

May, 2006—We discussed the upcoming jump off the falls by Ted Bachelor and the Valley Art Center's fundraising event afterwards at Town Hall. It was said that VAC could not reserve seating on a public sidewalk, but the party would still go on. On a light note, Jean Ingalls told us that she has a red fox living in her barn and she has had a cub, the fox, not Jean. Jean discovered the little family when she was taking some chicken out toward the barn and when she walked between the fox and her cub, the fox began barking at Jean. Why she was walking around with chicken I do not know, but rumor had it that it had something to do with an upcoming naked midnight dance to welcome the summer solstice. This is, however, just a rumor.

October, 2006—On a cold, rainy Friday, we ran through the falling leaves and, shivering a bit, opened the door into history. The sound of 19th Century music softly filled the fire lit room at Look About Lodge, a refurbished gem in the South Chagrin Metroparks built in the 1930's by the WPA. And now arises Playwright, Director, and Pioneer Woman Dee Ramsey with a prologue of her National award-winning play, The Quiltin' Bee. We settle into our seats prepared for entertainment. There, circled around a large table, are the ladies quilting. Each square, artfully designed by Nancy Martt, represents each individual story. And so it began; Michelle Jouriles our China girl, Sigi Berns our log rolling tomboy, Chris Orr presenting the difficult mountain crossing, Nancee Thomas sashaying in shawl and straw bonnet, Rosemary Deioma in her handmade, bright yellow Sunbonnet Sue dress, Kathy Goldman so young and fresh awaiting the first post winter dance, Sue Schefft as the proprietress of The House of Joy, Jan Jones as the true-to-life Baby Doe Tabor, and Nancy Nichols our young wife, mother and homesteader. As Dee finished the Epilogue, the room burst into applause and cheers! We had witnessed the settling of the Great Plains and Pacific Northwest in these human stories and had lived every moment. In true theater style, Rosemary Deioma presented flowers to the co-directors and there was a round of applause at the final bow.

December, 2006—Kathy Goldman reported on a book which tells the story of Alice Bayers, (mother, Francis Werder) an original Bentleyville Road neighbor. The story will be printed and bound and made available for everyone. This is an important part of the neighborhood history and Alice was a woman who some of our current neighbors knew long ago. (Editor's note: this book has not been located)

February, 2007—Jan Jones was helpful in gathering information in donating a brick to the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre. Everyone voted and decided on the 8" x 8" brick for \$150 with the inscription of:

Bentleyville Rd Neighborhood Club est. 1917
History is the Drama of Life!

Sheri Culver discussed an organization in which she has become involved. POD (aka Point of Dispensing) is somewhat of an offshoot from the Department of Homeland Security whose concept is to have a process in place should we have a major medical epidemic erupt in our country (like Bird Flu). The purpose of the process would be to inoculate with medicine in an organized fashion and within the quickest period of time. The State Health Department is currently in charge.

April, 2007—It's never too late for a little April Foolery and that's just what happened at Jan Jones's pink and purple festooned home last month. Jan passed out tablespoons to everyone who was willing to "hang a spoon off your nose". Oh, the naysaying and grumbling and "this can't be done" - Then, aha! One by one, they were hanging on noses all over the room!

September, 2008—The September BVR luncheon was a needed distraction from \$4.00 a gallon

April 2007

INTRODUCING
The Ladies
of
Bentleyville
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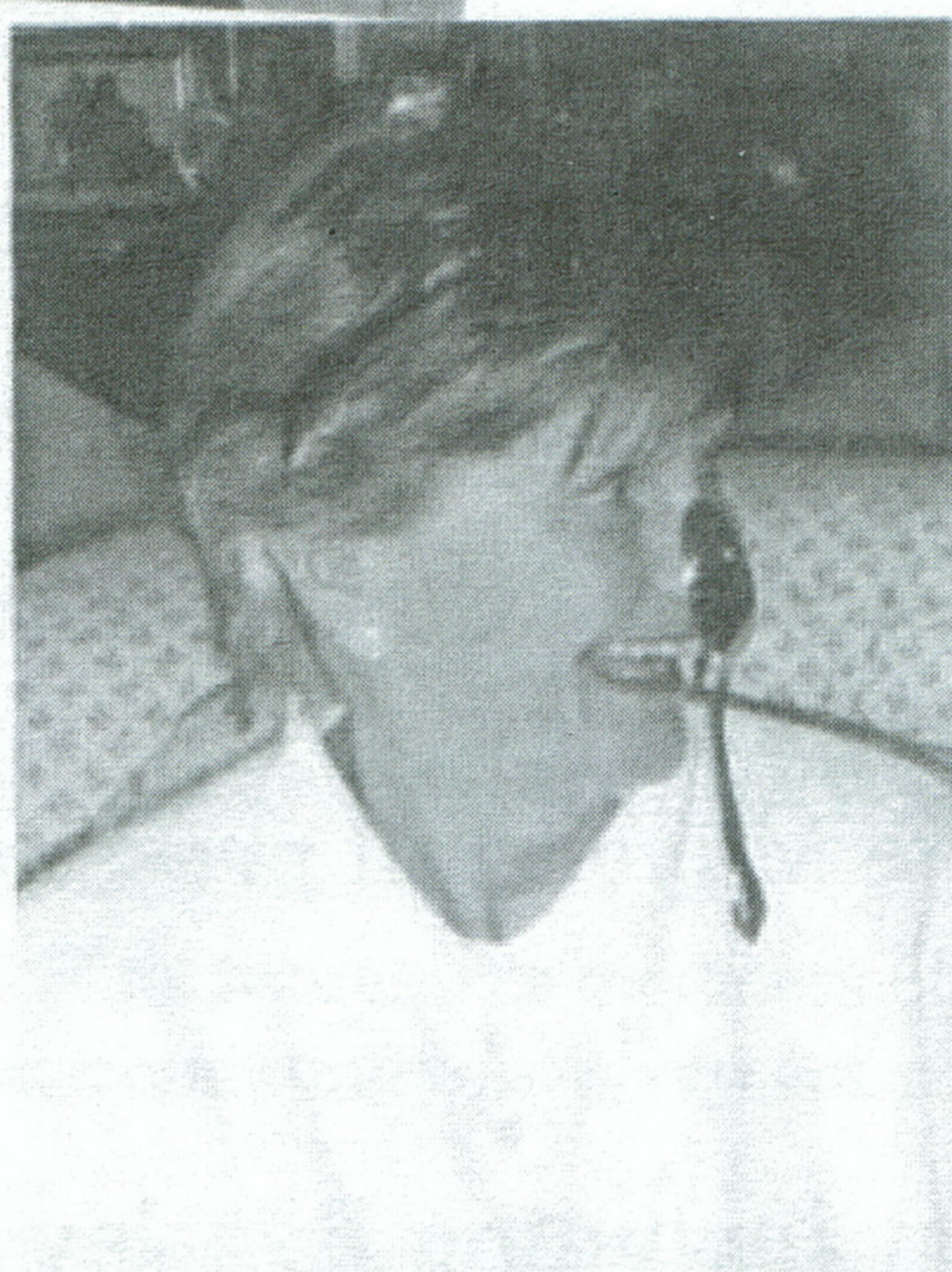
Pat McNeil



Did you hear
what she
said?

"Ladies"
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Nancy
Nichols



Karin
Knutsen



Nancee Thomas



Joyce Goretta

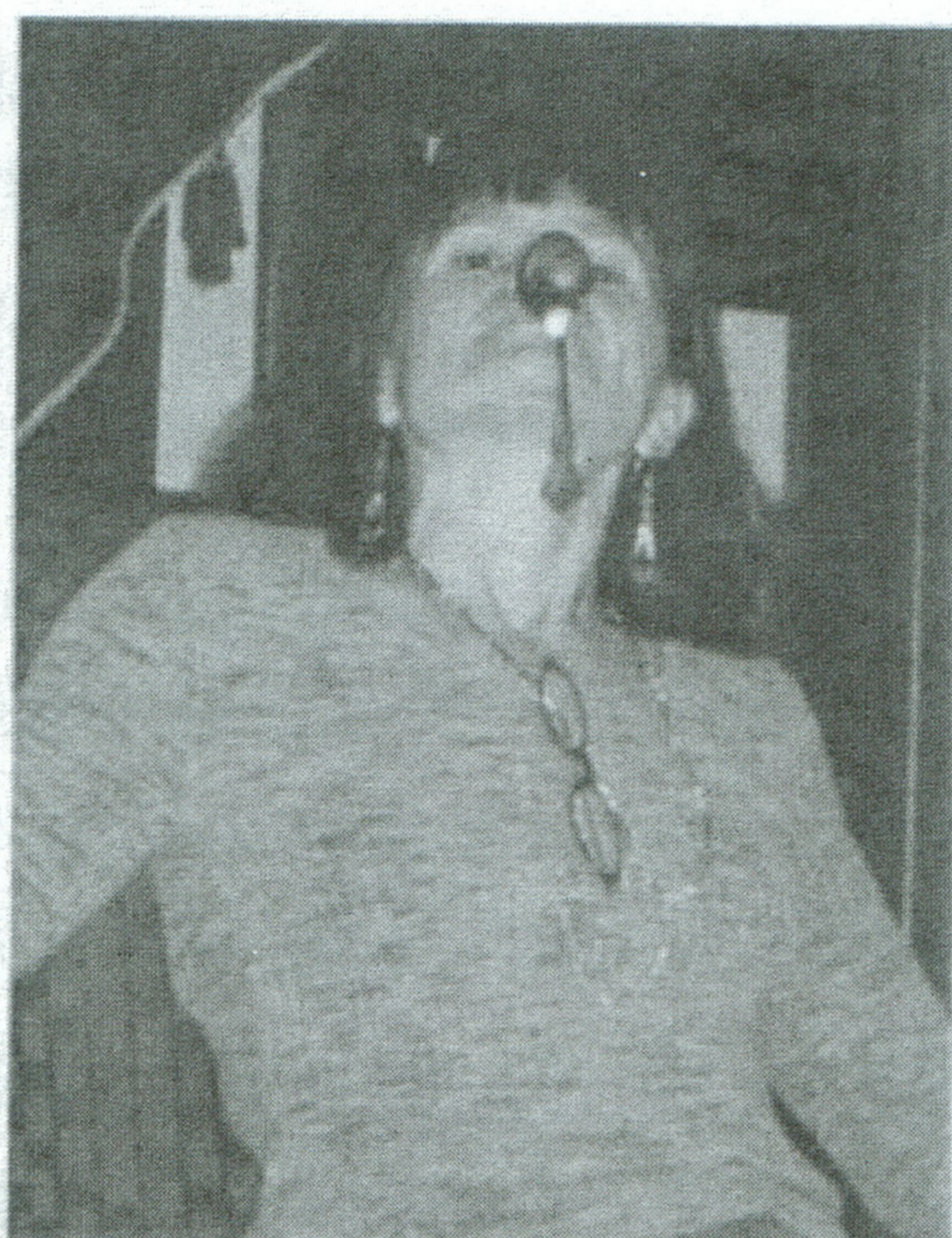


Sherri Culver



Lynn
Vail

Shirley
Copeland



Michelle Jourilles



Sue Scheff

We are
good!!
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gas, the anticipation of the historical first Obama/McCain Presidential debates this evening, the anxiety of the insurance and financial institution government bailout package, the reality of some friends and family members facing sudden unemployment and/or foreclosure of their homes, the volatile stock market fluctuations and, of course, the passionate concern (on ALL sides) of who will be our country's leader going forward.

December, 2009 – Winifred Anderson who lived next to the Burkes passed away before Thanksgiving. Jenny Burke shared some memories including one told by Winifred's daughter. Winifred visited a diner in South Carolina in the 60's. The owner of the diner refused service to a Native American family and Winifred said, "If you don't serve them, you don't serve us" and walked out.

January, 2010 – Kathy Goldman told a wonderful story of her older son Peter who was sailing in Mexico and ran into a 35 foot Humpback whale that was caught up in a fishing net in 220 feet of water. Her son was able to cut the net away and free the whale. The adventure was caught on YouTube.

March, 2010 – It was moved and seconded that Bentleyville Neighborhood Club purchase a clock for the meeting room at Moreland Hills Town Hall in Memory of Winifred Anderson, councilwoman from 1993-1999. The Mayor will present a proclamation in Winifred's honor at the December council meeting.

May, 2010 – A first ever block party including Bentleyville, Greentree, Old Plank, Skyline, and Canyon Roads, organized by Dan Fritz, takes place June 5th.

October, 2010 – Eighteen members arrived at Betsy Seegott's house at 318 Bentleyville on a brisk fall day and had the surprise of meeting Betsy's mother who was visiting from Ft. Meyers, Florida. Betsy's parents, Gay and Wes Brewer, lived at 318 for forty years.

April, 2011 – Most of us woke up early to watch the Royal Wedding of William and Kate that broadcasted live at 6am. Everyone was aflutter discussing Kate's dress, bridesmaids, crowds, music, guests and, dare we mention, the HATS!!!! Jan Jones made a lovely entrance wearing wedding appropriate attire including a lovely hat. She changed her look during the luncheon and wore a fabulous "fascinator" in her hair that would have been fit for a QUEEN's event.

May, 2011—The house that is/was across from Ingalls has been torn down. This was Hal Kerber's house and it was the oldest house on the street, built in 1864. Various members of the Kerber family came back to town and took beams and portions of walls and various other historical pieces of the house before it was demolished. A new house will be built further back from the road.

January, 2012—Several people commented on the "Run on Chagrin Valley Hardware" store last Saturday which was a huge success. The store has been at the present location since 1850. The Shutts family has owned it since the 1950's. Someone came up with the idea to pay tribute (in the style of a flash mob...i.e. CASH mob) to the family for their tried and true community residence and contribution to our town of Chagrin Falls. Hundreds of people shopped at the store and news media came from all over the country to cover the story of this unique hardware store that hasn't changed much since they opened 160 years ago.

April, 2012—The country is still recovering from the Boston Marathon bombing that jolted



Village of Moreland Hills

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation



Whereas:

The VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS,

OHIO, proclaims today, December 14, 2010,

WINIFRED ANDERSON DAY

WHEREAS, The Village of Moreland Hills recognizes members of the community who show outstanding dedication to public service, community involvement and the betterment of society;

WHEREAS, Volunteering one's time and resources is a fundamental part of our country's tradition and is essential to its spirit;

WHEREAS, Winifred Anderson was a long-time resident of the Village of Moreland Hills and an active member of the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club from 1974 through 2009;

WHEREAS, Winifred Anderson was on the First Citizens' Advisory Committee in 1978;

WHEREAS, Winifred Anderson was a dedicated and engaged member of Moreland Hills Village Council whose insights served the Village well from 1980 through 1997;

WHEREAS, Winifred Anderson was an innovative and effective Councilwoman who was respected by her fellow Council members for her conservative financial attitude and frugal spending of tax dollars;

WHEREAS Winifred Anderson was kind and generous to the Village employees and, especially the members of the Police Department;

WHEREAS, Winifred Anderson was the proud mother of two children, Connie and Sarah, and, thus, provided a valuable role model for future generations;

WHEREAS, Winifred Anderson inspired people with her imagination, energy and enthusiasm and her unique ability to transform visionary goals into firm, bold action;

WHEREAS, the Village of Moreland Hills posthumously thanks Winifred Anderson for her service to her community and, I present this proclamation in recognition of her efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan C. Renda, Mayor of the Village of Moreland Hills, do hereby proclaim December 14, 2010 as **WINIFRED ANDERSON DAY**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of December, in the year of two thousand ten, and affixed the seal of the Village of Moreland Hills.

Susan C. Renda, Mayor
Susan C. Renda, Mayor

every corner of American society last week. But today, Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club is appreciating being far from the tragedy site and just soaking up the sunshine and time with friends.

July, 2012—It was another hot, dry, beautiful day in our neighborhood. The summer of 2012 has been one of the driest summers on record in the entire country.

December, 2012—After lunch, Jean Ingalls introduced Sue Beattie, daughter of Ralph Beattie (389 BVR), as a guest. She shared a poem with us, A Cup of Christmas Tea by Tom Haag. She recited this beautiful lengthy poem by complete memory. She presented this in a most elegant way. There was not a sound during the entire performance and tears involuntarily dropped from many of our eyes. As I write these minutes, I am struck by the afternoon news of the terrible massacre in a Connecticut school that happened earlier this morning. The message of the story Sue read was made even more poignant—to remember to reach out to loved ones every day. It reminded me of how horrible things can happen in any neighborhood and how grateful I am to have such wonderful neighbors and friends here on BVR.

May, 2013 – Our May meeting was held at the house of Trish Risman. We had a great time with the theme of “neighbors of famous TV sitcoms.” Our food was served in metal TV trays with meatloaf sliders, peas, potato salad, fruit and a dessert of lemon squares and brownies.

April, 2014 – It was suggested that a formal position of Historian be created and added to the by-laws. Karin Knutsen agreed to be the first to fill the job since she has lived on BVR the longest. Cleveland Magazine featured Jan Jones and Shelly Artz for receiving the Lifebank Legacy of Life and Champion for Life award. Shelly received not one but TWO heart transplants in 2002 and after more than a year in the hospital he is fully recovered and is now playing tennis, skiing, and teaching at the Cleveland Clinic Medical School. Jan encouraged all of us to be organ donors by checking the box on your driver’s license.

June, 2014 – Jean Ingalls reviewed several traditions of the BVR club to some of the new members. Jean reminded us that roll call is more than taking a speedy attendance. It is a way to respectfully communicate the “State of the Neighborhood” so to speak. Work, travel, family or illness related reasons of not coming to a luncheon are usually communicated upon the RSVP response and then shared by the hostess to the group. This is a delightful way of staying connected with our neighbors and offering support if ever needed.

September, 2014 – This prompted Polly Snavely to tell another endearing neighborhood story about when she was five years old and her family moved to 309 BVR. Polly decided to visit the next door neighbor and introduce herself. A lovely elderly lady answered the door and to Polly’s delight, Mrs. Mills invited her in and invited her to stay for tea. She brought out a beautiful tea set and they sat in her formal living room and sipped tea and ate HERSHEY BARS! Needless to say, Polly became a “regular” at Mrs. Mills house for weekly tea parties. A couple years later, sadly, Mrs. Mills passed away and the family had an estate sale. Polly and her mother went, and much to Polly’s surprise, there was the beautiful tea set FOR SALE! Polly could not imagine who could sell such a treasured thing. So Polly’s mom bought it for her and she still has it at her house today. For Halloween, Trish Risman offered to rent the Rocket Car (from the old Euclid Beach Park) to come drive neighborhood kids trick or treating on BVR.

October, 2014 – Most everyone noticed that the Moreland Hills police have upped their presence on BVR to stop the speeding and running of the stop sign as well as the yield requirements. There was a burglary in the middle of the day at Noelle and Tony Whitehouse’s home soon after this meeting. They send their message to all that if you have a house alarm – use it. Lock your



doors when you leave 100% of the time and lock your cars!

January, 2015 – Thanks for Karin Knutsen and her husband, Ken Anderson, for having our first meeting of 2015 at their home at 258 BVR. It was a cold and snowy day, but the sun was shining and everyone was excited to experience the Raclette dish that was served for lunch. The dish is indigenous to parts of Switzerland where Karin and Ken have visited. Raclette is a semi hard, cow's milk cheese that is bought in a 12-13 lb. round wheel that is heated over an open fire and then scraped onto dinner plates when enough for one serving has melted. Ken prepared each slice outside on the deck, on the grill, in the freezing cold and falling snow! The cheese was served (as traditional in Switzerland) with boiled potatoes and gherkin pickles and a salad. Sad news - our dear neighbor, Ralph Beattie, passed away. Good news – The Federation of Slovenian National Homes has chosen Jan Jones as their Woman of the Year for her professional and civic accomplishments.

July, 2015 – Jan Jones announced the plans for the second annual Front Yard Players. Last year was so much fun with all of the neighborhood kids singing, dancing, doing comedic skits, playing instruments and then wrapping it up with a fashion show.

August, 2015 – The August picnic was held at Trish Risman's home and Jean and Paul Ingalls were honored. They are moving to Judson Manor. Many attendees read limericks written in their honor.

October, 2015 – We learned that the traditional Pumpkin Roll down Grove Hill is more organized than we dreamed. This year a kayak came sliding down the slime! A far cry from 1956! Nancy Nichols thanked Kathy Goldman, Michelle Jouriles and Nancy Thomas for attending the Moreland Hills council meeting that led to 2 stop signs at the one lane bypass on

Bentleyville Road. Barb Jung tells us “the shouting, swearing and honking is ending!”

June, 2016 – There is so much going on in the world that I feel compelled to at least mention some of the recent events in these minutes. Local news was the pride and excitement that surrounded our beloved Cleveland Cavaliers who became the first team in NBA history to come back from a 3-1 series deficit to win the NBA Championship. It was Cleveland’s first championship in franchise history. LeBron James was named the unanimous MVP. Internationally, it is a significant week in history for Britain who voted to leave the European Union. And national news is all about the contentious political turmoil over the campaigns of the presumptive Presidential nominees, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, as well as the mass shootings in Orlando, Florida; both of which has created an air of anxiety, locally, over the safety of our community during the Republican National Convention that is due to occur July 18-21.

July, 2016 – Cleveland and Philadelphia made it through hosting the 2016 Republican and Democratic conventions without any incidents so we march onward toward the November election. Also, the 2016 Summer Olympics are about to begin in Rio. Much talk about water contamination, Zika virus and terrorist threats plague the news.

January, 2017 – Karin shared that Joyce Gorretta’s daughter, Laura, who is an archivist and active member of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, has a lot of BVR historical information that she is willing to document in some way. Laura offered to make copies of all our minutes. This was greeted with great enthusiasm since all of us feel that keeping this treasure trove of data in a box in various people’s basements is not safe. Joyce also told us that BVR was once part of Chagrin Falls and split away in 1923. Jean Ingalls passed away in her sleep recently and many BVR neighbors went to the service at Trinity Cathedral at University Circle. Her daughter, Margaret, sent a lovely thank you for the flowers we sent and said that Jean always used to “rate” memorials and she thought Jean would have given hers a TEN!

February, 2017 – A record setting day of 73 degrees! We are all extremely excited about the new Heinen’s opening in town where the previous Giant Eagle was formerly. They will feature more prepared foods, wine tastings, beer on tap and a wood fired pizza oven.

July, 2017 – Our special guest was Mayor Susan Renda. The Mayor was happy to tell us that she will be honored to present a proclamation to our neighborhood club at the November Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 7 pm. She shared with us that this would offer a more formal affair and would become a part of Moreland Hills public records. Mayor Renda told us that 2017 is also the 100th anniversary for the Metro Parks and reiterated that this is indeed a special place at a special time. She told us that Moreland Hills, Hunting Valley, Pepper Pike, Chagrin Falls and Chagrin Falls Township were all part of the Orange Township at one time. As the communities developed their own value systems (portrayed by zoning), little factions of the larger community broke off. Lynn Vail has collected pictures of almost all the houses of members of BVR to mark the ‘STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD’ as of it’s 100th anniversary.

August, 2017 – Our August meeting was filled with such excitement as we celebrated the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club’s 100th year anniversary! A large tent covered the beautiful outdoor patio at Rob and Trish Risman’s home and most of the party that evening was held outside under the white lights of the tent. Live acoustic music added to the ambiance of the evening. Large “100” numbered balloons added to the décor. Favors of printed BVR cups and notebooks with the photographed Bentleyville Road sign were made to commemorate the special affair.

January 2018 – As the march towards the next 100 years begins, it is worth noting that the

integrity of the BVR Neighborhood Club has remained steadfast and continues to be filled with rich tradition. We still vote for officers, write minutes, collect dues and give donations to charities. We still look forward to the fellowship that seems to flourish month after month. I think I can speak for the current members that we are all grateful to be part of the resilient legacy of the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club.

Thank you to the Eble's for your time and effort in gathering this information for our record of historical interest.

Lynn Vail, Current Secretary
388 Bentleyville Road



Trish Risman and Katie Pollock



Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club Celebrates 100th Anniversary

It's a mile of winding Chagrin Valley splendor. Rich with history, overflowing with charm – and home to a neighborhood tradition that dates back 100 years – the hills of Bentleyville Road gently roll between Chagrin Boulevard and Miles Road.

In the early 1900s, before Moreland Hills was incorporated as a village, Bentleyville was a dirt road with a sprinkling of summer cottages where Clevelanders could get away to enjoy fresh country air. Gradually, a few full-time residents built homes on the street. The houses were fairly spread apart, however, and when the men took the family car to work during the day, the women were somewhat isolated. Hence, in 1917, the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club was born as an opportunity for neighboring women to get together for companionship and support.

One hundred years later, the club continues to thrive and uphold its refreshingly simple purpose according to its bylaws: “to promote neighborliness and friendliness.”

Today's club president, Karin Knutsen, said that although the initial records of the club have been lost, a poem written by Agnes Chatham, an early resident of Bentleyville Road, was later found containing prose that confirmed the club's beginnings in 1917.

Knutsen, who grew up on the street and today lives in the house her family built there, said she remembers “playing in the Chatham cabin and going to see ‘Grandma Chatham,’” with her friend Joan Chatham Baily – Agnes Chatham's granddaughter – when she was a young girl.

“The first house on the Chatham property was turned into a garage after they bought the land next door and built a summer cottage. That garage is where Moreland Hills' first election was held,” Knutsen explained.

According to the book, *Things Remembered – Moreland Hills at 50 Years 1979*, “There were 86 votes cast on the village incorporation issue on that election day of

September 25, 1929 – 77 for and 9 against. The voting booth – the Chatham garage on Bentleyville Road.”

Over the years, the number of houses on Bentleyville Road has continued to grow and lifestyles have certainly changed, but the neighborhood women have kept up their century-old tradition of getting together once a month for a luncheon to socialize and catch up with each other on what's going on in their lives and with their families. Members are asked to host a luncheon every other year.

Knutsen said the club collects annual dues of \$5 from each member, along with donations for a “Sunshine Fund” to help support neighbors if they are ill or to send flowers. “Whatever is left over from the year we give to charity.”

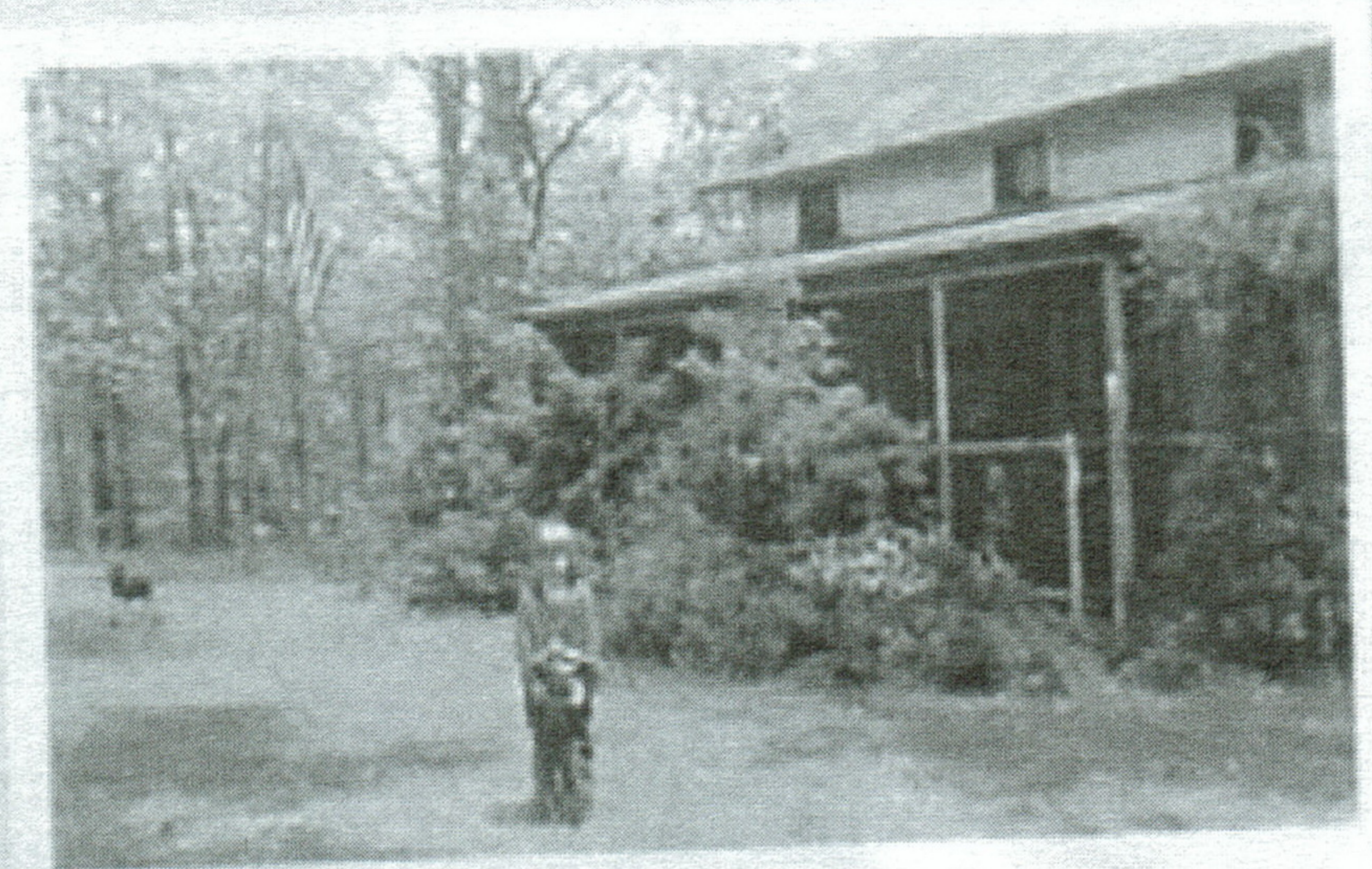
While the club has officers and meetings have a formal component in which they take roll and discuss any business, it's most social.

“It's so special,” Knutsen said. “We really take care of each other. You always know if someone is sick or needs help.”

In a time when many people are so busy they don't even know the name of the person living right next to them, having a close-knit neighborhood like this one is unique.

“The opportunity to come together each month with women of various backgrounds, ages and interests, yet who all share a common desire for friendly connection with neighbors, is special and quite unusual,” Bentleyville Road resident Jenny Burke said.

“We highly recommend that residents in other parts of the village create a neighborhood club of their own. A neighborhood club is not difficult to pull off, but simply requires a willingness of neighbors to gather on a regular basis. Folks could certainly create something that works for their own neighborhood such as a monthly Saturday coffee, Sunday potluck brunch, whatever will make attending feel



Chatham Family cottage on Bentleyville Road



do-able to the residents. The sense of community is so wonderful in this time of busy schedules, and the draw of cell phones and Internet.”

Club member Joelle Snavelly said she feels a “strong connection to our past. It's amazing that so many make the time for it. It connects generations.”

One of the newest Bentleyville Road residents, Mara Garcia, said, “Being new to the area after moving away so many years ago, I was excited to make new friends beyond my high school acquaintances. I loved the idea of getting to know and trust the people around me and feeling as if people on the street are looking out for me.

“I enjoy the various events throughout the year that keep us all connected. It's so nice knowing who lives where, getting to see each other's homes, and being so friendly and comfortable with neighbors I see on Bentleyville Road and around town.”

“On November 8, Moreland Hills Mayor Susan Renda will be presenting a proclamation to the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club in honor of their 100th Anniversary.



Mayor Renda, Kathy Goldman, Katie Pollock, Karin Knutsen, Jane Eble



Village of Moreland Hills

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation



Whereas:

The VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS,

OHIO, proclaims today, November 8, 2017,

BENTLEYVILLE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB DAY

WHEREAS, the Village of Moreland Hills recognizes members of the community who show outstanding dedication to public service, community involvement and the betterment of society;

WHEREAS, volunteering one's time and resources is a fundamental part of our country's tradition and is essential to its spirit;

WHEREAS, the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club was formed in November 1917 at end of WWI as an outgrowth of the Red Cross service and is now celebrating its 100-year anniversary;

WHEREAS, the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club assimilates new neighbors into its network while respecting its roots, traditions, and values and preserves its historical records;

WHEREAS, the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club accomplishes its mission "to retain neighborliness and friendliness" with enthusiasm and love, supports its members in their time of need and celebrates the joys of life together;

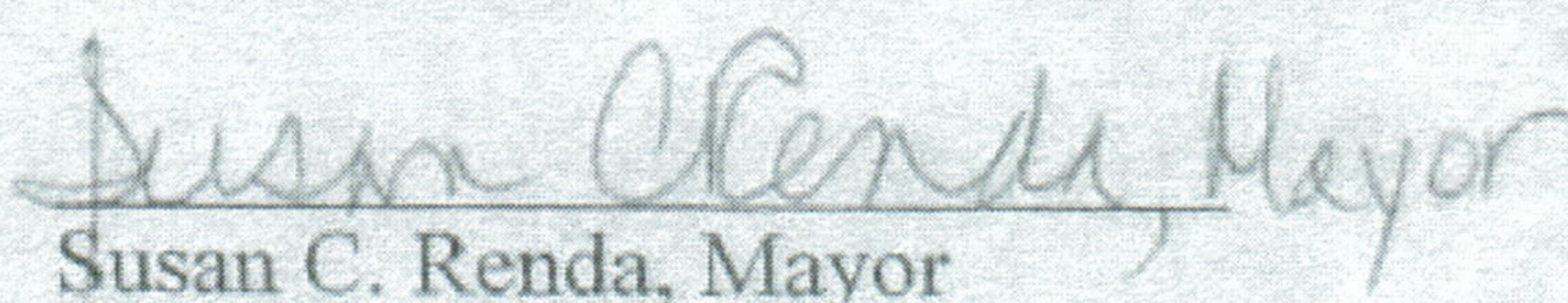
WHEREAS, the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club acts as a network to exchange news and information, openly discusses the issues of the day to further their understanding and holds monthly meetings to enjoy each other's company.

WHEREAS, the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club engages in philanthropic endeavors in the community, the country, and the world through contributions to the Red Cross, Meals-on-Wheels, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Hiram House Camp, and many others and sent gifts and local newspapers in support of local soldiers in World War II and Vietnam;

WHEREAS, the Village of Moreland Hills thanks the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club for their service to our community and, as the Mayor, I present this proclamation in recognition of their efforts and in honor of their 100-year anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan C. Renda, Mayor of the Village of Moreland Hills, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2017 as **BENTLEYVILLE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB DAY**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of November, in the year of two thousand seventeen, and affixed the seal of the Village of Moreland Hills.


Susan C. Renda, Mayor

January 8, 2016 Pajama Party Shelly + Jan Jones Artz



BVR Neighborhood Gang



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