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226 Job Corps graduates head into a bright future

Liz Copic

July 23, 2010 was a beautiful sunny day filled with hope and joy in Collinwood as the Job Corps Academy celebrated the graduation of 226 students. Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training. Job Corps' mission is to attract eligible young people, teach them the skills they need to become employable and independent, and place them in meaningful jobs or further education.

Hundreds of family and friends filled the sunny auditorium before the graduates entered, and the ceremony began. After graduate Leila Robinson sang the Star Spangled Banner, the Career Services Director, Mrs. Jennifer Morrison, gave a moving opening speech. She is clearly loved by all of the students who call her "Grandma."

Mistress of Ceremonies, Dr. Michelle, gave an encouraging speech before she announced the special guest, Dr. Blaine Griffin, who is the Director of the City of the Cleveland Community Relations Board.

Mr. Griffin spoke about the motivation it takes to pursue an education, and how they have all "reached the next level of competition." He also quoted Tupac, saying that they all should, "Will place this quote tomorrow." Stephanie Coburn gave the Honorary Student Address that got all the graduates cheering with the line "Just like there's more to Cleveland than Lebron James, there's more to you than Job Corps."

Before the presentation of diplomas, intervention specialist, Mrs. Joyce Henry, sang an amazing rendition of "Keep The Dream Alive" that brought everyone to their feet, and brought some to tears.

After Mrs. Morrison presented all of the diplomas, the ceremony finished with congratulatory remarks by Mr. Clark Hayes and acceptance of graduates by Dr. Lora Davis-Allen. Everyone headed outside for cake and refreshments, where everyone had a smile on their face as they celebrated the ending of school at Job Corps, and the beginning of a better future.

For more information about Job Corps visit www.job-corps.gov.



Sand Castle contest highlights Euclid Beach day of fun

Sarah Gyorki

On Saturday, July 17th, volunteers from Arts Collinwood, Tri-C, Baldwin-Wallace College, Business Volunteers Unlimited, The City of Cleveland Division of Water and local residents came together to clean and screen Euclid Beach Park! Even in the summer heat, we collected close to 76 pounds of trash including 745 cigar tips, 350 pieces of plastic, 220 caps/lids and much more!

The beach cleanup was only part of whole day of fun in the sun activities! There was a sand castle contest with over 50 participants, performances by Cleveland's very own Show Wagon Crew, an instrument making workshop and even a visit by the Metroparks Naturetracks bus.

Instrument making workshops were provided by Craig Woodson, who taught 100 visitors how to make their own drums and maracas. Musical performances were provided by Show Wagon, courtesy of the City of Cleveland's Bureau of Cultural Arts. Nearly 100 people participated in the sand castle contest, with 21 teams winning prizes for everything from best use of found objects to best wildlife depiction, for the larger than life sand sea turtles that invaded Euclid Beach. Judges were Councilman Michael Polensek, Laura Robinson, owner of Helping Hands Daycare on E. 185th, and William Meyers, a local resident and Arst Collinwood trustee. An estimated 250 people participated in the event throughout the day. ■



Northeast Shores now part of successful Strategic Investment Initiative

Walter Wright, Neighborhood Progress, Inc.

Neighborhood Progress, Inc. (NPI) is pleased to announce the expansion of the successful Strategic Investment Initiative (SII), a targeted approach to neighborhood redevelopment that has become a national model. From 2011-2013, the SII will expand from six to nine neighborhoods and focus on targeted, comprehensive neighborhood investments, sustainability, stabilization and collaboration. This expansion includes Northeast Shores and their ongoing revitalization plans for Waterloo

and the surrounding residential community.

"We are raising the bar for our grantees and renewing our commitment to our funders to maximize the impact of grant dollars in a world of shrinking resources," said Beth E. Mooney, chair of NPI's Board of Directors and Vice Chair of KeyCorp.

Introduced by NPI in 2004, the SII is a market-driven approach that incorporates a deeper investment in neighborhood planning, a concentration of | continued on page 6

"CollinWoodStockers" take First Prize in Duck Tape Parade

Louise Foresman

In mid-June, a hearty band of Collinwood artists, friends, and their kids forded the mighty Cuyahoga River (Not really—we drove on I-90.) and went west to compete in the annual Duck Tape parade in Avon. They represented Collinwood well and returned with first prize, a purse of \$1,000 and a trophy, commemorating the win.

Avon, Ohio is, as you probably know, the home of Duck Tape. Every Father's Day weekend, Avon celebrates its' Duck tape heritage with a weekend-long festival, beginning with a parade of floats covered in colorful Duck tape.

Collinwood resident Dan Chambers found out in March that the theme of this year's parade was "Peace, Love, and Duck Tape",

Remembering the 1960's, 70's and 80's". Being a child of that era, he called Collinwood artist Joan Deveney (aka Joan of Art) who, along with most of the adults in this story, also grew up in the 1960's.

They came up with the idea of re-creating a duck tape version of the "Bed In for Peace", the 1969 event where John Lennon and Yoko Ono spent literally a week in bed in a Toronto hotel, inviting their friends and the media in an effort to highlight their opposition to the war in Vietnam.

The week culminated in Lennon's recording, "Give Peace a Chance" in the room. In photos of the event, John and Yoko appear in white pajamas in a hotel room filled with flowers. Posters | continued on page 5

DIALOGUE



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Message from the Publisher

John Copic

The history of the Collinwood neighborhood is as fascinating as its future. In an effort to learn some more about the history of our neighborhood, and where we are now, we are having a get-together at Arts Collinwood cafe, Sunday Aug. 22nd from 1-3 pm, located at the corner of E.156th and Waterloo. If you have a story to tell, please join us for complimentary coffee and pastries.

If you have pictures of the good old days, or the good new days, please bring them with you; we can scan them there and you can take them home. If you've always wanted to submit a story, ask a question, explore an issue in the Observer but don't think you're a good writer, or just aren't sure how this whole things works, come tell us a story and we'll help you figure it out. If you can tell it, you can write it, or we can write it and we'll

show you how to submit it so you can write more!

The paper is for everyone, we want everybody's stories, any way you can tell them. Readers from South Collinwood, we can use more stories and more pictures from you. (See next story) The Arts Collinwood Cafe is close, check it out and bring your pictures and stories that need telling.

There's a full bar at the Cafe on Sundays and I have been known to buy people a beer if they share an especially good story. Hope to see you on Sunday Aug 22nd at 1 pm.

I'd like to thank all the contributors to the Observer for their dedication and their hard work. It has truly been a joy to meet all of you wonderful people, thank you, and keep the good stories coming. ■



Brittainy on Tony Territ's 57 Chevy

FIRST EVER CLASSIC CAR CRUISE A SUCCESS

Brittainy Heisler

The SS+W Boardwalk would like to thank all those who helped make our 1st ever Classic Car Cruise a success! We topped off with twenty cars from the community and we plan to have next year's even bigger and better!

Chris Dixon took a ton of great photos of the barmaids with the cars which we will be compiling into a calendar available in a few months. We had plenty of help from John Muranko of the Willoughby Car Crusie, as well as my father, Mark Heisler.

So many businesses and people on Waterloo supported the event, including Blue Arrow Records, Star Pop, Rebel City Tattoo, and the Head Shop. Everyone had an excellent time, and the barmaid dunking booth provided by Timmy Bell and Dan Crawford really cooled us off in that hot humid weather! Without Coucilman Polensek and the Cleveland Police Department the event wouldn't have been possible.

Upcoming events at the Boardwalk include an annual bike run for Mike Shantery and Marc Comer on August 14th. The run will reach its final destination at the Boardwalk to enjoy food, drinks and entertainment.

Friday August 20th is the Boardwalk's 25th Birthday! Come celebrate with us and enjoy live music by our favorites, the Blues DeVille!

For the latest Boardwalk updates, events, and pictures join us on Facebook! search SS&WBoardwalk. ■

Don't forget South Collinwood

Chris Alusheff

It is wonderful to hear all the great news about the revitalization of the Waterloo, E. 185th Street, and Lakeshore neighborhoods. I am happy to see the residents of Collinwood taking such an active role in drawing people to the area, and making it an enjoyable place to live, eat and have fun. However, it seems that people forget that Collinwood does not end at the train tracks, there is still half of the neighborhood south of the CSX terminal. And for the those folks that are aware of South Collinwood, there is more to our humble half than Holy Redeemer, Mirable's and the high school. Please don't take this article the wrong way because as a person from Collinwood, I view success anywhere as a success everywhere. It would just be nice to see all the effort being put into North Collinwood, equally implemented in South Collinwood. It seems there is an endless supply of Community groups (I.e. North-east Shores, Collinwood-Nottingham, Euclid Beach, Lasalle Marquee) that have done a wonderful job to restore great neighborhoods to their former glory and then some. My challenge to the people of South Collinwood, business owners and residents alike, myself included, get together to see what we can do to get back on par with the northern half of our community. We need to take a hands on approach because neighborhoods do not revitalize themselves, but I'm willing to put in the time and energy if you are. So people that are serious about coming up with ideas and willing to meet and discuss them please feel free to contact me at ctalusheff@yahoo.com. ■

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AROUND COLLINWOOD

Zero to sixty in three days

Michel Hodges

I live on E. 151st in the Shore Acres neighborhood and I recently had the privilege of walking 60 miles in the Susan G. Komen 3 Day for the Cure breast cancer walk held in Cleveland July 30th-August 1st. Yes I use the word "privilege" for many reasons. I feel privileged that I'm in good enough health to have done this walk. More importantly I feel privileged to have shared a weekend with some of the bravest, funniest, and well-dressed (hah!) people I'll ever meet. Those people included my teammates on "Heart and Sole Sisters", Sherrie, Tobi, Linda and Theresa. Linda was diagnosed a year ago and is doing great. Theresa is a 2 time survivor and is 71 years old! You go girls! Most importantly I feel privileged to have raised part of the \$2.5 million that was contributed right here in Cleveland to find a cure for breast cancer.

So why did I do this walk? Why did I spend a weekend in a little pink tent where the only toilets were the kind that get trucked away and you don't have to flush? Why did I spend a weekend assessing my feet every 2-3 miles in pit stops to tend to possible blisters? Why did I spend a weekend walking from downtown Cleveland to Bay Village to Berea in a ratty looking fuchsia pink wig wearing plastic baggies filled with ice as a fashion accessory around my neck? Because too many people I love have been stricken with breast cancer and I want to find a cure!

My family has been struck 3 times with this disease; my mom and 2 of her sisters. My mom managed to beat this disease not once but twice. My Aunt Kay was also a



survivor but my Aunt Helen wasn't as fortunate. Friends who have had breast cancer include Bonnie and Judy. Judy is another angel watching from heaven but Bonnie is a survivor in every sense of the word. She just had her 1 year checkup and is clear, hooray! She and I were at the Home & Garden show in February when she spied the Susan G. Komen table and wanted to check it out. She sent away for information about the walk and gave me a DVD to watch. I cried through the whole thing and turned into a "Pink Warrior" that evening.

Being a "Pink Warrior" involved attending a Getting Started meeting which I did March 16th. I think it was no coincidence that this meeting was the day before my Aunt Kay's birthday March 17th. At the meeting I learned more about what the Susan G. Komen foundation does and what would be expected of me.

3-Day for the Cure net proceeds help

pay for vital global breast cancer research and local community programs supporting education, screening and treatment. Komen for the Cure paid for half a million breast screenings in 2009—part of a nearly \$1.5 billion commitment to research, advocacy and community programs since Komen was founded in 1982.

My part in this was to raise \$2300 for the Cure and walk 60 miles. 've been a bit lax in the exercise department over the years so this was a great opportunity to develop some good walking habits. Most of my training walks were done solo since I never knew when I was going to find time to walk but I did attend a couple of group walks. Susan G. Komen has developed a training schedule which I tried to follow and when I did my first 10 mile walk I was really psyched. I thought, "Ok, I just did the first morning's mileage. I can DO this!"

The fundrais- | continued on page 5

Cayla Cecil competes for the Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Title

Heidi Cecil

Cayla Cecil of Cleveland/Collinwood was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2010 Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown pageant competition that will take place on August 15, 2010.

Cayla learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nations, Inc. announced their selections on Monday afternoon. Cayla submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by this year's Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown Pageant Coordinator.

Cayla will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Cayla will be competing in the Miss Jr. Pre-Teen division, one of four divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 7 and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most importantly, Cayla will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Cayla were to win the title of Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown, she would represent Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown and the surrounding communities at the Cities Of American National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000.00 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National | continued on page 4



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Happy 100th to Our Euclid Beach Carousel!

Elva Brodnick



Raffle winner Dawn Unger & daughter Gabrielle who pulled the winning ticket.

Well if you weren't at Sandy's for our 100th Birthday Party for our Euclid Beach Carrousel, we missed ya! Beautiful weather, great sounds, and lots of you coming out to say "Hi!"

Weather was all the best of "Euclid Beach" (especially considering that it had been raining earlier in the week) – warm (but not too hot), with just enough breeze off the Lake to be nicely comfortable – we even had a break in the humidity. (Perfect "Carrouseling" weather – remember how the Lake breezes came through the Carrousel – which created a breeze all its own – when you rode it at Euclid Beach?)

As always with an event like this, there's the before & after. Dennis Crislip & yours truly turned up at Sandy's around 10:30 am, to begin getting things set up. We set up just on the other side of the driveway, right along Lakeshore, with a bright white canopy that was soon flying all kinds of balloons. Lou rigged us power, so Dennis soon had the whole place hopping to Euclid Beach Band Organ music. Meanwhile, I got the miniature "Preview" Carrousel running, which did its usual great job of showing off the Carrousel's outside row. (The new canopy, though, still definitely has kinks to work out! But it'll look great once I get that together!) Got a TV running the Kelleher-Russell-Young video Long Journey Home about the Carrousel's history, in Sandy's inside area, add some Carrousel memorabilia, and it was "show time"!

By 1 pm, things began to hop. People stopped by to "talk Euclid Beach", nab one of those free Frozen Whip cones, and enjoy the clowns (who were doing some awesome face painting!) The chalk came out, and soon both "Happy 100 Euclid Beach Carrousel" & "We Love Sandy's" sprouted on the sidewalk in bright colors. Our friends from Geauga Lake Park Classics came out,

alot of you neighborhood people came out, Councilman Polensek stopped by – & people coming down Lakeshore were honking their horns – how cool is that?!

Then of course, there was our raffle! After selling tickets both at Waterloo Arts Fest and here at the Birthday Party, for our Mr. Christmas World's Fair Caroussel (complete with lights, music, and horses going around), we drew our winners. Our winner was Dawn Unger, who was delighted to win; she had bought tickets off and on all afternoon, then her daughter Gabrielle pulled the winning ticket. (I've since checked with Dawn, and am told the little caroussel is running perfectly and enjoyed by all.)

By 4 pm we were winding things down. It'd been a fun day, with perfect "Euclid Beach" weather, great food (not only does Sandy's serve Frozen Whip, but they have excellent hot dogs), Band Organ music, the clowns, and (of course!) "talking Euclid Beach" with all of you.

And hey?! We're thinking of making this a regular event so stay tuned!

Our Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee would like to thank: Sandy's Frozen Whip, for providing the (very cool!) place, and those 100 free cones, Stewart's Hobbies & Collectibles in Willoughby for helping us find the raffle caroussel, and everyone who bought raffle tickets. Dennis Crislip, George Neff & Barb Clint, from our EBCC, for spending the day manning our booth, Councilman Polensek for his support and Sarah Gyorki for coming up with the idea of an "Ice Cream Birthday Party" at Sandy's for the Carrousel. And, of course, to all of you for coming out to wish our Carrousel a Happy 100th Birthday.

Once again, we thank you for your support for our Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee. ■

Getting to Know... Tami Deuschle

Susan Brandt



Tami Deuschle is one of the most entertaining persons I have had the privilege of knowing. Her vivaciousness, tenacity and zest for life is infectious and very exciting, but I am cautious, she is not meek or mild in any way shape or form and I write that with her spirit in mind!

Tami grew up in Twinsburg, and currently lives in North Collinwood. She and I both moved on the same street only months apart from each other, and we have been friends ever since. She is 40something, has no children, but did rescue a female Doberman named Pinkey. Lake Erie is what drew Tami to this area, she enjoys gardening, projects at home, suntanning, reading, shopping, sailing and hanging out with friends and family.

Her position at work with Whiting/ Turner Contracting is that of site superintendent/ safety manager. She is currently working at Hillcrest Hospital finishing up the new bed tower expansion.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?
To be with someone that would uncondi-

tionally love me as I love them and enjoy the simple pleasures in life.

What is your greatest achievement?
That I was raised as a strong independent woman, which was my mother's goal, in raising me.

What qualities do you most like in a person?

Caring, Honesty Sincerity and Fun.

What do you value most in friends?
Loyalty.

What are your most treasured possessions?

Family, Friends, Dog and Home.

What is your greatest extravagance?
Shoes: high heeled shoes, cowboy boots, and Bling Bling, did I mention shoes??

Who is your hero in real life?

My mother.

What makes you unique?

I am outgoing, sometimes outspoken, and I tell it like it is!

If you could change one thing what would it be?

I would bring my dad back.

Favorite word?
Whatever!

Tami you are the Real McCoy. Welcome to Collinwood!

A Second Time Around brings about a business

Dianne Jackson

When I was growing up, my grandmother Ruth was the Queen of the Garage Sale. Never paid the asking price. That was my first lesson in being thrifty. Grandma is gone now but the lessons I learned at her side live on inside. At this time, the economy forces me to watch every penny so enter Round Two...Living In Style For Less. This is a thrift shop located at 20010 Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid, Ohio.

Having known the owner, Loana Washington, for over 35 years, the birth of Round Two is so interesting to me that I want to share it with others.

Loana Washington suffered a stroke while attending her only daughter's high school softball game. She was only 40 years old. After finding out she had Congestive Heart Failure, a difibulator was placed in her chest. As she lay there, giving thanks to be alive, she realized that she had been given a second chance, a round two.

Loana has worked managing retail since leaving high school and has dreamed of owning her own business. Round Two... Living in style for Less is that business.

Coming from a single parent family of eight children, Loana knows how valuable it is to be able to stretch a dollar. That's why you can often find the store in the midst of a \$1.00 sale: thousands of items are only a dollar. There are clothes and shoes for men, women and children, furniture, electronics, and everything you need for a kitchen. Blankets, curtains and rugs. EVERYTHING!

I just want to share with you the story of overcoming tragedy and the inspiration of the wonderful woman I am so proud to call my friend, and I hope you will visit her at Round Two. The hours are Mondays, 7-6, Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Saturdays, 10-6 and Thursdays and Fridays, 10-8. Thanks for letting me share with you. ■

MISS PRE-TEEN

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Competition while each winner enjoys this expense-paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.

There is no cost to Cayla for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Cayla in participating in this year's competition by becoming her official sponsors. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Cayla

to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year's Cleveland/Akron/ Youngstown Pageant.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Cayla may contact her mother, Heidi Cecil-Parries at (216) 297-5271 or her Cleveland/Akron/Youngstown pageant coordinator, at 1-800-569-2487.

Cayla's Councilman, Mike Polensek has become a sponsor of Cayla Cecil in Ward 11. ■

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Euclid Beach August Beach Cleanup

Stephen Love

Join the Euclid Beach team as we clean and screen Euclid Beach on Saturday, August 21! From October 2009, through July 2010 our team has collected over 500 pounds of trash!! Imagine what we can do with your help!

We will start by meeting in the pavilion at 10am and then head down to the beach collecting the trash we find (this is an eye opening experience!). We will then conduct beach observation and interactive water quality tests. Finally, we will wrap things up at 12pm with some refreshments, pictures, a trash weighing

contest and a look at our upcoming events for Fall 2010.

Volunteers interested in participating in the beach cleanup should be advised to wear closed toed shoes, dress appropriately for the weather and apply both sun screen and bug repellent. Disposable gloves, trash bags, trash pickers, rakes and refreshments will be provided to cleanup participants.

Euclid Beach State Park is on on Lakeshore Blvd. across from the soon-to-be- Rec Center. See you there! ■

Reasons we LOVE Collinwood

The list in last month's paper hit the highlights but I have thought of a few more: Radell's Sausage, the St. Anthony procession and festival at Holy Redeemer, the garden behind Memorial Nottingham library, Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Jerome, Cavotta's Nursery and Coit Road Farmer's Market. Living by the lake and great neighbors top my personal list! — Michel Hodges

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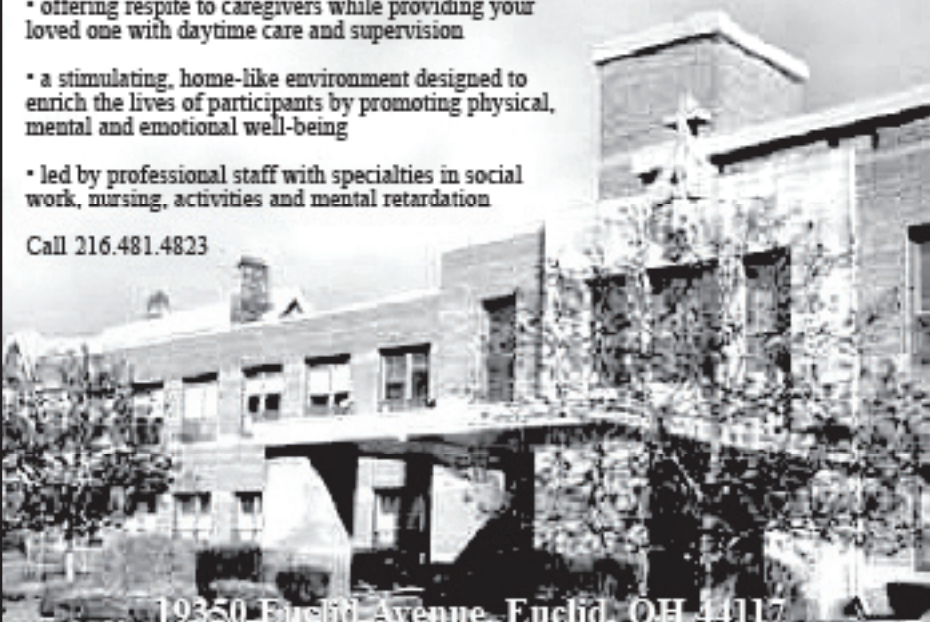


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DUCK TAPE CONTEST WINNERS

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covered the walls with sayings such as "Hair Peace" and "Bed Peace". The "CollinWood-Stockers" did it all--in Duck Tape.

To put the float together, Dan and Joan recruited Dan's wife Louise Foresman, Parade the Circle veterans Lori Lane and Jay Bentoff, friends Sky MacDonald and daughter Autumn, etc. They commandeered their kids--Dan's son Devlin, Joan's daughter Jessica, Jessica's friend Forrest, Jay's daughter Galen, and, well you get the picture. It took a lot of people, a lot of time, and a lot of duck tape.

For added nostalgia, the group included Richard Nixon, Puff the Magic Dragon and a paper mache model of planet earth--all of which had to be covered in Duck Tape of course. Even "John and Yoko"'s hair was made from Duck tape.

"Once we got to Avon on parade day and saw the competition, we thought we had a pretty good chance to win something," says Dan. "We hoped we would win at least enough to cover the cost of the duck tape."

But could a group from the east side of Cleveland, who had never previously worked



Dan Chambers and Joan Deveny give duck tape a chance in Avon's annual Duck Tape Heritage parade.

together on anything, let alone compete for the top prize in the famed Duck tape parade win or even place in the competition? "We were nervous," says Dan.

As the category winners were read--Grooviest, Best Adherence to Theme, Most Colorful, Best Use of Duck Tape, their hopes sank. Finally, the winner of "Tip Top Tape" was announced..."The CollinWoodStockers"!!!!

Will they compete next year and bring more glory to Collinwood? They're thinking about it. ■

3-DAY FOR THE CURE

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ing part has been tougher than I thought it would be. As of August 3rd I've raised \$1,466.00 and have until September 1st to raise the remaining \$834. Any balance left at that point will be billed directly to me. I knew going in I would ultimately be responsible for any money not raised but I didn't let that possibility deter me from doing this. I believe so strongly in this cause that I'm confident the rest of the money will come in. I'm participating in the St. Jerome yard sale August 7th and will continue to solicit friends, neighbors and probably ask local businesses if I can do a "Pink Kettle" campaign at their doors. So I learned a good lesson for next year. Start early and ask LOUDLY.

Yes I will definitely walk this again next year. It's amazing how quickly 60 miles goes by when you have fellow walkers to talk to and laugh and sing with. Fellow walkers included breast cancer survivors and people currently undergoing treatment. There was endless encouragement from people driving down the street honking at us and people in their front yards with candy, lemonade, and, my personal favorite, SPRINKLERS! We also had safety volunteers at busy intersections to make sure nobody got run over or turned the wrong way. They were dressed in pirate attire and gave plenty of high 5's. Great pirate jokes too!

And if I did get tired or behind (like my team mate Tobin and I did Sunday because of a Dairy Queen stop) no problem. There were vans to take us to the next pit stop. And these weren't just any vans! There was the Boob Marley's complete with reggae

music and a palm tree growing from their back bumper. The ladies in the Bippity Boppity Boobs van treated us like princes and princesses. The couple in Ta Ta Transport had yummy candy and fun pins. The Strike Out Cancer van was on a "roll" with bowling pins hanging from their bumper. Who wouldn't want to walk 60 miles with all this fun going on?

Make no mistake though. Finding a cure is no joke. Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and is the leading cause of death among women worldwide. More than 465,000 die from the disease each year. Somewhere in the world, a woman dies from breast cancer every 68 seconds. And this is not just a women's disease. For every 100 people diagnosed with breast cancer 1 is a man. The good news though is that when detected early the 5 year survival rate is 98%. And from personal experience I can tell you that the new digital mammography machines are WAY more comfortable than what has been used in the past. So don't put it off. Go get your mammogram! After that go to the Susan G. Komen website for more information about breast health and learn about their programs including the 3 Day Walk. I'd love to have you join us next year!

**Online donations can be made by going to <http://www.the3day.org/goto/Michel.Hodges>*

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NORTHEAST SHORES

Mayor Jackson’s yearly visit to the East 185th Block Watch meeting

Denise Lorek

On July 13th, Mayor Frank Jackson made his yearly visit to the East 185th St. Block Watch. The main ballroom of the Lithuanian Hall had over 150 people in attendance for the mayor’s visit. Mayor Jackson congratulated the Block Watch on being one of the biggest block watches in the City of Cleveland. He also recognized the fact that the group has been meeting for 5 years now. He remarked how he likes to come to the Block Watch meeting once a year because it makes him feel good to see so many people that care about their neighborhood.

The mayor brought the group up to date

on some of the green initiatives the city is working on. The Recreation Center is the first of its kind because everything is going to be recycled or reused from the old Big Lots store. The new garbage program was discussed with people from the block watch expressing their opinions on the program. Mayor Jackson explained how the city is going to start recycling plastic into pellets which will in turn help power Cleveland Public Power. The Rain Barrel program sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer district and the City of Cleveland was also discussed. If you don’t have a Rain Barrel and would like to get on the list for next year, please contact Denise Lorek at

Northeast Shores 216-481-7660.

Erin Randel who has asked the Mayor repeatedly for the last four years, “Where is our Rec Center?” brought her daughters to thank the Mayor for bringing a Rec Center to our neighborhood. Now that the Rec Center problem has been solved, Erin had a few questions for the Mayor about the state of our school system.

Richard Westmeyer asked the Mayor, “Who do we thank for the NASA Summer of Innovation program that was held at VASJ High School?” The Mayor indicated that the program was made possible by NASA, VASJ and Northeast Shores collaborating together to bring a free summer

camp to the area. Mr. Westmeyer also explained what a wonderful program it was. Even though Mr. Westmeyer does not have young children, he made sure that four of the children who live near him were enrolled in the program and even provided transportation.

Once all of the questions from the Block Residents were answered the meeting was adjourned. After the meeting, the Mayor stayed around for pictures and one-on-one conversation with the residents.

Denise Lorek is Chair Person of the E.185th St. Block Watch and the Community Organizer for Northeast Shores.

Students reach for the stars in free Summer Camp

Brian Friedman

Over fifty middle-school students recently completed a free NASA summer camp. The summer camp was prepared and presented by Paragon, TEC. Each student engaged in the NASA’s Summer of Innovation thematic units of Rocketry, Meteorology and Aviation prepared and presented by Paragon TEC, Inc.

“All of the middle school students eagerly set up the science experiments, met the design challenges and explored the NASA content with great energy and curiosity,” said Gail Dolman-Smith, President and CEO of Paragon TEC, Inc. “Paragon TEC, Inc., a leader in STEM education, is honored to partner with NASA and provide these free STEM Learning

Experiences to the children of the Collinwood and Euclid neighborhoods.”

Each morning, students from throughout Northeast Shores (but primarily from Euclid and Cleveland) visited VASJ High School and participated in fun learning activities that taught them core skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The instructors provided direction as attending students worked in teams and individually on a wide range of projects.

“Hosting the NASA Camp at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School was a perfect dovetailing of interests,” said Brian Menard, President of VASJ High School. “How ideal for us to host

a camp that excites students about science and technology, and where better for the camp than at a school featuring a pre-Engineering program as distinct as VASJ’s.”

Northeast Shores acted as local coordinator for the camp. Northeast Shores was responsible for advertising the free summer camp, accepting applications from interested age-appropriate students and finding a host site that could support the planned activities. Northeast Shores jumped at the chance to have the summer camp at VASJ High School since VASJ already has the appropriate classrooms and laboratories necessary for the camp to be a success.

“This summer camp was a great collaboration between Paragon TEC, VASJ High School, and Northeast Shores,” said Denise Lorek, Community Organizer for Northeast Shores. “Admittedly, this opportunity popped up last minute but the community responded quickly and slots filled quickly. Working with



VASJ on hosting was a breeze.”

It is anticipated that this collaboration will continue throughout the school year and next summer as well. Look for future free education opportunities at northeastshores.org or right here in the Collinwood Observer under the “Northeast Shores” banner.

Brian A. Friedman is Executive Director of Northeast Shores.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

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resources on larger-scale project investments, and the introduction of more comprehensive strategies to improving quality of life through green spaces, public art, and neighborhood stabilization strategies. In the six SII target areas, CDCs have implemented strategies aimed at strengthening markets, addressing the negative effects of foreclosure and vacancy, and ultimately creating neighborhoods of choice.

Six years later, NPI recognized the substantive, positive and visible change in those six neighborhoods and made the expansion of the SII the cornerstone of its strategic plan. As a result, the SII will expand from six to nine

neighborhoods. Northeast Shores will join the Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. (Central), and Ohio City Near West as the three additional SII neighborhoods. The original six SII neighborhoods are served by Buckeye Area Development Corporation, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation, Famicos Foundation (Glenville-Wade Park), Slavic Village Development and the Tremont West Development Corporation.

“Ideally, we would have enough funding to invest in every Cleveland neighborhood,” said Linda Warren, NPI’s interim president. “But

in a resource-depleted environment...we must invest in neighborhoods that can leverage other dollars and make the most impact.”

SII status will allow the nine SII neighborhoods, including Northeast Shores, to access critical programming and organizational funding necessary to complete the neighborhood stabilization work. In addition, SII neighborhoods have access to training and capacity building in the areas of neighborhood stabilization, model blocks, vacant land reuse and CDC collaboration and restructuring.

“Becoming an SII is a huge vote of confidence for Northeast Shores and everyone involved with both the Waterloo Arts District and the Waterloo Village Model Block,” said Brian A. Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast

Shores. “Not only does SII status provide critical funding for our efforts, continued access to NPI staff is critical, thanks to their invaluable insight and advice.”

Founded in 1988, NPI is a Cleveland non-profit organization that invests in neighborhood development, with a focus on restoring and maintaining the health and vitality of Cleveland’s neighborhoods through private investment and support for community initiatives. NPI’s goal is to be a catalyst for change. For more information about NPI, visit: www.neighborhoodprogress.org

Walter Wright is Senior Program Officer with Neighborhood Progress Inc.



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Help for seniors

Jayme Lucas

Summer Heat Information: If you need tips and help with beating the summer heat, call the Cleveland Dept. of Aging at 216-664-2833.

Summer Crisis Program: A special component of HEAP, the Summer Crisis Program, provides summer cooling assistance for low-income elderly households and for Ohioans with qualifying medical conditions. The program applies to electric utilities only.

What are the benefits? One-time payment assistance of up to \$175 to be put towards: Electric bill payment, Air conditioning unit, or Fan.

Who is eligible? You do not have to be enrolled in PIPP or have received a disconnection notice to be eligible for the Summer Crisis Program. Households must have a gross annual income of 200 percent of the federal poverty level and meet one of the following criteria: Have a member of the household who is at least 60 years old; or provide physician documentation of medical necessity.

How do you sign up? Applications for the Summer Crisis Program are accepted from July 1 - August 31. Call 216-263-6269 to sign up.

Yard Help: The Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts will organize scout troops to rake the yards for 800 Cleveland seniors this year. The leaf-raking will take place on November 13. There are a few spots still open! Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis. Call 216-664-3998.

Additional Help: There are many other programs available to assist seniors. South Collinwood residents should call the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation at 216-383-9772 or look online at www.cnvdc.org.

FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARDS

Do you live in South Collinwood and need \$\$\$ help with your prescriptions? We have 50 FREE drug cards that we can distribute to our residents.

The drug card will give you an average savings of 55% on generic drugs and 15% on brand name drugs. There are no waiting periods, no pre-existing exclusions, and everyone qualifies for the discount.

Please call Kathy at 216-383-9772 or e-mail kfa@cnvdc.org for more information. CNVDC will distribute the cards on a first come, first serve basis so don't delay if this card could help you. ■

Connect businesses, people, and properties

Jayme Lucas

Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) launched its new website this spring and we continue to add features to make it more robust and user-friendly.

We now list residential and commercial properties available for rent and will provide one-on-one assistance to business owners who want to start or grow

a business in the South Collinwood/ Nottingham Villages area.

Check out www.cnvdc.org. Commercial properties are listed under "Business Opportunities" and residential properties are listed under "Housing Opportunities".

For personalized business assistance, call Yolanda at 216-383-9772 or e-mail

her at yra@cnvdc.org. For help finding the perfect CNVDC owned rental home call Jayme at 216-383-9772 or e-mail her at jll@cnvdc.org.


We also welcome your suggestions for our website. ■

LET'S PREVENT BURGLARIES THIS SUMMER

Summer should be about fun and the sun. Unfortunately, summer can also mean an increase in crime. Below are a few steps you can take to help prevent burglaries and keep your neighborhood safe:

- * Close and lock all first floor windows before you leave your home and/or go to bed. (Close ALL windows before you leave.)
- * Don't leave your housekeys under the doormat, in an unlocked garage, etc. Doing so can invite unwanted guests.
- * Don't leave garbage cans and ladders under windows (this helps burglars climb into windows!) Also, always store your ladder/s in a secured location such as a locked garage.
- * If you purchase a big ticket item like a big screen TV or computer, tear the box into pieces and put it in a garbage bag for garbage day. Putting an intact box on your tree lawn can let ne'er-do-wells know you have something worth stealing...
- * Don't put that new big screen TV right in front of your picture window (or put up curtains). Again, you don't want to advertise that you have nice things that a crook might want!
- * Turn on exterior lights at night. Lighting can deter burglars.
- * Look out for your neighbors. If you see something that does not "look or feel right", call the Police at 216-621-1234.

For information on joining or creating a blockwatch or to schedule a free home safety audit, call Greg Pollard at 216-383-9772 or e-mail him at gp@cnvdc.org. Greg is the Safety Coordinator for Ward 11.



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PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNTY

Restore confidence, accountability and efficiency in County government

- Work together to develop checks and balances, set high standards, control costs and ensure transparency

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FORUM

Laid off or liberated?

Rhonda Hudson-Williams

At this time, the country is experiencing 9.5 percent of folks being unemployed. More and more people are out of work for longer and longer. The number of people out of work for more than six months rose by 169,000 to 6.9 million, which is 45.9 percent of all the unemployed.

With so many people not working, people are starting to rely on themselves for their own security, and tapping into skills they have not used. There seems to be a movement of “I can depend on myself to take care of myself. I want to control my own destiny”.

Being laid off can be used as a time of relaxation, reflection and freedom. Not having to concern one’s self with setting the clock, upper management issues, and fighting traffic, one can become free.

After being laid off, I had an opportunity to meet up with some former employees who had also been laid off. After not seeing them for a while, I noticed how relaxed

everyone’s faces looked, and I realized how much the stress had shown itself on all of our faces while employed and going through the motions of being downsized before our layoff came. After being laid off, we were all fresh faced.

There is a term being used now call “funemployment”. People are starting to not let the stress get to them and are realizing there is something better waiting for them, whether they create their own job or find another. Being unemployed has caused a spiritual awakening in some and a lot have found they are not out of work, but on a spiritual journey. Unemployment can open up our creative selves.

During this time, have fun, do some things that having a 9 to 5 job would not allow. Pull out those crochet needles, write your book, pull up whatever it is that has been buried inside you and create.

Unemployment is not an end, it is a beginning. ■

Last month, the CO published a letter on its Forum page entitled "Open letter to RTA: Your driver almost killed me" in which a reader described an RTA bus driver, who could neither see nor hear her, closing the back doors on her as she tried to step off the bus across a 12 inch gap to the sidewalk. The following letter is RTA's response.

RTA ANSWERS READER'S QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFETY

Joseph Calabrese, RTA
CEO & General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer

We appreciate you bringing this situation to our attention. We will investigate the incident you mentioned and work with this specific driver to manage improvements as needed. We also appreciate you as a customer and want to keep you and all our passengers safe.

Our main concern with all of our transportation methods is safety. The HealthLine vehicles were designed with a precision docking system that brings the vehicle very close to the platforms, so there should not be a gap. This allows our customers to safely ride, board and leave the vehicles.

The vehicles do have cameras that allow the operators to see all door openings of these high-tech vehicles for exactly the reason you mentioned, so they can ‘see’ passengers getting on and off the bus.

As for the vehicles being crowded, that is good news to us. We’ve seen more than a 50%

increase in people using the HealthLine than the line it replaced, the #6. We do want you to be safe and this is what we suggest you do:

Since you mentioned you have a disability, we recommend you sit at the front of the bus in the seating area designated for those with disabilities, and use the nearby doors. We also recommend that you communicate with the operator directly to let him or her know that you need a little extra time to get off the vehicle. Sitting in those designated seats also means you have less distance to walk to the doors.

If you, or any other RTA customers, have any other concerns or questions about RTA, we ask that you call our RTAanswerline at 216.621.9500 so we can address those or email us at gm@gcrrta.org.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES OBSERVED

Ed FitzGerald answers the Observer 11 Questions



Questions developed by John Sheridan, courtesy of the Euclid Observer

1.) If elected to the position of County Executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your term in office?

I plan to clean up the corruption and restore confidence in county government—the FBI can and will only take care of a piece of this—the highest ethical standards must be set and met among all county employees and departments. Second, I will work to build on the strengths of our county to retain and attract jobs; third, as we redesign county government, I will ensure that the stellar health and human services currently provided through the county continue, even as government systems and departments consolidate; finally, it is clear that safety and security are a paramount concern and the county can and should play a larger role in ensuring the safety of all of our neighborhoods.

2.) What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?

One key challenge is the lack of sufficient checks and balances in the existing County Charter. I plan to implement a County Inspector General's office to ensure that the highest ethical standards are met and maintained. This is crucial for restoring the people's confidence. As consolidation of so many departments occurs, it is also important that we are methodical and truly assess what is working and what isn't.

3.) How do you define good government?

Good government means ethical government run by public servants. Government is truly supposed to be about service and is truly a privilege. The problems occur when people in government forget that they are in office to serve.

4.) Do you believe the new County Executive/Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?

I believe that the new County Executive and Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage ONLY if strong ethical standards are implemented and an Inspector General's office is es-

tablished. The problems of the past are fundamentally ones of human failing, not of government structure.

5.) Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new Executive and County Council. Do you see that as a positive step?

I do believe this is a positive step, though had I been writing the charter, I would have maintained a separate fiscal office. Overall, though, I think it is positive that offices such as engineer and coroner will be appointed. This should simplify many aspects of county government if it is operationalized properly.

6.) What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?

I will use the same approach I have used in Lakewood; I will work with the council members, share information in a transparent fashion and share credit for accomplishments.

7.) When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned- and how will they know?

This is a complicated question due to the fact that many voters do not fully understand the new structure—I speak with voters constantly whose primary questions surround the mechanics of the new structure. Fundamentally, though, I believe the mandate was for an ethical, efficient system. Voters will be able to judge that based on the high quality of human services being maintained while the government operates with a high level of transparency and seizes opportunities for job growth.

8.) Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?

The new structure can spark economic growth by being able to articulate a clear strategy which can be embraced in the region. I have long been a proponent of a county executive form of government in order for those interested in economic de-

velopment to have one person and place to speak with when looking to invest or grow. While there will still be others involved—municipalities, the state, etc.—this will greatly enhance the role the county can and will play in such efforts.

9.) There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency-and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?

I do believe that the new structure can be a step toward regionalism, but only if it is handled in such a way as to encourage collaboration and partnership by municipalities. With home rule, the county is limited in how much it can require of municipalities, but it can incentivize cooperation and collaboration as much as it wants and I intend to do that. There are many services and areas in which joint purchasing might save different entities money and effort. Where it serves to reduce the tax burden or increase the efficiency or efficacy of services, this would be very positive for our county.

10.) In your analysis of Issue 6-the charter amendment that ushered in the sweeping changes in county government --what did you find to be its strong points? And what, if any, weaknesses did you detect?

The strongest points were in its consolidation of much of county government into a more functional structure. I disagreed with the process in which the charter was developed because it lacked transparency; I believe it was a mistake to consolidate all of the budgeting and financial authority.

11.) Do you see a need for further "tinkering" with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? If so, what changes would you hope to see incorporated?

I believe we need to address the items I mentioned in my answer to #10 above. I also think it is likely we will discover other items to be improved once the system is in place, and that it might be helpful to have some at-large members of the county council.

ED FITZGERALD

submitted by Ed FitzGerald's campaign.

Ed FitzGerald has spent has spent more than two decades in service to others: as a community volunteer, Congressional staff member, FBI Special Agent, Assistant County Prosecutor, City Councilman, and now as the Mayor of Lakewood, Ohio.

The seventh of eight children, Ed worked his way through Ohio State University, and then attended night law school while serving as a staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives. He also became active in his community, volunteering as a reading tutor in the public schools, and working with a local senior citizen service program.

After graduating from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Ed was commissioned as a Special Agent with the FBI. After completion of his training in Quantico, Virginia, he was assigned to the Organized Crime Task Force in Chicago. As a Special Agent, FitzGerald was recognized by the FBI Director for excellence while heading up a wide-ranging and successful investigation into organized crime and political corruption.

Returning to the Cleveland area, FitzGerald then served as a supervising Assistant County Prosecutor. He successfully prosecuted hundreds of cases ranging from drug dealing to homicide. FitzGerald gained a reputation as a tough but fair prosecutor, who had a special passion for the rights of crime victims. FitzGerald continued to be active in civic and political affairs, and was elected for three terms as a City Councilman, and then as Mayor of Lakewood.

Running on a platform of reform, he was elected by the largest margin in 20 years despite being outspent by more than 2 to 1. By building a consensus for change and working in partnership with City Council, FitzGerald overhauled the operations of every city department, saving millions of dollars while launching major initiatives across the board including economic development, public safety, the environment, public integrity, foreclosed properties, public health and wellness, and infrastructure. All of this was done without raising taxes and actually shrinking the size of local government.

Ed and his wife Shannon have been married for 18 years, and are the proud parents of four children- Jack, Connor, Colleen and Bridget, ages 9 to 16.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES OBSERVED

Terri Hamilton Brown answers the Observer 11 Questions



Questions developed by John Sheridan, courtesy of the Euclid Observer

1.) If elected to the position of County Executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your termin office?

As County Executive, I will work to achieve the county charter's vision of an efficient government with strong executive leadership, checks and balances, and increased opportunity for all; working collaboratively with the County Council to create the reform supported by the county's voters. Four priorities – Increasing Economic Opportunity for All; Ensuring Improved and Sustainable Health and Human Services; Making County Government More Accountable; and Restoring Public Trust – will be critical focal points from day one.

2.) What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?

A major challenge is for the Executive and Council to form a consensus understanding of how the charter government should operate, and to develop a working relationship so that the business of the County continues with little interruption. If elected, I will propose a coming together of the Executive and Council within the first week following the election, and that a series of working sessions – for organization and initial work planning – is scheduled prior to actually taking office on January 1.

3.) How do you define good government?

Good government is open, ethical, efficient, cost-effective government, with excellent service delivery and a reasonable return on investment for taxpayers as the highest priorities.

4.) Do you believe the new County Executive/Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?

Corruption and patronage did not result from structure, but from the failure of public servants to act honorably. A different structure cannot end it. Corruption/patronage will be eliminated by developing a culture of high ethical standards and requiring strict adherence to those standards by all public officials – elected and appointed, employees, contractors/vendors, and service providers. As County Executive I will set the standard and will have zero tolerance for ethical lapses.

5.) Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new Executive and County Council. Do you see that as a positive step?

I view this as an extremely positive step that will aid in a more efficient and cost effective government. Ultimate accountability will rest squarely with the County Executive.

6.) What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?

My approach will be focused on ensuring that the Council has all information needed to be effective in decision-making. Direct, open communication with the Council and a strong collaborative partnership with the Council President will be my modus operandi.

7.) When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned-and how will they know?

The evidence will be an effective working relationship between the Executive and Council; a collaborative economic development plan that sets the stage for business growth, business attraction and job creation; and operating efficiencies that allow for greater investment in health and human services. It is difficult to speculate when there will be clear evidence for each of these, but there will be signs of movement toward these objectives within the first year of the government. It will be incumbent upon the Executive to ensure that there is continual communication with citizens about how their government is moving forward.

8.) Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?

The new structure – with the right leadership – can spark economic growth. Working with the municipalities to form an economic development vision and supporting plan will be the foundation for spurring economic growth that brings opportunity for all. With the Executive as the single point of contact for economic development decision-making, Cuyahoga County will be a stronger regional partner for development.

9.) There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency-and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?

The new government structure provides a mechanism for fostering collaboration and joint decision-making among the municipalities. While maintaining no legislative or other authority over municipalities, the Executive working with Council can develop programs and incentives to foster greater sharing of services, procurement, and other economies of scale that can reduce the cost of government.

10.) In your analysis of Issue 6-the charter amendment that ushered in the sweeping changes in county government --what did you find to be its strong points? And what, if any, weaknesses did you detect?

The strength is the elimination of the many 'row' offices, and the resulting consolidation that can lead to a more efficient accountable government. These functions can now be managed by professionals, appointed based on the knowledge and background they bring. Another strength is the increased opportunity for "citizen" participation through election as members of the Council.

The major weakness was the sparingly defined transition process and timeline. As a result, there is little consensus understanding among voters (or candidates) of how the government will begin to take shape and operate. Recommendations from the transition process will not be finalized until a few weeks before the primary elections, and as a result will not be a significant factor in how candidates shape their views or how voters make their choices.

11.) Do you see a need for further "tinkering" with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? If so, what changes would you hope to see incorporated?

There will certainly be aspects of structure and operations under the charter that will need to be modified. We will come to understand these once the government begins to operate. It was a wise decision for the framers to set an initial charter review for 2012. ■

TERRI HAMILTON BROWN

submitted by Terri Hamilton Browns' campaign.

Terri Hamilton Brown is a skilled leader with the right experience to start our new county government off properly. A Cleveland native, Terri Hamilton Brown graduated from the University of Chicago (BA in Economics) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Masters in City Planning.) After returning home, Terri's public, private sector and non-profit leadership uniquely prepared her for the challenges our first county executive will face.

As Director of Community Development in the White Administration, Terri Hamilton Brown led Cleveland's effort to build more than a thousand housing units and several multi-use districts, beginning a residential building boom in the city.

As Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Terri Hamilton Brown achieved a "worst-to-first" style turnaround of the 1,000 employee organization, transforming its national ratings from bottom to top and its un-auditable books into near-perfect audits.

As president of University Circle Inc, Terri Hamilton Brown strategically involved community stakeholders and worked with all parties to advance the Opportunity Corridor, a transportation and economic development effort to stimulate job creation and economic growth in the health care, educational and cultural sectors. She also expanded community and educational use of Wade Oval and University Circle cultural organizations.

As Senior Vice President of National City Bank [now PNC], Terri Hamilton Brown expanded opportunity for all, establishing programs to recruit and retain diverse talent at one of our region's leading private sector employers and to increase the bank's marketing efforts and business with small, female and minority-owned businesses.

Terri Hamilton Brown has the proven energy, expertise and ethics our first elected executive needs. She made large governments work better. She consistently envisioned and reached transformational goals. She managed finance, human services, public safety, arts and culture, job creation, land use, legislative relations and other key areas facing the new county executive. Meeting every challenge, she built and sustained collaborations and relationships to get the job done effectively and ethically.

Terri is married to Darnell Brown and resides in Cleveland.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES OBSERVED

Dianna Lynn Hill answers the Observer 11 Questions

Questions developed by John Sheridan, courtesy of the *Euclid Observer*

1. If elected to the position of County Executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your term in office?

I will bring military type LEADERSHIP by example with Loyalty, Equality, Appreciation, Duty, Ethics, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal courage for upholding democracy by and for the people of Cuyahoga County.

My priority will be putting our families first with an "Extreme Makeover of Reform: Cuyahoga County Edition" to restore public trust and faith in our public servants and services. Our people are the greatest assets of our County; they deserve to enjoy the prosperity that comes with positive, productive, and passionate reform.

I will work to implement the Government Innovators Strategies for Reform which promotes transparency in all government processes: policies must encourage public participation, ethical professional practices, and basic "Business 101" standard operating procedures of accountability.

I will post on our County website a public calendar so that all events, meetings, and forums can be managed effectively while inviting public participation.

2. What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?

The most significant challenge is transforming the attitude of public servants and the people we serve. We must unite to conquer generations of corrupt practices.

Our community can be united if they are led by example, in all of our business operations and practices. We must publicly seek healthy objectives with the highest ethical standards. Leadership must be transparent, accountable, and always appreciative of our people.

3. How do you define good government?

- Upholds democracy by and for the people in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws through equality, respect, ethical business practices and accountable leadership.
- The public is informed and has opportunities to participate without being undermined, there are open opportunities for citizens of any diversity to be included in the governing process.
- Inspires and empowers our citizens to achieve their American Dreams by providing resources that bridge the gap from ideas to reality.
- Protects the best interests of the people it serves.
- Invites business investment and works to sustain viable businesses in our community, while inviting global business investors into our region to promote economic development.
- Encourages community development that provides employment opportunities and inspires small business investments by our citizens.

4. Do you believe the new County Executive/Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?

Yes, but I recognize that there will always be those who think that they can manipulate the

system abusively.

The new structure requires a leader who is ready, willing, and able to implement a Tolerance Policy that eliminates any public servant from their position if found guilty of violating the code of ethics or any laws. There is NO EXCUSE for violating the public's trust.

Our world will always have crime, but we have an opportunity to transform our local government through direct oversight. We do not need to reinvent wheels of oversight; we should BE that oversight. We must have the courage to stand up for what is right on behalf of the citizens' interests.

5. Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new Executive and County Council. Do you see that as a positive step?

Yes, I see appointments to positions as a positive step if completed with consensus, in open democratic process.

All applicants should be required to provide a public profile which empowers our community to provide feedback in advance of any decisions. All applicants should be required to pass drug tests, background checks, and should be assessed on merit and experience. Appointments should be made openly and democratically with the County Council and the public's discretion taken into consideration.

6. What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?

By providing ground rules and leading by example, I will invite extraordinary opportunities for all of our people to communicate.

I will provide an open door policy, implement a time management policy, and provide all public servants with a "rules of engagement" policy. If we all work towards earning the public's trust through transparent and accountable operations, while also inviting public participation through County Town Hall Forums and interactive resources, then, working together, we will ascertain our goals.

As each County Council representative will have different needs; we need to ensure that everyone is made aware of those objectives so that we can all work together to share our knowledge, skills, and abilities, towards mission accomplishment.

We all will bring significant experiences to the table; it is my goal to promote equitable, respectful, considerate, and ethical communication practices amongst our public servants and the public at large.

7. When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned and how will they know?

The "voters" will know the new government structure is working when everyone; including non-voters and unregistered citizens begin to enjoy the democratic opportunities and prosperity that come with promoting ethical business practices at large.

Once our citizens begin to re-engage in democracy and invest in our community because they trust and depend on the leadership to uphold the highest ethical standards in accordance with protecting their rights, then we'll know the

new government structure is working.

Our public will know because they will be able to see the transformation process through public media resources that will invite their contributions and respect them without stepping on their identities.

As we transform corrupt government practices into transparent and accountable government practices, our citizens will be able to understand how bureaucratic operations function. They will have opportunities to provide feedback and to be part of the reformation process.

I believe in education and I particularly believe in providing interested citizens with the tools they need to achieve their dreams, or to react to systematic abuses without getting defeated at the door.

We will know that our government structure is working well when every public servant serves with the humility, honor, and respect that invite public investment.

8. Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?

Once our citizens and the outside world recognize that we are operating a world class, ethical, and highly accountable government system; the attitudes of our citizens within will change, while investors both locally and globally will have faith in doing business with us again.

Formerly disillusioned people will be rejuvenated by the American spirit that inspires them and empowers them to achieve their American Dreams! I want to promote public resources that empower our citizens to overcome obstacles towards investing in Cuyahoga County.

I want to assist small business investors with ascertaining all incentives available to turn their business concepts into reality. I want to inspire citizens to take chances and challenge them to fill the empty storefronts in Cuyahoga County by promoting our public assets, resources, tax incentives and promoting equal opportunity.

Our leadership shall be committed to inspiring the best in our community at large and inviting them to be a part of building up our community through innovative strategies.

Once the public at large realizes that there will be NO MORE PAY TO PLAY POLITICS in Cuyahoga County, they will begin to invest in our community without hesitation. Once local and global business investors are invited to a level playing field that promotes healthy business practices; they will build roots of development in Cuyahoga County.

9. There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?

Collaborating with local governments in order to effectively use regional resources collectively and reduce wasteful spending is a positive step. As with any business practices, our local government leadership should be able to find innovative ways to share information, share resources, and share ideas. If our actions as leaders are made with conservation, fiscal responsibility, and ethics at the top of our list, we will be able to unite to promote constructive choices on behalf of our citizens.

The people's interests must be first.

10.) In your analysis of Issue 6-the charter amendment that ushered in the sweeping changes in county government --what did you find to be its strong points? And what, if any, weaknesses did you detect?

The strongest point of the county charter



DIANNA LYNN HILL

submitted by Dianna Lynn Hill's campaign.

Over seventy-six percent of registered voters DID NOT VOTE in the last elections. I'm Dianna Hill, and I hear your voices demanding a change. Together, we can work to promote an empowered county, holding elected officials, starting with me, accountable for every day that we are in office.

As a soldier in the United States Army Reserves for 9 years, serving as a Psychological Operations Specialist, I had the honor of serving our nation and I understand what it means to be accountable. Our citizens require transparency and deserve not only to be considered, but motivated and inspired with every decision that comes through our County.

To do this, I must know what the most important asset of this county is-- I do and so do you. Our most vital asset is our families.

It is the duty of the elected leadership to protect your family's rights, advocate for their best interests, and promote healthy, productive, and REALISTIC avenues towards progress. I support small business investors, community activism, and economic development at levels that will directly impact our county in a positive and productive way.

As an independent contractor doing business management, bookkeeping, and marketing, I have consulted with real estate investors, home owners, and tenants for various issues from basic needs to multi-million dollar investment opportunities, but I also know first-hand the trials of losing work due to the economic climate.

I have first-hand experience navigating the department of jobs and family services. I've stood in line at food pantries, and applied for public assistance through the Home Weatherization and HEAP Programs. I have advocated for everyone from homeless veterans, to abused children, to mentally disabled adults who need to be reconnected to productive lives. I have the courage and experience to make the hard decisions that will empower our families instead of crippling them.

Upon meeting with you and recognizing your concerns, reviewing the practices that have violated your trust in public servants, and appreciating the need for real accountability; I decided to start a grass-roots campaign to provide the kind of leadership that our citizens demand and deserve.

is that the people stood up to vote for it and demand change in our community.

I admire the dedication of the Transition Advisory Group which works to provide assistance to the newly elected County Executive and the County Council representatives.

I will provide a forum, with the new leadership, to address weaknesses in the charter. I will invite public participation so that necessary amendments will be made by consensus, through democratic measures.

11. Do you see a need for further "tinkering" with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? If so, what changes would you hope to see incorporated?

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FAITH IN COLLINWOOD

NEW HAPPENINGS
AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH

Vilija Nasvytis Klimas

Have you noticed the new signage which was installed at the St. Casimir Catholic Parish on Neff Rd.? That is just the start of several new happenings within the parish. The Parish Steering Committee developed a Parish Mission Statement, and is establishing the process for electing the Parish Pastoral Council. A Ministry Fair is being planned for the weekend of Sept 18-19, and a Finance Council has been established.

Many building repairs and renovations are progressing well. In August, the Sisters of Notre

Dame will be moving into the convent building along with women who are discerning a vocation to religious life.

Warm thanks were received for the donation that the parishioners made to the Cancer Center being built by the Lithuanian Franciscans in Klaipeda, Lithuania.

Masses are Saturdays at 5:30PM, Sundays 8 a.m., 10a.m. (Lithuanian Mass), and noon. Weekdays Mass is at 7:30 a.m.. For additional info please contact Rev. Joseph A. Bacevice at (216) 481-3157

Living Truth Center for Better Living

Rhonda Hudson-Williams

Living Truth Center For Better Living is located in East Cleveland and teaches tools to live life from the inside out, by awakening the Christ within which empowers people to live healthy, happy and prosperous lives. Based on teachings from the worldwide New Thought Movement brought to people's attention in the early 1900's, the church teaches practical Christianity that empowers people to change their thoughts, feelings and beliefs, thereby changing their circumstances. Living Truth Center is a member of the Universal Foundation for Better Living, Inc and has churches and study groups throughout the world.

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Living Truth Center is located at 1850 Belmore Road East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

Sunday worship services are 8AM-9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday Meditation 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Marianist Provincial to
preside at VASJ opening Mass

Emily Robinson

VASJ Communications and Media Coordinator

The Head of the U.S. Marianist Province, Fr. Martin Solma, will travel to Cleveland next month to preside at the Opening Mass of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School on September 2.

“Fr. Marty,” a 1966 graduate of VASJ-predecessor St. Joseph High School, was installed on July 1, 2010, as the new Provincial of the Marianist order of priests and brothers in the U.S. VASJ President Brian Menard travelled to Louisville, Kentucky, for the installation ceremony. “If one of our alums was going to assume the position as the top Marianist in the U.S., I wanted to be there to offer prayers and support from his alma mater,” Menard said.

While in Louisville at the Installation, Menard spoke with the new Provincial about the prospect of returning to the VASJ campus to preside at a Mass sometime when he would be in Cleveland. The Marianists and Ursulines continue to be Sponsoring Orders at VASJ, supporting the school through the continued presence of Religious on campus, providing important resources to support the programs and students, and offering daily prayers, among other ways they make a difference at VASJ every day. “Fr. Marty said in Louisville he would like very much to come back home to his old school,” Menard



said. "After the Installation, we continued our dialogue through e-mail until we landed upon a date that works.”

Alums and community members are welcome to attend the Mass, starting at 9:50 am in the VASJ gym on September 2. “We want to welcome Fr. Marty home to VASJ with the fanfare he would never claim but greatly deserves. With nearly three decades of missionary work in Africa before assuming his current post, he is a model of how a VASJ education turns loose on the world graduates who will have an impact for good on that world,” said Menard.

People with questions about the event can get more information from VASJ's Communications & Media Coordinator Emily Robinson. 216-481-8414, ext. 235

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Athena Sanford

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St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School

Lillian Centa

The St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School is beginning its tenth year of classes on September 11, 2010.

Classes are scheduled on two Saturdays each month from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. and will continue through May 21, 2011. Location is at St. Martin de Porres High School (formerly St. Vitus School), 6111 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland.

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some knowledge of the language. Continuation from the beginning class using a newly published textbook.

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Tuition is \$50.00 per semester. Textbooks are purchased separately, from the instructor.

For information call 216.289.7253 or 440.255.1178.

DREAM ON KIDS EXPLORE COLLINWOOD

Mim Conway

The Dream On Foundation adopted a first grade classroom at Hannah Gibbons-Nottingham School in 2008. The foundation promises these 25 kids that, if they graduate high school on time (2020), the foundation will grant scholarships for post secondary education that leads to employment. I help the Dream On Kids succeed in school by offering them opportunities and support for activities such as tutoring, after school programming, summer camp, support to parents and other activities. This summer they attended camp right here in the Collinwood neighborhood.

In the morning, for four weeks, they attended Arts Collinwood Summer Camp

directed by Sarah Gyorki. Chris Luciani from Cleveland Recreation taught the art of acting through fun games and led them in writing, producing and presenting a play the last day of camp. The children created all the costumes, sets and props. Parents and others from the Collinwood area enjoyed “The Adventures of Hoop Wimple and the Holy Grail” at the theater in Euclid Beach Park.

The fifth week in the morning the kids attended the SEMAA (Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy) at Tri-C. SEMMA is a NASA sponsored program filled with fun, hands-on scientific experiences. In the afternoon, for all five weeks, the kids' home base was Helping Hands Day

Care Center directed by Laura Robinson. From there, the kids explored the neighborhood on foot, going to the Neff Road and Grovewood Swimming Pools, Wildwood State Park, the Memorial Nottingham Library (for a summer reading program, storyteller Susan Weber, Jungle Terry and a program about Kenya) and Euclid Beach Park. Once every week the kids ate snacks at a neighborhood establishment, including Gus's Diner, Sandy's and Mickey's Soft Serve, Chili Peppers Mexican, and Scottie's Italian Restaurants, and Buettner's Bakery.

The Dream On Kids made several new friends and learned many things while having lots of fun! ■



ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & HISTORY

Happy Birthday to Oliver Hazard Perry

Mary Louise Jesek Daley

Join the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society (CNHS) on Thursday, August 19, 2010 for a Birthday Party. Not an ordinary birthday party, but one to honor the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie. August 23rd marks the 225th Birthday of Oliver Hazard Perry, as well the 191st anniversary of his death. According to officers of CNHS, "Perry's accomplishments have always been celebrated and, as a newer historical society with a relationship with Perry here in Collinwood, we too wanted to celebrate his accomplishments."

Perry was born on August 23, 1785 to Captain Christopher Raymond Perry and his wife Sarah Wallace Alexander in South Kingstown, Rhode Island. He grew up in a naval family during an era of great naval heroes and battles and during the "Federal" era in these United States of America so recently come from fighting a Revolutionary War (1776-1783). He was educated in Rhode Island and also lived in South Carolina, sailing ships, preparing for a career in the United States Navy.

In April 1799, he was assigned to serve on his father's ship and saw combat off the coast of Haiti then in rebellion. During the First Barbary War ("to the shores of Tripoli") he commanded the ship USS Nautilus during the capture of Derna. Then at the time of the War of 1812 he was given command of the US Naval forces on Lake Erie. He supervised the building of a fleet at Dobbin's Landing in Presque Isle Bay in Erie, Pa and then commanded that fleet during the famous encounter at Put-In-Bay, known as "The Battle of Lake Erie" on September 10, 1813. During the battle, he faced Captain Barclay, who served proudly with none other than the British War hero, Lord Nelson (died 1805). Perry's victory protected the entire Ohio Valley from British invasion and gave Americans control of the Great Lakes.

Perry was well-qualified for the command. He was associated with the Navy all of his life. He excelled in all his duties, and history shows that he was gifted with an immortal spark of genius and greatness. It was his untiring energy, his relentless zeal, and his control over his men that enabled him to successfully complete the building of the fleet of ships at Erie, Pa and accomplish the victory over the British. Overall, he achieved victory through adversity.

Unfortunately, in 1819, during an expedition to Venezuela's Orinoco River, Perry died of yellow fever. He was 34



years old. He was originally buried in Port of Spain, Trinidad but later taken back and buried in Newport, Rhode Island where a monument to his achievements stands today. He left behind a wife and five children along with siblings who included Matthew Galbraith Perry.

To place Perry in perspective of the times, it was the "Federal" era between the old "Georgian" period and before the more industrialized and progressive "Victorian" era. In the young United States it was a time of growth and westward expansion, religious revival, the defining of culture, and the testing of our diplomatic and military willpower, especially against the great powers of Europe. It was a period of epic battles (ie Trafalgar and Waterloo) and the Battle of New Orleans, and it was also a period of great elegance and beauty (ie. the time of Beethoven and Joseph Hayden and Jane Austen novels).

As for the inhabitants of the Collinwood community during this period, the approximate fifteen families lived in log cabins in the center of the village with almost unbroken forest between them and the other settlers of Doan's Corners or Newburgh. These forests were inhabited by bears and wolves that preyed upon the settlers' sheep and hogs by night, while becoming ill with "malaria and the ague" was an ever present fear. These were hearty pioneers and they persevered.

During the War of 1812 it was those living in Cleveland who fled east – the Euclid Township folks did not, and saw the ships of Perry's fleet anchor off Euclid Beach before heading further west.

We celebrate Oliver Hazard Perry and his accomplishments because his victory, not 50 miles west of our beachhead, was a victory over tyranny. We are reminded that we, too, are commanded to service of the same high degree of efficiency, unselfishness and heroic devotion, as that which was rendered in battle 197 years ago. ■

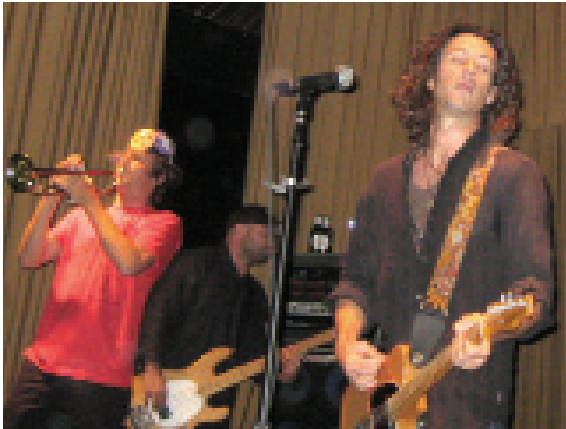
Concert Review: Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers

Liz Copic

It is my pleasure to tell you that one of my favorite bands played recently at our very own neighborhood Beachland Ballroom. You may not have heard of Roger and his Peacemakers, you may not have heard of his former band the Refreshments, but I'll guess that you've heard the theme song of King Of The Hill. Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers are a hard band to define, although they have hints of rock, pop, folk and country, they don't fit into any one of these categories.

The Peacemakers always play at the Beachland when they come to town, and they and always put on an epic show. Although the band is consistently excellent, the best part of the show has to be the fans that come from near and far, sing along together, toast shots and beers together, and become friends for life bonding over the amazingness that is Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers.

One of our favorite songs by Roger is the battle of Jack Daniels vs. Jose Cuervo. It is the story of a man from Arizona trying to order a shot of Jose in a bar in Memphis where everyone's drinking Jack. It's poetic, hysterical, fun to sing along to, and excellent to raise a glass to. It doesn't matter whether your glass contains Jack or Jose, everyone is friends at a Roger show. For more info about the band, check out www.azpeacemakers.com. To hear the song Jack vs. Jose you can go to the the Thermadore and check out cd #94 on the Jutebox. ■



Slovenian Workman's Home upcoming events

Pat Nevar

On Monday, August 30th, a Swiss Steak Dinner will be held to honor the Slovenian Workmen's Home 2010 Man of the Year, Fred Nevar, and to benefit the hall. Dinners will be served from 3:30 PM until 7:30 PM at a cost of only \$10. Included in the meal will be Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert, bread & butter and coffee or tea. To entertain the diners, strolling dinner music will be by Fred Zwich.

Tickets for the event can be purchased any Friday at he Fish Fry, which is held from 3 pm until 8 pm, by calling 216-481-5378 or 216-789-9748. Tickets are also available at the Polka Hall of Fame and from the members of the Board of Trustees.

The Slovenian Workmen's Home is located at 15335 Waterloo Road.

Community Childcare Back to School Bash

The event will be held on August the 21st from 12pm to 5pm. The address is 944 E. 152nd. The telephone number to be reached at is 216-761-9820. We will have bounce houses for the kids, free refreshment, free massages and facials for mothers, free hair cuts for the boys, and cornrolls for the girls. If interested in a table set up for the event, please call 330-590-0202. Back to school donations are welcome.

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accountability for all of our government processes. Public servants should be required to attend training that includes the fundamentals of customer service, human respect, and appreciating diversity. Our citizens deserve world class leadership that puts them first in every action that we take on their behalf!

May God bless all of our citizens who have sustained years of disempowerment and abusive government practices.

In 2011, they deserve the best our world has to offer them in LEADERSHIP and I look forward to earning their respect and votes in order to provide it. ■

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YOUTH AND FAMILY

The Grandmothers on... *the Staycation*

Dear Grandmothers: We are having the most stay at home staycation we have ever had this summer and so far the kids are going stir crazy. We have been trying to go to the pool but they aren't old enough to go by themselves or with neighbor kids yet. Plus I work at home, so I can't take them very much. You grandmas seem to have good ideas for when everyone is climbing the walls. They are in reading club at the library for summer and we do that, but that only works for a half hour a day – reading. At night when my wife comes home, it is chaos. Please help. Thank you. – Thomas R.

I'm afraid we've let you down. By now the summer is 2/3 over and you've muddled through without any advice from the Grandmas. But we're going to try to answer your question anyway, because there's always NEXT summer, and also the last few weeks of this one. There's a lot we don't know about your situation, and we are wondering, do you live in a house or an apartment, how old are your kids, how many hours a day are you obliged to dedicate to your work, etc.?

But in spite of all that, we have come up with some generic, one-size-fits-all suggestions:

1. **Day Camp**, or a couple of neighborhood teens who will personalize one for your kids and maybe a few other children. This would provide supervision and playmates for your children and also a wonderful opportunity for the neighborhood teens to make a little money and learn some child care skills.

One of the grandmother's daughters ran such a day camp some years back and now is a child psychologist. No kidding. And as far as we know all the children who were in her care grew up to be well-adjusted.

2. **A Family Meeting**, at which you ask them what they most enjoy doing. Apparently reading is one of their favorites; the reading club at the library sounds great. Are they in addition of the age that they would enjoy playing in a "house" made of a card table and a blanket where they could play imaginative games with a family of dolls and a supply of dishes and pillows? Are they old enough to make up plays (maybe based on some of those library books) that they will perform for you when your schedule permits? Do they like art activities, so that you could provide them with the needed supplies and an area where they wouldn't have to worry about making messes? How about helping them gather up the materials they would need to play school? Restaurant? Supermarket? On a hot day, wouldn't they enjoy running in and out of the sprinkler in the back yard (assuming you have both a back yard and a sprinkler)? Plan out your weeks alternating the activities they say they most enjoy so that they don't get unduly bored with any one of them.

3. Let them get bored occasionally. Don't think it is your job to entertain them. It is in fact good for their growing brains to think up their own activities, to dream up imaginative play ideas and games and projects. We didn't

make this up. Recent research indicates that children develop "executive function," a better indicator of school and career success, we are told, than an IQ score, by devising their own activities. (See a previous Grandmothers article on this subject titled "Go Play," in the November 19, 2009 issue of the *Collinwood Observer*.)

4. **Give them tasks**. At that Family Meeting talk about how Mom is at work and Dad is busy at his computer and as members of the family team they have responsibilities too. What they are capable of depends on their ages, of course, but if possible make it something that they can do beyond picking up their toys and putting their dirty underwear in the clothes hamper – which, of course, they should be doing anyway. Children younger than you might think could be taught to do the family laundry, or empty the dishwasher (plastic dishes might be indicated here), or pull weeds. Make these real jobs that really need to be done and impress upon your children how much their contributions are truly helping the household run more smoothly.


5. **Take Special Outings**. With the kids entertaining themselves and doing some of the chores that Mom and Dad once had to do, there is now time for those trips to the swimming pool, or the zoo, or the park. Schedule them in advance (another item for the Family Meeting agenda) and mark them on the family calendar so that they can be fully anticipated and savored.



So, tell us, Thomas R., did you already do all of those things and more? We're willing to bet that by now your kids have settled into relaxed summer routines and that you've decided that staycations are the best kind.


If you have a parenting question, please email it to us at thegrandmothers@collinwoodobserver.com. Or mail it to The Grandmothers, Collinwood Observer, 650 E. 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

The Grandmothers are Kathy Baker, Maria Kaiser, Gann Roberts and Ginny Steininger. They meet at Hanna Perkins Center, 19901 Malvern Road, which houses the Hanna Perkins School and the Reinberger Parent/Child Resource Center. For information call Barbara Streeter (216) 991-4472.



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NAN'S NOTES

by Nan Kennedy

IN THE SCULPTURE GARDEN

Sculpture Reception August 20
There's a secluded spot on Waterloo Road where trees are the main attraction – a bosky setting for a small sculpture show. The garden is opened for events: on August 20, it will host a formal reception for the sculpture show: Laila Voss' tree-trunk shapes (rather like finding shapes in clouds), John Rannally's ten-foot, briskly striding painted metal structures (Stand back! They're advancing!) And don't miss Brni Lavrish's Cuss Words, attached to the fence by the entrance (and forged while he was going through a divorce). The reception will be free, too; details will follow.

AT ARTS COLLINWOOD

"Primal Cuts" In The Gallery
Katy Richard's show of paintings of meat is sort of like walking through the butchers' section of the market in Calcutta where I used to shop after I figured out how much the cook was cheating. Without the flies and the smells, of course – a more pleasant experience. Katy is very, very good at painting meat; she convincingly conveys the physicality of solid flesh. A rather creepy touch is added by the small fabric squares (white, with bits of eyelet and embroidery) stained with (I take it) meat juices; blood, in other words. This is a striking show.

"The Art of Character" August 20 – September 10

If you play Dungeons and Dragons, or the World of Warcraft, you know Chris Seaman's work, which has a certain standing in the fantasy and gaming industry. Fifty of his originals are going on display in the Arts Collinwood gallery, demonstrating that even mass-produced work can be viewed as fine art.

Chris has also written three How to Draw books (I'm seriously considering Drawing and Painting Blood Sucking Monsters for the twins), and been honored by the Society of Illustrators NYC and the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles. And he received the "Best in Show 2009" award at GenCon, the biggest fantasy and gaming convention in the nation

Music in the Cafe

Ladies' Vinyl Listening Party, 8:29 on Tuesday evenings. Bridget Caswell will introduce a different lady DJ each week. (Gentlemen are invited to listen, too; they just can't spin.)

Jazz on Wednesdays continues, with a different group each week (pretty mellow last time we were there) against a background of art that changes monthly. First set starts at 8 pm, second at 9:30. No cover.

DIVERSE CITY August 14

The ladies of CeJa invite families and kids to celebrate the final days of the summer with Diverse City. There will be food, fun, and bookbag giveaways for the kids. Bring your swimwear, footballs, frisbees, and playing cards – this is going to be fun. And it's free! Euclid Beach park, 1-5 pm. Information from larkesha.burns@gmail.com.

AUGUST AT MEMORIAL NOTTINGHAM LIBRARY

Preschool Story Time
Every Monday during August 10:30 – 11 am. Stories, rhymes, songs and more for children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers. Memorial Nottingham Branch Library, 17133 Lakeshore Blvd, 623-7039 or email cpl-memnot@cpl.org.

AT THE MARKET

The summer schedule is in full swing at the Coit Road Farmers' Market: Mondays 4 – 7pm, the SpiceHound is joined by Blooming Patches Farm, with cut flowers, free-range eggs, cheese, herbs, berries, jams, baked goods, corn, beans, cucumbers, garlic, various peppers, kale, onions, new red potatoes, tomatoes (multiple varieties), zucchini; and Transparent apples.
On Wednesday and Saturday, 8 am – 1 pm, Burton Floral and Garden brings, free-range eggs, cheese, beans, cucumbers, garlic, herbs, new potatoes, sweet corn, peaches, summer squash, tomatoes, zucchini. On Saturdays, Secor's is back for the season with an excellent assortment of stuff: tomatoes, garlic, onions, corn, beans, peaches, berries. Apples! Ev and Bev Riffin are bringing in the first apples of the season. (Come early. They never last long.) Pandemonium Gardens and Gloria's Garden, urban growers, have something new every week: herbs, lettuce, greens, raspberries, garlic and more. Holders of EBT cards who shop at the market (which they can do three days a week) will receive \$5 in free tokens, each time, to spend as they please.
Coit Road Farmers' Market is located at the corner of Coit & Woodworth Road in East Cleveland. www.coitmarket.org. Open year-

round Saturday 8 am to 1 pm; Wednesday, 8 am to 1 pm, mid-April to mid-December; and Monday, 4-7 pm, June to October. 216-249-5455 during market hours.

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This month's Good Business Neighbor Award goes to Nottingham United Methodist Church, home to the Youth Center, the Civic Club, the Food Pantry, Sprouts, Alpha Omega Home School, the neighborhood tutoring program and is open to any other worthwhile organizations that need space. We need TOMATO STAKES for our 3 neighborhood gardens. Call Donna at 216 289-6570 for details. This month's meeting is August 17th, the speaker will be K.C. Petraitis, candidate for County Council in Ward 10. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Bring a friend and get a free raffle ticket. Show your up-to-date membership card and get a free raffle ticket. Come as a new neighbor, receive free Welcome Bag.

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AUGUST HOROSCOPES

by the Observer Staff

AQUARIUS *****
(Jan 20 – Feb 18) Is this the time to be ambiguous? Yes and No. Make friends with a neighbor. This month spend time out on the water, but beware of pirates. Lucky Number: 0x1EF

PISCES *****
(Feb 19 – Mar 20) Stormy days are ahead. Remember that letting the cat out of the bag is easier than putting it back in. This month your loyalty may get you in trouble. Avoid the man with the moustache. Lucky Number: 0x9A

ARIES *****
(Mar 21 – Apr 19) You like to ride ahead of the herd. Take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there. This month plunge right in, the water and the money will flow. Lucky Number: 0x777

TAURUS *****
(Apr 20 – May 20) Your sign is the bull, do not feed the bull a bomb. If you do, it will be abominable. If it blows up it will be noble. This month seriously don't feed the bull. Lucky Number: 0xE5

GEMINI *****
(May 21 – June 20) Rely on others for your independence, but make sure it's on your terms. Wax your car and drink Cherry Kool-Aid. This month remember that two can live as cheaply as one, but only half as long. Lucky Numbers: 0x1, 0xC2, 0xB

CANCER *****
(June 21 – July 22) Your life resembles a water tower. Watch more sunsets. Do not fly any propeller-powered planes. This month remember a fool and his money throw one heck of a party. Lucky Number: 0xAC

* Hide, ** Could be better, *** So close, **** Average, ***** Yahoo !!, ***** Not gonna happen

LEO *****
(July 23 – Aug 22) Be as melodramatic as possible at work. Spend all your extra money on presents. Birthdays are good for you, the more you have the longer you live. Lucky Number: 0xAA

VIRGO *****
(Aug 23 – Sept 22) Be narrow-minded and passionate when making all decisions. Your hidden talent will bring you great success. This month do not go to sleep angry, stay awake and plot revenge. Lucky Number 0x20

LIBRA *****
(Sept 23 – Oct 22) You were wondering why the frisbee was getting bigger, then it hit you. Your charm and diplomacy will give you a chance to prove that money can make you happy. This month follow your dreams, except the one where you are naked at work. Lucky Number 0x5

SCORPIO *****
(Oct 23 – Nov 21) A change in your work environment will prove to be for the best. Spend as much time in a pool as possible. This month remember those who forget the pasta are doomed to reheat it. Lucky Number 0xEC

SAGITTARIUS *****
(Nov 22 – Dec 21) A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance. Work will proceed smoothly except for the lady with the scarf. This month paint yourself purple and call yourself Barney. Lucky Number 0x324

CAPRICORN *****
(Dec 22 – Jan 18) Remember that a clean desk is the sign of a cluttered drawer. Your heart's desire is on the way. This month it's not who you know, it's whom you know. Lucky Number 0x1

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