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## REMEMBRANCES OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DOUGLAS C. SHORT, USAFR

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## Town Meeting Reminder

As a reminder, the annual Mariemont Town Meeting will be held Sunday, March 11 at 1 pm in the Dale Park Junior High School auditorium.

A major reason why our Village is so unique and attractive is that we work together in the community for the good of the community. Town Meeting is a significant part of our community process and is the foundation for our form of government in Mariemont. It provides a platform for neighbors to come together to discuss concerns within the Village.

This year, we will hear an update on issues within the Village from Mayor Policastro and an update on the schools from Superintendent Paul Imhoff. There will also be an opportunity for folks to bring up matters with which they are concerned and to hear responses from village leaders.

Please come and join us!

## VILLAGE

# Hugo's Restaurant to Open In Space Next to Mariemont Theater

Hugo's Restaurant is relocating from their location in Oakley to the storefront between Graeter's and the Mariemont Theater. For the last five years, area diners have enjoyed the upscale Southern menu at Hugo's, with their famous grits and braised short rib. However, owner and chef Sean Daly promises something a little more casual for the new restaurant on Mariemont Square.

"You'll be able to come in for a drink and quick bite before a movie, or have a full-course meal," said Daly. Lunch, weekend brunch, and outdoor dining in front of the restaurant will be added. Daly has signed a letter of intent for both stories of the long-vacant space. He plans a lounge and bar on the first floor with a dining room and private party room on the

upper floor. The same menu will be available on both floors.

The configuration allows for 150 seats, including 14 seats at a food bar with a view into the open kitchen. Daly is looking forward to opening the new restaurant in the Village.

"We love the existing culture and energy over there and are looking forward to adding to that. There's also an extreme amount of traffic," said Daly. "It's seven minutes from where we are now, so we hope we'll retain our current clients and add people from Mariemont and Montgomery and Indian Hill."

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IN MEMORIAM

# Remembrances of Brigadier General Douglas C. Short, USAFR

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

As folks drive down Miami Road from Indian Hill, they come through one of Mariemont's "gateways." This entry point features an attractive park with a lovely flower garden, benches for relaxing, and a flagpole proudly bearing the stars and stripes, and below it, a service flag. While the Air Force flag probably flew the most, General Short also displayed the Marine Corps, Army, and Navy flags, as well as the black flag of the MIA/POW. This is the recently renamed Douglas C. Short Trolley Turnaround Park, and it exemplifies the kindness, generosity, and willingness to work hard that the General displayed his entire life.

When his neighbor, Virginia Bay, told General Short about the trolleys she remembered from her youth, he worked with Mayor Policastro and the Village to create the park with its flagpole and gardens. It was his pleasure to raise the American flag and flags of other military services each day. His son, Charles, continues the tradition.



Charles Short shared some remembrances of his father at the memorial service. He spoke of his humor and his fascination with the countries he served in as part of the China-Burma-India Campaign of World War II. Charles said, "But he also reminded me that there is more to war than a sense of adventure, humor, or wonder. War exacts terrible sacrifice. And in order to be able to enter the 'shadow of death,' Dad called upon his deep and abiding religious faith." Charles shared something his father had written as he looked back over his life. It read as follows:



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## Kindergarten Registration Meeting

“Psalms 23 and 121 are the cornerstones of my faith, and have sustained me throughout my life; both during years of war and peace. Verse 4 Psalm 23 – with its promise that even if you walk through ‘the valley of the shadow of death’ you need fear no evil – was a great comfort to me during World War II and the Korean War.”

Lt. Col Timothy Anderson, USAFR, first met General Short in 2002 through his mother, Mariemont resident and former Director of MariElders, Barb Anderson. Lt. Col. Anderson was a Major in the Air Force at that time, and was scheduled to head to Burma as an air attaché. He recalled, “What struck me most upon meeting General Short was his smile. His smile was wholehearted, warm, and thoroughly focused on you. I can especially see that smile when, as a young man, he saw his first airplane and knew he was destined to fly. I can understand why, when faced with that big, sincere, from-the-heart smile. The owner of the biplane took the boy on board and taught him to fly. I can see him leading his B-52 team in China, taking orders from the great General Claire Chennault in WWII with the same smile and can-do attitude.”

General Short was assigned to the Berlin Airlift after WWII ended. He then served in Korea, flying F-15’s. As that conflict ended, he continued as a member of the Air National Guard in Georgia, where he earned the rank of One Star General. After retiring, he settled in Mariemont, where he lived for over 30 years. Doug was an active participant in Kiwanis, where he served as president and helped found the Mariemont Civic Association, serving as its first president.

Timothy Anderson said, “General Short’s whole life was service before self. He looked around the community; saw what needed to be done, did it humbly, with a smile on his face and in his heart. He set the example of positive integrity, building people and places up wherever he went, and making them better places to live. I can imagine St. Peter, or God himself, standing at the gates of heaven with the same open-hearted smile, welcoming Douglas Short home, saying, “Well done, my true and faithful servant.”

Mariemont Elementary will hold its Kindergarten Registration meeting on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the Mariemont Community Church Parish Center (3908 Plainville Rd).

This is an informational meeting for parents of children in Mariemont and Fairfax who will be five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2012.

Prior to the meeting, please visit [www.mariemontschools.org](http://www.mariemontschools.org) to complete the online registration form. From the home page, select Forms and Registration, click on Kindergarten Registration and follow the instructions. An

original birth certificate (not a copy) and proof of residency must be submitted to the school office. The office will make a copy and return the original to you. If applicable, bring custody papers and /or a copy of your child’s Independent Education Plan. Documents can be submitted to the school office at any time before the registration meeting. Office hours are 8 am – 4 pm. You may also bring your documents on the night of Kindergarten registration. Physical and dental reports will need to be turned in at the school office to complete your registration.

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# Neighboring *with* Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



Happy St. Patrick's Day! Hopefully, Spring will actually arrive in full during the coming weeks. Won't it be great for sunshine, green leaves and chirping birds!!!!

Brian and Kathleen Judkins purchased 3718 Petoskey Ave in January. They moved from Mt. Lookout in pursuit of a larger home. Brian and Kathleen chose Mariemont because they wanted to live in a true "community" and love the walkability of the Village. The great schools (and ongoing renovations of the schools) were also a huge draw. The Judkins have one son, Davis, who is 18 months old. Baby number 2 (a girl) is due to arrive in June. Brian is originally from Anderson

Township and works for Dinsmore/Shoal law firm. Kathleen is from St. Louis and works for P&G. She is looking forward to meeting other moms with young children once baby number 2 arrives and she is on maternity leave.

Paul and Iulia Gamlowski purchased 4309 Joan Place in January. They have settled in Mariemont after working and traveling in Europe for the past 3 to 4 years. Paul is from Santa Barbara, CA and Iulia is originally from Bucharest, Romania. They both fell in love with Mariemont for its charm and walkability along with being bicycle friendly. The school system is highly rated and they hope to start their family here.

Mark and Malia Ridge purchased 3744 Indianview Ave and are currently renovating the home, so they will probably not move in until April. Malia is a 1990 graduate of Mariemont High School and Mark graduated from Purcell Marian. Mark is a graduate of Thomas More College and is now a project manager for Essig

Research. Malia got her B.S. from NKU and Masters from UC. She is a math professor at UC Clermont and a Realtor with Sibcy Cline. Mark and Malia have 4 children, the oldest, Grace is at UC. Connor is 11 and in 5th grade at Miami Valley Christian Academy, Noel is 8 and in 2nd grade at MVCA. The youngest, Chance, is almost 5 and looking forward to Kindergarten next year. The younger kids are already meeting lots of new friends here in Mariemont while outside playing. The Ridges chose to move to Mariemont for numerous reasons; they want their kids to enjoy the lifestyle the Village offers, and the walkability is a huge plus. They also love how many residents are involved in the schools, sports and other aspects of the community.

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if anyone knows of a new addition to someone's family or a new neighbor that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone number is 272-1551 or email is niredale@sibcycline.com.



## New Contemporary Gallery

Please join us for the Grand Opening Reception of our new Contemporary Gallery on Friday, April 27th 6-9p.

We currently have original works by:

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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

I bet most of you have seen a tall distinguished man walking his super-charged and super-friendly dog Cookie around the Village in the past few years. You may be wondering what is special about this exercise regimen since Matt Ayer has lost 110 pounds in the last 7 months! Matt would love to share his secret with you ... but this story is going to cover the behind the scenes service of "Disappearing Matt".

Matt and Paula Ayer have been married 37 years. Matt owns a consulting firm specializing in environmental engineering, and Paula works for the Legal Aid Society of Greater

Cincinnati.

They bought their house on Pocahontas 25 years ago, when their oldest son Daniel was in

grade 2. They got involved with the scouting movement and Daniel became an Eagle Scout - he now has logged 10 years as a music teacher in Connecticut, and was recently engaged to Laura Merwin.

Brendan was 9 years younger and also earned his Eagle Scout rank, so Matt and Paula ended up staying involved in scouting leadership. Matt has been the Committee Chairman of Troop 149 since 1992. Serving behind the scenes is Matt's style, where his management, serving and administrative gifts have been used to start the annual Christmas Tree Sale, and mentor a number of this prolific troop's Eagle Scouts. Brendan just graduated as a Mechanical Engineer, and is now a patent examiner at the US Patent Office in Alexandria, Virginia.

Throughout the years, Matt has served our Village in a number of ways. He is a tutor in mathematics, a small group Bible study leader, and served as property chairman responsible for a beautiful restoration of the lawn, trees, plants and new irrigation system

at the Memorial Chapel. But as we chat this afternoon, what really lights Matt up is the special group of boys he serves in Madisonville.

Remembering his offer many years ago, a Dan Beard Council executive recently asked Matt to start a new Scout Troop at Prince of Peace School in Madisonville. Matt recalls that decision at a really busy time as if he heard a "divine whisper" -- this was the time and he was the man. Alongside Dave Roberts and Nate Standeford, Matt started Troop 226, starting with five 11-12 year old boys. Calling in friends and his many contacts, this team set up the Troop in a school where much fewer extra-curricular options are offered.

The boys made a trip each month, including a trip to Kelley's Island that required each of the guys to pass the first level of Boy Scouts of America swimming requirements. Using an Indian Hill friend's heated pool, Matt, Dave and Nate taught these guys to swim before they were off to summer camp and high adventure. He led the fundraising efforts for the Troop by asking existing scouting families in Mariemont and of course his many friends. Recently folks have asked to help and Matt welcomes any donations to fund the doubling of the program to 10 boys in 2012!

This year, they will travel with Dave Conzett, a Mariemont friend, longtime



Scouter and senior curator of the Cincinnati Museum Center to Gettysburg - that's like doing a World Series with Johnny Bench! Matt continues to help expand his team, with 'ringers' including veteran Scout leaders Bob Hendricks (a.k.a. "Boy Scout Bob") and Andrew Georgilis. What fuels his passion? The response of these young men and their parents! It's a description of satisfaction you can feel as Matt talks.

Matt and Paula know their kids benefited from the investment of others' time, and they have the same commitment. That commitment has transformed Mariemont and now spreads to Madisonville. Maybe Cookie gets her enthusiasm from this behind-the-scenes servant!

# Mariemont Authors Have the Write Stuff

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

If you're looking for some interesting reading material to get you through the dreary days before spring, check out some books written by Mariemont residents. Here are four Mariemont authors you might be interested in. (While there are certainly more published authors in the Village, these are the ones of which we are aware).

The Town Crier asked each author a series of questions about their published works.



## **Peter Zelinski**

Book title: *The Ten Commandments: What Do Two Tablets Reveal About the Life of the Spirit and the Way toward God?* by Peter Zelinski. Published in 2012

### **What prompted you to write the book?**

For as widely recognized as the Ten Commandments are, they tend to be little-read and overlooked. Someone who regularly reads the Bible might gloss past these words, seeing them as familiar terrain, while a person not interested in the Bible might see these words as having little relevance today. Either view is unfortunate. The Ten Commandments are a rich, beautiful, stately body of text. My book grew out of the experience of reading the Ten Commandments as if for the first time, studying the text in search of the depth of its meaning, and looking at other parts of the

Bible by the light of these special words that were inscribed in stone.

### **Did you collaborate with anyone, or is there someone you would like to thank?**

I would like to thank my wife Kaye. The book wouldn't exist without her support and encouragement. She helps me preserve space and time for my personal writing in our life together. Doing this is not easy. We live in a small house that bursts with the dramas of children.

### **What is the book about?**

The book's central message is this: The Ten Commandments contain more than rules. A patient examination of the text finds meaning that goes beyond the list of commands. For example, interconnections between the commandments chart spiritual principles that are basic for understanding our lives—almost spiritual laws of physics. Plus, the structure of the commandments maps a certain path or progression—a route by which a lost and wandering people (whether in the desert or in the modern world) can make their way toward a fuller, richer, more joyful experience of the Creator.

### **How would someone purchase a copy?**

The book is on Amazon. To find it there, just go to [www.peterzelinski.com](http://www.peterzelinski.com) and click on the link that says, "Buy on Amazon." I have also discovered that plenty of people don't want to go that route, and would rather buy a copy directly from me for cash. That works, too. My phone number is 271-6451, and the book is \$14.95.

### **How long have you lived in Mariemont? Who are your family members?**

Kaye and I have lived in Mariemont for over 13 years. Our kids, Hannah (10) and Audrey (5), have never lived anywhere else. We are blessed to get to make this Village our home. We love the friendships we've found in this community, and we frequently

enjoy distinctively Mariemont pleasures such as walking with the kids to Mio's or to the branch library.

### **Please add anything else that we haven't covered.**

I have a blog where I write much more about scripture, faith, and pursuing a labor of love. To subscribe (for free), enter your email address at [www.peterzelinski.com](http://www.peterzelinski.com). If you're a Facebook user, receive the same material by liking my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PeterZelinski](http://www.facebook.com/PeterZelinski).



## **Dick Wendell**

Book title: *Retire with a Mission: Planning and Purpose in the Second Half of Life* by Richard G. Wendel MD, MBA. Published in 2008.

### **What prompted you to write the book?**

Two circumstances encouraged me to write about a purposeful retirement. First, writing a personal mission statement was a course requirement in my leadership training in the Executive MBA Program at Xavier in 1997 and, at the time, retirement from the practice of medicine was just three months away. I had to ponder the full range of issues related to this major change of course. As an avid writer, with one previously published book about the management of medical practices, and with few book titles embracing retirement from a holistic perspective, I started the project.



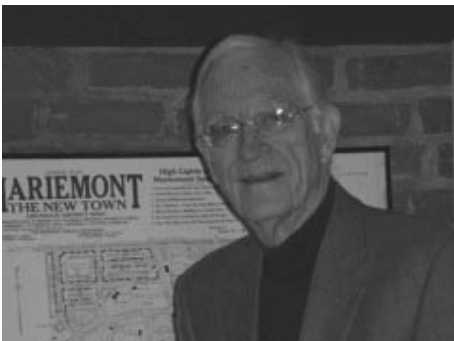
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### ***How would someone purchase a copy?***

Sourcebooks, a major publisher near Chicago, accepted my manuscript and it was released nationwide in December 2008. Copies of the book can be purchased at any bookstore and online. To date, over 4000 copies have been sold.

### ***How long have you lived in Mariemont? Who are your family members?***

My wife Ann and I consider ourselves true Mariemont natives as we have lived in the same house on Hammerstone Way since 1963, when I was a first year surgical resident at the Cincinnati General Hospital. Our two children, Nancy and Richard, received a fine educational foundation in the Mariemont school system. Nancy graduated from Vanderbilt and then received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago. Richard went to Dartmouth College and then U.C. Law and has a law office in Tusculum. We are also the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.



### ***Millard Rogers***

Book title: *Mariemont: A Pictorial History of a Model Town*. Published in 2011.

### ***What prompted you to write the book?***

A small committee of MPF Trustees was formed about five years ago to explore the possibility of publishing some of the vast resources of photographs in the MPF Archives. Drawing on this resource (the largest of its kind in the world pertaining to Mariemont), the committee began to plan the project. We determined that it would be a picture book, sometimes called a "coffee table book" with explanatory, descriptive text. As a committee member and author of *John Nolen and Mariemont; Building a New Town in Ohio*

(Johns Hopkins Press, 2001), I was chosen to write the text. (Editor's note: Millard is also the author of *Mary Emery: Rich in Good Works*).

### ***Did you collaborate with anyone, or is there someone you would like to thank?***

Working closely with the book's designer, Karen Monzel Hughes, and the two other members of the committee, Amy Fischer and Pam Gaines, the chapter headings and actual photos were chosen from MPF Archives. With the selections made, I began to write. Text portions were sent back and forth to Karen; we edited, adjusted, re-designed and re-wrote portions. What the reader sees in print resulted from this sharing.

### ***What is the book about?***

The book is a survey of Mariemont history, depending on historic photos from the 1880s through the present day. The look of the land when Dr. Metz first began his explorations of the Madisonville Site, through the period when Mary Emery began purchasing the acres that would become Mariemont, and into the decades of development and to the present day. The illustrations are only a very small portion of the photos archived with MPF, but this book gives the reader an attractive review and may encourage further study.

### ***How would someone purchase a copy?***

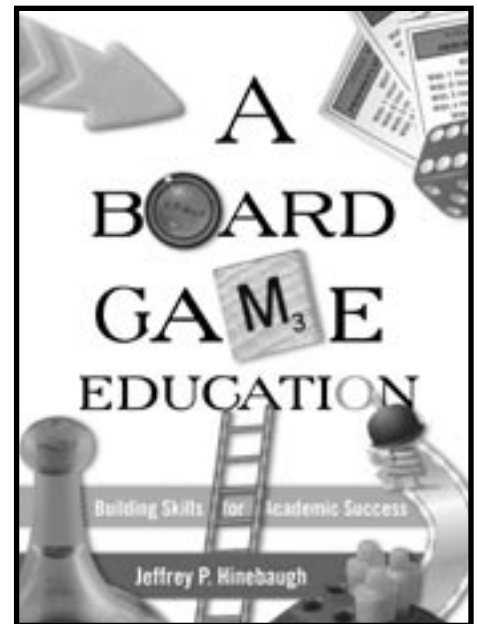
Copies may be purchased at the MPF Building, at the Villager in Mariemont, or at any major bookstore in the area.

### ***Jeff Hinebaugh***

Book Title: *A Board Game Education*. Published in 2009.

### ***What prompted you to write the book?***

Spending a lot of time playing board games growing up and with our kids, I was struck by how much board games could teach. For example, playing Monopoly as a kid was probably my first introduction into concepts of money, rent, real estate, interest etc. I really wanted to look into how classic and fun board games might be incorporated into teaching and providing another path for students



and pre-K children to understand and enjoy core educational concepts (math, linguistics, reasoning, finance, etc.)

### ***Did you collaborate with anyone, or is there someone you would like to thank?***

The people at Hasbro were very helpful and opened up the Hasbro archives to assist in my research. Some of the history behind the games is really fascinating. My wife, Erika, and children, Hans and Analise, were also very patient in putting up with me.

### ***What is the book about?***

The book provides a brief history of some of the classic board games over the past 100 years and then discusses the educational concepts that each of the board games develops. The book also suggests tweaks or modifications on each of the board games that parents and teachers can employ to drill down and tailor some of the learning opportunities.

### ***How would someone purchase a copy?***

Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Joseph Beth and a number of small on-line bookstores.

### ***How long have you lived in Mariemont? Who are your family members?***

We have lived in Mariemont 19 years. (Wife Erika, Hans-16, and Analise -12, and Lucy the dog).

# New Barn Entrance Truly a Community Effort



weather conditions to keep progress moving to get the forms set and the concrete poured while dealing with garbage collection issues. Jan Boone, Jan Ring, Bob Blum and Bruce Neville, primed our beautiful new fence. Brian Kelley of Brian Kelley General Household Remodeling and Repair will complete the painting of the fence as soon as we have a couple more days of "Winter Summer!"

To paraphrase the Nigerian Proverb, "It takes a Village to raise a child," we would like to thank the Village of Mariemont, local contractors and residents who pitched in and together helped with the relocation of our driveway. Why did we have to change the driveway, fencing, fire hydrant, etc. in the first place? The Fire Department advised us of the need for a larger pump to ensure adequate fire protection for our Barn. Because of the new pump and cement pad, access into our parking lot became limited only to westbound traffic.

Mariemont residents stepped up to help "The Barn." Jan Ring, Lynn Long and Bob Blum acted as general contractors: supervising, planning, and asking for volunteers to help with this emergency.

The Village of Mariemont, Mariemont Mayor Dan Policastro, and Maintenance Superintendent John Scherpenberg were instrumental in having a tree removed, repositioning a parking sign and advising on location and depth of underground electrical lines near the fence line with prior construction knowledge from the days of the old "maintenance barn." Special thanks go to the Mariemont Fire Department for their assistance on the new fire hydrant and fence.

Michael Ring of Old Home Restoration and Repair quickly stepped in to save and move landscaping bushes that would have been lost in the construction. Michael later moved a gravel pile by hand. The parking lot was needed for a wedding the following day. Chasen Drackett and Kurt Vonderheide of Chasen Drackett-

Harth volunteered a huge amount of time and machinery to dig out and grade the gravel driveway. Ken Mills of Mills Fencing volunteered his time to match the new fence (needed to hide the new fire hydrant) with the existing fence in the courtyard. Masonry Enterprises owner Gary Wahoff volunteered his time to supervise the curb construction. Mike Schmidt of Schmidt Co Inc and Matt Tigner labored through extreme

### *Special Events:*

"Just Add Water," Exhibit, March 2-25 in the gallery. If you love watercolor, with all its freshness and vibrancy, don't miss this exciting and beautiful show. "The Barn" gallery will be exhibiting new works by watercolor artists who regularly meet at "The Barn" and study with artist Nancy Neville. The show opens March 2



*Jo Gately and Jane Coffee, Mariemont residents and tea consultants, Jan Boone, artist, Foundation President and tea chair.*

## W O M A N ' S A R T C L U B C U L T U R A L C E N T E R

and continues through March 25. Show hours are 1-4 pm on March 3,4,10, 11, 17, 18 and 25.

### ***English Afternoon Tea, March 24, 3-5 pm***

The tea committee of the Woman's Art Club Foundation is busy planning an event that will be both authentic and fun. You will enjoy sweets, scones, and tea sandwiches surrounded by the "Everything But Water" gallery show and the music of Nancy Clark, playing her Celtic harp. Tables will be creatively dressed with unique heirlooms that present a theme. The committee, led by Josephine Gately, Jane Coffee, both Mariemont residents, and Jan Boone, Tea Chairperson, and Foundation President, are pleased to announce the sponsorship of J.S. Gold Foundation. "This is a tremendous boost to our bottom line and allows us to have some creative fun with the guests," said Ms. Boone. This year some new, authentic recipes have been selected by Jo and Jane including Raspberry Bakewell Slice cake and Martinstown Orange Sponge cake. Two traditional teas will be poured. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children twelve and under. Please arrive at 3:00. Reservations are a "must." For more information call 272-3700 or visit our website: [www.womansartclub.com](http://www.womansartclub.com) for registration information.

Enjoy this sampling of one of our authentic recipes, for you to make at home.

### ***Raspberry Bakewell Slice Cake***

Ingredients:

14 oz. of sweet short crust pastry,  
about 14 oz.

5 Tbls. thick seedless raspberry jam or sour  
cherry jam

4 o.z frozen raspberries, just thawed

1 oz. flaked almonds 4 Tbls. apricot jam

For the sponge:

8 oz butter

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

1 oz. of ground almonds

4 eggs beaten

1 cup of self-rising flour

1 cup granulated sugar

4 oz ground almonds

1 cup self rising flour

### **Directions:**

Heat oven to 375 F. Line the base and side of a buttered 8x12 baking tin, with baking parchment. Roll out the pastry to line the tin. Lift into tin and

evenly press into the corners. Prick with a fork and chill for 20 minutes. Bake the pastry for 8-10 minutes until it's cooked but not too colored. Cool for a few minutes and turn down the oven to 350F. Dot the raspberry jam or cherry jam (do not need to spread the jam) over the pastry and scatter the thawed raspberries over this.

For the sponge, put all the ingredients into a large bowl and beat with an electric whisk until soft and very well mixed. Spoon this over the raspberry layer, then smooth evenly. Scatter the flaked almonds over this batter and bake for 35-40 minutes until golden and firm. Cool completely in the tin. This can be frozen for up to 3 months if you over wrap the tin with baking parchment and foil first. To serve, thaw if frozen, for 4 hrs. at room temperature, then reheat in a low oven. Melt the apricot jam with 1 tbls. water and brush over the top of the sponge before serving. Cut into slices for 20 servings or more!

### ***Looking ahead to April...***

### ***April 1, 1-4 pm, Opening Reception, The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati 119th Juried Exhibition.***

A Call to Artists for the 119th Annual Juried Exhibition! Entering its 119th year as an arts organization, The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati, will once again open their Annual Juried Exhibit to all women artists 18 years and older. In April of 1892, the four-month-old art club held its first juried exhibit at Closson's on Elm Street, featuring twenty-one artists from the tri-state area. "Women artists who participate in this annual exhibit become a part of Cincinnati History... we are thrilled and honored to be part of this historical 119 year tradition," states Mary Beth Dowlin, co-chair of the Exhibition. The exhibit will be held in "The Barn" gallery. Opening reception will be held on April 1 from 1-4 pm. The exhibit will continue April 5-7, April 12-15, April 19-22 and April 26, 27, and 28. To participate, download the WACC 119th Annual Juried Exhibition prospectus at <http://www.womansartclub.com>.

### ***Saturday April 14, at 10:00 AM "River Rat & Cat" by Playhouse "Off the Hill" Productions***

York's "River Rat and Cat" is a tale of two friends, River Rat, a pack rat who has a home near the river and Cat, an escaped house cat. They play together, garden, help each other

with life's difficulties and sometimes, as in most friendships, they drive each other crazy. Please call "The Barn" at 272-3700 to register for this fun play. Admission price is \$2.00 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

### ***Saturday, April 21, 3:00, Lecture, "A Bar at the Folies-Bergere," Taft Museum of Art***

Don't miss this important lecture presented by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation in partnership with the Taft Museum of Art. Supported in part by ArtsWave. Meanings in Manet's, "A Bar at the Folies-Bergere," Lecture by Richard R. Brettell, Ph.D. Margaret McDermott, Distinguished Chair, Art and Aesthetics, University of Texas at Dallas. Saturday, April 21, 3 pm, at Luther Hall, Taft Museum of Art, 316 Pike Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. Cost: \$15 member of the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati, patrons of the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation, and members of the Taft Museum of Art; \$25 general public (includes museum admission) Advance registration required: (513) 684-4515 or [www.taftmuseum.org](http://www.taftmuseum.org) This lecture sells out, so register early!

### ***Are paintings mirrors of the world we are in or windows into another world?***

The visual and psychological ambiguities of Edouard Manet's last masterpiece, A Bar at the Folies-Bergere (below), have prompted



many questions and considerable debate. Dr. Richard Brettell, one of the world's foremost authorities on Impressionism and 19th century French painting, will address these questions and provide his interpretation of the meanings

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## 'Art at the Barn' (continued)

behind this iconic painting. Dr. Brettell's analysis will include a discussion of the mysterious mirrored realities and ephemeral quality of this revered work of art rooted in modernism. Dr. Brettell is a charismatic and engaging speaker; don't miss this exceptional opportunity.

### *New Art Class*

#### *New Figure and Portrait Class at the Barn, taught by Deborah Ridgley*

This 8-week class, meets Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 pm, March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 11, 18, 25. Tuition is \$200 for the 8 weeks. All levels are welcome and all media. Painting figures and portraits are often viewed by many as intimidating and challenging. Deborah Ridgley will instruct students in methods that will make painting the figure extremely approachable. In this session, she will discuss, with weekly demonstrations and one-on-one instruction, how to achieve spontaneity, character and imbue life into your figure paintings.



### **SUMMER FUN! SUMMER ART AT THE BARN!**

Stay tuned: Summer Art Classes for Young People are again being offered at the Cultural Center. We are working hard to finalize plans for this summer's art programs. Call "The Barn" at 272-3700 or [www.womansartclub.com](http://www.womansartclub.com) for more information.

## Girl Scouts Support SPCA



Mariemont Elementary's fifth grade Girl Scout Troop (#43431) recently collected donations for a visit they made to the SPCA on January 20. Mariemont Kroger allowed them to set up a table for 3 hours one Saturday to let their customers know about the project. The girls collected a large box of food, leashes, toys, etc. and a total of \$225.91 in cash donations. Customers showed tremendous generosity when they were told what the girls were doing. One customer went so far as to empty all of the cash from his wallet into the collection jar.

Kelly Burke, the Development Coordinator for the SPCA, accepted the check and led the troop on a tour of the facility. The tour ended with playtime with some of the facilities' cuddly residents.

The girls would like to thank Mariemont Kroger for letting them set up the tables, the many customers who generously made donations, and the SPCA for the meaningful work they do.

*Submitted by Debbie Bernloehr*

## Kindervelt #54 News Update:

Kindervelt #54 is a Mariemont organization that has long been having "fun while raising funds" for Cincinnati



Children's Hospital. On Saturday, March 10 they will be hosting a Progressive Dinner throughout the village. A cook book project is underway along with some other fun events this spring and summer. Kindervelt #54 welcomes all women in the village to join. For membership information contact Wendy Long at [wendy\\_long2002@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy_long2002@yahoo.com).

## Students Honored in Regional Art Competition



*Sixteen Mariemont High School artists earned honors in the 2012 regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. They are (back row, left to right) Megan Cash, Graham McCarthy, Alli Lynch, Rachael Colaw, Meggie Bailey, Juliana Overbey; (middle) Emma Lindsey, Polly Brittingham, Samantha Goheen, Grace Lehman, Ashley Dockery; (front) Karyn Georgilis, Hanna Reeder, Michael Weston, Sarah Blatt-Herold and Asher Koreman.*

An impressive sixteen student artists from Mariemont High School earned honors in the 2012 regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. Hundreds of students from Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky submit artwork to this regional and national art competition.

Polly Brittingham, Rachael Colaw and Alli Lynch all earned Gold & Silver Keys for Photography;

Karyn Georgilis - Gold Key for Photography & Honorable Mention for Mixed-Media;

Asher Koreman - Gold key for Photography, Honorable Mentions for Design, & Digital Art;

Meggie Bailey - Silver key for Mixed Media; Megan Cash - Silver key for Photography;

Samantha Goheen - Two Silver Keys for Photography; Juliana Overbey - Three Silver Keys for Photography, Honorable Mentions for Digital Art & Photography; Grace Lehman - Honorable Mention for Glass Design; Ashley Dockery - Honorable Mention for Digital Art;

Sarah Blatt-Herold - Two Honorable

Mentions for Photography; and Emma Lindsey, Graham McCarthy, Hanna Reeder and Michael Weston all earned Honorable Mention for Photography.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923. Sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the program has encouraged over 13 million students, recognized more than 9 million young artists and writers, and made available more than \$25 million in awards and scholarships. It is the longest-running recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and a large source of scholarships for young artists and writers.

Mariemont students' artwork will be on exhibit from February 3-17 at River Center Office Building in Northern Kentucky. All 16 students will be honored at an awards ceremony on February 10 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Gold Key winners are eligible for the national competition in New York City.

The Visual Arts instructors at Mariemont High School are Julia Lair and Kim Richardson.

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# What Makes Mariemont Work: The Planning Commission



BY REX BEVIS

*The second in a series of articles on the Boards and Commissions of the Village.*

The Planning Commission of the Village functions as the overall land use governing body. Requests for subdivision of existing land parcels, conditional use

variances, even new land use ideas, such as the Residence D legislation recently enacted in the Village, fall under the purview of the Planning Commission. Perhaps most visible to residents of the Village is the Planning Commission's role as the Zoning Board of Appeals. An example of this role is the situation where the Building Commissioner, based upon the requirements of the Zoning

Code, denies a Building Permit, and a resident would like to explain unusual circumstances and apply for a variance from the Zoning Code. The Zoning Code establishes very specific regulations, such as 'rear-yard setback' or 'side-yard setback' which are generally designed for a rectangular lot. So what happens when the lot is irregularly shaped? The Building Commissioner may be forced by strict interpretation of the Zoning Code to deny a Building Permit. The Planning Commission, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, may allow a variance from this strict interpretation.

Additional responsibilities of the Planning

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Commission include overseeing signage materials and colors, and signage variances and limitation of signs; requirements for open spaces, screening, fences, shielding of floodlights; location of vehicular entrances, and surfacing of roads and driveways.

The Planning Commission is presently comprised as follows:

- Dan Policastro – by Ordinance, the Mayor is a member
- Joe Miller – by Ordinance, Village Council has one representative
- Carl Stich – Chairman of the Planning Commission
- Dick Savage
- Jeff Sturtz

Carl, Dick and Jeff are mayoral appointments, ratified by Village Council. They serve five (5) year terms.

These citizen volunteers meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Village Council chambers as necessary to conduct business and review Zoning Appeals. In the case of Zoning Appeals, Dennis Malone, Village Building Commissioner, details the facts surrounding the appeal, and reason(s) for Building Permit denial. Mr. Malone participates in the Planning Commission meetings as an advisor.

What makes Mariemont work? In the case of residential and business land use, a detailed Zoning Code of Ordinances, our Village Building Commissioner, and the resident professionals who volunteer their time to serve as members of the Village of Mariemont Planning Commission.

\*Residence D legislation was enacted a few years ago by the Village Council as a new form of land use specific to condominium development. Residence D land use is currently in place along Miami Road (North) between Wooster Pike and West Street, the home of the Jordan Park Condominium complex. Residence D land use is also being utilized on Madisonville Road, the home of the Emery Park and Nolan Park Condominium complexes.

*To apply for a Building Permit or for any other land use questions / concerns, please contact Mr. Dennis Malone, Village Building Commissioner, at the Village Office.*



## Mariemont High School Presents: ANNIE

As its spring musical, Mariemont High School will present Annie, based on the popular comic strip Little Orphan Annie. The story follows Orphan Annie from the orphanage where she dreams of her parents' return to her week at the stately manor of Oliver Warbucks as a publicity stunt. Annie pulls more than a few heartstrings as she discovers her true home.

Lead performers include: Katie Peters as Annie, Peter Laug as Daddy Warbucks, Katie Arends as Miss Hannigan, Braxton Stricker as Rooster Hannigan, and Kelly Kauffmann as Grace Farrell.

Performances are Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 pm, along with a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, March 18 at Mariemont High School Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$10 adults, \$5 senior citizens and students. Advance tickets can be ordered by phone or mail – Kathy Deadrick 271-7664, 6603 Pleasant St, Mariemont, OH 45227 – or at the MHS Box Office March 5&6, 5-7 pm.

The production is directed by instructors Lee Lowery and Liz McGahey along with student director Lizzie Deadrick.

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# Beer on St. Patrick's Day: Maybe Don't Go Green

BY SHELLEY PADEN & MIKE BENSON

Not all traditions are good, and this is certainly true of the often flat and weakly flavored green beer that has unfortunately become the traditional beverage served for St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the U. S. Unlike the homogenously bland green stuff that will be found in some local pubs on March 17, real Irish beer comes in a variety of styles, each with its own distinctive color, aroma, and flavor. Under the expert guidance of one of the helpful bartenders at the Dilly Deli, we recently selected five Irish beers and recruited some friends for a tasting – this did not take a lot of effort.

Our taster-in-chief was Mariemont resident, Kevin Crowley, co-owner of Crowley's Highland House in Mt. Adams (958 Pavilion Street). For those of you who may not be aware of it, Crowley's is Cincinnati's oldest Irish bar and was originally established in 1937 as an outlet for Burger beer, a local brewery now defunct. In the early parts of the century, local breweries sponsored bars to carry their products and, like many others, Crowley's Highland House got its start that way. As one of the oldest entries in Cincinnati's St. Patrick's Day Parade, Crowley's will march again this year and later celebrate its 75th anniversary this August.

Kevin, who has traveled to Ireland on many occasions, noted that the beer you find in Ireland is different than what we get here. It is less carbonated, served warmer, and generally not pasteurized. Nevertheless, what we found at the Dilly Deli and what is served at Crowley's is certainly unlike standard American style beer.

With an adequate supply of what the Irish call "crisps" (aka potato chips) close by, we started with Porterhouse Red Ale, which as the name suggests is notably red in color. According to the label, Porterhouse is made from four different malt grains and four different hops. Most of our company felt that it started strong and was flavorful but then mellowed fairly quickly and ended up tasting thin.

Next up was Wexford Irish Style Cream



Ale. Although it is now brewed in Suffolk, England Wexford has a long history in Ireland, being first brewed there in 1810. It garnered mixed reviews at our tasting. For some it came across as creamy but bland with a somewhat weak and watered down taste. But the opposition felt it was distinctive with a weak start but a strong finish and a salty taste. Wexford comes only in a can and is non-carbonated, but inside the can is a small widge of nitrogen that releases when the can is opened and gives the beer a creamy texture similar to what you get on tap in a pub.

According to its website, Smithwick Irish Ale started in 1710 and is produced by "Ireland's longest established brewer." We found it to have an even and consistent taste that is a little bitter but not off-putting.

Harp Lager is a relatively young beer that was created by Guinness in 1960. Today, it is produced by different breweries in Ireland, Canada, Great Britain, and Australia. It struck most of the group as a good standard lager that was close in taste and appearance to American lagers. It was lighter than both the Porterhouse and the Wexford, but had good flavor.

The star of the evening was Guinness Draught, perhaps the most well known of Irish beers. It is creamy with a dark chocolate full-bodied taste. Like the Wexford, Guinness comes only in a can with a widge. You need to pour it slowly down the side of the glass otherwise it will foam up and you're left with only an unsatisfying frothy

cloud. (Indeed, for those challenged by the combination of liquid, gravity, and a glass, the Guinness website actually has a video on how to achieve perfect results.) If you pour slowly and carefully, the result is a rich dark liquid with a nice foam bar at the top that cognoscenti call a Roman collar. Kevin noted that Guinness tends to be very consistent because it is made in only one brewery located in Dublin.

Finally, if you really want to have green beer, go ahead and give it a try. As Spenser, the hero of Robert Parker's series of detective novels, once noted: "The worst beer I ever had was wonderful." To make your own, just put one drop of green food coloring in a glass, pour in 12 ounces of any beer, preferably a lighter colored one, and enjoy.



# Perfectly Average

Michael Jordan got cut from his high school basketball team, Steve Jobs dropped out of college, and Henry Ford didn't even graduate high school. Students stay up all night to improve their GPA's and young athletes empty their parents' pockets for lessons in hopes of making the varsity team when their role models didn't do anything of the sort. There's too much hype around being "the best," especially in high schools.

What ever happened to the average student? There's a stigma today that unless you're the captain of the team, top of the class, or president of every club, you're going to sit in a cubicle filing papers for the rest of your life. Is getting a "C" or not winning the state championship really the kiss of death in today's world? Truth is, the hyperactive overachievers that were in your senior class probably didn't go as far as everyone thought they would.

Take valedictorians for example. Everyone thought the brainiac at his or her school, with above a 4.0 GPA of course, was going to be the next Bill Gates (who, for the record, also dropped out of college). In reality, a student's academic obsessions do not always guarantee incredible success or the college of their choice. A college research organization found that in 2008 Dartmouth flat out denied thirty-seven percent of all high school valedictorians that applied, and that number hasn't exactly plummeted since. Karen Arnold, a professor at Boston College, followed eighty-one high school valedictorians since their graduations in 1981. None of them has yet to cure cancer or win a Nobel Prize.

Their occupations are those of accountants, physical therapists, nurses,



and lawyers. What's Arnold's explanation of why there has been no earth-shattering development from this group? Arnold found that, overall, these high school bookworms, "lacked knowledge of how to develop and manage a career" in their adulthood; and that, "just because they could get 'A's doesn't mean they can translate academic achievement into career achievement."

Don't let this startle you into thinking that if the top of the class doesn't end up outrageously successful, then no one will. Listen to one last comment of Arnold's before you panic. The professor made sure to mention that one reason these former overachievers haven't taken over the world yet is, "they've never been devoted to a single area in which they put all their passion." Instead of really delving into that physics, calculus, or twentieth century literature

class that tickled their fancy, they had to be the best in all of them. In short, this gives immense credibility to the age-old advice: do what you love. So to America's high school population, dare to be average and (gulp, dare I say it?) get a "C" once in a while; but never neglect the areas that you have a true passion for.

*Submitted by Karyn Georgilis*

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# Shopping in Mariemont

BY JOAN WELSH

This year has already brought some exciting new businesses to our Village. It's wonderful to welcome these businesses to Mariemont since they will complement our existing establishments.

Murphy Brown and Me and Lollibeans are two shops in one. They are owned by the father/ daughter team of Don Lang and Sarah Bollman. Their businesses began as ecommerce businesses using the Internet to drive sales. Now they have grown into the store they operate at 6860 Wooster Pike in the Mariemont Strand. Their

much larger ecommerce websites are <http://murphybrownandme.com/> and <http://www.lollibeans.com/>. When you step into their store it is obvious that they love what they do. Don owns a Wheaten terrier dog named Murphy Brown and Don welcomes all four legged customers into the store. When Don and Sarah were scouting out possible retail locations they visited Mariemont and noticed so many residents out walking their dogs and pushing strollers. They realized their business concept would be perfect here. They both love interacting with their customers in person after transacting so much of their business online. In the retail store they can get customer feedback and conversation about various products.

Don is dedicated to bringing healthy products to our canine companions. There is

something for puppies all the way to the "old souls." They offer only the highest quality dog supplies and offer first-hand expert information. Everything they sell has been slept on, played with, chewed on, eaten or worn by Murphy Brown or his friends. Don

also provides a platform for like-minded parents to contribute their thoughts and ideas and from which to glean information about how they can create a better world for their children and all children. The most popular product is an Ergo Baby Carrier,



*Don Lang and Sarah Bollman of Murphy Brown and Me and Lollibeans.*

offers different healthy dog food made out of ingredients such as boar, bison, pumpkin or kangaroo! They offer free shipping right to your home for products that may not be in stock at the store.

Lollibeans' is the other half of the store. Sarah is the mother of two; a two-year old and a one-year old. Her experience with her own children led her to develop her specialty boutique that carries safe, eco-friendly and organic products for babies. Lollibeans' is committed to helping parents create a healthy, hypoallergenic, non-toxic and organic environment for their children: in the nursery and in life. When possible, she sources products from fair trade cooperatives and artisan groups created to better the communities in which they live. Lollibeans'

which works like a backpack for your front chest to carry a child. Lollibeans' offers toys, cute clothing, and bath and skin care products. Perfect gifts for any baby shower!

Do you need a cocktail dress or evening gown? Did an invitation come in the mail and now you're wondering what to wear? Further down at the corner on the Mariemont Strand at 6800 is One Mode. The store is decorated in French industrial motif with premier designers and services of old. Boutique owners, Robin Goldberg and Rose Tilford, were motivated to open One Mode because they wanted to offer Cincinnati consumers a personal shopping experience for eveningwear. One Mode specializes in attire with designers such as Vera Wang Lavender, Mark + James for Badgley

## VILLAGE



***Leah Osgood at her new shop, Lollis. Note the beautiful antiques housing merchandise in the background. Leah and Chad have scoured local antique stores and auctions to furnish Lollis.***

even if that person is themselves! “A wander through the store reveals many wonderful antique furniture pieces that Leah and her husband Chad have collected. It’s fun to see these beautiful pieces repurposed to cleverly showcase Lollis’s merchandise. Among their fixtures you will find the old ‘60s Mariemont pharmacy door Chad had acquired. Leah says that the support of her family and friends will help her balance her busy roles as mother, wife and long distance runner along with that of her new role of shop proprietor. Celebrate something in your life and stop by Lollis’s.

Mischka, Kay Unger, and Monique Lhuiller. An array of marvelous colors and sumptuous fabrics await you. Robin and Rose have had fun traveling across the country making contacts and purchases for the new store. They will offer dresses in sizes 2–12 and will also do special orders. They promise to only sell three of the same style, and only one of each evening gown so no one will face the unimaginable horror of facing another woman in the same dress! Alterations will also be available. Their opening celebration donated part of the proceeds to The Cure Starts Now Foundation that fights for the cure for children with brainstem glioma and cancer survivors everywhere. If you have a gala, wedding, or a special event in your future you’ll want to check out One Mode.

Mariemont resident Leah Osgood has opened Lollis right next door to The Villager at 6936 Madisonville Road. Leah spent a lot of time gathering ideas on what she would like to carry in her dream store if she owned one, and she says, “It is thrilling to see this finally come to life!” Leah started working in retail when she was a junior in high school and continued to do so until she moved to Mariemont in 2003. In addition to home decor and accessories, Lollis also carries items for



***Marshmallow time! Come and sit by the fire and roast your own marshmallows at the National Exemplar’s street side patio!***

babies, the perfect fashion finish for an outfit, and gifts for all of the important people in your life - from babysitters, teachers and friends to children, graduates and in-laws! Leah states “Mariemont is so lucky to have a wide variety of quality shops. I think this town can only benefit from having one more. I want to give people the feeling that they have found the perfect gift for that person,

When your shopping is finished, you’ll want to visit the National Exemplar at the Mariemont Inn to relax outside on the patio by the fire pit with a drink. Did you know you could snuggle up with provided warm blankets by the fire and roast your own gourmet marshmallows? What a delightful end to a full day!

# Former Mariemont Resident Tedd Swormstedt Scores Success As Songwriter

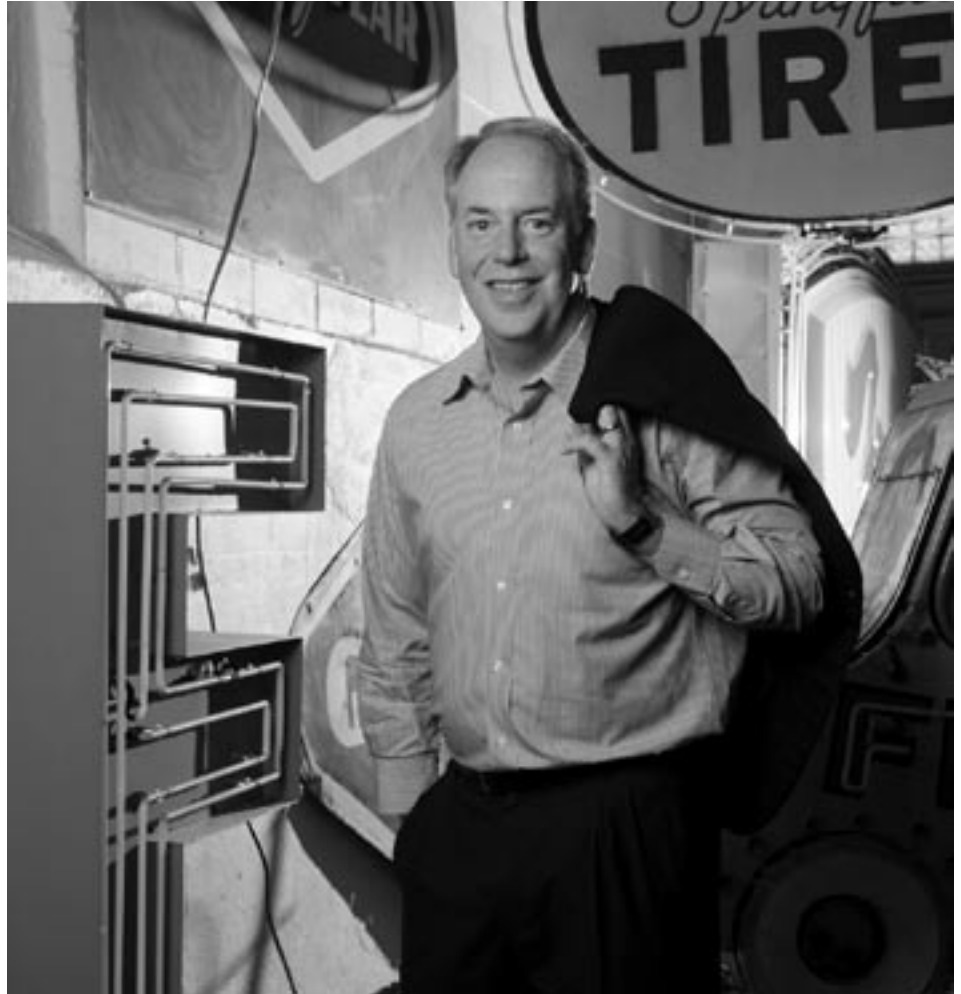
BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

When I saw the article about a song called The Table, and saw that it had been written by Tedd Swormstedt who grew up in Mariemont, I knew I had to get in touch with him. You see, the Swormstedt name is legendary in my house since they are former owners. When we moved in, neighbors told us wild stories about a collection of reptiles in the basement, including an alligator that got loose one day and was ambling down Indianview. We also heard tales of loud music coming from the house as Tedd and his band rehearsed. Tedd confirms all the stories and says it was the guitar he got on his 10th birthday that got him started in music.

His song, The Table, was selected from over 2500 entries to be considered for the Nashville Songwriters Association International contest, in the Listener's Choice category. Voting will be finalized later this month. Below is an interview with Tedd as I caught up on his life since leaving Mariemont.

## *Where did you get the idea for the song?*

As I sat one day at the table in our kitchen I noticed all of the marks on the table. And



I started to think about all the living that is shared, moments that are celebrated around this table and tables like it everywhere. This song captures some of those milestones and how a piece of wood can hold such memories within its grain. Yes we still have the table and when we were thinking about selling it the girls would not let us. If you would like to listen, my songs are available at [www.teddsongs.com](http://www.teddsongs.com).

## *Tell us about the contest.*

Over 2,500 songs were entered in the annual Nashville Songwriters Association International contest, which is open to amateur songwriters. There are three

winners, Grand Prize, CMT Listeners' Choice and a Lyric-Only winner. My song was one of ten selected out of the 2,500 songs to compete in the Listeners' Choice contest. The winner is chosen strictly based on the number of votes it receives. The winner receives:

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## VILLAGE

### *What do you remember most about Mariemont?*

I was born on the west coast in Tacoma Washington when my father was in the service. But I was raised in Mariemont. My earliest memories are from the apartment on Beech Street. We then moved to Indianview. I attended Mariemont Middle and High Schools from that house walking to and from each day. After graduating from Mariemont High School, I went to Purdue for my BSIE degree and later received my MBA from Xavier. Funny thing, the high school counselor said that I was not musically inclined!

I received my first guitar as a gift on my tenth birthday. It was a rental because my parents didn't think that I would stick with it. A week later I broke my arm and couldn't play it for three months. I was in a number of bands in high school and we would practice

in the bedroom upstairs. We'd be rockin' out to "Smoke on the Water" (my mom knew all the words), and my brother would be in the basement feeding the snakes and our alligator. I was in the MHS jazz band for a bit as well.

So I've been playing guitar for some 40 years and got serious about songwriting in the last ten years. I've made numerous trips to Nashville trying to pitch songs. You have to have a thick skin as a songwriter, and you have to believe in your songs. I love the process of writing, finding a unique idea and then figure all of the different angles that you can approach it from. Song writing is like writing a novel, but you have three and half minutes to tell the story

Mariemont was a great place to grow up – you could walk to everything – Kroger's, Graeter's, school. Graeter's was the hang out back then. On Friday night we'd all be in there

and the cars would cruise by. Back then at Christmas time they had a huge display in the square with a moving Santa and his helpers, it was incredible.

### *What are you doing now?*

I am currently the fourth generation president of ST Media Group International, our family-owned business. We are a multimedia producer of nine different brands, our oldest is Signs of the Times, which dates back to 1906. Our products are business-to-business magazines, websites and events that deal with visual communications and are read throughout the world. On a personal note – I am happily married to Pam Kalkhoff – Vice President of Columbus Life Insurance. I have two older sons Ted (27) and Brad (25) and two stepdaughters Alex (17) and Sam (16) who live with us in West Chester.

## A Jazzy Event is Planned for the 2012 FAB Affair



*Members of the FAB Affair Planning Committee include (from back) Cindy Saylor, Julie Weston, Mike McCracken, Karen Herkamp, Joan Erhardt and Jelina Huber.*

The executive committee for the 2012 FAB Affair is busy planning the biggest fundraiser of the year for Mariemont City Schools. This will be the third annual FAB Affair with proceeds going to support the Mariemont School Foundation, Arts Association and Athletic Boosters. With a theme of "A Night at the Speakeasy" the event will feature jazz music from the 1920s, a buffet dinner worthy of the Fitzgeralds, and

a live auction. It is being held at the sleek Porsche showroom on Plainville Road in Madison Place on Saturday, April 12.

The planners have taken the event "green" this year by exchanging costly paper invitations

for electronic invitations that will be delivered to the email inboxes of school parents and supporters in early March. Once the electronic invitation is opened, it is a simple "click" to get connected to the Mariemont School Foundation website to make reservations, purchase event tickets, raffle tickets and/or make a donation. Going green allowed the invitation designer, Tom Gilmore of Gilmore Branding, to use more

color and a unique "3D" collage graphic for the invitation.

The Mariemont School Foundation, Arts Association and Athletic Boosters are parent-run volunteer organizations that support the academic, artistic and athletic pursuits of students at all four schools in the Mariemont City Schools system, including Mariemont and Terrace Park Elementary Schools, Mariemont Junior High School and Mariemont High School. For more information, visit [MariemontSchoolsFoundation.org](http://MariemontSchoolsFoundation.org) or contact Karen Herkamp at [kherkamp@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kherkamp@cinci.rr.com).

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# What's Happening at the Library

## March

### Families and Kids

**Kid Flicks:** Join us for our family friendly movies. The Apple Dumpling Gang screens Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 pm.

### Children

**The Lorax:** Gwen Roth from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District gets a little help from Dr. Suess to teach us how we interact with the world. Tuesday, March 20 at 4:00 pm. Ages 4 to 10. Registration required.

**The Snakes of St. Patrick:** Celebrate St. Pat's special day with some slithery friends. Saturday, March 17 at 11:00 am. All ages.

**Crafty Kids:** Fun crafts to make with your friends. Thursday, March 29 at 3:30 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

**Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC):** Each month, Ms. Katheryn's CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series, then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. March's series is "Gym Shorts" by Betty Hicks. Ages 5 to 10.

**Library Babies:** The first Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Also, Saturday, March 10 at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration suggested.

**Movers and Shakers:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library. No program Wednesday, March 28 for Spring Break.

**Pre-school Story Time:** Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5. No program Wednesday, March 28 for Spring Break.

**Special Needs Story Time:** Kids with special needs and their caregivers can enjoy a library hour just for them. Call Miss Katheryn if you are interested at 369-4467. Thursday, March 8 at 10:30 am.

**Tales to Tails:** Read to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, March 1 at 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

### Teens

**St. Patrick's Day Craft:** Thursday, March 15 at 4:00 pm.

### Adults

**Make a Book Wreath:** Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 pm.

**Which Craft Needlecraft Club:** New for 2012. Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. Saturday, March 3 at 10:30 am.

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session.

**Book Club:** Join us for a discussion of Every Last One by Anna Quindlen. Copies are available at the branch. Thursday, March 29 at 6:45 pm.

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# MariElders News

**“WHO LET THE DOGS IN?”** *This has been an exasperating month...all those visiting dogs! They come into the Center and steal my toys and eat my food...MEOW! Oh I'll just go hide under the pool table. MEOW -Miss ME (the MariElders cat)*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The MariElders is in need of volunteer drivers. We have members who do not drive anymore and need rides to their medical appointments. If you can spare three to nine hours a month, we sure can use you. If interested, please call Kathy at 271-5588.

### **ASK A NURSE**

On the second Thursday of every month a nurse from Collier Nursing Services is at the MariElders from 1-3 pm to offer blood pressure screening. This service is free and open to the public. Just stop in and see how your heart is ticking.

### **TAX ASSISTANCE**

AARP and the MariElders are offering tax assistance for people over the age of 60. The volunteers are trained to do simple taxes. Appointments must be made through the MariElders by calling 271-5588. The appointments will be held at the Fairfax Community Center 5903 Hawthorne Ave. Dates are March 20 and April 3.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The MariElders will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, April 20 at the Fairfax Recreation Center, 5903 Hawthorne Ave. The menu for the evening will be spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. There will be live music, face painting and raffles. Please come and celebrate the MariElders 35th year anniversary. Cost for the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10. Tickets are available at the MariElders (cash or checks please).

### **“JUNQUE SALE”**

We have set the date for our summer sale, Saturday, June 9. We are now accepting donations. Please remember to donate your unwanted treasures to us. The only items we do not accept are clothing, shoes and large pieces of furniture and appliances. We can accept items Monday through Friday from 9-4:30. Thanks for supporting the MariElders.

### **TENT RENTAL**

The MariElders tent is available for rental. The tent is green and white striped and measures 20' by 40'. There are no sides to the canopy. Rental fee is \$100, with a \$50 deposit, for residents in the MariElders service area (Mariemont, Fairfax, Terrace Park and Plainville and some of Madison Place) and \$175 with a \$100 deposit for persons outside of the area. If you are interested in renting the tent please call Kathy Chapman at 271-5588.

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Mar 4 <b>The Kingdom</b> (Chapel) 9am and 11am	April 4 <b>The Well</b> (Chapel) Worship & Healing Prayer 7pm
Mar 11 <b>The Failure</b> (Parish Center) 9am and 11am	April 5 <b>Holy Thursday</b> (Chapel) Beth Guckenberger 7pm
Mar 18 <b>The Finish</b> (Parish Center) 9am and 11am	April 6 <b>Good Friday</b> (Chapel) The Shift Prayer 12pm-1pm
Mar 25 <b>The Legacy</b> (Parish Center) 9am and 11am	April 7 <b>Easter Search and Scramble</b> 8:30am-11am (Chapel)
	April 8 <b>Easter Sunday</b> (Chapel) 9am and 11am

[www.mariemontchurch.org](http://www.mariemontchurch.org)

# SPCA Cincinnati Holds 10th Annual Fur Ball

SPCA Cincinnati (the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) will hold the 10th annual Fur Ball on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Xavier University's Cintas Center. This year's event, themed Best in Show, will offer a variety of fun activities while raising awareness and funds needed to continue SPCA Cincinnati's mission "to turn no companion animal away." Human guests will mingle with adoptable animals, and the four legged guests will strut their stuff on the Best in Show runway. A full house, plus over 30 shelter animals, is expected.

Held annually since 2003, the Fur Ball, promotes fair treatment of all animals and raises awareness about animal issues at the local, regional and national levels. In addition, the Fur Ball encourages animal adoptions and proper registration for City of Cincinnati residents. Last year alone, over 600 people attended and \$90,000 worth of operating funds were generated as a result.

Fur Ball guests will enjoy a variety of activities:

- Cocktails and silent auction starting at 6 p.m.
- Gourmet dinner of humanely-raised chicken, vegetarian, or vegan selection
- "P.B. Johnston Humane Care" Award
- Crowning of "Best in Show" with announcer Cammy Dierking, Local 12 news



**2012 SPCA Fur Ball Committee (from L to R) . Back: Co-chair Holly Mott, Amelia Kubicki, Mary Newman, Christine Waltz . Front: Tania Saldana, Co-chair Barbara Lichtenstein, Susanna Schwartz, Pete Kambelos, Dennis Hein.**

anchor, and surprise judges you don't want to miss!

- Dancing to the tunes of Airwave till midnight

• Emcee Rich Jaffe, Local 12 news anchor

"SPCA Cincinnati takes the opportunity to reach out to people who want to make a difference in the lives of those who have no voice," said CEO Harold Dates. "By influencing one person at a time, our organization can make a positive ripple effect throughout the community. This event is an ideal setting to inform, educate, and most importantly, thank everyday heroes who bring our mission to life." SPCA Cincinnati offers refuge, medical care, nourishment and a second chance for homeless, neglected and abused animals, as well as programs that encourage the bond between animals and people.

Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1,500 for a table of 10. For information on purchasing tickets, please call (513) 489-7392 or visit [spcacincinnati.org](http://spcacincinnati.org).

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## Mariemont Students Benefit from Great Oaks Business Offerings

Some of the best young business minds in the country attend local high schools and take Great Oaks programs, at least according to the most recent High School of Business test scores compiled by the MBA Research and Curriculum Center.

In eight different end-of-year exams given by MBA Research, local students scored among the top three in those exams 11 times – in other words, 11 of the top 24 business scores nationally were earned by Great Oaks students attending Harrison High School, Mariemont High School, or Washington Sr. High School in Washington Court House.

Students from Mariemont are Geoffrey

Bruno, first in Principles of Marketing; and Jack Stautberg, second in Principles of Marketing and third in Principles of Management.

“Mariemont High School is in its third year of a new High School of Business Program,” said instructor Debbie Baas. “The program utilizes project-based learning and tests students with an end-of-course exam. In the school’s first year, Jack Stautberg placed first in Ohio and second in the nation on the Principles of Business end-of-course exam. In the program’s second year Jack placed third in the nation on the Principles of Management end-of-course exam and tied for second on

the Principles of Marketing exam. Jack is now attending college.”

High School of Business is a college-prep program in which students take a series of business administration courses during their four years of high school. The program was developed by the MBA Research and Curriculum Center, which is operated by 37 state education departments. Great Oaks runs High School of Business programs in its affiliate schools.

Students gain hands-on experience along with business knowledge.

## Cincinnati Horticultural Society Plans 2012 Ladies Day Event

The Cincinnati Horticultural Society Ladies Day event will be Tuesday, May 1, at the Kenwood Country Club from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Featured speaker will be Kentucky native and award-winning garden designer, writer, author and lecturer, John Carloftis. The beautiful gardens, designed by Jon, that surround the Carloftis Kentucky home and garden store have been featured in Garden Design, Country Home, Garden & Gun, Outdoor Rooms, Martha Stewart Living and Southern Living.

In addition to the lecture by Mr. Carloftis, ladies will enjoy a delicious gourmet luncheon, “do it at home” horticultural demonstrations, plenty of time to shop with Flower Show gardening vendors, great raffle prizes, and special appearance by the Gateway Chorus from the July World Choir Games. Tickets are \$75 each. For reservations and tickets visit [cincyflowershow.com](http://cincyflowershow.com) or send a check to: S.

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Ladies Day Committee Members include Stephanie Busam, Barbara Bushman, Char Downing, Jean Elliott, Kris Faulk, Marsha Haberer, Michelle Hall, Janet Houston, Marie Huenefeld, Ellen Illig and Cindy Williams.

The Horticultural Society is pleased to present the second annual “Secret Garden”

tour on June 16. The tour will include six fabulous Hyde Park private gardens and a gourmet lunch. For more information visit [cincyflowershow.com](http://cincyflowershow.com).

Proceeds from these events benefit programs of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, including children’s educational programs and the Meade House in Symmes Township.

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# Council Meeting Highlights

BY AMY HOLLON

Residents can view Council meetings Tuesday at 5 pm, Saturday at 3 pm, or Monday at 7 am. A Time Warner subscriber can watch on Channel 8. With no converter box, Channel 15. On your computer go to <http://www/icrctv.com/Mariemont>.

## January 23 Council Meeting

### Preschool Parents Group Requests Funds for New Playground Equipment

Council may soon consider replacing the playground equipment in the Tot Lot in Dogwood Park. Merrett Collister, representing the Preschool Parents Group, asked council to allocate money toward new equipment because the parents group believes the current equipment is unsafe. Specifically, Collister has researched different playground equipment and would like to see council install new equipment made of recycled materials. She said buying new equipment is worth the investment because the repairs on the current equipment will cost more than \$15,000. The final cost is unknown, but Collister requested \$25,000. The Preschool Parents group has already donated \$4,000 for a safety fence and plan to donate an additional \$12,000 for the new equipment. The Health and Recreation Committee is expected to discuss the possibility.

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## February 1 Committee of the Whole

### Council Members Set Capital Improvements Budget

Mariemont Village Council members agreed to prioritize new playground equipment, tree planting and a new pickup truck and police cruiser as some of the largest capital improvement projects of 2012 at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

During the meeting, council members tentatively set a 2012 capital improvements budget, but none of the purchases will be finalized until they are approved by the entire council. Many of the largest purchases are expected to be for new equipment.

About \$41,000 was allotted for a new pickup truck for the maintenance department. The current truck is 12 years old and has begun to rust. Similarly, another \$36,000 was set aside for a new police cruiser and in-car camera. According to Richard Hines, Chief of Police and Fire, the new cruiser would keep the Village on the current replacement schedule and replace a 7-year-old vehicle. In addition, the fire department is expected to receive some money for new equipment, including about \$9,500 for a new thermal imaging camera and \$15,000 to replace five sets of turnout gear. Council also anticipates replacing the front windows in the administration building, which is expected to cost approximately \$14,000. The committee also prioritized tree planting and set aside approximately \$40,000, including money to remove and replace Ash trees.

The Preschool Parents group recently requested new playground equipment at the Tot Lot, and the Committee allotted \$25,000

for new equipment. The Committee also agreed to set aside approximately \$50,000 for the fire truck, which may need to be replaced in the next several years, but those funds are not expected to be spent this year.

## February 13 Council Meeting

### Parks Board and Pool Commission Membership to Increase

After previous debate about the best number of board members, Mariemont Village Council voted to increase both the Swim Pool Commission and the Parks Advisory Board to nine members. Mayor Dan Policastro had proposed increasing the number of board members to increase diversity and willing volunteers on each board. Some council members had argued that nine were too many members, especially for the pool commission, because it made it difficult to make decisions. Only Council Member Jeff Andrews, however, voted against the increase in the Pool Commission membership. The ordinance to increase the size of the Park Advisory Board passed unanimously.

### Council Representative Information

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Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary paid a special visit to perform some Valentine-themed favorites and to deliver handmade cards.

## Hats Off!



...to Mariemont High School Athletic Director Tom Nerl who will be honored by the South Western Ohio Athletic Directors Association (SWOADA) for

exceptional service to student athletes, schools and the community.

Nerl will receive the National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association (NIAAA) State Award of Merit in recognition of service and leadership to interscholastic athletics at both the state and local levels.

Nerl has been with Mariemont City Schools for eleven years, eight as Athletic Director. He was honored as South West Ohio Athletic Director of the Year in 2009-10 and currently serves as the SWOADA President Elect.



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