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South Newark Civic Association

The South Newark Civic Association first was formed in 1999 as a block watch group. Citizens concerned about crime in the neighborhood came together to be additional eyes and ears for the police department. The group was active for a period of time then went dormant. The South Newark Civic Association was re-launched in the fall of 2011 to address neighborhood pride, neighborhood appearance and bring attention to the need to encourage people to volunteer to make positive change. The SNCA became a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization in June, 2013.

The purpose of this project is to begin a booklet that businesses, social service agencies, churches and other organizations in South Newark can come together so that citizens in South Newark might be more aware of what is offered in their surrounding community. We also want to begin telling the stories of different leaders in South Newark, from business owners to principals and how they have impacted the local community. This is simply the beginning.

South Newark Civic Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Charitable contributions are deductible for federal income tax purposes.



Denison Venture Philanthropy

The purpose of Denison Venture Philanthropy is to effect positive and meaningful change in the lives of others by increasing the capacity of local organizations in Licking County. We accomplish this by: (1) investigating pressing community needs and learning about the organizations that attempt to address them (2) training ourselves to make timely, effective, and well-administered philanthropic allocations to build in the capacity of local organizations (3) offering stewardship and support through direct service to recipient organizations.

This year we selected the South Newark Civic Association as the recipient of our annual grant. Part of their proposal was to develop a booklet that would help to raise awareness and promote engagement with the different kinds of organizations in the South Newark and surrounding areas. The following Denison students were involved in the creation and development of this project: Emily Shane '17, Nancy Aguilar '14, Tracy Cui '16, Rob Simpson '16, Fernando Magaña '17, Emily Cosco '15, Brandon Bryan '15 and project manager: Marc Weaver '17.





Strategic Plan

Our Strategies ...

1. We will develop and implement a plan to assure all residents are engaged.

- 1.1 We will regularly gather resident input to assure that we are addressing neighborhood needs.
- 1.2 We will be patient and take small steps to reach out to neighbors on a one-on-one basis to improve trust, engagement and fellowship.
- 1.3 We will work to assure that all people feel welcome to our lunches, meetings and events.
- 1.4 We will reach out to the business owners, churches and other organizations in our neighborhood.

2. We will develop and implement ways to improve the perception of South Newark.

- 2.1 We will work to change the negative stereotypes associated with South Newark.
- 2.2 We will take on efforts to improve neighborhood pride.

3. We will align resources and create partnerships to ensure the success of our neighborhood.

- 3.1 We will collaborate with property owners, tenants and appropriate organizations to improve the appearance of our neighborhood.
- 3.2 We will collaborate with appropriate individuals and organizations to advocate for fixed route busing.

3.3 We will collaborate with appropriate organizations to concentrate on efforts to reduce poverty.

3.4 We will collaborate with appropriate organizations to support parent mentoring and decrease juvenile crime.

3.5 We will collaborate with appropriate organizations to support individuals with substance abuse issues.

3.6 We will collaborate with appropriate organizations to improve the education of our neighborhood.

4. We will develop and implement organization that will ensure we educate ourselves on issues.

4.1 We will learn how to organize ourselves so that we are speaking as a collective voice.

4.2 We will learn about the problems and solutions related to dealing with vacant homes and properties.

4.3 We will learn about the problems and solutions related to providing livable affordable housing.

4.4 We will learn about ways to promote home ownership in our neighborhood.

4.5 We will learn about community policing as a means to improve our neighborhood.

4.6 We will learn about the matters related to community development including family dining options for our neighborhood.

4.7 We will learn about the various recreation options available to our residents.

5. We will identify ways to unite the citizens of South Newark for unified representation.

Serving Up South Newark: Ronnie Schlosser



From the beginning stages of life, Ronnie Schlosser faced various problems from childhood, which caused for him to struggle throughout school. But he did not let this stop his passion on becoming successful, working 3 jobs and continuing to be a creative thinker after graduating high school. At 24, he began managing a meat-marketing town, 2 years before he opened his own deer processing business. Ronnie also owns the Millwheel Tavern, which has been a family business throughout the years, starting with his great uncle buying it in 1941. Ronnie has owned the business for 20 years. Ronnie never wanted to be a bar owner, but his dad sustained a severe heart attack, and Ronnie being his dad's one reliable source decid-

ed to take the business off of his father's hands.

When he bought the Millwheel Tavern from his father, he began experiencing problems with the bar next door to him, which created trouble for the business. Resolving the issue in a peaceful and professional manner, he negotiated with the bar owner next door and bought the bar from the owner (Richard Maddox), which he turned into "All Occasions Party House And Meeting Place." Using his creative thinking mindset, Ronnie bought the building next door to the other bar and ended up tying all 3 buildings together into his businesses.

Ronnie believes that the bar has been successful due to good employees, great entertainment, the

quality of drinks served at a reasonable price, providing a crisp, clean atmosphere for his customers, and treating all of his customers fairly and equally.

One thing he learned from his family was to give and be generous, in which he exhibits by ordering sweatshirts (with his business name on it and the year it was established) and passing them out at the Millwheel Tavern. Furthermore, Ronnie shows his generosity by allowing his patrons to rent his place for events free of charge and he handles the cleaning services. Booking events can range from anything as fundraising, parties and funeral services to even weddings. Altogether, Ronnie owns 7-8 billboards, 3 businesses, and 11-12 rentals. Two things that have made him a great business owner are having a lot of friends and taking heed to the morals and values that both of his parents taught him. He is really looking forward to the restaurant business. In Ronnie's words, "Learning how to win friends and influence people, treating people equally and being a leader" is what have been essential factors to Ronnie's success thus far.

Ronnie also owns the Millwheel Tavern, which he has owned for 20 years, and North Fort Deer Processing, which is a part time season deer processing business in which he provides meat-cutting service for hunters offering various smoked products that he started on his own in 1986. Ronnie believes that the deer business is the found-

ing ground on his success story, building this business on his own and beginning with just hanging 50 fliers around town and providing service for 365 white tails just within the first week. He received the funding to start the business process from his mother, who believed in his risk taking abilities and took a chance on his dream. Something that has made his deer business successful is by treating his hunters' meat as if it were his own. Ronnie has always been a hands-on learner, which contributed to him cutting over 18,000 white tails in his career. Now pursuing a different business, Ronnie has sold his deer processing business and just bought a restaurant which will serve pub-styled food. ■



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Little League Legacy:

Bert Slate

by Brandon Bryan

It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Bert Slate's heart and soul is in Mound City. To start, Mr. Slate's father (Bert Slate) coached at Mound city for twenty years (Bert's father is now a life-time commissioner of Mound City Little league). And even after having a short hiatus from Mound City, Bert returned when he had his first child (of what would be four). Bert starting coaching the boy's team for Mound City Little league when his son was only four years old, and has continued ever since. In addition to his involvement as coach and as an electrician, Bert has umpired HS baseball annually. At present, Mr. Slate no longer coaches the Mound City little league team, but for an unavoidable reason. Bert's son is thirteen and Mound city little league team cuts off participants at age thirteen. However, Bert still is a commissioner at Mound City and heavily involved with volunteer work and maintaining the condition of the fields.

Bert's love for baseball stems from his own personal involvement, as he still fondly remembers winning the District championship his senior year of high school. But even stronger, is Bert's love for Mound City. Why he does it all can be summed up in his quote " I wouldn't trade it for the world...baseball is my love. Mound city has given me so much I can't imagine life without it." To return the favor, Bert is giving his life to Mound city. Bert expressed that "when I was growing up, Mound City was the place to be," implying that at present, the same unfortunately cannot be said. However, with Bert's determination and the wonderful staff at Mound City, it is certainly getting back to those golden days.

To help its case, Mound city is the only little league in the entire nation that does not charge a registration fee for its participants. Therefore, no one is deterred on account of financial difficulties. This not only allows all kids up to age 12 to come play, but also dis-

pels any possibility that a program like Mound City just wants people's money, a far too true reality of the modern era of baseball. Instead, Bert does all the funding himself by using the most important asset, his team. Bert and the team host many fundraising opportunities so that they can pay for all the necessary expenses. To start, there are days when the team and Bert stand in front of stores and ask for money.

There is also a bowl-a-thon, in which each individual raises at least twenty-five dollars; impressively, some kids raise around a hundred dollars! In addition, the team receives several sponsorships, which provides thousands of dollars to the team. Even more, individuals, such as Charlie Baker and the Fraun Felter family, significantly lighten this financial burden. Mr. Charlie Baker runs the concession stand at Mound City and has been doing it since Bert can remember. What is most impressive, however, is that Mr. Baker donates all profits to the maintenance of the Ball Park.

Bert was also quick to give much respect to the Fraunfelter Family. The Fraunfelter family has been

around ever since Bert, himself was a child and have been taking care of the park for about ten years. They are the true backbone of Mound City and as Bert puts it, "if it weren't for them, Mound City would not be how great it is today. They are the heart and soul of the park, not me."

Now because of individuals like Bert, Charlie, and the Fraunfelter family, Mound City is an extremely competitive

program in the little league world of Licking County. For the past sixty-five years, Mound City has hosted the LC Shrine Tournament, a single elimination tournament starting at the end of May, comprised of about seventy teams. But knowing Mr. Slate and Mound City, of course it doesn't stop there. A significant portion of the proceeds of the tournament goes towards burn victims.

If you want to see Bert's heart and soul, all one has to do is take a trip to 200 South Second Street. And if you want to see Bert's soul come to the ball park on a Saturday. Please support both Bert, the coaches, the players, the families and the greater Mound City Little League community. ■



Pizza and Friends: Janelle and Jim Gilbert

by Mark Katrick



“Is this order for carry-out or delivery?” Six years and three months ago, this question was especially meaningful and significant to the residents of South Newark many of whom do not have adequate transportation. It was then that Janelle and Jim Gilbert decided to open Carmen’s pizza.

What was the primary motivation for the Gilberts to move into the neighborhood as entrepreneurs? “There was a spot open,” Jim recalled, “and there weren’t any pizza places in the South End.”

It didn’t take long for the Gilberts “to make lots of new friends,” according to Jim. Besides offering “a variety of pizzas, subs and salads to individuals and group,” he pointed out that Carmen’s provides a

“gathering place for organizations like baseball teams and churches.”

Even after the big storm hit in July 2012 the Gilberts kept their doors open by bringing in generators. By Janelle’s count, “we went through 96 subs the night the power went out.” And while other businesses went dark, Carmen’s kept their lights on so that menus and the bulletin board where products and services are advertised could be read.

Besides being made to feel welcome and appreciated by good neighbors like Janelle and Jim Gilbert, what has kept the customers satisfied for all these years? Without hesitation, Jim replied, “supplying a good, home-made product. Everything is made from scratch.” ■

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Kindness and Excellence: Dena Cable

by Maly Cosco



Ben Franklin Elementary is a Newark City School enrolling students from pre-school to 5th grade. It has been recently renovated and currently has 405 students, the highest enrollment to date. The school focuses on creating a positive learning environment. Each day starts and ends with reflecting on two mottos. The first encourages each student to be a "Bucket Filler," a person who is "kind and caring and makes the world a better place." The second supports students to "be kind to each other and let your excellence shine." This year in particular, the importance of family involvement has been highlighted. "Nearly every week of the school year there has been an event for families to attend to enhance the educational experience and journey," says Dena Cable, the principal of Ben Franklin.

Dena Cable-Miller graduated from the Newark City Schools before

earning a bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood Education from Ohio Dominican University and Master's degree from Ashland University in the area of Teacher Leadership. She studied for additional year to complete course work and the principal's internship. She was a classroom teacher for 6 years, teaching at Kettering Intermediate, West Main Intermediate, and Ben Franklin Elementary. She then left the classroom to become a district mentor teacher who mentors first and second year teachers across the district. In 2011, she became the principal of Ben Franklin Elementary.

The elementary school is located in a residential area of South Newark, which gives it a true, 'neighborhood' school feel. Its interactions with the community have included hosting community dinners and events as well as collaborating with the SNCA to offer outside learning opportunities for

students such as COSI on wheels. The school benefits from and continues to welcome enthusiastic community members to volunteer at events such as the spring carnival and assistance in the classroom.

The school's current challenges are student mobility and low participation among families during after school events. Ben Franklin students come and go quite frequently. Nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ of students do not start and finish the school year at Ben Franklin, which presents many challenges for students in terms of maintaining positive friendships, providing consistent instruction in the academic content areas, and implementing the appropriate interventions to ensure each student's success.



Cable's future goals are tied to student achievement. "It is our goal for every child to make a year's worth of growth in reading and mathematics," she states.

Cable also wants to continue to reach out to the SNCA to help provide learning opportunities and life experiences for students. She especially stresses the need for COSI on Wheels volunteers. Cable has also worked with Jeremy Blake to coordinate and participate in two community dinners which were held at Ben Franklin and has participated in the SNCA clean up days this year.

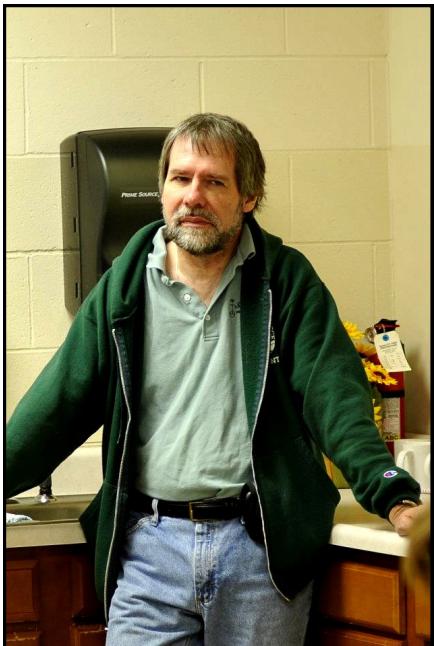
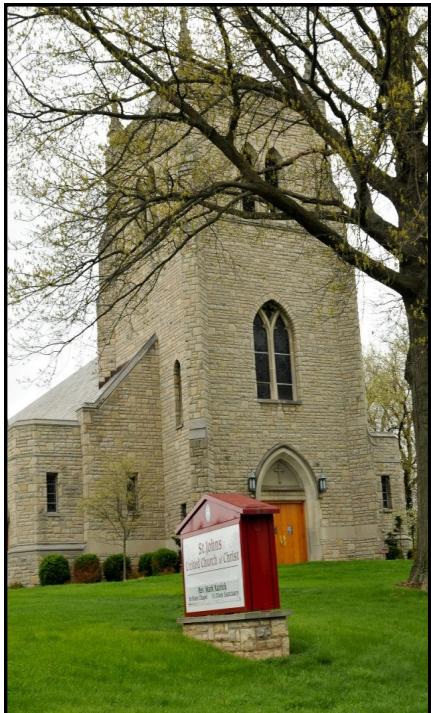
She also is proud of her teachers that have worked alongside the SNCA volunteers during the COSI event. She says that Ben Franklin teachers plan to contact SNCA to see if they would like to volunteer at the Spring Carnival.

Cable says that in order for Ben Franklin to grow, it would really benefit from volunteers visiting the school and helping out with events like COSI or the Spring Carnival. ■

A Civic Faith: Mark Katrick

My faith journey began in Lorain County, Ohio, just west of the Cleveland area. It was a blessing and privilege to grow up in a Christian home and to be taught by parents who believed that the most important thing about faith is to live it in a spirit of love.

Dad, a foreman at U.S. Steel, saw to my spiritual needs by going to Mass with my sister and me and paying for our Catholic education. Mom, a nurse by profession, chose



to stay home with her children, and read to me every night. Having been a Presbyterian Sunday school teacher, she included stories from the Bible.

My path to the ministry began with an invitation by my art teacher at Elyria Catholic High School to a "non-territorial" Catholic Church. At Sacred Heart, I was supported and encouraged to share my gifts as a guitarist/organist, Christian educator and worship leader.

At Oberlin College, I spent time in the Campus Minister's office, poring through seminary catalogues. It took me awhile, but several

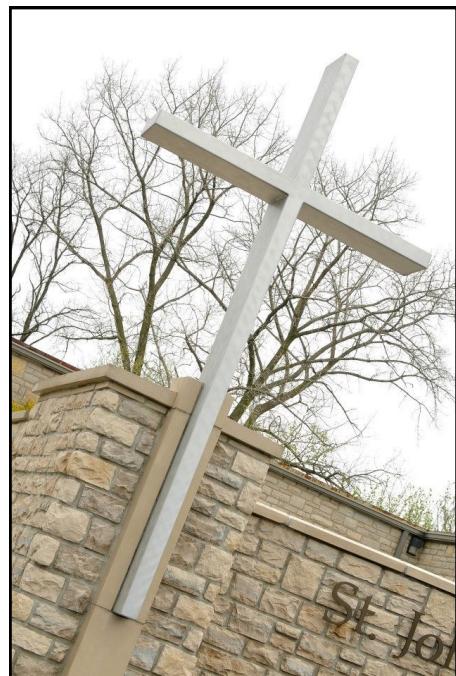
years after graduating, I moved into the apartments at Ashland Theological Seminary and began my studies for a Master of Divinity degree.

As a “free agent” I explored a number of churches and denominations, settling on St. John’s United Church of Christ in Mansfield. In August of 1983, I was ordained by the Northwest Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ. One of my favorite things about the UCC is the diversity of thought and tradition.

For over thirty years, I have served churches from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania to Ohio, both full-time and part-time. My bi-vocational experiences include teaching high school and serving as a habilitation specialist in a program for persons with developmental disabilities.

In April of 2008, when St. John’s United Church of Christ in Newark called me for an interview to be their full time pastor, it came as a surprise because of my age – I was in my mid-fifties at the time. Yet it was not surprising at all because I had been praying and discerning, with the help of the Central Southeast Ohio Association Minister, a return to full-time ministry.

The connection between the St. John’s search committee and me was immediate and grew and grew each time we met. What impressed me the most was their desire to reach out to our neighbors.



They were all about faith in action, my primary motivation for becoming a pastor.

One of the many exciting things that have happened since I accepted the call to St. John’s was when Jeremy Blake invited me to be on the South Newark Civic Association Board. And we, the members and friends of St. John’s, are so very grateful for this opportunity to serve our community.

It is my honor and privilege to reach out to the dedicated and hard-working people of South Newark that remind me so much of my parents to whom I owe everything. ■

For more information on St. John’s, see the back cover.

Neighborhood Safety: Dan Prouty

by Fernando Magaña

Mr.

Prouty speaks proudly about the success of the organization he represents, the Moose Lodge. Stationed in Newark, Ohio, the Moose Lodge has defined itself as a leader in the area providing benefits for the community around and beyond them. Their objective: get known as the friendliest place in town. Newark's Moose Lodge has been developing new initiatives.

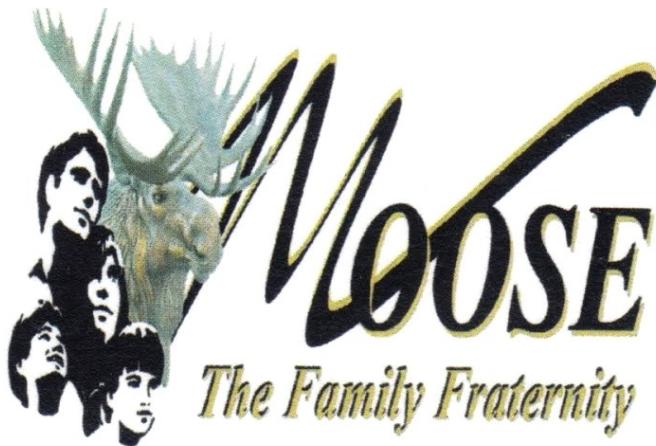
One of their most recent achievement was the presentation of a child identification kit to Licking County's Sheriff Office. The primordial purpose of the latter is to eliminate the chances of inaccurate descriptions if a child goes missing. The whole physical characteristics of the child would be saved in a memory were, if missing, could be scanned giving Officers a precise description of them. By successfully identifying the children of Licking County, the Moose Lodge hopes to increase the number of found children.

The Moose Lodge is also in the process of receiving a bullet-proof vest to be donated to the Officers in the city of Heath. With this, the organization is advancing and supporting the security in

Newark's neighbor towns. Their leadership in the area is indisputable. The organization, according to Prouty, is moving towards increasing their donations to non-profits in the surrounding area by growing the size of their membership.

Through these projects, these leaders of the South Newark community are advancing the quality of life for people around them. The financial support of Newark's Moose Lodge to non-profits has expanded their reach. Their initiatives have and will continue to positively impact the most impoverished communities of this country. ■





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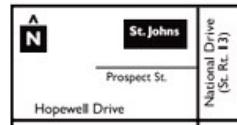
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