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Carla Fountaine - Lifetime Service Award



Carla Fountaine's career at Nationwide Children's Hospital was spent building trust and relationships with community residents through a longstanding pact called the Good Neighbor Agreement.

Carla Fountaine's life was spent simply being a good neighbor.

She is remembered fondly for

By: Bob Vitale, Veteran Reporter at Columbus Dispatch

Park. Carla was the spark that helped revitalize an eighty year old club with fresh energy and a more inclusive vision.

She helped other community organizations as well, including All People Arts, the Classic for Columbus, the Parsons Area Merchants Association, Parsons Avenue Redevelopment Corporation, the Rickenbacker Woods Foundation and South End Café.

In Linden, she worked with the Linden Advisory Council, Linden Leadership Academy and the One their residents. Linden Plan.

"She made friends with people everywhere she went," said Katherine Cull, a neighborhood "She didn't have to be at all the always wanted to be with her Saturday events and neighbor- along the journey," Jones said. hood cleanups and everything pleasure and a lot of joy." It brought her a lot of friendships, too. Cull convenes a South Side Supper Club regularly at restaurants and coffee shops in the area. More than 20 people gathered last month at Common Grounds to share memories of their times with Carla Fountaine and sip on lattes that the Parsons Avenue café called The Carna, after a name she had given herself.

annual easter egg hunt at Schiller but challenging the hospital to be more proximate with the South Side community the hospital has called home for over 130 years," said colleague Nicholas Jones, Director of the Nationwide Children's Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Program. The two worked together on Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families, which addresses issues of affordable housing, education, health and wellness, community enrichment, and economic development to improve the overall health of neighborhoods and

The program began on the South Side in 2008 and now operates in Linden as well.

"Carla was respectful in a way liaison for the city of Columbus. that partners, friends, colleagues "But being a neighbor and else. I think it brought her a lot of advocate for others wasn't just part of her work", Jones said. "She never pre-judged others", he said, "and she always took time to listen to, to understand and to connect. Her friends and colleagues knew her family. They shared meals with her. They received flowers during tough times of their own". Bates, who lost her husband to cancer earlier this year, said she received a call from Fountaine once when her husband was hospitalized. Fountaine was calling from the hospital, too. Jones said she had a knack for knowing what might make someone's day a little brighter. "Although she faced significant challenges with her physical health that sometimes made it difficult to even get dressed in the morning, Carla was more full of life than anyone," he said.



According to her obituary in The Columbus Dispatch, Fountaine described herself as Nationwide Children's Hospital's "boots on the ground" in the community. It's a role her family said she served "with unmatched authenticity, rigor and love."

She was also a voracious reader, dedicated foodie and knowledgeable film buff who was as devoted to her family as she was her work. Three weeks before her death, on her 43rd birthday, Fountaine posted a thank-you to all her on Facebook friends and reflected on what she called an "immensely difficult" 11/2 years. She said she had promised herself that through all difficulties she would "always be me" and pronounced herself "proud of the strides I made and will continue to make in this life." "If I can leave this world with only one lesson ... please live every day to the fullest and make sure you are there when your people really need you," she said.

both. Fountaine, who in 20 years rose from a Community Relations Assistant for the hospital to its Director of Community Relations, passed away on July 26, 2024, at the age of 43. In recognition of her passion for the work she did and the people she helped, the Southeast Lions has selected Carla Fountaine as the recipient of its second annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

"She had this way of getting people to connect," said Donna Bates, who received the award in 2023 and will present this year's honor to Fountaine's mother. "She never asked for any attention or recognition. Her goal was always that we can work together to make the community a better place."

For the Southeast Lions, Fountaine served as a Board Member and Membership Chair. She sponsored new club members and volunteered for the

At Nationwide Children's, Fountaine was a big part of the hospital's efforts to invest in the South Side community and its residents during an ambitious development plan that since 2008 has doubled the size of its South Side medical campus.

"Her work with NCH was her passion, not just being an advocate, protector, for the hospital,



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76th Annual Southeast Lions 2024 Easter Egg Hunt

By: Lion Suzanne Schwartz

at Schiller Community Recreation Center on chocolate bunny courtesy of Winans Chocolates. arrived. And then...so did the rain!

Schiller staff members and Southeast Lion one who attended the volunteers shifted quickly as community members event. began to arrive for the hunt. Everyone was invited into the Schiller Lower Gymnasium and ushered into the bleachers to sit with their age groups. The younger friends were then marched to the Schiller Upper Gymnasium so everyone who needed assistance was able to enjoy their experience together.

Just like the flyer advertised, it was the 76th Over 250 friends were able to gather candy and Annual Egg Hunt rain or shine! The Southeast 100 friends were able to grab a golden egg. The Lions once again sponsored the annual event held golden eggs were turned in to the Lions for a solid Saturday March 30, 2024. The Schiller Baton Corp Early in the event, a 35-pound solid bunny was had their donuts and coffee all ready. The craft donated by the Southeast Lions to the Ronald table was set up. A photo booth was waiting for McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio for all smiling faces. The fire truck pulled up ready to the families who utilize that service to share. The blast its horn and the Easter Bunny himself had rain didn't last long on Saturday morning but the

fun remained for every-



























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The President's Message

A smile is worth a thousand words



A smile is worth a thousand wordsand sometimes even more. Southeast Lions board member Carla Fountaine had a smile that went straight to your heart. We all felt that warmth as Carla touched countless lives on the South Side of Columbus, both as a Southeast Lion and as the Community Relations Director for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Carla's passing this year has

left us heartbroken.

Carla worked with hundreds of community leaders, volunteers, and organizations on the South Side. She served on multiple boards, including ours, and volunteered tirelessly for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Schiller Park. As membership chair, she revitalized our club when it was losing energy, sponsoring new members and bringing fresh enthusiasm to our mission: To Serve. She was a fierce advocate for those in need, always showing up even when she was undoubtedly carrying her own burdens.

Carla inspired us with her love and unwavering commitment. The shock of losing her so early in life is a pain we are still trying to process, and it will take time to heal from this tragic loss.

In her honor, we posthumously present Carla with the Southeast Lions Life-Time Service Award. Carla didn't just talk about service—she lived it through her actions, her smiles, and her presence in our neighborhoods for over two decades. She was deeply loved by our community, and we will forever remember her as a recipient of this recognition as we continue to find additional ways to honor and amplify her legacy of service.

As we honor Carla, let us hug the ones we love a little tighter and look for the good in everyone, even when it's hard to find. Carla always did, and we can too.



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Lion Tom Grote

LION PRIDE ON PARSONS

vides social benefits and fosters bonds among lion pride members. These social bonds create a support network that aids in cooperation, protection of territory and service to one another. Our Southeast Lions Club certainly fits that definition and Parsons Avenue is the club's defining landmark. Historic Parsons Avenue is the glue that connects east and west neighborhoods into one large community. That is why every quarter a sea of yellow vests can be seen roaring down this South Side/South End major corridor waving metal grabbers in the big game hunt for trash and litter.

live stream Roar. Our own Lion King, Tom Grote says, "Who among us can find the most interesting piece of litter?" And off we go for a two-mile walk, with black trash bags held tightly in gloved paws. Shoes, shirts, liquor bottles, plastic cups, cigarette butts, tires, car parts, diapers and a few not to be mentioned items clamor for a tail twist. Are we having fun yet?

Did you know a lion pride is a energy peak. These mornings clean and safe for those who live social group of lions that live are great fun as members enjoy and work in the area. Litter is together in a specific territory conversation and meet and the first sign that no one cares and is a key part of their wild greet Lion family and friends and signals an invitation for lives? Living in a pride also pro- who join in the hunt. Lion Bill increased crime and blight. It is Crotinger leads our pride in a critical that the corridor remain a viable commercial corridor. Lions are leading the litter challenge by example using a friendly Donato's tag line "Every Piece Matters!" The Southeast Lions want the first perception of Parsons Avenue to reflect the wonderful and caring people who truly love South Columbus. Picking up 20-40 bags of trash in less than two hours makes an enormous difference in overall appearance. And we are so pleased that other organizations have heard our roar-Stowe Mission, The Open Shelter, Parsons North Brewery, The it is even an intergalactic lunch Reeb Center and more have joined in regular monthly cleanup efforts. The last 2024 quarterly cleanup is in October. We extend an invitation to any



Quarterly cleanups begin early morning with a tailgate of coffee and sweets to ensure every Lion is wide awake and at a high

As always, the social interaction continues either at the South End Café for a great cup of fresh brew, or North Parsons Brewery to pounce upon a different type of brew! Sometimes at Mercury Diner.

Aside from fun, the quarterly litter cleanups share a common goal, to keep Parsons Avenue

organization, individual or family to join our pride in 2025 as we continue this important "paws-on" service to the community. Special thanks to Keep Columbus Beautiful for providing the necessary tools and supplies to get the job done.

By: Lion Sherri Palmer







Lions proud to support the 2024 **Parsons Avenue Winter Art Hop and Mural Tour**

Cosme began touting the whole of the South Side art experience by initiating the first annual Parsons Avenue Art Hop. A tour bus was rented, businesses were approached for sponsorship and artists asked to open their homes or place of work to show their Artist Suzanne Shea Gallagher, talents. She put together a map and began promoting the event on social media. Lion volunteers became engaged this year and helped with set-up and rode the bus to offer assistance. Coffee American Veterans called "The

launch site of the tour. Here the works of Anahita Creates, Jillian Renee, Pristina Jackson, Roa and many artists from Outside the Lines are on display.

The prolific and talented Lion, opened her home to guests who were awestruck by her portraits of both humans and pets. Suzanne is also the creator of a unique program dedicated to

In March 2023 Tara Mullins- was the choice of beverage at Smile Lines Project, 52 portraits Community Grounds as the and shared personal experiences of veterans." The bus later stopped at North Parsons Brewery allowing tour goers to grab a craft brew while enjoying the work of bartender/ artist Margaret Manley.

> SAVE THE DATE 2025 - March 15, 2025

> > **By: Lion Sherri Palmer**



The SE Lions feel a bit of Wanderlust!

change things up by roaming made crafts, cards, jewelry, recyabout for the summer meetings. Invited by Lion Allison Willford, the sweet smell of burning we gathered in May "Wanderlust" in the heart of the soul. Merion Village.

WANDERLUST is a boutique/ art gallery on S. 4th St. and the stumbled upon a lively group brainchild of Tiffany Wedekind, an energetic magical sprite who fills the space with positive vibes and wellness concepts. Willford many followers. is her business partner.

treat for the senses. Vibrant can-

cled candles, soaps, herbs, and

WANDERLUST is always happening. Last Fall you may have discussing Willford's campaign strategy for Mayor, or spot Tiffany live streaming to her

Willford on occasion has been Walking into the boutique is a known to ride her bike through the shop and Tiffany can be

mat and try out their downward dog in regular yoga classes, others come to chill out at nightat incense both inspire and soothe time concerts, or shop for healthy foods at the Saturday Farmer's Market. Seasonally part of the space is offered to pop-up vendors. Watercolor-In-Bloom owned by Lion Sherri Palmer popped in with holiday floral arrangements last ner. December.

Tiffany and Allison make sure everyone is feeling loved and that includes those wandering vases and framed local art add found trying on whimsical hats. community visitors with four

The Southeast Lions decide to color from ceiling to floor, hand- Some customers arrive with a legs who meow and get fed at the back door.

> The Lions thoroughly enjoyed this setting with so much to see and do. To top it off an array of food arrived from a new restaurant on South High, Star Kitchen Café. Sandwiches, salads, wraps, and fruit were a big hit, with a lot of leftovers to go. The Café serves breakfast, lunch and din-

> Lion Bill led the meeting and brought the group to a roaring finish!

> > **By: Lion Sherri Palmer**







June about town

Lions, like many other clubs at the time, were an all-male club. Today's membership is as diverse as our neighborhood including women, people of color, youth and LBGTQ neighbors. We roar together, dedicated to service. Our June membership event was the perfect time to celebrate Pride Month and showcase a successful, vibrant



Founded in 1940, the Southeast south Columbus persona, Kelly Coate, AKA SABLE.

> President Tom Grote led a question-and-answer interview. Kelly shared how times have changed in the level acceptance of LGBTQ folks on the south side over the years and how he leveraged his platform as a drag performer (Sable Coate) to raise over two million dollars for HIV organizations and LGBTQ causes. Kelly, a resident of the south side, spent a lot of time giving back to the neighborhood, especially helping those who faced homelessness, opening his home and providing meals and clothing.

Sadly, this incredibly kind, humorous and caring man announced he is retiring after a

Kelly stated he was moving to be with family and clarified, he may be moving but he will still be fighting the good fight for LBGTQ acceptance.

The Lions provided a generous donation to one of Kelly's favorite community organizations, the Open Shelter. The Southeast Lions are so grateful for Kelly's long-time service to the south side and using his talent and his voice to uplift his neighbors.

Lions and their potential new member guests gathered for the event at the beautiful new restaurant, Simply Honest. The modern, open floor space offers a menu of "clean eating," a concept developed by owners and successful career as a realtor hosts Jeff and Gaby May. Jeff, and leaving Columbus for sunny who became a vegan in the last Florida. One Lion asked why he few years, wanted to offer fresh chose Florida, which has been in homemade, process-free foods.

the news for anti-gay legislation. Customers can enjoy both breakfast and lunch until 2 pm daily. Lions were treated to an array of vegan wraps, quinoa, fresh salads and fruit. The May's proudly claim to offer the best "Mimosa" in town, made from fresh squeezed orange juice!

By: Lion Sherri Palmer



- PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

This has been a year of roarin' growth for the SouthEast Lions. We have welcomed 17 new members in the first three guarters of 2024, with more joining! Our members come from diverse backgrounds, jobs, and hobbies, but they all have one thing in common: dedication to improving their community. Tony Sobony founded "Pies Against Cancer," where benefits from the tasty and messy fundraisers go to Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation. Suzanne Gallagher runs a nonprofit called the Smile Lines Project to combat suicide. Reba Jones volunteers with Clear Creeks and Byways to keep the environment litter-free. Staci McWhirter makes after-school meals for the students at South Side High.

Several of our members serve their community through their vocations. Judge Chris Brown has been handling criminal cases and civil lawsuits in Franklin County for the

past ten years. Rick Shepard is the communications manager at Ronald McDonald House. Brian Abrass has been investing in South Side properties since 2003. Lennie Hause taught elementary school for 35 years. Her daughter, Erin Hollon, was born on the South Side and teaches for Columbus City Schools. Members like Carrie Oswald, Tim Nelson, Bonnie Finneran, and Michelle Laverty live in or grew up on the South Side and want to give back to the community through the work of the Lions Club.

Regardless of how they got here, by either transplant or original South-Sider, we are so excited to improve the community by utilizing the expertise and passion of our new members. For more info on these fresh faces, keep an eye on the SE Lions Facebook page for #NewMemberMondays, where we feature member bios and photos.

By: Lion Elizabeth Reagan

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Grand Daddy Slide Project at Y-PARK in 1956!!

Southeast Lions Club luncheon at their Lion Floyd and his trucking company the meeting place, Swan Grill and Bowling sections and supports were transported alley as a guest Speaker. He spoke about to Y-PARK on Rohr Road, the sight of this Y-PARK and Challenged the Southeast facility. The slide was assemblled with Lions Club to adopt a Project for a Slide on members and friends involved. The Slide a hillside near the Right Angle Club. This was a Main Attraction at the Park with hillside was being used as a slide without Visitors for many years and anyone who the benefit of an actual Slide by many visitors. Lions Club President Ed Findley asked the Board to consider this request as a Project. The Project committee led by Lion Floyd Lemmon investigated the hillside and after approval from the Project committee the Board of Directors Unanimously approved this as a Project. With leadership from Lion Floyd and Park Director Lion Jim Wagner after consultations with some local construction leaders it was decided the Slide would be something special with a length of 75 feet. Also it would have two dips like a roller coaster.

In 1956 Miles "Cap" Hoover visited the decided it would be All-Metal. Thanks to took a trip on it, cherish the memories. I remember fondly the many trips I personally had on the Grand Daddy Slide!! **By: Lion George Poppy**





Joe Felkner

Studies were done to be sure about the drop and also safety features. It was



Susan Knott 1975



John Grote going down the slide

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A Tribute to the Southeast Lions **Club for this 76th Annual Edition** on our "Lions Roar" (The Good News Paper)

This is our report to the Southend community on the many projects completed in our 84 year history.

Thanks to ALL our Advertisers and others who support our local Club,

because of you, we are "The Club That Gets Things Done". Your support makes our projects possible! Lion George & Carol Poppy





GOOD PROGRAM

Life's Lessons is the theme for the GOOD Pogram that is sponsored by The Southeast Lions in Southeast schools. Thanks to all who support our annual Southeast Lions Roar "GOOD-News" Paper we have provided for the GOOD Program for area schools. Special appreciation to Ron Derry, the founder of this unique program for students

A BIG THANK YOU

After 27 years the Southeast Lions continue to reach students in local southeast schools through the "GOOD PROGRAM" Ron & Amy address issues for todays children.

GOOD stands for "GOING ON OR DEFEATED." The Southeast Lions are pleased to support this program in Southeast Columbus.

A Big "THANK YOU" to Ron & Amy for their teaching the **"GOOD PROGRAM!**



HAVE A GOOD-DAY

For Several years the Southeast Lions have sponsored Lion Ron Derry and his GOOD Program in the southeast community. The GOOD Program teaches students to go on and not accept defeat. Ron focuses on life and the lessons learned by turning a negative situation into a positive experience. He tells his own story of losing his sight but not his vision for life. Through students and teachers, letters addressed to the Southeast Lions, we know the GOOD program affects lives in a positive way. Therefore, your Southeast Lions Club believes in the GOOD Program and are pleased to sponsor it in our community. Funding of the GOOD Program is possible through our Southeast Lions Roar. We thank all who choose to support our Southeast Lions Roar. Your funds make this possible for school children in Southeast Columbus.

THANK YOU

Since losing my sight in 1995, God has bestowed many blessings upon my life. One of those blessings is giving me the insight to have found the GOOD Program, and share many valuable life lessons I have learned through blindness with children in schools. I must honestly say though, that Ron Derry and the GOOD Program would be nothing without the help of others. Throughout the years, superintendants, principals, guidance counselors, and teachers have scheduled the GOOD Program into their schools to work with students. There are countless teachers who have provided me with classroom environments where children are responsive, enthusiastic, polite, and well-behaved. The guides who have worked with me through the years have been very dependable in all their duties. They are the sponsors outside of district funding who have given me the opportunity to work with children in their local areas. Then there are the Southeast Lions. Words can't begin to express my deep, heartfelt appreciation for everything you have done for me over the past several years. There is the financial support which allows me to fulfill my dream of working with children. There have been anywhere from 19 to 22 schools each year where you have brightened my day by giving me the opportunity to work with students in Southeast Columbus. Thank you so much for all these blessings. Please understand though that you are far more to me than a financial donation. Whenever I have attended one of your functions, I have walked away knowing that I have just spent time with a group of people who truly care about others. Your friendliness, warmth, and kindness always bring a bright light into my life. I sincerely consider you one of the greatest blessings God has ever given to me. Thank you, thank you so very much.

With love and respect, Ron Derry

Sponsored By Southeast Lions Southeast Schools Receive GOOD Information "GOOD-Program"

Teaches Students Importance To GO ON Rather Than Accept Defeat!

January 8, 2024

Dear Southeast Lions,

Today Mr. Derry came to speack to us about the walk and talks the talk" GOOD Program. I learned if you believe, you can achieve. I also learned it's good to have good attendance. Mr. Derry has perserverance and didn't give up just because he is blind. I've also learned it's good to have listening skills. Thank you for letting the GOOD Program come to our school.

Kennedy 4th Grader Libertry Elementary School



Meet the GOOD Program founder: D Teacher/Motivator Husband Father Family Man Athlete



Ron Derry

Leading by personal

example "he walks the

in life and through his

GOOD Program.

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students learn life's

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Teacher and motivational speaker Ron Derry is among the best blind golfers in the nation. Ron played in the United States and The International Blind Golfers Championships. 2014 Blind Masters Champion

Area students benefit from Southeast Lions sponsored "GOOD Program"

Former Teacher Lion Ron Derry Founder "GOOD Program" **Inspires Students To** <u>Go On Or D</u>efeat

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Founder Lion Ron Derry



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A "GOOD" TIME

May 8, 2024

Dear Mr. Derry

Thank you Southeast Lions for sponsoring the program and thank you for coming to our school to explain that we should never give up even if things get hard and to turn bad situations into good situations. Thank you for being here and wish you the best.

Sincerely, Mariam From Room 2 Siebert Elementary School

Februaru 22. 2024

many years to come.

do.

Sincerely, Mr. John Lehr 4th Grade Teacher

Dear Southeast Lions Club,

We really enjoyed learning about and from Mr. Derry. Thank you for sponsoring his GOOD

Program. I most enjoyed hearing about how he was

a teacher and coach for so many years. I enjoyed

he and Ms. Amy's program and demonstration about being unable to see while using the adaptive calculator. I could not hink of a better message to send to our students. I hope they will continue to bring his message of GO ON to our classes for

Thank you for all the work that the Lions clubs

former teacher inspires students to **GO ON**, not be Defeated!

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Dear Southeast Lions,

All Saints Academy, Columbus, Ohio

Thank you so very much for donating money to the G.O.O.D. Program. It means so much for me and the others. I am very happy that they can come to Siebert Elementary School today. I appretiat you guys so much! The G.O.O.D. Program is by far the most nicest program I've ever seen! So, we hope you guys can keep donating money so they can keep visiting us and meeting us.

> From: Litzy the Student Siebert Elementary

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In September, we hosted our inaugural Chili Cookoff and OSU Football Watch Party! We had a great turnout, and many are hoping this becomes an annual event.

Thank you everyone who attended; hosts the Hey Hey & Gall Family; and our judges: Adam Ellis, South High School Athletic Director, Lion Donna Bates, and Lion Timm Gall.

Along with the chili, sides, and desserts, we had a raffle for two tickets to an upcoming OSU game and sold buckeye necklaces.

We raised over \$700 that goes back into the community and had a lot of fun doing it! By: Lion Ashley Ballard

WINNERS:

Judges' Choice: Lion Ashley Ballard and People's Choice: Lion Bill Crotinger









JERRY GRAVES and GARY GLANZMAN Salute THE SOUTHEAST LIONS LIONS CLUB

South Central Commons Blockwatch

students in extracurricular activities at South High School by serving pregame meals to the marching band, drill team, football and wrestling teams. We also purchase shoes, shorts, socks, and other items needed to help them

South Central Commons supports participate in the activities they enjoy.

> From this, we have students volunteering in our community garden and at trash clean up events. We try setting the example of community service for our youth to follow



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A park manager spoke to us sometime in late 2024 and about plans for the park which will be designed as an to the Columbus Southside event destination.

It will serve as a private event space for company picnics, weddings, 5K runs and large festivals.

Metro Parks has acquired the neighboring quarry where canoeing and kayaking will be available.

Most interesting is the return

The Southeast Lions met in of the GRANDADDY SLIDE July at Bank Run Metro Park, which our club helped install

The park is expected to open will become a valuable asset and the Metro Parks.

By: Lion Steve Aumiller



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July has Southeast Lions prowling around old Hoover Y-Park

Wow! What a fun meeting July 18th thanks to Lion Steve Aumiller at the old Hoover Y-Park at 1570 Rohr Road. Lions hosted a good old fashion summer picnic in the park. A perfect evening outdoors gave us a chance to socialize and get to know new members. Laughter and funny stories erupted while enjoying an array of delicious food. The homemade onion dip was a hit, but it was the carrot cake that garnered the most roars! By: Lion Sherri Palmer



We inducted three new members; Lion Allison Willford sponsored Carrie Oswald & Ashley Bartnick and Lion Rick Neal sponsored Tim Scarbrough. All residents in our community.

Lions On The Prowl

the Ronald McDonald House, courtesy of Lion Rick Shepherd, Communications Manager at the accommodate 206 families every House.

inducted four new members; Lenora Hause, Erin Hollon, hospitals," he said. Rick empha-Suzanne Gallagher and Tim sized that the increase in capacity Nelson. Lion Rick was selling RMH chocolate candy bars donated and made especially for the House. A few lions were seen par- hio.org/volunteer-opportuniticipating in this fundraiser while ties/. Lion Rick gave us a history of the House's expansion. We then received a tour of this fabulous facility. Rick explained that the Ronald McDonald House was originally a converted apartment building located across S. 18th Street from Nationwide Children's Hospital. It first opened in 1982. A new building was constructed in the Northwest corner of Parsons & Livingston at the beginning of the 21st century. Rick mentioned that as of this past November, two new wings were opened at the current House on the South side of Livingston Avenue. "This expansion has allowed the Ronald Sips & Cozy Comfort to support

In August the Lions prowled to McDonald House to become the largest on the planet out of 400 worldwide. Now, the House can night, allowing them to be close to We held a brief meeting and their children as they receive care from NCH and other Columbus means that the House needs more volunteers and encouraged anyone to sign up at rmhc-centralo-





Local small business E&E Tea Company was hosting a tea-tasting party for our community which our club were all invited to attend, and we voted on our favorite brews! After the votes were counted, there was a tie!

Try the RMHC teas Sunshine

By: Lion Sherri Palmer & **Lion Rick Shepherd**







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The Ohio State University, Adams Community Center, Beatty Community Center, Linden Community Center, and sports, and using S.E.T.S. in Olde Sawmill Elementary School. Following the end of nity. camp programming, all youth are invited to engage in sport clinics offered during the academic year on Saturdays.

Our youth annual report positive outcomes from their par-

being able to control their feelings better, learning to act responsibly while playing their school, home and commu-

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By: OSU LIFEsports





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Southeast school and West pictures and hear the stories of Central schools for the develop- the campers after they have games, attend parties, go on mentally disabled for many returned from their two-week

By: Lion Jack Middendorf

als both adults and children to friends. Our club has sponsored clubs, family and friends. It is

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Southsider Tribute to Pat & Patty Phillips

ples of the German Village brick streets. Even if you had never met them, I'm sure you saw them driving around in their golf cart (aka City Cart) as if German Village was the vacation destination. Truly, Pat Phillips helped to make German Village what it is today by bringing so many amazing individuals and families into the neighborhood by selling them their dream home. Although Pat was once slinging drinks at Planks on the bartender there?!) Pat and Patty always had side of the bar, Pat ended up a strong and positive presence. doing real estate and he was Although Patty was a nurse who damn good at it. Pat and Patty rose to Lieutenant Commander were world travelers and in the US Navy (and could proba-

Patty also celebrated and supported the things that make German Village special. They frequented the local businesses. (Hey-Hey!) They supported local events and they supported local organizations like the Southeast Lions. They did this not only with their presence, but also financially as well. One year Pat got into a bidding war and ended up bidding \$1000 on calling the south end the southside (see what I did

Pat and Patty Phillips were sta- worldly volunteers, but Pat and bly kick your ass), you would never know it. Both of them were so down to earth. Humble. Approachable. They had great laughs and a handshake or hug ready.

They were true model citizens and Lions at heart. We are grateful to have had their support, their friendship and now, their legacy.

By: Lion Maggie Gall Maynord





An Ode to Pat and Patty Phillips

- In German Village, where the brick streets wind, Pat and Patty Phillips left a legacy behind.
- On their golf cart, they'd leisurely ride,
- As if life in the Village were a vacation, side by side.
- Pat, the dream-weaver with homes in his hand, Brought people to the neighborhood, made it grand.
- With each door he opened, a dream took flight, Turning houses to homes, and days into light.
- Patty, with strength gentle and true,
- A nurse, lieutenant commander, but you never knew.
- Her kindness flowed like a gentle stream,
- In every smile, every clink, every second's seam.
- They walked these streets, not just in name,

- But with hearts that sparked a constant flame. Supporting the local, the simple, the small, They gave to this Village, their love above all.
- At Southeast debates, Pat would laugh and play, Bidding on pride in his own special way. "Southside NOT South End?"—did he really care? \$1,000 down to support our needs here and there.
- Though now they rest, their spirits remain, In every brick, in every lane. True Lions at heart, fierce and kind, Their legacy of love, forever intertwined.
- We honor their presence, we cherish their grace, We roar with pride that they made this their place. In German Village, their memory thrives, For Pat and Patty, in our hearts, always alive.

Proud to support the 2024 Ganthers Place House Sweet It Is: **Community Tour & Dessert Tasting**

Thank you, Kenneth Williams and Ganthers Place for the invite!

Did you know Lions do not This year, Dan Stambaugh, gui-



hibernate in winter? So, it was natural the SE Lions Club would come out on February 10 to share club information and the annual newspaper at the 14th form at the former Shane's on annual House Sweet It Is.

What is House Sweet It Is? The founders of Ganthers Place, Allen Carrel and Ken Williams put together a partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Parsons Avenue commercial sector to bring neighbors together for a winter gathering. House Sweet It Is is held the Saturday before Valentine's Day at a different Parsons Avenue host this special event, some business each year. The event centers around all thing's chocolate and the showcasing /touring of NCH Healthy Homes.

Red balloons, hearts, flowers, and tables cloths shout out that this is a celebration for all of south Columbus. The festivities include businesses, not-for-profits, government agencies and social service organizations with information tables, giveaways and of course chocolate.

Decadent, mouthwatering chocolate is there to tempt you at every turn. Homemade cakes by Allen Carrel, donated candy, brownies, cupcakes, even a large gingerbread house decorated with chocolate treats is on site. And of course, Tara and Joel Cosme, owners of Community Grounds provide hot chocolate.

tarist and singer entertained the crowd at Rent-A-Center with well- known rock hits. One year, a local jazz band was hire to per-Livingston Avenue. The place was a literal jam session. The fun part of all this is that everyone comes out in February to mingle. Senator Hearcel Craig and Auditor Michael Stinziano, City Council's Nancy Sully, Liaison Katherine Cull, Judges, CEO's, Neighborhood Civic Leaders and more are always in attendance.

Businesses love being chosen to even lobbying to host twice or three times like Ace Hardware, Kroger, and Rent-A-Center. It is a great way to bring customers in during the cold season and to highlight new hot spots such as Parsons North Brewery. One time the February party was held in an empty storefront on Reinhard and Parsons where a daycare now leases!

The best part of House Sweet It Is is the house tour. Guests hop on a bus and visit NCH Healthy Families, Healthy Homes renovated homes. The initial program began in Southern Orchards, a declining neighborhood adjacent to the hospital. Vacant homes were purchased and fully restored. The completed houses offered sales incentives such as a ten-year tax abatement, new

appliances and a 3% downpayment. It attracted first-time homeowners and those hospital employees wanting to own property near work. Buyers are required to live in the home for five years to help stabilize the neighborhood and reduce flipping. Healthy Homes has revitalized Southern Orchards and added portions of Ganthers Place to the mix. The program continues today, offering more rental housing, and some new builds and has expanded north to Linden.

Healthy Homes has been a total success according to Lion Sherri Palmer. She climbed on the tour bus in February 2015 with her pal Allen Carrol. Palmer, a 37year renter of the SAME east-side apartment had no thoughts of buying. But one house clearly had her name all over it. She was immediately smitten and Caroll told her she absolutely had to

buy the house. Patty Lamb, a longtime South Side realtor made the sale, and in turn they became fast friends.

"It was a no-brainer to move to the South Side," said Palmer. "I made many dear friends on the South Side through my work for Keep Columbus Beautiful. Buying the house was a perfect fit and the best decision I ever made." Lion Donna Hughes and her husband Mike bought around the same time down the street. Sherri and Donna joined forces to encourage Southern Orchards residents to beautify their homes by planting bulbs and flowers. The neighborhood now has a successful annual garden tour.

House Sweet It Is an example of how a one event can make a difference in the revitalization and pride of a community. The 2025 event will be held again at Ace Hardware.

By: Lion Sherri Palmer





Canine Companions Project Sponsorship 2024

On Friday, August 9th, the Southeast Lions sponsored Canine Companions' North Central Region quarterly graduation ceremony through a \$2,500 donation to Lions Project. Lions Project is a foundation within Lions International that was created with the specific purpose of supporting Canine Companions. The Southeast Lions are also proud to become a member club this year and will be supporting Lions Project for many years to come.

Several members of our Club attended the August graduation to witness the incredibly powerful matching ceremony between the graduating dogs and their recipients. Each of the dogs was raised by a volunteer Breeder Caretaker for the first 8 weeks of its life and a volunteer Puppy Raiser for the next 16 months. These volunteers are critical to the mission of Canine Companions, as they absorb the associated vetting and supply costs to support the end goal - providing service dogs to people completely free of charge.

Each recipient of a Canine Companions dog must attend Team Training onsite for two weeks, in order for the recipients to learn all that the dogs know. Within this graduating class, there were nine dogs matched as service dogs to people with physical or cognitive disabilities to assist with their daily tasks. In addition, there were four dogs matched as "facility dogs", who will be accompanying their recipient to work each day to support their clients. One of these facility dogs, Dino, has some Southend roots! He was raised by Jackie Trucco Taliani and named in memory of Alissa Trucco (both of whom are granddaughters of Ray and Dolores (Zang) Trucco). Dino is matched with a physician in Marion and will be joining her at work each day to assist with her patients' needs.

One of our own Lions, Ashley Ballard, is currently raising a puppy, Sly, who was also named in memory of her cousin Alissa. Libby and Mark Trucco, along with Mark's daughter Jackie, created the Alissa Trucco Memorial Foundation to honor her life after her passing in 2016. Through their foundation, they have raised over \$120,000 for Canine Companions, which has allowed them to name 8 puppies. Sly is #5 and there are 3 more yet to be named! Sly will be turned in for professional training in May 2025 and then will hopefully be matched with a recipient by early 2026. In the meantime, you can catch him at an upcoming Lions event or meeting!

Each year, Canine Companions has four graduation ceremonies – typically in February, May, August, and November. These dates are posted on canine.org as soon as they are available. The graduation ceremonies are open to the public, so Lions and their guests are encouraged to attend! Please contact Lion Ashley Ballard for more details (ashley@columbussoutheastlions.org).

By: Lion Ashley Ballard



Pictured: Sly II, puppy-in-training with Ashley Ballard



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Pictured: Southeast Lions and guests at the Canine Companions August **Graduation Ceremony**



Pictured: Lions Project 1st Vice Chair, Teresa Hart, was selected to pass out pins to each puppy raiser of a matriculating dog at graduation.



BRIAN REIS



Pictured from left are graduates Britt and Cupertino II; Lisa and Liam VII; Jay and Wilson VII; Meredith and Gibson IV; Felipe and Bert III; Brian and Frosty III; Shelly and Sergeant; Nick and Maude IV; Derek and Herbie IV; Ryan and Didi; Allison and Valence II; Alexis and Norm V; and Lindsey and Dino IV.

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Lion Ashley Ballard and her service-dog-intraining, Sly, for being selected to represent Lions Project for Canine Companions in the 2025 Rose Parade!

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