



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# Lakewood Business News

## LakewoodAlive To Host Google Listings Workshop For Small Businesses On May 2

by Matt Bixenstine

The power of an effective Google listing for a small business is undeniable. In today’s digital society, your Google listing represents a top resource customers use when making purchasing decisions. Yet how can you ensure your business is capitalizing on this free offering?

The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA), a program of LakewoodAlive, is pleased to announce it will host a Google Listings for Small Businesses Workshop on Thursday, May 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lakewood Public Library's Multipurpose Room in Downtown Lakewood. This educational workshop will be led by Jack Tibbitts, a professional digital marketer who previously led DLBA’s “Social Media 101” workshop.

Open to any Lakewood small business, this workshop aims to help businesses maximize the benefits their brands receive from their Google listings. The cost to attend is \$5 for DLBA members and \$10 for non-DLBA members (register now to attend by

visiting [LakewoodAlive.org/Google-Workshop](http://LakewoodAlive.org/Google-Workshop)).

Google refers to its local business listing platform as Google My Business. A Google listing includes a business’ name, address, phone number, website, customer reviews and more – everything prospective customers need to find and visit your business, use your services and purchase your products.

Once a business has claimed its local listing via the Google My Business dashboard, you can respond to customer reviews and add images to help your business stand out. The listing information is available through a variety of Google properties, including traditional Google searches and Google maps.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring in a talented marketer like Jack to share his expertise on this important topic with the Lakewood business community,” said David Stein, DLBA President. “Your Google listing operates as a modern-day phone book, serving as the face of your business, and it’s paramount that small busi-

nesses leverage this tool successfully.”

The Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance is a merchant association striving to ensure Downtown Lakewood remains one of the region’s top destinations for dining, shopping and entertainment. For more information regarding the Google Listings for Small Businesses Workshop, please contact the LakewoodAlive office at 216-521-0655.



### LakewoodAlive, City Of Lakewood To Host Small Business Incentive Workshop April 24

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building owners with a 40% reimbursement up to \$30,000 on exterior building materials for the renovation of Lakewood storefronts.

**Facade Improvement Program:** Provides businesses a 50% reimbursement of up to \$2,000 to pay for new signage or awnings.

**Lakewood Small Business Grant Program:** Provides business owners seeking to locate in or expand in Lakewood with a 100% forgivable loan up to \$50,000 for start-up or expansion costs.

The Lakewood Small Business Incentive Workshop will feature a panel discussion comprised of key players involved in the process. This workshop will discuss the process

from start to finish, highlighting pros and cons so that attendees can develop a strong understanding of the available programs. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a meet and greet with entrepreneurs who have undertaken these programs, and City of Lakewood staff will also be on hand to answer questions.

Register now to reserve your free spot by visiting [LakewoodAlive.org/BusinessWorkshop](http://LakewoodAlive.org/BusinessWorkshop).

This free workshop is intendedly solely for businesses and building owners. A cash bar will be available. For more information, please contact Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive’s Housing & Internal Operations Director, at [aurbanek@lakewoodalive.org](mailto:aurbanek@lakewoodalive.org) or 216-521-0655.

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FOODWOOD

# Grab A Hot Italian And Go To The Solstice Steps

by Eva Starr

Now that the last snow has dropped its last snowflake (we hope), it's time to grab the suntan lotion and head to the lake. The boss is in an all-day meeting, the kids are still in school, and the dog's taking a nap, almost heaven. You've been waiting for this moment all week; solitude, nature, and a Hot Italian.

You head on over to a Lakewood tradition, family-owned for thirty-eight years, T.J.'s Butcher Block. Alas, you walk in, march right up to the counter and say "oh mio Dio." You did have your heart set on a Hot Italian, but there's so many choices with bright



A Hot Italian & a Big Bird

colored pictures and descriptions on the wall, now you're torn.

The Philadelphian sounds interesting, hot corned beef, melted cheese, and cole slaw on Jewish rye, or the King of the Sea, shrimp & crab salad, muenster, lettuce & tomato on a jumbo croissant, (I do love croissants). You waver and decide to take the Neptunian God and order the King of the Sea. What? You're out of croissants, then the Hot Italian (capicola hard salami, pepperoni, & mozzarella cheese on a he-man roll) it is. You ask the lady behind the counter if she could add a little Italian dressing to that, you grab a couple ginger beers, a bag of chips and order the Big Bird (turkey breast, baby swiss, lettuce, tomato, & mayo) for later.

You head to Lakewood Park with your "Hot Italian" and sit yourself down on the newly added Solstice steps, opened in October of 2015. It's a balmy April day, overcast but the temperature is in the 60s, in Cleveland in April, you'll take it. The steps offer a serene connection to Lake Erie, which for more than a century, most of the shoreline had only been privy to a few residents who owned Lakefront properties. If you look really hard you can see the five-mile crib. You enjoy the parts of blue in the sky, the rippling of the waves and feast on your Hot Italian, life is good.

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Lakewood Park offers views of the Cleveland Skyline, a walking path



along the shoreline, volleyball and a bandstand for summer concerts, a just a few of the amenities. Next time your Soul is longing for some solitude, picturesque nature scenes and a Hot Italian, head to T.J.'s.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Rotary Foundation Awards Over \$63,500 In Grants

by Lynn Donaldson

Over \$63,500 in grants from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will be used to provide scholarships, recognize student achievement, purchase dictionaries for third graders, and help fund worthy programs by community organizations.

The awards focused on three main areas – community health and wellness, food and nutrition, and programs that encourage and foster youth leadership.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River made the awards.

The club awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to four high school seniors, and presented \$6,000 to student winners in the club’s annual speech, music and art competition at the Beck Center on April 2.

The Beck Center received \$2,500 for music scholarships, and \$1,872 was used to continue the club’s commitment to provide a dictionary each year to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Seed money grants went to Lakewood Alive (\$3,000) for a tool box program to loan and rent tools and construction materials, and North Coast Health Ministry (\$2,000) to fund its new child immunization program.

Help To Others (H2O) received a \$1,342 seed money grant for its new Home Alone Training Program, and the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation was awarded \$1,000 for its

campaign to replace the current pavilion at Rocky River Park.

American Youth Foundation scholarships totaling \$3,850 were awarded to Lakewood and Rocky River high school to send students to leadership camp this summer.

Special Spaces received \$2,500 for a bedroom makeover project for a terminally ill child. Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach received \$2,500 for its food programs. Grants of \$2,000 each were awarded to Cornucopia Inc. (Nature’s Bin) for vocational training; to Lakewood Community Services Center for its jobs program involving El Barrio Workforce Development; Girls with Sole to provide summer camp scholarships; Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. for its Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions; and Rocky River Meals on Wheels for food and supplies.

Grants of \$1,500 each went to Barton Center to help fund transportation for seniors, H2O for its student summer camp, Matthew’s Lending Library for equipment, North Coast Health Ministry for language translation services for patients with limited English skills, and Rocky River Assistance Center for its food distribution program.

Bridge Avenue School received \$1,250 to purchase computer equipment for students, and Lakewood Foundation \$1,200 for its Thanksgiving meals program.

The Singing Angels Foundation received \$1,000 to fund performances at Lakewood and Rocky River senior

## CALL FOR SPONSORS

### The LWC Is Now Seeking Local Sponsors For Upcoming Event, Women Honoring Women

by Kristy Feyedelem

The Lakewood Women’s Club is pleased to present the 3rd Annual-Women Honoring Women Awards. These awards were created to both recognize, and honor the female leaders in Lakewood who organize and participate in the many outstanding charitable and businesses endeavors in our community.

In addition, this event is also a night of celebration designed to recognize many of the projects that women in Lakewood have accomplished, as well as inspire the next generation of women to follow in their footsteps and become leaders as well.

Throughout the winter, community members such as yourselves, submitted their nominations for the categories of Community Leader and Business Leader. Each of those nominees will be recognized at the event and the recipients of the Community Leader and Business Leader Awards will be announced.

Last year, the Lakewood Women’s

Club was pleased to host over 130 women from across our diverse community at this event and we hope that you will choose to attend and participate in this years event.

How Can You Help Us?

We are looking for support for the 2019 Women Honoring Women Celebration. It will be held at Georgetown/Vosh on May 16th. It’s a FUN & inspiring night out for all who attend. Our featured Speaker will be Denise Dufala. She will help us recognize all of the nominees and award the recipients.

We are asking for donations for our silent & live auctions in exchange for ad placements in our program.

We are seeking a number of sponsorship contributions for this event. Levels of support start with our Platinum Sponsorship of \$5000 all the way to down to our \$25 advertising rate for a 1/4 page advertisement in our event program. Contact Torey Worron Lakewoodwomensclub@gmail to learn more about the various donation levels. We welcome all levels of support from the community because each and every contribution helps us reach our goals!

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and assisted living centers, and Youth Challenge, \$1,000, for its youth volunteer committee’s activities.

Grants were also awarded to Connecting For Kids (\$800), Rocky River Senior Center (\$750), HUGS Foundation (\$500), Lakewood YMCA (\$500) and River Sprouts Inc. (\$500).

The Foundation’s assets grow each year as the result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club. Each fall, community organizations are encouraged to submit grant requests to the Rotary club’s Grants Committee for its consideration.

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# Lakewood Observer Fiction

*fiction by Scott MacGregor*

All people could say after storm 5.4 finished up with Rockport was how fortunate we all were to have a hospital five minutes away from everyone.

Doctors and nurses who instinctively knew that their community needed them, left their homes and families in the dead of that storm-tossed night to save their fellow townspeople. You simply cannot place a value on the role a community hospital plays when seconds and minutes mean the difference between life and death.

By the time the first responders had untangled Wilmena Newman from the wreckage of her house, seconds and minutes were all she had left. When the tornado had torn into their front porch, it sent a large wood splinter straight through the window and into her chest, narrowly missing her heart. Thanks to the quick response and transport to the hospital four blocks away, the ER doctors and nurses were able to stabilize her condition and rush her into surgery.

After surgeons successfully stitched and dressed her wounds, the first thing Wilmena uttered upon regaining consciousness was the word “miracle.” Two hours earlier and before the rescuers had arrived, she’d told Little Dan that her life had been saved by the spirit of Big Dan who shielded her with his favorite chair. Little Dan thought she was deliri-

## The Rockport Miracles - Part 4: Episode 7: "The Ballad Of Derecho Dan" Continues



ous and gave the matter little thought until he was able to survey the damage in daylight. He surmised the chair had to have flown through two rooms in order to land where it did. All the other adjacent pieces of furniture in the family room had stayed put.

A knowledgeable understanding of tornadic winds and the laws of physics could’ve provided a cogent explanation for how that chair ended up where it did. Whatever the reason, it wasn’t in Little Dan’s nature to doubt a person who believes in miracles. To do so could rob that person of hope. As young as he was, he knew from per-

sonal experience there are times when hope is all a person has left. Only a low-down skunk would try to take it away. If Wilmena said it was a miracle, that was good enough for him.

Little Dan had spent the rest of the night at the hospital while his excellent neighbors looked after Little BD, his beloved bull terrier. Once the doctors had assured him that Wilmena was out of danger, he wandered outside and did what came most naturally to him. He headed for the Gas & Lube.

The tragic events of the previous night had distracted Little Dan so completely that he’d forgotten about Joe, Joe, and Joe. They were the Italian bricklayers hired to build a protective wall around the gas station. By the time Little Dan showed up, they’d been on the job for hours and had already heard the news about Wilmena’s plight from customers looking for gas.

The Gas & Lube itself had sustained minor damage. The storm picked up the piles of bricks scavenged from the ruined Lincoln Casualty building and tossed them around like handfuls of Pez. Every window in the station was blown out and the “Hi-Test” globe on one of the pumps flew off and exploded against the wall of the Tire Corral. Upon seeing Little Dan walking toward them, the Italians stopped working and embraced him like a brother. Little Dan didn’t know it yet, but thanks to the three Joes, every Italian mother and grandmother in Cleveland’s Little Italy were hard at work to keep him supplied with Lasagna and Pasta Fazool until Wilmena was back on her feet.

Little Dan didn’t want to cry in front of the three Joes so, the three Joes cried for him. Soon they were all crying and embracing when suddenly the unmistakable roar and pop of a Harley-Davidson engine caused them to break apart. That’s when an unfamiliar man on a motorcycle rolled up to the pumps. He looked like a hard-core biker dude, dressed in leather pants, T-shirt, leather vest, and a red paisley bandana wrapped tightly around his head. Little Dan took note of his long hair, scraggly beard, and the pack of Lucky Strikes rolled up in the short sleeve of his t-shirt. The man’s most distinctive characteristic was the tattoo on his bicep. It was the insignia of the 101st Airborne: a Screaming Eagle with a banner below the eagle’s head

that said, “Death From Above.”

“Fill ‘er up, mister?” asked a sheepish Little Dan. The mysterious biker gave no reply. Instead, he adjusted the bandana on his helmet-less head and yanked out a cigarette from his pack of Luckys. He tapped the cigarette down on the speedometer of his Harley, stuck it in his mouth, and lit it up.

“L-S-M-F-T,” joked Little Dan. The biker took a long drag on the cigarette and said, “...ya got that right.” The three Joes, meanwhile, stood a comfortable distance away holding bricks in their hands and mumbling to each other in worried Italian.

In an attempt to break the ice, Little Dan pointed to the tattoo on the biker’s bicep and said, “That’s a Screaming Eagle! I got a cousin who was in the 101st Airborne...he’s a fella named Maynard Gridley. I’m told he got all messed up over there in Vietnam. My Ma says he’s kinda’ the black sheep of the family, so I never seen him in my whole life.”

The biker took another long drag off his cigarette and flicked the butt so far it careened off Wilmena’s tuna fish sign - a good 20 feet away. Then he exhaled the smoke and knocked down the bike’s kickstand with the heel of his cowboy boot.

“Well, Little Dan,” he replied, “You’re seein’ him now.”

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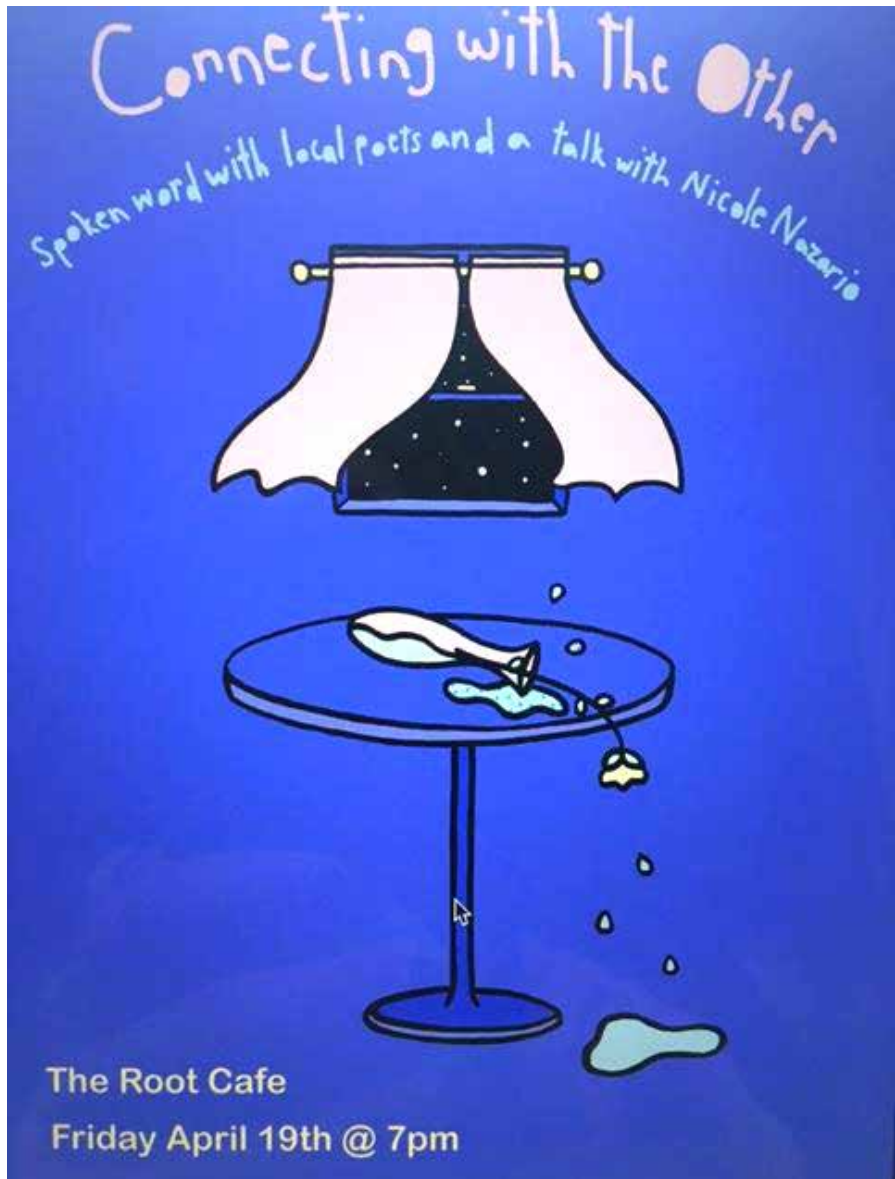
## Connect With Local Poets At The Root April 19th

*by Nicole Nazario*

The Root Cafe will be hosting a spoken word event on Friday April 19th at 4 pm. Local poets will share some of their work and a fellow barista will speak a few words on getting in touch with yourself to connect with others.

It is a wonderful opportunity to listen to how some of the people in our community experience life.

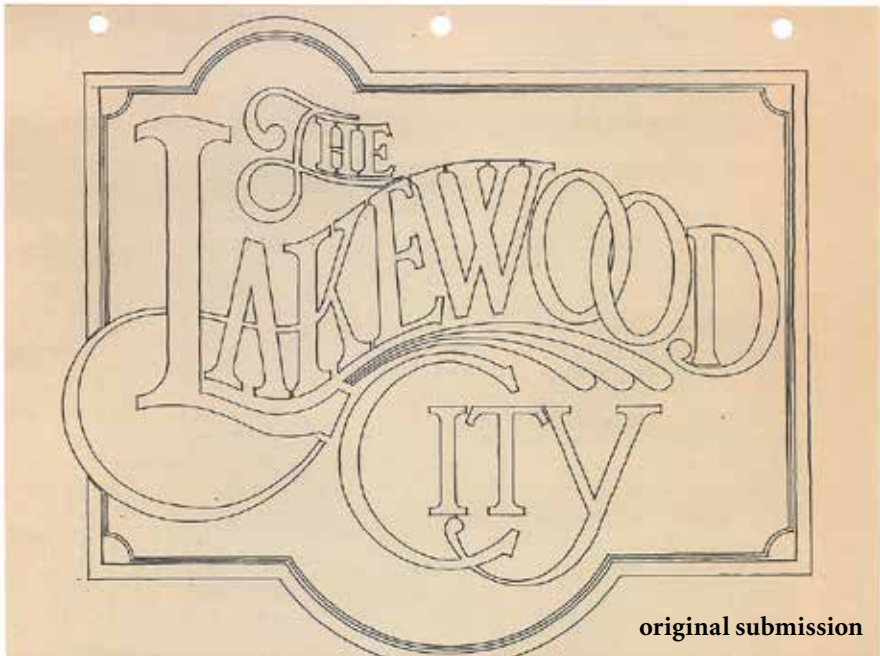
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Lakewood Observer History

Who Designed The Lakewood Logo?



I Did. I Am Jim Larsen.  
1978....

Mayor Sinagra has set into motion a Community Development Program that included the “Storefront Renovation Program” with the idea of improving the exterior street image of Lakewood’s commercial roads.

As an Architect....I am asked to be a member of Lakewood’s very first Architectural Review Board....Our focus was to look at rediscovering Lakewood’s “original architecture”.... removing overlaid materials from the great building facades....and designing signage solutions in concert with that original architecture.

As I was considering just how to help create this “renaissance moment” for Lakewood.....I observed that the “entry signs” were just rectangular white panels with words to announce events (PTA meeting, Jan 6/Food Drive/ etc)....there was no actual entry sign.

I wanted the residents and guests to our community to “feel the pride” as

they entered our home.

So.....I started sketching out some ideas that would represent both some traditional roots (using a serif type letter) and some letter movement (the word “Lakewood” seeming to drift lazily upon the water) .... a strong “wave” comes in from the left side...

concept and directed me to replace the word “City” with “Ohio”. I wasn’t originally in agreement with that idea....but in time, I would realize how important it was to have “Ohio” in our logo.

Fast forward in time (maybe 5 years later?) and there will be a confrontation between the New York Times (I believe)

graphic...”Home of St Edward’s High School”....”winner, best ice cream in NEO”...the whole point of my original design was to keep it simple and move away from “advertising”...(thankfully) those well meaning “beards” are gone!

Another funny one was when Madeline Cain asked if she could change the color green on the signs to match her own brighter green campaign colors to help with her re-election.

*“Jim Larsen is a class act and a great architect/artist. He understood exactly what Lakewood was about, and gave us the elegance, and the classic feel that Lakewood deserves.”*

Ex-Mayor Anthony Sinagra

The signs today have since been “simplified”...they are no longer sand blasted wood with gold lettering...the “water wave” that intentionally extended the logo beyond the left edge of the frame was eliminated...and the gold balls that were the exclamation points to the top of the sign post and the horizontal bar holding the sign panel have been eliminated...but...it’s still the same logo...

I have been fortunate to keep my offices of Larsen Architects in Lakeshore Towers (Cove and Edgewater) for over 30 years in the incredible 1929 Art Deco dining room (which we restored) of the original Lakeshore Hotel (built as the finest hotel between new York and Chicago).

I smile every time I cross the bridge and see my sign welcoming everyone to this amazing community...and the stone I threw in the pond some 40 years ago has had a lotta ripples...in fact...every house in Lakewood now has my artwork on their garbage can!

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Some interesting “post scripts” to the logo...I was extremely disappointed when somebody (years ago) realized that our entry signs would be a great way of “advertising”...suddenly, our entry signs were getting “a beard”...panels of names began to appear below the entry sign

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