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Neighborhood assists in apprehension of out-of-state suspects

by *Erin Randall*

On January 6, the quiet streets at the northeast corner of the neighborhood were disrupted when a drug bust just over the city line in Euclid turned into a chase. A multi-agency task force involving officers from the Cleveland Police Narcotics Unit, Euclid Police, FBI and State Highway Patrol intervened in a delivery to a home on Naumann Avenue of at least two kilos of cocaine.

Four suspects fled, one on foot and three in a car. The suspect on foot, a juvenile, was immediately arrested by Euclid PD. The other three suspects, John Campbell, 28, of Lexington, Ky., Chase Downey, 24, also of Lexington, and Francisco Rodriguez, 19, of Midway, Ky., evaded police and sped away in a car towards E. 185th Street.

At that point, task force officers called for backup from Cleveland's 5th Police District. The suspects crossed E. 185th to Canterbury Road and made a left, heading west on Lakeshore to Crestland, where they headed north, apparently unaware that the street ends at the lakefront and Coronado Beach Club. At this point, the suspects abandoned their car and fled.

The pursuit took in every block north of Lakeshore from Wildwood State Park to the hospice property, with teams of officers moving up the streets. One

suspect, Downey, made it to Maplecliff before being apprehended by police. Suspect Campbell, clad in a bright red sweatshirt, was found hiding in a trash-bin in a backyard on East Park Drive. Rodriguez was arrested as well, thanks to a tremendous show of force by CPD and task force members.

At recent community meetings, 5th District police commander Wayne Drummond commended the many residents, including children out playing in their yards, who cooperated fully with officers' requests to go inside and stay out of the way.

Drummond said that, although the scene was chaotic, from the time the initial calls for assistance went over the radio around 3:25 p.m. to the time all suspects were in custody was less than 45 minutes. What did take time, and resulted in street closures and police presence for many hours, was the investigation, which required search teams to revisit the area and clear it of any evidence such as weapons, drugs and cash. "We believed we had everyone in custody fairly quickly, but we wanted to have everyone together, officers and suspects, just to get organized before we completely stopped searching."

He said that the residents played a positive role in resolving the incident. "The partnership with the commu-

nity played a critical role in locating these suspects and us bringing them in without incident." He also noted that several off-duty officers who live on the lakefront streets dressed and joined the search effort.

Drummond regularly attends community meetings to answer questions and respond to concerns. He asks residents to be vigilant and get involved with their neighbors.

Euclid mayor Bill Cervenik made a similar point: "This is our neighborhood, 185th isn't a line that changes the way people behave. These incidents can happen everywhere, but what's important is that we work together to help keep the 185th Street area strong, both Cleveland and Euclid. Safe and strong."

Campbell, Downey and Rodriguez face almost a dozen charges each, including aggravated robbery, grand theft, attempted murder, felonious assault, drug possession and trafficking offenses, improper use of firearms, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and failure to comply with police orders. Campbell and Downey are being held at the Justice Center on \$1 million bond. Rodriguez, reportedly a Mexican national, is being held on a \$2 million bond.

St. Jerome School celebrates writing win



Sophia Lashley-Uzomah proudly presents her Most Imaginative Setting Writing Award.

by *Chanelle McCloud*

The fire-breathing dragons and wand-waving wizards of the four mountain tops were a winning recipe for the writing success of Sophia Lashley-Uzomah, a seventh-grader at St. Jerome Elementary School. She recently won the award for Most Imaginative Setting for the second annual Seventh Grade Fantasy Creative Writing Contest sponsored by Magnificat High School. The title for the winning work is, "The Dragons of Glacia Mountain."

Sophia, who also writes poetry for the St. Jerome School Journal--which is the school's newspaper--said she was very excited when she learned she had won this contest.

"My mom said there was a letter in the mail from Magnificat High School," Sophia said. "When I found out I had won I couldn't stop smiling."

Sophia also spoke of how proud her family at home and at school have been of her winning story.

"Everyone keeps telling me they are so proud of me," she said.

Mrs. Sue Coan, the principal of St. Jerome School, echoes her remarks.

"I am just so proud of Sophia," Coan said. "She has just given everyone a little glimpse of her talent and of the kind of students St. Jerome School has walking through our halls."

Chanelle McCloud is a teacher at St. Jerome Elementary School and founder of Professchanelle Inspiration which specializes in motivating people to reach their full potential.

Young Philanthropists of Collinwood Part II

by *Louise Foresman*

In an update to a story that appeared in the Observer in January, 2010, several of Collinwood's promising youth recently completed what is becoming their annual tradition of charity during the holiday season. Two local organizations continued to benefit from the efforts of these young people. Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital's Circle of Friends program, a fund for children who might need special services at Rainbow that their families cannot afford, and Under the Wing, which, along with medical care and adoption, fosters animals whose owners have had to go into an emergency shelter, were beneficiaries for the fourth and fifth year in a row, respectively.

2011 was the fourth year Devlin Chambers and friends baked cookies and sold them for the Rainbow Cookie project that Devlin started, in 2008. In the fifth year of their project, Collinwood residents Jessica, Forrest, and Meghan were joined by friend Kirsten and put together their Christmas tea at the home of Lorraine Bertosa. The Christmas tea raised \$450 for a five-year total of about \$1,500 while the Christmas cookie project for Rainbow raised over \$200, for a four-year total of about \$600. Local businesses again helped out with donations. Manager Mike Romano of Dave's Supermarket on Lakeshore

Boulevard gave a gift card to help defray the cost of cookie ingredients for the Circle of Friends project.

After a few years of baking cookies and selling them door-to-door in his Beulah Park neighborhood, Devlin got the idea to take orders for the cookies (which are made from scratch using recipes saved by his grandmother Foresman--a great cookie baker--and his great grandmother Foresman, who was a pastry chef at Bucknell University.)

"Taking orders ahead made it a lot more fun," said Devlin. "We were able to spend our time making and decorating the cookies rather than rushing to finish so we could go out and sell them like we did a few years ago."

One of the cookie project's customers was actually the Christmas tea. Along with cookies for people who ordered them, Devlin and friends Dakota, Justus, Malcolm, Zena, Verian and John made several dozen cookies and decorated them just for people who attended the Christmas tea, forming a partnership that benefited both projects.

Forrest, who hosted the tea at her grandmother Lorraine's house, said this was the biggest year ever for the Christmas tea. "We ran out of tables at one point," she remembered. "We had people standing around without anywhere to sit." Her father came to the rescue with TV tables so the guests didn't have



Jessica, Kirsten, Forrest, and Megan at the Christmas tea.



Verian and Justus roll out cookies for Devlin's cookie project.

to balance their tea and food on their hands." Turning a home into a restaurant for a day is always an undertaking, but both groups agreed that advance planning and having the history of 4-5 years' experience has made the projects a lot easier.

What's next for the projects organized by these enterprising young Collinwood residents? Stay tuned.

Under the Wing has a web site: www.underthewing.org. You can reach Circle of Friends at www.rainbow-circleoffriends.org or (216) 844-8728.

Louise Foresman is a 15-year resident of Collinwood and Beulah Park who moved to Cleveland from Seattle. She sings (with her husband, Dan Chambers, and neighbors Leila and Dave Snodgrass) with the Attention Deficit Glee Club.

Dialogue

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Councilman Polensek comments on recent apprehension of drug trafficking suspects

by Councilman Michael D. Polensek

What is really important about this whole unfortunate situation that took place in our community is that the four suspects were caught and by the way, were not from our community, being from Kentucky, and were involved in a serious drug transaction in the City of Euclid. Two of the males have extensive arrest records and the other two are illegal aliens from Mexico, who are being held on a \$2 million cash bond. We were very fortunate that no law enforcement officer or neighborhood resident was injured as a result of these criminals' totally irresponsible behavior.

However, one thing is clear: I heard from numerous law enforcement officers, including FBI Agents on the scene that day, about how appreciative and impressed they were with the overwhelming support and assistance they received from community residents. Several officers specifically told me how citizens came out of their homes to assist them in identifying and tracking the suspects. Residents even offered them coffee and pastries afterwards. One officer said to me "in too many neighborhoods people see and hear nothing and do even less but in Ward 11 the citizens support the police and get

involved. That is why YOUR community is a better place to live."

One other thing needs to be said: law enforcement officials really do pursue complaints they receive from the community. Had they not, there would still be a major drug operation taking place in the City of Euclid. We should all be thankful for the residents on Nauman Avenue who took a proactive approach to cleaning up their street and thereby helped the entire Northeast side. It only reinforces to me that when people do become proactive and engaged, a difference can be made and seen in the neighborhood.

Message from the publisher

by John Copic

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From Senator Nina Turner: State launches free Job Search site

by Senator Nina Turner

The Oh. Dept of Jobs and Family Services has launched Ohio-MeansInternships.com website to promote awareness of Ohio internships and education opportunities. It is free for businesses to post opportunities and search for talent. It is free for students to search postings, and post their own resumes. The site will provide general news about work-based learning.

Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team—2012!

by Stephen Love

It's never too early to start thinking about the beach! Adopt-a-Beach is a volunteer organization and partner of the Alliance for The Great Lakes, a non-profit dedicated to sustaining, improving and educating people about the health of our lakes and beaches. For the past two years through monthly beach cleanups, Adopt-a-Beach volunteers have picked up close to 2,000 pounds of trash and recyclables at Historic Euclid Beach State Park alone!

Take at some other things we did in 2011:

- Invested close to \$10,000 in 2011 at Euclid Beach and Edgewater Beach State Parks through installation of recycling and trashbin stations, anti-litter and anti-smoking signage and cigarette butt containers thanks to grants from the ODNR, Neighborhood Connections, The Cuy Solid Waste District, community groups, residents.
- Formed partnerships with other volunteer groups at Edgewater State Park including The Friends of Edgewater and Drink Local Drink Tap to better coordinate volunteer efforts and share resources.
- Partnered with Arts Collinwood, Pop Up Galleries for Euclid Beach Blast! an all-day event with sand castles, art, food, live music and beach cleanups!
- Volunteers Rhiannon Murkowski & Tony Stella collected samples, reported beach conditions from Euclid Beach.

And there's much more to come in 2012! There are so many ways to get involved! Donate! trash bags and gloves. pickers Mail checks to: Northeast Shores Development Corporation, memo line: Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Volunteer! Beach cleanups are from 10am-12pm on the third Saturday of the month at Euclid Beach Park!

Our first beach cleanup of 2012 is St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17th from 10am-12pm.

More info: contact Stephen Love at stephen.love20@gmail.com or (216) 571-0685. Subscribe to our monthly email newsletter! Go to Facebook for updates and "like" us, please.

Stephen Love is team leader of the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach program. Each month his team conducts cleanups and water tests at Euclid Beach State Park. To learn more about Adopt-A-Beach's plans in 2012, go to www.collinwoodobserver.com

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Let's make a neighborhood resolution for the new year – check out the block clubs. It takes just one evening a month, it often involves food, you get an up-close view of neighbors you didn't know, you hear what's going on and you can seize the moment and ask why. Or why not. Stick this list on the refrigerator. Or on your iPhone.

Collinwood Homeowners' and Tenants' Association
First Wednesday, 7 pm, St Mary's School, 15519 Holmes Ave.

E185 St Block Watch
Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E185 (rear entrance).

Nottingham Civic Club
Third Tuesday, 7 pm. Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St. Clair.

E156 St Block Watch
Third Wednesday, 6 pm, M&M Bar-B-Que, 15116 Lakeshore Blvd at E152.

Northeast Shores Development Corp
NSDC holds its quarterly meetings, open to all, members and public, on the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October, at 6:30 pm, at our lovely new rec center. These meetings are well worth attending, all kinds of neighborhood-wide initiatives come up for discussion.

Collinwood/Nottingham Historical Society
Second Thursday of the month, St Mary's Church Hall, 15519 Holmes Avenue, beginning at 6:30 pm. So: February 9, March 8. The Annual Meeting, with a special program, is February 19.

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The Grasselli home, where it all began.

Rose-Mary Center: “We remember, we celebrate, we believe” Part 1

by Donna Cantlin

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of Rose-Mary Center, in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities. As we celebrate these important milestones, we reflect on the Center's rich history in the community. Part 1: 1922

In 1922, Mr. Caesar A. Grasselli, President of Grasselli Chemical Works, deeded the family's summer home known as “Three Gables” to the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for a home for children with physical disabilities. It was renamed Rose-Mary after the Blessed Virgin and the beautiful rose gardens that Caesar Grasselli's invalid wife, Johanna, had created behind the mansion.

Grasselli Home Rose-Mary opened in October, 1922, with the Sisters of Humility of Mary assuming administrative responsibilities for its daily operations. The first resident of Rose-Mary was Polly, a foundling discovered abandoned in an ashan in an alleyway. She had physical disabilities and impaired sight. With Rose-Mary's help,

Polly grew into a healthy child giving promise of a happy, productive life. Through the early years the Sisters and dedicated staff transformed Rose-Mary from a summer cottage to a well-known treatment center for children with cerebral palsy, victims of polio, accidents and other childhood handicaps.

Look for Part 2 in the March issue of the Collinwood Observer.

Financial support for Rose-Mary Center's programs and services comes through the federally regulated Medicaid program, from Catholic Charities Corporation and United Way, and from other local and state agencies. Private contributions from individuals and various organizations have been all important in enabling the Center to continue to reach out to children and adults with special needs.

To learn more about the Center and the events that are planned for the 90th Anniversary, go to www.rose-marycenter.com

Donna Cantlin is the Director of Development at the Rose-Mary Center.

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Remodeled apartment building gets a new “lease” on life

by Vilija Nasvytis Klimas

Have you grown accustomed to seeing homes being rehabbed in our neighborhood? The work doesn't stop with just houses! Several local companies are expanding and improving the apartments available in the area. Among them: Marcella Court Apartments, on the corner of Lakeshore Blvd. and Marcella Rd. They have completed their transformation from a tired, troubled property to an updated home for new residents! The 19-unit building is owned and managed by Nasvytis Group Ltd. It joins White Stone Manor Apartments and Beacon Hill Apartments as a premier, affordable apartment community owned and managed by the local, second-generation family business.

The suites have new kitchens and bathrooms, hardwood style flooring, carpeting, fixtures, and glass block accents. Care was taken to be as “green” as possible, utilizing water saving fixtures, installing dishwashers, and utilizing glass block windows. The newly updated laundry room boasts an energy efficient hot water system. All common areas were also remodeled.

“When we took over the property, we wanted to improve the suites, provide quality apartment homes at an attractive price point, and improve the neighborhood,” explains Vilija Nasvytis Klimas, the managing partner. “We found that the open layout of the suites is perfect for those who need a not-too-big suite in a convenient location.” The Marcella Court community enjoys being close to shopping, freeways, public transportation, Waterloo, and Wildwood Park. All of the one-bedroom units currently rent for \$450 per month.

The property had only 4 tenants when it transferred to the current owners, but is now fully occupied. “What a differ-



On-site manager, Charles Eppinger, shows off the Sunset Time sign.



Open floorplan suits today's lifestyles!

ence in how the place looks!” marvels Mr. Gary Lipka, one of the legacy tenants, adding, “and I love the security cameras!” The on-site manager, Charles Eppinger, a veteran in the rental housing field, takes much pride in maintaining the property to high standards.

Many tenants go for walks in the nearby Wildwood Park, and enjoy some of the country's most beautiful sunsets. In front of Marcella Court Apartments is a sign which shows the sunset time each day. Just a friendly reminder that the best things in life are sometimes right in our back yard!

Vilija Nasvytis Klimas grew up in the Nottingham area, and currently works managing several apartment buildings in the Lakeshore area, as well as working in residential real estate sales.

Call to Artists! Branches Art SPACE opening soon

by Betsy Voinovich

It is our pleasure to introduce Branches Art Space, a new Collinwood-based artists' alliance that will provide up to 24 artists shared studio, teaching, and retail gallery space-- affordably. We're inviting artists in all mediums to our first reception Sunday, February 19th at Branches, 18322 Lakeshore

Bldv in Collinwood, from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Artists will be interviewed and considered on a first come--first serve basis, so call us and make arrangements to visit. We're looking for all types of artists. Our Grand Opening will be in the beginning of March.

Come join us! Call Evelyn for further details: Evelyn Copan-Bute, Managing partner, (216) 408-5142 evelynbute@adelphia.net. Susan Brandt, owner. Jerry Schmidt, artist. **For more on this story,** visit The Collinwood Observer online at www.collinwoodobserver.com

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Northeast Shores by the numbers

by Brian Friedman

The staff and board of Northeast Shores persevere to make North Shore Collinwood a better place to work, work, and visit. Each year, Northeast Shores hosts an annual meeting where staff results from the last 12 months are shared with the membership present.

In summary, 3 neighborhood homes were rehabbed and 189 people were referred to various housing programs including foreclosure prevention, credit counseling and/or loan programs. On the commercial side, 73 businesses were assisted with a variety of needs including exterior improvements, loan packaging, zoning issues, site selection assistance, and/or permitting issues. In addition, Northeast Shores supported 4

community gardens, and staffed 218 community meetings. Over 3,500 residents participated in those community meetings. Northeast Shores was the fiscal agent to volunteer initiatives that received over \$30,000 for their efforts.

These numbers alone do not share the whole story. Each person or business impacted by Northeast Shores had a need and we tried to fill that need. Every one of these numbers has its own story to tell but we wanted to at least share the raw statistics on how we did over the last year.

We still have a lot of work to do to have this neighborhood meet its full potential. If you have a neighborhood complaint or need, please do not hesitate to contact us at (216) 481-7660 so we can help!



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What do you get when you put together the Euclid Animal Shelter, a handful of local taverns and an a bunch of poker enthusiasts? Well, you get The Annual Poker Run... A WIN-WIN-WIN!

The Annual Poker Run for the Euclid Animal Shelter was a SUCCESS! Three lucky individuals came into money, the Animal Shelter received a \$1000 donation and local taverns have organized for future projects!

The Poker Run had evolved from the "Home For The Holidays" Pub Crawl., which I assembled a few years back. Introducing the Poker Run was an idea suggested by good friend and Chef Bob Ryan.

Each participant has 6 weeks to visit each establishment and get their card stamped. Upon completion they qualify to draw their poker hand at the wrap-up party, that was hosted this year at the Paradise Island Saloon on Jan. 14th.

And what a party it was! Celebrity dealers, Mayor Cervenik and Council Pres. Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail dealt several winning hands. Abbey Dave took home the Grand-Prize of \$250, Kevin Stucin won \$150 and the consolation drawing of \$100, went to Barry Rinkus, who promptly donated his winnings back to the Shelter. Thank You Barry!

The event, a 6-week Poker Run, started on Dec. 2nd and ran till Jan. 14th. It included 10 local taverns: 2nd Chance Lounge, BG's Old World Tavern, Cebars "Euclid Tavern", Coach's Place, Paddy's Pour Haus, Paradise Island Saloon, Scoreboard Tavern, Stevenson's, Sticks Pub & Grille and Tradewinds Lounge.

Michael Heaton, the Plain Dealer's "Minister of Culture" and I

visited a few of the participating taverns. He then penned a Friday Magazine cover story, (Jan. 6th), promoting the Poker Run and Euclid Taverns. Heaton wrote, "Yes, It's your Father's Bar AND It's Cool Again". Thank You, Michael! We received inquiries from as far as Sandusky, They wanted to do it as a same-day event, finishing at the Wrap-Up Party!

While the Euclid Animal Shelter was the big winner, this may also be the beginning of a very good relationship among these local taverns! While organizing such an event, I have found rounding up tavern owners is akin to "herding cats". The resulting organization is "Beer Joints R Us", which has become a new website, **www.BeerJointsRUs.com** and promises to be a monthly column here in the Euclid Observer! Please check it out as we have future plans for brewery bus trips and special promotions, all to assist our Euclid Businesses get the recognition they deserve.

Plans are to continue with this Euclid/Collinwood Observer column, BeerJointsRUs, which will highlight some local history and legacies of these and other taverns in and around our town. Got a story? Please contact me, at **Ron@BeerJointsRUs.com**.

COMING SOON: Mardi Gras Brewery Bus Trip... Late Feb or Early March. Tentative stops: Market Garden Brewery, The Beer Engine and The Parma Brew Garden. Details at www.BeerJointsRUs.com

Let's pull up a stool and discuss it!



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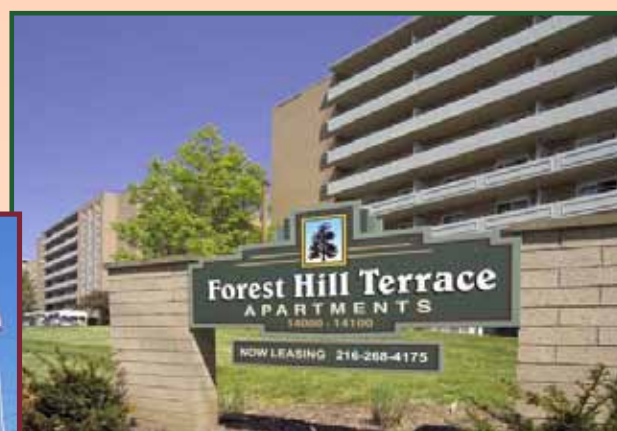
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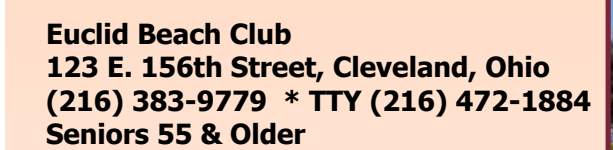
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“King me”

by Jeanne Coppola

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Memorial-Nottingham library held an event on Jan 12th, for history students from Charles W. Eliot Elementary School, titled “King Me!” The principal bused the 25 students to the library, for this special field trip, where the seventh grade class played a game of Jeopardy, all about Dr. King.

The class was “organized into three teams to compete against each other...” said librarian Alfonso Daniels. “Each team picked two captains to choose and answer questions for parts I & II.” In Part III, everyone could give input and decide on a final wager. The idea was for the students to learn about the life and accomplishments of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and also have fun.

The room had a Jeopardy Board with 6 categories about Dr. King's life. Each category had 10 questions, covering topics like King's accomplishments, education, speeches and mission, places he visited--which included the question, “What church in Cleveland, OH was a frequent stopping point for Dr. King?” (Answer? Olivet Institutional Baptist Church. To see samples of more questions, go to “King Me” at www.collinwoodobserver.com)



History students from Charles W. Eliot Elementary School assemble for the “King Me” event.

The room also had pictures of Dr. King, including a newspaper article from the Call & Post (1994) with the text of King's “I have a Dream” speech, given at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., calling for racial equality.

Each team played for prizes, including...watches, book bags, lunch boxes, and gift cards.” All prizes were provided by McDonalds. A book was also awarded for the schools' library.

Afterwards, a light meal was served, and the students “watched an episode of the Boondocks about Dr. King.”

“Educational sessions like this bring awareness, and the library has quality programs that the students can take advantage of,” said Daniels. Students can benefit from these “tools and insights to help them in their educational journey.” For more information, call the library at: (216) 623-7039

VASJ students attend 39th Annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C.

by VASJ senior, Malik Sullins

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow shall keep pro-life activists from saving lives. Thirty members from Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School attended the Right to Life March in Washington D.C. on January 23, 2012. This event is held annually to help persuade Congress to reverse the decision of Roe v. Wade. When the group from VASJ arrived in D.C. on Monday morning they first attended Mass at the St. Mary Mother of God church before participating in the march.

This year, more than 100,000 Americans came to join in civil protest; through marching, chanting, making signs and props to illustrate their repugnance for the 1973 ruling. The energy was high with the people yelling, “Pro-choice that's a lie,

babies never choose to die!” For 18 VASJ students, it was their first time attending the march in Washington D.C. In all it was a day to join in civil protest and express powerful opinions and something I was glad to be a part of.



Twenty-seven students and three faculty members from Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School traveled to Washington D.C. this weekend in support of the March for Life Rally.

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Cleveland Job Corps Center gives back

by Michael Taylor

The Cleveland Job Corps Center celebrated the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by attending the Cleveland Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Eleventh Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Gala, January 13. The theme was “Anchors for Life's Journey: Salvation, Education, Activism.” The Student Ambassadors were able to meet Rev. Dr. E. Theophilus Caviness, President of SCLC and Pastor and Rev Hilton O. Smith, Vice President of SCLC. The Keynote speaker for the evening was City of Warrensville Hts. Mayor and former Ohio State and NBA Basketball player, Brad Sellers. Mayor Sellers said that it was time to change the conditions we live

in by making a difference in our communities.

Forty Student Ambassadors volunteered at the Masonic Auditorium for the 2012 Homeless StandDown. The over 800 veterans and homeless people at this event enjoyed haircuts, medical screening, service providers, and free winter clothing.

The mission of the Cleveland Job Corps Center is preparing our students for leadership, and having an impact in their neighborhoods. History books are full of examples of what youth have the potential to accomplish. Our collective future depends on it. The legacy continues...CJCC Student Ambassadors.

Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library Programs for February

by Maria Estrella

African-American History Month Celebration: Honoring Langston Hughes

Tuesday, February 21, 2012; 4:30-5:30 pm

Calling all young poets! Ages 10-12! In honor of African-American History Month, the Memorial-Nottingham Branch would like to celebrate this joyous month by honoring the famous American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist, Mr. James Mercer Langston Hughes. Two of Mr. Langston's famous titles, *The Sweet and Sour Animal Book* and *My People*, will be read. Following the story, come create your very own poem to take home.

Maria F. Estrella is the new Cleveland Public Library Children's Librarian at Memorial-Nottingham Branch.

African-American History Month Folktale Celebration

Monday, February 27, 2012; 1:30-2:30 pm

Children, young adults, and parents join our very own Cleveland Public Library Multicultural Storyteller, Ms. Donna Willingham for an hour of inspirational African and African-American folktales.

Ms. Willingham is currently a member of the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, Inc. and the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc. She told the “tallest tale” and won the 1997 “Liars' contest” at the National Black Storytellers Festival and Conference, held in Cleveland, Ohio of that year.

Main library seeks Cleveland High School yearbooks

by William McCulloch

You may or may not be aware that the Main Cleveland Public Library maintains a collection of old Cleveland High School Yearbooks. Located in the Social Science Department in the new Louis Stokes Wing on the fifth floor the task is currently headed by librarian Dave Furies. Eighteen of Collinwood High School's oldest issues dating from -1928 to 1952 have been digitized and are accessible online through the library's website, cpl.org. You need just click on the Research category and go to the Digital Gallery. Below is the total listing of

Collinwood schools and their issues they currently hold in their collection.

Collinwood: 1928-31, 1943-45, 1947, 1950-52, & 1983 (JAN Class 1946-52)

St. Joseph: 1955-56, 1958, 1960, 1962-64, 1966-81, 1983-89

Villa Angela: 1947, 1963-65, 1974, 1976-78, 1981-84, 1986-90

Villa Angela-St. Joseph: 1991-97, 1999, 2002, & 2003

If you should have or know of any of the missing issues, please consider donating them to this effort to fill the gaps in the collection and helping preserve this area of our neighborhood's history.

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