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from the  
Village Views

## ELECTION '97: Village Tax Levy Passes With Ease County-Wide Election Results Conflict With Village on Ballot Issues

By Laura Welles Wilson

On Tuesday, November 4, Terrace Park voters overwhelmingly approved the 3.5 mill levy renewal continuing support of village operations.

That was decided by 826 people, or 51.08% of the 1,517 registered voters in Terrace Park. The local ballot included races for Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge, Terrace Park Village Treasurer, Terrace Park Village Council, and Mariemont Board of Education.

Guy C. Guckenberger returned to a seat on the Hamilton County Municipal Court bench for an unexpired term ending December 31, 1999. Mirroring the county-wide results, approximately 86% of Terrace Park voters supported Judge Guckenberger over challenger Bernard F. Wong, by a vote of 645 to 97.

In the Mariemont Board of Education race, Connie R. Wilson, a Terrace Park resident, led the pack of three incumbents with 663 votes cast by Terrace Park residents and 34.1% of the votes cast district-wide. Also returning to seats on the Mariemont Board of Education were Henry B. Kleinfeldt, who received 605 votes in Terrace Park and 33.9% of the votes district-wide, and David L. Moreton, who received 507 votes in Terrace Park and 31.8% of the votes district-wide.

Al Roberts, who ran unchallenged to return as Terrace Park Village Treasurer, won the seat with 683 votes cast in his favor. Daniel B. Startzman, Jr. was reelected to Terrace Park Village Council after receiving 670 votes. Startzman was followed closely by fellow incumbent Daniel A. Keefe (659 votes), and newcomers Stephen S. Holmes (656 votes) and Jack Brown (629 votes), all of whom also won seats on Council.

Village residents also voted on two state-wide issues and three county-wide issues. They were consistent with voters state-wide on one issue, inconsistent on the other. Village residents voted 680 to 118 in favor of Issue One, to change the conditions of bail for certain persons charged with violent offenses. That proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment also passed statewide. Conversely, while Village residents voted 675 to 135 in favor of Issue Two's changes to Ohio's worker's compensation laws, that initiative ultimately failed, with voters state-wide voting 1,711,701 to 1,286,188 against the measure.

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From the Board

### Thank You Ricki

The Board says thank you to retiring Editor Ricki Schmidt for her many years of service to *Village Views*.

Ricki became involved with the paper more than 15 years ago, when she first covered the School Board beat. Her writing duties gradually expanded to include a variety of activities in and around Terrace Park. Over the years she has filled virtually every job.

In 1991, Ricki and her family moved to Venezuela, where Jack Schmidt was working at the time. Upon returning to Terrace Park in 1993, she resumed her involvement with the paper, becoming *Village Views* editor in the winter of 1994.

Although *Village Views* was already a non-profit corporation when she assumed the role of editor, Ricki did the work necessary for the paper to be recognized as a charitable (501-c-3) non-profit organization. Among other things, our charitable status means that all contributions are tax deductible.

Throughout her long tenure with the paper, Ricki has remained fiercely dedicated to the role of *Village Views* in ensuring that Terrace Park residents are educated, informed, and involved in community affairs. Many residents have agreed with her opinions over the years; many have not. Agree or disagree, we should all feel lucky to have a neighbor who has tirelessly worked to keep us thinking. As evident in the Board's announcement to restructure the *Views* staff, we clearly realize that no one person can execute the many tasks Ricki handled each month.

Thank you, Ricki, for your dedication, energy and passion.

### Cabin Closes at Night

Due to repeated acts of vandalism at the Log Cabin, the area will be closed and off-limits from 11:30 pm until 6:00 AM. This includes the basketball court.

## Council Postpones Tower Decision

by Katy Wood

November's Terrace Park Council meeting was again dominated by discussion of the proposed telecommunications tower to be built by GTE on property owned by Stump's Boat Club. The moratorium on building permits for cellular towers that was to expire on November 19, was extended until December 19 in order to allow time for additional refinements regarding tower regulations, a third reading at Council and a public hearing. Concerns raised following the initial meeting on this project included setback issues. As currently stated in the ordinance, although the minimum setback must be 200 feet, it can be reduced to the height of the tower or 15 feet provided it meets stringent requirements.

In addressing members' concerns, the Planning and Zoning Commission, as reported by Dan Keefe, has recommended that a telecommunications tower may not be built within 500 feet of a residential structure, may not be built within 500 feet of a lot that might be developed for residential use, and that an owner of a non-residential property abutting tower property must give consent for a reduction in setback of less than 200 feet. The Planning and Zoning Commission has also included regulations regarding plot size, anti-trust issues, and building towers away from school property.

Jim Anderson, a representative from SpectraSite, subcontractor for GTE Wireless, was introduced to Council in order to answer questions. Discussion primarily concerned the probability of the tower also becoming a site for competing telecommunication firms, and the need for building the tower high enough (i.e., 120 ft., rather than the earlier suggested 80 ft.) for additional locators. This could prevent construction of additional towers, since, as reported by Anderson, the likelihood for competitors moving into our area is significant.

In other business, Police Chief Bob Bacon commended the community, Boy Scouts, and a neighboring police force for cooperating in quickly returning a young child who had wandered away from home. He also reported conclusion of a year long investigation of a home where narcotics were being used.

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## Terrace Park EMS Needs You

The Terrace Park EMS is looking for people interested in joining the core of experienced EMT's who presently provide Terrace Park with 24 hour emergency service. The next evening class begins on January 20, 1998, and the next day class begins on February 10, 1998.

Currently, four Terrace Park residents are enrolled in the EMT Basic class. The following are comments they made in regards to the class:

- Class is enjoyable. A person need not be afraid to try if he/she has been away from school for a while. The class is very doable.
- The class is challenging, but one of the more useful in my role as a parent and a community member.
- The knowledge and skills from the class have given me more self confidence in other areas of my life.
- The instructor is very experienced and interesting.

Please consider volunteering **NOW** so Terrace Park can remain a volunteer EMS squad. Please contact Maggie Tobergte (831-7166) for questions about time commitment or any other facets of being a Terrace Park EMT. **YOU** can make a difference in our community.

From the Board

## It Takes a Village to Publish the Village Views

From reporting on Council meetings and photographing school events, to invoicing advertisers and assembling the finished paper, it takes many hours to publish the *Village Views* each month. Recognizing the increasingly busy schedules of TP residents, the Board of Trustees is structuring the paper so that the work is shared by a group of volunteers. A number of residents have stepped forward since the resignation of Ricki Schmidt, but there are still many positions to fill. Please consider if there just might be one you would enjoy.

**Managing Editor:** Responsible for planning the content of the paper, the Managing Editor determines the lead story, decides what other stories are to be covered, writes editorials, and selects topics to be addressed by guest commentators. The Managing Editor assigns coverage of "breaking" news, Village Council, police news, other matters of public record, and works with the Features Coordinator to plan coverage of other topics. Once the editorial board is established and the editorial policy updated, the Managing Editor will work with this group to ensure that the paper reflects the fairest and broadest possible coverage.

**Features Coordinator:** *Village Views* writer Cyndy Finnigan has volunteered to fill this position, working with Terrace Park's clubs, associations, and volunteer organizations to gather news, announcements, and photographs. She will also coordinate announcements sent to the paper by TP residents regarding school, athletic and job awards. Cyndy will work with the Managing Editor to plan for and provide coverage of other features content such as profiles of TP residents, lifestyle news, and historical stories.

**Writers:** Katy Wood will cover Council meetings. We need additional writers as well, for both features and news stories. In particular, we'd like writers for School Board and Recreation Commission.

**Photo Editor:** Chris Burnheimer will serve as Photo Editor, and would like to hear from anyone willing to help cover TP events.

**Business Manager:** We are glad to announce that Gerri Kennedy remains our Business Manager. Her job involves coordinating the placement of ads in the paper, invoicing advertisers, keeping the books, and paying our bills. See related article, "How to Advertise" in *Village Views*.

**Layout Editor:** Theresa Bain will take charge of the digital layout of the *Village Views*. Suggestions are always welcome. You may call Theresa at 831-2032 or e-mail her at tsb@fuse.net.

**Computer Typist:** While we encourage stories submitted on computer disk, we will certainly include work created on a typewriter or with paper and pen. We need typists to input text into a computer.

**Proofreader:** Betsy Porst has volunteered to proof the paper. Additional eyes are welcome.

**Web Coordinator:** Paul Gibby will take charge of placing *Views* in cyberspace. Paul will work with Greg MacMillan, of MacMillan Graphics, who not only publishes our paper, but is also the creator of www.terracepark.com, a community web site. Paul is interested in hearing from anyone with knowledge of html programming who'd like to help.

**Distribution Coordinator:** When *Village Views* comes back from MacMillan Graphics, the pages must be collated, stapled and folded. Mailing labels must then be applied. Finally, the papers are dropped off at the post office. The Distribution Coordinator must keep a list of volunteers, and find 6 - 8 to gather at the Community Building each month.

**Mariemont High School Correspondents:** Another new *Village Views* feature. We are looking for students to contribute stories, photographs and editorials. This is a great way to build your resume. Interested TP students should contact Cheryl Toepfer at MHS.

**Technically speaking:** We encourage you to submit stories on computer disk, but don't let the lack of a computer deter you. If you know how to use a computer, but aren't sure how to save your story to a disk - fear not. We will be glad to help. Depending on the technological leanings of our future editors, you may soon be able to e-mail stories as well. As far as photographs, black and white will print with the greatest clarity, but if you can't manage b&w, color prints will gladly be accepted.

Several of the above jobs would work well as "job share" jobs. If you "almost" have time, you probably aren't alone. Find a buddy or let the Board of Trustees find one for you. For *Village Views* to be a paper that speaks to the entire community, we need a community of volunteers. Call Shelley Cowan (576-6216), Sue Troller (248-4150), or Camilla Warrick (248-4158) with questions and commitments.

**From the Board**

**Board of Trustees Establishes Editorial Board**

On August 27, the *Village Views* Board of Trustees voted 4-0 to establish an editorial board to oversee content and direction of the paper. We feel an editorial board will create a sounding board for the editor, ensure that news coverage is fair and balanced, give the paper a broader perspective, establish a layer of checks and balances, and enhance the sense of community in Terrace Park.

The editorial board will consist of a minimum of three Terrace Park residents — two who are not on the Board of Trustees, and one Board member. If there are more than two volunteers, we will set up a rotation. Members of the Board of Trustees will rotate service on the editorial board as well.

The Board of Trustees is currently in the process of formulating an editorial policy for the editorial board to follow. This policy will state which matters of public record are to be covered in *Village Views*. It will also specify rules for the use of names in reporting such matters.

Each month the editorial board will review the contents of the upcoming *Views* to make sure that it complies with the policy, and meets the objectives as stated above.

Note: The above announcement was submitted to the paper for inclusion in the October issue, but was not printed. In the weeks that followed, a number of TP residents became aware of this news, and several questions were raised:

**Will *Village Views* continue to report police incidents?**

Yes. The editorial policy will, however, ensure that all pertinent facts are reported in a consistent manner.

**Why be selective about public record? Isn't this censorship?**

Public record includes births, deaths, property transfers, divorce complaints, custody disputes, will contests, misdemeanors, and felonies — to name a few. Every editorial board must decide which matters are appropriate for its newspaper. Clearly, not all matters of public record have a place in *Village Views*.

**Will the editorial board have to approve every article?**

No. The editorial board will focus on controversial issues, providing a "second set of eyes" to ensure that coverage is fair, balanced, and objective.

**What do we mean by "enhance a sense of community"?**

Covering news often means covering controversy. The Board of Trustees is committed to covering news. We are also committed to helping our residents engage in civil and constructive debate. A *Village Views* that enhances a sense of community covers tough issues in a way that helps us act neighborly toward one another when we see each other at the post office, on the green, at school, and on the soccer fields. It's a tall order. That's why we are asking for your participation.

If you would like to serve on the editorial board, please send your name to Shelley Cowan at 747 Park Avenue. Please include a short statement on any experience or expertise you can offer. If you do not wish to serve on the editorial board, but have insights or suggestions for its operation, we would also like to hear from you.

**From the Board**

**The *Village Views* Board of Trustees**

In recent months, many Terrace Park residents have asked why *Village Views* has a Board of Trustees, and what our responsibilities include.

After being produced privately for nearly twenty five years, *Village Views* became a non-profit corporation in 1993. The primary reason for incorporation was so that the paper could qualify for non-profit postage rates, which offered significant savings over the delivery service that was in use at the time. A Board of Trustees was formed to fulfill the conditions of incorporation.

Our primary responsibility was to oversee the financial stability of the paper and provide advice on specific issues relating to its production. We were not intended to serve an editorial function. Further, we greatly respected the efforts of those who had published the paper long before its incorporation, and were inclined to let it continue as it had for many years.

Nevertheless, we occasionally faced questions about the news and editorial content of *Village Views*, and last year agreed that a mission statement was in order. In writing this statement, we tried to reflect not only our perspective, but that which has guided the paper since it was first published in 1969:

The *Village Views* serves the residents of Terrace Park by reporting on issues and events, and attempts to serve as a paper of record. As a vehicle for the exchange of opinion, it provides a forum for debate.

The role of the Board has clearly changed since its inception, and will likely continue to evolve. Trustees are required to act "in the best interests of the Corporation" and are empowered to create committees which we "determine are necessary and for the best interest of the Corporation." The decision to establish an editorial board is an example of one such action. The decision to restructure the roles and responsibilities of the staff is another.

Following the resignation of Pat Henley from the Board, we asked Sally Gilchrist to form a nominating committee which does not include current Board members. As we believe the Board should reflect a diversity of opinion and experience, we asked Mrs. Gilchrist and her committee to consider individuals whose life experiences and situations are different from those of the majority of current members.

The *Village Views* Board of Trustees includes:

- Shelley Cowan, President, term expires in 1999
- Sue Troller, Vice President, term expires in 1998
- Camilla Warrick, term expires in 1999
- Ellis Rawnsley, term expires in 1998

**Letter to the Editor:**

**PARENTS:** Watch your Children. Over the past few weeks, months and year, the increase in vandalism in Terrace Park has been dramatic. With 20 years of association with the Scout cabin, I have replaced exactly ONE broken window until this past summer. Since AUGUST, there have been five incidents of broken windows and two incidents of senseless and/or vicious behavior. Now is the time to STOP THIS.

The broken windows and mustard graffiti can be repaired and cleaned up. (Did one of YOUR children come home around October 24<sup>th</sup> smelling of yellow mustard?...no hot dogs for lunch that day!) (Did one of YOUR children come home with an unexplained cut on the palm of his hand? We found blood on the inside of the doorknob).

The incident which has me most worried is the CAT HANGING. On Sunday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, we found a cat hanging in a tree with telephone wire tied tightly around it's neck. It had been hung by the neck inside a plastic bag and left to die. Only because she could tear through the bag and stretch out and touch her hind legs to a branch did she not suffocate and die. It appears that she had been there for quite a while. The cat is fine. The children who did this are NOT!

The cat now has a good home. The children involved might not! They need help and they need parental guidance.

Please question your children about their after-school "fun". Please do not accept cut hands without accompanying abrasions when they suggest that they "fell down on the playground". Be aware that the torture of a pet actually happened here in Terrace Park Please be involved in your child's after-school activities. These are YOUR KIDS who are doing this.

Tim Hart  
306 Rugby

**Deadline:**

The *Village Views* deadline is the second Tuesday of each month.

**Who to contact:**

- News & Editorial:** Until our Managing Editor position is filled Shelley Cowan @ 576-6216.
- Announcements:** Features Coordinator Cyndy Finnigan @ 831-5121.
- Advertisements:** Business Manager Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388.

**Where to Send:**

Village Views P.O. Box 212 Terrace Park, OH 45174 Save articles on disk as MicroSoft WORD files. Please put your name, articles name and date on disk. If you want your disk back, mark it "Please return".

**Village Views Staff**

- Features Co-ordinator: Cyndy Finnigan
- Layout: Theresa Bain
- Writers: Katy Wood, Laura Welles Wilson
- Proofreader: Betsy Porst
- Photo Editor: Chris Burnheimer
- Business Manager: Gerri Kennedy

**Note:** This issue of *Village Views* was edited by Board members Shelley Cowan, Camilla Warrick, and Sue Troller.



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**Letter to the Editor:**

**Thanks for the Memories**

Dear Readers,  
Thank you for all your wonderful calls, cards and letters. Each and every one has been gratefully received and cherished. But now it is time for me to thank those who have been the backbone of the *Village Views* and worked so tirelessly to bring you your newspaper every month.

Gregg MacMillan's patience with my consistent stretching of the deadline appeared to have no end. He has published the *Village Views* for 10 years, which translates into more than 120 deadlines. Under his guidance the paper's print and picture quality constantly improved. I will truly miss my monthly trips out Route 50 to have my disc transformed to print by Mari Spitznagel and the pictures perfected by Eileen Bicknell.

The print would not have been possible without the constant contributions of Pat Henley, Sandy Wittman-Shell, Cyndy Finnigan and Marilynne Chapman. Their wonderful work could not have reached you without the tireless and unsung efforts of the faithful staplers, folders and labelers of the *Village Views*, who have always kept me up to date on the real news in the Park. Thank you John and Jane Diehl, Liz Martin, Ida Reynolds, Milly Gilmore, Paula Early, Maggie Tobergte, Lynette Overbey, Christy Albrecht and Jill Smith. They would be summoned each month by Business Manager Gerri Kennedy. She produced two miracles; always enough people to get the paper assembled and an efficient billing system that has produced ad revenues to pay printing costs. And we can't forget the people who put the *Village Views* in your mailboxes. Postmaster Judy Trane and her faithful crew would always come to my rescue, getting the paper to you before an advertised event. The final thank you is to Ellis Rawnsley who always provided wise council.

Change is good. Without this current transition deadline I might never have gotten the labels updated and corrected. Some things don't change, however. I continue to believe Letters to the Editor are the most vibrant part of the paper, its heart. It is a privilege and a pleasure to conclude my first one.

Ricki Schmidt  
Marian Lane



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**My Point of View –**

by Frank J. Bitzer, Auxiliary Officer, Terrace Park Police Department

Recently, Village Views published a letter to the editor entitled A Resident Suggests Police Improvements from Les Overway. I commend Mr. Overway for his commitment and concern for the Village. Better neighborhoods have always been peopled with concerned and involved residents. Mr. Overway shows himself to be such a person.

In response to his comments and the issues he raised, I would like to offer my views. Regarding his comment that more officers should get out of the office and onto the street, indicates that Mr. Overway would do himself a favor if he were to conduct further inquiries into the workings of a small suburban police department. Every law enforcement agency in the U.S. must complete and submit volumes of paperwork to comply with local, state and federal requirements. Compiling this information and drafting the reports involves a tremendous amount of man-hours. Terrace Park doesn't have the luxury of large departments who can assign non-patrol personnel to complete required reports. The Executive Officers of Terrace Park must carry out these duties (where does Mr. Overway think that the statistics he relied upon in his letter came from?) Add the daily responsibilities of staff management, scheduling, coordinating training, procurement and maintenance of equipment and supplies, dealing with courts and citizens, etc. and it's easy to see how the operation of a department can take up so many hours.

Chief Bacon and Lt. Hayhow are first, and foremost, police officers. Their instincts are to be on the street. Unfortunately, the tasks required of Executive Officers keeps them chained to their desks. If you want to see them spend more time on the street write your local, state and federal representatives and demand the elimination of the red tape that police departments are required to wrestle with every week.

Regarding Chief Bacon's stated need for an additional full-time officer, it has been my experience that if Bob Bacon says that the department needs something that will require an expenditure of funds, it's because he has exhausted all other alternatives. Chief Bacon is a master at obtaining the maximum return on taxpayer dollars. As an example, although his officers always present a clean and professional image, take a closer look at many of their uniforms. Most of them are older and have been worn by three or more former officers before they were reassigned to the current officers. The officers wear these uniforms with pride, but they show signs of many years of wear. If an auxiliary officer desires a new uniform, they are often asked to pay for it out of their own pocket.

Examine the fleet of cruisers. Prior to the purchase of the new cruiser, the fleet had more miles and more hours on them than their calculated useful life span. The department makes every effort to get the most out of them before they are retired. Vehicles with this many hours and miles require a great deal of upkeep. That is the effort Chief Bacon has determined to put into the fleet before he asks the Village for funds to replace them.

A third example is the use of reload shells for firearms training. These reloads cost considerably less than new rounds. To extend department dollars even more, at the end of firearms training the officers get on their hands and knees to recover as many spent cartridges as possible because the manufacturer issues a partial refund for the return of spent shells.

Regarding the auxiliary officers, Chief Bacon and Lt. Hayhow have done a tremendous job of fostering a departmental reputation for attracting and training top-notch individuals to volunteer their time to the village. Ask the residents of Cincinnati, Columbus, Madeira, Milford, Newtown, Loveland and Fairfax. Their departments all have former Terrace Park officers serving on them. Current auxiliary officers include a former Marine Corps M.P., a former federal agent and a former Sheriff's Deputy, in addition to a group of bright, eager young men and women who have the makings of fine career officers. Most volunteer far more than the minimum requirement of sixteen hours per month (has anyone calculated how much Chief Bacon is saving the village by getting these volunteer hours?). When considering training, court, and community projects, these officers each volunteer more than 300 hours per year. That is time spent in addition to their full-time jobs. It is time spent away from their spouses/significant others (unmarried officers), family and friends.

They give more than their time. They've each paid their way through the police academy, as well as for their equipment and firearms. With the cost of tuition, fees, equipment, firearms, and lost wages, each officer has expended, on average, more than \$2,500 of their money for the privilege of serving for 300+ hours per year as Terrace Park Officers. How much of these funds could legitimately be charged to Terrace Park in exchange for the efforts the citizens receive? Chief Bacon and Lt. Hayhow have negotiated bargain prices for the cost of protecting and serving this village. It's refreshing to see public officials exercise such discretion and fiscal restraint in the handling of taxpayer funds.

Mr. Overway may be surprised to learn from national statistics, that the overwhelming majority of property crimes in the U.S. are never solved. Terrace Park is not immune to this. The Police have invested a great deal of time, effort and expertise in trying to solve these crimes he has taken issue with. Unfortunately, the odds are that they may never be solved, but that would not be due to any lack of effort or skill on behalf of the officers who are investigating them. Terrace Park is still, statistically speaking, one of the safest communities in Ohio! This is not a coincidence or mistake!

I also say, ask any citizen. Ask those who have had their homes looked after while they are out of town. Ask those who have had an officer be the first on the scene for a life squad run and received courteous and compassionate assistance. Ask any citizen who has had a lost wallet or purse returned. Ask any citizen who has had a stray pet safely returned. Ask anyone who has seen an officer in horrendous weather redirecting traffic due to a downed power line. Ask any citizen who has witnessed an officer doing his job and have to fight off a drunk or drugged individual who has punched, kicked, spit and bled upon the officer. Ask any citizen if they believe that they are getting the best deal in police protection for their tax dollars.

If anyone is going to examine the facts, they should examine all of them before coming to any conclusion regarding the Terrace Park Police.

I am one of those auxiliary officers who has taken the oath to defend, protect and serve the people of Terrace Park. I have been involved in law enforcement in various capacities with federal, local and private entities since 1981 and I have never seen a department go to such ends to ensure skilled, professional service on such a minimal expenditure of funds. Do the Terrace Park Police need another full-time officer? If Bob Bacon says that they do then it must be so. Don't take my word for it though. I encourage the residents to visit with us and spend some time on the street with us. You will appreciate the tremendous effort every member of this department puts forth on your behalf.

Note: The *My Point of View* column is devoted to guest commentaries. Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words.



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## Girl Scouts off to Busy Start

by Cyndy Finnigan

Terrace Park's Girl Scouts troops are getting in the swing of things with a wide range of fall and winter activities, according to TP leader and coordinator Susan Sattergren. The Scouts recently celebrated the birthday of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low. This all-troop event gave each Scout a chance to pay tribute to the civic-minded manner of Juliette Gordon Low by bringing a gift which will be distributed to needy children at a Cincinnati shelter during the holidays.

In addition, each troop has been busy following its own agenda. Kindergarten Daisy leaders Nancy Santi and Sally Gaburo are introducing their young troop to scouting, focusing on what it means to be a Girl Scout and a good friend.

Susan Sattergren, Sara Osborn, Susan Conway and Patty Beyersdorfer are leading the first grade Brownies in earning their first "Try-It"; the Girl Scout way.

Second graders, under the direction of Wendy Peterkin and Robin Penderly recently spent a night at the Cincinnati Zoo, exploring the theme of "Nocturnal Adventures." In addition, the Second Graders are gathering food and other items to donate to a needy family at Thanksgiving.

This is a transition year for Third grade Brownies, who become Junior Girl Scouts next year. Robin Murphy, Debbie Burgess and Kathy Swart are helping the girls concentrate on fulfilling badge requirements. The Fourth grade Junior Girl Scouts have likewise been active, planting spring bulbs in the elementary school reading garden, and planning a February overnight to COSI (The Center of Science and Industry) in Columbus. Betsy Porst, Holly McCormack, Cindy Carrigan and Susan Sattergren lead the group.

Finally, Fifth Graders, supervised by Becky Carman and various moms, made confections for the Kindervelt "Kinderklaus Market," held at Music Hall on November 15th.

An evening of Holiday caroling for all Troops and leaders is tentatively planned for December 12th.

"We're a growing group," says Sattergren, "and proud to be carrying out the great traditions of the Girl Scouting here in Terrace Park."



Terrace Park Junior Girl Scout Troop 3430 (fourth grade) hit the airwaves with their new buddy Tim Hedrich. On Monday, October 20, the girls assisted the popular weatherman in delivering his 4:00 pm forecast. After the broadcast, the troop was given an extensive tour of the studios and a firsthand view of the newscast.

### ELECTION

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Interestingly, while the Cincinnati Zoo and county-wide police information center levies were defeated, Terrace Park residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of those proposed tax increases. In county-wide election results, the proposed Zoo levy of .7 mills for five years was defeated by 125,106 to 105,088, or 54.3% of the votes against the proposed replacement and increase. By contrast, Terrace Park voters supported the Zoo levy by a vote of 494 to 315. Similarly, Terrace Park voters supported the levy to establish a county-wide police information center by voting 510 to 288 in favor of the issue. However, the proposed police information center tax of .29 mills for five years was narrowly defeated at the polls with county-wide residents voting 115,152 (50.0%) against the levy and 114,711 (49.9%) in favor of the levy. The third county-wide issue which proposed a tax increase of 1.02 mills for five years for senior services passed with 65.2% of the vote. On this issue, Terrace Park voters cast ballots consistent with other county residents and supported this levy by a vote of 504 to 304.

Finally, the village levy, which stays in effect for three years, was supported by 599 voters and opposed by 204.

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Artists, from left, Myrtle Blankenbuehler, Myra Baumes, Rosell Shundich.

### Nature Center Exhibit Features Local Artists

Cincinnati Nature Center will host an exhibit of three area artists, Myra Baumes, Myrtle Blankenbuehler, and Terrace Park's own Rosell Shundich. The exhibit will run from December 7-28 at the Rowe Woods facility located at 4949 Tealtown Road in Milford. Opening reception hours are 2-5 pm. Monday-Saturday hours are 9 am-5 pm, and Sunday 1-5 pm.

Ms. Baumes works in transparent watercolor, sometimes incorporating India ink to create her interpretations. Ms. Blankenbuehler's works display a variety of media. Her primary interest is in portraiture. Ms. Shundich, who also works in watercolor, enjoys painting subjects found in everyday life.

The mission of Cincinnati Nature Center is to provide the Greater Cincinnati community, especially young people, the opportunity to experience, study, and enjoy the natural world. Cincinnati Nature Center encourages understanding, appreciation, and responsible stewardship of the environment through education, and pledges to preserve the heritage and integrity of its natural and agricultural lands.

For more information, call Cincinnati Nature Center at 831-1711.

### COUNCIL:

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Recent vandalism to the log cabin, including 5 broken windows since August, interior vandalism, and most recently, the hanging of a live cat (which was subsequently rescued), has resulted in the banning of unsupervised activity there after dark. Chief Bacon indicated that the ban would be lifted once the police department had "a handle on" the situation.

As requested by Mayor Jennifer Comfort, the Rules and Laws Committee provided a job description for the position of police chief of Terrace Park. Councilman John Finnigan noted that the description was written drawing from information submitted by Chief Bacon and Solicitor Robert Malloy.

Clerk Francine Glassmeyer reported receiving notice on October 28 that data collectors will be in the village to inspect properties for tax assessments. Collectors will be required to wear official badges for identification. The police station also has descriptions of their vehicles for those interested.

As recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Committee a motion was approved to accept a proposal, presented by Lanie Grever of the Terrace Park Garden Club, to redesign the front yard and side entrance of the Community Building. The plan would update existing plantings which are approximately 40 years old. T.P. Garden Club will donate the cost of the plantings.

Lastly, council approved the purchase of a new fire truck water tank and a new police radar machine. Both will replace currently unsafe equipment.

### Mariemont School Foundation Scholarship

by Julia Mace Smart, Mariemont Schools

Mariemont School Foundation President David Deeter has announced the inception of a \$1,000 scholarship to be given to a senior in June, 1998. This new scholarship will be given to a student who is exceptionally gifted in a specific area, he said. "The talent could be in either the arts or academics". A committee will be established to choose one student from nominations provided by teachers and administrators. Further details will be released in the future.

This is the third scholarship developed by the Foundation. The first, the Fritz Valentine Scholarship, sends one high school baseball player to the baseball camp of his choice each year. The second, The John Hubbard Memorial Scholarship, provides a senior golfer \$500 toward his college education.

The Mariemont School Foundation, founded in the spring of 1996, was formed to promote and aid the educational activities of Mariemont City School District students. The main objective of the Foundation is to raise capital in an effort to assist the school district in satisfying large capital expenditures which are beyond the scope of normal budgetary means. The Foundation's current focus is on the arts, technology and the repair/renovation of the district's buildings.

If you would like to become a member of the Foundation and/or make a contribution, please call David Deeter at 831-5120.

### Mariemont Junior High School First Quarter Honor Roll Honor Roll - 4.00 or higher grade point average

**Grade 7:** Emily Aicklen, Elizabeth Badanes, Edward Brown, Dana Cox, Candice Crockett, Katherine DeWert, Katherine Mancera, Karen Olson, Susannah Overbey, Robert Phillips, Emily Resnik, John Rutherford, Elizabeth Schroer, Peter Schuster, Melissa Turner, Katie West, Katharine Young

**Grade 8:** Ellen Baird, Emily Brumm, Stephen Carley, Michael Carter, Teresa Cash, Alex Castator, Jane Dimmitt, Amy Fisher, Michael Hurley, Matthew Lindgren, Gretchen Perry, Victoria Thoman

### Merit Roll - 3.2-3.9 grade point average

**Grade 7:** Justin Hendricks, Juraj Kavecansky, Elizabeth Anthony, Marla Frank, Elizabeth Kauffmann, Daniel Maggard, Alison Park, John Borchers, Steven Daly, Andrew Fuchs, Megan Govert, Peter Phillips, Meggie Safford, Homer Umbarger, Patrice Clair, Meredith Bland, Amy Feie, Isaac Liljequist, Alison Moeller, Julie Newton, Michelle O'Connor, Christina Sanders, Meredith Siegman, Jessica Stegmaier, Philip Hartman, Kathleen House, Jessica Messmer, Chelsea Mitchell, Jonathan Witte, Emily Putterbaugh, Sajee Senaratne, Natalie Bieser, Ben Cober, Erika Crane, Kyle Hampton, Meridith Lyon, Whitney Raeon, Jessie Rogowski, Brooke Seward, Alexandria Bennett, Matthew Burnheimer, Lisa Hammersmith, Jane Swensson, Casey Clukey, Sarah Heller, Craig Karr, Meghan Miller, Matthew Schmidt, Christina Bockstiegel, Lydia Koepke, Eric Riggs, Pete Bailey, Stephen Bollinger, Katie Fox, David Minium, Jami Perkins, Iona Steen, Alex Swart, Brad Wells, Scott Williams, Katherine Conrad, Mindy Felts, Caroline Hartman, Gregory Leming, Tyler Martin, Rachel Norris, Robert Zepf, Adam Fehr, Kevin Dicker, Matthew Hagerty, Katie Knowles, Clay Martin, Brittney Rahn, Megan Timmers, Michelle Timmers, Deanna Wilson, Daniel Eby, Walter Raines

**Grade 8:** Sara McCarthy, Elizabeth Brown, Julie Gould, Meredith Sheaffer, Matthew Chapman, Alex Karnitzky, Lindsay Deeter, Sara Fox, Lindsay Hook, Lucy Wasmund, Holly Kapela, Philip Landes, Ryan McClurg, Richard O'Donnell, Courtney Callaghan, Erin Fallon, Erin Deepe, Jeffrey Picton, Lauren Potts, Angela Williams, Christopher Acheson, Melinda Bevis, Jennifer Hatton, Brett Monzel, Jennifer Sarran, Jesse Sunday, Lauren Tepe, Bryan Teuschler, Nicholas White, Matthew Jones, Beck Vissat, Molly Williamson, John Carrigan, Kimbre Huddleston, Cameron McDonald, James Pipkin, Katherine Sheridan, Melinda Stephan, Eric Wilke, Lewis Woolsey, Kathryn Grove, Matthew Moore, Jason Childress, Donald Crockett, Carson Shelton, Emily Holmes, Crystal Inglis, Christopher Wood, Christina Bartley, Tara Hawk.

### Imagine a 26.2 Mile Hike

by Robin Pendery

Imagine a 26.2 mile hike through all five boroughs of New York City. In one day -- a rainy, thundering, lightning, windy day. Imagine crossing the Verazano Narrows Bridge from Staten Island in a fog so thick that the top of the bridge, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Manhattan, usually clearly visible, are only faint images.

Then imagine being the recipient of a new heart 15 months earlier, or having a prosthetic leg inserted into one of your shoes, or covering that distance without eyesight or hearing. These were the images that I saw and celebrated on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> as a Runner's Guide for The Achilles' Track Club. Former Terrace Park resident Sheila Schroeder, who has Multiple Sclerosis, completed her fourth New York City Marathon. Theresa Bain and I were part of a group of guides who accompanied The Achilles Track Club's disabled athletes in The New York City Marathon. Many of these athletes need physical assistance but each of them are well-stocked with motivation, determination, and boundless energy.

The rain poured great big buckets. That did not deter the gospel choir in Harlem from accompanying us in the march. It did not deter the crowd of cheering fans from yelling, "Go Achilles!". It did not deter Sheila Schroeder and her small entourage from completing the race in 6 hours and 31 minutes. The rain kept Sheila's body temperature from rising too high and thus aided in a speedy recovery. After crossing the finish line, Sheila leaned her weak left side on me and we shuffled through the corrals. Exhausted and exhilarated, she made certain that the rest of us were OK.

Sheila can often be seen walking around town with determination and drive. It was an honor and a privilege to be in the presence of such greatness.

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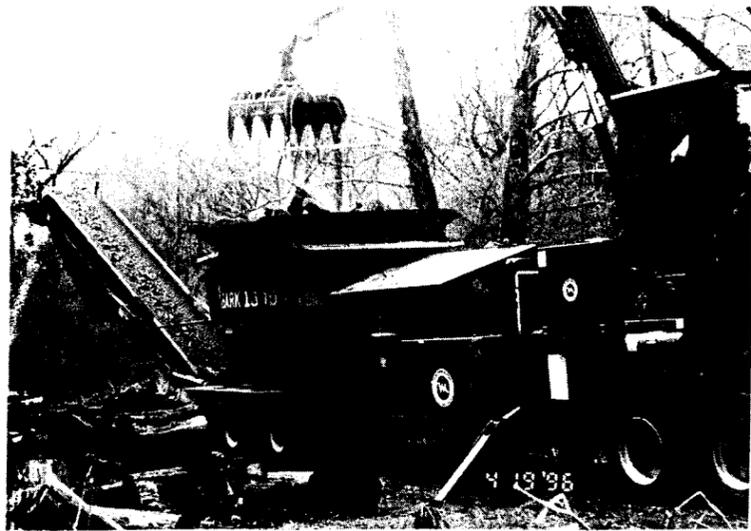
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### Grind On

Council approved a \$3,000 expenditure to cover the use of a tub grinder, owned by Evans Landscaping. It makes a quick meal of logs and brush that have accumulated during the past 18 months. Residents are reminded that leaf pickup continues until Thanksgiving, then Monday brush pickup will resume. Watch for children playing in the leaves.

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### NOTABLES

**Catharine B. White**, daughter of Terrace Park resident Wray White, has earned a masters of arts in teaching at National-Louis University in Evanston, Illinois. Her specialty is elementary education, teaching English as a second language.

**Kiwanians from Terrace Park, Mariemont and Fairfax** are in full swing with their annual nut sale. Cashews, Pecans, Butter Toffee and peanuts are available at branches of Fifth Third Bank, PNC Bank, Provident Bank and Star Bank. Kiwanians may also be ringing your doorbells to sell these goodies. Proceeds from the sale provide college scholarships for deserving graduates of Mariemont High School.

**Stepping Stones Center** is now offering massage therapy by appointment, Monday through Friday. Licensed massage therapist Patricia Kahn charges \$35 for a half hour massage and \$50 for an hour. For appointments, call 724-2815. Stepping Stones, at 5650 Given Rd., is a non-profit agency providing learning and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, as well as other services to the community such as swimming programs and facility rentals for parties. For more information, 831-4660.

**Forrest Kennedy**, a 16-year-old Terrace Park resident and Mariemont High School junior, has achieved Junior National times in the 100 and 200 meter butterfly. His time of 2:09.12 in the 200 meter fly prompted an invitation to attend the U.S. Olympic Select Swimming Camp, Dec. 11-14, in Colorado Springs. He is a member of the Cincinnati Marlins' National Team, which won both the Junior National short and long course championships in the Northeast Division this year.

**The Mariemont Fine Arts Association** is looking for supporters. All gifts are tax deductible and are used to provide uniforms, costumes, band camp scholarships, special equipment, choral gowns, rehearsal dinners, recognition awards, even refreshments during performances. Checks may be made out to the Mariemont Fine Arts Association and sent to Steph Jones, 917 Princeton, Terrace Park, OH 45174. Groups or departments benefiting are the marching band, concert band, chorus, breakfast club, visual arts, photography, Masque and Mime, fall play, school musical and home economics.

**RIGHT: Work Continues on the Log Cabin.** Tim Harth, front left, supervises construction the new storage shed at the rear of the Boy Scouts' Log Cabin. Workers are Kurt Gaertner, above him on the left, John Harth on the ladder, and Jonathon Malotke, with the hammer. Tables and chairs currently housed in the original, front part of the cabin will be moved back here, and the front will be converted for use by Boy Scout Troop 286, which has now expanded to 57 boys.



**BELOW FROM LEFT:** Jack Gambetta, Maggie Tobergte, and Mimi Matthews at the November Annual EMS and Firefighter's Pancake Supper



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## Terrace Park Scouts & Post Office Join Forces for Holidays

by Charlotte Hogue

The fast approach of Christmas puts visions of Santa's gifts in the heads and hearts of children everywhere. No one sees this more poignantly than Cincinnati postal employees, who receive hundreds of letters to Santa from Cincinnati's neediest children. This year, the Terrace Park Boy Scouts will team with the village post office to answer the wishes of some of these kids.

Last year, a nine-year-old girl wrote, "I hope I am not asking for much but I am mommy's big girl now. She told me to help with my brothers." True to her promise to her mother, she requested nothing for herself, some toys for her little brothers, and "towels and washrags for granny because my brothers and me use all hers up." Another girl, who originally wanted a CD player, wrote back to Santa and canceled the request because, "I have thought about what I want long and hard. I want the poor to have my presents this year." A hearing aid for his dad was the only desire of one young boy; "he's been a good dad and never asks for anything."

Post office employees who read the letters verify the family's need through the postal delivery men and women. People who wish can contribute food, new toys and clothing. Deliveries are made to the families at Christmas by postal employees, many dressed as Santa for their missions.

Terrace Park Scouts are collecting items, and will sponsor a holiday open house and wrapping party at the Boy Scout log cabin on Sunday, December 7 from 12-5. Village residents are invited to stop for cookies, bring a new toy, warm item of clothing or canned food, and meet members of this active troop, which has grown from fewer than ten members to almost sixty in just five years. Scouts will wrap the gifts and label them for appropriate children, and will deliver them to the village post office for transport to the main post office and distribution.

For further information please call Chris Hogue at 248-2554 or Grady Randolph at 831-5018.



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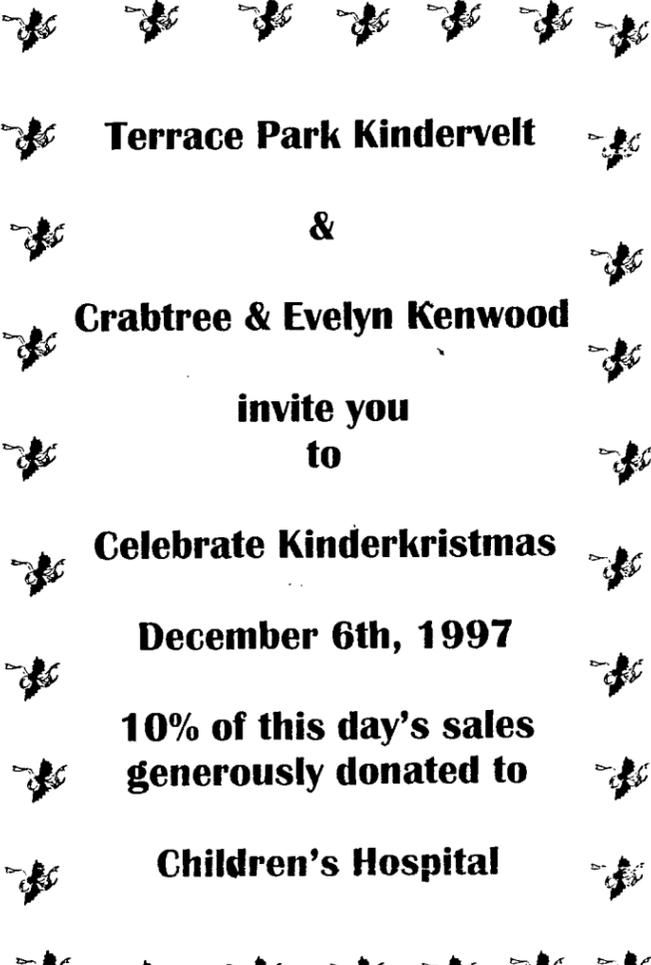
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## PTA News

by Cyndy Finnigan

Despite scary circumstances befitting a Halloween theme, the 1997 Pumpkifest remained true to form as a major fundraiser, generating \$15,488 for the Terrace Park Elementary PTA. Although a power outage on October 24 delayed the opening for an hour, the fun-filled family event proceeded without further incident when the gymnasium magically relit at 7:30 p.m. Speaking at the November 4 PTA meeting, Pumpkifest chair Laurie Baird thanked all who helped to make the 1997 event a success, and announced that Sandra Taylor will spearhead the 1998 edition.

In other PTA news, treasurer Clare Williams reported an account balance of \$38,081, \$5,450 of which was generated by the sale of Kroger gift certificates. PTA President Sandy Koehler appealed for a volunteer to chair the school's Odyssey of the Mind program; any interested individual should contact her at 248-0033.

Elementary principal Jerry Sasson remarked on the success of the exchange program which allowed several Korean teachers to observe Terrace Park classrooms for two weeks in October. He also noted that the school's annual Parent/Grandparent Day will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26; family members are invited to stay for lunch.

Fine Arts Committee co-chair Annette Askam reported that Fran Haas has returned to lead the school's Drama Club, which will present a performance at the end of April. In addition to an October assembly which featured performer Jim Jackson from Playhouse in the Park, the committee has planned a 10 a.m. assembly on December 12, with caroling by the Opera Outreach program; parents are welcome to attend. The Terrace Park PTA also has invited students to participate in the national PTA Reflections competition in visual arts, photography, literature and music.

Katie Mileham announced plans for a teacher's luncheon on Friday, November 21, with various PTA members devoting their skills to a A Giving Thanks theme.

The PTA will not meet in December, but will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6 in the school cafeteria. Sandy Koehler thanked Noel Julnes Dehner for organizing October's evening PTA meeting, at which Alice Lampke spoke about the Parent-to-Parent drug prevention program. Superintendent Gerald Harris will speak at the next evening meeting, to be held in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. on March 3. To request that any particular concern be addressed at that meeting, please send a note to Noel Julnes Dehner via the PTA mailbox.



## 1997 Terrace Park PTA Book Fair

by Betsy Porst

This gift-giving season, you won't want to miss the 1997 Terrace Park PTA Book Fair. There are thousands of items for every name on your holiday list. Browse through racks of paperback and hardcover titles for pre-schoolers through adult—all organized by age level.

Computer software prices have been dramatically reduced this year. Most programs such as Math Blaster, Geo Safari, Jumpstart Kindergarten are now \$14.95. Also available are some Disney titles like Pooh Print Studio (\$19.95) and Hercules Animated Storybook (\$34.95).

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On Wednesday, December 3, authors Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger will grace the fair with a book signing from 5pm-7pm. We can only accept cash or checks. Browse to your heart's content. Questions? Call Betsy Porst at 576-1645 or Holly McCormack at 576-0884.

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Lanie Grevor introduces Dee Dee Uhle at the 1996 Garden Club luncheon. Dee Dee will be playing again at this year's luncheon.

## Garden Club's Christmas Luncheon

by Terre Voegeli

The 1997 annual Garden Club Christmas Luncheon for members and honorary members is scheduled for December 2nd. As in years past, members are to bring a wrapped gift for an elderly recipient to be donated to the Hamilton County Department of Human Services. Also bring a gift for the gift game. Prizes for innovative wrapping will be awarded in various spontaneous categories of Lanie's choosing to recognize outstanding creative effort. Members and honorary members should not miss this season highlight - call Jane Allan at 831-3943 to make your reservation.

## Pat Henley Ends Long Village Views Career

by Sue Troller

With the submission of her report on October's Village Council meeting, Pat Henley of Rugby Avenue officially ended a relationship with *Village Views* that spanned more than 28 years.

Pat was among the group of Terrace Park residents who began *Village Views* in 1969, as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas. Since the first monthly issue was published in May of that year, Pat has remained true to that vision, maintaining an almost continuous affiliation with the paper. The only interruption of her various roles as *Village Views* editor or reporting on Village Council came in 1973, when Pat felt that her own service as a member of Council required that she not also serve on *Village Views*.

Most recently, Pat continued to cover Council while also serving as secretary of *Village Views*' Board of Trustees, a position that she held from the Board's formation in 1993 until her resignation in October. The community is indebted to Pat Henley and the other residents who transformed an idea into the institution that we know as *Village Views*. Although Pat will continue to pursue other interests here in Terrace Park, her dedication to and insights regarding this particular interest will be missed.

## Jr. High Students Rake It In

by Chris Burnheimer

On Saturday, October 25th, 38 Terrace Park and Mariemont Junior High School Students found a way to make a difference for six Terrace Park families when they spent the morning raking and hauling leaves as part of "Make A Difference Day."

Terrace Park volunteers included Emily Aicklen, Ross Ballinger, Steve Bollinger, Libby Brown, Matt Burnheimer, Brad Clasen, Steven Daly, Beecher Eberhard, Katie Fox, Marla Frank, Megan Govert, Andrew Machles, Katherine Mancera, Clay Martin, Ryan McClurg, Ben Moorhead, Alison, Park, Peter Phillips, Jeff Picton, Jessie Rogowski, Meggie Safford, Jennifer Sarran, Kate Sheridan, Sara Singler, Iona Steen, Alex Swart, Jay Umbarger, Lewis Woolsey, and Robby Wright.

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Weekly Thursday evening rehearsals get underway on December 4th, at 7:00 pm, (running for about forty-five minutes), after which all singers are invited to remain for the regular Parish Choir practice. On Christmas Eve, the warm-up rehearsal will be at 10:00 pm, for the 11:00 pm service.

## Choir of Men & Boys' Lessons & Carols Service

The St. Thomas Choir of Men & Boy's second annual Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols service will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 4:00 pm. This popular event, which last year filled the church to overflowing, is open to the public without charge, with a free-will offering being taken in support of the Choir. Following the hour-long service, a festive Wassail will be held in the church undercroft, with a cover charge benefitting the choir's scholarship fund.

Lessons and Carols presents many favorite traditional English carols, sung with the unique sonorities of a highly-trained male choir featuring the crystalline purity of boys voices, undergirded by men. In addition to carols sung by the choir, the event features several of the most beloved congregational Christmas hymns, including "O come, all ye faithful" and "Hark! the herald angels sing," with soaring descants sung by the choirboys. Between the carols are Scripture readings recounting the prophecy and birth of Christ, read in the traditional King James version.

The Festival of Lessons & Carols provides an experience of extraordinary beauty and spirituality, focusing on the joy and serenity of the Season — for many, a welcome relief from the commercial aspects of the Holidays.

A post-service Wassail will provide a delicious assortment of Holiday baked goods, along with steamy, savory wassail. The cover-charge (at the door) will benefit the Choir's scholarship fund.

## Openings in Choir of Men & Boys

The Choir of Men & Boys of St Thomas Church announces openings for both boys and men interested in singing with this exciting, professional-level ensemble.

Boys with unchanged voices are admitted as young as eight years of age, with eligibility based on natural inclination towards singing (no previous training is required). Adult men with choral experience can also apply for several openings in the men's section of the choir.

The Choir of Men & Boys offers an opportunity for area boys and men to experience the centuries-old tradition of the great cathedral choirs of England and Europe, as part of a community-wide choir.

Other special features of the program include: top-level professional training in singing and music theory....encounters with four centuries of the greatest choral music— professional-level performance experiences— intergenerational activity as a full choir of men and boys — touring, with aspirations to travel to not only other cities in America, but also overseas, including England. The choir also offers the attractive social atmosphere of a boys' club, including regularly-scheduled parties and outings, along with professional incentives.

## Other Choral Opportunities at St. Thomas Church

In addition to the Choir of Men & Boys, St. Thomas Church welcomes singers in its Parish Choir (meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm), Women's Choir (rehearses Thursdays, 9:45-11:15 am), and Children's Choir (Tuesdays, 7:00 - 7:00 pm,

For further information about any of the above, contact the Choir-master, Charles Olegar, at 831-2052.

## St. Thomas Church Invites You to Celebrate Our Lord's Birth with Us

### December 21, 4th Sunday of Advent

8 am - Holy Communion, Sermon, Music  
9:15 - Children's Christmas Pageant\*  
11 am - Holy Communion, Sermon, Choir\*  
4 pm - Lessons & Carols, Men & Boys Choir\*

### December 24, Christmas Eve

4 pm - Children's Creche Filling\*  
8 pm - Holy Communion, Sermon and Choir\*  
11 pm - Holy Communion, Sermon and Choir

### December 25, Christmas Day

10 am - Holy Communion, Sermon and Music

### December 28, First Sunday after Christmas

8 am - Holy Communion, Sermon and Music  
10 am - Holy Communion, Sermon and Choir\*  
(No Church School)

\*Nursery Care

