

The Kendalight

Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

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Kendal Holiday Events*

See page 6 as well as WKAO announcements for details and additions!

Chanukah, Dec. 1–5, 5:00pm, Heiser Lounge – Or join host Priscilla Steinberg on Dec. 5 on WSCC and Zoom for closing Chanukah blessings.

Winter Solstice, Thurs., Dec. 16, 7:15pm, AUD and KOTV – Enjoy our 2021 video on the “big screen” or at home as residents present “Songs of the Season.”

Christmas Eve, Fri., Dec. 24, 7:15pm, Heiser Lounge – Gather in front of the fireplace to sing carols and enjoy music of the season by Kendal musicians. Grover Zinn will bring us his traditional readings of *The Night Before Christmas* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* – and share thoughts of the season. Enjoy punch and cookies afterward!

New Year’s Eve, Fri., Dec. 31, 7:00pm, AUD and KOTV – Welcome in the new year at a traditional Kendal at Oberlin “mid-ocean midnight” that allows us to be home by 10:00pm!

At 7:00pm, view *Lilies of the Field* starring Sidney Poitier – a feel-good film to celebrate the close of the year. Next, Dan Reiber emcees the Kendal Ball drop, and Carol Longworth leads us in singing *Auld Lang Syne*. Contact Tom Konkoly with questions.

From Barbara Thomas: More Core Value Behaviors

This is the third in my series of articles featuring the 14 Core Value Behaviors that are part of every Kendal at Oberlin staff member’s job description. All are equally important, no matter the order in which they’ve been covered. I’ve talked about **Teamwork, Communication, Creativity and Planning, Commitment to Residents, Safety and Environmental Awareness, and Continuous Learning and Education**. This month, I’ll look at **Quality and Ownership**.

A focus on **Quality** might typically rise to the top early in the discussion of core value behaviors. I must admit that the pandemic has made a talk about quality more difficult.

Staff at every level has admitted that with things just not our “normal,” particularly staffing levels, the work levels are anything but usual. As a result, it’s hard to assure the quality we’ve come

to expect for Kendal. As things ease up and we get more of our “normal” back and can focus less on Covid, the higher quality that we all want will return too. But don’t take this the wrong way! There is much to be proud of in the overall quality of what Kendal delivers. We need to be transparent on how much Covid has impacted everyone’s rhythms – staff and residents alike.

Akin to quality, it seems only natural to elaborate on **Ownership**. Despite some uncomfortable conversation on quality, it is a beautiful thing to see both long-tenured staff and new hires demonstrate ownership in their jobs at Kendal. Recently a staff member wrote “It’s been a long time that I’ve worked at a place where I truly feel my work is needed and appreciated and makes a difference for the people I’m serving.” I have no doubt this employee gives 110% every day and stands behind her

work proudly. I see staff every day, in every department, doing their jobs under difficult circumstances. They care so much about our residents and want to do well by them. That’s ownership in my book.

~Barbara Thomas, KaO CEO

**COFFEE HOUR WITH
BARBARA THOMAS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:30AM - FOX & FELL,*
ZOOM, KOTV**

**AFTERNOON EXCHANGE
BARBARA THOMAS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
4:00PM - AUD,* KOTV**

* For links and last-minute changes in location, transportation, and restrictions, see WKAO and the KORA Calendar.



Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

It was wonderful to have a large in-person gathering at the November 11 KORA Annual Meeting, which was also available on Zoom. Future meetings likely will continue to be hybrid meetings, both in-person and on KOTV. At the Annual Meeting, residents elected three new Council members (George Blomgren, Kari Inglis, and Tom Konkoly) and Anne Palmer as Secretary. Other Councilors and officers will continue for another year. We accepted the 2022 budget of \$36,420 and thank residents for their generosity. We passed an amendment to rename the Audit Committee the Internal Audit Committee.

The Leadership Development and Nominating Committee does an excellent job of finding outstanding Councilors. As they leave Council after our December meeting, we will greatly miss Sandy Siebensschuh who has given sage advice and taken marvelous minutes as secretary for two years. We will greatly miss Marjorie Porter and Elizabeth Hole who have served for four years. Marjorie has led the Suggestions and Concerns Committee and Elizabeth has led the Coordination Committee with thoughtfulness and insight.

We are learning how to live in this Covid world. By following best practices, we are keeping ourselves and our community safe, while meeting the needs of our most vulnerable members. We choose our activities knowing our own risk tolerance, with respect for others. The remaining restrictions at Kendal are due to health mandates for the Stephens Care Center. We continue to wear masks in public spaces in Heiser to protect them and other vulnerable members of our community.

The biggest piece missing from our

Lifelong Learning Committee Welcomes New Members

My thanks to all the committee members who have worked so hard over the last year and a half during a serious lockdown to bring such a great variety of courses to Kendal.

Now that the world is beginning to open, we are seeking more people who would like to join the committee and take on the various tasks that need to be done, whether it's providing new ideas for courses, finding speakers, registering participants, or any of the other tasks involved in making the final product look effortless.

Please contact me if you're interested. Our next committee meeting will be in mid-December and we all look forward to welcoming new members.

~Mary Van Nortwick, Chair, Lifelong Learning Committee

Winter Lifelong Learning Class in February

The course will be offered via Zoom and you will be able to ask questions by using the Zoom chat function. There is no fee. Look for the details in the January *Kendalight*.

Design for an Aging Society; Tues., Feb. 1, 8, and 15, 10:30am–12:00pm.

Eunice Noell-Waggoner, founder of the Center of Design for an Aging Society, will present a three-session course:

February 1 - Lighting for Seniors

February 8 - Noise and Acoustics

February 15 - Importance of Nocturnal Sleep



Come to the KORA Coffee Café! Mondays through Saturdays - 8:00–11:00am Fox & Fell

The Café opened officially on November 29. Come enjoy a cup of brewed coffee, decaf, tea, or cocoa and conversation with old and new friends. Thanks to the KORA Council and our Dining Staff for making a much-missed part of Kendal a reality!

~Priscilla Steinberg

Newcomer Interviews

Wed., Dec. 15 - 4:00pm - KOTV

The Newcomers Committee continues to bring you interviews with our newest residents via monthly programs on KOTV. Learn more about people you will want to get to know! Recordings of our past interviews with new residents are available in the Kendal library.

~Sharon Farrow

lives right now is regular dining. We thank dining services for opening up the dining rooms for Thanksgiving and hope as staffing recovers, we will return to regular dining.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

~Mary Behm, KORA President 2021



Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

Next KORA Council Meeting Thurs., Dec. 9 - 10:00am (note date) AUD* and KOTV

Roe v. Wade at a Turning Point? An Educational Panel Discussion

Tues., Dec. 7 - 10:30am–12:00pm - Zoom and KOTV

Maggi Kamitsuka, Francis W. and Lydia L. Davis Professor Emeritus of Religion, Oberlin College Department of Religion, will discuss the implications, in a pluralistic country that supposedly does not infringe on the practice of religion, of putting into law a particular type of conservative Christian viewpoint regarding fetal status. She will discuss how abortion is seen in Jewish ethics, Muslim ethics, and even in Christianity historically – all of which are at odds with these anti-abortion laws.

Jonathan Entin, David L. Brennan Professor Emeritus of Law, CWRU School of Law, will provide a history of abortion laws in the U.S.: *Roe*, *Casey*, and a couple of the more recent cases (*Whole Woman's Health* from 2016 and *June Medical* from 2020).

Jessie Hill, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development & Judge Ben C. Green Professor of Law, CWRU School of Law, will address both the Mississippi case (*Dobbs*), argued on December 1, and the Texas cases, heard on November 1. She will also describe the situation in Ohio, having been involved in litigation concerning Ohio abortion restrictions.

A Q&A from the audience will follow the presentations and ensuing discussion. Moderator: Mary Van Nortwick. Check for the link on WKAO.

First Thursday Health Lecture Report

We asked for your help and in true Kendal at Oberlin fashion you responded tremendously! We were most gratified by your response to our call for aid in arranging programs on various aspects of health that are of interest to our entire community.

Almost one-third of you added specific requests and suggestions to our survey. Please know that all of these will be carefully perused by our group as we work to plan future programs.

Suggestions for speakers are always welcome.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
~Bud Spierling

2022 KaO Directories Coming Soon!

The 2022 Kendal at Oberlin address and phone number directory will be in your open mailbox in late January.

Have you checked your entry in the three-ring binder by the mailboxes? Deadline is December 10. ~Nina Love

Refreshing Our Social Connections Wed., Dec. 15 - 10:00–11:30am Penn Room*

An ad hoc group will convene to brainstorm ways we can socialize in the new year. If you would like to join fellow residents interested in restoring our vibrant community, please contact Elizabeth Hole. There are limited spaces available. If you can't attend, Elizabeth will contribute your ideas to the discussion. You'll find activities you can help refine and implement in the January *Kendalight*.

Honoring the Legacy of an African American Abolitionist: The Campaign to Restore the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Mon., Dec. 6 - 7:15pm - AUD* and KOTV

Gary Kornblith and Carol Lasser, emeriti professors of history at Oberlin College, will tell the story of Wilson Bruce Evans and his family and their commitment to ending slavery in America. They will also explain the efforts of the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society to preserve the house he built in Oberlin and to make it a museum explaining the continuing struggle for Black freedom, racial equality, and social justice in America. The WBEHHS was formed in January 2021 with Gary as founding Board vice president and Carol as manager.

♪ Music at Kendal ♪

Sunday Chamber Music Open Rehearsal Sun., Dec. 5 - 4:00–5:00pm AUD*

Stop by and listen to this informal presentation by Kendal residents. It's a read-through (or rehearsal) for all to enjoy! If the auditorium is full, listen from the hallways and Heiser Lounge.

Joe Jencks, Folksinger Thurs., Dec. 9 - 7:15pm Zoom and KOTV

An internationally known folksinger and songwriter, Joe will offer a program featuring songs of the season, of the heart, of social justice, and of community connection.

From Carnegie Hall to festivals across the U.S. and Canada, he has become a fan favorite throughout North America and beyond. Joe's most recent solo CD is *Poets, Philosophers, Workers, and Wanderers*.

Co-founder of the harmony trio Brother Sun, Joe is also a dual U.S.-Irish citizen and has served as a Cultural Ambassador with the U.S. State Department.

Woodwind Quintet Sun., Dec. 12 - 2:30pm - AUD*

Oberlin Conservatory students will present music for five woodwind instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn).

Saturday Night Movies 7:15pm - KOTV

Dec. 4 - The Third Man (1949) Pulp novelist Holly Martins (Joseph Cotton) travels to postwar Vienna to see old friend Harry Lime (Orson Welles), only to find he has died mysteriously.

Dec. 18 - Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949) A distant poor relative of the Duke D'Ascoyne plots to inherit the title by murdering the eight heirs who stand ahead of him in the line of succession. Alec Guinness plays all eight!

Sunday Movies 7:00pm - WSCC

Dec. 5 - A Christmas Story (1983) Ralphie tries to convince his parents that a Red Ryder BB gun is the perfect Christmas gift.

Dec. 12 - An Affair to Remember (1957) A couple (Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr), both engaged to be married to others, fall in love on an ocean voyage, then part, but agree to meet in six months at the Empire State Building.

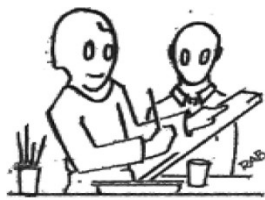
Dec. 19 - A Christmas Carol (1984) Ebenezer Scrooge (George C. Scott), an old bitter miser who rationalizes his uncaring nature, learns real compassion when three spirits visit him on Christmas Eve.

Dec. 26 - Christmas in Connecticut (1945) A magazine columnist (Barbara Stanwyck) panics when her boss invites himself and a war hero to her home for a traditional family Christmas.

Tuesday Themed Films 2:00pm - WSCC

Dec. 7 - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001) An orphaned boy enrolls in a school of wizardry, where he learns the truth about himself, his family, and the terrible evil that haunts the magical world.

Dec. 14 - The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe (2005) Four kids travel through a



Art Gallery News

The **Kendal Gallery** exhibits Bill Pappas' photography through December 6 when a show featuring works by a group of northeast Ohio LGBTQ artists from the Artists Archive of the Western Reserve will fill the Kendal Gallery.

A.V. Shirk will exhibit photos from his travels in the **Community Gallery** from December 11 to February 3. We will have a virtual Grand Tour with scenes from Arizona, Mexico, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Ohio, and California.

The current show, *The Art Committee Collects*, continues to brighten the **Friends Gallery** in the Stephens Care Center with art from the personal collections of committee members.

A colorful display of handmade *San-*

wardrobe to the land of Narnia and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion.

Dec. 21 - Elf (2005) Buddy (Will Ferrell), an orphan who grew up at the North Pole as an elf, runs away to NYC to visit his biological father.

Dec. 28 - Edward Scissorhands (1989) A man (Johnny Depp) who has scissors for hands leads a solitary life until a woman (Winona Ryder) meets him and introduces him to her world.

Thursday Movie Musicals 2:00pm - WSCC

Dec. 2 - On Moonlight Bay (1951) A teenage girl (Doris Day) begins a romance with a college student (Gordon MacRae), but his unconventional attitudes cause friction with her father.

Dec. 9 - Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey (2020) An imaginary world comes to life in a holiday tale of an

tons, or "Little Saints," now fills the **Curio Cabinet** in the Heiser entrance area. These small ceramic figures, many bearing gifts, are an enduring part of the Christmas celebration in millions of homes throughout France. A show of Inuit soapstone carvings from the collections of George Blomgren, Mary and Fred Behm, and Nina Love will follow.

The **Admissions Office Display Case** is now filled with Nancy Cecil's delightful collection of wooden music boxes.

As the year draws to a close, the Art Committee celebrates two major projects completed this year: the reinstallation of the Founders Quilt in the alcove off Heiser Lounge and the expansion of the wall space for the Community Gallery.

Members of the Committee are now busy working with the new Kendal art database which will appear on the new *kaores* web page and be searchable by residents.

eccentric toymaker, his adventurous granddaughter, and a magical invention that has the power to change their lives.

Dec. 16 - Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) A St. Louis lawyer's (Leon Ames) family (Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien) attends the 1903 World's Fair.

Dec. 23 - White Christmas (1954) A successful song-and-dance team (Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye) puts on a show with a sister act (Rosemary Clooney, Vera-Ellen).

Dec. 30 - Bundle of Joy (1956) Musical with Debbie Reynolds as a department store clerk who finds an abandoned baby, then discovers gossip-crazed coworkers thinks it's hers.

The Kendal cable channels are:

- **WKAO: 919, 19-1, OR 95-100**
- **KOTV: 920, 19-2, OR 95-101**
- **WSCC: 921, 20-1, OR 96-100**



The Program Committee is looking for a volunteer to assist Carol Harvey with the weekly updates to program reminders and Zoom links. The task involves cutting and pasting to a Word document and then sending the document out to the recipient email list. Would you be willing? ~*Shirley Taylor*

Suggestions and Concerns Mon., Dec. 13 - 2:00pm Crossroads Room*

Members of this committee will listen to your suggestion or concern in confidence (and privately, if you wish), discuss it with you, and refer the matter to the appropriate department head or committee chair. Questions? Contact chair Marjorie Porter.

2022 KORA Opportunity Fair's Coming!

Have you ever wondered how many KORA committees there are? A recent count shows 16 Standing committees, 11 Service Groups, 22 Interest Groups, and 6 Support Groups, not counting numerous subcommittees, for a grand total of 55! Do you wonder what all these different committees and groups do? And whether or not you'd like to be a part of one or two?

Plan to attend the 2022 KORA Opportunity Fair, tentatively scheduled for late January or early February, and meet members of these groups who will explain their activities and events. Watch WKOA and check the January *Kendalight* for further details. We'll see you there! ~*KORA Opportunity Fair Planning Committee*

Transportation News

The Transportation Committee is happy to announce new co-chairs for the Day Trip/Big Bus subcommittee. Kathy Hazelton and Gerry Findlan will now co-chair this committee, and Kendal residents can look forward to interesting new adventures for 2022. The Committee also would like to thank resident Louise Shoemaker for all her previous contributions to the Day Trip/Big Bus Subcommittee over the past years.

In addition, committee member Allen Huszti has arranged for bus transportation to Oberlin concerts for music-loving Kendal residents throughout the fall and winter.

Need to Change a Date for a Scheduled Event? Or Make Some Other Correction?? Notify *The Kendalight* and WKAO so we can update your announcement on the website or elsewhere!

Having trouble with the sound on KOTV? Please report this to the Heiser Reception Desk.

Training Resumes for End-of-Life Support

Now that Stephens Care Center has reopened, the Supporting Friends group is able to resume end-of-life support for residents and their families. In December, we will have a session to train residents who want to know more about this volunteer opportunity.

Watch for information in *The Kendalight* and on WKAO. ~*Margaret-Ann Ellis*

Important Recycling Updates

- **Glass** is no longer recyclable. Please place glass in the “trash” bin.
- Take **toothpaste tubes, brushes, and floss containers** to the Public Works Dept., Oberlin City Hall.
- Take **LED and compact fluorescent light bulbs** to one of these places:
 - Public Works Dept., Oberlin City Hall
 - Finance Dept., 69 S. Main Street
 - Watson Hardware, 26 S. Main Street
 - OMLPS, 280 S. Professor Street

~*Jerry Berner, Chair, Recycling*



Val the Volunteer

KENDAL RESALE SHOP

Benefitting Kendal Residents Assistance Fund (RAF) and Community Charities

SHOP!*

Wednesday–Saturday
11:00am–5:00pm
(closed Sunday–Tuesday)

DONATE!

Bring your donations of clean, gently-used, ready-to-wear clothing and usable household items to the box outside the shop, 24/7.

Given to RAF year-to-date:

Total contribution: \$30,431.



Event Links

- For “inside Kendal” program links, **contact Carol Harvey.**
- For “outside Kendal” community cultural and educational ad hoc events, **contact Barbara Gordon-Lickey.**



Art Card and Pottery Sale

**Thurs., Fri., and Sat., Dec. 2, 3, 4
Heiser Lounge**

Benefits Oberlin Community Services (OCS) to help meet the needs of our larger community

- Handmade in **Art Studio** or donated by Kendal residents (maybe a few surprises, too).
- Prices suggested but any donations welcomed.
- Bring cash or check to place in donation box (honor system).
- Pick up flyer for note card wording ideas, useful for many occasions.
- Warm the hearts of the persons needing OCS and those who hear from you.

A Soupleless Supper: Valuable Lessons Learned! Souper Supper Soup Pots Outside the Fox & Fell Mon., Tues., Wed. - December 6, 7, and 8



Remember that Souper Supper fundraiser that was supposed to happen for Oberlin Community Services on October 6, in honor of Kendal at Oberlin's anniversary?

KaO Dining Services was to serve a reduced cost meal and contribute the cost savings to OCS to feed folks who don't have enough food. We residents were going to make individual contributions to help out as well, right? BUT everything got postponed to a time when "in-person" dining could be restored, right? And we notified residents through *The Kendalight*, WKAO, and Barbara's Zoom, right?

BUT WE DIDN'T NOTIFY DINING SERVICES!!! 🤖

So Dining Services went ahead and prepared a reduced menu on October 6, leaving everyone with strangely limited choices for their take-out meal that day without knowing why!

Philosophically, perhaps we all accidentally got to experience a little bit of what food-challenged families face every day – not just LIMITED choices, but sometimes NO choice at all – and right here in Oberlin, right now, the staff of OCS is being faced with a record number of families in need of food support.

KaO Dining Services made their financial contribution to OCS on October 6. Now it's time for the rest of us to dig down in our wallets to see if we can't help OCS make life a little easier for folks who really need the help.

Please help fill the Souper Supper Soup Pots on the table outside the Fox & Fell and in Heiser Lounge, December 6–8. Think of this as an act of Thanksgiving! Your contribution will make a big difference.

~Carl Whitehouse, OCS Board Member



2021 Solstice: "Songs of the Season" Thursday, December 16 - 7:15pm AUD and KOTV

You are cordially invited to gather in the auditorium to watch this year's Solstice video, "Songs of the Season," on the "big screen."

This gathering will be limited to residents only, and we will be wearing masks as an added protection for others sitting close by. However, this welcome news does offer the opportunity, for those who choose it, to celebrate together, as we have done in years past.

Others will have the option of watching on KOTV in their own homes, perhaps inviting in some friends and neighbors to enjoy the evening together.

Printed programs will be placed in open mailboxes on Tuesday, December 14, along with a little holiday gift from the Program Committee. Those who come to the auditorium on December 16 should bring their own programs with them.

Please mark your calendars and plan to watch it, in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

~The Special Events Planning Group

Holiday Card Project



Send holiday cards to our Stephens Care Center friends and neighbors! It's easy!

- Find the table in Heiser Lounge with address labels for each SCC resident and a stack of cards.
- Take as many labels as you like.
- Choose cards or use your own, and add your extras to the stack for others to use.
- Alone or with a small group, write your holiday wishes to the SCC residents.
- Leave your completed cards in the special box under the table.

Send as many cards as you can!



Sharing Our Stories Returns!

Mon., Dec. 13, and Wed., Dec. 29 - 4:00–5:00pm - Zoom

Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, New Year’s – these words stir emotions, memories, and hopes – a holiday spirit. To enhance that holiday spirit for residents in the Stephens Care Center, once again both Independent Living and SCC residents will share personal holiday stories and memories in two Zoom sessions facilitated by resident Phyllis Gorfain.

Last year, we were amazed how moving our simple stories were! You will enjoy coming just to hear others’ stories – but, you might just end up saying, “Oh, that reminds me of the time when...” and you’ll be sharing a story too.

Here are some prompts to kick us off (participants will introduce other topics too): “Learning something new about thanks at Thanksgiving;” “How my Covid Thanksgiving last year was special;” “The first time I bought a present for a family member with my own money;” “A treasured decoration or other item that I love” (and maybe show it?).

Please join us! You are welcome to participate in one or both session. See WKAO for the link.

Messiah Sing-Along Sun., Dec. 12 - 7:00pm - AUD

Join the chorus in the annual Messiah Sing-Along conducted by Peter Slowik at Finney Chapel, livestreamed at Kendal. Sign up to sing on list by mailboxes or just come and watch. Questions? Contact Anne Palmer or Anne Martin.

Marimba Christmas Sun., Dec. 19 - 3:30pm - WSCC

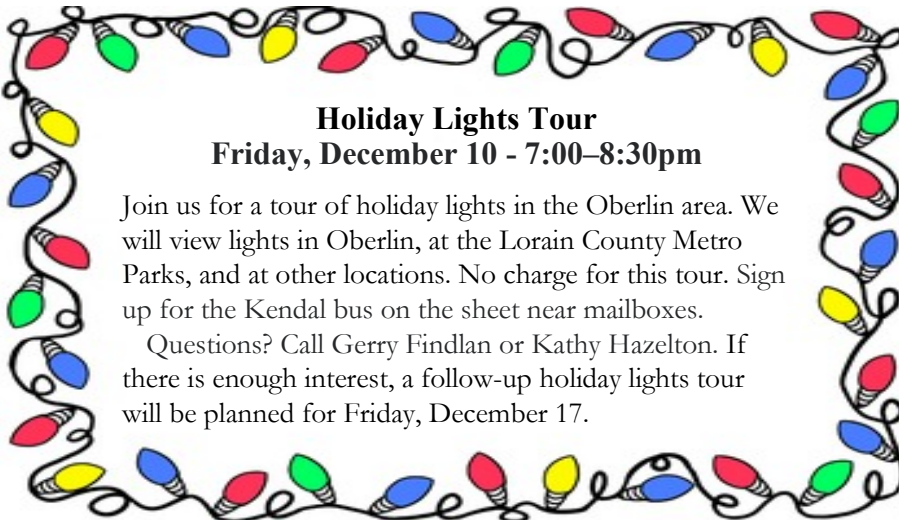
For many years Michael Rosen, Professor of Percussion at Oberlin Conservatory, and his percussion students performed seasonal songs in the Heiser Lounge. Marimbas, xylophones, drums, lyres, rattles, and various other instruments entertained us. Last year he recorded the program for us. Enjoy it once again. *(Recorded in 2020.)*

Marimba Program Wed., Dec. 22 - 3:00pm- WSCC

SCC music therapist Jara Dell shares favorite holiday musical selections on the marimba, along with some education about the instrument and how it is played. *(Recorded in 2020.)*

Kendal Karolers to Sing

Carolers will meet at the Heiser Reception Desk at 6:30pm to sing indoors only, in the apartment building and Stephens Care Center. Contact Robin Lauren for the date.



Holiday Lights Tour Friday, December 10 - 7:00–8:30pm

Join us for a tour of holiday lights in the Oberlin area. We will view lights in Oberlin, at the Lorain County Metro Parks, and at other locations. No charge for this tour. Sign up for the Kendal bus on the sheet near mailboxes.

Questions? Call Gerry Findlan or Kathy Hazelton. If there is enough interest, a follow-up holiday lights tour will be planned for Friday, December 17.

Upcoming Moves

Helmut Jungschaffer and Lori Taylor from Oberlin, OH, in early January.

Mary Joy Leaper from Wilton, CT, in late January.

Recent Move-Ins

Didi Bowditch and Lois Schmidt from West Chester, PA, in early November.

Recent Transfers

Carl Gerber to Patterson in early November.

Lynn Ayres to a different cottage in early December.

Kendal Kryptogram #201 – by Nina Love

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CZQJ NE CDBDLADQ, Z LZFBZK

SGHMF ZMC RVDDS SN QDLDLADQ.

~NKHUdq GDQENqC

Solution to Kryptogram #200: November comes and November goes with the last red berries and the first white snows. *~Clyde Watson*



Strategic Planning Committee Update

Kendal at Oberlin strategic planning for 2022–2026 has entered another stage this month. In November seven drafting teams produced initial draft documents for each of seven strategic goals. These documents provide goal statements with accompanying strategies, sub-strategies, and initiatives needed to accomplish each goal.

By the beginning of December these draft goal documents will have been presented to the Strategic Planning Committee. Then the committee will begin assembling, editing, and writing the final plan. This final phase of the work will include opportunities for testing the plan with the KaO Board of Directors, staff, the resident community, and other constituents. The completed Strategic Plan 2022–2026 is to be presented to the Kendal Board at its March 2022 meeting.

*~Gary Olin, Vice Chair,
Strategic Planning Committee*

Looking for Someone?

You'll find profiles of all residents, newcomers and old-timers, in "Who's Here" on the library center bookcase.

Where to Find Contact Info

- **Kendal at Oberlin Directory**, printed and distributed each year in February.
- **KaO PDF Directory**, distributed via email to all residents.
- **Bulletin Board**, near photos of new residents. Make these corrections and additions to your printed directory.
- **Online Resident Directory**, in the resident database (www.kaores.net), click "Directory." Note: you must either be on the Resident WiFi network or be logged in to access this information.



Smart Giving!

2021 Taxes and Changes for Year-End Planning

Wed., Dec. 8 - 4:00pm - KOTV

Vance DeBouter, local CPA and a community member of KaO's Finance Committee and Audit & Compliance Committee, will talk with Grace Tompos and Tom Konkoly in a pre-recorded program about 2021 year-end tax planning. Vance will offer items to consider plus remind us of opportunities for planning that occur every year.

~The Kendal Philanthropy Committee, in the series "Tax-Wise Giving"



Library Notes

This year has been literally rich for our library as we enjoyed some rare grants and gifts, starting with a KORA grant from funds not spent during the pandemic. It enabled us to acquire three items far outside our normal expenditures: a returns box for convenient and secure return of library materials; a set of nested display tables for larger and more attractive displays than the old typewriter table; and a new computer and printer to replace one nearing the end of its life expectancy. In addition, Diantha Paré donated a magnifying reader that improves on the old one.

The book collection was improved by the LGBTQ+ Group's gift, supported by a KORA grant, of recent, award-winning books on topics that have evolved so dramatically in our lifetimes. These were on display in June and are marked on the shelves by the LGBTQ rainbow labels. LGBTQ+ Group also provided a bibliography for the library, while Robert Taylor donated a dictionary of gay writers, both in the Reference Collection.

Then came a gift by an Oberlin resi-

dent in appreciation for Mack Peel's course on the literature of the Bible. KORA passed it on to the library for books on religion generally (not limited to Christianity). With the addition of six new gift-funded reference books plus others given by members of the Library Committee, our Reference Collection now is exceptionally strong in guides to all major world religions. Circulating books on religion have been expanded by the addition of books by authors respected for both knowledge of scholarship and readability, such as Karen Armstrong on topics ranging from Genesis to the Crusades to the origins of religious traditions, Diarmaid MacCulloch on the Reformation and on the place of silence in Christian history, Geza Vermes and Paula Frederiksen on the origins of Christianity in Jesus and Paul, and David D. Hall's transatlantic history of the Puritans. Several of these will be included in our December display of books on the perennially challenging subject of Jesus. Who was he? What did he really teach? How did an obscure itinerant preacher become the source of a major religion that inspires the December celebration of his birth?

~Mary Clare Beck

Climate Query



Did you know that Senator Sheldon Whitehouse has secured support for a carbon tax in the reconciliation bill from 49 of the 50 Democratic Senators?

Even Senator Krysten Sinema is on board (Senator Joe Manchin is undeclared at the moment). Urge Senator Brown (202-224-2315) to continue supporting a price on carbon, the only way to reduce emissions 50% by 2030.

**From the John Bartram Arboretum:
Hazel Alder or Smooth Alder
(*Alnus serrulata*)**

The native hazel or smooth alder is a wonderful new addition to our arboretum. Such alders have been planted in the Woods at 8, the Woodland Garden, and the Buttonbush Woods. They like to grow in very wet spots, which we have in our open woods. Most often allowed to grow in a multi-trunk form, as they are found in nature, they become thicket-forming, growing 10–15 feet tall.

They are deciduous. In the late winter slim yellow-green male flowers and red female flowers show on the same stem. The female flower is wind-pollinated; the copper brown seed it produces matures in the fall, and stays on through the winter. The fall leaf color is yellow and orange.



Residents Lillie and Nick Long net hazel alder in the Buttonbush Woods.

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www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

Native to eastern North America, it is from the family *Betulaceae* which includes birches, other alders, hazels, and hornbeams, numbering some 160 spe-

cies. It is known to be a good wildlife plant, being a pollinator, a larval host, and a friend to butterflies and birds

Though free from serious insect or disease problems, it is highly susceptible to deer damage, according to North Carolina State University.

Without getting your feet wet, from our Buttonbush Bridge you can see five alders, which have been netted to protect them from deer damage. The netting work done by Kendal volunteers is our effort to prevent that.

It's a joy to add these alders to our arboretum!

~Anne Helm for the Arboretum Committee

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 **Smart Giving! Endowing Our Trees**

Kendal residents Anne and Jim Helm and their family always loved trees. They traipsed the woods and walked the streets lined with American elms in Elmhurst, IL, where Anne grew up and Jim and Anne went to college. But by Jim's 25th college reunion, the elms were gone, killed by Dutch elm disease. How sad. Yet Anne laughs, remembering that Jim's home movies of the kids mostly featured trees in the yard of their Lincoln Street home in Oberlin.

"Later," says Anne, "we realized the importance of biodiversity. Trees are important to many living things: food, protecting the quality of air, cooling the environment, and carbon sequestration."

In 2015, Anne and Jim decided to establish an Endowed Fund for the Kendal arboretum.



John Bartram (1699-1777), 19th Century illustration by Howard Pyle.

The fund will grow with additional tax-free contributions that will help Kendal support the arboretum in the future.

Jim died unexpectedly shortly after. Anne continues the work with the arboretum committee to increase awareness of trees and plants on Kendal's acreage. "It's more about the trees than about us," says Anne. "We're more conscious now of what plantings should go where. We're adding more

trees, saving money by moving them, helping wildlife, and getting rid of invasive plants such as buckthorn. We even have a certified arborist on the grounds crew." The John Bartram Arboretum has been certified by Arbnet, an international community of "Arboreta and tree-focused professionals." Requirements for a certified arboretum include education and tours, increasing varieties of trees includ-

ing non-natives, while considering the size of trees and their locations.

The Endowed Fund perpetuates our mission to be a model of responsible urban arboriculture and to engage and educate residents and the broader community. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are a thoughtful way to strengthen the sustaining roots of the John Bartram Arboretum.

~The Kendal Philanthropy Committee

IN MEMORIAM

MAXWELL "MAX" MORGAN
OCTOBER 27, 2021

SALLY ENGASS
OCTOBER 29, 2021

BARBARA HARTMANN
NOVEMBER 7, 2021

DAYTON LIVINGSTON
NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Saturday Walks

From now through March, those desiring to walk off the Kendal campus should meet outside the Heiser main entrance at 9:00am every Saturday. We will decide whether to walk that day (depending on weather) and carpool to the chosen destination. The walks are leisurely, about 1–3 miles, and generally scenic.

Questions? Contact Phil Pritchett.

Table Tennis Has Returned

Regular hours for table tennis have been set for Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Heiser Auditorium.

One table continues to be set up for play in the Stephens Care Center.

Come and play! All are welcome!

And Pickleball Has Arrived

The sign-up sheet for pickleball resulted in a long list of names. Oberlin's Dr. Roy Ebihara, who is organizing pickleball, will be getting in touch soon with all these interested residents

~Sidney Rosenfeld, Co-Chair,
Sports and Recreation Committee



Although we are still dealing with the effects of Covid, we can find joy in this holiday season by remembering our friends in the Stephens Care Center. Another card project will be available with labels for SCC residents. And taking a friend in the SCC to a meal during the holiday season or just going for a walk with them is a great way to bring joy and STAY CONNECTED.

Dementia Friendly Discussion Group

Fri., Dec. 17 - 10:30am
Green Room*

All are welcome!

Are You Keeping Track of Your Volunteer Hours?

Kendal at Oberlin tries to exemplify Quaker values such as “volunteerism” and “service.” In January 2022 you will receive a form in your open mailbox asking you to guesstimate the hours you have volunteered in 2021.

When you receive your form, please return it promptly to Box 121. A copy of the form will also be posted on the Volunteer Bulletin Board this month.

Questions? Place them in Box 121.
~Volunteer Clearing House Committee



Nature Sightings

9/16/21–11/13/21

9/16, 17 Turkey Vultures circling over lot 2, Maureen Bailey (Hskp); 9/20, American Woodcock in road near lot 8, Greg Wilgor (FS); 9/27, Woolly Bear Caterpillar walking by lot 6, Anne Martin; 9/28, Belted Kingfisher, Farmer Pond near Troll Bridge, Anne M.; 9/29, 5 Bluebirds, east side of Farmer Pond, Prudy Hall; 10/4, Kingfisher fishing on Farmer Pond, Larry Porter; 10/5, Crane Flies arriving a month late in Kendal grass areas, Larry P.; 10/5, 15-20 Chimney Swifts foraging near lot 2, Maureen B.; 10/5, Bald Eagle circling sky above Kendal, Larry P.; 10/7, Song Sparrow singing at employee entrance, Maureen B.; 10/17, Woolly Bear Caterpillar crossing road at lot 11, Mary Clare Beck; 10/20, Slate-Collared Junco, near #65, Larry P.; 10/21, 7 female Turkeys, roadway near Phase I, Anne Helm; 11/25, Flock of Dark-Eyed Juncos, near #16, Maureen B.; 11/1, Belted Kingfisher near Troll Bridge, Anne M.; 11/7, Mallard Ducks, But-tonbush Pond, Anne H.; 11/13, Deer, in front of #102, Elizabeth Hole.

Did You Know?

You can call 775-9868 to hear announcements and menus of the day.

U Gathering: Cultivating Resilience with Rev. Mary Grigolia on hiatus for December

How do we stay centered and open to life's resilience in trying times? How do we shape our minds toward well-being?

Join us again in January 2022 to share strategies for cultivating resilience and to remind ourselves how vibrant and adaptable we can be.

Sunday Church Services

First Church in Oberlin UCC
10:00am, WSCC

Oberlin Friends Meeting
10:30am, Zoom

Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
11:00am, Zoom

Roman Catholic Mass
St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
11:15am, WSCC

Christ Episcopal Church
12:30pm, WSCC, YouTube

The Kendalight

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- If no email access, please type article on separate sheet, sign, and place in *The Kendalight* open mailbox.
- All articles must carry a signature and telephone number.



Dining and Nutrition Services



Dining Matters

Before the December 19 start date, we will be selecting our dining tier for a three-month quarter. We want to remind you that the expected price increase of approximately 25% for the individual food items will begin on that date.

From then on, the prices of the food items that make up the average meal (a soup or salad, an entrée, two sides, a dessert and a beverage) will approximate the number of dining dollars you are allocated for a meal. Make your tier selection accordingly. Your dining dollars will not stretch as far as they did previously.

The staff member who is responsible for most aspects of billing on campus works part-time. She had the added responsibility of recording all residents' tier choices every month throughout the trial periods as we became accus-

tomated to the tier system. To lessen that extra demand, we are now implementing Choice Meal Plan selection on a quarterly basis, as was intended once we became familiar with the concepts of tiers and dining dollars.

Those who select the 30-meal tier are able to use the traditional travel policy for dining reimbursement. Before traveling, you must complete the paperwork indicating the days you will be away from campus. When you are off campus for 14 consecutive days or more, you will be refunded the raw food costs for meals for those days, as long as you do not spend the dining dollars that were allocated for those away meals while you are on campus.

If there is an unusual situation (hospitalization, temporary stay in the Stephens Care Center, extended out-of-town emergency), changes to your selected tier for the quarter can be granted on an individual basis.

Meet a Dining Star: Selena Duncan-Rosado

Selena's dad was in the military, so she spent several years in Japan and learned Japanese. She now lives in south Lorain, and this month she will finish her Associate degree at Lorain County Community College. She plans to go on to Ohio State to study education and hopes to teach upper-level grades and also ESL (English as a Second Language). Selena has received a coveted Pell grant to help her attain these goals.

After watching a friend draw a few years ago, she decided she would try it. She has explored art in many areas but loves oil painting. She hasn't much spare time but played basketball on a co-ed team and was the only girl!

Other people and other perspectives always interest her. She says she "won't settle for mediocrity!" Reading a lot and being organized are another side to her. Her motto is "Education and learning are the way of the future!"

Selena loves working at Kendal and said that this job has taught her a lot.

You will really enjoy talking to her!

Priscilla Steinberg interviews one of our Dining Services staff each month on behalf of the Dining Matters Committee.

English Country Dancing

Sundays - 7:15pm
Heiser Auditorium
Contact: Judy Cook.

Square Dancing

Tuesdays - 4:00pm
Heiser Auditorium
Contact: Jeanne Berger.



AA for You? Saturdays, 7:00pm - Ed. Bldg.

Try out the resident-led Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Saturdays at Kendal, for residents only! Contact Kim Peters kpeters@kao.kendal.org (440-776-5016) or Kim Preston, kpreston@kao.kendal.org (440-775-9813).

Grief Support Group

Tues., Dec. 28 - 10:00am – Green Room*

Now that pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we meet together in the Green Room on the fourth Tuesday of the month, facilitated by licensed social worker Melissa Thompson. Our group is inclusive to anyone who has experienced a significant loss, not only for those who have experienced a loss of a loved one. Residents can gather with others who also have experienced a loss and are looking for support, encouragement, and information to help cope during this difficult time of change and transition.

For more information, contact Melissa (mktompson@kao.kendal.org), Kim Preston (kpreston@kao.kendal.org), or Kim Peters (kpeters@kao.kendal.org).

Centering Sessions Return Mondays - 11:00am - WSCC

Once again, you have the opportunity to join weekly sessions with psychologist Indira Palekar on WSCC.

In addition, many of her sessions are recorded by Kendal for use at your convenience. See https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrQ1HFd99-AWDMH_noC6e2loI8bTtTB7

Low Vision Support Group will not meet in December.

Join us again in 2022.



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| <p><u>First Church Service</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>RC Mass</u> 11:15am WSCC</p> <p><u>Christ Episcopal Service</u> 12:30pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Jazz with Nate</u> 2:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Film (see page 4)</u> 7:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>English Country Dancing</u> 7:15pm AUD</p> | <p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Centering Program</u> 11:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Documentary</u> 7:00pm WSCC</p> | <p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Themed Film (see p. 4)</u> 2:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Square Dancing</u> 4:00pm AUD</p> <p><u>Downton Abbey</u> 7:00pm WSCC</p> | <p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>News Currents</u> 3:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>SCC Council</u> 4:00pm WSCC 12/1 & 12/15</p> <p><u>Song Swap</u> 7:00pm Zoom, KOTV 12/8 & 12/22</p> | <p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Musical Film (see p. 4)</u> 2:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Great Courses</u> 7:00pm WSCC</p> | <p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Art History</u> 2:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Ken Burns Baseball</u> 3:00pm WSCC</p> | <p><u>Saturday Walk</u> 9:00am Heiser</p> <p><u>Book Reading</u> 1:30pm WSCC</p> <p><u>AA for You?</u> 7:00pm Ed Ctr</p> <p><u>Film (see page 4)</u> 7:15pm KOTV</p> |
| <h1 style="color: red;">December 2021</h1> <p>Zoom: See kaores.net and click "Calendar" for link.</p> <p>KOTV: Cable 920, 19-2, or 95-101</p> <p>WSCC: Cable 921, 20-1, or 96-100</p> | | | <p>1</p> <p>Chanukah Continues See p. 1 </p> | <p>2</p> <p>Faculty Recital The Oberlin Trio 7:30pm Kulas </p> | <p>3</p> <p>Oberlin Orch. et al. 7:30pm Finney </p> | <p>4</p> <p>Met Opera HD <i>Eurydice</i> 1:00pm Apollo </p> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | Souper | | Supper Soup Pots - outside F&F | | | |
| | Restoring Wilson Bruce Evans Home 7:15pm AUD, KOTV | Roe v. Wade Panel 10:30am-12:00pm Zoom, KOTV | Coffee Hour with BT 9:30am F&F, Zoom, KOTV | KORA Council 10:00am AUD, KOTV | Holiday Lights Tour 7:00-8:30pm  | |
| | | Faculty/Guest Recital Richard Hawkins, clarinet Verona String Quartet 7:30pm Kulas  | 2021 Taxes and Changes for Year- End Planning 4:00pm KOTV | Joe Jencks, Folksinger 7:15pm Zoom, KOTV | All-Beethoven Program 7:30pm Finney  | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Woodwind Quintet 2:30pm AUD | Suggestions, Concerns 2:00pm Crossroads | | Refreshing Our Social Connections 10:00-11:30am Penn | | Dementia Friendly Discussion Group 10:30am Green Rm | Oberlin Chamber Singers 2:30pm Fairchild  |
| OC Conservatory Messiah Sing-Along (Livestream) 7:00pm AUD | Sharing Our Stories 4:00-5:00pm Zoom | Faculty/Guest Recital Richard Hawkins, clarinet Verona String Quartet 7:30pm Kulas  | Kendal Newcomers 4:00pm KOTV |  Winter Solstice Celebration 7:15pm AUD, KOTV | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas |
| Marimba Christmas 3:30pm WSCC | | | Jara Stull on Marimba 3:00pm WSCC | | |  |
| Musical Union 7:30pm Finney  | | | Exchange with BT 4:00pm AUD, KOTV | | Christmas Eve Gathering 7:15pm HL | |
| 26 Boxing Day | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Kwanzaa Begins  | | Grief Support Group 10:00am Green Rm | | | | |
| Revisit <i>A Child's Christmas in Wales</i> and Christmas Eve 2020 3:00pm WSCC | | | Sharing Our Stories 4:00-5:00pm Zoom | | New Year's Eve Celebration 7:00pm AUD, KOTV | |

* For links and last-minute changes in location, transportation, and restrictions, see WKAO and the KORA Calendar.