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Story of the Year SJMC Team Brings Hope to Displaced Syrians



A homeless family seeks shelter. A baby sleeps in a stable. As the Christmas story was celebrated worldwide last month, the plight of Syrian refugees brought real meaning to the birth of Jesus for missionaries from St. John Medical Center in Westlake.

Dr. Eiad Sayed, Kristin Hoops, RN, and Nicki Vacco, RN (not pictured), have been leading a medical relief team to Jordan every two months for the past year. They assist the displaced in their fight to survive the civil war that plagues Syria.

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The American Way.....

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell administered the oath of office to several Westlake City Council members in Westlake City Council Chambers the evening of Jan. 2. Justice O'Donnell reminded all in attendance of the importance of the smooth and peaceful transition of power to the American way of life. It is a tradition that represents an ideal to other nations worldwide. It speaks to values like civility and respect and that which is best about our country. "We are the envy of the world," said Justice O'Donnell. "We transfer power with an oath." See inside for story and photos.

Bay Village Police: Man Scammed for Six Grand

On 12/21/2013, at 1230 hrs, a resident in the 24000 block of Wolf Rd. reported he had been the victim of a scam. A male with a Jamaican accent had called the victim telling him he had won the Publishers Clearing House Prize, but needed to pay the taxes before he could collect his winnings. The victim proceeded to purchase between \$6,000 and \$7,000 in Green Dot cards to pay the taxes. The last time he spoke with the scammers, the male told the victim he had paid the taxes, but needed to go through a broker to collect his winnings. The scammer told

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Story of the Year SJMC Team Brings Hope to Displaced Syrians



Nicki Vacco, RN at SJMC is part of the medical team to Jordan led by Dr. Eiad Sayed.

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"This is the season for giving and love. The story of the Holy Family reminds us that there are many people living in the equivalent of stables and barns in Jordan, just a few miles from their home country of Syria," said Dr.

Sayed, an internal medicine specialist with offices on the campus of St. John Medical Center.

"There are over six million people displaced there, and half of them are children," he said. "This crisis is now in its third year. And this year it is cold

over there. People are freezing, children are showing symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, and there are shortages of food and medicine."

The SJMC team made its last trip to Jordan Nov. 15-22. They are going again in January. Their destination is the Zaatari Refugee Camp — a refugee community on the outskirts of Amman, Jordan. More than 160,000 displaced persons from Syria call it home.

Dr. Sayed, Hoops (a labor and delivery nurse), and Vacco, (a surgical nurse at SJMC), have traveled to Syria for a year now. They go under the auspices of the Salaam Cultural Museum Medical Mission - a nonprofit organization that provides aid and assistance to displaced Syrians who have fled to neighboring countries to escape the violence in Syria.

"It is a reminder to the Syrian government that Americans do care," said Dr. Sayed.

The three fund their trips personally and also rely on donations.. They take suitcases packed with

medical supplies. They set up clinics in private apartments and tents, pharmacies in storage units and medical care wherever a sympathetic door is opened.

The atrocities they witness are extraordinary. They have stories of children being shot in front of parents, torture and deprivation of physical necessities basic to life.

"They wait for us to come back every two months," said Dr. Sayed. "And they offer us anything they may have in appreciation, even if it is just a little food."

"You run on adrenaline the whole time you are there," said Hoops. "The parents of teenage girls, they don't even have time to explain to these girls about the adolescent changes that are going on with their bodies. They are too busy running for their lives."

The sponsoring website, www.SalaamCulturalMuseum.org, is replete with stories of survival, torture and human suffering caused by this civil war.

One blog post on the site talks of a dad and his 14-year old daughter who attempted to go grocery

shopping. They were ambushed by the regime. The dad was shot in both legs but not killed. Why? The shooters wanted him to be alive while they pulled the trigger on his daughter.

"I was later told that the regime is known for shooting the parent in front of their child...but ensuring they are only wounded and unable to move...so, that they can then shoot the child in front of the parent...so, he can watch his child die," reports the blogger. "This is exactly what happened."

You can read the entire blog post here:

<http://skrootb.tumblr.com/>

"People usually go to Jordan to visit Biblical sights. We go to makeshift clinics," said Dr. Sayed. "We have to do it!"

Despite the scale and duration of the Syrian humanitarian crisis, government and international intervention has not come. "The United Nations has



Dr. Sayed hugs a tiny refugee during his medical mission to Jordan.

been asked for \$6 billion in aid, but even that would only come to a thousand dollars for each refugee," said Dr. Sayed.

"We are only able to do this one person at a time. But any effort will help," said Hoops. "When you go, you think it is just going to be a drop in the bucket. But you visit clinics, you help people, you see just what a difference you can make."

For information on how to help support this mission, please visit www.SalaamCulturalMuseum.org.

Community Resource Services (CRS) Announces Silver Anniversary Charity Ball

Community Resource Services (CRS) is proud to announce its Silver Anniversary Charity Ball on Sat., Jan. 25 at Westlake's LaCentre Banquet Center.

Sponsored by Poly-One, NRG Energy and Medical Mutual, the Silver Anniversary Charity Ball will be a night of celebration! We'll be celebrating the difference that CRS has made in the lives of so many individuals and families over the years, in addition to paying tribute to the many constituents who've supported us since our inception This widely anticipated event is sure to be something special, and we hope you'll join us.

The Charity Ball is CRS's biggest fundraiser. The event features cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a sit-down dinner and live music by "Midtown." There will be many opportunities to support CRS such as side boards, silent and live auctions and more. We are excited to announce one of the live auction items

is a complete orthodontic treatment package for a child or adolescent donated by Ward Orthodontics in Avon Lake. This item is valued at \$6,200.

Another wonderful feature of the Charity Ball is the Jewelry Raffle. Peter & Company Jewelers has donated Hearts On Fire Diamond stud earrings valued at \$5,990. These stunning earrings feature a double halo of diamonds framing the exclusive Dream diamonds totaling 1.25 carat weight. They are currently on display at Peter & Company Jewelers in Avon Lake. Jewelry Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

Last year's event raised over \$70,000, with almost 350 people in attendance. In reaching a milestone like the 25th the 2014 Charity Ball a real record-breaker! Tickets to the Charity Ball are on sale now for \$110 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10. Please visit our website at www.aalcrs.org for more information or to purchase tickets. Questions

may be directed to Pam at 933-5639.

Community Resource Services is a responsive, community-based organization whose mission is to diminish the effects of poverty in Avon and Avon Lake. They provide basic needs, assistance and individualized resource and referral services in a compassionate and confidential manner.

- Pam Ohradzansky

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the victim he would put him in touch with a broker for \$50,000, at which point the victim realized he had been scammed, and hung up. Police want to remind residents to be very cautious of telephone and internet scams.

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By Dr. Kinneret Kozinn of The Healthy Smile



Dr. Louis Malcmacher



Dr. Kinneret Kozinn

I hope 2014 has started out real well for you. It is wonderful to turn the corner of a new year with all the hope and promise that it can bring. Let's hope that 2014 will be a great year for all of us.

After being a dentist for over 30 years now I have met all kinds of people who have come into our office as patients. The Healthy Smile is a family practice so we see people of all ages. People's mindset about their teeth is certainly a reflection of their general mindset.

I have had 50-year-old people who have come into the office and don't want to fix their dental problems because they figure that

they don't have that much longer to live. I have had 85 year old patients who have come in who have wanted porcelain veneers and whitening. They have the mind set that they are going to live a long time and they want to be able to enjoy their smile and they want to make sure that they are able to chew their food correctly.

We recently had a couple of patients who are in their 80's come into our office whose attitude towards life really inspired everyone in our office. It is no wonder that they are also in good health because their attitude towards life is just exceptional. Your emotional attitude certainly

translates into physical well being, we see this all the time. By the way, there is a huge connection between having your natural teeth and enjoying a longer life span. The Mayo Clinic did a study a few years ago that showed that people who have their natural teeth chew better and enjoy their food more and typically live ten years longer than those with dental problems. Having teeth and a

great smile have both physical and emotional benefits that will pay off for years to come.

Let us know if we can help you with any of your dental needs, whether it is a free consultation or a second opinion. Please call us today at 440-892-1810 for an appointment.

It's never too late to start developing a healthy smile. Remember, we are here to help you smile.

Bay Village Garden Club

The Bay Village Garden Club will hold their next meeting Mon., Jan. 27 at the Bay Village Community House 303 Cahoon Road. Luncheon served at 11:30 \$5.00 fee for guests. Kathy Schmidt of the Rocky River Nature Center will speak on The Fibonacci Sequence in Nature. The mystery of nature is oftentimes mathematical. Call 440-871-8578 or view bayvillagegardenclub.com. Guests please make reservations by January 23. All interested gardeners are welcome.

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Nirvana Pizza in Bay: Great Pizza & Happy Thoughts

Friendly faces, lively music and scrumptious aromas meet you as soon as you walk through the door at Bay Village's new Nirvana Pizza.

"I want our customers to know that I appreciate that they chose Nirvana. I only go to places where they make me feel that way, so I want our customers to feel that way, too," says proprietor Andrea Thompson Coats, a 1979 grad of Bay High.

Andrea brings many years of culinary experience to this Dover Junction endeavor located in the former Georgio's Pizza locale. She spent many years on the west coast operating everything from a frozen yogurt and bakery enterprise and then a popular Steak and Chop House that earned a great reputation.

She moved back to the West Shore to be closer to family, including her mom and sisters.

"We are very excited about our pizza," she said. "It was brought over from Italy by a friend of mine



who has been making it in America for more than 40 years." She is also bringing her favorite Chop House sauces like homemade alfredo, candy BBQ, and Buffalo sauce.

Nirvana also offers wings. Pizza by the slice, too. And delivery to your home or business.

Expect a fun experience when you try Nirvana. Happy Thoughts stickers replace punch cards as a loyalty reward. Ours says, "The more you strive and search for happiness The more you overlook the possibility that it is here al-

ready."

You will definitely find happiness in Nirvana's cheese. "Our red sauce is loaded with combinations of sweet, flavorful tomatoes and just a few spices," said Andrea. "The cheese is a Grande blend of provolone and mozzarella. This pizza has many fans!"

"I am happy to be back in Bay as I see my family more than ever. My four children, sisters and nephew will all be working with me as well as a few very close friends," said Andrea.

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Diabetic? Watch Out for Your Eyes

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, you need to be extra vigilant when it comes to caring for your eyes. Unfortunately, diabetes can lead to vision loss. By taking control of your eye health you can reduce your risk of damage.

"Careful monitoring and control of blood sugar levels, and attention to the treatment of other medical conditions is the most important way to reduce the effects that diabetes has on the eyes," says Cleveland Clinic ophthalmologist and retinal specialist Ryan Deasy, MD. "It is also extremely important for diabetic patients to see an eye doctor at least once a year for a thorough retinal exam, which includes having your eyes dilated."

Dilated eye exams are important to screen for diabetic-related eye disease that may require treatment. The goal is to administer treatment before vision is compromised, which can only be accomplished through appropriate screening. In addition, you should contact your doctor immediately if:

- your vision decreases or becomes blurred,
- you see dark spots or "floaters" in your vision, or
- you have any new visual or ocular concern.

Diabetic retinopathy is the most serious threat to your vision, affecting more than 5 million Americans. Diabetes can cause blood vessels in the retina to become damaged and leak fluid or blood in the back of the eye. In mild cases, treatment for diabetic retinopathy may not be necessary. In some cases, however, treatment is essential to prevent vision loss. Regular eye exams are important for everyone. Cleveland Clinic ophthalmologists and optometrists are available to help you take care of your eyesight.

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meeting will be followed by a Genealogical Roundtable Sharing, "Progress Report: What I Learned in 2013." Guests are welcome to join members in sharing their recent finds or to ask for help with a research problem. Social time, with

refreshments, is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is welcome, at no cost. For additional information contact Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS at cuyahogawest@gmail.com or visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs>

Westside Democrats Meeting

The Westside Democrats will hold their next meeting Tues., Jan. 14, 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Western Cuyahoga Lodge 25, FOP Hall, 26145 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, OH

The Speaker will be Jim Rokakis, Director of the Western Reserve Land

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Jim is a great speaker, and has a lot to share. Bring along a friend or two, to hear this important information. Beverages provided. Contact Jeanne at 440-892-3430 for more info.

Deadline Nears for Nominations: Bay Village Citizen, Project of Year

Nominations for The Bay Village Community Council's 2014 Bay Village citizen of the year and project of the year awards are due by Friday, January 10, 2014.

Selections of recipients will be announced by the Community Council soon afterwards.

A reception in honor of the recipient and project will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

(Although nominations for Project of the Year

are being accepted, this award is not intended to be an annual designation and special projects will be considered based on community impact and the involvement of volunteers and organizations.)

Nomination forms are available at public buildings throughout Bay Village including city hall, the Bay Village library, the K.T. Allen board of education building, or from a member of the Community Council.

They also are available

in .pdf form via email; contact ericjeakin@gmail.com.

The Community Council is comprised of members of local civic organizations and individuals. The organization's focus is the compilation of a community calendar of events, coordination of events by various civic groups, and sponsorship of the Citizen of the Year/Project of the Year program. All groups are welcome to join as well

as individuals who are not members of a civic organization. Annual dues are \$20 for an organization and \$2 for an individual. (Dues may be waived at the discretion of the president of Community Council.)

For more information about the Community Council or the citizen of the year/project of the year awards, call Eric Eakin at (216) 386-5997 or via email at ericjeakin@gmail.com.

Bradley Bay Health Center Christmas Giving



by Donna D'Amico

Giving back to the communities we serve is a time honored tradition at Bradley Bay Health Center.

Each year the employees celebrate the season of giving through the creation of our Adopt a Family program. The staff donates items and creates baskets, wreaths and trees that are then raffled off. We work with the local communities to find a family a need and 100% of the proceeds of the raffle are then given for distribution.

Our staff, residents, their families and visitors have brought new meaning to "paying it forward" with our 2013 Christmas fund raising efforts through the purchase of the raffle tickets. The raffle program raised \$1300 that was distributed to a local family.

Our hearts are filled with the joy of giving, and knowing that Christmas morning will be a very merry one!

Nirvana Pizza in Bay

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"And I love our location. Jim at Village Barber, Dairy Queen, the ladies at O Nail and Fragapane's are great neighbors."

"You go out to eat because you are treating yourself. We want you to feel treated here," adds Andrea. "It is not just about getting a pizza. It is about the person who walks in the door

knowing they are welcome and appreciated."

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Bay Schools: Take the Pledge

Bay Village parents have announced a signatory pledge drive directed towards increased parental engagement to help reduce substance abuse among the community's youth. The pledge form is on the Bay Village School District website at: <http://www.bay-villageschools.com/BayVillageParentPledge>

Due to the unfortunate presence of alcohol and drug use among the youth in Bay Village and surrounding communities, the Bay Village PTA has started a pledge drive. For many years the city, through their police force, and the schools, through their drug education programs, has been trying to fight and reverse the bad choices that some children have taken. The time has come for parents to take a more active role in this fight. When DEA agent, Bob Stutman, talked to the community in

the early fall, the question was asked: "Can we say, we tried our best to prevent the next death?" The Bay Village Parent Pledge drive is an effort to reverse the growing substance abuse statistics. The mission is simple: To promote greater parental responsibility to keep our children drug and alcohol free. Bay Village PTA believes this to be a fundamental piece in keeping our youth substance abuse free while understanding that there are no simple solutions. The pledge was developed by Bay Village PTA, with the input of Bay Family Services and Bay Village Police Detective Krolkosky, to reflect the issues that are observed locally.

The pledge addresses three main facets that are observed in our community's families:

Pledge Point 1) To never condone alcohol or

drug use for children. Tacit denial or condoning of a little bit of drug or alcohol abuse by our youth is not acceptable. By signing the pledge, parents will realize that they do not stand alone in our community when they live by this rule in their house.

Pledge Point 2) To be an active participant in my children's lives by regularly having open communication, participating in family meals, and maintaining awareness of my children and what they are doing. Substance abuse often happens within our own homes and when our children are left unsupervised. Parents need to be active participants in their children's lives by talking to them on an ongoing basis, being active in their lives, and setting rules and expecting the rules to be followed. Research clearly shows that in the fight against drugs

and alcohol, family relationships do matter. There is a direct correlation between how many dinners a family has together and the likelihood of substance abuse. Increasing the number of meals families have together is something every Bay Village parent can do.

Pledge Point 3) To recognize that I am the most powerful influence in my children's lives and take ongoing responsibility for educating my children about substance abuse. Bay Village parents and guardians cannot forget that they are THE most powerful influence in their children's lives. The drug landscape is constantly changing. It is every parent's responsibility to educate themselves and their children, on an ongoing basis, about the different types and the effects of substance abuse. Parents are the most significant role model in their

Village Foundation Announces that Funding is Available for 2014 Community Projects

The trustees of the Village Foundation announced that the Foundation is now accepting requests for funds to be granted for specific projects of local civic and non-profit organizations. Proposals are due Mon., March 3, 2014 and awards are expected to be announced on Mon., May 26, 2014 at the Foundation's Memorial Day celebration. Awards may range from \$500-\$3,000.

The Foundation is primarily interested in capital projects that improve the

quality of life in Bay Village. Projects must be responsive to community needs. Support for programs may also be considered. Reporting requirements from previous awards must be met before the Village Foundation will consider a subsequent funding application.

To be eligible, an organization must be located in or provide services to residents within Bay Village. Funding will only be awarded to tax-exempt organizations classified as 501(c) (3) charities by the Internal Revenue Service, or programs that have a tax-exempt fiscal agent.

A grants application may be found on the Village Foundation website at www.thevillagefdn.org, and can be submitted via email to the address on the application. In addition to the completed application, applicants must attach an IRS tax-exempt letter or that of

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children's entire lives and have the power to influence the choices their children make.

Help change to course of the risky behavior our children are currently taking and sign the pledge at <http://www.bayvillageschools.com/BayVillageParentPledge>.

All proceeds to benefit the Heart Centers at Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran Hospitals.

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Holiday Highlight...

A holiday highlight at St. Mary of the Woods in Avon was a gala open house that featured great food, a wonderful Gingerbread House and music from the acclaimed Avon Lake High School Chorale, The Merples. It was a great way to enjoy the holiday season.



St. Mary of the Woods Chef Marty and Chef Craig with the intricate Ginger Bread House built for the Christmas season.



The St. Mary of Wood holiday Gingerbread House was a sight to behold with its sugary details.



St. Mary of the Woods staffers with resident Ralph Turner in the holiday spirit



The Merples, the acclaimed Avon Lake High chorale, performed at St. Mary of the Woods over the holidays.

Pre-School Sports Winter Sign-Ups

Youth Cheerleading (Kindergarten through 4th Grade) Classes begin on Thursday, January 24th.

Classes will be 45 minute sessions from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm for 5 weeks. The focus of the Youth Cheerleading program is to introduce the younger children, grades 1-4, to the basics of sideline cheer in a fun and safe environment. Taught by Miss Bekah, a professional cheerleader for Cleveland Spirit Cheerleader for the Cleveland Browns with more than ten years of All Star Cheerleading and gymnastics experience. USAG Certified and 12+ years of working with young children. Avon Lake United Church of Christ, 32801 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake.

Tot Basketball (Ages 3 through 6) ; Session 1 - Classes Begin Saturday, January 25th, 2014, Session 2 - Classes Begin Saturday, March 1st, 2014 :Program Overview Tot Basketball has been designed to introduce children to the game of basketball in a

non-competitive environment through repetition and teamwork in a fun, safe and nurturing environment. Age appropriate safety equipment is used to include Little Tykes hoops and mini-basketballs. Basic ground rules are set for the children and parents so that everyone enjoys their time while participating. Additional intellectual and social skills/tools will be developed:

Kindergarten Basketball will be offered in 2014 starting the Week of January 20th. Times are 4:45pm to 5:45pm. Kindergarteners will play one day a week. The league will rotate days Monday through Friday. Children will learn skills through repetition and teamwork: Class / game consist of a 30-minute practice followed by a 30-minute game. Location of the league. Erievue Elementary School, 32630 Electric Blvd.

For more information, go to www.preschool-sports.org or call Craig at (216)256-0310

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the program's fiscal agent; a list of current board members, and the organization's most recent financial statement/audit, annual report and annual operating budget.

Completed Applications may also be mailed to: Grants Committee, The Village Foundation, P.O. Box 40122, Bay Village, OH 44140.

The Village Foundation looks forward to supporting Bay Village through its 2014 Grant Recipients. Please contact the Foundation's President, Eileen Vernon at 440-835-2243 or the Grants Committee Chair, Al Paulus, at 216-583-8096 with any questions you may have.

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Celebrating Democracy: **The American Way**

New Year is a time to celebrate democracy at its best.

Locally, civic leaders were administered their Oaths of Office in Bay Village, Westlake and other communities as the New Year began.

In Bay Village, civic inauguration is a New Year's Day tradition. Incumbent Mayor Debbie Sutherland, as well as most of City Council, took their solemn oaths administered by Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court Judge Robert McClelland.

"This ceremony demonstrates what is best about our country: The smooth and peaceful transition of power," said Mayor Sutherland at the Dwyer Center event.

The ceremony opened with a heartfelt invocation offered by Bay Village Fire Chief Christopher Lyons. Law Director Gary Ebert welcomed guests and dignitaries. He displayed a treasured set of cufflinks, passed down to him from longtime Bay Village City Council President, the late T. Richard Martin. The gesture honored the valued traditions of our democracy on the local level.

In Westlake, City Council members and Law Director John Wheeler were sworn in by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell on Jan. 2.

Upon concluding the ceremonies, Justice O'Donnell - a St. Edward High graduate who resides in Rocky River - took a few moments to address a large audience in Westlake City Council Chambers on the importance of the event. This day, he said, represents what is best about America - the smooth and peaceful transition of power.

"It is a great honor to have the privilege to administer the oath. In so many countries - you look around the world - they don't transfer power the way we transfer power in the United States," said Justice O'Donnell. "We are the envy of the world. It is the reason our borders are being breached. We have something that we sort of take for granted. We transfer power with an oath. Your presence here tonight witnesses that. Even though it is a jovial occasion and everyone is having fun, this reflects our democracy. It is



Newly sworn in Bay Village Ward 4 City Councilman Thomas Henderson celebrates his oath of office by sharing a kiss with his wife, Melissa.



Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland takes the oath of office offered by Judge Robert McClelland with her husband, Bob, at her side.



Bay Village Fire Chief Christopher Lyons opened the city's Inauguration ceremonies with a heartfelt invocation.



Bay Village Law Director Gary Ebert displays a treasured keepsake, cufflinks handed down to him from the late T. Richard Martin, longtime Bay Village City Council President.

More photos at TheVillagerNewspaper.com



Westlake City Council members agree on their first official act of business of the new year, a group photo, (from left) Mark Getsay, Ken Brady, Michael O'Donnell, Council President Mike Killeen, Dennis Sullivan, Nick Nunnari, Lynda Appel and Law Director John Wheeler.



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough taking the oath of office on New Year's Day from Judge Robert McClelland.

what we have in this country that others do not have around the world. I tell you tonight, this is a special honor and privilege to be here. It is something that I hope we all don't just take for granted. This is really government in action, and you witnessed it."

Yes, Americans do engage in heated political dialogue. In Westlake's Council Chambers, several notable rivals were in attendance. But honoring our country's principled foundation remains paramount as we set aside that which divides us on a day where we celebrate the civility which binds us as a great community and nation.

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Lee Burneson Students Earn National Math Honors

Lee Burneson Middle School in Westlake placed fifth in Ohio out of 48 schools in the American Mathematics Competition (AMC 8), a national math competition designed to promote the development

and enhancement of problem-solving skills. The middle school also was one of 16 schools to earn the School Merit Roll Distinction for its team score – the highest in the last three years. Individu-

ally, Angela Zhu and Sean Rossander earned Honor Roll status for placing in the top 5 percent nationally. Patrick Lee placed first at the school level, while Patrick and Ryan Karpuska

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Church on the Rise Prison Christmas Gift Assembly Assists Over 800 Inmates



Dozens of members from Church on the Rise, along with Pastor Paul Endrei (center), assembled Christmas gifts for two Lorain County Prisons.

For the last 7 straight years, Church on the Rise in Westlake has organized a massive Christmas Eve Prison Outreach at two Lorain County Prisons!

Dozens of members from the congregation assembled Christmas gifts for inmates Wednesday, December 18.

These Christmas gift bags included soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, brand new socks, and candy bars! 40 men from the church ages 21 and older distributed the Christmas gifts to over 850 inmates in local prisons on Christmas Eve morning.

"We want everyone to

know the love of Jesus," said Pastor Paul Endrei. "These men and women are not forgotten at Christmas time."

Witnessing members as they packed 800 plus gifts offered powerful testimony to the overwhelming positive response that the men get year after year!

Cuyahoga County Grants \$138,000 in New Communications Equipment for Westshore Police

Expanding his efforts to streamline and modernize public safety efforts, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald has announced that Westshore Police Departments will receive 54 new radios and chargers – totaling \$138,329.10 in advanced equipment for first responders.

"Cuyahoga County's first responders should always be able to use the best technology available in order to protect themselves and keep our communities safe," said County Executive FitzGerald. "I am pleased to announce that Cuyahoga County is providing these critical resources for Westshore Police Departments, and I look forward to continuing to support the brave men and women who work in law enforcement today."

The departments receiving new equipment include Bay Village Police Department, Fairview Park

Police Department, North Olmsted Police Department, Rocky River Police Department and Westlake Police Department.

Cuyahoga County has supported previous expenditures of general and grant funds towards the establishment of the MARCS IP Project, 25 Radio System in Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland's implementation of an 800 MHz APCO Project 25 Digital Radio Communications system, and the purchase of end-user 700/800MHz radio equipment.

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Lee Burneson Students Earn National Math Honors

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Angela Zhu, Patrick Lee, Ryan Karpuszk and Sean Rossander

each earned the National Award of Distinction for placing in the top 1 percent in the nation.

Students in the top percentage of scorers in Ohio include:

Patrick Lee; Ryan Karpuszk; Angela Zhu; Sean Rossander; Lalitaditya Kulshreshtha; Akshyasri Dhinakaran; Sanil Gosain; Kyle Zubricky; Paola Del Rincon Martinez; Maria Alamir; Yuhui Wu; Miranda Li; Allison Routhier; Patrick Smith; Amin Boukzam; Liv Adkins; Mihir Shetty; Matthew Vulku; Meghana

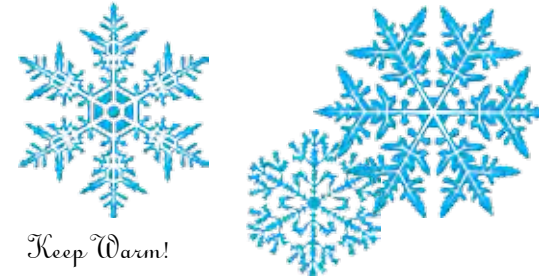
Tandon; Gabriela Kosakowski; Kyle Yu; Albert Zhou; Catherine Cirincione; Daniel Mather; Chad Sargent.

LBMS math teachers who prepared students for the exam were Michael Bee, Anne Dill, Lindsay Kiktavy, Sue Laposky, Mary Mann, Sue Weitzel and Michael Wooley.

AMC 8 is a 25-question, 40-minute math competition that takes place each November. This year there were 150,000 participants across the nation, including more than 300 students from LBMS.

Help Research Your Family Tree

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society meets Wednesday, January 15 from 6:30-8:45 p.m. in the Porter Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Installation of Officers and a brief business meeting will be followed by a Genealogical Roundtable Sharing, "Progress Report: What I Learned in 2013." Guests are welcome to join members in sharing their recent finds or to ask for help with a research problem. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is welcome, at no cost. For additional information contact Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS at cuyahogawest@gmail.com or visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs>



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