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Students from St. Mary's Visitation School in Elm Grove and Notre Dame Middle School of Milwaukee joined hands around a Peace Pole located on the grounds of the School Sisters of Notre Dame along Watertown Plank Road during a public celebration of the International Day of Peace.

'Peace Day' Event Held at SSND

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

The School Sisters of Notre Dame welcomed visiting students, teachers, friends, SSND community members and the public to their 13th annual International Day of Peace celebration on the afternoon of September 21. The outdoor event began with **Tim Dewane**, Director, Shalom – Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation, SSND Central Pacific Province, leading a silent prayer for those recently affected by a series of hurricanes in the southern U.S.

and in the Caribbean, offering: "Let us be instruments of Peace."

Several members of the SSND community told stories about the struggles and challenges of refugee children in various parts of the world, of which there are 30 million. Between each narrative, the song "*Peace, Salaam, Shalom*", written by the California-based female folk duo **Emma's Revolution** and known by many

as the anthem of the peace movement, was sung by those gathered, the words: Peace (English), Salaam (Arabic), and Shalom (Hebrew) representing cultures and languages throughout the world.

Students from St. Mary's Visitation and Notre Dame Middle School took turns at the podium to recite their personal Reflections of Peace essays. (See "Young Writers & Cub Reporters" – Page 9.)

Auction of Old Elm Grove Street Signs to Benefit Village

In conjunction with the Village of Elm Grove, the Elm Grove Community Foundation is in the process of selling, via online auction, dozens of old street signs that were replaced by new ones throughout the Village last year. So, if you'd like to be the proud owner of a sign featuring one of our main drags: Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove Road, Sunnyslope Road, Highland Drive or Juneau Blvd. or, maybe a quieter area like Centa Ln. or Club Court, visit www.elmgrovefoundation.org. The auction ends at 5 p.m. on November 30.

Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI
Elm Grove residents **Linda** and **Hector de la Mora** volunteer at the Oktoberfest event on September 23, promoting the auction of formally-used Elm Grove street signs.



Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
npalmer@elmgrovetwi.org

Current Status of the Wisconsin Avenue Extension Issue

The August Board of Trustees meeting drew a large turnout to comment on the 2015 request from the City of Brookfield that the Village of Elm Grove allow Wisconsin Avenue to be connected to the west side of Pilgrim Parkway at a point across from the north edge of Elliott's Ace Hardware parking lot north boundary. Wisconsin Avenue now extends from a point behind North Shore Bank west all the way to Brookfield Road. Brookfield seeks to connect Wisconsin Avenue in order to complete a neighborhood arterial road for local traffic. The completed road would provide a convenient east – west route for local Elm Grove and Brookfield traffic seeking to avoid Bluemound Road.

The Village Board agreed to evaluate the Brookfield request because of the possibility it could improve both local traffic movements for our residents, and traffic safety on the west end of the Village. These concerns have occurred many times in the last 25 years. For instance, in 2010 when Bluemound Road was being improved, the Wisconsin DOT sought to close the Watertown Plank access to Pilgrim Road to improve safety in the Bluemound Road – Pilgrim intersection. Concern that Wisconsin DOT might close the Watertown Plank access to Pilgrim Road or even just eliminate Watertown Plank southbound access to Pilgrim Road in the near future is a strong reason for the Village to identify options while there are potential financial partners to share the costs of possible remedies.

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It's All About Community

Every issue of the *News-Independent* provides readers with another glimpse, another opportunity to understand and celebrate the people, places and things that make our community unique. From my privileged vantage point as a resident/journalist/publisher, I see the good, the bad and (sometimes) the ugly — but, I routinely **choose** to tip the balance to the side of The Good within these pages. And, I can assure you that positivity is plentiful and it exists all around us.

Examples: **The Elm Grove Community Foundation** produced a highly successful 2nd annual **Oktoberfest** event to benefit the Village on September 23 (See a Thank You to sponsors on Page 7 & photos: Pages 1 & 8). I attended a wonderful **Peace Day** celebration on September 21 at SSND. (See Page 1 story & student essays – Page 9). The Good Works of our local Clubs & Organizations are spotlighted on page 6.

It's all about **C-O-M-M-U-N-I-T-Y...**
This month I'll conclude by quoting Ovid:
"AMOR VINCIT OMNIA"
(See translation in Classifieds, Page 10.)

PEACE.



Photo by Bradford Anger

CHECK PRESENTATION: Cruisin' the Grove held their 5th annual on-street classic car and motorcycle show in downtown Elm Grove on August 6. Proceeds from the show, totaling \$7,466.81, were donated to Team Up With Families and Katy's Kloset to support their community service work. **Bob Anger** (white shirt) of Woller-Anger & Company presented the check to red-shirted Team Up representatives (left to right) **Warren Carriveau, Mary Ellen Malloy, Edye Biwer, Jeanne Weber, Wendy Clark, Pat Carriveau, Norm Nichols** and **Ashley Knuth**.

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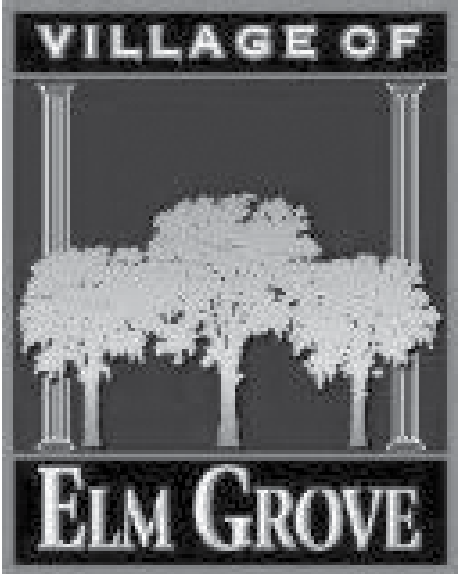
Village Update

Left turns from Watertown Plank Road into southbound Pilgrim and left turns from southbound Pilgrim to eastbound Watertown Plank as well as access and egress from Jilly’s Car Wash, Baker’s Square, Culver’s and Elliott’s Ace have all been problematic for many years. In addition, changes to Bluemound Road east of Moorland that limit traffic turn options have created difficulty and further safety issues at the Terrace Drive and Bluemound Road intersection.

The Public Works committee reviewed all of these issues listed above and working with Ayres Engineers developed a number of options to address the existing and emerging problems, including considering the request to connect Wisconsin Avenue to Pilgrim. Public Open House meetings were held to get public input on the various options. The studied options ranged from changing nothing and not allowing the requested connection to constructing a new Wisconsin Avenue – Pilgrim controlled intersection, both with a rerouted Watertown Plank Road and without a reroute. Additional actions such as constructing a cul de sac at either end of Terrace Drive, and eliminating left turns onto Pilgrim Road from Watertown Plank Road were included in the major options studied. Illustrations and discussion of the options are available on the Village website: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

Members of the Village Board and citizen members of the Public Works committee worked hard to identify issues, concerns and benefits of the identified options and variations. The Committee recognized the significant traffic safety and movement issues on the west of the Village, which must be addressed even if a connect of Wisconsin Avenue and Pilgrim Park is not approved. The Committee recommended that the Village Board continue to consider the connection of Wisconsin Avenue to Pilgrim Road with a rerouted Watertown Plank Road as the preferred option. The Committee also recommended that the Village only consider the connection and rerouting option if funding is available from non-Village sources.

More than 40 residents commented on the Wisconsin Ave connection issue and other traffic issues at the Village Board meeting. Even more residents submitted written comments. Residents or Village business owner comments



are always welcome. Overall, residents expressed a strong desire to maintain our residential Village atmosphere by controlling commuter traffic through the Village as much as possible, controlling traffic speeds, minimizing the size of any new roads, being sensitive to possible environmental and economic impacts of any proposal considered and continuing to offer opportunities for resident input.

Following the August Board of Trustees meeting the Village informed Brookfield that we are willing to continue discussion of a Wisconsin Avenue connection. We stressed that funding sources and timing need to be defined, a Watertown Plank reroute design, which is compliant with federal requirements be prepared and a proposed project schedule be developed. All the information gathered to address the points discussed with the City of Brookfield will be available for public review and discussion.

All the members of the Village Board and citizen committee members are committed to addressing these issues from a perspective of what is best for Elm Grove. I think we also believe the best course is to be proactive and involved when evaluating a problem as complex as area traffic, where several parties are involved and Elm Grove can’t control many factors that influence traffic.

Decisions on rerouting the west end of Watertown Plank Road, allowing a connection of Wisconsin Avenue to Pilgrim Road, and improving safety on Terrace Drive will not be made until much more information is gathered, options are studied and financing methods are clear.

Village of Elm Grove: Employment Opportunities

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Submit application with three references by October 7 to: **Sarah Muench**, Elm Grove Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, WI 53122



Photo by Assistant Chief Jason Hennen / Elm Grove Police Department
Officer **Preston Nobile** (at right) receives his new Detective’s badge from Elm Grove Chief of Police **Jim Gage**.

Elm Grove Police Department Adds Second Detective

By **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Officer **Preston Nobile**, who has served the Village of Elm Grove for 11 years, was promoted to the rank of Detective during a traditional swearing-in ceremony attended by family, friends and community members at the Village Hall Court Room on the morning of September 11, with Village Manager **David de Angelis** administering the oath of office.

The Elm Grove Board of Trustees had recently voted to approve a funding request from Chief of Police **Jim Gage** to hire a second detective due to increased cases of fraud and other local criminal activity which was creating significant demand on long-time Detective **Craig Mayer**, who will continue to serve the Village in that position.

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Local Cold War Era Evacuation Route Plans

By Stephen K. Hauser

Readers of a certain age will remember the blue-and-white metal signs that began appearing on major thoroughfares around Milwaukee and across the United States in the 1950s, directing evacuating motorists from crowded metropolitan areas to rural farmlands in the case of an atomic or hydrogen bomb attack. The idea behind the signs was to provide an orderly exodus from U.S. cities in case of such an assault by the Communist Soviet Union. Milwaukee was one city assumed to be a potential target because of the major industries located there in the 1940s and 1950s.

The *Waukesha Freeman* reported in its May 6, 1946 edition about a lecture given at Carroll College by **Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell** of Chicago in which he informed attendees at a public forum that atomic war with Russia was quite possible, and that “within two weeks such a conflict could kill 40 million American citizens and destroy every essential installation in the country.”

Another *Waukesha Freeman* story on September 14, 1950 quoted **James M. Ridgway** of Waukesha’s Civil Defense organization, speaking to the Optimist Club. He said if an atomic bomb were to be dropped on Milwaukee “100,000 evacuees will pour into Waukesha” in the first few hours, warning “Our big job will be to cope with the traffic, medical, emergency shelter, food and clothing and public information problems of those thousands of people... We’re part of America’s heartland, and we have heavy industry right next door in Milwaukee and West Allis.” Industrial targets would be first strikes in a bombing attack.

On September 22, 1954, the *Waukesha Freeman* again took up the topic, this time covering a speech by **Brig. Gen. Don E. Carleton** of Milwaukee’s Civil Defense Commission to a meeting of the Waukesha County Red Cross chapter. Gen. Carleton advised that Waukesha should also be evacuated in case of a Russian H-bomb attack, citing a study that claimed such an attack would leave “total annihilation within three miles of the target area, severe to moderate damage within a seven-mile area and light damage to a ten-mile area”, adding “Waukesha would be in the fringe area.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower knew well the horrors of war, but the new threat of atomic warfare was far beyond what he had seen in World War II. In consultation with his advisors, the President developed a plan for emergency evacuations of America’s major cities and metropolitan areas. The blue-and-white evacuation route signs were a part of that plan. They were erected with money set aside for the purpose by the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, the latter of which created the modern Interstate system.

According to longtime Elm Grove resident (and former Eisenhower speech writer) **Joe Dries**, President Eisenhower was convinced that an efficient movement of populations from urban areas to the countryside could be achieved. The signs, Joe told me in 1980, were to be a part of what Ike thought could be “a well-ordered evacuation” of cities in case a nuclear war developed between the Western world and Soviet Communism.

Not everyone agreed that such an evacuation was advisable, or even

possible. **Frank P. Zeidler**, mayor of Milwaukee from 1948 to 1960, was an old family friend. As mayor, he had shown particular interest in issues related to Civil Defense. As a result, he received a special invitation from the U.S. Conference of Mayors to view the detonation of an atomic bomb at Yucca Flat, Nevada in April of 1952. “The bomb was about 30,000 tons, which was 50% bigger than the bomb dropped at Hiroshima”, he told me in 1980. “We were observing from eleven miles away. It boiled the desert in all directions. Curiously, there was little sound, but the flash was brilliant. As a mayor, I could imagine what this would do to a city. There was no escaping it. One moment there would be a city, and the next moment, it would be gone.” As a result of his observations, Frank believed that the placement of evacuation signs around Milwaukee and the designation of specific routes of egress would only create “mass panic” and cause huge traffic jams if an evacuation was ordered. “It would no doubt cause the very mass extinction that such routes were intended to prevent,” he told me.

The signs in the Elmbrook area were placed on Watertown Plank Road, running west from Wauwatosa. The route then split, with a duel exit plan. One evacuation route moved south along Highway 100 (Mayfair Road), turning west onto Blue Mound Road. The other branch continued west on Watertown Plank Road (through the downtown Elm Grove village area!), reuniting with the first branch at Moorland Road, continuing west on Blue Mound through Goerke’s Corners and into Pewaukee.

Elm Grove resident **Loyal Eddy** remembered the old evacuation route signs with a snort and a chuckle. I served with Loyal (who had been a campaign manager for **Sen. Joe McCarthy**) on the Elm Grove Blue Ribbon Planning Committee in 1984. I found him to be a gifted raconteur, always ready with a good story. He reminded me that those old signs (which had all been quietly removed in the mid-1960s) had tended to run past an inordinate number of taverns and roadhouses, first in Wauwatosa and then on rural Blue Mound Road. Thinking about it, I had to agree he was right. Loyal and I had a laugh about that. Even if the evacuation routes were not likely to have facilitated Ike’s “well-ordered evacuation”, they would have provided a “well-oiled” one. Fortunately, we never had to find out.



Photo courtesy of Stephen K. Hauser

Blue-and-white evacuation signs dotted major roads leading from Milwaukee during the 1950s. This one was located just east of the Halfway House restaurant on Blue Mound Road. Another stood at the Reinder’s Garden store at Underwood Creek on Watertown Plank Road.

CORRECTION: The name of longtime Elm Grove realtor and businessman **Tom Kurtz** of Kurtz Realty was misspelled in last month’s Past Times column. We regret the error.

Stephen K. Hauser is a longtime Elm Grove resident, a college history professor & the author of books and articles about local history.

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***Saturday, OCTOBER 21 – Waukesha County Blanket Tie Project**, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Post Hall.

***Saturday, OCTOBER 28 – Brookfield Ballroom Dancing Party and Lessons**, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. - \$20.00

***Sunday, OCTOBER 29 – 3rd Annual Oktoberfest**: 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. music, beer and shots. Costume Contest. Pig (Spannferkel), lots of food and dessert.

***Sunday, NOVEMBER 5 – Patsy Cline Impersonator**, 2:00 p.m., \$8.00 by October 27th, \$10.00 at Door.

***Saturday, NOVEMBER 11 – VETERANS DAY** = Parade, downtown Milwaukee.

***Saturday, NOVEMBER 18 – American Legion Auxiliary Fashion Show.**

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Calendar of Events for October 2017

Tuesday – OCTOBER 3

- *Elm Grove Woman’s Club**
Meeting: 11 a.m./ (Social time); 11:30 a.m. (Business meeting); Noon (Lunch); 12:30 p.m. (Program). (262) 782-5930.
- *Village of Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org

Friday – OCTOBER 6

- *Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
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Tuesday – OCTOBER 10

- *100 Women Who Care – Milwaukee**
Metro West Meeting – 6 p.m. @ O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove.
(See story – Page 6)
- *History Buffs Book Group**
Meeting – 7 p.m. in Study Room @ Elm Grove Public Library.
Call Don (262) 860-1315.
- *Elm Grove Fire Department**
Open House – 6:30 to 8 p.m.
(See details – bottom of page.)

Thursday – OCTOBER 12

- *Village of Elm Grove Public Safety Committee** – Meeting 6 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

Friday – OCTOBER 13

- *Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
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Monday – OCTOBER 16

- *Village of Elm Grove Library Board**
Meeting – 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.
- *Village of Elm Grove Public Works/Utility Committee Meeting** – 6:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 17

- *Village of Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org

Thursday – OCTOBER 19

- *OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Coach trip: “Fall Mys?tery Trip” Call Carolyn for details (262) 628-7761.
- *Village of Elm Grove Recreation Committee Meeting** @ Village Hall – 5:30 p.m. Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.
- *Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association** – Fall Fundraiser to benefit Elm Grove Police Dept. (See details – Page 10.)

Friday – OCTOBER 20

- *Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
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Saturday – OCTOBER 21

- *Elm Grove Garden Club**
“Enchanted Garden Tea” fundraiser – Noon to 4 p.m. @ Sunset Playhouse.
(See story – Page 6)
- *The Great Elm Grove Pumpkin Carving & Lighting event** – 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. @ Village Park, 13600 Juneau Blvd. Families may bring carved or uncarved pumpkins (carving tools will be available). Music, light snacks.

Monday – OCTOBER 23

- *Village of Elm Grove BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room.
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.
Open to the Public. (262) 782-6700.

Friday – OCTOBER 27

- *Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
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Saturday – OCTOBER 28

- *TRICK or TREATING in Elm Grove**
5 to 7:30 p.m. (See story below.)

Tuesday – OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN



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Trick or Treating in Elm Grove: Saturday, October 28

By Sgt. Joseph Ipavec, Elm Grove Police Department

The Elm Grove Police Department, with sponsorship from the Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, will once again be handing out **FREE glow sticks** during this year’s Trick or Treat event, scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The glow sticks can be picked up at the Police Department, 13600 Juneau Blvd., between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. In addition, officers will be handing out glow sticks from their squads while on patrol during the event.

Due to the increase in pedestrian traffic during the event, the Elm Grove Police Department would like to remind drivers to **slow down while driving through the Village**, as well as be extra cautious for children who may be dressed in dark costumes, walking from house to house. We also recommend that both parents and children participating in the event be equipped with some type of lighting device so that vehicles have an easier time observing them.

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Clubs & Organizations



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

The Blue Star Marker adjoining Veterans Park at the corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Boulevard in Elm Grove.

Garden Club to Hold Annual Fundraising Tea

By Janet Wintersberger

Fall is on the way, and so is the Elm Grove Garden Club's annual tea. Our "Enchanted Garden Tea" will feature tables decorated with Fairy Gardens.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, from Noon to 4 p.m. Seating is limited so make your reservations soon.

This event helps the Elm Grove Garden Club provide scholarships to area students in horticulture related fields and to help maintain the Blue Star Marker garden located at the corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Blvd. in Elm Grove.

Call 262-781-6220 to reserve your seat, or for more information.

A Planner for All Reasons

By Alice Hirt

The Elm Grove Woman's Club is offering a 2018 13-month planner to help every busy person keep organized for the next year. Besides plenty of room to keep track of appointments, meetings, and special occasions, *Community Capers* contains pictures depicting fun activities around the community plus parodies of familiar movies and well-known art work.

Proceeds from the *Community Capers* 2018 planner will facilitate the purchase and installation of video cameras in the Elm Grove Village Park and pool area,

resulting in improved safety and security to persons and property, an important objective in places where children gather and play. *Community Capers* is priced at just \$20, donations are also welcome for this project.

Visit www.egwc.org for more information or to place a request for the planner. *Community Capers* will be available at the Elm Grove Woman's Club Christmas in the Grove on November 10th and 11th, at the village library and at local businesses around town. It's not too early to think Christmas gifts.

'100 Women Who Care' Seeks New Members

By Kathy Olsen

We invite you to join our organization that has made a difference in our communities in SE Wisconsin. Our fall meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m. at O'Donoghues Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove.

100 Women Who Care have enriched our local communities with help for the homeless, those with disabilities, seniors, those needing medical assistance, and those with cancer. Please check out our website at www.100wcmkemetrowest.org or our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/100WCMKEMetroWest> if you want more details on our organization and how we choose the next local charity to support.

During the one hour of our meeting, three charities are selected to further investigate. We then vote on one of those

charities to support with \$100 checks written directly to that selected charity (either by an individual or by a team of up to four members).

If you can stay after the meeting, we have our "Charity Impact Sharing Time" where the Executive Director of the last charity we supported (in this case, St. Joseph's Medical Clinic) will be telling us how our support impacted the people that they serve in greater detail than the 5 minutes allocated during our meeting.

Before our 6 p.m. meeting, we have members available to answer any questions you might have about our organization. We hope that you can join us on October 10 so we can improve more lives in Southeastern Wisconsin.

For more information contact **Jane Condon** at jacondon@yahoo.com.

Jim Buskel Voted Kiwanis Governor Elect

By Jerry McCormick

In summing up his interest in becoming a candidate for Kiwanis Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District Governor, **Jim Buskel**, a member of Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K, quoted a line from an old song: "Every job that's open needs a man with a knack, my knack is experience and commitment to Kiwanis community service, especially children."

Kiwanis is an international organization with 353,000 members in 80 countries. It was organized in 1915 and Wisconsin has clubs with more than 100 years of community service. There are 155 clubs in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District with 4,200 members. The clubs are organized in Divisions of 10-20 clubs with a Lt. Governor for each Division.

All clubs are dedicated to community service, especially children. The Kiwanis motto is "changing the World, one child and one community at a time." Buskel has been a leader in youth activities as both Club officer and District Lt. Governor.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club sponsors the largest Key Club in Kiwanis at Brookfield Central High School. Kiwanis-sponsored Key Clubs stress service projects and youth leadership development. In addition, the Club organized and sponsors a new Key Club at the Wisconsin International Academy.

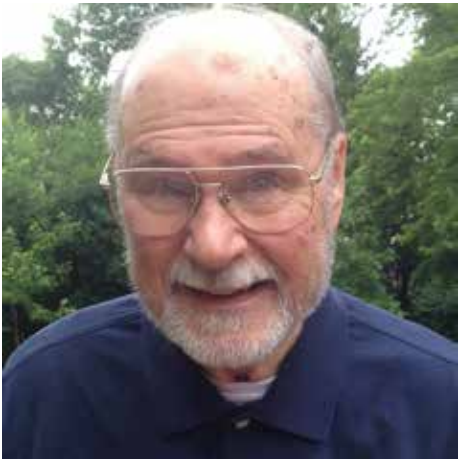


Photo by Cari Thompson

Jim Buskel

Buskel is a lifelong leader in Scouting at all levels including BSA Assistant Scoutmaster and District Unit Commissioner. His leadership skills have been recognized in Kiwanis International by presenting him the President's Challenge Award and the Hixson Fellowship Award for outstanding Club contributions. In scouting he has received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a BSA Council can award to an adult, and The Lamb Award for religious service.

The Elm Grove Golden K Club has about 70 members and meets at 9:30 a.m. every Friday at St. Mary's Church Senior Center in Elm Grove. Everyone is welcome. (See AD in Classifieds.)



Photo by Sally Cashin

(Shown from left) Bookie Cookie co-chair **Jill Varick** with **Jon Cerny** and **Andrea Bach** from Great Harvest Bread Company, Village President **Neil Palmer**, Bookie Cookie co-chair **Cathy Fink**, and FOEGL President **Janet Wintersberger**.

Great Harvest Bread Company Honored by Village

By Janet Wintersberger

To thank Great Harvest Bread Company for its long-standing support and assistance for the Friends of Elm Grove Library's annual Bookie Cookie fundraiser, FOEGL and the Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees presented Great Harvest owner **Jon Cerny** and employee **Andrea Bach** with a Proclamation of Appreciation during the August 28 Board meeting at Village Hall.

In just the past eight years, Great Harvest has helped the volunteer Bookie

Cookie baking team bake a total of more than 10,000 cookies to sell during the annual Memorial Day parade to benefit the Elm Grove Public Library.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It was not difficult to determine the whereabouts of Great Harvest owner Jon Cerny during the standing-room-only Board of Trustees meeting, as he was the one wearing a bright red t-shirt with the words: "Professional Loafer" on the front — The humor of this duly noted by many of those gathered!

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SEVEN STEINS OF BEER ON THE STAGE... Area residents compete in a contest to see how long they could hold a large stein full of beer at arms length. Those dropping their arms below a certain level were asked to leave the stage, one by one, until the strongest was proclaimed the winner.



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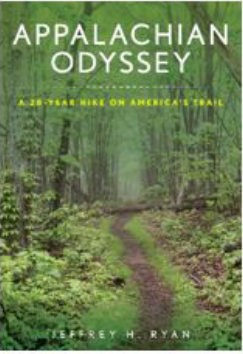
The Appalachian Trail: History and a 28-Year Hike

Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Maine based author, speaker and photographer Jeffrey Ryan has written two critically acclaimed books about the Appalachian Trail. Join us for an evening of stories from the legendary trail, and his 28 years hiking it.

With a passion for exploring the outdoors, particularly on foot, Jeffery Ryan began "section hiking" the Appalachian Trail in 1985 with a childhood friend, a journey that took 28 years to complete and culminated in his first book, *Appalachian Odyssey: A 28-Year Hike on America's Trail*. His most recent work, *Blazing Ahead: Benton MacKaye, Myron Avery and the Rivalry that Built the Appalachian Trail*, explores how the famous footpath came into being. When he is not researching and writing, Ryan explores the back roads of the USA and Canada in his vintage 1985 VW camper.


This program is free to attend, and no registration is required. Copies of Jeff's books will be for sale after the event.




Story Times and More @ the Library!

Toddler Play Group, Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.

Children up to three years old enjoy playtime with special toys, including age-appropriate early literacy toys, and interaction with other toddlers and their caregivers. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration needed. Group meets every Tuesday through December 19.






Preschool Story Time, Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.


Early literacy activities for children 3-5 who haven't started 5K yet. Includes stories, rhymes, songs, etc.... Please register for this group the first time you come, then come back whenever you can.

Program Dates: October 5, 12, 19, November 2, 9, 16




Morning Coffee Break, Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Essentially the same program as Preschool Story Time with the addition of refreshments for children and adults, and siblings welcome. Recommended for children ages 3-5 who haven't started 5K yet. Register for this group the first time you come, then come back whenever you can. **Program Dates:** October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10, 17



Baby and Me Story Time with Cheri Riehle, Thursdays, 10-11:00 a.m.

This story time is designed for children up to three years old with a caregiver. Stories are followed by playtime with special toys related to the theme for the day. Group will meet downstairs in the O'Neill Room. Please register for this group. **Program Dates:** October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16



Monthly Lego Club, Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us after school to build with Legos. The library will provide Legos to use (please don't bring any from home), and a theme for the day to guide your creative building. This is a drop-in program, but cleanup will start at 4:30 and everyone should plan to help. Recommended for grades K-5. **Program Dates:** October 19, November 16, December 14

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Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Reflections on Peace... In Celebration of the 2017 International Day of Peace

Strive to Create Peaceful Communities

By Michalene McQuide, St. Mary’s Visitation School

A peaceful community is one that is calm and one that is kind. This world we live in today is full of conflicts and hatred, but that doesn’t mean parts of the world can’t be peaceful. We are all in this together, and if each and every one of us strives to spread peace around our community, we can, little by little, make the world a better, more peaceful place. A few ways to promote peace include practicing stewardship and caring for others. Although these actions may seem small, if all of us encourage one another and build each other up, this kindness will spread and peace will blossom in the hearts of many.

By promoting peace in our community, and making it a welcoming place for all people, we will be shining a light onto the dark communities out there, and we will be giving hope to those who are forced to leave their houses. God has taught us that, in our lives, we should put the needs of those who are poor and vulnerable first. Everyday, we take things for granted, sometimes not even realizing how blessed we really are. We all need to put ourselves in the shoes of those

in need and make it a point everyday to pray for them and spread peace around our communities by simply holding the door open for someone, or giving a few dollars to someone who needs it more than you do. As individuals, we all have some sort of goal in our life. Whether that means you want to do well on a test or have a successful job, we all have something we want to accomplish. One goal we should have as a community is to create a peaceful, welcoming place for everyone, and together, anything is possible.

We are all brothers and sisters of faith, working toward one main goal. That goal is peace. The word itself may be short, but the effects are ever-lasting, just like God’s love. We should honor and respect all, even those who don’t have as much as we do. Since life isn’t always easy, people are being forced to leave their homes, and can hardly find any peace in their lives. They are praying for a community like us to help them find safety, comfort, and happiness. So, let’s all work together and promote peace, so everyone feels welcomed and everyone feels loved, because that’s all it takes to make the world a better place.

Peace for All

By Sofia Spano, St. Mary’s Visitation School

To the dictionary, peace means to be in a state of mutual harmony between people or groups. To many people over the world, this is far from their daily lives. War, hatred, and pain are what they have to experience every day.

Can you imagine if everybody in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, and the whole state of Texas were forced to drop their stuff and evacuate immediately? Where would they go? What could they do?

Every minute, 24 people are forced to leave their homes. Their neighbors may or may not let them in. For the 65 million people without a home right now, they don’t have time to think about when peace, or if, it’ll happen.

I know most people, when they think of their childhood, they think of happy, fun, joyous times. Well, for more than half of the world’s refugees, this isn’t the case. Hot, parched, sweaty, and scared, the poor children have no hope. They want somebody to comfort them. They want somebody to let them out of their troubles. Kids need to be kids, sometimes.

The Catholic Social Teachings are crucial to our lives. Without people living the Catholic Social Teachings, the world would be a cold, cruel place. To help work for peace in our community, we can work for Solidarity and Optioning for the Poor and Vulnerable. Finding peace is and will always be difficult, but if we put God first, we may someday get there, together.

Together for Peace

By Isabella Kim, St. Mary’s Visitation School

PEACE. Peace is a word that comes to mind when there is chaos in the world. It means freedom from disturbance and freedom from war and violence. Around the world, people are discriminated for who they are and where they’re from. We as a community can make a difference and promote peace.

Communities can strive to promote peace by simply being stewards and following the seven Catholic Social Justice Teachings. Being stewards is a great way to promote peace and care for those in a community, family, or home. Stewardship is also a way to show generosity and be a virtuous person to strangers or just even family and friends. Another way to promote people is following the Catholic Social Justice Teachings. Following all seven of them is a phenomenal way to welcome new people in the community.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, and Care for God’s Creation. These four teachings are teachings to really focus on and share them with new people, young and old. Accepting people for who they are is another great way to promote peace and be a welcoming community.

Peace is a wonderful thing to spread. We can all learn from it and teach others about it. Peace is a way to be kind-hearted and warm to everyone, no matter who they are; young, old, or a different ethnicity. We should pray for those who are forced to leave their homes and for those who are discriminated. God sent down His Son to make us good and holy people again, and we can do that by following His Word. Peace can be better when it’s shared with everyone.

Peace Through Action

By Sytlaly Guzman, Notre Dame School of Milwaukee

Good Afternoon!

What does peace mean to you? To me, it means that I make people around me feel like they are part of my everyday life, and that they are important. It’s a common thing that we talk about so much. We talk about peace, gender equality, and equal rights, but many times forget to show our concern through actions. Today, I want to share how a teenager, like myself, can make a difference with simple actions.

One of the most common things that some people have to go through is leaving their homes, and finding respect. As a teenager, some adults underestimate what we can do, but as a community, we can start here. Giving a warm greeting is a start, but it’s just one of so many small things that we can do. We can help in so many ways by welcoming people who do not feel accepted. So many people are going through hard times with the hurricanes, and we need to listen to their situation. If we’re unable to be involved locally, we can always pray.

There are so many things that can be done for our neighbors who are in need of PEACE.

Thank you for listening, and PEACE TO YOU.

A Wish for Peace

By Princess Turner, Notre Dame Middle School of Milwaukee

Good Afternoon, Everyone!

It is a privilege to be here today, and be part of a community that believes in peace, and will work to make it happen! Peace is all around us. Peace is within us. Peace is given to us from God, and we thank Him! With everything happening around us, let us act with peace, and ONLY PEACE.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective.”

There are many ways that we can incorporate peace in our families, communities, and in our world. Some examples are: helping those in need whether it’s providing food or shelter, or being friendly to those who need a friend. We need to show everyone how to care for others, and to be leaders in their communities. We can also share peace by accepting all cultures and religions, those with similarities and differences in social status. We are ALL God’s people, and we all need PEACE.

I want to wish PEACE to everyone here today.

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Estate Planning and Tangible Personal Property

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

One of the many things that you will need to consider when preparing your estate plan is how you would like your personal effects to be distributed. Almost everyone has an item of special meaning that they would like distributed to a certain person.

Traditionally, these requests were included in the Last Will and Testament or the revocable trust documents. The disadvantage to this method was that whenever you wanted to make a change, whether it be changing the item or the recipient, or adding additional items, you had to sign a Codicil to your Will or an amendment to your revocable trust. This would incur additional costs because the Codicil or the amendment had to be executed in the same formal manner as the Will or revocable trust, which usually meant a trip to the attorney's office.

Wisconsin simplified this process several years ago by allowing individuals to include, as a part of their estate plan, a Memorandum Regarding the Distribution of Tangible Personal Property. This memorandum describes the items to

be distributed in detail, and also lists the recipients. The memorandum must be signed and dated, and ideally, your signature should be witnessed or notarized.

Once complete, the original Memorandum document should be placed with the original Will or revocable trust. If changes are desired later, only the Memorandum needs to be redrafted, which doesn't require the assistance of an attorney. However, the Last Will and Testament or revocable trust document must mention that such a Memorandum may exist in order for the Memorandum to be a binding part of your estate plan.

Lastly, the items listed on the Memorandum must be actual tangible items. Common examples of tangible personal property that can be disposed of using the Memorandum are furniture, furnishings, rugs, pictures, books, silver, linen, china, glassware, crystal, objects of art, apparel and jewelry. The Memorandum cannot be used to make a specific monetary bequest (i.e. \$500 to each of my godchildren).

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News' Hounds

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Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Meet **Marcus**, a young Jindo mix saved — literally — from a South Korean dog meat farm.

Given the start he has had to life, he is exceeding all of our expectations. He has quickly learned how to walk on leash and enjoy the company of people and other dogs. He is incredibly smart and a joy to be around. If you would like to meet him and learn more about him, stop in during our animal visitation hours.

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Marcus

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News Briefs



Photo by Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy Level 5 Students joined their classmates from the Primary and Lower Schools to commemorate the Constitution. (Left to right): **Jillian Jones** of Elm Grove, **Aryan Kapur**, **Sander Armbruster** of Elm Grove, and **Cole Kandula** of Elm Grove.

Brookfield Academy Students Commemorate the Constitution

By Marie O'Brien

Calvin Coolidge once said, "To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race." Brookfield Academy Lower School History Teacher **Rachel Mixon** repeated those words recently during the opening ceremonies of the school's annual Constitution Day Assembly. Mixon, along with other teachers from the Primary School and Lower Schools, strives to ensure that students understand the true meaning behind those words.

Constitution Day Assembly began in 2012 to not only commemorate the signing of the document, but also to build upon the foundation of the school's mission to instill in each child the skills, values and heritage of becoming responsible, constructive free people. Students from kindergarten through Level 5 participate in the annual assembly and are tasked with age appropriate classroom activities to build upon their understanding of government and human rights. "The Constitution is something that we believe the kids really need to hear about every year," Mixon said. "The day is a celebration but also serves as a building block. Students eventually understand this is an extremely important document in American History that allows them to be a free citizen and teaches them to take the opportunity to participate in their government."

Younger students wave flags and sing Yankee Doodle, but Mixon emphasized that history lessons are paired with those simple tasks. Most children understand how to be patriotic and can make some connections between freedoms and the

Constitution, but students often tell Mixon they think their rights come from the government. She sees this as the perfect opportunity to delve deeper. "I teach them by saying, 'no, you're born with these rights no matter who you are; no matter what position you hold. You are citizens who hold these really high, important positions in your government and the Constitution is there to protect the rights you are born with,'" Mixon said. "Students learn to understand that being a citizen is the highest office in this country."

During this year's event, Level 4 students' recitation included the Preamble and Level 5's recitation included the First Amendment. Following the event, several Level 5 students gathered to share their thoughts about the day's activities. When talking about the delegates that went to the Constitution Convention, one student said he was fascinated with the fact that **George Washington** only had one tooth. But the day resonated beyond fun facts and a bit closer to the ceremony's opening words of Calvin Coolidge.

Level 5 student **Aryan Kapur** said, "We know all the songs, we sing them every year. And we know the three natural rights are life, liberty and property."

"The Constitution means I have freedom," said Level 5 student **Sander Armbruster**. "I can have freedom of speech, I can ride my bike and play sports."

Level 5 Student **Jillian Jones** smiled and nodded her head in agreement. "It [the Constitution] makes me feel safe."



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's students learn about the American Indian culture.

St. Mary's Students Enjoy 'Indian Summer'

By Kylie Daemmrich, SMV 5th Grade Teacher

Fifth graders at St Mary's Visitation School explored Education Day at the Indian Summer Festival on the Summerfest grounds Friday, September 8, 2017. We had a beautiful, sunny day to walk the grounds and learn about the languages, cultures, dwellings, and artifacts of the American Indian nations from our area. After speaking with tribal representatives of all ages, we tried to start a fire using a bow drill, practiced playing lacrosse, and learned different uses for animal pelts.

When American Indians dance in a pow-wow, they don't wear costumes, rather they wear regalia that has cultural and spiritual significance. Things we learn in science and social studies about taking care of the environment are practiced every day by American Indian peoples. This was a terrific opportunity for our fifth graders and is now a field trip we plan to take every year.

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