

Pandemic in the Park

Submitted by Danielle Haugh

Springtime in Terrace Park usually is filled with a family-fun egg hunt on The Green, the annual TPE talent show, and rec sports but this year Spring took on a whole different look due to the COVID-19. On March 23rd, Governor DeWine issues a stay-at-home order and the closure of all nonessential businesses requiring residents across the state to drastically change their way of life.

School resumes on March 30th but in a much different format than ever before due to remote learning. According to Terrace Park Elementary Principal Tami Croll, "Education has followed a consistent format for generations with teachers providing instruction for students in classrooms. The extended school closure has provided a number of challenges, but there are several positive outcomes to recognize. I am proud of our teachers for working tirelessly to connect with students and continue to provide excellent instruction despite the sudden shift in our setting."

There are days with tears of missing friends and frustrations of overworked home wi-fi and days of smiles seeing teachers and friends via Zoom. Croll adds, "Our community has been actively involved in supporting our families in need. Parental involvement has made all the difference in making sure that every child in our school is engaged and moving forward in their learning. Terrace Park is a special place. Thank you to everyone for staying positive and supporting our students during this challenging time."

April 3rd, Dewine extends the stay-at-home order until May 1st. Memes of the 'Tiger King, adults trying out the latest Tik Tok dance, and virtual Zoom call screenshots fill social media feeds. Terrace Park is often described as special place to live and Bramble Merriweather added magic to the village with a fairy door hunt perfect for children of all ages!

According to Merriweather, "Fairies, gnomes and other magical creatures have long lived hidden amongst the flowers and trees of Terrace Park. I'm happy to have

given our friends and neighbors a small glimpse into our magical world. When this health crisis is a distant memory, I hope that we all remember all the kind souls that live here, both human and mythical, and the magic that we each have inside of us when we have the time to look for it.

April 4th, the government recommends wearing facemasks while in public and to maintain 6 feet social distancing. While being a social is a way of life in Terrace Park, from social distancing egg hunts to virtual luncheons and happy hours, TP residents rose to the occasion and adapted to the new of life.

The annual Kindervelt Annual Easter egg hunt was canceled but Terrace Park residents came together for a "socially distant Easter egg hunt". Erin Satterwhite led the egg hunt effort and explains, "Our family has enjoyed all of the hunts around TP so we encouraged neighbors to place eggs in their windows, donate to Kindervelt and try to find the two golden eggs in our yard with the Anderson family as the winners!"

Several Terrace Park and Mariemont neighbors involved with The Association of Volunteers, a fundraising auxiliary for Cincinnati Children's hospital launched Design Cincinnati: At Home Series virtually hosting two events last month. According to AOV President and TP resident Kristin Crowley, "Rather than outright canceling our fall fundraising event, we did a creative pivot keeping our membership engaged on our mission." The series kicked off on Friday, April 3rd featuring interior designers, author Susanna Salk and photographer Stacey Bewkes, for a behind-the-scenes look at their new book. At the end of the month, the association organized a virtual happy hour via zoom with party planner extraordinaire Bronson van Wyck.

April 20th, Dewine announced will not physically return to their schools and will finish out the school year via remote learning, making the last day students were in their current year classrooms as Friday, March 13th. According to Terrace Park Elementary kin-

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The Park's Power Pack

Submitted Leslie Willett

When the COVID-19 virus hit our area, many local residents were at a loss for what to do, how to use this time, and if there was a way to help others. One teenager from Terrace Park recognized a need and jumped right in. Working with Inter Parish Ministry (IPM), a non-profit food and clothing pantry in Newtown and Amelia, Catsby Steele realized that there were students in our area going without food. Many schools are offering breakfast and lunch for these students, but what about healthy snacks or something to eat through the weekend? Catsby and her friends noticed this need and created a game plan.

IPM received many donations for making Power Packs after a Facebook post went viral. Power Packs are gallon-sized bags filled with daily breakfast, lunch and snacks for children who typically receive their meals at school. Items that make up Power Packs include microwavable ravioli, mac and cheese cups, canned chicken/tuna kits, oatmeal, fruit cups, applesauce, pretzels, granola bars, and individual cereals. Throughout the school year, IPM provides 30 schools with weekend Power Packs and was aware that during this time, schools would see an increased need.

As the donations poured in, Molly Steele (Catsy's mom) contacted Leslie Willett, Food Pantry Specialist at the Newtown location, to see how her family could help IPM. Through this conversation they developed a plan for Molly and her family to pick up donations from IPM and assemble Power Packs at the Steele home. They also created an Amazon Wish List enabling others who wanted to help to order online and ship items directly to the Steele family. Using gloves and a safe, social distance of over 6 feet, the Steeles, along with Catsby's friends Ella Brenna-



man, Caroline Dewees, Samantha Flerlage and Sadie Koehler, worked many hours stuffing Power Packs (often working 6 hours for multiple days).

"I wanted to help because it makes me really sad to know there are kids in Cincinnati and maybe even kids I know who are not going to have enough to eat during this time when schools are closed and parents may be losing jobs. I just can't imagine my friends or family members not having enough to eat," Catsby stated.

IPM has requests for about 600 Power Packs each week from schools in our area. Since they are only running with staff and no volunteers, Catsby making Power Packs has contributed to IPM's broadening impact in the community. Within the first week of school closures, these Power Packing Elves assembled over 1000 Power Packs which were quickly distributed to children in the local area through IPM's collaborative work with schools and other agencies, and 550 additional packs went out the following week.

A special touch these girls did was to add an encouraging note in

each Power Pack. "On the notes we write things such as 'Have a good day,' 'Smile,' 'Stay Strong' or 'Dream Big.' Our hope was that when the kids would get these packs they wouldn't feel sad but instead have a smile on their faces and know that someone is thinking of them."

If there is a bright light in this health crisis, it is teenagers like Catsby, Ella, Caroline, Sadie and Samantha sharing hope. When asked what she has learned through this experience, Catsby was quick to express, "I have learned that even in tough times you can rise above your own tough times and do something nice for others. This brings me joy hoping that these packs might bring another kid some joy in a tough time."

Initially, Catsby and her team of Power Packing Elves were able to work together since the guidelines were to congregate with no more than 10 people. With the current isolation order, Catsby and her family are assembling Power Packs on their own. They will be making Power Packs as long as they have supplies, and donations can be made to help by visiting IPM's website at www.interparish.org.

Dear Neighbors,

Month two of quarantine life begins in Terrace Park and when it will end is anyone's guess. These are unprecedented times in this country but as we know from living along the Little Miami, our best bet is to just go with flow. The days are getting longer and warmer, the village is decked in spring blossoms and the community has really come together to support and help one another. In some ways the virus has brought out the best of Terrace Park in all of us. Up and down the blooming avenues, families are walking dogs, riding bikes, and adjusting to a new reality that is much more focused on life in "The Park". I sold a home recently to a life-long Terrace Parker who

is raising his own family here now and I think he put it best when he said, "I can't think of a better place to be quarantined." Enjoy this month's issue. We have some great news about your neighbors who are working hard to make quarantine life easier for the most vulnerable, stories of ways we are dealing with this new normal, and we are taking a look back at the romantic tale of Aaron Burr's visit to Terrace Park. You'll find all of it and more in this month's issue of the Village Views. Until next month I remain,

your editor,
Steve Early

May - Village Calendar 2020

Happy Barbecue Month!
Another Month of Crazy
Things to Celebrate

- 1 Tuba Day. (also No Pants Day)
- 2 International Astronomy Day
- 3 Lumpy Rug Day
- 4 Candied Orange Peel Day
- 5 Hug a Shed and Take a Selfie
- 6 No Diet Day (coincidentally Beverage Day also)
- 7 Love's Baby Soft Day
- 8 World Donkey Day
- 9 Lost Sock Memorial Day
- 10 One Day Without Shoes Day
- 11 Twilight Zone Day

- 12 Limerick Day
- 13 World Cocktail Day
- 14 Chicken Dance Day
- 15 Pizza Party Day
- 16 Sea Monkey Day
- 17 Pinot Grigio Day
- 18 No Dirty Dishes Day
- 19 May Ray Day
- 20 Quiche Lorraine Day
- 21 Rapture Party Day
- 22 Goth Day
- 23 Turtle Day
- 24 Tiara Day
- 25 Memorial Day aka Towel Day
- 26 Paper Airplane Day
- 27 Cellophane Tape Day
- 28 Brisket Day
- 29 Put a Pillow On Your Fridge Day
- 30 Mint Julep Day
- 31 Macaroon Day

Mariemont City Schools
Kindergarten Registration Open

Mariemont City Schools kindergarten registration is open for both Mariemont Elementary School and Terrace Park Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year. In order to enroll in kindergarten, your child must turn five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2020.

Those wishing to register a student for kindergarten can find step-by-step instructions on the district's website at www.mariemontschools.org/kindergartenregistration. Registration will be completed in Final Forms, which is linked on the website.

The website also lists documents for families to collect and turn into the Mariemont City Schools Central Registration office. During the extended school building closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, families have two options for these documents.

- 1. Families can take pictures of the documents and send them to jnerl@mariemontschools.org or rburke@mariemontschools.org
- 2. Families can save the

documents and bring them to the kindergarten screening day on August 14.

Kindergarten screening will take place on August 14, 2020, at both Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary schools. In order to be scheduled for a screening time, families must complete the Final Forms registration process.

Families who have completed the registration process will be mailed a copy of the 2020-21 Welcome to Kindergarten book which includes helpful information like kindergarten readiness, frequently asked questions and the kindergarten instruction program.

Should you have any additional questions about kindergarten registration, please contact the Central Registration office:

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Police Report

Submitted by Andrea Barter

By the end of March, due to COVID-19, folks contacted police concerned that several teenagers were standing in public too close together. But at the beginning of March, the calls to police were much different. Let's count how many bad decisions 40+ teenagers can make when they decide to have a big party when a parent isn't home: Yelling profanities and racial slurs at the police when the police ring the doorbell and can see people inside the house; trying to escape the police by climbing onto the roof; throwing a large free weight

against a wall and hiding beer cans in the hole that created; fleeing the scene; dropping your phone while fleeing the scene; and running away from police through an unauthorized area of UDF. It's also a bad idea for any parent to be belligerent towards the officers trying to secure your property. Just sayin'.

Leaving your purse on the passenger seat of an unlocked car is an invitation to have it stolen. Even if you're just running inside for a minute. It's much easier to lock your car than to have to spend lots of time contacting the police and credit card companies. Lock your cars!

Nevilles Win Contest



In 2018 The TP Historical Society created a jigsaw puzzle featuring the front doors of 17 unique Terrace Park homes. Recently the TPHS had a contest offering a free puzzle to the first family or individual to correctly identify all the doors. And the winner is...the Neville kids! They very diligently toured the village to find and photograph every door. Congratulations to Lucy, Molly, Janie and Jack

Neville! Jigsaw puzzles are seeing a sharp increase in popularity with the stay-at-home policy in place. The TP doors puzzle is now sold out but TPHS still has some of our earlier puzzles featuring the Log Cabin and St Thomas Church for sale and will be debuting a new design in the near future. If you would like to purchase a puzzle, please call or text Marcia Moyer at 513-680-4322.



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April 2020 - A Month to Remember

The month of April in Terrace Park looked a little different than in years past...taking out the garbage was a chance to connect with neighbors and students at TPE had to get creative with their time at home. Puzzles, chalk art, lego creations and walks around the village were just a few of activities which helped make life in quarantine a little easier.



With the help of local photographer Brandi Wagner, the Satterwhites put a unique spin on the quarantine front porch pics popping on social media feeds. According to Erin, "Since we were sheltering in place the only chances we had to see our neighbors and friends were on walks or taking out the trash. I knew we would not be able to get dressed up for Easter service or brunch so we put on our Easter Sunday best and paired it with our trash cans! We never anticipated the attention it has gotten. The Dayton Daily News reached out for an interview and we figured it just had to be a slow news day but if our silly photoshoot brought a smile or a laugh to someone on a dark or challenging day, why not?" Brandi maintained social distance with the family and the session fees were donated to InterParish Ministries.



The night of Wednesday, April 8th brought heavy winds and rain to the area with several tornadoes spotted around the tri-state area. The Eckert family had a massive tree fall on the house and luckily no one was injured. During the evening the Terrace Park fire department assisted with removing down trees across roadways.



The Khan family celebrated Mikail's 3rd birthday on April 7th by using zoom with his friends, teachers and family!



Terrace Park residents have utilized their time in quarantine in many ways including enjoying the outdoors. According to new resident Steph DeMain, "The DeMain fam has been doing lots of chalk art, outdoor movies and fairy door hunting around the neighborhood! So glad we chose to move to TP!!"



Over 35 magical fairy doors were scattered throughout the village organized by the mysterious Bramble Merriweather. Thank you Ms. Merriweather!



First-graders at TPE were still able to have their weekly share time with fellow classmates except sharing was done virtually though zoom.



Connor Faulkner, a second-grader at Terrace Park Elementary, has been using his extra free time to build a unique LEGO creation every day.

Lordy Lordy...Adam and Courtney Turn 40!



Celebrating birthdays in March and April took on a different look! Friends of Terrace Park natives and twins Adam Merten and Courtney (Merten) Charzuk celebrated their 40th bdays on Sunday, April 26th adhering to social distancing orders. Adam was surprised with a car parade in Terrace Park and Courtney's neighbors are hosting an outdoor wine tasting in Charlotte, NC. Adam and Courtney are the oldest children of Lane and Skip Merten, long-time residents of Terrace Park.



TPSTC Club Update

Submitted by Ron Herzig

Greetings from the Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club! Last season ended with some exciting accomplishments at the club on top of the already incredible social and athletic fun shared by the members and their families. During the off-season, the TPSTC Board of Directors has been building on last season's momentum with many additional projects for the betterment of our club.

None of what we did would have been possible without the extremely generous donations from the community and the businesses that supported our club through advertisements. Together the donations and advertisements raised over \$17,000 in much needed revenue. When that was combined with near record membership numbers, the club's finances allowed us to address some much-needed deferred maintenance projects and improvements.

Additionally, three capital-intensive projects have either been accomplished (or are almost done) that were cost-shared with some organizations in our community. Both Stump's and the TP Recreation Commission committed \$10,000 each for the two-year, \$30,000 project to repair the bridge to enter the TPSTC, Drackett and Stump's properties. Further, the TP Recreation Commission also contributed \$5,000 to the \$12,000 repair of the TPSTC parking lot, that was destroyed by the 2018 flood, which is used extensively by families enjoying the wonderful Drackett fields. Lastly, the Mariemont Boosters contributed \$15,000 towards the \$32,000 tennis courts resurfacing project. The Mariemont Junior High boys' and girls' tennis teams use the courts every season for their practices and tournaments, and there is a wonderful partnership to celebrate between the TPSTC and Mariemont City Schools.

In the last year your TPSTC Board has accomplished/are accomplishing the following extensive list of major capital projects, many of which were required for the continued viability of our club: bridge repairs, parking lot repair,

parking lot tree trimming, perimeter fence repairs, garbage dumpster surround installation, security camera installation, vandalism repairs, new web site implementation, new membership management system implementation, high-speed WiFi installation, replacement of chairs and loungers, replacement of shade umbrellas, new sound and PA system installation, pool deck concrete repair, main pool pump replacement and relocation, 'tropical beach themed' play area added, resurfaced tennis courts, updating of the men's and women's bathrooms, installation of slip-resistant floor covering in concessions area, and installation of security roller doors at main gate, concessions and manager's office. And there are still more to come!

Going forward, we will strive to build on this momentum annually as we are not resting on our laurels. Having addressed many of the deferred maintenance items that were affecting the club, we are now able to focus on improvements. We have engaged a landscape architect to generate concept renditions to illustrate some visions and possibilities for the future. We want to visualize what our ideas would look like at our club. We are exploring improved shade areas like pergolas and sails, a community garden, a volleyball court, a firepit for events, revisions to the concessions area and other ideas you as members have to share with us.

Although there is uncertainty around the timing of the season due to the COVID19 situation we all find ourselves dealing with, the Board is moving forward with preparations for the season in the event the State permits the opening of swim clubs. We have communicated with members on the renewal of their memberships for the 2020 season and if you did not get those emails, please write us at tpswimclub@gmail.com. Additionally, we are actively recruiting new members. Please use our website to start the process for registration at tpswimclub.com. We need your support more than ever in 2020 and we are excited to continue to share all that we are doing with you.

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Wise Family

Congratulations to the Wise Family and Team Haples (Camdyn Bogle, Sophie Haugh and Lily Kaplan) for finding all eight photos in last month's scavenger hunt! These two teams tied for the win and both are taking home gift cards for ice cream at The Parlor. Thanks for playing!

HERE'S WHAT THEY FOUND

- ✓ A squirrel that's white
- ✓ A bike that's red
- ✓ A hanging porch light
- ✓ A backyard shed
- ✓ A group of three things
- ✓ The tail of a cat
- ✓ A place where bells ring
- ✓ A man in a hat



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Business Spotlight- Frontier Home Improvement, LLC

You may recognize the Frontier Home improvement name and the logo because Jon Sonny has been a familiar face here in Terrace Park for some time now. Jon started his company, Frontier Home Improvement almost 2 years ago after working in the corporate world for 25 years for a major Cincinnati based consumer goods company. After doing home remodeling on the side and remodeling his own Salt Box style house in the country, he knew he had found his niche and passion in home remodeling. It was then that he decided to make it his full time career. His attention to detail has made him a favorite among the resi-

dents of TP as well as other areas he works in. Whether it's painting inside or outside, deck repair and new installation, indoor plaster, drywall repair, kitchen, bath, basement remodeling and new floors, glass block windows or simple repairs he's always happy to help make your house the comfortable, welcoming abode you want. When you don't find Jon working you will find him on the Lacrosse field coaching his son's junior high lacrosse team as well as watching college and professional lacrosse. Jon says he enjoys working in Terrace Park because he loves the community atmosphere and the residents have been so great to work for.

Donor Offering Matching Gift to Mariemont School Foundation Angel Fund

During these challenging and unprecedented times of the Coronavirus health crisis, the Mariemont City Schools community recognizes the importance of helping its neighbors so when superintendent Steve Estep approached the Foundation upon the school building closures, we were ready to support the needs of our district and its families.

The MSF established the Angel Fund in 2010 after a generous donation with the intent of assisting students and families in financial need. The fund has been made available to assist during the Coronavirus pandemic. Since the school building closure on March 16, it has received nearly \$10,000 in donations to immediately aid district families. To date, these contributions have been used to purchase grocery store gift cards, school supplies and internet access for families in need.

The Foundation is very pleased

to announce that an anonymous donor has offered to match any Angel Fund donation up to \$5,000. We are inviting all families who have the capacity to give at this time to consider making a donation, which will be doubled by the donor.

"This is probably the most trying time most of us have lived through" the anonymous donor said. "But it is a season and we will get through this by each person giving what they can. Whether it's a smile, a phone call of encouragement or a dollar, it may bring light in the darkest times to someone else. Mariemont Warriors are strong, caring and giving. Let's carry each other through this however we can. Please consider donating if you are able."

All funds received through the Mariemont School Foundation Angel Fund between now and June 15 will be matched (up to \$5,000) by the donor. Additionally, the Foundation has made the decision to

temporarily close the Annual Fund Drive for the remainder of the school year and instead direct all support to the Angel Fund as this is where the most immediate and pressing needs are for the district.

If you would like to contribute to the Angel Fund and have your gift matched by the donor, please visit mariemontschoolfoundation.org/angel-fund or click the Angel Fund Donation link on the school district's Coronavirus Updates webpage.

The Mariemont School Foundation is proud to represent a community that cares deeply about its neighbors. Any size gift can help make a difference to someone else. Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

Garden Club Plant Sale Update

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, the Terrace Park Garden Club has to cancel the 2020 plant sale on the Village Green. If you pre-ordered plants you will get them. If you ordered plants they will be delivered to you on May 1st. The absence of this village tradition is sure to be felt by all so please remember to thank the ladies of the Terrace Park Garden Club for their work when you see them out keeping our public spaces beautiful with bloomFGars and greenery year round.

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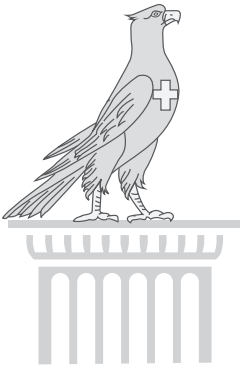
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What We are Doing at St. Thomas Church

Like many businesses and all churches, St. Thomas has had to close its physical doors during this pandemic. But we are still working to be a place where faith, ministry, and tradition come together. We now offer a video worship service each Sunday on YouTube, and are active utilizing technology to reach out and still meet together often.

If you are struggling or find the need for a spiritual anchor, please reach out to us. We can be found in various places online listed below, or you can reach out to us. Though our worship and normal programming is suspended, the church remains at work coordinating essential ministry. We monitor our voicemail and email daily, so please give us a call or email at office@stthomasepiscopal.org and we will reach out to you.

This time of crisis will eventually come to a close and we will once again open our doors for worship, strengthened community through fellowship, and faith-building offerings. In the meantime, please reach out to us or visit our website to stay up-to-date on the latest news we have to offer. St. Thomas continues a tradition of 144+ years of ministering to families and our community.

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The End of an Era, Statistically Speaking

Submitted by Bren Fries

As March is upon us, we in the Village look ahead to spring and the rite of passage that is Mariemont Lacrosse. When we see our kids in the familiar yellow tones at Stanton Field, it signals warmer weather is ahead.

Another tradition nearly as commonplace is the sight of the Boys Lacrosse team “Statisticians Emeritus”, John Rolander and Adam Bortz. Between the two, they have nearly 29 seasons of running the stats of a MHS Lacrosse game. In fact, they basically created the overly complicated yet precisely accurate system of scoring and tracking each and every statistic in virtually every game category.

Call it job security. They were also very careful to ensure that one of them had secure possession of “The Football”... the backpack with pencils, forms, rule books, stop watches and rain protection at the ready. In my few times allowed near the Stat podium, I was always warned to keep and eye on The Football.

To give one a sense of the scope of their longevity, consider these numbers logged over the



John Rolander (left) and Adam Bortz

course of their tenure: 1821 goals scored. 1054 Assists. 1242 shots saved. 1375 penalties and 1169 minutes served. Since Adam and John joined up in 2012 at the 50 yard-line, they tracked 160 games, enjoyed wins against Moeller in ‘17/’19, St. X in ‘15, 12-1 against the team to our North, reveled in three State Championships, two Runner-Up’s and a Final Four appearance.

I asked them about their favorite moments over so many years. Adam was torn between the 2015 win at St. X on their Senior Night or the 2013 come from behind win

at Summit Country Day during the Regional Final. John noted the crazy Regional Final in 2011. Down 10-4 with one quarter to play, the Warriors went on a face-off tear only to have the tying goal wiped off the board in a subjective end-of-clock decision by the referee..who scampered to his car and reportedly hasn’t been seen around Kusel Field since.

Whoever takes over as Scribe and Spotter will have huge shoes to fill. And many pencils to sharpen. And by all means, don’t fumble The Football.

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dergarten teacher Lindsay Merten, “While it obviously isn’t an ideal teaching and learning situation, I am very proud of the Mariemont City Schools Remote Learning Program. It is the culmination of a lot of hard work from a lot of people. Our district came together to lesson plan, problem solve, provide devices, deliver meals and make sure each child had what they needed to be successful. Not to mention having amazing, supportive parents

who have made the transition for the students seamless. It is not an easy task to work, maintain a house and teach your child all at the same time. Our hope is that your child feels loved and supported by the staff at Mariemont City Schools. We miss each child tremendously!”

Even as this May issue of the Village Views goes to print, the future of COVID-19 is unknown but the residents of Terrace Park have shown they can rise to the occasion. According to Mayor Topper Tepe, “It appears residents of this village

are weathering these times with the high degree of common sense and patience which is not a surprise at all.” Families are taking more walks together, putting miles on their bicycles, and finally tackling some home projects. And maybe many of us are enjoying the slower pace of life, at least for the time being.



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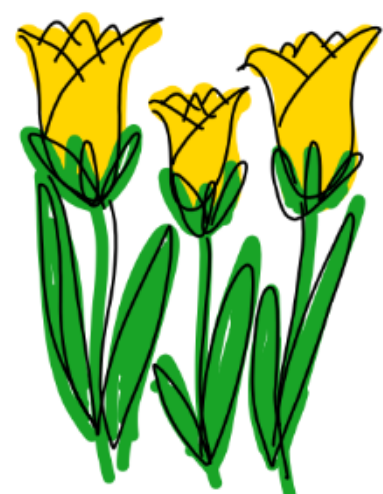
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When Aaron Burr Came To Town

Submitted by Steve Early

Before COVID-19 disrupted most of life as we know it, Lin Manuel-Miranda's Broadway musical, "Hamilton" was entering its fifth year selling out theaters in New York and around the country. The musical covers events in the lives of founding fathers Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, with Hamilton's life ending when he was shot and killed by Burr during a duel in 1804.

Burr's political career would end in disgrace only a few years later when he attempted to raise money, a militia, and private political support in a convoluted conspiracy that is still debated today. It is believed that Burr wanted help to overthrow the Spanish in Florida and Mexico and make way for him to start his own empire in the Mexican territory. Many, including Thomas Jefferson, felt his plot was even more sinister and that he was essentially trying to dissolve the union and take states with him. Beyond sounding ludicrous, it was a treasonable offense and began a long fall from his illustrious days as U.S. vice president. What most people in Terrace Park don't realize though, is that our little village played a role in the end of his career and, according to legend, in his love life as well.

It all started in 1805 at Lindell's farm on Elm Avenue by the swim club. The lovely house you see across the pasture when you come through the tunnel or down the Elm hill is possibly the oldest house in Hamilton County; its original hewn log core may have been built as early as 1795 though that's another article altogether. The farm is called Foggy Creek today but for more than 200 years it was known as Round Bottom Mills, built by John Smith, a pioneer Baptist preacher turned statesman who became one of Ohio's first two senators in 1803. Smith was already living at the Terrace Park farm in 1805 when the famous Burr paid him a visit and changed his life forever.

Most of what we know about Burr's time here comes from the 1901 book, *A Dream of Empire* by William H. Venable. To be fair, it reads more like poetry than non-fiction and Dr. Venable does not exactly cite his sources. According to him, Burr came to stay with Smith at Round Bottom Mills arriving on horseback after traveling by boat to Cincinnati. Losing his way, he stopped a pioneer woman who was making soap near her homestead and asked directions to Smith's farm. She told him, "Turn to your right after passing the wild cherry and you will come to the Miami; follow along upstream and you can't miss sight of the mill and the stillhouse. They belong to him... John Smith is the richest man in these parts but he isn't proud and stuck up. When you come to the mill they'll show you the way to the house. A mighty fine house it is."

When Aaron Burr arrived, the house on Elm was oriented to face the river, so what you see facing Elm today was the back of the house at that time. Burr knocked on the log door and discovered Senator Smith was out in the woods working, but Mrs. Smith welcomed him inside where he stopped in his tracks when he saw the other occupant of the room. Here was Burr, at a remote farm on the Ohio frontier, and there in front of him was the first woman he had loved and then lost.

Her name, legend says, was Salome Rosemary and she was a beautiful and wealthy widow who had come to this area from Phila-

delphia to see about her late husband's extensive land holdings near Cincinnati. Her attorney had given her a letter of introduction to Senator Smith with the hope that he could help her with the title work on the property. Senator Smith and his wife had insisted Salome stay with them during her visit. It had been years since Burr had last seen her and though he did not know that she had married, seeing her now in all black made it clear she was a widow.

"Do you like this black gown better than the blue brocaded one I wore that evening at Princeton?" she asked him, referring to the last night they had seen each other.

"How can I decide?," Burr is reported to have replied, "You always dress in perfect taste. Whatever you wear is pretty and you, I am sure, are lovelier than ever."

Burr stayed at the Terrace Park farm for a week. His time was allegedly divided between trying to convince Senator Smith to pledge his support to the conspiracy and courting his old flame during long walks along the Little Miami River. According to Venable, "Many were the spoken confidences and frequent the fair, speechless messages which passed between he and Mrs. Rosemary as they lingered at the home of their common friend."

Burr's words may have had an equally powerful effect on John Smith as well. After several days of Burr laying out his reasoning and arguments to secure the senator's involvement in his plot, as Venable says, "Conspiracy was planned in the woods and fields at a quiet farm in the valley of the Little Miami."

When Smith was not attending to his duties as a state senator he preached at Little Miami Island Baptist Church, a long forgotten congregation that was located somewhere on a small island in the river near Terrace Park. On Sunday morning Aaron and Salome joined the Smiths and the other farmers and pioneers who came from all over the valley to attend service. After it ended Burr took Salome's arm as they walked back to the farm and confessed his plans of a new dynasty to her. He promised that his new empire would be a paradise for women and offered her the opportunity to get in on the ground floor by investing as much of her late husband's money as she wished.

She politely told him she'd think about it.

That evening was the last one Burr and Salome would spend together at the Smiths. Sitting on the porch as the sun set over the Little Miami, he told her that he didn't want to leave her again. He may have meant it, but at this point he was fixated on his own plans and they both knew in the morning he would go. According to legend, Burr took Salome's hand and on one of her fingers she still wore the small diamond ring he had given her so many years before. Burr took it off her finger and carved both of their initials (some say their names) into a pane of glass in a window of the house before returning the ring to her hand. In the morning he departed Round Bottom Mills and the two never met again.

It was said that the ancient window featuring the lovers' names was shown to curious visitors for decades until it was accidentally broken almost a century later. "Many a sentimental girl," Venable wrote, "pausing over the double inscription and mildly condemning Burr, has wondered whatever became of Salome Rosemary."

It's a romantic tale, but how true is it? It is undisputed that Burr



The Smith Lindell House, Spring 2020



Aaron Burr

did come to present day Terrace Park to stay with John Smith in 1805 but how involved the senator was with Burr's conspiracy has always been debated. Some said it was simply Smith's political enemies who created the story to link him to Burr and ruin his career. Smith himself claimed that he and Burr only talked about plans to build a canal around the waterfalls on the Ohio River near Louisville and that he was innocent of all conspiracy charges.

In the 1962 book *Hither and Yon* on Indian Hill, Eleanor Taft writes that at the time Burr came to visit, Smith had recently purchased eighty acres along present day Shawnee Run Road near Park Road in Indian Hill from his brother-in-law. After word got out that the senator was involved with the Burr conspiracy, an angry mob came looking for him. Smith allegedly hid inside the chimney of his brother in law's home on Shawnee Run while the mob, armed with pitchforks, tore the place apart looking for him. Smith escaped the mob, but couldn't escape association with Burr.

Burr was eventually arrested and tried for treason in Virginia though he ended up escaping conviction due to lack of evidence. Senator Smith was indicted but there wasn't enough evidence to pursue a criminal trial although he was tried for impeachment in the senate. Smith hired a stellar defense

team that included Francis Scott Key, author of *The Star Spangled Banner* and attempted to prove his innocence but public opinion had already turned on him. An 1879 Cincinnati Enquirer account of those proceedings mentions that before Burr departed Smith's farm in 1805, he left a large sum of money with the senator which he intended to draw on, effectively making Smith his personal banker for the conspiracy. In addition, Smith had two sons who joined Burr's expedition, though Smith claimed they thought it was only to settle some lands he had bought on the Washita River in Oklahoma, and had no idea of Burr's treasonous plot. Both of these facts made things look bad for our old senator.

Though he was technically acquitted by one vote, the scandal had destroyed Smith's career and ruined him financially. He was forced to resign from the senate in disgrace and sold the Terrace Park property before leaving the area for the Louisiana Territory where he would die penniless in 1824.

But did Aaron Burr really spend a romantic week in Terrace Park with his old flame? This remains a bit more elusive. Internet searches of the distinctive name "Salome Rosemary" do not turn up any hits other than Venable's book but there are not a lot of late 18th century and early 19th century records available online, making it possible that she has simply been lost to time. Adding plausibility to

the legend, Burr was known to be involved with many women over the course of his lifetime including the years he spent at Princeton when he was supposed to have fallen in love with Salome.

Venable does have Burr referring to her as "Mrs. Rosemary" which may indicate that Rosemary was her married name but gives almost no details about her or their past engagement. Salome mentions only that her late husband's name was George and that she apparently knew Burr at Princeton (his father was first president of the university and Burr himself had attended).

A 1901 Cincinnati Enquirer article on the publication of Venable's book calls it a "culmination of the author's lifelong study of pioneer western history" but also notes that "he has united an intimate knowledge of the history of the period he describes with the art of the gifted novelist." Venable certainly created some of his characters from fiction, but was Salome one of them?

The carved window pane is an even more mysterious clue. Venable wrote in 1901 that the window was carved in 1805 and "remained unbroken for nearly a century" indicating that if it did exist, it was broken shortly before his book was published when the farm was owned by the Michael Leaf family. On September 5, 1937 the Cincinnati Enquirer ran an article about the house after Carl Lindell bought the farm from Judge Simon Ross and his wife. The article mentions the Burr story and Venable's book but also relates some of the restoration work Mrs. Ross had done to the home and states that the legendary window in question had been located "on the north side of the living room", suggesting that at one time more details about the story were known.

The Lindells have owned the farm for more than eighty years now and the story was an old one when they first heard it. They have always believed that the legendary window was located in the library but have never known any more details about it. Perhaps we will never know and maybe it's better that way anyhow. Like the true location of Tillie's tomb, Wild Bill Hickok's honeymoon, and the prehistoric earthworks that once encircled the village, this remains another of Terrace Park's wonderful little mysteries.

The Baseball: A Book Review

Submitted by Patti Normile

Some time ago, I had the opportunity to interview Terrace Park resident, Jamie Flerlage about his second book, *The Baseball: A Short Novel*. The book received praise from four industry reviewers with *The Manhattan Review* giving it “five out of five stars.” I truly enjoyed this book and I wanted to know more about the storyline and its influences.

The story began in the heart of Jamie Flerlage’s family, a family graced with multiple medical professionals and a love of sports. The idea grew when the Flerlages’ older daughter, Sam, sustained an injury on the climbing wall at the Museum Center in 2004. A trip to Cincinnati Children’s, overnighting at the hospital, and observing immune-suppressed teens walking the halls with IV stands, deepened Jamie’s interest and awareness of pediatric health issues.



Jamie Flerlage

Several years later, at out-ing at Great American Ball Park, Jamie observed a disabled young man retrieve a foul ball and put it in his jacket pocket. If that baseball could talk several years from now, I wonder what it would say? he asked himself. In fact, he pondered that idea for about eight years. Daughters Samantha and Grace nudged him again and again to complete a beginning of a storyline that they had read and grown to love. Last

winter, while pursuing his day job, Jamie finished *The Baseball*.

The *Baseball* begins in our era but travels back to the 1970s to times when treatment for pediatric cancers such as ALL [acute lymphoblastic leukemia] were advancing. To ensure the accuracy of medical information, Jamie relied on area physicians to read, critique and offer feedback on the material. “I was particularly careful in my portrayal of health care professionals,” Jamie said. “I deeply respect the profession and wanted to ensure that I represented the people and the science authentically.”

While a lifelong baseball fan, Jamie’s affection was attached to the Kansas City Royals. He entrusted local friends in Terrace Park with the task of helping add the Cincinnati Reds’ flavor to the plot line. “I grew up in St. Marys, Kansas, a small town thirty miles west of Topeka. I spent my childhood following the

Royals. I needed some help when it came to the Reds and the Riverfront experience.”

Triumphing over loss, building relationships, and having deep conversations, are all major themes in *The Baseball*. “I think the courageous conversation is a lost art,” says Jamie. “When characters Landon and Cindy have their conversation with their granddaughter, Lucy, they’re modeled after the kitchen table conversations I had with my Grandma and Grandpa.”

With the baseball fields empty and TV screens barren of games, Reds fan will enjoy the journey back in time to Riverfront 1975. Locals will also delight the myr-

iad of Cincinnati references, and maybe even learn something new about the historical role that Cincinnati Children’s played in the fight against pediatric ALL. And although *The Baseball* was written before the COVID-19 pandemic, the book offers meaningful perspectives on the heroic work of health care providers.

Now, excuse me while I go read *The Baseball* again. I love this book. The *Baseball* is available in print and e-book format at Amazon.com; contact Jamie by emailing jamesflerlage@gmail.com.

Terrace Park Woman’s Club visits Little Miami Brewing Company

On President’s Day, twenty six members and friends of the Terrace Park Woman’s Club had lunch and learned about the process of making craft beer. Woman’s Club member and hostess of the event, Sallie Lyons, introduced the CEO and cofounder of the Little Miami Brewing Company, Dan Lynch. He gave a brief history of the origin of the business and why they picked the current location. Jim Strelau is the Brew Master and is responsible for all the delicious varieties that customers come in to enjoy. He gave us a tour of the brewery and explained the many aspects that go into each and every selection. When asked if he ever made a brew that he did not like or did not go over well with customers,



his reply was no. We were all quite impressed with that answer. This was just one of the many informa-

tive and fun outings that the Terrace Park Woman’s Club hosts each year. Fore more information about joining, please contact Steph Jones sbjones@fuse.net.

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