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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

GOOD PEOPLE - DOING GOOD



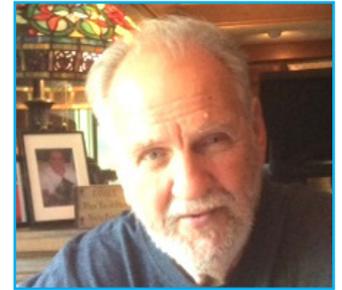
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Most of us have many special memories of good things that happened in our neighborhood when we grew up or unforgettable school moments of service that seem to be frozen in time. Today we want to highlight four timely stories of groups or individuals in the neighborhood who are making such a positive impact.

Dating back to 2007, there are about 40 separate BLOCK CLUBS scattered throughout Slavic Village all working to make streets safe. Today as part of the Spire's "**Good People**" stories, we are highlighting two of the active groups — **E 63rd St. Club** & **Fullerton Ave. Club** — during the important 2021 Cleveland election year.

Also featured "**Good People**" are two dedicated individuals — **Pam Shelly** & **Ken Prybor**—and their respective positive impact for CCCHS and Knights of Columbus causes.

Whether it is working directly with neighbors, politicians, and safety officials through their block clubs or working directly with Cleveland Central Catholic High School students providing service time or using kindness and connection instincts to aid women's causes through good works via Knights of Columbus, here are some of our featured alumni and friends.



East 63rd Block Club and Volunteers Clean-UP

Thank you for all your support to our fund. Your donations, especially this past year during the COVID 19 pandemic, allows us to continue the *Spire* newsletters as well as our involvement with St Stan's Elementary School and parish as it prepares for the 150th Anniversary in 2023.

The following 38 Rainy Day Donors allowed us to increase our working fund by \$3,055 since July 2021. Also listed is the support from the 1961 Class 60th Reunion which totaled \$1,550. The total increase is \$4,605!

Thank you for your generosity!

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Florence (Karash) Nowocin '60
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**CLASS OF '61 REUNION
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Lynda (Stevens) & Bob Frechette	Diane & Alan Szufkada

TOTAL \$1,550

ALUMNI EXPENDITURES SINCE JULY 2021

Total \$5098.00

Alternate elementary school uniforms \$500

Elementary school white paper \$378

Eclipse polymer filter \$1,320 • Eclipse filter holders \$1,000

Spire mailing \$1,400 • Alumni Memorial \$100 • Stamps \$200 • Miscellaneous \$200

ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

The 150th Anniversary Year for St. Stanislaus Parish (2023-2024) is also a much anticipated year in Astronomy. It is almost as if the heavens are celebrating along with the parish with TWO eclipses.

The celebration includes these two events:

****Annular Eclipse on Saturday, October 14, 2023**

****TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE on Monday, April 8, 2024 *** Cleveland in TOTALITY!**

We are using some of your donated Rainy Day Funds to make safe commemorative eclipse viewers that will have parish and viewing information printed on the holders.

Thank you for your help in making this project possible.



BIG CLASS REUNIONS NOT EASY TODAY

Because of the Covid Pandemic, our everyday life has changed drastically for almost two years now. Safety concerns have limited even smaller get togethers but having a big reunion (i.e. multiple of 10) is really hard to do. With that in mind, the St. Stan's Class of '61 held its 60th reunion on Saturday, August 28, thanks to a dedicated committee BUT ESPECIALLY because of the determined work of **George Chase, his family and Lynda (Stevens) Frechette**.

Just finding a large enough and safe location for the 60th was a problem as the Covid Delta numbers increased this past spring. George offered his large backyard to accommodate the crowd and his assurance that his family would safely host everything for the evening & hoping for good weather that day. It was suggested that those attending give a donation to the Spire Rainy Day Fund, and George Chase was comfortable with that. (see p. 2 Spire report).

Lynda was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening and provided a steady stream of laughs and stories. She made sure that everyone who came would leave with a remembrance, (an award they should have gotten while in school), and lots of fun memories and thoughtful reflections. Lynda and her sidekick, Marian Labella, gave a performance to be remembered so much so that someone commented - **"They are so perky they should be doing car commercials on TV."**

The full reunion committee consisted of George Chase, Marian Labella, Lynda and Bob Frechette, Fran and Ron Chmura, Joe Lasinis (directories), Mary Ann Stanky, and Ingrid and Bob Sledz. John Simon, President CCCHS, gave an update and a look into the future.

For some, the reunion weekend continued on Sunday at the 11:30 Mass in the Shrine Church. It would not be a complete reunion without an inspiring visit and return to our roots especially for those from out of town.

After Church, a luncheon at the Polish American Cultural Center at the corner of East 65th & Lansing was a perfect close to the reunion weekend by having a relaxing visit and great meal at a familiar location.

The cultural center is a WONDERFUL facility! Besides luncheons, be sure to visit its Polish History Museum; the outdoor gardens and statue are very informative. The PACC is not open every Sunday; check their Facebook page or website (polishcenterofcleveland.org) for dates and luncheon menu. *Be sure to bring a camera!*



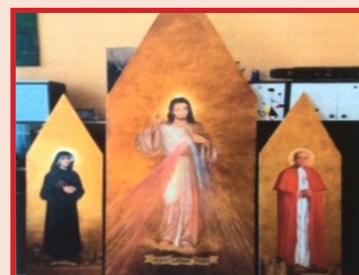
THE TIME TO REMEMBER

Now at the end of the year (or at reunions) is the time to remember and savor old acquaintances and the memories associated with them. The 18th Century Scottish Folk Song by Robert Burns encourages us to raise a cup of friendship & good will for what we cherish and keep in our hearts — for old times sake.

AULD LANG SYNE
SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT,
AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MIND ?
SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT,
AND AULD LANG SYNE ?
FOR AULD LANG SYNE, MY DEAR,
FOR AULD LANG SYNE
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET,
FOR AULD LANG SYNE.

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE UPDATE

Good News! The three portraits for the inspiring new Diving Mercy Shrine are finished and on their way from Poland where they were created. The estimated time of arrival is mid-November, just about the time that this Spire issue will be going to Fairchild Printers. Check the parish bulletins or website for more details.

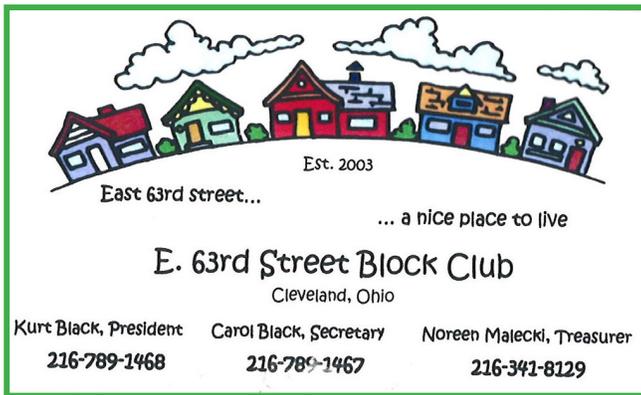


The East 63rd Block Club serves the residents from Fleet to Heisley Ave. and the neighboring streets in Slavic Village. As a civic group they sponsor projects that will benefit the area such as :

***April 2020 “Clean Up”** — The volunteer crew was made up of Block members, neighbors, and Cleveland Central Catholic HS students cleaning the area and bagging the debris for pick up. Once the three hour clean up was finished, everyone had a chance for lunch and a social opportunity afterward.

***Plants for Planters** — The Club maintains the city planters at the end of East 63 St that beautify the area and show visitors pride in the area.

***Halloween Day Treats** — The Club made up 150 treat bags composed of candy, school supplies, gloves, and other goodies for the annual Fleet Ave Merchants Halloween Day



East 63rd Street Block Club

The club normally meets monthly at 7 p.m. at St. Stan’s Elementary School all-purpose room. This past year, president Kurt Black organized a “Meet the Cleveland Ward 12 Council Candidates Night” at their July 8, 2021, meeting held at the PLAV Lincoln Post 13 at 6009 Fleet Avenue. The four candidates all came to speak and answer the audience’s written questions; about 40 neighbors attended the event.

This was an excellent opportunity to see and hear the individuals behind some of the NEW political sign names that were unfamiliar until the campaigning before the elections.

On August 12, the Block Club met again, this time at Carol and Kurt’s house on East 63 Street. Past president Frank Greczanik as well as many neighbors and friends such as Chuck Gliha, several police officers, and Commander Brandon Kutz attended. All had a good chance to visit with Candidate Tony Brancatelli prior to the Primary Election Day on September 14.



Tony Brancatelli and Rebecca Maurer were the primary winners and faced off on the November 2, 2021, election. Rebecca Maurer was elected.

The Fullerton Block Club is noted for its annual big party at the East 65th St. parking lot across from Golubski Funeral Home during the annual city wide “Cleveland Night Against Crime”. This is a big neighborhood. Get together that encourages everyone to attend including the other nearby Block Clubs. There was something for everyone.



• Grilled Hot Dogs • Kids Games • Bike Raffles • Police Personnel • Fire Truck!!
The leader of the Fullerton Avenue Block Club is Betty Rodes who lives a few doors down from Golubski Funeral Home at E. 65 St. & Fullerton where the meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month. Betty and her late husband James originally formed this group around 2004. The meeting this past July was in the yard of hosts Kathy and Gordon

Hatfield; the meeting had the atmosphere of a welcoming garden party! Cleveland police officer Brooklyn Barnes regularly attends as well as popular councilman Tony Brancatelli. This meeting featured a surprise guest, Dennis Kucinich, who was running for mayor at that time. Usually about 25 to 30 neighbors attend mainly from Fullerton, Gertrude, and Lansing area. These meetings are an excellent chance to address concerns that directly affect the quality of life conversation via the “Arts & Gardens Initiative.”



MAYORIAL CANDIDATES FORUM AT NAZARETH PARK

Seven candidates were on the slate for the office of Mayor of the city of Cleveland in the November 2021 election. The large slate created the need for a primary run-off election in September.

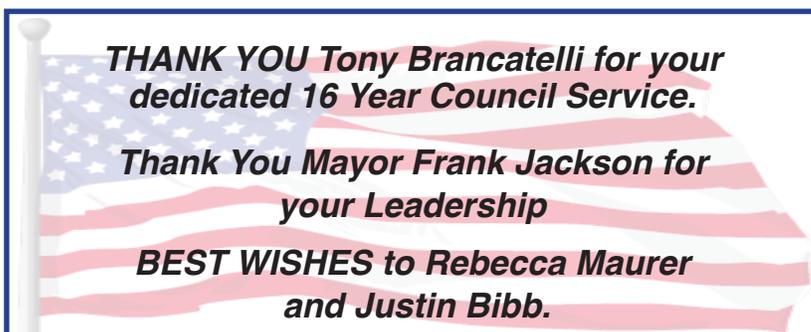
All candidates were present at the Forum on Wednesday, August 18, to address their positions on the future of the city. The outdoor event at Nazareth Park on Forman Avenue between St. Stan’s Elementary and Cleveland Central Catholic High School was well attended on a beautiful summer evening. The Forum was made possible by the efforts of David Krakowski, **Chuck Gliha**, and moderator **Joy Cummings**.



Chuck Gliha & Joy Cummings

The Forum followed the League of Women Voters format guidelines and was very well organized allowing all seven candidates equal time and a respectful setting. A time-keeper did well in keeping control of the “hot air” that might have been possible.

Candidates attending were Justin Bibb, Ross DiBello, Basheer Jones, Kevin Kelly, Dennis Kucinich, Zack Reed, and Sandra Williams; all expressed appreciation for the event. This was a great chance for everyone to see, hear, and ask questions prior to the elections. The September 14 Primary Election resulted in Justin Bibb and Kevin Kelly being selected as the two top mayoral candidates for the November election. Tony Brancatelli and Rebecca Maurer were the top candidates for the Ward 12 Council seat to be decided in the November general election. The November 2 general election resulted in Justin Bibb being elected as Cleveland’s mayor and Rebecca Maurer winning the Ward 12 Council seat.



PAM SHELLY SERVICE COORDINATOR

Last school year all 548 students at Cleveland Central Catholic High School knew Pam Shelly AND she knew ALL of them. In her role as coordinator for the Work Study Program for students and parents, Pam organizes and tracks their volunteer service time to help pay off students' tuition through the Third Federal Foundation.

Everyone at the school and in the neighborhood knows her charming smile, friendly manner, and enthusiasm as the GO-TO PERSON to get volunteers when there are school jobs to be performed.

Pam helped Sr. Erin Zubal OSU with the food distribution programs in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank during the 2020-21 school year when COVID-19 forced on-line learning.

The list of other activities in which student and adult volunteers are involved is almost endless even outside the school building. Here are several:

- Parish Festival set up, work, and cleanup
- Holiday set up at the Magalen
- Kielbasi Cookoff in August
- Marathon Run in Slavic Village
- River Sweep Cleanup/Canal Way Partner
- Garden of Life behind Daisy Ice Cream on Fleet
- Pandemic Relief Boxes for University Settlement
- Booth Avenue underpass cleanup
- Morgana Run Trail cleanup
- Yard and street cleanup East 63rd Block Club Clean-Up
- Alumni & Friends fund-raising events*



*Pam and her volunteers were of great help setting up the day before our November 2019 Alumni Pork Chop Harvest Dinner and especially for serving food at the event.



Ken Prybor has several nicknames--"Tin Man" and "Energizer Bunny." Both describe him well because over the past 20 years, he has shown plenty of energy to recycle scrap metal for very worthwhile causes.

He may be a familiar face to many *Spire* readers because he regularly attends St. Stan's Alumni & Friends events usually bringing his late uncle Len Pryor ES '44 and sometimes his brother Ted Prybor '62.



Ken is a '64 graduate from GHHS, an ex-marine, and retired from East Ohio Gas in 2000. He has been a very active Knights of Columbus member since 1995. In that organization, he followed in the footsteps of Leo Pappesh, the past Grand Knight who initially recycled metal cans that members brought to meeting. In 1998 Ken took over the recycling role and expanded it greatly.

The Knights notify him of scrap that can be donated; then Ken makes arrangements for pick-up, and the work really begins. Since scrap metal only brings in about 11 cents a pound but copper or brass can bring \$1.70 to \$2.00 a pound, he separates the higher-valued metals from the ordinary. He takes his time to disassemble and sort the scrap metal; as a result, Ken is able to increase profits considerably. He then travels near and far to scrap dealers that pay the best dollars for the metal.

Ken spends countless hours in his garage sorting, organizing, and crushing the metal. His lovely wife Mary Ann and family have graciously shared him for years and recognize the work this good man does.

Over the years Ken has averaged about \$2,500 a year recycling metal that benefits such groups as Woman Kind, Providence House, and Koinkonia which support the needs of women and children in crisis.



Ken is involved at SS Peter & Paul Parish since 1975 and was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award in 2012 given by the Holy Name Society for his Knights of Columbus work. He takes pride in being a good "Tin Man" imitation and a positive example of doing good for others in need throughout his life especially in retirement.

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The St. Stanislaus Alumni and Friends extends its condolences to the family and friends of the recently departed and pray the Lord will welcome them into everlasting life.

Madeline (Stupczy) Bogart '61
 Frank Franz '55
 Ted (Lacey) Leciejewski '61
 Rich Skrowronski '61
 James Doan '56
 Camille (Warnock) LoPresti '48
 Wally Kase CCC '70
 Janice Sinclair
 Sandra (Sawulski) Hudach '55

Timothy Shannon CCC '74
 Marlene Michalski ' 67
 Karen (Hartley) Lynch '61
 Grace Skowron '54
 Lawrence Potla '68
 Daniel Hrdlicka CCC '70
 Norm Dobrosielski (Dobbs) '61
 Rich Jancewicz ES '48
 Sandra (Grucza) Donovan '65
 Mary Ann Wroblewski , *Wife of Henry* '60



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, as part of the Month of All Souls, the Alumni held our First Memorial Service in the Shrine Church following the 5 p.m. Mass. This was an opportunity to recognize all of the individuals from the *Spire* IN MEMORIAM listings over the last 10 years.

Karen Neuman, Sharon Kozak, Linda Golubski, and Bob Sledz were the Memorial readers; and Larry Mielczarek was candle server. Peggy Krysinski and Ingrid Sledz prepared the hospitality refreshments in the elementary school all-purpose room where those who attended gathered after the service.



RESPECTFUL GREETINGS FOR TODAY

When someone says "***Happy Holidays***" instead of "***Merry Christmas***", remember, they're not doing it because of political correctness. **THEY DO IT OUT OF RESPECT.** Because from the 20th of November to January 24th, there's at least 14 different religious holidays. So, when someone says ***Happy Holidays*** to you, thank them. Because they don't know what you believe in. It's called respect. Not a war in Christmas.

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