

## T. P. V. E. S. to the Rescue!



Members of the first approved unit of the Terrace Fire Park Department were (l-r): Harry Hershberger (Councilman), Junior Payne, Fritz Huber, Matt Cook, Louis Bosch, Ross Lance, (Lt.), Ed Pruiett (Lt.), Everett Stephens, (Chief), Alan Baldwin, Walter Gingrich, Ellis Rawnsley, (Asst. Chief) and Frank Twombly, (Pump Specialist and consultant).

By Cyndy Finnigan

There's just something special about a man or woman in uniform. Whether it's the hunter green/navy ensemble worn by EMS squad members or the smoky brown coats donned by firefighters, Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Service members have long been viewed by the community as demonstrating a strong sense of volunteerism. As all-volunteer groups of emergency personnel become increasingly rare, their commitment takes on an even greater significance. "Not only do we save the Village a great deal of money, we provide 24-hour cov-

erage 365 days a year, which is a remarkable feat for 23 people who lead busy lives," states EMS Chief Connie Wilson. "We draw on people of all backgrounds. People who think they can't do this, can. The training prepares you, and co-workers bolster you through any rough spots. Once you've had the feeling of being part of saving someone's life, you're hooked. It's a wonderful sense of fulfillment. We are a bonded, cohesive group—much like a family," adds Connie. "Plus we have great parties!"

Dennis Elliot, Recruitment Officer for the Fire Department, states: "We're your neighbors. It's a com-

fortable feeling knowing that people who care about you and your neighborhood are the ones helping you." Fire Chief Dave Glassmeyer agrees: "There is a great deal of camaraderie; we feel we're a vital part of the community. It's an incredible learning experience."

Both groups undergo extensive training: EMS recruits take 138 hours of coursework and a National Registry Exam. A class is held in Terrace Park every fall; Great Oaks offers classes throughout the year. Firefighters take 36 hours of class time, a local test, a pre-test and a state test. Classes are given at various locations, days and evenings

throughout the year. If there are enough recruits, weekend classes are held in Terrace Park.

Once on board, EMT's run as trainees until they gain experience. EMS Recruitment Officer Maggie Tobergte says, "Depending on your schedule, you can work a day or evening shift during the week. We try to be flexible and accommodate members' needs and lifestyles." While on duty, crews wear beeper-like devices called minitors, which drop a specific tone when a 911 operator receives an emergency call. Duty crews are able to move freely about Terrace Park or remain at home while "on call," driving to the station when alerted. Back-up paramedic coverage is available from EEJAD (Eastern Emergency Joint Ambulance District) at the Madison Place Station.

"It's an adrenaline rush, that's for sure," says John Maggard, who doubles as an EMT and Firefighter. "The training beforehand and the continuing education—referring to the twice monthly training sessions attended by members—help keep your confidence levels up. By participating in life-like scenarios and practicing specific skills over and over, you feel you can do it," John concludes. The Lifesquad averages 130 runs a year.

Firefighting schedules vary from emergency medical work in that there is no assigned duty. Fire

coverage is provided by Fairfax/Madison Place from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. and is available for back-up evenings, holidays and weekends. "If we have enough guys during the day in Terrace Park, we will disregard aid," states Dennis Elliot. Terrace Park also provides aid for Fairfax/Madison Place if needed. There are currently 18 firefighters on staff. When their minitors sound off, available personnel drive to the station at the Community Building. The first person there hits the fire alert siren, which cycles four times and stops. "This is to alert personnel who may not be wearing their minitors at the time," says Dennis. Like the Lifesquad, firefighters hold training drills twice a month. The Fire Department averages 35 calls a year.

The T.P.V.E.S. Board traditionally consists of four members (two EMT's and two firefighters), who handle certain administrative matters such as maintaining the organization's tax-exempt status and supervising the fundraisers, like the pancake supper and the telephone directory.

Ellis Rawnsley's book *A Place Called Terrace Park* describes earlier days with T.P.V.E.S. Apparently, the firemen had a rough initiation. They had not completed their state training course when in 1946 a gaso-

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## Two-Tier Building Responsibilities Proposed at Council

By Katy Wood

Council took a step to address the building controversy at two January meetings. Dan Keefe, Planning and Zoning Chairperson, unveiled a proposal to reorganize the building department, eliminating the role of Building Inspector as it currently stands. The new proposal (to be written and presented at February's Council meeting) will define two positions:

- a **Building Commissioner** would examine prints for architectural soundness and conformity to zoning regulations
- a **Building Inspector** would inspect the building site as construction proceeds, insuring that codes are followed

Research conducted by Mr. Keefe revealed similar 2-tier inspection systems in surrounding communities. Mr. Keefe characterized such a system as "more professional" and more appropriate for the current needs of Terrace Park. The plan also involves additional cost, as there are two salaries involved.

If Council approves the proposal, the new positions would be advertised.

It was a surprise to some resi-

dents that this issue was addressed on January 1 (a holiday, but also the day when Council regularly meets to appropriate funds for the coming year), especially since following this discussion, the current Building Inspector, Tim Harth, was reappointed for 1999. The reappointment of Mr. Harth as Building Inspector has been challenged by some residents at recent Council meetings, and the timing of the reappointment on a holiday seemed suspect. When asked about this, Mr. Keefe explained that the timing of the reappointment was delayed at the December meeting due to resident concerns. Between December 8, 1998, and January 1, 1999, the new proposal was developed. On January 1, a Building Inspector for the interim had to be appointed to avoid discontinuation of services.

At the New Year's Day meeting, resident Robin Murphy raised issues about conflict of interest between Mr. Harth's role as Building Inspector and his profession as building contractor. She also questioned his reappointment given that others had applied for the position. Mr. Keefe responded to the conflict

of interest charges (see page 2, current issue of *Village Views*). Others defended Mr. Harth's reappointment in the light of the new proposal. It was agreed that this current position is probably a temporary one, and that it would be inefficient to train a new applicant under these circumstances.

At the monthly Council meeting on January 12, Mr. Harth presented his yearly report summarizing building permit activity for 1998. He noted that out of 96 permits, Drackett-Harth Construction requested only four, and two of these were for his and Mr. Drackett's own homes. He added that Drackett-Harth had neither asked for nor received a building variance from Planning and Zoning in the last 5 years. He ended with the comment, "doesn't look like conflict of interest to me, folks."

Also newsworthy was the second reading of the resolution authorizing the hiring of a 6<sup>th</sup> full-time police officer. Voting on this matter will occur at the February meeting. In response to a series of questions asked by Councilman John Finnigan, Chief Bob Bacon ex-

## Village History Preserved in Cyberspace

Terrace Park's history is on the Internet now, at the computer address [www.TerracePark.com](http://www.TerracePark.com). The book, *A Place Called Terrace Park*, written by Ellis Rawnsley, sold out its printing of 1,100 copies on its publication in 1992. While there has been a trickle of calls for copies since, the demand did not appear enough to justify the complications and expense of another printing. Instead, Gregg MacMillan, of MacMillan Graphics, included the book on the web page he set up some months ago.

Reaching this decision was prompted by the recent visit to Terrace Park by two descendants of Captain Abraham Covalt, who established the first settlement in this area in 1789. The two are Dona Covalt of Salem, Oregon, a descen-

dant through the line of Chenaniah Covalt, a son of the Captain, and Nancy Covalt Longworth of Indianapolis, descending from Timothy Covalt, another son. They met with Rawnsley and Esther Power, who did much of the research on which the book was based. The local historians were able to provide copies of some documents concerning the Covalt presence here to the guests.

Both visitors commented on the charm of Terrace Park and "truly magnificent" St. Thomas Church. They were disappointed there were no Covalt graves for them to see. Both Captain Covalt and his son, also named Abraham, among the settlers killed by Indians, were buried under a big sycamore in a now unknown village location.

plained a new officer would be assigned to a shift during "prime time hours" (8 p.m.-3 a.m., Tuesday-Saturday) in "an effort to prevent crime." Chief Bacon emphasized the need for a visible presence, a "second police car out there continually." Double coverage is provided when possible by auxiliary officers, but this is problematic due to low numbers and high turnover in auxiliary staffing.

Additional business included the following:

- Numerous resolutions for distributing funds and paying for services were passed
- The resolution allowing for the use of freestanding sandwich signs was not passed. It was suggested to Phil Wells of The Gold Leaf that this is a "landlord/tenant issue," and he should pursue assistance from the landlord to install "in ground" signage. Mr. Keefe promised to reintroduce the resolution if Mr. Wells is refused

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On a beautiful sunny afternoon in early December we observed a highly satisfying event—one that we had not often encountered in recent years; and one which gives us hope that the world is not really going elsewhere in a hand-basket, as it might seem in the media these days.

Thirty or so kids, teens and others, mostly boys and a few girls were gathered on the Village Green. They were having the time of their lives, and there were no adults present! Imagine that. No organization. No whistles. No direction. Not a gang. Not loitering. Just kids, having themselves a grand time!

What were they doing?

Playing football. Just that. Just them. Just for the sheer joy of being alive on a beautiful day. Just like kids used to do in vacant lots when we were growing up. What an exhilarating sight, and what a contrast to the sometimes hyper-organized "kid sports" where moms and pops outnumber the "players".

Nobody hassled anybody. The kids made their own rules and called their own plays. And there were no bench-sitters, either. Every kid there was playing. Imagination and initiative ran rampant. Hooray for them.

We thought it was wonderful, and isn't it glorious that we live in a village where such things still happen? God Bless our Terrace Park and all the "kids" of whatever age who live in it.

Jill and Ken Burkman  
615 Home

Dear Editor,

The Terrace Park Garden Club would like to thank all those in the community who participated in or supported our Holiday Tour of Homes on December 6, 1998. A special thank you to our committee: Annette Askam, Cynthia Johnston, Reed Ebel, Jane Bosse, Diane Govert and Clare Williams. It's a joy to live in a community that is so committed to volunteerism and excellence.

Sincerely,

Marilynne Chapman, 314 Rugby  
Sandy Wittman-Shell, 724 Yale  
House Tour Co-Chairs

Dear *Village Views*,

I have heard that Tim Harth was re-appointed Building Inspector at the January 1, 1999 12:00 p.m. special meeting of Council. First, is this a set Council meeting time? Notices were posted on some bulletin boards after Christmas—was this legally enough time to call a special Council meeting? Second, I find this appointment against my better judgment. I question Mr. Harth's business interests within the village creating a conflict of interest with respect to being the Village Inspector. Has the Village Council solicited for this position? Were other individuals considered? Would it be possible to have more than one individual in this position?

Thank you for listening.

Elaine P. Grever  
608 Yale Avenue

(Editor's Note: A New Year's Day Council meeting is regularly scheduled)

To the Editor:

There are a number of quality of life issues that should be under active consideration by Village Council. These issues are not only new construction and/or tear-downs in the Village, or the complicated and disparate side setback requirements currently in place, or the appropriateness of a particular home style and size to a given lot or block of the Village. Other equally important issues are preservation of architecturally significant buildings, exterior lighting, drainage, fencing, outbuildings and contiguous property owners' rights and privacy. Council's actions do not appear proactive to the residents who continually broach to topics at Council meetings and discuss them among themselves. Will we, retrospectively, look at the quality of the buildings and improvements performed in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with the regrets that we now shoulder regarding not having had an aggressive plan to care for and replace Village trees?

The largest issues are equity and balance. What is the highest good for all residents? Are we balancing the needs of older residents who wish to remain in Terrace Park (while small homes are evaporating) with the desires of developers to build new homes? Will those of us with railroad houses or Sears homes be forced to seek individual historic designations to protect against demolition?

Another issue of equity is the Building Inspector position. Certainly, the Village's best interests cannot be served when the inspector is an officer in an active development company. Under these conditions, how can an inspector be unbiased, fair, consistent and protect the confidential information of other builders' projects which cross his desk? This position should be advertised annually with lead-time given for other qualified applicants to apply. That would be one step in looking out for the highest good of the community.

Those of us who are genuinely concerned about quality of life issues in a community we love and wish to protect need to speak and be heard by Council. We will have that opportunity on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the upcoming Planning and Zoning Committee meeting. Even if you do not wish to speak, please show your support with your attendance.

Linda Naylor  
401 Stanton

To *Village Views*:

With another Christmas season come and gone it is the wish of the Terrace Park Police Department that yours was a safe and joyous holiday. With the everyday hustle and bustle that the season tends to bring, it was a pleasant surprise to come to work and notice that someone out of appreciation had left some "goodies" (i.e., cookies, candy, honey, fruit baskets, etc.) for the police department to nibble on. These generous individuals need to know that their efforts and acts of kindness are greatly appreciated by those that serve and protect your community. With a new year ahead, we, as a police department, look forward to once again serving the community. If there are any suggestions you may have concerning the same, please feel free to contact us at the Village Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Doug Sowders  
Terrace Park Police

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### February Deadline:

The February deadline for *Village Views* is **February 8**, the second Monday of the month. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. on **Monday February 8, 1999**. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. **All articles** go to Gillian Littlehale at 2 Denison Lane.

To the Editor:

Over the course of the last few months, there has been a high level of interest expressed by many citizens regarding zoning policies of the Village in general and activities of the Building Inspector, Tim Harth, in particular. I would like to take this opportunity to address these concerns.

Many individuals have expressed the opinion that the activities of the Building Inspector constitute a conflict of interest. I have heard opinions from the granting of variances to using inside information to gain contracts. These accusations are not only totally wrong but also misguided.

There has been an intensive campaign of innuendo and character assassination directed against Mr. Harth by individuals who are either misguided or mean-spirited. I can unequivocally state that not only the Office of Building Inspector but also your entire Village government operates on the highest ethical standards. Simply put, there is no conflict of interest by any member of your Village government. There is no illegal granting of variances, no overlooking violations of building codes or of zoning regulations.

If any individual feels otherwise, he or she may come forward at a Council meeting and place specific accusations.

I cannot ascribe motives to the behavior of any individual other than myself, but it is tempting to state that many citizens feel if the Village gets another Building Official, then the zoning regulations of the Village will change. Nothing could be further from the truth. The zoning regulations of the Village are the result of laws passed by the Village Council, not the mercenary whims of the Building Official. The zoning regulations of the Village are changed by one procedure, and one procedure only, through the legislative process. They will be enforced regardless of the Building Official.

Before people make accusations they should first get their facts straight. A good place to begin is the annual report of the Terrace Park Building Official.

**Fact:** There were 96 building permits issued in Terrace Park in 1998. Of those, 4 were issued to individuals associated with Drackett-Harth Construction. Of those 4, 2 were for the personal residences of Mr. Harth and Mr. Drackett. In other words, Drackett-Harth built 2 homes in Terrace Park in 1998.

**Fact:** Drackett-Harth Construction has not applied for nor received a variance from zoning regulations in 1998 (or in preceding years either).

**Fact:** There was \$3,826,953 in construction in the Village in 1998. This generated \$17,353.56 in building fees (and increased our tax base). The salary of the Building Official in 1998 was \$6,000.

There have even been accusations that the Village Council tried to 'pull a fast one' by appointing the Building Official in a 'secret' meeting on Jan. 1. **Fact:** Council routinely meets on New Year's Day for appointments.

The present irrational hysteria and finger pointing have no place in our community. When all is said and done, we are dealing with the character and reputation of an individual. Making false statements and irresponsible comments about a public official, in an attempt to change Village policy, not only demeans the Village but is also base, callous and reflects poorly on the accuser(s).

Daniel A. Keefe  
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Committee  
Terrace Park Village Council

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line tanker-truck hit a standing bus at the western intersection of Wooster and Elm. The bus passengers escaped, but the truck driver burned to death while the Terrace Park volunteers stood helplessly. They didn't have enough hose to reach the fire hydrant, which was 1600 feet away. An Indian Hill unit arrived with more hose, but it was too late for the ill-fated driver. The first commercially built firetruck was obtained in 1946. The tragic drowning of two small boys and a baby's asphyxiation inspired the Lifesquad's formation. It became a unit of the fire department in 1964. Daytime coverage problems

brought women into the emergency service ranks in 1966 (a first for the county). The squad and fire department became separate units in 1986.

"People in emergency services give a lot in terms of commitment and energy, but they're rewarded with a challenging and satisfying volunteer position. The training is a life long valuable skill," claims Maggie Tobergte.

All T.P.V.E.S. members uniformly agree: volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

For more information please call:  
**EMS—Maggie Tobergte @ 831-7166**  
**Fire—Dennis Elliot @ 831-7248**



Terrace Park resident Greg Hadjian and Judy Deeter rehearse for the *Pod People Phollies*.

## The Pod People are Back!

By Sue Porter

For the third consecutive year, the Mariemont Fine Arts Association is presenting a variety show featuring the "Pod People"—students, teachers, parents, community members and alumni of the Mariemont School District.

The *Pod People Phollies* will be presented Thursday, February 4 and Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 7 at 3 p.m. in the Mariemont High School Auditorium. All proceeds will benefit the fine arts programs at the junior and senior high schools.

More than 140 people are participating in this year's event,

which is being produced and directed by Terrace Park residents David Park and John Wenstrup. New to the Mariemont stage will be the Studio Cloggers, from the Studio for Dance in Blue Ash. The performers, ages 8 to 22, perform with the Cincinnati Pops and in 1997 appeared on *The Today Show* and at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Terrace Park sixth-grader Carrie Porter is a member of the group.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Call **Peggy Landes @ 561-5529** to purchase.

## Village Calendar 1999

### JANUARY

- 9-25 Girl Scout cookie sale. For information call **Susan Sattergren @248-2702**
- 14 Elementary Enrichment Choir performance, Mariemont Elementary auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, Mariemont Junior High School cafeteria, 7:15 p.m.
- 20 Public meeting regarding planning and zoning issues, open to all, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Planning and zoning Committee meeting, zoning discussion, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Garden Club monthly meeting, Community Building, 12:30 p.m.
- 2 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting, MJHS cafeteria, every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. New members welcome
- 4, 6 The *Pod People Phollies* MHS Auditorium, & 7 Thurs. and Sat. shows at 7:30 p.m., Sun. show at 3:00 p.m. For tickets call **Peggy Landes @561-5586**
- 8 AARP monthly meeting, featuring speaker Hank Williamson, state coordinator of Community Affairs, St. Thomas Church, 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 *Village Views* deadline for articles, photos and camera-ready ads, 9 p.m.
- 9 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Girl Scout cookies delivered
- 24 Public meeting regarding planning and zoning issues, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

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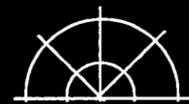
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**Admission Testing Scheduled**  
Seven Hills Middle and Upper Schools will hold admission testing on March 6 for students wishing to enroll in grades 6-12 for the 99-00 school year. Students must preregister for the testing by February 13. Testing for preK-grade 5 will take place by appointment at Doherty and Lotspeich campuses on February 20. To request registration forms for testing grades 6-12 and/or testing information for preK-grade five, phone **Admission Director Marilyn Collins @ 272-5387.**

**Early Childhood Program to Hold Meetings**

Parents of young children are invited to coffee to learn about The Seven Hills School's program choices in Early Childhood Education for three- to six-year-olds. Informational coffees will be held on February 9 at Doherty School, 2726 Johnstone Place in East Walnut Hills, and on February 10 at Lotspeich School, 5400 Red Bank Road in Madisonville. Both coffees run from 9-10 a.m. For more information, phone **Doherty @ 272-5180 or Lotspeich @ 272-5350.**

**Preschool Registration Date Announced**

The Terrace Park Early Childhood Program at Terrace Park Elementary has scheduled registration for January 29 from 8-11 a.m. The program is for 3-5-year-olds. There are openings in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Classes run from 8:30-11 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The school year begins and ends in accordance with the Mariemont City School calendar. For more information, contact **Lois Schneider @ 831-2485, extension 263.**

**Dick Johnsen's Professional Honors**

Dick Johnsen, EA, a Terrace Park resident and the owner of Taxes, Etc., was named Tax Practitioner of the Fourth Quarter by the Enrolled Agents of Greater Cincinnati, a chapter of the Ohio Affiliate of the National Association of Enrolled Agents. Johnsen received the award at the chapter's December meeting. EAGC meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. at 269 Northland Blvd. New members and visitors are welcome.

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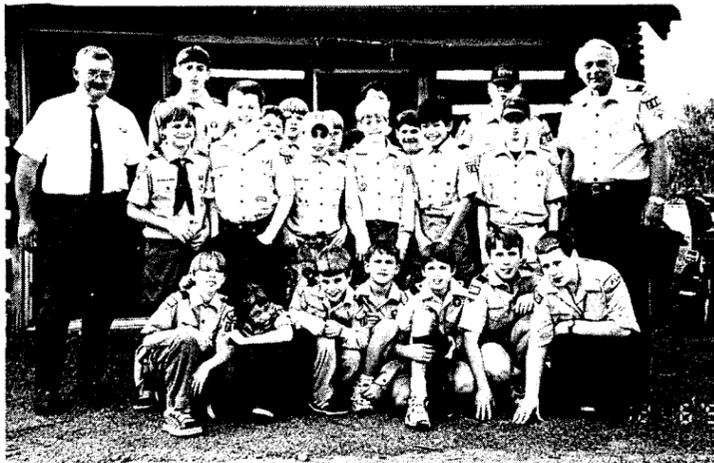
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## Troop 286 Plays Santa Claus



Boy Scout Troop 286 joined the Terrace Park Post Office in Operation Santa for the second year. Under the guidance of Scoutmaster Jerry Maish (standing, far right), the troop collected and wrapped 100 gifts for delivery Christmas week to Cincinnati's needy children. The troop was joined for the day by Bob Merry (standing, far left) of the T.P. Post Office.



Four-year-old Henry Burbank of Terrace Park enjoys a holiday cookie with his mother, Kris.

**"Cookies with Santa" Sweetened the Holidays**

On December 12, 100 area children made crafts, visited with Santa and enjoyed cookies at this annual St. Thomas Nursery School fundraiser. Proceeds are used to fund school enrichment programs and supplement classroom supplies and equipment.



Among local residents on the gala committee (l-r): Rita Picton, Diane Fisher, Kelley Smith, Karen Aicklen, Candace Grafton, Kristen Bell, Penny Phillips and Sue Porter. Not pictured include Consie Berghausen, Noel Dehner, Katy Barnhill, Crissy Holcomb, Jane Bosse, Cary Powell, Sue Doran, Diane Govert and Melanie Sheridan.

## Local Residents Lead Pregnancy Center Gala

The fifth annual black-tie Valentine gala to support the Cincinnati Crisis Pregnancy Center is receiving a lot of support from Terrace Park residents. The "Hearts Aflutter Gala" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 5, at the Omni Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors. Dinner will be part of the evenings festivities, as well as music by "Willie Ray and the Midnighters" and an auction.

Leading the organizational efforts are local residents Kristen Bell, welcome committee; Rita Picton, decorations; Penny Phillips, dinner; and Diane Fisher, music. Candace Grafton, who founded the center in

1984, is the gala consultant.

"It's always a beautiful evening, and this year's event promises to be one of the finest we've hosted," said Karen Kunkel, of the Crises Pregnancy Center. "We couldn't do it without these dedicated volunteers."

Tickets are \$150 a couple or \$75 per person, with half the ticket price being tax-deductible.

The Cincinnati Crisis Pregnancy Center offers housing and on-site prenatal care, as well as emotional and spiritual support for women in crisis pregnancy situations.

To make reservations, call the Center @ 961-7777.

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## Terrace Park Village Crime and Police Activity

Police Reports	Nov/Dec	Dec/Jan	YTD
Help Runs	18	22	210
Mutual Aid Runs	04	09	146
Investigations	17	20	200
Arrests or Citations	22	23	246
Alarm Drops	01	02	55
Prop. Fd. Unsecured	03	04	68
Accident Reports	00	01	17
Domestic Violence	02	02	13

### Noted:

- An auto theft from the Village resulted in the apprehension of a juvenile, one of two suspects involved
- Chief Bacon wishes to inform parents that a number of the investigations involved juveniles vandalizing other peoples' property. Discussing this with your teenagers might be helpful
- TP, Mariemont and Fairfax Police Departments hosted a skating party at which over 200 students attended. TP police urge more TP students to attend their next party in April



Candace Grafton and Gala auction chair Kristin Cool at a recent meeting.

## Candace Grafton's Good Heart

By Noel Julnes-Dehner

There is a story behind every fundraiser, and the one for the Cincinnati Crisis Pregnancy Center's "Hearts Aflutter Gala" is Terrace Park resident Candace Grafton. Fourteen years ago, when on maternity leave from her teaching position and pregnant with her first child, she realized how burdened some women are when they have

no husband or financial resources. After her son was born, feeling that God wanted her to do something, she spoke with her pastor at the First Assembly of God Church. He encouraged her to present her plan for a center to the church board and to hold a meeting for interested volunteers. The plan passed, sixty people arrived for the first meeting

and five months later the center opened at 210 William Howard Taft Road. "You hear about God's will, things falling into place," Candace remarks. "That's what happened." Since that day the Center has served over 2,000 women a year.

The services CCPC provides for pregnant women and their families include: counseling about pregnancy related issues, on-site prenatal care, parenting classes, Bible study and practical items such as diapers, baby clothes and baby furnishings. Although the Center's staff does not work directly in the adoption process, it encourages women thoughtfully to examine that choice and will make referrals to adoption services and attorneys.

Candace emphasizes, "Our door is open to those who choose to raise the children, those who choose adoptions, those who go elsewhere for abortions and those who need post abortion counseling. Sometimes women who have had abortions don't seek counseling for decades. We welcome them."

CCPC relies on the community through events such as "Hearts Aflutter." The gala was designed to put romance into marriages and strengthen them around Valentine's Day. Candace said, "Couples enjoy dressing up and going dancing. There aren't many opportunities to go dancing in Cincinnati." Baby showers hosted by churches and women's groups, as well as direct donations, help the Center in its work with women of all ages. Currently, they are collecting baby clothes sizes 6 months-2 years, snow suits and car seats. Terrace Park residents able to donate items can call **Candace Grafton @ 831-9088**. (Editor's note: for more information on the gala, see the announcement in *Neighbor to Neighbor* on page 4.)



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## NEW IN '99!

By Dick Johnsen, Enrolled Agent

### Educational Tax Credits for 1998 Tax Returns

#### Hope Scholarship Credit -

A taxpayer can claim a nonrefundable tax credit of \$1500 per year for each eligible student for the first two years of post-secondary education. An eligible student is either oneself or a claimed dependent that has earned a high school diploma or equivalent and carries at least one-half the normal course load. The Hope Credit is allowed for expenses paid to an accredited post-secondary institution for tuition and related expenses but not for amounts paid for room, board or books.

#### Lifetime Learning Credit -

A taxpayer can claim a nonrefundable tax credit of 20% of the cost of tuition and related expenses up to \$1000 per year that has been paid after 6/30/98. The credit is: 1) allowed for the expenses of graduate-level work, 2) not based on work load and 3) not limited to the first two years of post-secondary education.

These educational credits are phased-out (gradually reduced) if your modified adjusted gross income is between \$40K and \$50K for a single, a head of household or a qualified widow (er) return and

between \$80K and \$100K for a joint return. Only one credit is allowed per year per person, and no credit is allowed if the taxpayer receives excludable income from an Educational IRA.

### Educational IRA'S for 1998 Tax Returns

It's never too early to start thinking about investing for your children's college education. One way to ease the burden is to start a nondeductible Educational IRA at \$500 or less per year at as early an age as possible.

The earnings on this investment are tax-free, and the contributions are allowed up to the age of 18. If you invest \$500 each year from the first year through age 17, you will amass \$16,380 @ 6% or \$20,223 @ 8% on a \$9,000 investment. Respectively, that is a \$7,380 / \$11,223 non-taxable gain, which along with the principal can be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment and certain room and board expenses at any accredited post-secondary educational institution.

If Adjusted Gross Income exceeds \$160M, contributions are not allowed. A partial contribution is allowed if AGI is between \$150M and \$160M on a Married Filing Jointly return.

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# Terrace Park Sports

## January Weather Humor from the Editor

The following blew onto my computer via e-mail and should be read with a generous sprinkling of road salt! The original source is unknown, and minor editing was indicated. After all, we are a family-friendly paper!

- 60 degrees - Californians put their sweaters on
- 50 degrees - Miami residents turn on the heat
- 45 degrees - Vermont residents go to outdoor concert
- 40 degrees - You can see your breath
  - Californians shiver uncontrollably
  - Minnesotans go swimming
- 35 degrees - Italian cars don't start
- 32 degrees - Water freezes
- 30 degrees - You plan your vacation in Australia
- 25 degrees - Ohio water freezes
  - Californians weep pitifully
  - Minnesotans eat ice cream
  - Canadians go swimming
- 20 degrees - Politicians begin to worry about the homeless
  - New York City water freezes
  - Miami residents plan vacation farther south
- 15 degrees - French cars don't start
  - Cat insists on sleeping in your bed with you
- 10 degrees - You need jumper cables to get the car going
- 5 degrees - American cars don't start
- 0 degrees - Alaskans put on T-shirts
- 10 degrees - German cars don't start
  - Eyes freeze shut when you step outside
- 15 degrees - You can cut your breath and use it to build an igloo
  - Some fool sticks tongue on flag pole
  - Miami residents cease to exist
- 20 degrees - Cat insists on sleeping in pajamas with you
  - Politicians actually do something about the homeless
  - Minnesotans shovel snow off roof
  - Japanese cars don't start
- 25 degrees - Too cold to think
  - You need jumper cables to get the driver going
- 30 degrees - You plan a two week hot bath
  - Swedish cars don't start
- 40 degrees - Californians disappear
  - Minnesotans button top button
  - Canadians put on sweater
  - Your car helps you plan your trip south
- 50 degrees - Congressional hot air freezes
  - Alaskans close the bathroom window
- 80 degrees - Polar bears move south
  - Green Bay Packer fans order hot cocoa at the game
- 90 degrees - Lawyers put their hands in their own pockets
- 100 degrees - Satan's hot tub freezes over
  - President Clinton finally tells all
  - Cable talk show hosts forced to find new topic



Student athlete Forrest Kennedy

## Terrace Park Swimmer Excels

On Monday, December 14, 1998, Forrest Kennedy broke 2 pool records and one school record at Mariemont High School. He set a new school and pool record in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 51.20. The previous record of 51.58 was set in 1971 by Mariemont resident Bob Alsfelder. Forrest also set a new pool record in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 1:58.16. The previous record was set in 1978. Also on that date, Forrest, a senior at Mariemont High School, received his early decision acceptance letter into the school of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University.

On Sunday, January 3, 1999 Forrest was named Cincinnati Enquirer Prep Athlete of the week. He was featured on the Prep Sports Show that morning. When not underwater, Forrest lives with his family at 915 Elm Avenue in Terrace Park.

## Golf Around Cincinnati '99

Putt through a Cheese Coney, into Cinergy Field and beyond! Come out and play a round of miniature golf on an exciting course built by the area's finest architects and builders. "Golf Around Cincinnati," which will be held February 12-21, at Northgate Mall, features a miniature golf course with each hole depicting a different landmark in Cincinnati. You can putt through Union Terminal, around the new Northern Kentucky Speedway, down I-75 and much more.

The course is open during normal mall hours, and the public is invited to come and play the course for a small fee. On Saturday, Friday 13, honorary chairperson Clyde Gray will be there to kick off various special events, including a UC/XU Putt Off. All proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Council of Greater Cincinnati's camp for children with epilepsy. For more information, call 721-2905.

Parents interested in enrolling their child in kindergarten for the 99-00 school year may learn about the program and registration process at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School library on March 4. To be eligible a child must be 5 years old by Sept. 30.

## SO, HOW MANY COOKIES DID YOU EAT LAST MONTH?

One of the easiest ways to wreck a fitness plan is trying to do too much too soon. Lack of motivation returns many people to their recliners soon after starting a fitness program. In fact, about 60% of Americans do not get regular physical activity.

The American Heart Association recommends 30 to 60 minutes of vigorous activity at least three times a week. However, it does not have to be all at once. Just ten minutes of exercise, three times a day reduces heart attack risk.

### Here are some suggestions on how to stay dedicated to fitness:

- Choose several activities that you enjoy and vary your workout
- Work out with a friend, family member and/or co-worker to keep each other on track
- Set realistic, short and long term goals and chart your progress along the way
- Treat yourself to something special when you reach a certain fitness goal
- Set aside a certain time of day to work out so it becomes a habit
- Occasionally change the location of your workouts
- Don't give up!

These tips are courtesy of the American Heart Association. For more information call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

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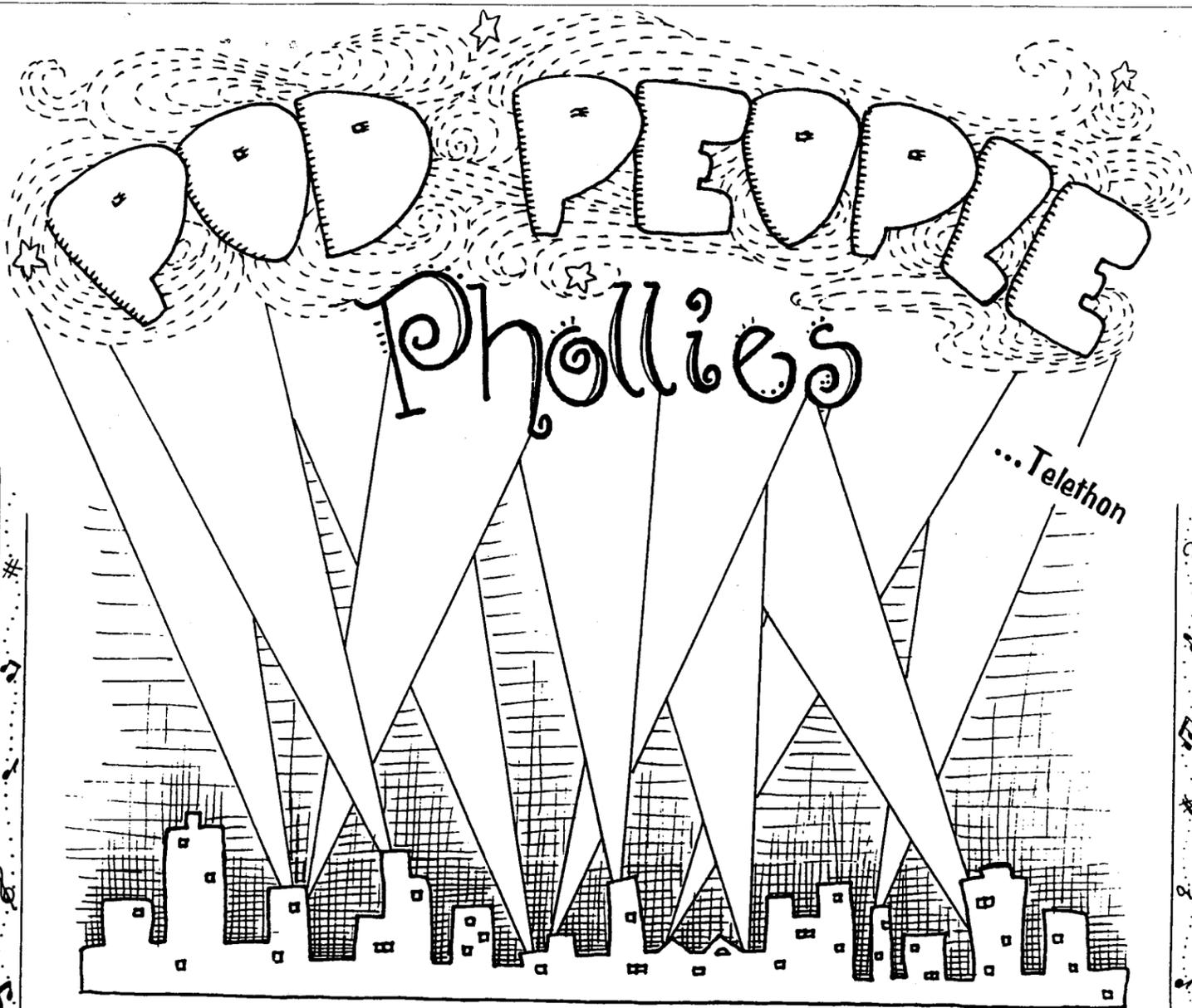
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