Coral Co. Honors a Shaker Square Legend

by Kristen Romito

On September 29, The Coral Company honored Richard Gildenmeister by dedicating a garden on the north side of Shaker Square in his name. Gildenmeister, owner of the former iconic Richard Gildenmeister Book Shop that opened on the Square in 1976, lived on Shaker Square for more than 50 years and was an ambassador of the neighborhood.

Arriving at the ceremony with Coral Company’s CEO Peter Rubin, Gildenmeister was welcomed by more than 30 friends and Shaker Square neighbors at the garden located on the median between Balaton and Dewey’s Coffee. Per Gildenmeister’s request, The Rev. Rich Israel of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (where Gildenmeister attends and serves as a lector) gave a blessing to kickstart the event. Afterwards, Rubin presented the honoree with Mayor Frank Jackson’s proclamation. Cleveland Councilman Ken Johnson then spoke a few words about the beloved Gildenmeister and presented him with a resolution. After reading the Shaker Square Merchants’ Resolution, Rubin unveiled the commemorative rock and read the plaque on it.

Richard Gildenmeister (left) and The Coral Company CEO, Peter Rubin. (Below) The honorary plaque unveiled at the dedication.

Sunbeam School Takes Shape

by Tom Ott

This year was a busy year for school and community members involved in the planning and design of the new Sunbeam School. Construction managers also were busy getting the site ready for construction.

Over the summer and into the fall, the Jesse Owens building was demolished to make way for the new school. The new school will be built on the former sites of the Jesse Owens and Alexander Graham Bell Schools.

At a cost of $24 million, the one-story school will consist of 92,000 square feet of modern educational and community space, serving as a dynamic upgrade to the current Sunbeam School, currently in operation to the north of the new site. The building will consist of new fully inclusive classrooms, dining area, gymnasium with bleachers for 250 spectators, dining area offering dramatic views to the West, and specialty classrooms including art, music, kinesthetic studio and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Lab. The building also will include a new therapy pool, a critical component for the special needs children housed in the facility.

Following planning and zoning approvals received earlier this year, construction drawings were submitted to the City and are undergoing permit review. Once permits are granted site work will begin, and building construction will commence at the corner of Larchmere Boulevard and Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Drive. This new school will serve as a new gateway to the vibrant Larchmere District. Upon completion in mid-2018, the existing Sunbeam school will be removed and replaced with new fully accessible play areas and a multipurpose field at the north, creating a unified community recreational amenity with Artha Woods Park on the west side of MLK Jr. Drive.

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The SHAD Connection

SHAD Benefit

The third annual SHAD fundraiser raised more than $25,000. Attendees enjoyed specialty hors d’oeuvres and desserts from neighborhood restaurants that represent many world food cultures. Before, attendees took part in a big raffle and silent auction.

SHAD honored Michael Montlack from Montlack Realty, a rental management company that has numerous properties throughout Northeast Ohio, including Shaker Square. Pictured: Key Montlack, Michael’s niece (left) and Michael Montlack (right)

In the last issue I stated that SHAD has a long road ahead to grow the organization. Boy, did we get a response!

On September 25 SHAD Vice President Mary Ann Korvache chaired our third annual fundraiser and succeeded beyond any of our expectations. With more than 200 people in attendance, SHAD raised $25,837. Thank you to all those who attended, our sponsors and to Mary Ann and her hardworking event committee.

This will not be SHAD’s only fundraising event. Our board members are brainstorming additional ways in which the organization can bring in much-needed funds while raising SHAD’s profile in the community. In fact, we are in the very early planning stages for holding a 5K race and 1-mile walk for sometime next summer. It’s not too early to start training! We know that we can’t solely rely on memberships, and we need to reach out to families and young professionals members of our community who are not currently represented in our membership.

With support for SHAD, we can continue to be an advocate for the community and continue our work to remove and improve properties so they reach their fullest potential. To learn more about what we’re working on and to become a member, visit our newly enhanced website at shad.org.

The mission of SHAD is to provide Shaker Square Area with the leadership needed to re-imagine and foster well-managed, diverse and vibrant neighborhoods.

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Thanks to longtime hockey coach Mike Bartley, who has been inducted into the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame wearing his signature red Shaker jacket.

Caroleen Steinruck deserves thanks in many languages. The ESL teacher can be found every Tuesday evening teaching English to new language learners on Shaker Library’s second floor. Thanks to Tawer Nichols and Art Dolaland for their annual and meeting tribute to peace. The duo is the driving force behind the presentation, “Writings to Home,” when veterans read letters written by soldiers from many wars on or near Veterans Day each year at the Shaker Library.

Christine Bartz is looking for that perfect gift to give a special person. “Take the Money & Run” about her financial and tax divorce counseling as a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst (CDFA) at a recent Bliss (Business Leaders & Inspirational Speakers) Series. Not exactly a joyful topic, but a much needed one for those uncoupling.

Congratulations to Arlene Ellbach, Jennifer Estlin, Nancy Fish, Robert Grossman, Dr. Kenneth Plotkin, Drew Schuek, Darcy L. Wilson and Dr. Jameson Wright who were recently inducted into the Shaker Heights Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

Edwins Second Chance Life Skills Center, a housing-focused component of Cleveland chef Brandon Chrostowski’s nonprofit Edwins Leadership & Restaurant Institute, was named a 2016 Neighborhood Builder by Bank of America and will receive a $200,000 grant.

Wore Patrician is looking for some gorgeous gardens in Shaker Heights. If you have a large or small garden you have tended lovingly, she wants to hear from you. Give her a call 216.952.1200 if you want to be included in a June tour.

Cleveland Business News suggests you call Gregory Guice, chair of Reminger Co.’s retail and hospitality practice group, citing his efforts to promote diversity in the profession’s ranks stand on their own merits, setting him apart as a leader for inclusion both within Cleveland and across the profession.”

Thanks to the many volunteers who made Plymouth Church’s Sugar Plum Workshop, held this year from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 3, a place where children can make their own gifts from the heart at prices that fit their tiny pocketbooks.

We give thanks for AARP volunteers who will help seniors prepare their (simple) tax returns for free. The generous volunteers give that time on Tuesdays and Fridays on the Shaker Library second floor. To make an appointment, call 216.491.1160.

We give thanks for the Friends of the Shaker Library, led by Nancy Ryan O’Connor, who will celebrate its fourth Literary Luncheon featuring the book “Shake.” On February 10, to benefit the library. Give thanks for every year you get to enjoy everyone around your table. Then stroll the Square with a full heart and stomach and enjoy your own gifts from the heart at prices that fit their tiny pocketbooks.

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TALK THE FIRST STEP TO HELP. Call Katherine Greig at 216.791.9118 in Cleveland, Ohio 44135. Social Worker will be there to open office space.

We give thanks for the Friends of Jewish Volunteer Network Cleveland under the leadership of Jewish Volunteer Network chair Jeannie Berger. Thanks to Assistant Safety Director and former Shaker Police Chief D. Scott Lee and SHFD’s Superintendent of Equipment Check Rates, who were honored by the Shaker Rotary for their steadfast service. Thanks to “movers and shakers” their steadfast service. Thanks to “movers and shakers” their steadfast service. Thanks to “movers and shakers” their steadfast service. Thanks to “movers and shakers” their steadfast service. Thanks to “movers and shakers” their steadfast service.
2016 Shopping Guide

by Tom Jewell

By now, the holiday elves have stocked the storefronts along Shaker Square and Larchmere, where merchants, artisans and restaurateurs dream of wrapping up the year with a flourish! The festivities kick off over Thanksgiving weekend with the annual Holiday Stroll, featuring free horse-and-buggy rides up and down Larchmere Boulevard from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday (November 25 and 26).

With numerous holiday specials and extended hours, shoppers wickling a “SHAD Card” — offered through the Shaker Square Area Development Corporation — can get additional discounts at roughly two dozen participating businesses (visit shad.org/member-benefits).

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Tropicals or plants that are not cold hardy in our area should be brought inside for the winter. It has been cold enough at night to cause a frost in the morning, which is what kills tropicals and annuals.

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By following those few easy steps you can save yourself a lot of time and trouble come next spring.

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**THE SHAD CONNECTION Holiday/Winter 2016/2017**

by Mavee Metheny

Prepping your yard for winter is essential to preserving its year-round health. Completing a few easy tasks before the cold hits could save you a lot of trouble come spring.

New Vista Enterprises, a local landscape design and construction firm, provides in-depth knowledge on what to do for preparing lawns for winter. In business since 2001, the company is co-owned by brothers Matt and Michael Supler, both graduates from The Ohio State University School of Landscape Horticulture. With 15-plus years of experiences, Matt shares his tips and advice for what to do now, so that your lawn is ready to go in the spring.

**Start by removing all leaves and other detritus off the lawns before the snow comes.** This prevents snow mold and other fungi from killing the grass.

**Put down a slow-release grass fertilizer (can be bought at your nearest outdoor supply store) to give your lawn a boost of green in early Spring.** Fertilizers strengthen the lawn and build nutrients in the roots of the grass.

**Cut the grass one last time, a bit shorter than what you normally would.** This helps avoid snow mold and other fungi that are more likely to grow in a longer, matted lawn.

**Remove any annuals, like impatiens and begonias, and cut back your perennials to about 4 inches tall.** While annuals must be removed, you can save yourself a lot of time and trouble come next spring.

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**Ludlow Community Happenings**

by Susan Rostawski

**LCA “Get-To-Know-Your-Neighbors” Potluck**

The Ludlow Community Association (LCA) is kicking off the 2017 new year with an “after the holidays” community party. “The Get-To-Know-Your-Neighbors” Potluck will be held in January after the hustle and bustle of the holidays. The decision to move the traditional holiday party to January was made at the October LCA meeting to accommodate the many residents who have scheduling conflicts during December. The event will be free to residents living in the LCA area. More event information will be sent to local residents.

**The Ludlow Area Neighborhood Has A Rising Young Filmmaker!**

When five teenagers put their minds to it, anything can be possible. But, who would guess it would be a serious documentary movie? The first-time filmmakers are three Shaker Heights 8th graders: Kayla Lowery (a LCA resident), Maya Peroune, Carrie Sison, and Zaria Peroune (Valley Forge High School) and Ina Keys (a Cleveland Heights resident). This is a true story group referral to themselves as VORiG Media Works. Their movie “New Cleveland: A Tale of Two Cities” premiered at the 5th Annual Great Lakes Cleveland Urban Film Festival at Shaker Square Cinemas in September. Local filmmaker Konnie Peronne guided the young women on this unusual and unique journey.

**Funds For The Kids Of LCA**

The LCA has funds available for any young person, age 5 to 18. The educational and learning opportunities fund is one-time cash payment up to $500. The student must reside in the Ludlow community service area (north of Shaker Square, west side of Van Aken Boulevard to Livingston Road and Olmstead Boulevard). Anyone interested in applying for these educational funds should send a brief letter of interest to the Ludlow Community Association, Attn: LCA Youth Funds, PO Box 2652, Cleveland, Ohio 44142. Or, visit the LCA website: ludlowcommunity.org where the educational form is available along with additional information.

**LCA Monthly Meetings**

The LCA community meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. (beginning generally at 8:30 p.m.) at the Ludlow/PEP School (corner of Ludlow and Southaven). The monthly community meetings feature sharing of community news and resident issues, safety reports from both Cleveland and Shaker Heights police officers, and occasional special speakers. Meetings are not held in August or December. Look for the posting of LCA yard signs in the neighborhood as reminders of the meetings. More information at ludlowcommunity.org and LCA’s Facebook page.

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Hungarian Beef Goulash (Gulyás) by balaton

It’s popular throughout almost all shepherds, goulash is one of the stews eaten by Hungarian

Schnitzel, Chicken Schnitzel, Veal or Hungarian stew.

It’s typically served with boiled or mashed potatoes, polenta, dumplings (nokedli or galuska), paprika-zseli, or as a stand along dish with good bread. Bon Appetit! (I compensated)

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Hungarian Beef Goulash (Gulyás)

2 lbs. lean beef, such as chuck, shank or chump cut into 1- by 1-inch cubes

4 tablespoons oil or canola oil, some might use lard

1 large or 2 small Spanish onions, cut into thin slices (julienne)

3–4 tablespoons Hungarian paprika powder

5–6 fresh, minced garlic cloves

2–3 tomatoes

1–2 colorful holland pepper sliced (julienne)

1 Hungarian banana pepper, remove seeds and dice

2–3 ripe tomatoes

1–2 teaspoons paprika cream, optional

Follow directions below:

Directions:

1. Melt the oil or lard and sauté onion until it is light brown. Remove from heat and let it cool for about 10 minutes. Mix in the paprika powder and garlic. Cream, garlic and salt. Mix to make the paprika while the oil is hot, as it will burn, become bitter and it will lose its nice color and turn brown. Cover the pot and cook on low heat.

2. Do not add water; the meat has to cook in its own juice for about 20 to 30 minutes. Check every 10 minutes. If the liquid evaporates, add a couple of tablespoons of water, stir and cover. Thirty minutes into cooking, add the tomato and peppers, bay leaves and the tomato and peppers, bay leaves. Cover and cook for 1 hour. If liquid evaporates, continue to add 1 to 2 tablespoons of water at a time.

3. Be cautious of choosing the right paprika powder; it is not just for color but also for flavoring. You may buy fresh Hungarian paprika at Gallucci’s or at the Balaton.

Serve with potato dumplings.

Dumplings (servs 4)

2 lbs of flour

1 tablespoon salt

4/3 cups of eggs, mixed well with a blender

Mix all the ingredients together and fold about 8 quarts of water. Use a spätzle-maker to drop the mixture into the water or alternatively, cut the dough into small pieces from the tip of a spoonful, working quickly so they will cook evenly. When dumplings rise to the surface, remove them with a strainer and sprinkle with a touch of olive oil.

L’Arche Cleveland – A Sharing Community For All People

by Kristen Romito

Home is where the heart is. L’Arche of Cleveland is doing just that: providing loving homes for those with developmental disabilities. Its newest home in Maple Heights is currently being renovated to provide the amenities to make it a caring environment that L’Arches promises to deliver.

The new home in Maple Heights will be called Grace House, with two of the current core members moving to that home along with a few current assistants. Renovations include a wheel chair ramp and widening the doorways and making it completely handicap accessible. A Moving and opening for Grace House will occur in spring 2017.

One of the unique characteristics of L’Arche is that the home is provided for life for core members. Hospice care is also available to core members so that their wish to die at home can be honored. This is a major reason why Grace House is being renovated. Two of the most fragile core members who are not able to navigate the stairs in their current home will move to this new L’Arche home so they can remain in L’Arche Cleveland with their friends and the L’Arche family.

Start of a Movement

L’Arche began in 1964 when French-Canadian Jean Vanier took two men with intellectual disabilities out of an institution and invited them to live with him in a small house in Trois, France. He named the house L’Arche, French for “The Ark,” in hopes it would be a safe place for people of all abilities to live and share mutual respect, and that it could be a sign of hope to the world that people of different backgrounds, faiths and abilities could live together in peace. This simple act of kindness soon turned into an international movement.

L’Arche Cleveland needs more assistants for Grace House. Applications are available at the Cleveland office (1101 Shaker Blvd., Suite 116, Cleveland, Ohio 44102) or at larchecleveland.org. Donations of gift cards for places like Target, Wal-Mart, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc. are always appreciated so items can be purchased for specific homes. The organization is also recruiting additional Board Members and committee members. Organizations, schools and churches can also be involved in a variety of volunteer opportunities. If interested, call 216.721.2614. More information at facebook.com
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