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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

I thoroughly enjoyed the Saturday, August 16, Cleveland Botanical Garden's (CBG) Green Corps Urban Learning Farms Tour. The Tour was very well organized and at each stop students were gathered to greet us, guide us through their garden and answer our questions. The students also provided beverages and the opportunity to purchase their just-picked produce. I was impressed by the knowledge and enthusiasm of the students and what they have accomplished. We visited three sites: Midtown, known as the "yellow house," at East 66<sup>th</sup> and Chester, which opened in 1996 in partnership with the Dunham Tavern Museum; the newest location in Slavic Village at the Boys and Girls Club on Broadway near Union; and Fairfax at East 79<sup>th</sup> between Quincy and Central Avenues, which opened in 2009 in partnership with the Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation. Green Corps is an urban agricultural three-year work/study program founded by the CBG in 1996. This year the program employs 77 high school students on six sites over the summer season, each working for pay about 20 hours per week. The students also attend a 9-week curriculum encompassing soil and plant sciences, environmental issues, nutrition and food justice. More than 1,000 students have gone through the program thus far. The Green Corps annual budget is \$650,000, all from donations. The WGC has for years donated to this program. The CBG is understandably excited about its October 17-18 2014 *Youth Voices Conference – Teens Take on Food Justice*, which will bring together youth groups from various cities around the country to present how their specific urban-farming programs positively impact their communities and problem-solve on some of the biggest environmental issues we are currently facing. Sounds very interesting and will provide good publicity about teens for a change.

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## Luncheon Update

As of August 31, we have 82 paid reservations for the luncheon – a good start. However, **only 12 of those reservations are for garden club members!!** I know many of you are planning to attend but just have not sent your reservation and check yet. Please mail your reservation today. Thank you to those members who have made reservations for yourselves and guests, and to several members who have filled an entire table.

Thank you. Jean Smith

## Getting to Know You...

By Jean Smith



*Pat Dailey*

At the age of eight, Patricia Jean Andre Kennedy (her maternal grandfather was from Alsace, Lorraine, France, hence the Andre) moved with her family from Cleveland to Fairview Village. It was a small, friendly village and most families had wonderful vegetable gardens and lush flower beds. Pat's family was no exception and in addition to the fresh vegetables, they canned pickles, chili sauce, peaches, etc. She has warm memories of her mother's "sky high" coconut cakes. Pat helped crack the coconuts and take the pulp out of the shell. Pat attended college for a year then went to work as an accountant at the Illuminating Company – CEI back then. She and Bob Dailey married the fall he started his sophomore year at John Carroll. While in college, Bob took a part-time job with a florist delivering flowers and made sure that Pat always had flowers for special days, and some that were not so special. She was very proud of Bob when he received his Physics degree from John Carroll while also working part-time and helping raise their first two children. Pat and Bob were blessed with six children, who gave them 12 grandchildren, and now three great grandchildren. When they had three children in college, Pat worked part-time but found she enjoyed volunteering more so. She volunteered at St. John and Fairview Hospitals, the Red Cross and her church. She was Guild president at church for a time when the church had over 400 members. Other WGC members also in the Guild were Lu Walters, Shirley Balogus, Alberta Ricciardi, Lillian Bialosky, and Marge Paull. Pat says that one of her more enjoyable experiences was becoming a member of the Westlake Garden Club. She enjoys being active in the community and the important endeavors involving beautification and maintenance of our civic projects. The garden club strives to keep the air we breathe and the soil we till chemically free. She loves that education is one of the club's goals, especially educating children as they are the keepers of tomorrow. Pat says that camaraderie among members is tops. Shared experiences of seeds, plants, flowers, bushes and trees is a must at meetings, along with wonderful, knowledgeable speakers and never ending friendships.

## Happy Birthday

### September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann Van Dyke
7 <sup>th</sup>	Regina McCarthy
18 <sup>th</sup>	Millie Shernock
25 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Molner



## Membership News

By Jean Smith

We have no new members to welcome this month, however we have a new Membership Chairman to welcome. I am pleased to announce that Kathy Bruening has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Membership. Regina and I will be working with Kathy to acquaint her with the processing of membership applications, etc. to help her get started. Kathy joined the garden club in 2013 and has volunteered to work on many projects since joining. She has worked tirelessly this summer on the Remembrance Garden, watering and weeding to keep it looking lovely. So thank you Kathy for raising your hand when your club was in need of a Membership Chairman. I am sure you will do an outstanding job.

## Bake Shoppe at the Fundraiser Luncheon

**Alert All Bakers! Dust off those cookie sheets and cake pans!**



We need lots of goodies for our Bake Shoppe! Small amounts of each contribution sell best, meaning not lots of full size cakes or pies. Please put in nice containers labeled with name of item and if it contains Nuts. Thanks. Jackie Crosier

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## 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING**

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

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

**PROGRAM:** NO PROGRAM – WE WILL ASSEMBLE RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON. BRING YOUR BASKET AND CONTENTS TO THE MEETING.

**HOSTESSES:** SHIRLEY LUTTS, CAROL BONYKO, NANCY WHELAN, RUTH BERTRAND

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 – FÊTE DES FLEURS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON**

**PLACE:** LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, 2613 BRADLEY ROAD, WESTLAKE

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

**PROGRAM:** REPORTER, COLUMNIST AND AUTHOR, MICHAEL HEATON

**TICKETS:** \$35 INCLUDES VALET PARKING – CALL 440-892-1861

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING**

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

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

**PROGRAM:** “FOR THE LOVE OF PETE” PRESENTED BY ALICE MASTROVITO, PRESIDENT OF GARDEN FOCUS

**HOSTESSES:** CATHI PETER, DON BOWMAN, LAURA MESSING, NANCY CHOPP

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014, GCO FALL DISTRICT MEETING**

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

**TIME:** 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

9:00 a.m. – Registration begins

10 a.m. – Program by Jeff Griff from Lowe’s Greenhouse.

“Gaining More Interest From Your Winter Garden”

Noon – Lunch. (signature salad, rolls, chicken paprikash over spaetzle, glazed carrots, sherbet and beverages.) Vegetarian or Gluten Free meals are available

1 p.m. – Program by Sandra Apidone of Countryside Florist. “Fall and Holiday Trends”

Cost: \$22.00 members / \$25.00 nonmembers

Flyers will be available at September’s general meeting.

SEND YOUR CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO “GCO CLEVELAND DISTRICT,” TO REGINA **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 7.** KINDLY INCLUDE A NOTE IF VEGETARIAN OR GF IS REQUESTED

## Dean’s Greenhouse Re-opens

After a short summer hiatus, Dean’s Greenhouse re-opened on August 26 with Fall hours of Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## My Moment With Nature

By Jackie Crosier

The beautiful lacy lavender plant on our luncheon table last month was Mona Lavender, *Plectranthus*. It is not the herbal lavender we know, having no perfumey smell. It is part of the Swedish Ivy family, *Lamiaceae*. This hybrid was created in the 1990's at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden near Cape Town, South Africa which is one of eight National Botanical Gardens. It is near a town named Westlake! The tiny tubular blooms are attracting my resident balcony humming bird. The dark green leaves have purple undersides. Mona becomes a house plant up here. It is related to the Mexican *Petunia*, a lavender flowering shrub that we also have in our Florida yard. So Mona will feel right at home when we take her south with us.



*Westlake Garden Club’s annual Fête des Fleurs Luncheon on September 24, 2014 at Lakewood Country Club*

### Menu

*Pasta with Chicken and Grilled Vegetables in a Lemon*

*White Wine Sauce*

*Small Side Salad, Bread, Butter*

*Non-alcoholic Beverage*

*Mini Brownies and Cheesecake Squares*

**\$35 – includes valet parking**

**Order your tickets NOW.**

# WGC Wins Fifth Award

By Regina McCarthy

The Westlake Garden Club, in partnership with St. John Medical Center, Westlake Center for Community Services and the Herb Guild, won the "Westlake in Bloom 2014 Award of Distinction for Community Involvement" for its efforts in the creation of the Westlake Community Garden. This is the fifth award our Club has won this year! The WGC is very proud of this honor bestowed upon us by the City of Westlake.



Left: Mayor Clough presenting the Award of Distinction for Community Involvement for the Community Garden to Mary Ann Brock and Regina McCarthy. (Photo courtesy of Westlake/Bay Village Observer)  
Right: Community Garden with Westlake in Bloom Winner sign.



## August Meeting – Fall Planting for Spring Harvest

By Sally Knurek

Christine Harris, a Master Gardener with life long experience growing vegetables, presented a program on planting fall vegetables for spring harvest. She handed out a sheet describing 21 vegetables and their requirements to plant now through October. A PowerPoint program illustrated these veggies growing at different stages at her home. There seemed to be a lot of enthusiasm to try this in our home gardens. Maybe we will have some "Veggie Tales" to tell this winter!

Master Gardener, Christine Harris at August meeting.

Chris also announced the Master Gardener Fall Seminar, "Gardening Through the Seasons." I have been to one of these seminars and found it very worthwhile. It will be held at Embassy Suites on Rockside Road on November 1st from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm. Cost is \$45. Information is on line at [www.cuyahogamg.org](http://www.cuyahogamg.org)

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## Sunshine

We are awaiting more news regarding Mary Ann Brock. As most of you know, Mary Ann had a severe stroke recently. She is progressing well at Lakewood Hospital's Acute Rehab Center. It is hoped she will be going home by next week to either her house or her daughter Debbie's house. Jackie Crosier is notifying us as Debbie gives us progress reports. Still No calls or visitors. A new address will be released as soon as we are notified. She appreciates your cards, prayers, and encouraging messages.

## September Meeting

At our next meeting, September 17th, we will be putting together the raffle baskets for our fundraiser luncheon. Please bring basket and items to fill it, scissors, clear scotch tape, newspaper and most importantly, a list of contents of your basket and the total retail price of items in the basket. I hope you will attend this meeting and help get the baskets ready for the raffle. We will not have a program but will have lunch.

Thank you. Sally Knurek