

## Junior High students show writing prowess

By Josephine McKenrick, Communications, MCS

The Power of the Pen district writing competition took place at Indian Hill the weekend of January 10, and the Mariemont Junior High School 7th grade team earned 2nd place and the 8th grade team earned 1st place. More than 26 schools participated in this writing competition. Six students also placed in the individual writing competition, in

which 156 writers competed. All of the students that placed in the individual competition will continue on to compete in the regional competition in March at Princeton High School, along with others from their teams, which will be decided in February.

Kayla Dewey, an 8th-grade student, also received a Best of (continued on page 2)



Grade 8 team: Gracie Teghtmeyer, Kaleigh Hollyday, Lucy Hanley, Alex Wilson, Conor Mackey, Ellery Bledsoe, Hannah Coates, Analise Hinebaugh (Kayla Dewey not pictured)



Grade 7 team: Catherine Geary, Sophia House, Olivia Walker, Anna Scheeser, Katie Copetas, Elizabeth Elin, Amelia Popowics

### Annual Holiday Brunch

The Terrace Park Historical Society would like to thank Holly and Adam Bortz for hosting the 2103 Annual Holiday Brunch on December 8, 2013 at their beautiful home on Rugby Avenue. We would also like to thank all the members who attended despite the snow and cold weather. There was delicious food, a short meeting with information from the officers, recognition of the volunteers, and an invitation for members to become involved in upcoming events, particularly the 2014 Home Tour. Comments and suggestions were appreciated and will be addressed at the next board meeting. For more information about our organization, or about becoming a member or volunteer, please visit our website: [TPHistoricalsociety.org](http://TPHistoricalsociety.org) or call us at (513) 248-1777.

### Upcoming Program on the Robinson Circus

For our next Program we are (continued on page 2)



TPHS members enjoyed a holiday brunch at Holly and Adam Bortz's house. Pictured (l-r) Tina Hesser, Holly Bortz, Suzie Ricketts, Sally Coffman and Hester Sullivan.

## State of Schools address: Mariemont represents innovations, leadership

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Superintendent Steve Estep showcased the priorities and accomplishments for the Mariemont City School District, January 15 at the district's 4th annual State of the Schools address at Mariemont Junior High School. Key priorities for the district are to continue conservative fiscal management while ensuring excellence in every area of the school system.

"Our schools are not about business as usual, either financially and academically," said Estep. "We are entrepreneurs and leaders. Our community is one that places a high value on education, and we believe that we must always look to the future to be prepared for the next phase of our educational journey."

Financially, Mariemont has earned many awards and industry recognition. Most recently, Estep noted that the district earned one of the highest ratings from Standard & Poor's with an AA+ rating and has countered significant losses in state funding with corresponding efficiencies. Estep also noted that the district's much-needed new and renovated energy efficient buildings will provide expected relief to the operational costs.

"We now have 21st century buildings that allow us to offer a state-of-the-art education for our students. These buildings are safe, and they are equipped with modern technology, helping us keep our district students competitive with their peers around the globe. Our new buildings are also bringing increased efficiencies and fewer maintenance costs, and they match the excellence in teaching (continued on page 4)



Peggy Braun (l) and Mariemont Mayor Dan Policastro, who read a proclamation recognizing Braun's 12 years as a school board member and other services for the school district

In honor of Valentines Day, the Terrace Park Historical Society wants to know:

### Do you have a Terrace Park Love Story?

Happy, sad, or humorous, this is your opportunity to help us record, share and preserve the stories of our Village. Please send your submission to: [info@tphistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@tphistoricalsociety.org)



**VV Deadline** - Friday, February 14th by 9 p.m. For articles, please contact Chandi Findley at [tpvillageviews@fuse.net](mailto:tpvillageviews@fuse.net). For calendar submissions, please contact Hester Sullivan at [hestersullivanme.com](mailto:hestersullivanme.com). For ads please contact Kim Newton at [newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com](mailto:newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com)

Due to the rescheduling of the Village Council meeting to January 30, there is no Village Council article in this month's edition of the *Village Views*.

The Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services needs volunteers.

Let this be the year you choose to make a difference!

For more information, visit us at [terraceparkems.org](http://terraceparkems.org) or contact Susan Rodgers at [msrogers@bellsouth.net](mailto:msrogers@bellsouth.net) or (770) 616-1518.

# Neighbor to Neighbor

## Junior High students show writing prowess

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Round for her piece, "Once Upon a Crime." In the 7th-grade level, Amelia Popowics received 6th place in individual writing. At the 8th-grade level, the following individual writers also placed:

Conor Mackey (13th place), Kayla Dewey (11th place), Ellery Bledsoe (9th place), Kaleigh Hollyday (7th place) and Alex Wilson (4th place).

Congratulations to all of these fantastic writers!



Both MJHS teams: Gracie Teghtmeyer, Kaleigh Hollyday, Lucy Hanley, Conor Mackey, Alex Wilson, Kayla Dewey, Hannah Coates, Catherine Geary, Anna Scheeser, Elizabeth Elin, Amelia Popowics, Katie Copetas, Olivia Walker, and Sophia House (not pictured Analise Hinebaugh)

## News from the Terrace Park Historical Society

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pleased to present circus historian George McIlveen as our featured speaker. George is a fascinating source of information on all things related to the Circus, and he is also an experienced model maker. Through an auspicious circumstance, George learned about our organization and created a beautiful hand-crafted miniature of the Robinson Circus train, which he has donated to the TPHS. This model is now part of our Robinson Circus Collection and is on display in our Gallery/Museum in the lower level of St. Thomas Church.

The program will be held at the Terrace Park Elementary School library on Sunday, March 2, 2014. There will be a reception at 3:30 p.m. followed by the program at 4 p.m.



From the Archives: Tornado of 1969 Yes, many years ago, a tornado actually struck our village. According to the Cincinnati Enquirer, "uprooted trees and broken branches covered the streets of Terrace Park after the August 1969 tornado". The photo was taken by Alan Kain of Terrace Park.

## Avid birder breaks Big Year record

Dino Costanzo, a lifetime resident of Terrace Park and Cincinnati, has officially achieved a record-breaking Big Year for bird sightings in the state of Ohio. Throughout the birding community, individuals spend the entire calendar year spotting and recording all the different species of birds within a particular area. The official recordkeeping organization is the American Birding Association, who maintains reports of sightings throughout the country.

Prior to 2013, the Ohio record was 320 birds seen or heard. As of mid-December, Costanzo was at 325 birds, with only 15 days left for the year, outpacing the record by five species. The #2 spotter was registering 307 species. In Ohio, most people who strive for the Big Year reside in or around Northeastern Ohio, near Lake Erie, with some smaller concentrations in Central Ohio. Dino has overcome a large obstacle, living in south west Ohio, by travelling over 30,000 miles in his vehicle, scouring the state from the shores of Lake Erie to the banks of the Ohio River. He has hiked more than 200 miles, spent four weeks camping outdoors and travelled 400 miles in boats. It's quite a feat by any means.

Costanzo has been an avid outdoorsman and birder for more than 45 years. He spent many years leading Audubon Christmas Bird Counts, working for the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, and has collected bird specimens for many private and public collections throughout the United States. He

pursued a career as a Wildlife Artist in the 1980s and 1990s until taking over his family's insurance business in the mid-90s. Costanzo is one of the more uniquely qualified individuals for the Big Year in the area.

His tenacity and single-mindedness has brought him the satisfaction of a job well done. He would like to thank his family and office staff for supporting him throughout his endeavor.

## Police Report

After stopping a vehicle, police asked the female driver if there was anything in the vehicle the officer should know about. The driver said no. Police asked to search the vehicle, and the female driver consented. A plastic baggie of marijuana was found in the vehicle, which the male passenger admitted was his. The passenger was cited for Drug Abuse and released.

After initiating a traffic stop for no license plate light, police smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. Police asked the driver if she had any marijuana in the car, and she stated no. After gaining the driver's consent to search the vehicle, police found buds of marijuana scattered throughout the car. The driver was cited for possession of a controlled substance.

A resident contacted police

about bongs in the woodline near Douglas Avenue. The resident reported that he had removed bongs in the past, but due to the size of the bong, decided to call the police this time. Police located a homemade bong, four plus feet in length, constructed of plastic cups, holiday tape, a straw, and aluminum foil. Police also observed six baggies on the ground. The bong was cut down due to its size and logged in as property to be destroyed.

Police also responded to a neighbor dispute, vehicle lockouts, alarm drops, high water, a domestic dispute, and numerous properties found open.

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Terrace Park Garden Club

On a cold Tuesday evening the Terrace Park Garden Club (TPGC) Community Building was filled with lights and good cheer as the held their "Annual Evening with Guests" meeting. Plenty of beer

and wine was available and a table filled with the best of homemade appetizers. Diane Treftz decorated the table with a South Seas wooden statue and orchids to represent the theme of month - exotic or tropical flowers.

Kevin O'Dell from the Landscape firm of Kendrick & O'Dell was the speaker and presented "Garden Design for Unique Locations". He stressed scale when choosing bushes and trees and illustrated his point using a huge chair, a tiny chair and live plants. The lovely arum plants were given to lucky listeners. O'Dell also talked about native plants and how they are defined and handed out lists of nurseries and web sites where they can be found.

An exciting presentation of the provisional plans for a revived Cincinnati Flower Show followed. The new venue will span the length of the River Front including Yeatmans Cove Park, Cincinnati Bicentennial Common, the statue of Cincinnati and the P&G Pavilion.

The next meeting will be at noon February 4 in the Community House. The program will be "Fabulous Faux Floral Designs and More" with talks and demonstrations by Sharon Butterfield. Guests are always welcome. Call Lois Knox membership chair.

What's happening at the Mariemont Library

**Tales to Tails:** Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, February 13 at 4 p.m. Ages 5 to 10.

**Stuck on Reading Book Club:** Each month, the club 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 magnet. Collect three magnets to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato.

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

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

**Library Babies:** New program! Great introduction to library programs for little ones who are too young for the more active Movers and Shakers. Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Ages 6 to 18 months.

**Crafty Kids:** Thursday, February 27 at 4 p.m. Ages 5 to 10.

**InBeTween Club:** Thursday, February 20 at 4 p.m. Ages 10 to 18.

**Anime Club:** Saturday, February 22 at 1 p.m. Ages 10 to 18.

**Lady Catherine's Romance Round Table:** If you love romance novels, here's your chance

to discuss your favorites and learn about some new authors. Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

**Downloads Class:** If you are struggling with downloading eBooks to your Kindle or other device, we offer an introductory class Monday, February 3 and February 17 at 6:30 p.m. Please call to register as this is an individual, one on one session.

**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. Saturday, February 1 and February 15 at 10:30 a.m.

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one on one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

**Book Club:** *The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen will be discussed Thursday, February 27 at 6:45 p.m. Copies are available at the branch.

The Mariemont Branch Library is located at 3810 Pocahontas 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.

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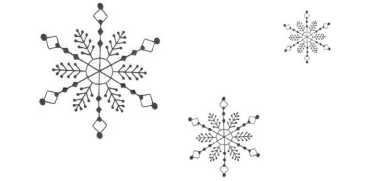
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Terrace Park Historical Society Coverlet

# State of Schools address: Mariemont represents innova- tions, leadership

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that is happening in our schools,”  
noted Estep.

Estep also spoke to the sig-  
nificant academic accomplish-  
ments of the schools. To ensure  
continued high achievement, the  
district will launch Destination  
2026 this year, which is an initia-  
tive that looks to the graduating  
class of 2026 and retools educa-  
tion and technology to meet the  
needs of these students today.

“We have a tremendous story  
to tell and one that is worth cel-  
ebrating,” stated Estep. “Our ‘It’s  
About ME’ video showcases real

students and community mem-  
bers reflecting on the tradition,  
community and innovation that  
makes involvement in our schools  
a marked experience for everyone.  
Each person has a unique story  
about his or her own Mariemont  
Experience that contributes to the  
strong collective story we share  
within our district.”

The “It’s About ME” video is  
available on the district’s website,  
www.mariemontschools.org. The  
address also contained perfor-  
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as well as the Mariemont High  
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Kindergarten students sing “Wheels on the Bus” at Mariemont City School’s  
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Pre-kindergarten girls and boys are welcome to join the Mini-Tee instructional program, while our kindergarten kids will play in our Tee Ball division. Kids in first grade play in the Coach

Pitch division, while our second grade through eighth grade boys complete in District 4 of the Cincinnati Knoch League. Girls in first grade through eighth grade play softball with our neighbors in Mariemont.

All parents may register their kids by going to [www.tprc.net](http://www.tprc.net) and signing up for either baseball or softball. Practices will begin early March with the season beginning shortly after Spring Break. The regular season ends in June and post season tournaments carry on through mid July.

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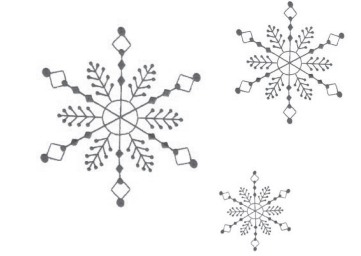
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**3 9th Mariemont Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Stag**, 20th Century Theatre, 5:30 p.m.  
**4 Terrace Park Garden Club**, noon at the Community Building "Fabulous Faux Floral Designs and More" with Sharon Butterfield. The public is invited.  
**4 Mariemont Arts Association Meeting**, Mariemont High School Art Room, 7:30 p.m.  
**8 Armstrong Chapel's Super Charge 2014 Men's Conference** at Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church, 5125 Drake Road, Indian Hill. 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This first annual conference is open to men in the Cincinnati community including neighbors, colleagues and teenaged sons. Anthony Munoz is the featured speaker. For more information contact, Bryan Brown, SUPER CHARGE 2014 conference chair, [bryan@bryanbrowncomm.com](mailto:bryan@bryanbrowncomm.com), 513-410-4188  
**11 TP Village Council Meeting**, 7 p.m. in the community building  
**14 No School for Mariemont Students** (teacher in-service day)  
**17 Presidents' Day - No School**  
**18 Board of Education Meeting**, Mariemont Elementary School cafeteria, 7 p.m.  
Please call **Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959** or email [hestersullivan@me.com](mailto:hestersullivan@me.com) with calendar information.

**18 MJHS Gr 8 Open House** at High School, Mariemont High School, 7 p.m.  
**19 Strings Extravaganza** (grades 5-12), Mariemont High School auditorium, 7 p.m.  
**20 Night of Singing** (grades 5 - 12), Mariemont High School auditorium, 7 p.m.  
**24 Boosters Meeting**, C-20, 7:30 p.m.  
**25 Band Bash**, Mariemont High School auditorium, 7 p.m.  
**28 Mardi Gras** 7 p.m.-midnight at the Terrace Park Country Club hosted by Terrace Park Kindervelt Chapter. This couples' event is \$60 per person. Price includes two drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, and a silent auction  
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**Terrace Park Historical Society Program**—March 2nd—Robinson Circus-- circus historian George McIlveen is the featured speaker. There will be a reception at 3:30 pm followed by the program at 4 pm. at the TP Elementary School.



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