

The Village Voice



For Muirfield Village Residents Compliments of Muirfield Village Civic Association

EVENT RECAP

BLACK AND TAN GALA *...another big success!*

Almost 200 guys and gals partied the night away Saturday, March 3rd, at the 6th annual Black & Tan fundraiser sponsored by the Muirfield Village Civic Association (MVCA). Proceeds from this year's gala benefit the Dublin Food Pantry.

The popular event, held at The Country Club at Muirfield Village, had a Roaring 20's theme this year. Some guests donned "20's garb" to celebrate the "Gatsby Era" theme. The period clothing added to the beautiful decorations adorning the ballroom.

The event featured a delicious food buffet, casino games, music, a 50/50 raffle and a live auction. While many guests tried their luck at the game tables, others spent the evening on the dance floor. The live auction included spa/restaurant packages, condo stays in Myrtle Beach and Pinehurst, as well as a personal zoo tour with Jack Hanna, and a tour and fire truck ride with the Washington Twp. Fire Department.

Special thanks go to Muirfield resident **Jen Elliott** for organizing this year's event as well as to the many volunteers who helped out.

The Black & Tan is the MVCA's annual fundraiser benefitting a Dublin charity. The event began 6 years ago to give Muirfield and area residents an opportunity to give back to the community. The Black & Tan has raised more than \$100,000 for the Miracle League and The Welcome Warehouse. The total donation to the Dublin Food Pantry was still being tallied at newsletter deadline time.

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GENERAL INTEREST: IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

KidSMILES An affordable option for kids in need

Muirfield residents **Jim and Julie Homon** are on a mission to provide low-income families with affordable dentistry. As an orthodontist with practices in Powell and Delaware, Dr. Homon saw a critical shortage of affordable dental options in central Ohio and wanted to provide an alternative.



The Homon Family

"My colleagues and I were getting more calls asking for us to help on pro bono cases—many of them from Dublin school nurses. Coupled with the startling statistic that 14% of children in Franklin and Delaware Counties have never visited a dentist, I knew we had to find a way to create a solution," says Dr. Homon.

KidSMILES was founded in 2008 by Dr. Homon to fill a void in central Ohio. High costs and long wait times are factors in children not receiving the preventative care they need. KidSMILES aims to serve these children utilizing a unique, low-cost model with

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THE BUNKER: Muirfield's Premier Summer Event

Memorial Week is a fun time for Columbus residents and golf fans everywhere, but it is something far more special to us in Muirfield Village. The Memorial Tournament is a yearly reminder of how great it is to be a part of the Muirfield community.

Last year, The Country Club at Muirfield Village (TCCMV) undertook a brand new venture called The Bunker. Muirfield Village resident and TCCMV Member **John Warner** summed it up best: *"Let's make it the biggest and best party of Memorial Week!"* The Bunker began as an idea by **Kirk Smith**, another Muirfield resident and TCCMV member, to bring the idea of The Phoenix Open's "Birds Nest" to The Memorial Tournament. The vision was to become the premier entertainment venue of Memorial Week, and to provide an experience in keeping with Muirfield Village's status as the greatest community in the Columbus area.

After a few short months, The Bunker had gone from being nothing but an idea, to a full-scale concert venue! Thanks to the effort of former TCCMV General Manager **Michael Graney**, and **John Warner**, the event was a hit! Over 2,000 passes were sold in the first year, and the main objective was accomplished. In addition, TCCMV was also proud to provide support through the Bunker to the TCCMV Foundation, which benefits children with special needs.

With a successful first year under their belt, the TCCMV has proudly announced that it will once again be hosting the Bunker with three nights of live entertainment, food, drinks, and the company of your fellow Muirfield residents. Scheduled live music acts include: Jacked Up (May 31st), The Menus (June 1st), and Bent to the Left (June 2nd). For more information on this event, visit www.tccmv.com.



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Clubs & Teams

The Muirfield Garden Club does more than Garden!

The Garden Club has many ongoing projects, which include caring for a reading garden at the Dublin Library, support of the Horticultural Department of the Marysville Reformatory for Women, and donations to support the Garden Clubs of Ohio Scholarship Fund, Welcome Warehouse, Inniswood Botanical Gardens, Glacier Ridge Metro Park and more.

The Garden Club welcomes another year with many new members to keep the Club a wonderful place to learn new things and make new friends. The Club meets every 2nd Monday of the month from March until December and always starts it off with a luncheon or potluck.

This year we will be touring MJ Design and Landscaping in Plain City, viewing daylilies at an area home, and touring the "Wilds" - a conservation preserve in southeast Ohio. We also have some wonderful speakers lined up with such topics as, the care of roses, organic lawn care and a special visit by Scott Zanon, author of "Trees". Our last project of the year will be a Hands-on Holiday flower design, with a demonstration by Lynn Fronk, of Creative Designers. We always end our year on a positive note, with a holiday luncheon at a nearby restaurant or Club.

If interested in joining the Garden Club or finding out more information about it, call our membership chairman, **Gina Fathman** at 614 798-0031 or email at ginafathman@yahoo.com.

Swim for the Muirfins

Welcome back Muirfins Swim team for the 2012 season! Our community is fortunate to have our own swim team called the Muirfins, ranging in ages of 5-18. We welcome and accept swimmers of all levels. It is a time-honored tradition here in Muirfield, and we encourage all our families to participate! Take this great opportunity to lounge poolside, get know neighbors in our amazing community and watch our children have FUN,



Last year's potluck at Gina Fathman Home.



Check it out. These gardeners can cook!!!

make new friends, and more importantly, improve their swim strokes each and every day. Registration will take place at Grizzell Middle School in the Commons on April 18th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. We welcome questions! For more information, existing and new families, please contact **Stephanie Iacono** at President@muirfin.com or (614) 356-3551.

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volunteer dentists, hygienists and dental assistants staffing the clinic. They currently have more than 250 volunteers signed up to help. Each visit will only cost \$10.

Since receiving its non-profit status in June 2010, KidSMILES has been raising money for the clinic. Several local organizations have shown support by providing grant money to outreach efforts and the clinic. KidSMILES has received grants from The Dublin Foundation (\$6,000), Dublin Women's Club (\$1,015) and Wendy's (\$10,000).

The organization is focusing on raising funds in a variety of ways including a 5K-event set for June 23rd at Glacier Ridge

Metro Park. The Homons and the KidSMILES board members are determined to succeed.

"I feel passionately about this subject," says **Julie Homon**, who accepted the board's invitation to serve as the group's Executive Director in 2010. "There are many barriers to good dental care. Our clinic will be an option that will provide care for existing issues like cavities but more importantly, we will focus on preventative care.

KidSMILES will begin treating patients in fall 2012 at their clinic located at 770 Bethel Road. For more information about KidSMILES, visit www.kidsmilesclinic.com.



Muirfield Swimmers Qualify for Ohio Junior Olympics

At the Ohio Central Regional Championships, Muirfield residents and United Swim Association (U.S.A.) swimmers, **Isabella Francati** and **Thomas Clark** qualified for individual and relay events at Ohio's Junior Olympic Championships. Those championships were held March 9 through 11 at Bowling Green State University. The Ohio time requirements to qualify the Junior Olympics are some of the toughest in the country. Good Luck at Junior Olympics Isabella and Thomas!



Isabella Francati swims freestyle at the Ohio Central Regional Championships



Thomas Clark with coaches Matt Celik and Chris Had-den of U.S.A. Swimming

Abby Kiefer

In the middle of the summer when most kids are splashing in the pool with friends, one very dedicated twelve-year old girl is busy refining her strokes on the golf course at The Country Club of Muirfield Village. Muirfield resident **Abby Kiefer** spends her summer days practicing her drives out on the golf range, perfecting her putting on the putting greens and walking down the fairways trying to figure out how to beat her competition at her next tournament!

Playing since the age of 7, Abby says it was her dad, Greg, who initially introduced her to the game and also got her interested in playing in tournaments. During golf season, she prepares for her tournaments by spending many hours a week practicing. Abby enjoys competing because it shows her what she needs to work on and she loves trying to figure out how to get better at the game each time she plays.

Accompanied by her Dad to tournaments, Abby loves to meet new friends while playing golf but also the experience that come with playing different golf courses. Her biggest accomplishment to date was her low score of a 75, in the third and final round, achieved at Purdue University last summer in winning the Championship of Plantations Junior Golf Tour. She also enjoyed playing in the Ohio Women's Junior Open, taking second in her flight, and learning the history of this time honored event.



Abby Kiefer enjoys an early round of spring golf at the Country Club of Muirfield.

In the off-season, Abby who attends Grizzell Middle School spends her time playing basketball. But to stay in shape for golf she also practices her swing in her family room on an artificial turf surface, chips in her basement, and when it warms enough, gets back out on the course with her Dad. She says Winter Golf Gloves make a big difference when it's cold outside!

As for her future, Abby is looking forward to getting back out onto the golf course. This summer she will be playing in the AJGA (American Junior Golf Association) and Golf Week Tour and is currently planning her travel schedule to other tournaments.

She hopes to play High School and

Collegiate Golf and has already received mail from Division I Schools. While she realizes it's a long shot, one enormous goal she finds appealing, is hoping Mr. Nicklaus will someday allow her entry into The Memorial Tournament. Abby thinks it would be fun to play on the course where she lives, and try to make the cut. She realizes while she might not beat the worlds best men, it would be very motivating for younger girls starting out in golf. She would eventually like to display her talents on the LPGA. From the gentlemen at the club to the local high school kids who give her support and inspiration, she says thank you! Good Luck Abby! Muirfield Village will be rooting for you!

Muirfield Village Homes Sold Previous 90 Days

(Based on sold data provided by the Columbus Board Of REALTORS MLS)

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3	5963 Kirkwall Ct	3	3.0	1 STORY	\$240,000	\$225,000	140	2171	02/23/12
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5	6480 Forfar Ln	4	2.1	2 STORY	\$325,000	\$310,000	237	3007	01/04/12
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7	9095 Moors Pl	4	3.1	2 STORY	\$399,000	\$371,450	163	3952	12/16/11
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Nester Nuggets

Christmas Party

Tom and Gwen Weihe hosted the annual Empty Nester Christmas celebration on December 18th. The Weihe's lovely Muirfield home provided two levels of good cheer, food, drink, and lovely conversation for over 70 guests. Thanks Tom and Gwen for a wonderful holiday event!



Tom and Gwen Weihe, party hosts, along with Mike and Sharon Custer

Who Has the Ugliest Christmas Sweater?



Ugly Sweater Winner Helen Haupt

Congratulations to **Helen Haupt** for overcoming stiff competition with her entry into the Empty Nester Ladies' Lunch Bunch Ugly Christmas Sweater competition. The contest provided lots of laughs at the monthly luncheon event organized by **Mary Ann Smith**. Watch for Mary Ann's announcements for the monthly luncheons. They're always fun.

Re-gift Those Treasurers!

Empty Nesters tried to find new homes (read - get rid of) for those unusual Christmas gifts by swapping them at the Re-Gifting Party hosted by **Linda and Steve Hupp**. Well, they tried. Sometimes gifts from prior years resurface. Will the Galileo thermometer and plastic cactus come back again? And that "teddy" – well enough said. Somehow, like the proverbial penny, these things just keep turning up. Special thanks goes to Linda and Steve for all their efforts.



Mary Ann Smith with re-re-gifted Galileo thermometer

2012 Third Annual Symphony Golf Outing

Muirfield Residents, **Sue and Martin Inglis** will be extra busy this spring as Honorary Chairs of the Third Annual Symphony Golf Outing sponsored by the CSOL (Columbus Symphony Orchestra League). The event will take place Sunday May 20, 2012 at Riviera Golf Club in Dublin. The day starts with a 1:30 p.m. scramble followed by a cocktail hour and 7:00 p.m. buffet dinner.

There is also an afternoon program for non-golfers starting at 3:00. The following sessions will be offered: The Brewmaster from Rockmill Brewery, a local microbrewery, will talk about the beer making process and will offer attendees tastings of



Sue and Martin Inglis enjoy a day of Golfing at the CSOL Golf Outing

4 different brews. This will be paired with a presentation from a local cheese expert who will provide samples of cheese that complement the beers. The second session is a presentation by Carioti Jewelers, and will provide information about re-purposed jewelry, jewelry design, value, etc. The evening will include a silent and live auction offering a variety of products and entertainment packages. We invite all who are interested in supporting our wonderful Columbus Symphony Orchestra to join us for this fun event.

The cost is \$200 per golfer (includes cart, range, snacks, course beverages and dinner). The afternoon program, "Afternoon on the Riviera" will begin at 3:00 with a cost of \$100 that also includes dinner. Questions should be directed to Chairperson, Sue Inglis at 614-734-1958 or sminglis@gmail.com.

Last year the 2011 Golf Outing raised \$35,000 for the Columbus Symphony. In the last 28 years the CSOL organization has contributed over \$1,130,000 to the Orchestra. Martin Inglis is Columbus Symphony Orchestra Board Chair and Sue Inglis is past President and currently First Vice President of the CSOL.

MVCA Membership Registration

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Welcome New Members

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

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Jeff & Deb Moore

Michael & Deborah
Purdum

Kim & Les Ridout

John & Becky Schauss

Jayne Wenner

Randall & Linda Worth

Tom & Mary Weatherwax

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

President's Corner

Welcome Spring!! Over the past few months, the MVCA has been busy. I just wanted to quickly recap some of the things that we've been up to.

In February, you voted in three new Trustees. Please welcome **Jenny Monte**, **Anne Spillman** and **Becca Wleklinski**. We are very excited to work with them! Each brings some fresh ideas to the table.

We cannot go without thanking some very important, dedicated people who have stepped down. First, **April Williams** served as our Vice-president. Her family moved in December due to a job transfer, just as her term was expiring. April was a huge asset to the MVCA!

Next, **Kristine Westerheide** served as trustee and welcoming committee chair. Kristine was the smiling face many of you met if you moved in to Muirfield in past three years. Thank you Kristine for making our newest neighbors feel welcome.

Lastly, **John League** served as treasurer. John not only served the MVCA as a trustee over the past three years, he came back to the board after being away for several years.

If you run into any of these outstanding people, please take a minute to thank them!

We had a great time at the Annual Meeting at the end of February! If you were unable to attend, we met our new trustees and voted on some by-law updates as well as increasing our annual dues from \$25 to \$30. Please note that non-member rates to events will be significantly higher than they have been in previous years. We want our members to feel the benefits!

We had an outstanding Black & Tan! **Jenn Elliott** and her committee worked many hours to make a successful evening.

Moving forward, we have many events on the horizon! Keep your eyes and ears open for some new activities as well as some returning favorites!

Cheers

Chris Saneholtz
MVCA President

MVCA Website

Our new and improved MVCA website is now up and running. For all the latest MVCA events & activities, check it out at: <http://muirfieldvillage.org/>.





The Country Club at Muirfield Village

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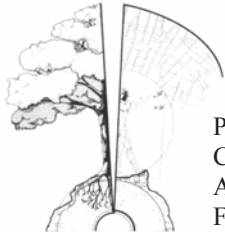
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Empty Nesters Activities

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 – TOUR OF MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM, GROVEPORT. Email announcement with details to follow

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 – GOD AND COUNTRY CONCERT
Free concert by the Brass Band of Columbus and the Salvation Army's Chapel Band. Dublin Jerome High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. (Group will meet at high school). RSVP to **Sharon Custer** at scuster@columbus.rr.com by April 16

SATURDAY, MAY 5 – LUNCH AT BIDDIE'S COACH HOUSE at noon, followed by walking tour of Historic Dublin with long-time resident, historian and raconteur Herb Jones. RSVP to Bob Fathman at rfathman@columbus.rr.com by May 1

THURSDAY, MAY 24 – CELEBRATE IRISH FAITH AND FOOD. Explore the art, antiques and religious relics of St. Brigid of Kildare Church, with lessons in history, as narrated by Bob Fathman. We will meet under the St. Brigid Bell Tower at 3 pm. Dinner to follow at Brazenhead. RSVP to Bob Fathman at rfathman@columbus.rr.com by May 21.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 – CADDYSHACK PARTY. Email announcement with details to follow.

ALSO COMING IN JUNE – TOUR OF SUPREME COURT BUILDING followed by walking the Scioto Mile and dinner at Milepost 229. Email announcement with details to follow

SATURDAY, JULY 7 – ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AUTO SHOW at Metro Place. Entertainment by Phil Dirt & The Dozers. RSVP to **Sharon Custer** at scuster@columbus.rr.com by June 30

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

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

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

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

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

Singles Social Club

In keeping with the philosophy of the MVCA, the objective of the Single's Social Club is to build a sense of community by organizing and hosting social events. If you're interested in participating (or if you know someone who might be), please contact Gerry Craig at gac104@yahoo.com or Ann Taylor at ataylor18992@yahoo.com. Your thoughts and suggestions are invited and welcome!

Save The Date

TAKE THE PLUNGE

Registration Night for the Muirfins Swim Team:
Wednesday April 18th

Grizzell Middle School, Commons Area
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

For more information, existing and new families, please contact Stephanie Iacono at President@muirfin.com or (614) 356-3551.

MUIRFINS FUNDRAISER

This event is calling all golfers! We are having a fundraiser to raise money for new equipment for our MUIRFINS swim team.

Friday July 6th, 2012
Riveria Golf Club

Not a golfer? Would you consider sponsoring a hole or making a donation? If you have questions Contact **Ray DiRossi**: raydirossi@gmail.com or 614-578-3848.

Thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you!

3RD ANNUAL MUIRFIELD HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINARS

Has your landscaping become overgrown or boring? Would you like to update your kitchen or bathrooms, and need a creative boost to get started? Is it time to get rid of out-of-style carpet and wallpaper and add some 2012 pizzazz?

The Muirfield Village Homeowner Association is sponsoring two FREE seminars to assist you. Whether you are considering selling or just updating your home for your own enjoyment, these seminars will provide you with valuable information that will improve the value of your property.

The dates and times are TBD. Keep an eye out for more information on these seminars! For more information, contact Paula Linehan paula@paulagroup.com.

Principles of Landscaping

Landscapes are often thought of as just plants. But hardscaping elements--walls, terraces, walkways, decks, cooking areas, and water features--will transform the beauty of your landscape into a wonderful extension of your home.

Most professional designers, after years of practice, will apply these principles automatically. The following is a list of a few basics that can help you as you turn your home into an oasis:

UNITY: This is probably the most important area for the overall plan. A good plan will have unity in all things. Look for all parts to interrelate with each other and also relate to the overall plan.

SCALE AND PROPORTION: Keep all individual elements in proportion with the rest of your garden and in scale as it relates to the structures, property, and the human elements.

BALANCE: This area is very important as it could throw off the entire plan. It is how you relate visually to the various relationships between the landscape elements. If you're not careful you will create unbalanced and restless areas. Symmetry is an equal balance where both sides of the view are the same. Asymmetry is an unequal balance where both sides of the view are different although weighted the same. If your eye is attracted equally to both sides of the view although different, you have balance.

FOCAL AREAS: Select various plants or structural elements to accent a given area. An example would be the front of the house where the entry or front door would be your focal area. The entire plantings or hardscape material placement should be done so you are attracted to the front door. Care however, must be used as it is easy to create too many focal areas.

RHYTHM AND LINE: Consider blending with harmony one element or area to another in a smooth fashion. All things should interrelate with each other and provide an uninterrupted connection within your plan. This can be done using gradual changes involving variety, textures, colors, form and sizes. Here the challenge is to keep the eye moving smoothly in rhythm from one area to another.

The important thing is to keep the concept the same and provide unity in all phases. But most of all, remember to have fun exploring the world of gardening.

Sam Duff
Timberwood Landscape

THE MUIRFIELD LIST:

Considering home updates to your Muirfield Village home? The newest edition of "The Muirfield List of Vendors" has now been sent out to MVCA members. Not a member? Contact Paula Linehan (paula@paulagroup.com) for information.



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Nominate Our Next Muirfield Shining Star!

Is there a great person in your life who needs to be recognized? The Village Voice wants you to nominate our next Shining Star! If he or she is chosen, they will be profiled in the next edition of the Village Voice. This may be any person who is involved a wonderful initiative, someone who may have been recognized for an exceptional achievement including, but not limited to:

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

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

Tell Us About It!

Have an interesting story to tell concerning Muirfield or the Residents within Muirfield or would you like to place an ad in The Village Voice? Please contact us:

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