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Mary Meyer, Editor

'DANCING AWAY WITH THE STARS' SET FOR FEB. 23

The Way Public Library Foundation will present its annual fundraiser, "Dancing aWAY with the Stars" on Saturday, February 23, beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are selling very quickly for this unique event. For \$65 per person, you receive a ticket to one of four dance shows, delectable food, swinging music by Hepcat Revival—and, best of all, the opportunity to help your public library build its programming efforts and the Endowment Fund.

Hometown celebrities will be paired with professionals from local dance studios, vying for the coveted title of "People's Choice 2008." Enjoy performances by the following dashing dancing duos:

Robin Laird and dance pro Matt Miller, dancing the swing; Jon Eckel & Paulette, cha-cha; Carol Gee & Tom Williams, waltz; Greg Hazelton & Ellen Tucker, fox-trot; Kelly Carter & John Lavilla, salsa; Mark Engel & Lorie Clark, merengue.



Dress casually for this evening of fun. Special sponsor is Physical Therapy Consultants. Dozens of volunteers make this evening possible. Tickets are on sale at the Information Desk; for more information, call 874-3135 x139.

Library levy postponed; campaign kicks off January 11

On Friday, January 11, the Way Library Levy Committee held a kickoff for the 2008 Levy Campaign. The committee went ahead with its event at Schaller Memorial after a decision by the Way Library Board of Trustees earlier in the day to ask the City of Perrysburg to withdraw the levy from the March 4 ballot.

Way Library Director Nancy J. Kelley told the audience that the board decided to postpone the levy request after hearing from the Wood County Prosecutor's Office that the ballot language contained flaws.

"We certainly want the levy request to read in such a way that everyone knows exactly what we are asking the voters to approve," Mrs. Kelley explained. She told the board that the intention was for the request to describe the levy as >>cont. on page 2



Joining the levy kickoff celebration were, left to right in the top photo, Abby McKell, Marty Jackson and Liz McKell. Below photo, musicians from Extra Stout performed at the party held at Schaller Memorial in Perrysburg.

LWVPA and Way to present Topical Tuesdays program Feb. 19: Environmentalist Sandra Bihn: 'Lake Erie: Its Condition & Challenges'

Way Library will partner with the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area (LWVPA) to present the next Topical Tuesdays program. On Tuesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., Sandra Bihn of the Great Lakes WATERKEEPER® Association will speak on "Lake Erie: Its Condition and Challenges." This program is free, and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the LWVPA membership committee.

A resident of Oregon, Ohio, Ms. Bihn has spent more than 20 years working on environmental issues affecting the Western basin of Lake Erie—dredging, power plants, water quality, and air/industrial pollutants such as phosphorous and mercury. With an MBA from the University of Toledo, she has served as a municipal chief fiscal officer and has authored state

legislation on hazardous waste fees and provided testimony on various proposals for waste disposal. She has served on the Hazardous Waste Reduction Task Force of the Office of Technology and Assessment and developed a municipal recycling program.

Ms. Bihn has served as Western Lake Erie Sierra conservation chair, on the Healing Our Waters Coalition, and won the Environmental Watchdog Award from the Ohio Environmental Council. She also is president of the Toledo Lighthouse Society.



Sandra Bihn

Levy postponed (cont. from p. 1)

<<a "four-year replacement of the existing 1.0-mill levy with an increase of 0.5 mill for current expenses."

Way Library is a municipal library, and its taxing authority is the City of Perrysburg. In the fall, the library board submitted to City Council a resolution seeking a replacement levy for the existing levy set to expire at the end of this year. Council approved the request and passed its own resolution which it then submitted to the Wood County Board of Elections. The final language did not reflect the statutorily recognized purpose for the levy and described it as an "additional" levy.

The board tabled its decision on the millage and the date of the levy request. See future issues of this newsletter for more information on this critical source of library funds. A 1.5-mill operating levy would raise about \$840,000 annually—or about 39% of the library's operating budget.

NEWS & NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

- The Way Library **Play Readers Group** will feature comedy when it next meets on Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. The short comic plays, "Indoor/Outdoor" by Kenny Finkle and "Soap Opera" by David Ives, will be read. On March 26, the group will delve into serious drama, reading "The Exonerated" by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen. This play uses interviews with former Death Row inmates to examine the death penalty.
- "The Dash Diet: One Way to Manage High Blood Pressure" by Marilyn Bame, RD,LD, CDE, will be the next lecture in the St. Luke's-Way Health Series, 7 p.m., Monday, March 17.
- VFW Post No. 6170 in Perrysburg has made a contribution to the Way Public Library Foundation in appreciation of the efforts of library staff to serve our nation's veterans.

Gadgets & Gizmos begins Feb. 7



Join the technological revolution—or at least keep up with your kids' terminology when they tell you about their latest gadget or gizmo! Way Library, in partnership with Best Buy of Perrysburg, will hold informal, free workshops noon—1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, February—May, in the café area of the library. Call the Information Desk, 419-874-3135x119, to sign up for these demonstrations of new devices such as MP3 players and iPods. The first session is set for noon on Thursday, February 7.

AARP Tax Prep taking appointments

The AARP volunteer tax preparation program held at Way Library is now accepting appointments. Call the Information Desk, 419-874-3135 x119.

Taxpayers will be asked to fill out an information form when they arrive for their appointment. Bring your social security card and, if new to the site, photo identification, copies of 2006 tax returns and all W-2s, 1099s, and other records of deductible expenditures if you wish to itemize deductions.

'Discovering the Fallen Timbers Battlefield' by Mike Pratt March 12

On Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., Way Library, partnering with Historic Perrysburg, Inc., will present **Dr. G. Michael Pratt**, anthropology professor and associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies at Heidelberg College, on "**Discovering the Fallen Timbers Battlefield: the Archaeology of a National Historic Site.**"



Dr. Michael Pratt

Dr. Pratt's 1995 archaeological survey determined the actual location of the 1794 Fallen Timbers Battlefield and led Congress to create the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site. For more than 200 years the site of the actual battle had remained unknown. Using multifaceted remote sensing, Dr. Pratt's team discovered the location and, during follow-up surveys in 2001, explored sites of potential casualties.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Dr. Pratt received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology at Miami University and his master's and doctorate in anthropology from Case Western Reserve. He directed the UT Regional Ohio Historic Preservation Office until 1981 when he began teaching at Heidelberg College.

New trustee Zach Clark welcomed

The 2008 Way Library Board of Trustees has a new member, Zachary Clark. A resident of Perrysburg since 1989, Mr. Clark graduated from St. John's High School in 1996 and Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, in 2000. After beginning graduate studies in linguistics at the University of Indiana, he switched to law school, graduating from the University of Toledo law school in 2005. He currently is an attorney in business law with Niehaus & Associates in Sylvania.

The son of Tony and Mary Clark, Mr. Clark and his wife, Jessica Xie, a native of Beijing, have a son, Anthony, 10 months old.

To mark **Black History Month**, Reel Talk classic film series will feature "Stormy Weather," an all-black musical starring Lena Horne, Bill Robinson, Fats Waller and others, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m.

Travel Class accepting registrants

There are still openings in the upcoming three-part workshop, "Ready, Set, Travel: A Guide to Independent Travel," by Blade



freelance travel columnists Claudia Fischer and Roger Holliday. These seasoned travel writers will guide participants through the ABCs of foreign travel, with particular emphasis on European trips. Classes will be in Way's family activity room.

This three-session workshop has a fee of \$30 and will be limited to the first 25 people who register. The classes will be held 7-9 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: February 12, 19 and 26, 2008. Register by paying your class fee at the Information Desk.

'STEPS TO SUCCESS' MARCH 10

On Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m., Wood County Jobs and Family Services once again will showcase its services here at Way Library. Counselors from Job Solutions of Wood County will talk about networking, interviewing skills, resumes and cover letters, job search websites, retraining programs, State of Ohio labor market information, and youth employment. Handouts will be provided, and a question/answer session will follow.

February Events

- Feb. 5,12—Read to the Dogs, 7 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7 — Gadgets & Gizmos, 12 p.m.
- Feb. 12,19,26 — Travel Workshop, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Reel Art: "A Heart in Winter," 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 — Topical Tuesdays: Lake Erie, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 21 — PBS Program Club: Prayer in America, 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 21 — FLASH: Sweet, Silly, Scary Celebrations, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23 — Library closes at 2 p.m.
- Feb. 23 — Dancing aWAY with the Stars, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 24 — Library Closed.
- Feb. 27 — Make It Take It Snowman, 10 -4 p.m.
- Feb. 27— Play Readers Group, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 28 — Reel Talk: Stormy Weather, 10 a.m.

CLOSINGS—Please note that the library will be Closed on Sunday, February 24, for annual cleaning. The library will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, for the Foundation fundraiser, "Dancing aWAY with the Stars."

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Book discussion groups release 2008 reading lists

Members of Way Library's three adult book discussion groups are always excited to start a new year...because that means a new book list and wonderful discussions with their book club colleagues and friends!

Here are the **2008** lists, February—December. For more information about the groups, contact the library staff member/leader at 419-874-3135.

Thursday club (first Thursday evening of the month at 7 p.m.): Feb. 7, Middlesex; March 6, Water for Elephants; April 3, A Walk in the Woods; May 1, In the Time of the Butterflies; June 5, Pride and Prejudice; July 10, Girl with a Pearl Earring; August 7, The Memory Keeper's Daughter; September 4, Eat, Pray, Love; October 2, The Dive from Clausen's Pier; November 6, Devil in the White City; December 4, The Pilot's Wife. (Janel Haas, ext. 106).

Monday group (third Monday evening each month, 7 p.m.): Feb. 18, The Maytrees; March 17, Poisonwood Bible; April 21, The Lemon Tree; May 19, The Inheritance of Loss; June 16, After This; July 21, What is the What; Aug. 18, The Nine: The Inside World of the Supreme Court; Sept. 15, The Jungle; Oct. 20, Songs Without Words; Nov. 17, Bridge of Sighs; Dec. 15, Three Cups of Tea. (Mary Meyer, ext. 100).

First Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m.: Feb. 6, Suite Francaise; Mar. 5, Eat, Pray, Love; April 2, Three Junes; May 7, Life and Times of Thunderbolt Kid; June 4, The Virgin of Small Plains; July 2, Three Cups of Tea; Aug. 6, Tortilla Curtain; Sept. 3, The Ride of Our Lives; Oct. 1, A Lost Lady; Nov. 5, Born on a Blue Day; Dec. 3, Thread of Grace. (Nancy Kelley, ext. 102).



The Toledo International Youth Orchestra will present a free concert at Way Library on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. This group of outstanding young musicians conducted by Yang Kun Song (pictured above) performed at Way prior to touring China last year. This year, listen to the beautiful classical music which they will perform in Europe March 20-30!

Upcoming Children's Events

FLASH: Sweet, Silly, Scary Celebrations, 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21.
Make It Take It Snowman for pre-schoolers: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 27.
Read to the Dogs for ages 6-10—first two Monday nights at 7 p.m. in Feb.