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W. Schaaf Road bridge reconstruction project completed

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On Thursday December 28th, South Hills Hardware owner Chris Wygonski was able to breathe a sigh of relief when the re-opening of the Schaaf Road Bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks allowed his business to re-connect with his Old Brooklyn customers. It was too late for Christmas, but a welcome gift nonetheless. The old bridge had been shuffling traffic over the railway tracks since 1907 and everyone recognized that it was badly in need of replacement. Demolition of the old structure began in February of 2006 and effectively cut off much of the traffic so vital to his business.

According to the County Engineers Office replacement of the bridge was long overdue along with other needed repairs to Van Epps Road. Late in 2005 Great Lakes Construction was awarded a \$4.384 million dollar contract for work that included construction of the new bridge, repairs to the retaining wall, re-grading and re-paving of Van Epps, and modifications to the freeway interchange. Re-opening the Schaaf Road Bridge was a major milestone for the larger contract that is scheduled for completion in September of 2007.

Chris Wygonski is thrilled to see traffic moving once again. "This has been a very tough 10 months for us. The bridge closing cut us off from virtually the entire South Brooklyn market which is home to many of our most faithful customers. Even with the closing, a lot of folks managed to make their way to our door. That kind of loyalty was heartening and kept our spirits up through some pretty bleak times. Closing, even temporarily, was never an option. We've been a fixture in Old Brooklyn for many years and we plan to keep serving that community for many years. We'll be offering a full range of products in time for the spring planting season. We look forward to seeing Old Brooklyn customers and friends once again."

Across the bridge over at Kehoe's Printing the impact of the closing was not nearly as serious. According to Tom Kehoe, "The closing was more of an inconvenience. Most of our customers were able to get to us although sometimes our deliveries were slowed up a little bit. That said, I can certainly sympathize with Chris. We're certainly happy that we can connect up easily with the freeway once again."

Although there was no formal ribbon-cutting for the opening of the new bridge, restoring traffic may well be enough of a New Year's gift for Old Brooklyn.

St. Thomas More School receives award



Photo by George Shuba

St. Thomas More students (left - right) Steven Cehovic, Casandra Hipkins, Marie Murphy (teacher), Anthony Casper and Jack Walz proudly display the 2005-2006 Catholic Charities Philanthropic School of the Year Award which was presented to their school on December 19th. A "Kids Helping Kids Day" at St. Thomas More during the previous school year was the basis for their having earned this recognition. Students, faculty, staff and parents had hosted a carnival featuring 18 booths of fun, food and games, plus an inflatable wall and jumping room. The event raised \$1,500.34 for Parmadale Intensive Treatment Center, that year's designated recipient. Catholic Charities initiated the "Youth Helping Catholic Charities" program during the 2002-2003 school year to educate Catholic school students about Catholic Charities. Although St. Thomas More is located in Brooklyn, 80 percent of its students live in Old Brooklyn.

Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Assn. to host ecumenical service

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After a two-year hiatus (due to a snow-storm in 2005 and no-time-to-plan in 2006), the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association (GBMA) will again be sponsoring an ecumenical prayer service in observance of Christian Unity Week. The service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, 4170 North Amber Dr. (just north of the Brooklyn Recreation Center on Memphis Ave.)

The theme of this year's observance is "Open Our Ears and Loosen Our Tongues". Rev. Juliann Gebbie, pastor of Pearl Road

United Methodist Church, Rev. Ralph Verdi, associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and Rev. Carol Healey, co-pastor of St. Luke's United Church of Christ, planned the service. Rev. Gebbie will deliver the sermon.

A free-will offering will be taken up. As has been the case in the past, it will be donated to the West Side Ecumenical Ministry's Brookside Center.

Following the service there will be time for fellowship. Donations of pastry and snacks for the food table are optional, but would be greatly appreciated. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend the service; participating clergy are asked to dress in clerical robes.



Photo by George Shuba

Residents and business owners alike are awaiting the day that these signs will be down and W. Schaaf Rd. will again be open to through traffic. The bridge has been down since February of last year and reopened on Thursday, December 28th.

It's time for you to think about advertising in the 2007-08 Business Directory & Service Guide

This year's edition of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's *Business Directory and Service Guide* will again include businesses in the City of Brooklyn. The guide, which has long been the business and services bible for Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre residents, will again also be delivered to Brooklyn residents. Thus the circulation is 35,000.

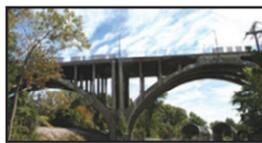
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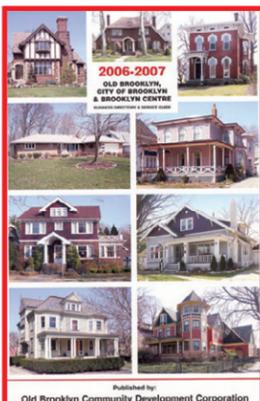
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Don Kuenzer -- from high school contest winner to RainForest curator

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(This article with typing errors corrected is reprinted from the July 1996 issue of the Old Brooklyn News.)

When it comes to choosing your life's work, some authorities on the subject say that if you do what you love, success will follow. Don Kuenzer, Senior Curator at Cleveland Metroparks' RainForest, can attest to that.

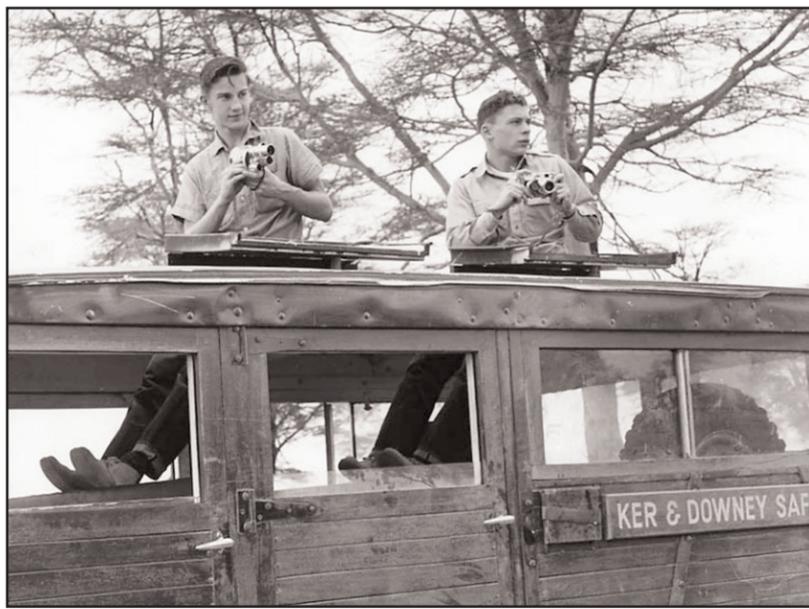
In last month's continuing saga of Brookside Park and The Cleveland Zoo, we mentioned a 1960 contest, which had as its prize a safari to East Africa. Two high school buddies, Don Kuenzer and Victor Uhas, won that trip. Since they were both from a Cleveland neighborhood which borders Old Brooklyn, and since Don is now in his 34th year at the Zoo, we've decided to expand on that story.

In the mid-Fifties, when Don and Vic were in junior high school, they both possessed a greater-than-average interest in animals. In senior high, they wanted to learn more about them, but no animal husbandry courses were offered at their school, West Tech. So the boys converted one of Vic's garages into a mini-zoo. In addition to common creatures like tropical fish, turtles and frogs, they also had a muskrat, a fox, a skunk and an alligator in their paneled, heated quarters.

In the summer of 1960, Don's father, Karl Kuenzer, brought home forms for a contest which sounded too good to be true. Two free places on the Zoo's upcoming safari to Africa were being offered to whoever could identify the most animals – with complete zoological names – from 14 black and white sketches. Fisher Foods was sponsoring the contest, and Zoo trustees Vernon Stouffer and Fred Crawford were picking up the tab for the winners.

Don and Vic could determine what eleven of the animals were right away – the African elephant, bongo, Cape Hunting dog, capybara, emu, guanaco, Indian copra, moose, proboscis monkey, pronghorn antelope and wood duck. But the last three were a bit harder; they had to research the Masia giraffe, tarsier and yapok at the library. When they still weren't sure of the exact type of giraffe, Don and Vic took a good guess by labeling it as the same species as the one at the Zoo.

Because they were the only entrants to correctly identify all the animals, Zoo officials didn't have to turn to the second part of the contest, an essay question entitled "What the Cleveland Zoo Means to Me and the



Photos courtesy of Tom O'Konowitz, Marketing & Public Relations Specialist/Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Top picture (left - right) Contest winners Victor Uhas, and Don Kuenzer on safari in East Africa. Pictured on right Don Kuenzer RainForest curator talks to children about orangutans on display in the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo RainForest.

Community" to break a tie.

The two-week trip began in Rome, with, in addition to the typical tourist sites, an audience with Pope Pius XII. (That was an unexpected bonus obtained through the generosity of restaurateur Joe Cavolli, who happened to be on the same transatlantic flight.) Then on to Nairobi, Kenya.

At the time, Kenya was still under British Rule. In fact, one of the places where the group stayed was the very hotel where "Princess" Elizabeth learned that her father had died and that she would soon be the new ruler. That place, the Treetops Lodge, was so called because the three-story structure had been built around a tree.

"The animal viewing there was great," Don recalls. "At night, the hotel staff pulled up the steps so that the animals wouldn't climb in when they came by to lick the salt which had been spread out for them. There were water buffalo, water bucks, bush bucks, elephants, wart hogs and baboons. Some of the baboons climbed up the tree into the hotel anyway."

The group's other accommodations in Kenya included a camp at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro and a room at the plush Mt. Kenya Safari Club. Transportation between sites was by British Land Rovers; the travelers were able to get amazingly close to the animals (which weren't frightened by vehicles the way that

they would be by people walking).

While in Kenya, the group also met a number of internationally renowned individuals – Joy Adamson, the author of *Born Free*; Robert Raurak, an African writer; Alan Root, the innovative cinematographer, who was also one of the tour guides; and Cecil Webb, a retired ornithologist from Dublin's Zoo, who was the other guide.

Tanganyika (now part of Tanzania) was the next stop, and while they were at that country's National Park at Lake Manyara, *Hitari*, a movie starring John Wayne and Red Buttons, was being filmed. Don and Vic also toured the area around Tanganyika's capital city, Arusha.

The boys experienced both common and unusual food on the safari. The fruit, including four varieties of bananas, plus chicken, pork and beef, were mostly familiar, but the vegetables were not. Kerosene refrigerators at the camps kept the food cold. The soda on the trip was always warm, however, because it's not safe to ingest ice in third world countries.

At the time of the safari, the Zoo's Director was Leonard Goss. Dr. Goss was one of the nine people on the trip, and Don told him that he'd like to work at the Zoo. Goss wasn't sure that it was a realistic idea; after all, Don was training at West Tech to be a printer.

After he graduated in January, 1961, Don took a job in the trade for which he had prepared. But he also worked at the Zoo's Children's Farm, June-September, that summer. The following summer, he was again tending the animals at the Children's Farm when the Keeper at Monkey Island and the Sea Lion Pool was injured. A full-time (albeit temporary) position caring for the monkeys and

sea lions thus became available, and Don said farewell to his printing past.

Then, five months later, after the Keeper job was bid-out to someone with more seniority, Don worked at general relief, regular maintenance and grounds maintenance at the Zoo.

Don moved into management at the Zoo in 1970 when he took charge of the Children's Farm and Kiddieland, (ten mechanized rides located between the Pachyderm Building and the Children's Farm).

In 1973, after the Zoo's fourth Zoologist in 11 years resigned, Don was asked to assume that position because, "they knew he'd be around". He took the management courses he needed at an Ohio State University extension campus which was then located in Lakewood; the rest was on-the-job training.

In 1975, Don was promoted to Associate Curator, and in 1979, when the Metroparks took over the Cleveland Zoo, his title changed to General Curator. During an interim period



in 1988-89, he also served as the Acting Director of the Zoo.

After a new Zoo director, Steve Taylor, was hired, he asked Don to oversee the RainForest project. That was in 1989, and in 1990, two years before the RainForest opened, Don became Senior Curator. The RainForest, Don believes, is what has put Cleveland's Zoo on the list of must-see zoological gardens.

And how does that teenage trip to Africa fit in with what Don's doing now?, you might wonder. "It gave me a great understanding of how animals relate to their environment in the wild, and how that can be applied to captive management," Don answers.

We feel fortunate that our neighborhood is able to count both the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Don Kuenzer among its resources. And we hope that Don's success story will inspire other teens to pursue their dreams.

As for Victor Uhas, he went on to major in business at Ohio University in Athens. Then, disenchanted with the business world, he entered academia. He was a high school principal in Columbus for about thirty years, and just retired last month.

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January 4th, 5th & 6th

Hiring for Target in Steelyard Commons

To apply for positions at Target go to Merrick House, 1050 Starkweather Ave. Thurs., Jan. 4th & Fri., Jan. 5th 9 am. - 6:30 pm. Sat. Jan. 6th 9 am - 5 pm. Hiring for all positions, cashier, salesfloor, stockroom, trailer unloader, starbucks, food service, phone operators, assets protection. For more info. call 216-624-4615.

Beginning January 8th

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Telephone lines open until Feb. 28 (or until funds for the program are exhausted). Valley Save-A-Pet, Inc. through their Have-A-Heart program with the cooperation of more than 40 veterinarians in the Greater Cleveland area, again offering low cost spay/neuter services to pet owners who otherwise would not be able to have their pet sterilized. To schedule pets call 440-232-CATS (2287), Mon. & Thurs., 10 am - 1 pm.

Thursday, January 25th

Theology on Tap

The Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe. Happy hour begins 6:30 pm., lecture 7:30 pm. Reverend Donald Dunson, outreach worker, Care Alliance & Professor of Moral Theology "Africa's Children: A Time of Peril & Promise". Admission \$3, includes complimentary appetizers & cash bar. Reservations encouraged. Walk-ins welcome. RSVP to Celeste Cappotto at 216-696-6525, ext.1049 or ccappotto@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Thursday, January 25th

Seminar on Veterans' Benefits & Medicaid Planning

East Park Retirement Community, 6360 Elmdale Rd. Brookpark, 2 pm. Presented by Paul Stano, elder law specialist. Tours of continuing care campus available. Door prizes & refreshments. RSVP by Jan. 22, 216-267-7067.

Saturday, January 27th
Benefit for Jessica Bojarski
(in need of a new heart)

Brown's Grill & Lanes, 3857 Pearl Rd, noon. Music, food, raffles & bowling. Tickets, \$6; \$10 w/bowling. For tickets or donations call 216-741-9726. Jessica is 11 years old & has already received two heart transplants. Her second heart is failing & she now needs a third heart. A fund has been established at Charter One Bank to help with medical expenses.

Monday, January 4th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Wally Huskonen, president of the **Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society**, will speak about "Naturalization Records: What They Are & How to Find Them". For more info., call Wally at 440-526-1238.

Be a Boy Scout

New troop starting at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Contact Rev. Gebbie, 216-661-5642, or Matt Baker, District Executive BSA, 216-861-6060.

Volunteer Opportunity

WSEM Food Center at Brookside, 3784 Pearl Rd. Volunteer to teach introduction to microsoft word, excel & internet classes (at least two hours per week). WSEM Food Center open Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm. For more info or if interested in volunteering, call Janet Thomas, 216-749-4295.

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St. Leo Preschool Registration

St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd, located in the Parish Community Center. Registration begins Feb., 1 at the preschool. A \$50 nonrefundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate are required at time of registration. The preschool offers programs for skills development & kindergarten readiness for three- & four-year-old children. Children who are four years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Mon., Wed. & Fri. Children who are three by Sept., 30 attend classes Tues. & Thurs. Class times are 8:15-10:45 am. or 11:55 am.-2:25 pm. for more info., call Jeanne Sabol at 216-661-5330.

St. Mark Lutheran School Registration

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Cleveland School Voucher Help Sessions

St. Mark Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd. Free to Cleveland area families in Feb. Representative will be present to answer questions & assist with the application process. Representative from the Lead Safe Living Campaign will also be there to answer questions & provide info. Free child fingerprinting kits available to interested Cleveland residents. Call 216-749-3545 for more info & dates or visit www.orgsites.com/oh/stmarklutheran.

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Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. Only 1 hour of time between 10:45 am & noon, one day a week. Help bring a little sunshine into the lives of a homebound resident in the Old Brooklyn area. Call Rosemary, 216-749-5367.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association (formerly Archwood Denison Concerned Citizens) meeting, Thurs., Jan. 4, 7 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave. For more info call Julie, 216-287-8195.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting, 2 pm, Sun., Jan. 21, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Wally Huskonen, president of the **Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society**, will speak about "Naturalization Records: What They Are & How to Find Them". Refreshments; prospective members welcome.

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, 7:30 pm, Fri., Jan. 12, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. At the time paper went to print a speaker was still being arranged. (Use the rear entrance off the parking lot.) Refreshments and a business meeting will follow his talk. Prospective members are welcome. Call president Louise Evans, 216-661-4103, for more information.

Second District Community Relations meeting, every second Tues. of the month, Tues., Jan. 9, 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council. Regular monthly meetings will resume in March.

Ward 16 Democratic Club Meeting. Tue., Jan. 16th, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave., 7 pm, every 3rd Tues. of the month. Discuss your thoughts & opinions with Councilman Kevin Kelley.

Westside Safety Summit Planning Meeting. Sat, Jan. 13th, 10 am - 12 pm, Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Ave. Join a coalition of westside community groups, business leaders, citizens, youth, church leaders & social service advocates to plan a West Side Safety Summit. The Summit's purpose is not a gripe session but a dialogue between city leaders & the community to collectively identify real solutions to Cleveland's growing safety problems. If you are ready for change, come be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem. Call Judith Pindell at OBCDC, 216-459-1000.

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Caring folks in the community help Padua student



Photo by George Shuba

Over a year ago when Don Workman, owner of Ameriflag, Inc., heard about Angelo Cicero, a freshman at Padua Franciscan High School who needed help paying the tuition, he felt compelled to do something. Don contributed \$100 toward the boy's tuition and then he wrote letters to some of his friends and business associates asking them to do the same. Knowing that Angelo was a straight-A student in elementary school, Don's friends promptly responded to the call for help. They amassed \$1,270 toward Angelo's tuition for his freshman year. It was Don's hope that everyone would do the same for the next three years. So far, so good. Now Angelo is a sophomore at Padua and again local merchants in Old Brooklyn have come together to help him. This year they raised \$1,450 to help Angelo achieve his goal of graduating from Padua. Some of his benefactors (front row, left - right) Richard L. Phillips, Richard Bres, Rev. Jerry Madasz, Rev. Ralph Verdi, C.P.P.S., Joe Cannon, (back row, left-right) Oleh Lepak, Yvette "Fifi" Forinash, Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins, Angelo Cicero, Don Workman, Kathy Lepak, Robert Bostic, George Shuba (not pictured) gathered at Dee's Diner last month to present the check.

Cynthia Cejka joins OBCDC staff

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On December 18th, Cynthia Cejka joined the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) staff as the new office manager, filling the position vacated by Susan Nieves who left OBCDC last October. Cynthia brings the agency a wealth of experience from the private sector.

Before coming to OBCDC, Cynthia worked for 7 years in the Asset Management division of AMERINNS Corporation where she served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice President. She then took over management of that division when her supervisor was forced to take a leave of absence due to illness. Cynthia also worked in the Account Receivable Department of the Clark-Reliance Corporation for three years. Earlier in her career she spent nine years as a bookkeeper for Heidenreich & Associates, an accounting firm.

Although Cynthia now lives in Parma, she has many fond memories of Old Brooklyn. Shortly after she married, she and her husband spent three years in the Brooklyn Acres complex off Memphis. Reflecting back on those times Cynthia said, "It was a great place to live and very affordable. Our years there gave us the chance to save up the money to buy our first house."

Outside of work, Cynthia is an avid gardener, loves decorating and drawing, and



Photo by Jay Gardner

Cynthia Cejka, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation office manager.

enjoys every opportunity to cook and entertain. Her grown son is married and lives in the Cleveland area; she's looking forward to becoming a grandparent.

When Cynthia applied for the job she was interviewed by the agency's director as well as most of the staff. In thinking about those interviews Cynthia noted, "That was an interesting process and very helpful. When I came on board I already felt that I was part of the team. Everyone has been very warm and supportive and I hope to be here a long time."

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The last of the twelve days of Christmas are upon us, and soon (unless we're observing Christmas in January), another holiday will be just a memory. No matter what you received under the tree, peace is the gift we really need this year. As for other things that have happened in the last several months —

The **Tremont Oral History Project** which we've periodically advertised in this paper really got off the ground in December when it hung five large "windows" with pictures and text in one of the hallways on the ground level at Pilgrim Congregational Church on W. 14th Street. If you missed seeing them, this month the display will find a permanent home at the Tremont West Development Corporation, 2190 Professor Ave.

Old Brooklyn (and former Tremont) resident **Mollie Alstott** is very involved with the project, which includes gathering photos and other memorabilia from the neighborhood and taping interviews with old-timers about whatever they remember from by-gone days there. The five display boards incorporate that and other already published local history into a very attractive and informative visual.

The topics of the five display windows are: "Pre-1850 — early pioneers, earliest settlers and the first six families"; "1850-1875 — Connecticut settlers and the Civil War"; "1875-1914 — immigrants and industry"; "1914-1944 — I remember... education and recreation"; and photos of "everyday people" from various decades.

Mollie also volunteers at the Zoo, and because of her involvement there, she heard — and was kind enough to tell me — that **Don Kuenzer**, the curator of the **Metroparks Zoo's RainForest**, retired at the end of last month. He worked for the Zoo for 44 years, virtually his entire adult life, having started his lifelong connection in 1960 by winning a Zoological Society contest which landed him a spot on a safari to Africa while he was still in high school. (Perhaps some of you remember an article we published about Don in our Cleveland Bicentennial issue in July, 1996 which included that contest.) (We've reprinted that article this month on page 2.)

A former member of the board of trustees of the Old Brooklyn Community Development

Corporation (OBCDC), Don served three terms and a total of five years as president of the board (1995, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002).

Now that he's retired, Don will have more time for getting to the log cabin he's been wanting to build on property he owns in Brunswick Hills. He also plans to continue his involvement with conservation issues and the national zoo organization.

Twice a year, **Neighborhood Connections**, a program of the Cleveland Foundation, awards grants to worthy organizations which have raised funds to match the amount of the grant they receive. We are proud to report that in November two groups in Old Brooklyn received money from that program.

The United Hearts Life Mission Center, 3339 Broadview Rd. (just south of Pearl Rd.) received \$2184.59 which it used to purchase ten cribs, ten mattresses, ten sheets and eight car seats for needy families.

The **Friends of South Hills Circle** received \$5000 to use for their work in that section of our neighborhood. Perhaps you noticed that over the holidays a wooden sign and four lighted Christmas trees decorated the circle (an oval, actually). The Circle's being "electrified" is actually the result of **Councilman Brian Cummins** having allocated some of Ward 15's *Block Grant* money to them. But come spring, the *Neighborhood Connections Grant* money will be used to purchase lamp posts, benches, decorative foliage and flowers for the Circle. **Mary Ann Jannazo** wrote the grant proposal; **OBCDC** serves as the group's fiscal agent.

Moving on to some student news now, we present a fourth grader from **St. Thomas More School** who was named the 2006 "Great Lakes Scholar of the Year". The five-state program takes note of students from third to eighth grade who have excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities.

Many hundreds of Ohio Great Lakes Scholars were recognized during a special ceremony at the Cleveland Indians baseball game on July 29, but only one, **Hannah Goldberg** of Meadowbrook Ave. in Old Brooklyn, was brought to the podium to be introduced as the "Scholar of the Year". While no monetary award is involved, Hannah was awarded a certificate of excellence. Go to www.greatlakes-scholars.com if you'd like to know more about the program.

Then, just last month, **St. Thomas More School** as a whole was recognized when the Board of the Catholic Charities Corporation deemed it to be the most outstanding Catholic school in the entire diocese in terms of philanthropic activity. The Board presented the award to the school on December 19. (See the photo and read the details in the accompanying caption which appears on page 1 in this issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*.)

Ohio State University (OSU) has sent us

both graduation and Honor Roll news from their summer quarter. Three Old Brooklyn students are among the graduates — **Charlene Jorge** and **Jay Schnittger** each received a Bachelor of Arts degree and **Emanuel Vargas** received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering degree at the August 27th commencement exercises.

Three Old Brooklyn residents were also on OSU's Honor Roll summer quarter — **Volodymyr Karpa**, **Joshua Todorovski** and **Heath Williams**.

In Memoriam

Ellsworth J. Holden, Sr.

In today's mobile society, one doesn't find many "lifers" in terms of profession or affiliation with a particular company/organization. But Ellsworth J. (E. J.) Holden, Sr., who passed from this world on November 12, 2006, was a "lifer" in the finest sense of the word. A business teacher and athletic coach, Ellsworth devoted all 40 years of his professional career to students at James Ford Rhodes High School.

Born in 1909 in what was then the southwest edge of the former Brooklyn Township, Ellsworth had been educated at West Commerce High School in Cleveland and Ohio University in Athens before coming to Rhodes. The secondary school had just opened in February, 1932 and since Ellsworth graduated from college in 1933, it was as if the two of them grew through the prime of life together. Ellsworth became the head of Rhodes' business department (32 years), coached track and cross-country (28 years), and was the cooperative education coordinator (5 years). He retired in 1973.

In addition to his academic career, Ellsworth was a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was married to his

Also, last month when we published the names of the OSU students who were on the Honor Roll spring quarter, one name was accidentally omitted. **Jonathan Hollik** of Cleveland should also have been listed.

That's all we have room for this month, but we still want you to help us keep this column filled with a variety of interesting information. Send your news to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

wife, Evelyn, for 74-1/2 years. They had four children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ellsworth also sold insurance part-time both before and after his retirement, and thus he was familiar to other Brooklyn/Old Brooklyn residents due to that business venture. And because they were active members of Pearl Road United Methodist Church, E.J. and Evelyn were well-known to yet another segment of our neighborhood population.

The Holdens lived at numerous locations during their long golden years together after E.J. retired. Approximately eight of those years were at the Elyria United Methodist Village; then in November, 2005, they moved to Hickory Creek Nursing Center in The Plains, Ohio. Evelyn died in February, 2006.

Ellsworth's funeral service was conducted at Pearl Road United Methodist Church on November 18. He and Evelyn are both interred in the Mausoleum at Brooklyn Heights Cemetery. Posthumously we thank them both for all the life-energy they devoted to our community.

James W. Wyatt

Attendees and volunteers at Pearl Road United Methodist Church's weekly "hunger meal" know that they lost a dedicated member last month. For about the last ten years, James W. Wyatt had been a "regular" at the Thursday night suppers. When the pastor couldn't be present, it was he who led the prayers. Jim passed from this life into eternity on December 11, 2006.

Jim's interest in helping the hungry didn't end with the I.H.S. (In His Service) meals, either. He also raised lots of tomatoes every summer and donated the majority of them to

the hungry. The long-time Old Brooklyn resident and retired RTA bus driver had been a member of Pearl Road Methodist for about twenty years. He'd served as a lay speaker, chairman of the Administrative Council and a member of other committees at the church.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joy, two children, three grandchildren, brothers and sisters. After his funeral service at the Pearl Road church on December 15, his body was taken to Rock Creek, West Virginia and interred at Miller Cemetery.

(Lynette Filips wrote these obituaries.)

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By Tom Collins
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Last month I wrote about the MJB Consulting study titled "Big Box Centers and Neighborhood Business Districts: Impact Analysis and Competitive Strategy". The full study can be found at the Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition web site: www.cndc2.org/. Look for the reference on the home page.

The study pulls from national findings measuring the impact of "Big Box" stores on neighborhood and small town business districts. Those findings are then applied to Cleveland neighborhood business districts closest to Steelyard Commons. It is not a prediction of what will happen but a description of what should be tracked and measured by economic development professionals and community development corporations over the next five years. Measurement means that the benefits can be identified and exploited. It also means that the negative

impact can be measured and policies developed to prevent community deterioration.

The executive summary deals with consumer behavior changes when shoppers can patronize both super centers and traditional stores providing groceries, hardware, large appliances, office equipment/supplies, restaurants, apparel and pharmaceuticals. It is 'must-reading' for local business owners and managers if they intend to survive with this new competition. Those who say "I will wait and see" are conceding market share without preparing for the shift. Those who read the report will learn what things to watch for and what options they should consider.

The district impact section suggests that the drug store chains with single or multiple stores in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre are vulnerable to lost sales because this is already a highly competitive market. These stores which depend upon convenience items sales to bring in pharmacy customers will have to become focused on specific community needs and easily adjusted prices on highly competitive items. It is likely that at least one of these stores will be forced to close and its pharmacy customers forced to find another store.

Attracting new retail will become more difficult because large scale marketing campaigns will pull consumers from the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre to Steelyard Commons. Consumers are smart shoppers. If they find that quantity, quality and price are superior, they will shop there until a bet-

ter alternative is offered.

This impacts leased retail space and the landlord's ability to make improvements on the building. As noted in last month's column, there is an abundance of first floor retail store space that cannot all be rented now. What will happen if the amount of rentable square feet increases by 10% or 15% over the next five years?

One benefit will be an increase in local traffic on Pearl Rd., Broadview Rd. and Denison Ave; these will be automobiles with shoppers. Businesses with improved signage, attractive display windows and restored facades will catch the attention of these shoppers. Local marketing, special products and sale items will get the attention of the traffic and invite them to stop and shop.

The report has a lengthy section on how Old Brooklyn can develop a commercial identity and product niche that is worthy of thought and discussion. No one can tell an entrepreneur just how to be successful but the stage can be set to attract entrepreneurs because opportunity is present.

Check out the study and observe what changes do occur over the next five years as Steelyard Commons becomes the newest shopping district for Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

South Brooklyn Town Hall

What many people call the old fire house at 2314 Broadview Rd was also South Brooklyn's Town Hall. It was built in the

late 1890s before South Brooklyn Village was annexed to the City of Cleveland in 1905. Joe Danczak, President of Steel Erectors, is the new owner. Watch for the current windows to be restored or replaced with historically accurate windows.

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Housing Choice Voucher Program: information, rights and responsibilities

by Raymond L. Pianka
Judge, Cleveland Housing Court

Recently, The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) recently added 6,000 people to its waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), formerly known as Section 8. CMHA, through the HCVP, helps low-income tenants afford safe, decent and maintained housing on the private market by paying a portion of their rent (while requiring the tenants to pay the remainder).

A person participating in the HCVP is issued a rental voucher, and must choose a unit on the private rental market, with a landlord willing to participate in the Program. Then, CMHA inspects the unit before the initial leasing, and at least annually after that, to ensure that it meets the Housing Quality Standards created by HUD. If the unit passes inspection, CMHA enters into a contract with the landlord, who leases the unit to the participant. CMHA pays a portion of the rent to the owner on behalf of the tenant, and the tenant pays the remainder directly to the landlord.

HCVP landlords have the right to collect rent due from both CMHA and tenants, and to enforce the lease in the event of a breach. HCVP landlords also have certain responsibil-

ities: complying with fair housing laws; maintaining the property in compliance with the HQS, Ohio Revised Code, and local ordinances; and otherwise complying with the lease. Failure to comply with these requirements could mean termination of contract (loss of money from both CMHA and the tenant), criminal prosecution or civil lawsuits to enforce the tenant's rights.

In addition, HCVP landlords, like all homeowners in the City of Cleveland, are accountable, as are all homeowners in the City of Cleveland, under a new ordinance which allows the City to declare a nuisance where certain bothersome activities have occurred more than three times within 30 days on the same property. If the homeowner fails to correct these conditions, the City may do so, and bill the owner the costs. Being billed three times within two years for abating a nuisance could land the homeowner up to \$750 in fines and 90 days in jail.

If you have any questions about the Housing Choice Voucher Program, please contact CMHA at (216) 431-1471. For information about your rights and responsibilities as a landlord or tenant, call a Housing Specialist at 216-664-4295.

Nuisance ordinance passed in Cleveland

by Mike Piepsny, Executive Director,
Cleveland Tenants Organization

The clear tone of an ordinance recently passed by Cleveland City Council is that tenants living in Cleveland had better be prepared to face the consequences of irresponsible behavior. The ordinance, which took effect in mid-November, defines and sets the ramifications for repeated nuisance activity at a single location within the City of Cleveland. Nuisance activities are defined broadly and can be the result of conduct engaged in by the owner, occupant or invitee of the property; only probable cause of such conduct is needed for people to be in violation of the law.

Essentially, the ordinance states that when three or more nuisance activities occur on separate occasions on the same property within any thirty (30) day period, the Director of Public Safety, or his or her designee, may declare the premises to be a nuisance property and may abate the nuisance as provided in the law. Once declared a nuisance property, the City may cite the landlord and require the owner to pay for the costs of abating the nuisance. Failure to pay may result in a lien being placed on the property.

When I first heard that City Council was planning on holding property owners responsible for the actions of their tenants, I found myself in a peculiar position because over half of Cleveland's population is comprised of renters. Thus a substantial number of our neighbors, friends and families are renters.

My fear was that holding landlords responsible for the acts of their tenants would

only worsen the problems that we already face in the decline of affordable housing. This law would force landlords to perform additional extensive background checks, credit checks, reference checks, etc. on prospective tenants. This additional cost would, of course, be passed on to the renters of the property.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has determined that a person should not pay more than 30% of his/her income on rent. Yet in Cleveland, 45% of renters pay more than 30% of their income on rent, and 25% pay more than 50% of their income on rent.

My fear was that this law could dramatically increase the homeless population and the number of vacant units in our neighborhoods.

My fears, however, were somewhat alleviated when I looked at what City Council had planned. The intent of the law is to rid properties of repeatedly irresponsible tenants. Landlords will not be penalized unless they fail to respond to repeated nuisance occurrences at their properties. This is obviously an effort to force absentee landlords to deal with irresponsible tenants.

Despite some concerns about the evidence necessary to hold landlords responsible for the actions of their tenants (probable cause that the nuisance conduct occurred is the standard needed to hold landlords responsible under the ordinance), the intent of the law is to keep communities safe, sanitary and inhabited by neighbors who respect the rights of other neighbors.

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Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre's Contractor List

by Lori A. Peterson
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The story goes like this: The contractor starts a major renovation project, then doesn't show up for two or three weeks, leaving their life in a mess; or the contractor takes 50% of their money, and then leaves them crying in the wind.

Finding a good contractor is often a time-consuming and daunting process which is one

of the many reasons that Angie's List®, a resource of various contractors with a rating system, was compiled.

Following this model (with your help), Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation intends to create its own list of Old Brooklyn contractors, architects and landscapers. Complete the form below detailing the experiences you have had with such business people in our neighborhood. Our list will not be a *recommendation*, but it will be something you can use as a *starting point* before getting bids and making your dreams become reality.

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A refresher on snow removal

by Judith Pindell
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The question of snow falling this winter is not a question of *if*, but a question of *when*. And when the snow does fly we need to remember our responsibilities of snow disposal and clearing sidewalks for the safety of others.

The City of Cleveland Codified Ordinances spells out the law on disposing of snow from one's driveway. Code 411.02 states "No person removing snow from any private driveway within the City shall deposit such snow upon the pavement of any public street or on any tree lawn on any public street, except the tree lawn immediately in front of the premises from which the snow is removed." The penalty for violation of this law is a minor misdemeanor for the first offense and a possible \$100 fine.

A law for clearing snow from the sidewalk in front of your home is also on the

books. Code 507.13 explains that any owner or occupant of a house, apartment, or building "shall clear the whole sidewalk in front of the tenement, building, lot or land, of snow and ice, before 9:00 a.m. of each day" and that "a pathway thereon shall be cleared of ice and snow to the width of at least five feet."

The law also states that "if from any cause it is impossible to remove all the snow and ice which may adhere to such sidewalk, then every such owner, occupant or person having charge shall cover the snow or ice as shall so remain with such coating of ashes, sand or other substance [such as salt] as may be necessary to render travel safe and convenient."

Violation of this law could result in a fine for every day that the offense is continued.

So far, we have been lucky with a mild winter, but when the snow and ice are upon us let's not slip-up on our responsibilities and risk a slip-up on the sidewalk.

WECO Fund helps you earn as you save

by Judith Pindell
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A new year is upon us and you know what that means... new year's resolutions. For some of us, this may be the year that we begin to save for a first home, college or a business we always wanted to start.

The hardest part is getting started. And it's just as hard to continue working on your resolution. Fortunately, there is help to reach your money saving goals.

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If this sounds like something that can help you reach your financial goals, contact Deltrise Sanford, IDA Program Director, WECO Fund at 216- 458-0250, ext. 116 or visit www.wecofund.com to find out about other programs.

For additional resources of financial education providers in northern Ohio, visit www.OhioFinancialEducationDirectory.org.

Neighborhood Connections Grantseeker Orientation Session

Tuesday, January 23
6 pm
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1900 Fulton Road

Neighborhood Connections is The Cleveland Foundation's small grants program that benefits grass-roots organizations in the City of Cleveland. The program offers grants of \$500 to \$5000 twice a year to any group of residents within the City limits. Groups do not need to be registered as 501(c)(3) with the State of Ohio to receive a grant.

The next deadline for submitting a grant proposal is: Friday, February 16 5 p.m. Proposals may be sent by mail or hand delivered; they *may not* be submitted by fax or email. Only one copy needs to be submitted.

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Cleveland Tenants Organization Available to Educate Landlords and Tenants

With the proposed nuisance abatement legislation expected to take affect in November, many people are wondering how the bill will affect landlords and renters in Cleveland. The law could mean hefty fines and even jail time, if police respond multiple times to excessive complaints of noise, fights or drug activity at the same property. Michael Piepsny, Executive Director of Cleveland Tenants Organization (CTO), will be on hand Tuesday, January 16, for a FREE seminar to inform community residents about the nuisance bill, new lead laws in the City of Cleveland, and landlord-tenant laws. It is vital for landlords to understand these laws when looking for reliable tenants, and for renters or homeowners to know them in terms of dealing with difficult neighbors. The workshop will cover topics like "How to screen tenants applying to rent", "What to do if your landlord doesn't respond to complaints", "When it is appropriate to seek legal assistance" and "What renters can do to be better neighbors and avoid fines or eviction".

Cleveland Tenants Organization is a non-profit agency with 30 years of experience in educating tenants and landlords about their responsibilities under the law in order to keep rental housing safe, fair, affordable and accessible in Greater Cleveland.

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St. Theodosius Cathedral – where Great Russians, Belarusians, Carpatho-Rusins and even some Ukrainians worshipped

by Lynette Filips
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Getting the story straight was relatively easy when I started this “immigrant groups and the churches they established” series just over a year ago. England has been England for centuries, and Ireland, Germany and France have had their current boundaries for a long time, too. Except for a border area like Alsace-Lorraine, it was easy to determine people’s nationality by the country in which they lived.

It wasn’t difficult with the first Slavic (Polish, Slovak, Hungarian) nationalities we discussed in these articles, either. Although Poland was “off the map” for decades and the Slovaks were combined with the Czechs in a new country after World War I, the people retained a clear ethnic identity.

Things got a bit more complicated when we discussed Ukrainian churches, but even when the Ukrainians were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in Galicia and later part of the U.S.S.R. (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), at least in Europe, they were sure about who they were.

This month, though, the story becomes much more complex as I venture into churches established by immigrants with Russian/Rusin in their backgrounds. The “Rus” in Russian, Belarusian and Carpatho-Russian/Rusin refers to ancient Varangian peoples from Scandinavia who, in the ninth century, began moving south and east into today’s European section of Russia. They established a kingdom in Kiev (now part of Ukraine), settled the Carpathian Mountain region of today’s southeastern Poland, northeastern Slovakia and southwestern Ukraine, and also inhabited today’s Belarus (formerly, White Russia/White Ruthenia). There are Carpatho-Russians in Romania, Hungary, Yugoslavia and the Czech Republic, too.

This has been very perplexing to both scholars and laymen, and to this day, an ethnic identity crisis is occurring as people with ancestors from these areas try to determine what nationality they really are (because the name of the country ruling the people at any given time does not determine their true ethnicity.)

The situation was further confused in America by immigrants looking for or wanting to establish a familiar-feeling church. As we discussed in our October article about Ukrainian churches, there are Eastern Rite as well as Western Rite Roman Catholic churches, and the Eastern Rite churches use virtually the same liturgy as Orthodox churches use.

Does Greek Catholic mean that only Greeks attended it? No! That was an earlier name for Byzantine Rite (one of the Eastern Catholic Rite) churches.

If a church has Russian Orthodox in its name, does it mean that Great Russians established it or that only Great Russians attended it? Probably not; it’s more likely that the church’s Eastern style of liturgy appealed to many Slavic immigrants who weren’t sure where they belonged church-wise in America.

So with all these thoughts in mind, let’s resume looking at the churches which “Rus-descended” people established in Cleveland. (Technically, the Ukrainian churches we’ve already discussed fall into this category, too.) Not surprisingly, many of them were also located in Tremont.



Photo of the first St. Theodosius Church

St. Theodosius of Chernigov Church was organized in 1896, when the tide of immigration of Eastern Europeans to the United States was at an all-time high. Originally located on the corner of Literary Ave. and W. 6th St., it was the first Orthodox community in Cleveland, and as such, served the spiritual needs of all nationalities of Orthodox Christians.

Depending upon the entry one reads in *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*, Great Russians, Belarusians and Carpatho-Russians are all denoted as being the ethnic group which established St. Theodosius and eventually built the current cathedral.

But whatever nationality they were, the 23 men who formed the St. Nicholas (the patron saint they originally wanted for the church) Society had originally worshipped at a nearby Uniate (Eastern Rite Catholic, reunited with Rome from Orthodoxy) church, but conflict there caused them to want to return to Orthodoxy. Because the Orthodox Church had just canonized Theodosius a saint that year, the Archbishop asked them to name the new parish after him.

Records state that six years later (in 1902), there were just 15 families working hard to keep St. Theodosius afloat. The Russian Missionary Fund established by Czar Nicholas II gave them a bit of assistance.

The parish got a boost later in 1902 when one of the members learned that the Sisters of St. Joseph, who had their motherhouse (main convent) surrounded by 30 acres of land at the foot of Starkweather Ave. between Professor Ave. and W. 7th Place, wanted to sell the property. Somehow, the parish of only 30 families bought it, cut in St. Tikhon St. and St. Olga St., and sold 80 lots for \$125 each to parishioners to build homes. (That helped the parish pay for their purchase.)

The elder Fr. Jason R. Kappanadze was the priest at this time (1902-1908); he subse-



Drawing of the current St. Theodosius Cathedral

quently returned to his birthplace, the Republic of Georgia in Great Russia. From 1922-1957, Fr. Kappanadze again served as pastor of St. Theodosius; his grandson, who had the same name, was St. Theodosius’ pastor from 1988 to 1999.

St. Theodosius parishioners used the former convent as their church until they decided to build the cathedral which today stands at 733 Starkweather Ave. Its design is patterned after the Church of Our Savior Jesus Christ in Moscow and it is decorated with paintings imported from Russia. It is built in the shape of a cross and surmounted by thirteen cupolas and crosses (symbolic of Christ and the twelve apostles).

The parish purchased the land for St. Theodosius Cemetery on Ridge Road at Biddulph Rd. in Brooklyn in 1909. The property had a wooden barn on it and one of the monks from St. Theodosius used to come out there on Saturdays to teach the Russian language to the children who lived too far away to attend Russian classes at the church.

The Ridge-Biddulph property was also

the site of St. Theodosius’ annual picnic; the picnic grove was in the front and the cemetery was in the back. Singing Russian songs and doing Russian folk dances were always part of the festivities.

St. Theodosius has had an outstanding a capella choir for over 70 years; for 30 of those years it has presented an annual Christmas concert at the cathedral. (In last month’s article, I incorrectly stated that Russian Orthodox churches observe Christmas in January. The reality is that they follow the *New Julian Calendar*, which, like the Gregorian Calendar, celebrates the birth of Christ on December 25.)

In the past, St. Theodosius also had folk dance groups for both children and adults who performed throughout Ohio and even out-of-state. From 1963 through 1991 (almost 30 years!), an Old Brooklyn native, Olga Sashko Gaydos of Behrwald Ave., directed the dancers. When parts of *The Deer Hunter* were filmed at St. Theodosius and Lemko Hall during the summer of 1977, Olga was the person who taught Meryl Streep and three other actors the Russian dances they did in the movie (at the wedding reception).

To read the text of a 1985 interview in which Olga talks about the movie and her life as the child of Russian-born immigrants who belonged to St. Theodosius, go to Cleveland State University’s website – www.cleveland-memory.org/ebooks/gaydos/text.html.

In the late 1950s, as the congregation at St. Theodosius became more culturally diverse, the priests began to offer the Divine Liturgy in the English language as well as in Slavonic. Today there is only one Sunday worship service. It is in English at 9 a.m. and lasts about an hour and a half.

St. Theodosius is one of the finest examples of Russian church architecture in the entire United States. It is a Cleveland landmark and is also on the National Register of Historic Places. If you are interested in experiencing it first-hand, take one of the tours they periodically offer or attend one of their Sunday liturgies.

Next month we will move on to other churches with “Rus” roots. As always, your contributions are most welcome.

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Onion domes on St. Theodosius Cathedral illuminated for the first time last month

Since 1995, the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) has worked with the Reinhold Eickson Fund of the Cleveland Foundation to light the steeples and other prominent architectural features of churches visible from the interstate highways. On December 21, 2006, the onion domes at St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 733 Starkweather Ave. in Tremont, were added to the list of illuminated churches.

St. Theodosius installed a new slate roof and copper flashing on its thirteen domes in advance of the lighting project. The lit domes are especially visible from I-490. Thanks to the

program, the steeples/domes at two other churches in Tremont were also illuminated in 2006. They are Zion United Church of Christ, 2716 W. 14th St., and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, 2187 W. 14th St. Zion’s was lit in February and Annunciation’s in December.

The Cleveland Restoration Society has maps available to anyone who would like to take a self-guided tour of the thirteen lit churches. The maps are available at the Society’s headquarters in the Sarah Benedict House, 3751 Prospect Ave. Call 216-426-3111 for more information or visit CRS’s website at www.clevelandrestoration.org.

Metrohealth Request for Deaconess Artifacts

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Cleveland Metroparks Chalet Reservation Valley Pkwy. – Mill Stream Run
440-572-9990
Tobogganing - Season begins Fri., Nov. 24. Thurs. through Sun., hours vary. \$8, adults; \$6, children ages 11 & under. Group rates & season passes available.

Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center
24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted
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“Splashing Away the Winter” – A Musical – Sat., Jan. 6, 7– 8 pm. Enjoy original songs by Hank Mallory and puppets brought to life by Naturalist Mindy Murdock. Free, but registration required.
Funday: Snakes – Mon. & Tues., Jan 22 & 23, 10 – 11:15 am and 1– 2:15 pm. Learn about the lives of these reptiles through story, simple craft and a live snake. Free, but registration required.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way, 216-661-6500
www.clemetzoo.com
Polar Bear Days- Jan. 2-31, 10 am – 5 pm. Whenever 107.3 WNWV The Wave predicts the high temperature for the day to be 32 degrees or below, it will be a “Polar Bear Day at the Zoo” and visitors will receive half-price admission. (Adults, \$3; kids aged 2-11, \$2; kids under 2 and Zoo members free.)

Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Blvd., 216-421-7340
Barcelona & Modernity Exhibit - Now thru Jan. 7, 2007. Tues. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri. to 9 pm; closed Mon. Picasso, Gaudi, Miro & Dali. Adults, \$15; children ages 6 - 18, \$7; under age 6, free. The museum is still closed for renovations, but one gallery is open for this special exhibit.

Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn
3706 Pearl Rd.,
216-623-6920
Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.-Fri., Jan.12, 5 - 5:30 pm. Learn about the life of Martin Luther King Jr. & his continuous struggle with the civil rights movement.
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Cleveland Botanical Garden
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216-721-1600
www.cbgs.org
Martin Luther King Day – Mon., Jan. 15, 10 am – 5 pm. Visit the Garden & join in craft activities by creating a personal bracelet using seeds important in African-American agriculture. Free admission on this day.

Children’s Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave.
216-791-7114
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
Peace Bracelets – Mon., Jan. 15, 12 – 5pm. Half price admission, \$3 for all ages. Make a multicolored “Peace Bracelet” to celebrate Martin Luther King’s belief that people of every color should live in harmony.

THEATRE NOTES

The Beck Center for the Arts
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www.beckcenter.org
“Equus”
Feb. 2 - 25. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun, 3 pm. Box office & gallery hours -- Mon. - Sat., 9 am - 8 pm; Sun., 12 - 5 pm. Call for special holiday hours. Tickets -- ADMISSION? parking, \$2.

Cassidy Theatre of Greenbrier Commons
6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600

Barry Manilow’s “Copacabana”
Fri., Jan. 19 thru Sun., Feb. 4. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun. matinee, 3 pm. Tickets - \$20, adults; \$15, seniors & students.,

The Cleveland Playhouse
8500 Euclid Ave. 216-795-7000
www.clevelandplayhouse.com

“Of Mice and Men”
Now thru Sat., Jan. 23. Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., evening, 8 pm; Sat. matinee, 4 pm; Sun. matinee, 2 pm; Thurs. matinee, 1:30 pm. Tickets start at \$39.

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“ In When the Wind Blows”
by Lisa Siciliano; directed by Dawn Youngs. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 12-14.

“The Future of the Funk ”
by Najaa Young. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 19-21.

“Without Feathers”
by Lisa Lock. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 26-28.

“Wearing Rainbows and Numbers”
by Mary Weems, directed by Tony Sias. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb. 2-4.

Kalliope Stage
2134 Lee Road (Cleve. Hts.) 216-321-0870
www.kalliopestage.com

“Jacques Brel”
Thurs., Feb. 1 - Sun., Mar. 11. Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets - child, \$14-\$32; student, \$19-\$32; adult, \$23-\$32 (depending on day of week).

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Open Square Dancing - Mon., 1 pm, The Schwab Center.

Craft Classes - Tues. & Thurs., 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Crochet Klatch - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am, Estabrook Recreation Center.

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- 1:00 pm Tai Chi

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Racing Game - Fri., 10:45 am, Deaconess-Krafft.
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Friday, January 5th
Cleveland Plain Dealer tour & lunch at Golden Coral, \$11.

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Wednesday, January 10th
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Tuesday, January 16th
Speaker on weight gained over Holidays 9:45 am.

Wednesday, January 17th
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Friday, January 19th
Malley's Chocolates & Lunch at Arby's, \$6.

Tuesday, January 23rd
Art Class: painting, ceramic Valentine items. 10 am.

Tuesday, January 30th
Speaker on effects of Omega 3 & fatty acids: 10 am.

Wednesday, February 7
Cupid's Valentine Celebration. 1 pm. Tickets \$8.50.

CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, January 14th
Cookin' for Christ
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. noon. Menu -- cabbage rolls, scalloped potatoes, corn soufflé, rolls, dessert & beverages. Cost -- \$7 per person; \$4, children under 10. For reservations call the church office, 216-351-6499. Proceeds used for church & community projects.

Sunday, January 14th
"Rejoicing Spirits United in One Body"
Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5280 Broadview Rd. (North Ave. & Tuxedo Ave.), 5:30 pm; lasts 30 - 45 minutes. Worship service geared to developmentally disabled individuals, their families/caregivers. Basic Bible readings, interactive activities & lots of music presented by the pastor's wife & a team from Parma Lutheran. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, January 21st
"All You Can Eat" Pasta Dinner
St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, 3600 Biddulph Ave., 11 am - 1 pm. Donation: adults, \$7; children, \$5. All proceeds go toward parking lot paving fund. For further info. contact the Church School Office, 216-749-7980.

Tuesday, January 23rd
Widows and Widowers Meeting
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., Gathering Room, noon. Menu - beef stroganoff, cheesy carrots, salads & desserts. Cost - \$3 per person. Call 216-351-6499 for reservations.

Sunday, January 28th
Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association
St. Thomas More Church, 4170 North Amber Dr., Brooklyn, 3 pm. Annual ecumenical service in honor of Christian Unity.

As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. Luke 2:21 N.I.V.

Nothing unusual happened that day in Bethlehem. An eight day-old baby boy was circumcised as were countless others in the 19-some centuries since God came to Abraham commanding it. Even the name Jesus (meaning "the Lord saves") given this little boy at his circumcision, wasn't uncommon. Others had carried it, including Joshua who had led the Israelites across the Jordan.

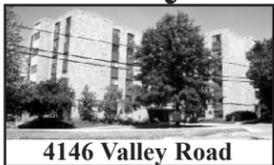
Nothing unusual to the outward eye. But to the eye of the believer, what a scene! That baby going under the knife of circumcision is God himself, who took on our human flesh and our sins, taking them to Calvary, and away forever.

Will the new year bring more sin in spite of our efforts to resist? Looking back, we see how much sin has littered the year gone by. Like refuse, our thoughts, words, and deeds dot its pathway. Thank God we have a Savior who does more than gather those sins for someone to haul to a landfill. His forgiveness is so complete, so effective, that those sins are gone in his eyes as if they never happened.

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St. Mary's Church

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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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Weekday Masses: Mon.-Sat., 8 am
School Phone: 216-741-3685

Church of St. Leo The Great

4940 Broadview Rd.
Phone: 216-661-1006
Pastor: Fr. Russ Lowe
Masses: Sat, 4 pm. Sun., 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Saint Barbara Church

1505 Denison Ave.
Phone: 216-741-2067
Administrator: Fr. Michael S. Dyrzc
Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm;
Sun., 9 am, 11am (Polish)

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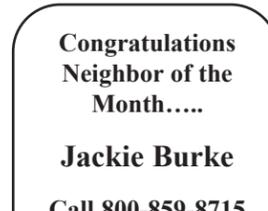
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