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VILLAGE VIEWS

TERRACE PARK, OHIO

December 2012

Happy Holidays

Award-winning author visits TPE

Award-winning children's literature author Ralph Fletcher visited students in the Mariemont City School District during the week of December 4. Engaged the K-6 students at Mariemont Elementary School and Terrace Park Elementary School, providing grade-appropriate tips and insights about writing, perfecting writing skills, and finding your own voice and writing style.

Fletcher has written more than 30 titles, ranging from picture books to poetry books, a memoir to professional educator books and books on writing for children. He is the ninth author to
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Kindergarten students Baker Pidcock and Natalie Mills enjoy a presentation by children's literature author Ralph Fletcher. Fletcher provided entertaining and enlightening tips and stories about his books and finding one's own voice and writing style to the students of Terrace Park Elementary School.

Bullying addressed at local schools

Paul Imhoff, superintendent, Mariemont City Schools

Like every school district, we at Mariemont City Schools would like to ensure that every person, every child that enters our buildings feels welcome and safe. As a result, we are increasing our focus on bullying prevention beginning this school year and continually as an integral part of who we are and what we do for our students. According to a study conducted by the National Association of School Psychologists, bullying is the most common form of violence in our society; between 15 percent

and 30 percent of students are bullies or victims. This is unacceptable. We must do everything in our power to provide a secure and positive environment for all of our students to reach their full potential as scholars of today and leaders of tomorrow.

Historically, we have addressed bullying prevention through successful programs at all levels in our district, but we have not developed a coordinated and systematic K-12 approach to bullying prevention that is based upon our own data. Beginning this school year we are taking the following steps: We will form school building committees, including parents, staff and students, at each level; we will survey students anonymously to gather data on bullying issues in our district; we will develop specific programs to address the identified issues; we will implement a 24-hour anonymous bullying reporting system (both online and via telephone); we will provide online resources; and we will offer student, staff and parent training to educate everyone on this critical topic.

On Monday, October 22, the entire Mariemont City School District staff began the scheduled staff-training day with two hours of bullying prevention training, which serves as the foundation for our efforts. According to NASP, over two-thirds of students believe that schools respond poorly to bullying, with a high percentage of students believing that adult help is infrequent and ineffective. This perception has to stop. We are taking steps to gather data from our own district students and on Tuesday, October 23 all students participated in an online survey to gather baseline data on bullying in the Mariemont City School District. Based upon the results of that survey, detailed plans for the school year will be developed through the building committees.

Our increased district-wide bullying prevention efforts will require the participation and commitment of students, parents, educators and members of the community. The prevention of bullying cannot be a one-year focus – we must remain persistently vigilant and work together to maintain a safe and positive environment for all of our children to ensure they can thrive academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

Froggy's donates proceeds to Mariemont Schools

By Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

Throughout the month of October, Froggy's Car Wash & The Blue Frog Café on Wooster Pike donated a portion of their car wash sales to the Mariemont City School District. Margarita Keithley, marketing director for Froggy's, presented the check to Superintendent Paul Imhoff during halftime at the December 4 varsity basketball game against Batavia (which the Warriors won 69-46).



Froggy joins in with Warrior cheerleaders Abby Takas, Sarah Crabtree, Grace McGraw and Adrienne Bruggeman (Mariemont) to cheer the team to victory.



Superintendent Paul Imhoff accepts the check on behalf of Mariemont City Schools from Margarita Keithley with Froggy's Car Wash.

2013 Village Views deadlines

Following is a list of tentative deadlines for the *Village Views* in 2013. Please note that all deadlines are subject to change and the best place to check the next deadline is in the latest issue of the paper.

Feb. deadline -
Fri., Jan. 11
mailed the week of Jan. 21

March deadline -
Fri., Feb. 15
mailed the week of Feb. 25

April deadline -
Fri., March 15
mailed the week of March 25

May deadline -
Fri., April 12
mailed the week of April 22

June deadline -
Fri., May 17
Mailed the week of May 27

July deadline -
Fri., June 14
mailed the week of June 24

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September deadline -
Fri., August 16
mailed the week of August 26

October deadline -
Fri., Sept. 13
mailed the week of Sept. 23

Nov. deadline -
Fri., Oct. 11
mailed the week of Oct. 21

Dec. deadline -
Fri., Nov. 15
Mailed the week of Nov. 25

Jan. 2014 deadline -
Fri. December 6
Mailed the week of Dec. 16

VV Deadline - Friday, January 11th by 9 p.m. For articles, please contact Chandi Findley at tpvillageviews@fuse.net. For calendar submissions, please contact Hester Sullivan at hestersullivan@me.com. For ads please contact Kim Newton at newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com



TPHS honors memory of Vilardo

The history of Terrace Park School, and especially the high school, was preserved by Ralph RJ Vilardo through the program he presented to the Terrace Park Historical Society (TPHS) in September of 2006. Ralph put the entire program including all the old photos, slides and comments on a DVD which is kept in the TPHS Archives. He spent untold hours of his time and dollars to make this program happen and to preserve the history.

Ralph passed away in late November of this year. The Historical Society has honored his memory and family with a lifetime membership: "In Memory of Ralph RJ Vilardo."

Ralph graduated from TP High in 1949. He is a member of the high school Hall of Fame. He was a regular at the historical so-



Ralph RJ Vilardo

ciety programs and was honored at the 10th anniversary for his efforts and in co-founding the Terrace Park Alumni Association with Virginia Marquette. TPHS takes great pride in honoring the memory of Ralph.

Mariemont Library January happenings

Teddy Bear & Friends Sleepover: Bring a favorite stuffed animal for a story hour and then leave your friend overnight for a library adventure. Come back Tuesday afternoon for a special surprise! Ages 5 to 10. Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.

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. January's series: "Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures." Ages 5 to 10.

Library Babies: Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to intro-

duce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to 18 months. Registration suggested.

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Tales to Tails Thursday, January 3 from 5 p.m.to 6 p.m. Kids read to a certified therapy dog to practice their reading skills. Ages 5 to 10.

InBeTween Club Gaming, movies, crafts & fun for tweens and teens. There will be something different each month. Thursday, January 17 at 4 p.m.

Anime Club New! Check

it out, Saturday, January 26 at 1 p.m.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club 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. January 5 and 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Kindle How To: Need help with that new Kindle you got for Christmas? Stop in Saturday, January 19 at 2 p.m. for a quick intro to downloading books from the library.

Book Club Thursday, January 31 at 6:45 p.m. Join us for a discussion of Major Pettigrew's Last Stand. Copies will be available at the desk.

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.

The Mariemont Branch Library is located at 3810 Pochontas Ave., 369-4467. It is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Award-winning author visits TPE

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visit Mariemont City Schools as part of a coordinated district-wide effort to give students opportunities for interaction with and insight from a variety of authors and illustrators.

"By the time the students graduate from our elementary schools, they'll have been exposed to seven different authors or illustrators, each of whom has brought a different cultural and writing perspective to our students," said Linda Lee, principal of Terrace Park Elementary School. "We feel our visiting author program is an important educational and enrichment experience for our students. This year, we are honored to have Ralph Fletcher share his unique viewpoint and insight with our students and teachers."

A committee of parents, teachers, librarians and administrators has worked together for over 10 years to bring local and national children's literature authors and

illustrators to Mariemont City Schools, as a way to reinforce the writing skills of the students and demonstrate to the students how they can use their writing and, in some cases, artwork, toward a career. Local children's authors, Will Hillenbrand and Louise Borden, who are both Terrace Park residents, have provided their expert insight and knowledge on the committees.

"We are fortunate to have so much passion and talent in our school district and in our community, and that so many people have an interest in giving our students first-hand experiences with experts and opportunities," said Linda Lee. "We are beyond thrilled to have an author as renowned and gifted as Ralph Fletcher visit our school district."

To find out more about Ralph Fletcher, visit <http://ralphfletcher.com/index.html>.

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Porter receives award


Sue Porter received the "Thanks For The Memories Award" at the TPHS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch December 2 at Terrace Park Country Club. Below are some images from the event.



Sue Porter surrounded by family at the brunch. Left to right, top row, Julie Porter Koehler, Jim Porter, Sue Porter (Thanks For The Memories Award Recipient), Katie Porter, Erick Koehler, middle row George Koehler, Sadie Koehler, bottom row, Sam Koehler, Porter Koehler, Lucy Koehler, Davis Koehler



Volunteers left to right, Steve Early, Lynne Mileham, Leslie Jones, Susan Rodgers, Kay Everhart (standing), Betsy Holloway, Adrienne Bente (seated)



Sue Porter left, Mary Sue Vilardo (right)



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Police Report

Police were dispatched for a suspicious vehicle in the area of St. Thomas Church on a report that one or more persons in a van had been seen drinking alcohol in the rear of the church. Police followed the van to Stanton and Miami and observed the driver attempting to get directions. An officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver what he was looking for. Upon detecting an odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle, police asked the driver if he or his passenger had been drinking and was told no. The driver consented to a search of his vehicle, and police located two empty beer cans and a mug full of beer. Police determined that the passenger had seven open warrants. Police issued recites of the warrants and issued a citation for an open container in a motor vehicle.

Police stopped a vehicle for numerous equipment violations. Police asked the driver if there was anything in the vehicle that he should know about, and the driver stated no. Police asked for consent to search the vehicle,

and the driver refused. Police then advised the driver that there was an odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The driver stated that there had been marijuana in the vehicle a few days earlier. Police advised the driver that the vehicle would be searched based on the odor of marijuana and requested that the driver give up the marijuana in order to make it easier and quicker. The driver handed police a plastic container of marijuana and a “bowl.” A further search of the vehicle did not reveal any other contraband. The driver was cited for Drug Abuse and Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments.

Police also responded to noise complaints, an animal complaint, a construction complaint, a disabled vehicle, alarm drops, and numerous properties found open.

Terrace Park Police provided aid to the Cheviot Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Milford Police Department, Newtown Police Department, Norwood Drug Task Force, and Indian Hill Police Department.

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, January 11. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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January 11 deadline:
The next deadline for *Village Views* is January 11. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Kim Newton at newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com. **All articles** go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or tpvillageviews@fuse.net. Questions? Call Chandi Findley at 576-0595.

Village Views welcomes readers to submit articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

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Pediatric dentists donate services to children in need

By Heather Voit

In October, Dr. John Gennantonio, Dr. Katie Stewart, Dr. Sarah Husted and the staff of Sea of Smiles, Pediatric Dentistry, donated a morning of free pediatric dental care called Dentistry from the Heart. The dentists opened up their hearts and their office and donated free exams, x-rays, cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments, extractions and fillings to kids, who in most cases, have never seen a dentist.

Sea of Smiles reached out to local churches and charitable organizations such as Interpar-

ish Ministry, City Gospel Mission, and The Boys & Girls Club of Clermont County to promote this philanthropic effort. Dr. Gennantonio's, Dr. Stewart's and Dr. Husted's goals were to provide treatment and educate children and parents on the importance of preventative dental care. The total services completed by Sea of Smiles equated to \$9,618.

"The community has been so good to us over the past 20 years. It felt good to give back in the best way we knew how," said Dr. Gennantonio.



Dr. John Gennantonio (left) at work during the charitable Dentistry from the Heart event.

Mariemont JH School Power of the Pen team brings home 17 trophies

Congratulations to the seventh and eighth grade Mariemont Junior High School Power of the Pen teams, who did a fantastic job at the district competition held at Goshen Middle School. The eighth grade students earned a first place trophy and the seventh grade students earned a second place trophy.

The following 7th grade students earned individual awards:
Best of round: Erin Ramey and Kayla Dewey
Kayla Dewey-4th place
Alex Wilson-8th place
Erin Ramey-11th place
Hannah Coates -13th place

The following 8th grade students earned individual awards:
Best of round: Grace Haffner and Ellie Kapcar
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Bottom row of seventh graders (L to R): Kayla Dewey, Lucy Hanley, Annalise Hinebaugh, Hannah Coates, Ellery Bledsoe, Andrew Brandser, Alex Wilson and Erin Ramey.

Top row of eighth graders (L to R): Lindsey Imhoff, Nathalie Weiss, Erin Cash, Janie Bortz, Michael Reber, Grace Haffner, Ellie Kapcar and Cohen Bailey.

Village Calendar 2012

DECEMBER

20 Mariemont Schools Winter Break Begins at End of Day

21 TPEG Holiday Party, 7 p.m. at the Sullivan's 722 Miami Ave. All are welcome--current and prospective members as well as those who are just curious. RSVP to Hester hestersullivan@me.com

25 Christmas Day

JANUARY 2013

1 FIRST ANNUAL TPEG POLAR BEAR PLUNGE high noon at the end of Oxford Ave. Refreshments and festivities to follow outside at 3 Oxford! Questions? Call or write Hester Sullivan 513-313-4124 or hestersullivan@me.com

2 Mariemont Schools Back to School

4 MHS PTO Meeting, 8:45 p.m.

8 Terrace Park Garden Club, noon, Community

Please call Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959 or email hestersullivan@me.com with calendar information or check us out on the web www.terracepark.com/calendar.

Building, "Floral Photography"
8 Mariemont Arts Association, 7:30 p.m.
8 TP Village Council, 7 p.m.

12 MHS Snowball Dance, 9 p.m.

14-17 MHS and MJHS Semester Exams

16 MJHS PTO meeting

17 Mariemont Schools end of 2nd Quarter—early dismissal

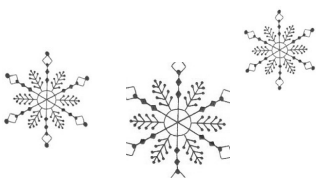
18 Mariemont Schools—NO SCHOOL, teacher in-service

21 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, NO SCHOOL

22 Mariemont Schools Foundation, 7:30 p.m.

28 MHS Athletic Boosters, 7:30 p.m.

29-30 TPE Everybody Counts



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9:15am Christian Formation (all ages) "The Story"
10:30am Choral Eucharist, Rite II
4:00pm Afternoon Service*

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Sundy, January 13

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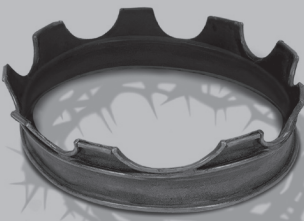
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Neighbor to Neighbor

Dinner Club holiday party

Terrace Park Dinner Club rang in the holiday season with its annual Cocktail Party. Over 100 confirmed guests attended the event and a great time was had by all! This year's event was hosted by JJ Kempiners and Carrie Carothers in their beautiful home on Floral Ave. Tons of great appetizers and desserts were served and brought by current Dinner Club members. The Kempiners/Carothers even had a holiday photo booth set up for everyone to gleam their pearly whites.

Beside current members, also in attendance were people who

have recently moved to the community as well as past members of Dinner Club. Everyone mixed and mingled like old friends having a great time.

Beth Drum and Tina Turner are the co-chairs of Dinner Club and are accepting applications for new and returning members for the 2013 season. Everyone is welcome and the deadline is January 5th. Dues are \$25 for the year and checks payable to Terrace Park Social/Dinner Club (funds go toward next year's party). For more information, please contact Turner at 513-602-6878 with any questions.



Dinner Club Cocktail Party hosts Carrie Carothers (left) and JJ Kempiners

Mariemont schools to transform libraries

Submitted by Chris Lewis

The Mariemont City School District is the recipient of four grants, which will allow both the junior high and the high school to transform previous school libraries into interdisciplinary "Learning Commons." The Mariemont School Foundation, which was instrumental in both efforts, partnered with a family foundation to fund its "Library of the Future" initiative at Mariemont Junior High School and with The Johnson Foundation for its "Collaborative Learning Space" initiative at Mariemont High School. Both initiatives were conceptualized by the district's "Libraries of the Future" team—a group of students, staff, parents and community members, who met regularly during the 2009-2010 school year to imagine how the 21st century school library could enhance skills teaching and curriculum delivery.

The junior high's "Learning Commons" is an interdisciplinary learning hub that transforms learning through interactive, multi-media instructional forums, which allow students to work together onsite and with others in the global community. "The library offers a blended learning approach," said Keith Koehne, Mariemont Junior High School principal. "Students have unique 'big picture' opportunities through technology and group learning pods for team building



Collaboration Café

projects. The skills students will acquire will make them tenacious learners and leaders, ready to affect positive change through exploration, brainstorming and group projects."

Teaching students collaborative learning skills is a priority at Mariemont High School. Grants from the Johnson Foundation and the Mariemont School Foundation have resulted in the installation of a "Collaboration Café" featuring coffee house-style booths and café tables, where multiple groups can easily meet and converse simultaneously. Flat screen monitors enable small groups to display their work on a larger scale for the entire team, regardless of location, to view.

"Every significant aspect of teaching and learning takes place in this site, including research, information literacy and virtual

learning," said Dr. James Renner, principal. "The library is the academic hub of the high school, and to have such an essential learning space adapted into a model of 21st century education is a tribute to the foresight of our school community."

Emily Zauss Colpi, high school library media specialist and "Libraries of the Future" team member, adds, "The overall design is proving to be the ideal work environment for small group projects. We looked at research on the 'library-as-learning-commons' approach that sees a school library as a flexible learning lab where students not only find information, but transform it into new ideas and learning products. This learning commons needed a space designed specifically for collaboration, a key 21st century learning skill."



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Letters to the editor:

Hats off to builder

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Mac Michaelson, of Michaelson Homes for the considerate and respectful job he did as the home builder/site manager of the Tritsch family's beautiful new home on Princeton Drive.

Soon after the building process began, I phoned Marc one afternoon to express my concern after watching a huge truck destroying the end of the circle in our cul-de-sac while attempting to make a delivery.

The circle, which is undersized by modern standards, does not accommodate the enormous vehicles used today. Frequently, drivers aren't concerned and the perimeters are ground to mud-filled ruts. Any rain washes all that debris and mess straight across the street and downhill into my driveway, which is then tracked all the way into my ga-

rage. It's been a major problem in the past, therefore, I was dismayed to see it repeated, with the inevitable consequences.

When Marc returned my phone call, he listened, carefully, to my concern and the story of how I'd gone through this type of mess made to our street so many times before. He promised to rectify the situation, and rectify he did!

Several hours later, the circle was hermetically sealed! I will add that Marc continued to check on/repair this apparatus all throughout the building process. I never had to make another call, for which I was deeply grateful.

The building process went as smoothly as humanly possible. To the best of my knowledge, equipment noises were kept to reasonable, and legal limits. The work site was kept clean. If we were attempting to pass along the street, trucks were moved at a run! And, many of the crew and contractors

even smiled and waved.

My family and I enjoyed watching the daily progress. We love the design and the way it fits the lot and ambiance of the village. We wish the Tritsch family many, many happy years in their beautiful new home.

Hats off to a young builder who understands "neighborhood first". He's a terrific representative of our village and a wonderful one within his profession. I am most grateful for his diligence in making sure that while the work was accomplished, it was not at the expense of this neighbor.

Thank you, Marc, most sincerely,
Pam Ballard
916 Princeton

Boy Scout toy drive

To the community,

Boy Scout Troop 286 would like to extend a huge thank you to all of Terrace Park for the best toy drive yet. Despite a soggy tree lighting, friends of Cub Scout Pack 97, TP neighbors and family members, the scouts wrapped 130 toys this past Sunday afternoon. A record for sure!

The toys will be delivered this week to the Dalton Street Post Office for delivery before Christmas.

Terrace Park has always stepped up to help those in need and this year was no different! Many thanks to all who helped with a gift, wrapping supplies and cookies! A special thanks to Laura Guggenheim for leading this most worthy cause again this year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Nick Walter, Scribe
Boy Scout Troop 286.

Tree lighting

To the community,

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate this year's tree lighting. A big thank you to Dr. Drake Tollefson, April Stimson & family, Kjersten Morrisson & family, Jeff Kauffman & family and Susan Venderbush & family for contributing to the carriage rides this year.

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Mariemont JH School Power of the Pen team brings home 17 trophies

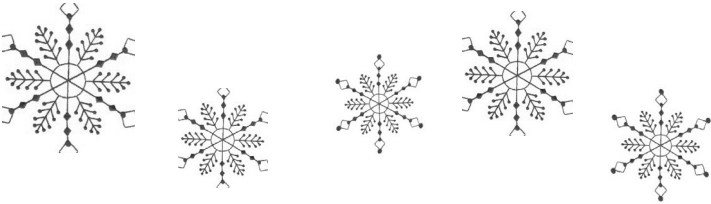
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Erin Cash -1st place and three Best of round awards
Grace Haffner - 2nd place
Janie Bortz-4th place
Cohen Bailey-10th place
Ellie Kapcar-13th place
Lindsey Imhoff-14th place


enth and eighth grade levels in the state of Ohio. The Mariemont Junior High School team is coached by Leslie Jordan, Erica Eppert and Jill Strall.

"I'm so proud of our team for showcasing their individual writing talents," said Leslie Jordan. "It takes the perfect balance of discipline and creativity to accomplish what they did, and I'm extremely proud of each team member."

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Garden Club update

By Amy Nisonger

The Terrace Park Garden Club met Tuesday, December 4th for their annual Holiday Luncheon at Terrace Park Country Club. Thirty members were in attendance and brought small artificial trees and wreaths decorated for the holiday season. There were 20 wreaths and 15 trees. Each member then voted for their favorite tree and wreath. After the luncheon the winners were announced. First place in the tree category went to Jennifer Choate. There was a tie for second place between Barb Bird and Ogle Annett. The first place winner in the wreath category was perennial winner, Jane Peterson and again a tie for second with Frances Staf-

ford and Amy Nisonger. All the trees and wreaths were then donated to Inter Parish Minist for those less fortunate this holiday season.

This year the Garden Club has been collecting different food items for Inter Parish at each meeting and December was packaged holiday sweets, spaghetti sauce and pasta. The members generously filled a trunk with goods and goodies.

Next month's meeting will be a presentation by Linda Seal on "Floral Photography" at noon at the Community Building on Tuesday, January 8. As always, anyone is welcome. Please stop by.



Winners in the decorated tree category are left to right: Jennifer Choate-first place and Barb Bird and Ogle Annett-tied for second place.

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Terrace Park Sports

Mariemont sailing team only high school sailing team in Ohio

By Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

The Cincinnati area may not be a hotbed for competitive sailing, but thanks to the efforts of a handful of high school students, Mariemont High School now boasts the only high school sailing team in Ohio.

Senior and Terrace Park resident Griffin Rolander, with the help of senior and Terrace Park resident Alec Ahrens, started the sailing team two years ago, and it has now grown to five members including sophomore Nick Weston, junior Allie Howe and senior Olivia Cooke.

Both Griffin and Alec have sailed since they were young children during summer vacations in Wisconsin and Michigan, respectively. "I like sailing because it's a sport different from any other sport," said Griffin. "It's takes a certain set of skills, both physical and mental, and there's nothing like ripping on the water."

Mariemont participated and found success in five events so far this season, traveling to Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. Griffin and Nick won the A Fleet of the Grosse Ile In-



vitational in Michigan in September, beating out 15 other high schools for the title. The pair traveled on to place third out of 23 A Fleet teams at the Culver Invitational in Indiana in October. At the Turkey Leg Regatta in Spring Lake, Michigan, Griffin and Nick won the A Fleet once again, beating out 17 other teams. Alec, Olivia and Allie rallied to place 9th in the B Fleet. Most notably, Grif-

fin, Nick and Alec placed 4th at the regional Great Oaks Qualifier in Lake Forest, Illinois, qualifying them as one of just six Midwest teams to sail in the Great Oaks National High School Championship in New Orleans this weekend, November 10-11. At the Great Oaks Championship they will sail on Lake Ponchartrain against high schools from across the nation, and are looking to take home the gold.

"I love the strategy of sailing," said Alec. "It's the closest you can get to flying without a pilot's license."

Although the sailing team is just a club right now, Alec and Griffin have plans to contact the PTO and Board of Education to petition for sailing as a sanctioned high school sport. Even though they are both graduating this school year, there are members of the team that they think are willing and able to carry the sailing team at Mariemont into the future.

"I know we both plan on coming back from college from time to time to help coach if we can," said Alec. "It's a sport we've both been involved with for most of our lives and we hope other students get excited about it too."

Mariemont is an active member of MISSA, the Midwest regional governing body for high school sailing. MISSA is part of the Interscholastic High School Sailing Association, which has seven regions in the US.



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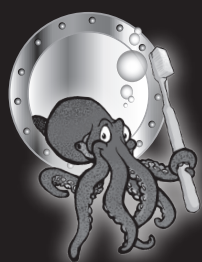
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