

Village Views welcomes new editor

By Sherry Holcomb

Speak loudly and carry a red pen.

That could be the motto of Chandi Findley, new editor of Village Views. Chandi calls herself, "New York loud." I would say she's direct, creative, hardworking and speaks her mind. That and caring about her community is probably why she landed the editor position without actually trying. Chandi went to a Village Views meeting to sit in and listen to the plans of the remaining staff (recall, former editor Cyndy Finnigan resigned her post to pursue employment opportunities.) Somehow in the course of that meeting, Chandi ended up adding a new title to her list: wife, mother, daughter, artist, writer, gardener, hiker, book club member, and now editor.

As part of her new duties, Chandi plans to encourage camaraderie among the all-volunteer Village Views staff. "This paper has done a good job of covering issues," says Chandi. "I'm not coming in to change things. I just want to keep a good paper going." Chandi adds that the community can help shape the content of the paper by submitting articles and letters.

Chandi recognizes she is taking on a big job, but the existing staff has made the transition easier. "I am seriously impressed with everyone on the Village Views staff," Chandi said. "It is nice stepping in to a system that is already very well organized."

Chandi and her husband Pete moved to their home at 427 Terrace Place in May of 1996. Since that time, they have expanded



Photo: Roseann Hayes

The Findley family (l-r) Jack, Chandi, Bren, Pete and Neil

their house and their family, adding a second story and three sons, respectively. Pete, known as the

quiet one in the family, is a CPA and works as a Chief Financial Officer at OfficeWare in Kenwood.

He works just as hard in the community, volunteering as an EMT and instructional soccer coach. This year, 5-year-old son Jack will play soccer, with Neil (3 years) and Bren (2 months) cheering from the sidelines.

Mom will be putting her degree in Magazine Journalism from Syracuse University and her many years of corporate experience writing and editing newsletters and marketing materials to good use at Village Views. And when that publishing deadline approaches, if Chandi wants to talk loud, laugh loud, or cry out loud, we'll understand.

"I love reading the Village Views from cover to cover," says Chandi. "This is the first line people have to what's going on in the village. We'll give people the information they want and need to get."

No new taxes on November ballot

By Bren Fries

At the September 10 Terrace Park Village Council meeting, Councilman Mark Porst was pleased to announce that the operating levy up for renewal on the November ballot represents no increase in our current tax structure. The operating levy is the single largest source of revenue for Terrace Park accounting for about 24 percent of our annual receipts. He added that village taxes, which equate to about 14 percent of your total real estate tax bill, have remained constant since 1993.

Although other expenses have continued to rise, funds from the inheritance tax have enabled Terrace Park to actually operate "in the black" with a current surplus of approximately \$1.3 million.

Members of Council also commented on the current financial strain of today's economy but reiterated that this year's levy represents no increase in taxation, and its passage is simply vital to the fiscal well-being of Terrace Park. (see related letter to the editor)

In other business:

- The greatest amount of time was spent discussing a village ordinance currently being crafted by committee specifying acceptable practices for construction in Terrace Park. Councilman Stefan Olson voiced concern regarding proposed

workday curfews. He felt that if they limited too strictly the hours of construction then costs would be higher to homeowners and jobs would take longer. Noise, he added should be addressed as a nuisance issue on a case-by-case basis.

Councilwoman Julie Rugh noted that this ordinance has been drafted as a result of "a large building project in Terrace Park," and many of the concerns of neighbors were handled well by the parties involved. Councilman Holmes responded that several complaints were raised by village residents prior to the St. Thomas project. He was more concerned about the restrictions being in place for future demolition and building in Terrace Park.

Finally, Mayor Startzman asked the committee members creating this ordinance to meet again and consider reviewing the limitations for work to be done in our community. He said prohibiting "quiet construction" — construction not involving disruptive noise — could be counterproductive to the needs of our residents. This year, the Mayor has received only one phone call about construction noise and while he agrees that considerations need to be made for our people who live near ongoing construction, blanket prohibitions may be too restrictive. As a result, the planning committee agreed to consider all

aspects the next time they meet.

Look for updates on this issue in future Village Views.

- Building and Grounds Councilman Jim Peterkin encouraged all of us to take time to water our trees. The village trees need some help during the "Drought of 2002." A slowly leaking hose applied for several hours to our younger trees will do the trick.

- Peterkin also reported that the

Council notes

By Jenny Whitaker

A special meeting of the Terrace Park Village Council was held Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting was called to address an item on the agenda concerning proposed changes to the parking and sidewalk areas at St. Thomas Church — changes that possibly could be implemented before the preschool opened. A resolution to sell a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser was also discussed. Evidently, the cruiser had been sold to a concern in Atlanta for \$2000 and the sale needed to be approved by Council, which they unanimously agreed to do.

The Council then listened to George Kipp, the village engineer, as he presented three changes to the original sidewalk and parking area plans for the St. Thomas Church addition. Evidently, any changes made that are in the "right of way" must have Council's approval. Drawings of the plans are available for public inspection at the Village office. The changes discussed and voted upon by members present were as follows:

Kipp recommended a change in the curbed area at the corner of Terrace Place and Miami so as to safely direct traffic away from the sidewalk and building. He wanted to eliminate the original curbing

"mysteriously" damaged basketball goal would be repaired shortly. Funds will come from the village unless the individual(s) responsible care to do exactly that...be responsible. Also, a letter will be sent to those individuals with vehicles at "the Dump" clarifying the new usage policy and fee structure.

- Councilman Terry Howe highlighted the phone tree and Rumpke trash pickup guidelines. Both is-

issues are featured in this edition of Village Views.

- Councilman Steven Holmes said a meeting is planned with Council members and officials at St. Thomas Episcopal Church to discuss ways to best prepare the parking areas on Miami Avenue as construction is planned for completion in December of this year. Additionally, plans for revitalizing the Com-

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from in front of the main doors down Miami, keeping the curb on Miami west to the parking area. The Council unanimously accepted Kipp's recommendation.

An issue of greater concern was the proposed changes to be made to the material of the parking and sidewalk areas and the two turnouts. In October 2001, Council originally voted to approve the plan for these areas to be paved in concrete and brick pavers. Kipp recommended changing this material to asphalt strictly as a cost savings. Much discussion followed, with members voicing concerns over the timing of the proposal, the matter of aesthetics and keeping with the look of the village, and the maintenance of the lots in the right of way. When the vote was taken, Council unanimously agreed to keep the areas, as originally proposed, covered with brick pavers, not asphalt.

The third issue involved a

gravel parking area for six cars located behind the education building and accessed by New Street. When the proposal to pave and stripe the area was presented to Council, it was decided, since the lot was not in the original drawings, this was a zoning matter and up to the building officials to decide.

Once business on the agenda was complete, the Council addressed the question of the removal and replacement of the aging trees in front of St. Thomas Church. Evidently, Randy Haller, village arborist at the time, recommended replacing the trees several years ago. Concerns about what species to replace them with, how large an opening in the sidewalk will be needed and the logistics of removing the trees needs to be discussed. Kipp was asked to contact the Buildings and Grounds engineer and Haller to determine what action to take in this matter.

Trash pick-up reminders

By Terry Howe

Several of our residents have been seeing orange stickers on their garbage cans lately. The main reason for these stickers is usually the size and/or weight of the cans are "non-standard." Standard sized containers are generally considered 30-35 gallons with a weight limit not to exceed 75 pounds. Residents are encouraged to use only the standard size containers. If you have containers that are larger than 35 gallons then the total weight of the can must

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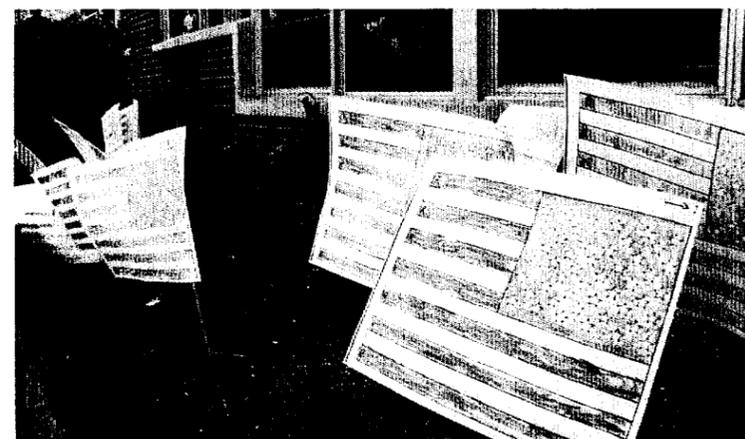


Photo: Chandi Findley

Elementary students honored the United States and its heroes on September 11, 2002.

Leaf collection begins on Oct. 15. There will be no brush pickup at this time.

Letters to the Editor

To All Terrace Park Villagers,

As a long-time resident of this wonderful community, I want to thank you for the support you have given me during my recent accident. I am proud to be one of you.

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

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Dear Terrace Park Resident,

The Village Council is asking all Terrace Park voters to approve a "renewal" of our 9.5 mill operating levy this November 5th. Voting "FOR" this renewal will not increase your real estate taxes. Our 9.5 mill operating levy has not increased since its enactment in 1993.

The Hamilton County Auditor periodically reappraises Terrace Park properties. Each time this is done, the auditor recognizes our increasing property values by assigning higher appraised valuations. Increasing property values are the positive outcome of living in an excellent community. The Hamilton County process of assigning higher appraised values to your home does not increase your real estate taxes or the revenue collected by Terrace Park from this 9.5 mill operating levy. To compensate for higher county appraised values, the auditor simultaneously makes proportional reductions in the "effective" millage that is actually used to calculate your tax bill. As we said above, voting "For the tax levy" to renew the 9.5 mills will not increase your real estate taxes.

We are continuously looking for opportunities to limit spending, but like most households and businesses, annual expenses tend to increase with the cost of living. Maintaining our current Police, Fire, EMS and maintenance service requires additional dollars each year. We are able to avoid a tax increase only because receipts from inheritance taxes have exceeded our expectations leaving us with an operating cash surplus.

Our goal is to maintain the high quality services you have come to expect from Terrace Park. This operating levy is the village's single largest source of funds, accounting for about 24 percent of our annual receipts. We are constantly looking for ways to save money and are committed to operating as efficiently as possible. Please help us maintain Terrace Park services by voting "FOR THE TAX LEVY" to renew our 9.5 mill operating levy on November 5th.

If you have any questions about village finances or your real estate tax bill, there will be a village council member at the Community Building from noon to 2 p.m. on October 12 and 13. We will do our best to answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Terrace Park Village Council
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Antiques Festival benefits children

By Jenny Whitaker

Several of your neighbors will be joining a large contingent of volunteers to help produce the 2002 Cincinnati Antiques Festival, a benefit for the Convalescent Hospital for Children. Leading the charge is Sara Osborn who, along with Anderson resident Joanie Paulsen, is coordinating the efforts of over 100 individuals to put this event together.

The Cincinnati Antiques festival will be held at Sharonville Convention Center, October 17 through October 20. The Association of Volunteers sponsors the festival which has raised in its 37 years more than \$3 million for of the Convalescent Hospital for Children, an affiliate of Children's Hospital Medical Center. This year's proceeds will benefit the Aquatic Therapy Program at Drake Hospital and Project Search, a vocational training program for people with disabilities.

The theme for the 2002 Festival is "Entertaining with Style: Table Settings Through the Ages" and kicks off with a preview party on Thursday, October 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.

More than 45 antique dealers from around the country will be selling English and American furniture, jewelry, rugs, porcelain and silver.

The festival continues with Friday Lecture Luncheons, featuring Sheila Chefetz, a popular speaker and owner of The Country Dining Room Antiques. She will present an entertaining lecture "The Decorative Arts of Dining" based on her book, *Antiques for the Table*, where guests will learn how to create unique table settings using cherished heirlooms and everyday pieces. The Collector's Party, "Dinner With the In Crowd," will take place Friday evening from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Guests will enjoy cocktails, a dinner buffet and have a chance at winning \$1000 to spend with the 2002 festival dealers.

During the festival, quality decorative art pieces will be available for purchase through sealed and silent auction bid Thursday through Sunday. Dealers will also be on hand to provide an oral appraisal of your treasured antiques. For further information, please call 561-0950.

Village Calendar 2002

September

- 26 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Early dismissal for grade 7 —12 (Teacher In-service)

October

- 1 TPE PTO meeting 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria
- 1 TP Garden Club Meeting. Noon. Community Building. Program: "Fruit and Flowers" with Diane Goans. Call **Tami Blowers @ 248-0528** with questions.
- 4 Homecoming parade 6 p.m.
- 5 MHS Homecoming dance
- 8 TP Village Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Community Building
- 9 MHS PTO meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 9 Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7 p.m. at the home of Missy Osgood, 805 Indian Hill Road. Call **Elaine Fening @ 831-8371** with questions
- 11 No school for students (Teacher In-service)
- 11 TPE Pumpkin Festival 5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
- 14 AARP Meeting 1:30 p.m. Community Building. Program featuring Lt. Jerry Hayhow from Terrace Park Police Department. Call **Virginia Marquett @ 831-2650** with questions.
- 14 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building
- 14 MHS Fine Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS
- 17 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 17 TP Newcomers Meeting 7 p.m. Community Building. 7 — 7:30 p.m. social; 7:30 p.m. meeting begins. Will discuss activities for coming year and sign up for various groups. Call **Sybil Schooler @ 576-1571** with questions.
- 24 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library
- 26 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society Fall Festival at the Community Building. Workshops \$15; 5 p.m. Dinner buffet \$10; 8 p.m. concert \$5 donation (kids 12 and under free). Call **Fran Booth @ 891-7037** with questions.
- 28 Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Halloween

Please call **Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619** with calendar information

Pumpkin Festival at Terrassic Park

It's Pumpkin Festival season again!

The Pumpkin Festival will be held on Friday, October 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The gym in the elementary school will be transformed into a Halloween wonderland thanks to the many parent volunteers who have donated their time and energy. The theme of this year's festival is "Terrassic Park."

Come enjoy the cakewalk, silent auction and the always frightfully popular Haunted House. Three great prizes will be awarded to the winners of the raffle: a \$2000 gift card, a \$300 Kroger gift card and a \$200 Meijer gift card.

The Bid-and-Buy is an annually anticipated silent auction featuring many donated items including: craft items, vacations, progres-

sive dinners, gift certificates and classroom items. If you work up an appetite after all that shopping and playing, head to the cafeteria where the Pumpkin Patch Cafe will serve up barbecue, hot dogs, pizza and cold drinks. Be on hand during the evening when the winners of the raffles will be announced.

Join the fun! The Pumpkin Festival is a big fund-raiser for Terrace Park Elementary PTO. Tickets for the games can be purchased in advance or at the festival. Raffle tickets can be bought from any elementary school student. All residents,



Mary Hyer and Beth Srofe, co-chairs of the 2002 Pumpkin Festival.

young and young at heart, are encouraged to show their Halloween spirit and support our PTO!

If you have any questions, please call Pumpkin Festival Chairs **Mary Hyer at 831-1628** or **Beth Srofe at 831-6844**.



Photo: Dana Roberts

Terrace Park volunteers for the 2002 Antiques Festival include: Back row: Jenny Whitaker, Festival Co-chair Sara Osborn, Louanne Mauk, Beth Smith. Front row: Rhonda Mindrum, Kristen Skidmore, Debbie Davis and Annette Askam.

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Quality Health Care for Pets

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munity Building are underway. The specific direction taken by Council will be determined after residents have had ample opportunity to voice their opinion. Look for more information on this topic in the following months.

- Councilwoman Rugh reported new radios are being procured to allow constant contact with our EMS and surrounding communities' emergency services.

- In Police news, Chief Bacon reported a series of incidents in which area minors were caught with alcoholic beverages, and in some cases, drug paraphernalia. A discussion followed about the rise in incidents of this nature. He felt that, based on his 20-plus years of experience, this was relatively typical, though certainly not acceptable.

- The sidewalk repair/replacement program has been completed

for this year. Budgeted for \$20,000, a different team was contracted under the auspices of Village Maintenance. This year they completed sidewalks at just over \$4 per square foot, a 30 percent decrease in costs year over year.

Expect leaf pick-up to commence October 15 and continue through November. Brush collection will stop once the leaf program begins. Christmas trees will be collected this year.

- The Village Building Inspector, Bill Fiedler, reported that most of the project requests in Terrace Park are in violation of our zoning codes and will be in need of a variance. The Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hear them on a case-by-case basis.

- George Kipp, Village Engineer, is taking bids for repair and fortification of a riverbed in Terrace Park used primarily for storm water reten-

tion. Considerations will be made to use either a stone and mortar method or some other more "environmentally friendly" methods.

Additionally, Council is looking into ways to best make repairs on the Elm Street bridge. Our one-lane bridge is of obvious historical significance. In conjunction with the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, steps will be taken to maintain its integrity both structurally and aesthetically.

Get your village finance or real estate questions answered by a council member Oct. 12 and 13, noon-2 p.m. at the Community Building.

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Participants will board a Croswell bus at the PNC parking lot on Wooster Pike at 9 a.m. and arrive for lunch at Springs Inn at 11:30 a.m. The bus will depart for Keeneland at 12:30 p.m. where the first race begins at 1:30 p.m. The bus will leave for home at 5 p.m. and arrive in Terrace Park at approximately 7:30 p.m.

To make a reservation, please call the "Tour Director," Nick Shundich, at 831-7506. Send your check payable to "St. Thomas Senior Class" to: Nick Shundich, 206 Harvard Ave., Terrace Park, OH 45174.

Craft Show to Benefit Needy

St. Gertrude Church in Madeira will host its 18th Annual Craft Show this fall. Mark your calendars. The show will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be more than 100 booths with a variety of crafts. This would be a great time to start your holiday shopping. There will also be a refreshment and bake sale.

The craft show is sponsored by the Ladies of Charity. All proceeds from the show will go to help the poor.

Garden Club news

By Lanie Grever

The Terrace Park Garden Club will hold its next meeting October 1 at noon in the Community Building. Everyone is invited to attend, and there are always refreshments. The speaker, Diane Goans, will present a program exploring creative ways to use fruit in arranging. This should be a very informative program.

Also, during this meeting there will be a plant exchange. Bring a plant from your garden and go home with a new plant grown by another Terrace Park gardener. We will also be starting the canned goods drive.

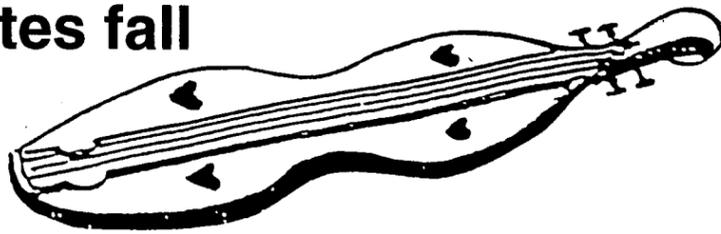
Current active members of the club include your neighbors: Jane Allan, Libby Anderson, Annette Askam, Ogle Annett, Marla Bagley, Laurie Baird, Karen Ballinger, Kristen Bell, Jean Belliveau, Adrienne Bente, Elizabeth Bieser, Tami Blowers, Shirley Brown, Marilynne Chapman, Madeleine Crouse, Betsy Ecker, Lori Frey, Diane Govert, Lanie Grever, Ellen Henneberry, Cynthia Johnston, Noel Julnes-Dehner, Tammy Koreman, Lucy Maish, Kathi Milam, Lynn Nelson, Sara Osborn, Jane Peterson, Patty Phillips, Ruth Rauth, Sue Reeder, Dana Roberts, Linda Rockaway, Kathy Schneider, Beth Smith, Frances Stafford, Helen Tollefsen, Diane Treftz, Jenny Whitaker, Brigita Wittman and Sandy Wittman-Shell. Please feel free to contact any of us for information on membership. One must live in the village and want to be an active participant to join. We would love to have you attend our meetings to see what we do for our village.

Dulcimer Society celebrates fall

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society will celebrate its fall festival on Saturday, October 26 at the Terrace Park Community Building. Robert Frost, an innovative performer who has helped set the standards for modern dulcimer playing, will present three workshops and an evening mountain dulcimer concert. Jam sessions and an open stage will also highlight the event.

Frost will present dynamic foundation folk strum patterns adapted to rock, reggae, latin, calypso and jazz rhythms. Participants will have the opportunity to learn, jam and enjoy outstanding musicianship and fellowship.

The workshops cost \$15 each and require a reservation. A catered buffet dinner starts at 5 p.m. and costs \$10 per person. At 6:30 p.m.



there will be an open stage where members of the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society will perform. The evening concert begins at 7:45 p.m. and is open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, please call Fran Booth at 891-7037.

Phone chain goes "live"

By Terry Howe

On Tuesday, September 10, the Terrace Park Phone Chain was officially up and running! The chain is designed to inform, in a timely manner, all residents of the village in the event of an emergency. The tentative list of emergencies that would warrant its activation include water problems, hazardous spills, missing children, and any potentially significant threat to the safety of Terrace Park residents. As the chain is

"new," refinements will be made when necessary.

Special thanks go to Candace and Joe Grafton and Heather Howe as they are responsible for recruiting the volunteers and maintaining the chain. And speaking of volunteers, we have over 100 who will be calling residents to make them aware of important information! Thanks to all of them. What a special place Terrace Park is to have so many people who want to help and be involved.

Cub Scout popcorn sale to benefit Kim Hanes Fund

By Craig Sattergren

Cub Scout Pack 97 kicks off its new year on October 10 with a campfire at Cub World scout camp. Dens will also start meeting to begin work on rank advancements and other Cub Scout fun.

Many of the traditional pack activities will be experienced again this year including: the Pinewood Derby, sporting events, service-projects, and the annual Blue and Gold Barbecue and Awards Banquet.

The Pinewood Derby has been moved up to November this year following a successful competition last spring. Last year's winners included: Pack Champion Austin Kokoruda, second-place winner Joe Rolander and third place winner Steve Helmrich. Category winners were Joe Fening, Silliest; Luke Glaser, Most Creative; Robert Wood, Most Realistic; and Barrett Albrecht, Best Paint Job. This year's race will again be conducted by Jim Henneberry.

The entire Henneberry family gets involved, including: Ellen, Keith, and daughter Claire, who designed the Power Point presentation and helped with the computerized timing system.

Moving the race to November makes room in the Spring schedule for a brand new event called the Rain Gutter Regatta. The boys will craft balsa sailboats then race them down water filled gutters powered by their own hot air! Dennis Kokoruda will trade in his Space Derby director's space helmet for a sailor's cap as he plans and executes this regatta.

Candace Fries will kick off the annual Cub Scout Popcorn sale in late October, just in time for Holiday gift planning! Pack 97 is very grateful for the community support last year and enjoyed the new Pinewood Derby track bought with the proceeds. The Pack 97 Committee, chaired by Susan Sattergren, has decided to designate a large portion of this year's sale to benefit the Kim Hanes Lung Transplant Fund. Susan pointed out that helping our friend and fellow Terrace Park resident Kim Hanes is a great cause and a great service project for our young Cubs. Pack 97 will appreciate the support of this effort through the purchase of our delicious popcorn products.

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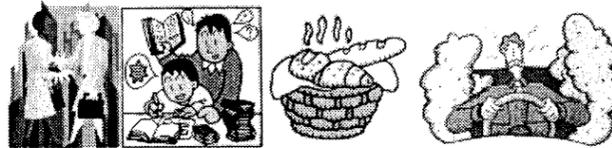
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Trials of a first time kindergarten mom

By Chandi Findley

Today, my son Jack, my first born, my perfect child, unaffected by the outside world, innocent of current events and the politics of boys and girls, started kindergarten. The first day of school is a big step for all children his age and a right of passage for the uninitiated parent.

With shaky knees and dripping eyes, we walked to the Terrace Park Elementary School. Fortunately, my sunglasses hid my misery. Jack kept hoping he could use me in show-and-tell. He was sure his classmates would laugh. As one of my good friends said, I am a "goober."

Armed with video and still camera, I delivered Jack into the capable hands of Mrs. Wiley. When the door closed, I stood in shock. There were three hours until he was released and our lives could continue. Other mothers and fathers strolled by the window several times, casting a discrete eye into the classroom, noting the first day activities. I watched in unabashed terror.

There Jack sat, at the back of the class, independent and all grown up.

I turned to check on my 3-year-old.

When I turned back, the kindergartners weren't at their desks anymore! Where were they? Panic gripped my soul. I wanted to throw

myself against the glass and begin pounding until they returned.

I had to get off the school grounds (before Mrs. Wiley had me thrown off).

I sat at home watching the clock — two hours and 10 minutes to go. I began wondering what worldly knowledge was infesting his brain. There were decisions to be made — and I needed to be there to make them. When would the phone call come begging me to come pick up my child as he lay weeping in a pile on the floor? When would they insist I come get him, telling me that school was just not necessary for him? When would they insist that he stay at home until his Harvard acceptance letter came in the mail?

And, what girls were vying for his heart? Was it Miss Allie Smith? And if she was chasing after Mr. Cooper Hayes instead I needed to know what made him so special.

Two hours and 7 minutes to go. I had to get out of the house!

I headed to the grocery store, my two younger charges in tow. Our list was short — chocolate chips and eggs. I knew cookies would soothe the permanent damage imparted on him on this momentous day.

Pushing the cart I grabbed some of life's other necessities like diapers and frozen peas. We paid and made it to the car with 35 minutes to go.

Twenty minutes to go — I

pulled into UDF to get the eggs I forgot at Kroger.

Fifteen minutes to go — I put in a call to track down my purse — also forgotten at Kroger.

As the last few minutes ticked away, the moms and dads came back together to end our ordeal where it had started. Standing in the grass, we waited outside the kindergarten room, never stepping on the sidewalk to avoid breaking the boundary between a concerned parent and an overprotective parent. On the first day of school, we



Photo: Jenny Whitaker

Back packs in tow, new fourth graders try to beat the first bell.



Photo: Chandi Findley

These kindergartners were all smiles on their first day of school (l-r) Cooper Hayes, Jack Findley, Bailey Greene, Maddie Timmers and Maeve Harrington.

had at least learned our place.

We watched as Mrs. Wiley sang and stole our children's hearts. I closed my eyes and shook my head wondering how I would compare to her warm and loving nature. Then, the door opened and out the children flew. Jack gave me a smile and a hug.

"How was your day?" I asked. "Great," he said as he handed me his backpack and ran to the playground.

I watched him run away and the tears started. As my good friend says, I'm not just a goober but "downright pitiful."

Thank goodness for sunglasses.



Photo: Chandi Findley

A schoolyard filled with bikes means school is back in session.

Terrace Park Elementary welcomes new teachers

By Roseann Hayes

Due to the departure of one teacher and a surge in the number of local kindergarten-age children, the Terrace Park Elementary School staff now includes two new teachers.

Ms. Becky Rusen is Terrace Park's new music teacher. Ms. Rusen earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northern Kentucky University in 1997, and her master's degree in Education from Xavier University in 2001. She has taught general subjects for kindergarten through fifth grade and instrumental music for the past five years at Reiley Elementary in Campbell County, Ky. She resides in Eastgate.

"The faculty and staff here have been very welcoming — just wonderful!" Ms. Rusen said. "I am really looking forward to getting to know the children and their parents."

Ms. Rusen will also teach some classes at Fairfax Elementary.

Mrs. Jane Concannon will teach one of two morning kindergarten sessions (and will teach an



Photo: Roseann Hayes

Terrace Park Elementary welcomes kindergarten teacher Jane Concannon (l) and music teacher Becky Rusen to this year's staff.

afternoon session at Mariemont Elementary). Mrs. Concannon graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Edgely College in 1971, and received her master's degree from Xavier University in 1980. She has taught for 20 years, spending the last seven of those years at Fairfax Elementary. For the past 14 years, her teaching has centered on "the early years" — second-grade, first-grade, pre-first

grade and kindergarten.

Early in her tenure with the Mariemont school district, Mrs. Concannon worked part-time in the special reading program at Terrace Park. "I feel blessed to be back here," she said.

Her previous experience means she is already familiar with several of the families in our community, as well as many of the

other TPE teachers and staff members. In fact, she and Mrs. Linda Wiley — "a great lady," according to Mrs. Concannon — are former neighbors. They plan to work together closely in guiding their young charges through an exciting first year at TPE.

Mrs. Concannon has two children of her own: Patrick, 25, and Cara, who is a 17-year-old senior at St. Ursula. She lives with her recently-retired husband of 30 years in Mt. Lookout.



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Lelah Gates was community hero

By Dottie Vickers

On a hot August morning I was called and told that my neighbor, Lelah Gates, had just died. Lelah was a very sweet person, and I would like to tell her story.

When she died, she was almost 98 years old. She married Marshall Gates in the 1930s, and in 1941 they moved to the corner of Stanton and Myrtle in Terrace Park. They never had children and they shared their love for children with the ones they taught. Marshall was a teacher at Withrow High School, and Lelah taught children with developmental disabilities. Our family moved to Terrace Park in 1963 and we became friends. I loved to hear her tell stories about her pupils, for whom she was a strong and early advocate. She made sure that the children's parents took good care of them and that the children received the special attention they needed.

In their later years, they de-

pend on friends and neighbors to keep them up-to-date on Terrace Park happenings. They lost many dear friends such as the Rawnsleys, Allisons and Flukes. After Marshall died in 1988, the years were more difficult for Lelah. She missed "Papa" so very much.

Her round-the-clock caregivers were so wonderful and loving with her. Alice Clifton, who was in charge of these caregivers, was one of the best. They were very proud of their care for Lelah, particularly that she never had even one bed sore. I was quite impressed at this level of care outside of a nursing home or hospital. At the end, hospice was called on the day before she died, and the hospice workers also praised her caregivers.

Always thinking of others, Lelah wanted her personal effects sent to missionaries in Tennessee. We will miss this good and kind neighbor.

Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking out past and present for the future

Reminiscences of Earlier Days in Terrace Park by Virginia Marquett and R. J. Vilardo

By Carol Cole

On Sunday afternoon September 8 over 40 enthusiastic people met at the Terrace Park Community House for another most interesting program. Virginia Marquett and R. J. Vilardo were our speakers. Both told about their memories of growing up in Terrace Park, but I am sure there is more to tell that we should record in our oral histories. Both Virginia and R. J. are graduates of Terrace Park School before the high school moved to Mariemont. They are responsible for the Terrace Park School Alumni Association which holds wonderful reunions for those fortunate enough to be graduates.

Virginia Marquett spoke first about her family's roots, and how they came to this area. Her maiden name was Luen. That family came originally from Austria through France to Ohio and eventually to Terrace Park where they ran the Walnut Creek Dairy Farm. Located on the north side of Wooster Pike, the family home sat on the hill overlooking the farm.

Virginia writes in her family history, "Before the days of bottling milk, James (her grandfather) had milk routes in Cincinnati and sold milk to the housewives by the dipper. The butter churns were turned by horse power. An excellent spring on the property kept the milk and butter cold at all times. Men were hired to milk the cows and drive the horse-drawn milk wagons, but the older children were responsible for bringing in the cows and often helping with the milking. Daughter Edith Luen Cook (Virginia's mother) told of riding her horse and driving the cows up to a farm in Monterey, Ohio, which was used as summer pasture."

Another Luen relative, important to Terrace Park, lived in Milford. He formed a partnership with John M. Pattison, former Governor of the State of Ohio. To-



Terrace Park Tavern once stood where United Dairy Farmers stands today.

gether they planned a "subdivision along the Little Miami River near Oxford and Miami Avenues...The lots were 50 ft x 190 ft with a six room house to cost about \$2,000. The interest rate was six percent. The paper streets were later vacated to become a country club for Terrace Park with a club house, nine hole golf course, and tennis courts. When the Terrace Park Country Club was later moved to its present location, this property was sold and subdivided" (again from Virginia's family history).

On the southwest corner of the Elm and Wooster Pike crossroads stood the Terrace Park Tavern, also known as the Luen Tavern and later the Vilardo Tavern. It was built in the 1870s. The two story tavern of hand-fired bricks, an addition to the original frame tavern/inn, was built by Virginia's great grandfather. Travelers could spend the night at the inn and lodge their animals across Wooster Pike in Luen barns before going on to markets and slaughter houses in Cincinnati the next day. After the Luens, the Inn was owned by the Kuntz

family. R. J. Vilardo then told us the very interesting story of how it came into the hands of the Vilardo family via the Fresh Air Farm on Given Road.

In 1984 what has now become Stepping Stones Center celebrated its 100th year of "serving the community." The original idea of the Fresh Air Society was to provide a place "where the indigent could go for a rest and recuperation." This Society "placed women and children (called beneficiaries) in various lodgings for short periods during the summer months." At first, housing was in the Tusculum area. Later, an anonymous gentleman, who turned out to be Thomas Emery, offered to buy the Society a place of its own. He bought a farm and residence from Nora Spooner in 1897 to serve the Society's purpose. (Information from Stepping Stones materials.) It was to this Fresh Air Farm that R. J. Vilardo sent one summer from the Camp Washington Area of Cincinnati. R. J. showed us slides of what the Fresh Air Farm was like before he came there and then told us about his life-changing experiences at camp and after his father managed to buy the tavern business.

Terrace Park has meant a great deal to these two speakers and they certainly conveyed that to us. The same is true for a great many more of us and we hope in the future to hear many more stories of earlier times in Terrace Park. The next general meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society will be on Sunday, November 3 at 4 p.m. in the Community House.

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Labor Day weekend 2002

By Jeff Carman

As the annual Terrace Park Labor Day Festival marks the "unofficial" end to summer it represents two of the most important days of the year for the Terrace Park Recreation Committee (TPRC). Saturday's Labor Day Garage Sale and Monday's festival on the Village Green combine to be the largest fund-raiser for this volunteer organization.

This year, volunteers' efforts started weeks before the holiday weekend. Wally Heffner was the chairman with the support of past-chairman John Srofe. The Garage Sale began to take shape a month before Labor Day as Wally and his crew started to collect all the items that became part of the sale. The items ranged from a lawn tractor to kitchen cabinets and children's toys to Glen Miller Albums (on vinyl). Wally and his wife Judy (behind every good chairman is a good chairwoman) led one of the most successful sales ever. The success was determined in two ways: how much money was collected and how much stuff (undiscovered treasures) remained at the end of the day. TPRC was a winner on both fronts.

The Labor Day Festival on the Village Green was another success. With events and games for all ages everyone could find some form of entertainment from bingo to winning a temporary goldfish.

This year's events, with the support of the entire community, brought in over \$10,000 to the TPRC. Speaking as a member of the board, we appreciate all the support. We look forward to having every child in Terrace Park enjoy the activities sponsored by TPRC. And, I hope your temporary goldfish makes it through basketball season.

Photo: Jenny Whitaker

right: Steve Peterson waits to take a dive for the lacrosse team in the dunking booth.



Photo: Chandi Findley

Wally Heffner prepares for a rush of shoppers at the Labor Day community garage sale.



Photo: Chandi Findley

Kim Ehrnschwender joined the early bird garage sale shoppers.



Photo: Terry Sexmith

Catherine Conway with Heidi—first place winner of best pet costume.



Connor Carman with Ziggy the Iguana—first place winner of the most unusual pet.



Photo: Chandi Findley

Lazarus family float supports our troops.



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Janey Kent with Oliver—first place winners of pet and owner look alike.



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Most parents skipped the fun at the Whirly Gig ride on the Village Green.



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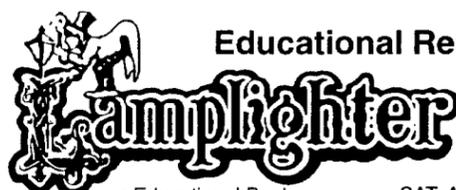
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Terrace Park Sports

Ty Hall awarded All-American and team medals

Ty Hall's summer of traveling the hockey tournament circuit paid off when the puck was dropped at the 2002 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympic Hockey games in Raleigh, North Carolina. His team, Cincinnati Roller Ducks played to win! With five straight wins they won their division and were seeded to medal.

While playing in the medal rounds, the Cincinnati goalie was injured and unable to finish the game. To comply with Olympic rules, Ty volunteered to play in goal. Although the Ducks continued to play a tough game, they lost 5 to 3 to a Florida team. Despite this misfortune, they fin-

ished the Olympic games by winning the bronze and placing third in the nation!

Ty, a resident of Terrace Park and an 8th grade student at CCDS, was elected as an AAU National All American Player. Only 16 top ranking players nationwide were selected for this honor.

The Cincinnati Roller Ducks, a tournament team, has spent the past three summers traveling and competing in at least 15 states. They have had a highly successful 2002 season with seven first place championship tournaments! Their overall record is 41 wins, 7 losses and 2 ties.

Congratulations, Ty!



Soozie Tomes congratulates Luke Parker and Julia Whittelsey.

MAC is back for 2002

Initial sign ups for the Mariemont Aquatic Club were September 17, 2002 at Mariemont High School. Head Coach Amy Kleinfelder is looking forward to meeting returning MAC swimmers and children ages 6-14 interested in swimming the winter season which begins October 7, 2002.

Her focus, along with several returning coaches, is for improved stroke technique and fun in the pool. "The winter swimming season is a long one and there needs to be lots of spirit and fun associated with it!" Seven to eight meets will be offered during the USS swimming winter season. Daily practices are offered at Mariemont High School. For more information regarding signing your child up for a competitive swim program please contact MAC via email at MACSWIM2002@aol.com. Practices begin October 7.

Tigersharks amaze their competition

Dual meet after dual meet the score was always the same....Tigersharks left without a victory. "It was truly amazing...the focus throughout the summer was taking each child and getting them to be a better swimmer" Coach Sy Miller said. "The focus for the coaching staff was never about winning!"

The kids were totally bummed until championships! They really turned it on, did everything we had taught them during stroke drills and practice and we came in third place by just four points! Had we not had a few key swimmers on vacation, and a few illness related poor swims, we would have clearly been in second place in the league!"

Two hundred five children were involved in some aspect of the program offered at Terrace Park Swim

Club. Coaches Miller, Soozie Tomes, and Kaitlin Rooney were in awe with the level of enthusiasm the younger kids had. "Every day was an absolute pleasure for me at TPSC...it gave me back what USS swimming used to be like ALL the time. FUN!" Tomes told parents as she helped award children for their successes.

"TPSC made it so easy for me to begin my coaching career," Rooney seconded. "The parents and kids really seemed to enjoy themselves, and I cannot believe how much better some of the kids got with their daily workouts!"

Coordinators Beth Srofe and Susan Austin organized fun activities and game days for the children throughout the summer. Parents kept in touch through the TPSC Tigershark website sponsored by TERRACEPARK.COM.

Members of the community are invited to recap the Tigershark 2002 summer season, complete with meet results and awards, by visiting www.Terracepark.com.

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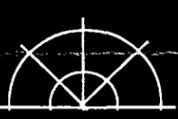
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