

The Village Voice



For Muirfield Village Residents Compliments of Muirfield Village Civic Association

GENERAL INTEREST: IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, THE BLACK AND TAN IS MARCH 3, 2012

The Muirfield Village Civic Association will be “Puttin’ On the Ritz” this March and everyone is invited to the gala affair. The MVCA’s sixth annual “Black and Tan” fundraiser will be held March 3, 2012 at the Country Club at Muirfield Village. All proceeds raised will benefit the Dublin Food Pantry.

The roaring 20’s themed-event will feature casino games, live and silent auction items and dancing. An assortment of food, beer, wine, all entertainment and \$25,000 in casino chips are included with a reservation.

This year’s Black and Tan benefactor – the Dublin Food Pantry -- is facing an ever-increasing need and is looking for a larger location. More than 680 families were helped in 2010 and 200+ families receive food each month. The goal of the Food Pantry is to help their clients move from dependency to independence.

Please consider supporting the Black and Tan in its mission to help the Dublin Food Pantry by becoming a Black and Tan sponsor, donating auction items or volunteering for the event. Contact Muirfield resident Jen Elliott at dje1107@aol.com for more information.

For sponsorship information or to obtain a reservation go to www.theblackandtan.org. The Black and Tan has been growing every year and has raised more than \$100,000 for Dublin-based charities over the past five years. So grab your Gatsby garb and come join neighbors and friends to support the Dublin Food Pantry.

CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE

“The Muirfield List” Update Almost Ready

Thinking of updating your house, refreshing the paint, looking for a home handy-man? The MVCA’s Civic Action Committee (CAC) is in the process of updating “The Muirfield List” with a target distribution to all MVCA members this January.

The Muirfield List was initiated by the CAC to help residents find good trades people; ones we can trust who do high quality work, who are reliable and reasonably priced. Whether looking for someone to help with a small home maintenance job or a much larger project such updating a kitchen, we are working to make “the list” as comprehensive as possible. The service providers are on the list through recommendation by MVCA members

While this newsletter is sent as a courtesy to all Muirfield residents, the Muirfield List is only available to MVCA members. If you are not already a member, this is one more reason to join. Membership will provide you with the list as well as many social opportunities with other Muirfield Residents in our community. All this for \$25 per year! If you would like to become a MVCA Member complete the form in this newsletter or visit www.muirfieldvillage.org.



White of Dublin

Diane Bond and **Heather DiMasi**, both residents of Muirfield, dreamed of their bridal boutique from the very first day they met 6 ½ years ago. And that day was here in Muirfield at the Glick Road pool during a “Mommy and Me” swim lesson. A few years and a few kids later, Diane and Heather opened White of Dublin this past October. “Our goal is to bring an intimate and comfortable experience to each bride while surrounded by elegance. We genuinely care about each bride and want this moment to be magical,” said Bond.

Some of White of Dublin’s wedding gowns are visible in the windows on the 2nd floor space in Historic Dublin. The store offers wedding gowns from couture bridal designers, as well as special occasion dresses for mothers of the bride and groom. The boutique also has bridesmaid and flower girl dresses, as well as bridal lingerie, veils, and jewelry.

White of Dublin is open Tuesdays through Saturdays by appointment only. “When brides are here, we want them to know that they have our undivided attention,” DiMasi said.



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A Love for Teaching

As you drive over the Glick Road Bridge into Muirfield Village, you might catch a glimpse of the recently opened Oxford Enrichment Center, operated by longtime Muirfield Resident and Educator, **Dr. Carol Strip Whitney**. The Center offers classes to high achieving children Grades 4 through 8 and puts a focus on creative thinking that stimulates and motivates lifelong skills.

It is Carol’s love of teaching and children that motivated her to open the Center this past fall. She loves helping children grow and develop an excitement for learning and has specialized her curriculum at the center to strengthen the abilities within each child and make a long-term difference.

Opening the Center is not the only accomplishment in her life that has led her down a very successful path in Gifted Education. Carol started the first gifted program in both the Dublin City School District and Olen tangy Local School District where she taught for many years. While doing so, Carol completed her PhD in Curriculum at The Ohio State University. Soon after, she began writing and has sold more than 40,000 copies

of her first book, *Helping Gifted Children SOAR* with a second edition published just this past fall. Carol has also spoken at many conferences, won several awards, made several television and radio appearances and has been widely known for her support and guidance of gifted children. She is now working on starting a satellite for **Solace for the Children**, an organization committed to bringing children from Afghanistan to the US for medical and dental treatment.

When Carol isn’t busy developing curriculum and teaching, she enjoys spending time in Muirfield with her husband Richard. Together they have fun traveling abroad and they have also recently bought a house in Florida, which will also add pleasure to their busy life styles.

Don’t hesitate to bring your high ability child into the Oxford Enrichment Center and arrange a schedule that works for you. Carol will help your child grow and make a difference. You can e-mail Carol at DocCarolOH@aol.com, call her at (614) 562-6140 or visit: www.oxfordenrichmentcenter.com.

NESTER NUGGETS

What's a Country Boil?

That's what the Empty Nesters asked when **Barb and Kevin Hilyard** offered to host the Empty Nester Country Boil at their home. For those of you who have never experienced this tasty concoction, a country boil is an all-in-one-pot all-you-can-eat supper of shrimp, chicken, sausage, lobster chunks, potatoes and corn. Yum! Barb and Kevin set country-themed tables for 44 hungry Empty Nesters in their yard. There were definitely no leftovers from this meal. It was outstanding. Dinner was followed by a sing-a-long of old favorites accompanied by Sylvia Miller on the guitar. This was an evening that the 'Nesters will be talking about for a long time. A big thank you goes to Barb and Kevin for hosting for a fantastic event.



Sylvia Miller leads an old fashioned sign-along.



Barb and Kevin Hilyard Serve the Boil.

Muirfield Village Garden Club learns to Save Lives!!!



Wow, what a work out!!! Well worth it to help save someone's life. The Garden Club had a wonderful turn out as they invaded the Washington Twp. Fire Department's classroom in October for a lesson in "Heartsaver CPR AED".

The Garden Club had an informative class taught by both a member of the Washington Twp. Fire Department and a

member of the American Heart Association. We listened intently, while taking turns working on numerous manikins, both adult and infant.

We learned the many changes that the American Heart Association have made in the course of CPR and also learned how to use an AED (Automated external defibrillator). More and more schools, places of work and city recreation facilities are carrying this valuable piece of life saving equipment. The AED is a machine with a computer that can shock the heart and help it work again.

Hands down, this was the most important class we have ever been involved in. We learned and practiced many important skills that someday, in an emergency may save someone's life. We learned that it is important to always evaluate the situation and call for help. We also learned that even if we don't remember all the steps exactly, it is important to at least try our best. The American Heart Association says that any help, even though not perfect in an emergency situation is better than no help at all.

Contact the American Heart Association for more information on CPR and AED's or first aid at www.heart.org/cpr or call 1 877-AHA-4CPR (877-242-4277).

The Nesters Go to the Doc

On Friday, September 16, fourteen Empty Nesters enjoyed dinner at one of their favorite restaurants, Doc Henderson's in Marysville. This stately Victorian house was formerly the home of a Marysville family doctor. Now it's a great place to enjoy fun company and terrific food.

Deal 'em

You better know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em when you're playing Texas Hold'em with the Empty Nesters. **Tony Susi, Sharon Custer** and **Marge Harkins** were night's lucky players. Thanks to Rita Johansen for hosting the 22 card players at her home and to Ed and Debbie for organizing the lively event.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! To start the year off, we are electing our newest board members. Voting is your way of having your voice heard. If you are interested in a board position, let us know! Please take a quick minute to vote so we can continue to bring the Civic Association new and fresh ideas and tons more fun!

In addition, the board will appoint new officers. Once these members are in place, we will begin working on our schedule for the year ahead. Let us know which activities you love and want us to continue, or if there some events you think could use a change. We are more than happy to work with you!

As always, the MVCA has ways to get involved! So much community information is packed into this newsletter, so read on and see what we have to offer.

On behalf of the MVCA Board members, we wish you a healthy and happy 2012!

Chris Saneholtz
MVCA President

Welcome New Members

Welcome" to the new members who have joined the MVCA in recent months. Thank you for your participation and support!

Dean Barisow

Joseph & Roseann Mercer

Beth Gabel

Pat & Tony Susi

Richard & Sally Linton

Hal & Nancy Taylor

Chip & Monica Mallue

Trevor & Stephanie Wall

Thanks to all residents who have renewed your support for another year. The MVCA has nearly 400 Muirfield households as supporting members. If you are not a Civic Association member, please consider supporting the MVCA by filling out and returning the registration form printed in this newsletter. (If we've misspelled your name or omitted your spouse, our apologies. Please contact Dwayne Elliot at dje1107@aol.com, and your record will be updated.)

CSOL

On November 6th, **Tom and Gwen Weihe** opened their beautiful Muirfield home to over 90 guests for a fundraiser benefitting the Columbus Symphony. The highlight of the "Café Vienna" evening was a performance by Columbus Symphony musicians, Leonid Polonsky, (violin), Alicia Hui, (violin), Karl Pedersen, (viola), Jena Huebner, (double bass) and Luis Biava, cello as they played a program of Viennese waltzes. Guests at the event enjoyed pastries donated by Mozart's Bakery and wine donated by Mark Link of Vintage Wine Distributer. The women of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra League organized the event, one of several fundraisers for the Symphony they work on throughout the year. For more information about the CSOL, contact Jude Swanson at mcjude@sbcglobal.net.



Tom and Gwen Weihe,
Muirfield residents.

MVCA Website

**Our new and Improved
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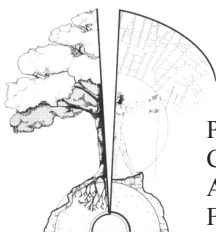


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Empty Nesters Activities

Detailed information will be emailed before each event. All in-home events follow the same format: BYOB with an appetizer or dessert unless otherwise specified.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 7 P.M., RE-GIFT PARTY

(This is your chance to swap an unwanted gift from Christmas)
5542 Carnoustie Court

Hosts: Steve and Linda Hupp

RSVP to Linda Hupp at lhupp@columbus.rr.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, VALENTINE DINNER

The Country Club at Muirfield Village

RSVP to Sharon Custer at scuster@columbus.rr.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 4 – 6 P.M., BOWLING AND PIZZA

Plain City Lanes

RSVP to Mike Custer at gcuster@columbus.rr.com

COUPLES EUCHRE GROUP meets the second Friday of the month. If interested, contact Judy Hays at 766-7047 or jhdiva@aol.com.

LADIES EVENING MAH JONGG GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month. Ladies Daytime Mah Jongg Group meets the third Thursday afternoon of the month. If interested in being a sub, contact Peggy Pace at 791-0340 or peggy43017@aol.com.

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH meets the first Friday of every month. If interested, contact Vern Pace at 791-0340 or vernpace@columbus.rr.com.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. If interested, contact Mary Ann Smith at muirfieldoh@aol.com or 798-0450.

IMPULSE DINNER GROUP: Informal, last minute get-togethers for dining out. All participants will be on an e-mail list and can contact the list to arrange an impromptu get together. If interested in being part of the group, contact Mike Custer at scuster@columbus.rr.com.

Family Activities

SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

MVCA will hold the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday March 31st at 2pm (rain date April 1st at 3pm). Traditionally this event has been fully funded by the MVCA. This year we will need to replace our plastic eggs and are requesting a donation of eggs, candy or a monetary sum to help MVCA continue this annual tradition. We are also looking for a Muirfield parent to chair this event. Please contact Anne Spillman at aespillman@yahoo.com or 614-302-2631 if you are interested in volunteering.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS:

Is It Pronounced “Muir-field”?

Nope, even though many residents slip into that pronunciation. Don't make the first syllable rhyme with “purr,” like a cat. The word isn't MUR-field it is MUIR-field. That “I” in the word needs to be heard! The name is actually pronounced “MEW-R-field” – just two syllables, slur the “r” onto the Mew. That's how it sounds in the Oxford learner's dictionary, for both British and American speakers.

What about another Muirfield street, Rothesay? Is it ROTH-say, or ROTH-eh-say? The “e” is silent, skip it, and just pronounce 2 syllables. And I'm told the second syllable is pronounced, “see” in Scotland. “ROTHsee.” Now, how do you say the street name Din Eidyn? With an “I” sound or an “E” sound. Din I-den, or Din EE-den? It gets the “ee” sound. That is the word from Kevin Miller, a man born and living in Edinburgh, Scotland. Din Eidyn means “hill fort,” and was the original name for Edinburgh. I found Kevin via the ‘net, and he sent me an audio file with the pronunciation. Don't you just love the Internet?

Congratulations to our American Girls!

Congratulations to all the Muirfield Girls who participated in the 2nd Annual Lauren Faith Miller Foundation's American Girl Fashion Show. As a result of their participation and efforts the foundation raised more than \$75,000.



Stephanie and Scot Miller founded the Lauren Faith Miller foundation in 2005, in honor of their daughter Lauren Faith who was born with a congenital heart defect (CHD). Today the foundation provides financial and emotional assistance to children and their families with CHDs. They provide care packages to all children undergoing open-heart surgery and they have given out more than 600 packages since 2005. In addition to care packages they have assisted families with other financial needs during the time when the family is in hospital with their children. For more information on the Lauren Faith Miller Foundation, how you can help and upcoming events visit <http://www.laurenfaithmiller.org/>.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

MVCA President **Chris Sanholtz** organized this year's traditional progressive dinner and as always, it was a great success. Wine, appetizers and fellowship were enjoyed at Tuto Vino's followed by an Italian dinner at the new Mezzo Restaurant in Historic Downtown Dublin. Dessert was just a short walk up the street at Biddie's Coach House where coffee, tea and a wonderful selection of sweet delights topped off a great evening.



TREATS AND SWEETS WITH SANTA

The Muirfield Village children were all ready with their Christmas lists to share with Santa on December 3rd at The Country Club at Muirfield Village. The children and their parents enjoyed coco and cookies and all got into the Christmas spirit. The children made ornaments to hang on their tree and special reindeer food to help Santa find his way on Christmas night. Santa and his elves were all ready to make each and every child very happy on Christmas morning.

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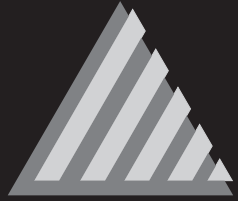
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- Being awarded for a sporting/non-sporting activity
- Won a scholarship/leadership award;
- Championed and/or lead a group for a specific cause;
- Opened a New Business
- Volunteers/Works for a special organization and is making a difference in our community;

These are just a few examples and we want to hear about them all. Please forward nominations to Lesley Neave @ lesleyneave@mac.com.

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