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## Fundraiser Luncheon Update

By Jean Smith and Robert Pearl

We are very excited to announce the speaker for the fundraiser luncheon on September 24 will be Michael Heaton. Michael is an award-winning columnist and reporter and his byline has appeared regularly in the Plain Dealer since 1987. Prior to that he was a critic and columnist for the San Francisco Examiner and a reporter for People magazine. A book collecting his Plain Dealer columns, titled Best of the Minister of Culture, was published in 1992. Michael is a graduate of Kent State University. The son of legendary Plain Dealer sportswriter, Chuck Heaton and brother of actress, Patricia Heaton, he lives in Bay Village.

The luncheon will be held at the newly constructed clubhouse of Lakewood Country Club, 2613 Bradley Road, Westlake. Tickets are \$35 which includes valet parking. We need every member to donate a basket, or partner with another member to make a basket for the raffle. Start thinking of a theme for your basket and keep your eyes open for bargains when shopping. The most popular baskets last year were wine or food baskets. Remember, most of the profit from the luncheon is from the raffle. We also hope you will donate baked goods for the Bake Shoppe. Flyers will be available at a future meeting so please take some to distribute to family and friends. Try to fill a table of eight of your friends and family. I know September seems a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Arbor Day has, or should have, a special meaning to our club, having planted a tree every Arbor Day for the 50 years of its existence. I am told that in years gone by, the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony was always well attended by club members. My first ceremony was in 2011, just two months after joining. I have noticed since that it's the same handful of members who take the time to be present each year. Disappointing indeed. Our Club should not be too surprised, then, that our ceremony is being combined this year with the tree planting ceremony involving the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Parkside Elementary School, their parents, teachers and the Mayor. (Time of ceremony not yet available.)

In a funk, I sought the advice of Kathy Molner, who formerly chaired this committee, concerned that our long tradition may be coming to an end. But, being the great club member that she is, Kathy promptly got on the phone and, notwithstanding Parkside, Cahoon Nursery will again donate a tree to us. Inspired by Kathy, I followed up with Brian at Cahoon and also with the City, which has agreed to install our tree at Founders' Walk and will provide the commemorative plaque. There will be no ceremony for our tree planting. But at Parkside, weather permitting, Kathy will speak on our behalf, at which time she can advise the audience that the Westlake Garden Club has planted its 51<sup>st</sup> Arbor Day tree. Thank you, Kathy. The Westlake Garden Club's Arbor Day tradition continues.

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## Whose Job is it?

By Kathy Molner

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. (Sound familiar?)

# Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz



*Agnes Tark*

Agnes is a person with many interests and skills. She enjoys ballroom dancing and took lessons at the Arthur Murray Dance Studios. She attended John Adams High School, Lorain Community College and Tri-C, and wanted to become a designer. Agnes is a true artist and did artwork when she was younger and enjoyed writing. She designed clothes for her family and did sewing making drapes and quilts. Agnes lived in Maple Heights before moving to her current home in North Olmsted. She met her husband in ninth grade and they were married for 44 years before he passed away. Agnes has four children and 12 grandchildren. Agnes served as President of the Bretton Ridge Women's Club and worked on Ways and Means. It is a social mixing group and they have great fun. Her good friend, Judy Hullinger, introduced her to the Westlake Garden Club. She became a member and has enjoyed the garden club very much. Agnes enjoys gardening and when she looked out the window today, she saw snow covering the branches and the ground. Like all of us in this area, she can't wait for spring. Agnes said she likes all flowers, especially roses. Having Agnes as a member is a great addition to the garden club.

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## Hershey Children's Garden

The garden club is planning on participating in the Hershey Children's Garden Planter program at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. This year's theme is "A Child's Garden of Memories." We will need to select one of the containers in the Children's Garden and a theme, then decide on plants to go in it. Our club will supply the plants and decorations; CBG will supply the container and the soil. We have two people presently committed. If anyone else wants to help please call or e-mail me. The deadline to notify the CBG is May 1st. We will be planting the weekend of May 23rd, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. I will hold a planning meeting at my house soon.  
Sally Knurek, 440-331-8722 or [sdk4@icloud.com](mailto: sdk4@icloud.com)

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# Happy Birthday

April

2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Lutts  
16<sup>th</sup> Agnes Tark  
29<sup>th</sup> Elisabeth Baumann



## Membership News

By Jean Smith

This new year has brought us five new members. Svetlana Mihajloska made it into the roster in the 2014 yearbook. An extra sheet with information on Elisabeth Baumann and Linda Pintz was also included in your yearbook roster section. The two additional new members are:

Lynda Mears

Kathy Shimko  
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Cell Phone: 440-376-4753  
Email: [shimkos@nls.net](mailto: shimkos@nls.net)  
Birthday: June 2

Please enter the new members' information into the roster section of your yearbook. This brings our membership total to 42. Please welcome these new members into our club and help them become acclimated.

## My Moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

This week brought many "moments" as my Royal Palm Garden Club had a 3 day public flower show near Thomas Edison's winter home in Ft Myers. There are only 25 of us so it was a real feat! Beautiful arrangements, exhibits, and horticultural specimens. I only entered horticultural. We (My Elmer helps me take care of our plants hence the "we".) won 9 blue ribbons, 3 red, and 3 honorable mentions!

My real "moment" was with my small orchid I had tied onto a palm tree in our front yard before we came back to Ohio last May. I was delighted to see 8 beautiful little lavender and white flowers last week!



## 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014 – A KITCHEN GARDEN; GARDENING TEN FEET UP**

**PLACE:** WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. MEETING , LUNCH AT NOON

**PROGRAM:** 1 P.M. "GARDENING TEN FEET UP" PRESENTED BY SANDRA WHITE, CUYAHOGA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

**HOSTESSES:** MARYANN BROCK, CAROL LEWELLEN, MARGE PAULL, ANN VAN DYKE

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014 – ARBOR DAY**

**\*\*\*NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION\*\*\***

**PLACE:** PARKSIDE SCHOOL, 24525 HILLIARD BLVD.

**TIME:** TBD

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WITH MAYOR CLOUGH, POSTER CONTEST WITH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS, WGC TO GIVE A BRIEF TALK

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014 – "PLANTING FOR THE BIRDS"**

**PLACE:** WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. MEETING , LUNCH AT NOON

**PROGRAM:** "PLANTING FOR THE BIRDS" PRESENTED BY JAMES MCCARTY, COLUMNIST FOR THE PLAIN DEALER.

**HOSTESSES:** SALLY KNUREK, ROBERT PEARL, LILLIAN BIALOSKY, MARGARET SCHULZ

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014 – CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP**

**PLACE:** DEAN'S GREENHOUSE, 3984 PORTER ROAD

**TIME:** 10-11:30 A.M.

BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER OR PURCHASE ONE. PAY FOR ONLY THE PLANTS, SOIL YOU USE. REFRESHMENTS.

CALL JEAN SMITH, 440-665-5463 WITH RESERVATION

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014 – GCO DISTRICT MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

**PLACE:** ST. MICHAEL'S WOODSIDE, 5025 MILL RD, BROADVIEW HTS.

**TIME:** 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

GIVE YOUR CHECK FOR \$22 TO REGINA MCCARTHY

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014 – EARTHFEST 2014 "YEAR OF ZERO WASTE"**

**PLACE:** CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 164 EASTLAND RD, BEREA

**TIME:** 10 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**COST:** \$4 AGES 2-11; \$8 AGES 12+

## 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CONT'D

### OTHER EVENTS CONT'D.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2014 – BECK CENTER WOMEN'S BOARD VICTORIAN TEA**

**PLACE:** BECK CENTER MUSIC AND DANCE BLDG, 17801 DETROIT

**TIME:** 12:30 – 3:30 P.M.

TICKETS \$25 – SEE RUTH BERTRAND

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014 – AVON GARDEN CLUB BICENTENNIAL TEA "AN AFTERNOON DELIGHT"**

**PLACE:** AVON ISLE, 37080 DETROIT ROAD, AVON

**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.

**PROGRAM:** TEA ETIQUETTE PROGRAM BY MS. CATHERINE HOLLOWAY  
**COST:** \$25 CONTACT CYNTHIA MURNYACK-CZARNECKI AT 440-937-0037 OR VISIT [www.avongardenclub.webs.com](http://www.avongardenclub.webs.com)

## Spring Checklist

*After a long winter, it's time to get back out into the yard and garden to start our spring clean-up. Check these tips off your list to get a jump on the growing season*

(The following is an excerpt from Lorain County Metro Parks Garden ENews, March 25, 2014)

- Avoid walking on grass or ground covers while they are frozen
- Cut back and prune the dried foliage of ornamental grasses.
- Till or turn the vegetable garden soil when it's at the proper moisture level.
- Rake and remove debris from the lawn when it's dry.
- Have the lawn mower serviced and the blade sharpened.
- Fertilize your lawn.
- Sow grass seed as soon as possible.
- Prune your roses, except the climbing varieties.
- Remove the winter mulch from roses after the middle of April.
- Divide summer- and fall-blooming perennials.
- Repot and/or begin fertilizing houseplants.
- Fertilize woody plants and fruit trees.
- Prune trees and fall flowering shrubs. Prune spring bloomers after the bloom is done.

If you are like most people, its been a very long winter, you may want to take a few moments to clean out your garden shed. Take all those items stashed in there, the grill, the lawn chairs and table, and all of your decorative yard items and place them where they need to be. This will organize your tools for the, hopefully, coming warmer weather. Enjoy the Spring.

# Staying Young the First 100 Years

By Jean Smith

Our March program was presented by Dr. Tom Steigerwalt, a Chiropractor with Stags Wellness Center in Avon, OH. He talked about how important it is to keep our spines healthy and that our life expectancies are increasing. If we are living longer, we should take care that our bodies stay healthy and young longer too. He talked about the approach he takes with new patients. They are required to view the presentation that we viewed, and he does an assessment of their overall health. He then presents a treatment program, or perhaps tells them that he cannot help their situation. Having bones and muscles manipulated is an ongoing treatment process. Having it done one time will not take care of the problem. Dr. Steigerwalt offers new patients who make their initial appointment at a presentation, a first visit for a \$20 donation to Love A Stray, an animal rescue organization in Lorain County. The first visit will include an x-ray. I was personally disappointed that he did not talk about how to keep your back healthy while gardening; this was something I had asked him to address when confirming his program. Some members talked with him following the presentation and some took business cards. I hope that you all enjoyed his program and took something away that you learned about the health of your spine.



Dr. Tom Steigerwalt

## Rain and Garden Show

By Sally Knurek

Once again our club was represented at the Westlake Rain and Garden Show. Regina McCarthy, Jean Smith, Sally Knurek and Margaret Schulz were there to promote our club. Several new members were actually recruited there. We always have a good time talking to the other vendors and making contacts for future consideration. Some of the vendors there were: Canterbury Creek Gardens, Dean's, Don Mould's, Good Nature, Water Shed and Cuyahoga County Department of Health, among others. Many good handouts were given out and demos took place. A good time was had by all.



Pictured above l to r: Regina McCarthy, Margaret Schulz, Sally Knurek

## Save the Date

**The Westlake Garden Club**  
Presents a bus tour of  
**Schedel Gardens, Elmore, OH**  
on  
**Wednesday, June 25, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Bus departs from West Bay Plaza, Detroit & Crocker Roads (north side) and arrives at Schedel Gardens at 9:45 a.m. Docent-led tour of gardens.  
Note: Large golf carts are available for anyone needing assistance at \$4 per person.

12 Noon Catered lunch with beverage and dessert in the Brown Welcome Center, which overlooks the lower level gardens

1:00 p.m. Tour of the beautiful Victorian Manor Schedel Home and visit the new "Garden Argosy" gift shop

2:15 p.m. Depart Schedel. Stop at Bench's Greenhouse & Nursery. Browse its Farmer's Market (fresh strawberries), annuals, perennials and more

4:30 p.m. Bus returns to above-referenced parking lot  
\* all but the departure time are:45 approximations

**COST PER PERSON:** \$48.00 Westlake G.C. members; \$58.00 **non-members** { add \$4.00 if you want to board the golf cart }

Contact Ruth Bertrand at 440-899-1565 for a flyer with order form, or for more information.