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## Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue

### President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Our *Fête des Fleurs* fundraiser luncheon was a great success. Club Members came through in a big way, donating baskets or funds, and inviting friends and family to participate in the festivities. The feedback has been totally positive. Our special thanks go to Jean Smith and Robert Pearl and their Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was well organized and first class. Tributes to our deceased "Gardening Angels" and to former Club Presidents were special highlights, as were the words spoken by Charter Member, Lillian Bialosky. Another was Councilman Ken Brady presenting us with a Proclamation from Mayor Dennis M. Clough declaring September 18, 2013 *Westlake Garden Club Day* in the City of Westlake.

We also thank the individuals and the many merchants listed in the Program whose donations were greatly appreciated, and the organizations whose members came out to support us. To the best of my knowledge, those organizations are: Westlake Watershed Group, the Westlake/West Shore Arts Council, and fellow Garden Clubs – Avon, Bay Village, Beach Cliff, Columbia, Fairview, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Ridgewood and the Herb Guild.

To view photos from our event, please go to the following link: <https://plus.google.com/photos/114606164577632983676/albums/5925537053538020449?authkey=CLYbzJHjhPjyBA>. Click on the "down arrow" above the photos on the right to view as a slideshow. A slideshow presentation will run during lunch at our November Business/General Meeting at Porter Public Library. Enjoy.

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### Annual Pot Luck Dinner/October Meeting

The Annual Pot Luck Dinner/October meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2013, with social beginning at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. This is our only evening meeting of the year and as always, is a great opportunity to socialize and enjoy a delicious dinner and program. "*Going Underground with Bulbs, Rhizomes, Corms ad Tubers*" will be presented by Sandy Welches, Cuyahoga County Master Gardener. Learn what you need to know before planting your bulbs, etc. this fall. The club will provide the main course (meat) and members are asked to bring sides, salads and desserts. If you did not sign up at the August meeting to bring a dish, use the following guideline: last name beginning with A-G, salads; H-P, vegetables; R-Z, desserts. Hostesses are: Rosemarie Evans, Judy Hullinger, Don Bowman, Agnes Tark and Alana Verlie. Remember, this is a meeting to which many members bring family and/or guests to share dinner. You may bring one guest to the dinner, and pay \$3.00 for each additional guest. Please call Bill Hock with reservations at 440-892-0189. Call Ruth Bertrand at 440-899-1565 with questions about what to bring. Hope to see you all there for a wonderful social evening

## Getting to Know You...

By Pat Dailey



*Brian Thompson*

Last spring, Brian Thomson stopped at the Westlake Garden Club's booth at the Rain and Garden Show at the Recreation Center. He immediately filled out the membership application form and became a member. Brian is impressed by the Club, noting how well it is organized, how meaningful the programs are, and he is enjoying the friendships. One of ten children, Brian grew up in Europe – Northern England in an area he calls "Rhubarb Country." Whole fields were dedicated to growing rhubarb and almost every vegetable garden had a rhubarb patch. Brian was only four years old when his father died, but before he died, he had laid out an area in the backyard that became Brian's first garden, which started his love of gardening. Part of the high school he attended was a mansion in a park and had French windows that opened onto a large rose garden with a fountain. When Brian was 16, he came alone to East Liverpool, OH, where he attended the local business school. Upon graduation, he came to Cleveland and attended night classes for 17 years, doing undergraduate work and studying law, while working full-time during the day and raising a family. Brian is still working full-time in three professions: attorney at law, certified public accountant, and lay minister. He has six children, eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, and is presently single. After a ten-year battle with a very aggressive cancer, Brian is redoing his front landscaping and rejuvenating his vegetable garden. He looks forward to growing rhubarb again.



### Ho! Ho! Ho!

We will be having our first meeting of the Westlake Holiday tree trimming this month. I will be calling all committee members as soon as I contact Porter Library to get some possible dates. The theme will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the color, of course, will be gold.

*Gail Morse*

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## Happy Birthday

### October

18<sup>th</sup> Alberta Ricciardi

25<sup>th</sup> Lucy Kalbers

29<sup>th</sup> Rosemarie Evans



## Thanks for all your help.....

Thanks to all our bakers for your wonderful goodies done up so attractively that we had a sellout! Thanks to those members who weren't able to bake, but gave monetary donations. Thanks to my great committee (Gail, Claire, Mary Ann, and Anne) who helped set up, process payments and put purchases in shopping bags which were donated by members, and stay to tally proceeds and dismantle our "booth." Also thanks to Don and Robert who helped get our props to our cars afterwards. Our total profits were \$286.50 with NO expenses!!!

*Jackie Crosier, bakery chairman*

I wish to thank everyone for their help in making the basket raffle a huge success. From the wrappers who turned out the most beautiful baskets seen on the west side of Cleveland, to the transporters who took 59 baskets in one trip to Westwood, to the incredible ticket sellers who sold a whopping 1,808 tickets, to the very efficient crew who helped get us through the raffle in record time. Thank You all: Judy Hullinger, Kathy Bruening, Shirley Lutts, Marie McCarthy, Nancy Chopp, Alberta Ricciardi, Robert Pearl, Jean Smith, Regina McCarthy, Sheila McCarthy, Don Bowman, Rebecca Castelli, Anne Engel and Cathrin Peter. Special thanks to Regina McCarthy, Jean Smith and Robert Pearl who kept me mostly sane during the process.

*Sally Knurek, basket chairman*

## Officers for 2014

The Nominating Committee met prior to the August general meeting to nominate officers for 2014. Following is the slate of officers for next year:

President	Regina McCarthy
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Sally Knurek
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jean Smith
Treasurer	Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary	Don Bowman (Board Meetings) Brian Thompson (Gen. Meetings)
Corresponding Secretary	Claire Evangelista

This slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting and nominations, if any, will be taken from the floor. Voting for officers will be conducted at the November meeting and new officers will be installed at the December meeting.

# 2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## WGC PROGRAMS

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013 – ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER**

**PLACE:** CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, 23500 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

**TIME:** 6 P.M., DINNER AT 6:30, PROGRAM AT 7 P.M.

**PROGRAM:** “GOING UNDERGROUND WITH BULBS, RHIZOMES, CORMS AND TUBERS” PRESENTED BY SANDY WELCHES, CUYAHOGA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER.

**HOSTESSES:** ROSEMARIE EVANS, JUDY HULLINGER, DON BOWMAN, AGNES TARK, ALANA VERLEI

**RESERVATIONS:** CALL BILL HOCK, 440-892-0189

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 – WGC GENERAL MEETING**

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

**TIME:** 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 P.M.

**PROGRAM:** “SILK FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS” PRESENTED BY MEMBER, ROBERT PEARL

**HOSTESSES:** SALLY KNUREK, CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, MARGARET SCHULZ, PAT DAILEY, SHIRLEY LUTTS

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014**

**PLACE:** MAHLE’S RESTAURANT, 24945 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

**TIME:** 11 A.M., MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**PROGRAM:** TBA

**RESERVATIONS:** CALL RUTH BERTRAND, 440-899-1565

## OTHER EVENTS

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 – GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO FALL DISTRICT MEETING/LUNCHEON**

**PLACE:** THE PATRICIAN, 33150 LAKELAND BLVD., EASTLAKE

**TIME:** 10 A.M.

**COST:** \$22 – RESERVATIONS TO REGINA MCCARTHY



Memorabilia table with the anniversary cake, and roses that were presented to past presidents

## The Bake Shoppe



## The Raffle Baskets – and Winners



# 2013 *Fête des Fleurs* Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## President's Gallery



Kathy Molner  
1978 – 1980



Lucy Kalbers  
1989 – 1990



Ann Van Dyke  
1991 – 1993



Jackie Crosier  
1995 – 1996



Marge Emblom  
1996 - 1997



MaryAnn Brock  
1997 – 1999



Thea Steinmetz  
2001 – 2003



Marlene Parker  
2003 – 2005



Gail Morse  
2007 – 2009



Sally Knurek  
2009 – 2011



Regina McCarthy  
2011 - present

## Guest Speaker, Julie E. Washington



## Charter Member Lillian Bialosky



## The Guests

