

# The Kendalight

Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

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## December 2024 Events

*See pages 8-9 as well as WKAO for details and more events!*

**Winter Solstice, Sat., Dec. 14, 7:15pm, AUD and KOTV**  
(See article on the right.)

**Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24, 7:15pm, Heiser Lounge** Gather in front of the fireplace to sing carols with Dianne Haley at the piano. Enjoy music of the season with Nelson Cleary and the Kendal Strings, as well as Allen Huszti. Nina Love joins Dianne at the

piano for the finale! 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!

**Chanukah Blessings, Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 5:00pm, Heiser Lounge and WSCC**  
(See p. 8.)

**New Year's Eve, Tues., Dec. 31, 7:00pm, AUD** Celebrate with popcorn, a humorous movie, and the countdown to the new year, on Kendal time. Sing *Auld Lang Syne* and join the contra and line dancing with Jan Larsen and Dan Reiber. No partner required. Contact Dan Reiber.

**Winter Solstice: Every Day Is Earth Day!**  
**Sat., Dec. 14 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV**



**Refreshments afterwards in the Fox and Fell**

This year's Winter Solstice theme, "Every Day Is Earth Day," focuses on our need to protect our fragile and endangered Earth. The program will begin with photos of structures created by indigenous peoples to mark the winter and summer solstices, like Stonehenge and Machu Picchu.

This reflects how they lived as part of nature, and we will explore how we can learn from them. We will use the beauty and wisdom of the Native Americans' understanding of the web of life to help guide us as we commit to creating a more sustainable world.

The program will include songs by the Kendal Choir, the Bel Canto ringers, and the Stephens Care Center Bell Choir, several solos, and a number of readings.

Gather afterward in the Fox and Fell to enjoy refreshments. If you would like to bring something to share, please leave it on the tables set up near the Café. Don't forget vegan and gluten- and sugar-free goodies!



## Annual Holiday CommUnity Luncheon Tues., Dec. 10 - 11:30am-1:15pm Fox and Fell

All, both residents and staff, are invited to enjoy a festive meal provided by Dining Services and are asked to bring one of their favorite holiday desserts to share with everyone. We will enjoy great Kendal fellowship and music of the season as a pleasant background to a much-loved KaO event.

*~Toni Merleno, Director of HR & Operational Services*



## SCC Renovations Celebration

**Fri., Dec. 13 - 2:30pm-4:00pm**

Join us for the official opening of our remodeled Stephens Care Center spaces.

**COFFEE HOUR WITH  
SETH VILENSKY**

**WED., DEC. 11 - 9:30AM  
LANGSTON, ZOOM, KOTV**

**NO DECEMBER  
AFTERNOON EXCHANGE  
WITH  
SETH VILENSKY**



As usual, in 2024 our community's life has been filled with informative classes, inspiring music, new neighbors, and deepening friendships. Inevitably, the waning year has also brought losses and disappointments which we've weathered together. Sharing our joys and sorrows is one of the great benefits of living at Kendal.

This December brings me to the end of my second and final year as president of the Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a privilege and an honor; and it has taught me valuable lessons about what makes our beloved community so special. Two years ago, at the beginning of my first term, I could not have imagined the journey upon which we all were about to embark. The announcement by Barbara Thomas about her retirement set in motion two years' worth of unprecedented experiences for us as residents, and me as president.

Seth Vilensky, our new CEO, has surpassed every expectation as he has become a beloved friend and a trusted leader of our community.

Congratulations to the new KORA officers and councilors who will continue the amazing Kendal collaboration that will make 2025 our best year ever.

Happy Holidays! Thank you for sharing the joy through your contributions to the Employee Holiday Appeal to help our amazing staff have a happy celebration!

~Rollin Conway, KORA President 2024



**Next KORA  
Council Meeting  
Thurs., Dec. 12  
10:00am - AUD, KOTV**

## Lifelong Learning Classes at Kendal

The January and February courses will be offered only in Heiser Auditorium. Doors will close at 10:35am. Please register for these classes by contacting Kari Inglis.

**Albrecht Dürer: Artist as Creator and Entrepreneur. Tues., Dec. 10 and 17; 10:30am-noon.** Lecturer Erik Inglis is Mildred C. Jay Professor of Art at Oberlin College, where he teaches medieval art history. This is a webinar hosted by the Allen Memorial Art Museum in partnership with Kendal's Lifelong Learning Program. To receive a link from the museum to join the webinar, you must register at the museum's website: [amam.oberlin.edu/durer-webinar](http://amam.oberlin.edu/durer-webinar). While registering, be sure to answer the questions to identify Kendal registrants. If questions arise about registering, please contact Mary Van Nortwick.

**Session 1: The Artist as Creator and Entrepreneur.** This talk will introduce Dürer as an artist and printmaker, concentrating on the artistic and entrepreneurial innovations that made him a pivotal figure in art history.

**Session 2: Family Man.** Families are an important aspect of Dürer's art. He portrayed members of his own family and maintained their historical records. Families also appear frequently in his prints, from the Holy Family of Jesus to the extended family tree of his patron, Maximilian, to generic representations of peasant and Turkish families.

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**Music for Indigenous Survival. Tues., Jan. 21 and 28; 10:30am-noon.**

Jennifer Fraser, Oberlin College Conservatory of Music Professor, uses music to open a window of understanding into the fight for Indigenous survival. We explore music as a builder of community and resilience to music as an articulation of sonic sovereignty. We listen to carefully selected tracks for the ways political messages are encoded in music. Questions addressed include the following: What role does music play in social movements? What genres of music are most effective at conveying social and political messages? What is the fit between message, medium, and audience in art? Ultimately, how do Indigenous musicians, artists, and activists use music to fight for survivance (survival and resilience). This course is co-sponsored by Kendal's Indigenous Issues Interest Group.

**Session 1: Building Community through Music.** Powwows and the Red Power Movement.

**Session 2: Sounding Sovereignty.** From hip hop to free jazz.

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**Take Us Out to the Ball Game. Tues., Feb. 4, 11, and 18; 10:30am-noon.**

Michael A. Walczak, Advisor to the Society for American Baseball Research Administration. In the PBS documentary, Ken Burns' *Baseball*, James Earl Jones stated that "sophisticated statistical analysis now affects every facet of Major League Baseball." This course will examine these new tools employed by general managers, managers, and others to evaluate major league performance. Questions addressed include: Do clutch hitters actually exist? Can a team's performance be predicted before the season starts? Are modern players as good as the old-timers? How do we evaluate managers?

**Session 1: 'This Game is Boring.'** Knowledge Continuum and Defensive Spectrum; introduction to Bill James.

**Session 2: The New Basic Statistics.** The Pythagorean Theorem.

**Session 3: Who Are These Guys?** Old Players vs. New Players.

## Kendal Health Lecture on Hiatus until January 2025

## KaO Health Services Forum Schedule for 2025

- Wed., February 19
- Wed., May 21
- Wed., August 20
- Wed., November 12

Each Forum is at 4:00pm in Heiser Auditorium and on KOTV. Email suggestions for Forum topics to Stacy Terrell at [sterrell@kao.kendal.org](mailto:sterrell@kao.kendal.org).

~Stacy Terrell, Chief Health Services Officer

## Community Conversations Along the Silk Road Thurs., Dec. 26 - 7:15pm AUD, KOTV

Loren Gerlach (resident Marjorie Porter's son) will speak about the seven weeks he spent this past spring traversing the Silk Road across Uzbekistan and northern Tajikistan. His program includes photos of some extraordinary people, architecture, and scenery.

Loren's previous slide show presentations at Kendal have featured his travels in the Andes and Africa.

## Oberlin Theater: *Dracula* Sun., Dec. 8 - 2:00pm - OC's Wurtzel Theatre 🚌

The first 25 residents who sign up for the Kendal bus will receive complimentary tickets for reserved seats in the first row. Playwrights Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston bring Bram Stoker's novel to life in a gripping play that enacts a father seeking to save his daughter from an undiagnosable ailment. The action begins in Dr. Seward's sanatorium in the English countryside. A mysterious disease has overtaken the doctor's daughter, Lucy, who is losing blood night after night and tormented by horrific dreams. Lucy's father and fiancé cannot save her until Van Helsing, a brilliant doctor of rare diseases, detects the distinctive touch of a vampire. Galvanized by this danger to Lucy's body and soul, the three seek to discover and destroy the monster, who just may be the Transylvanian Count Dracula from a nearby estate. Directed by OC Associate Professor of Theater Chris Flaharty. Sign up for the Kendal bus. Performances of the play are scheduled on Thurs., Dec. 5, Fri., Dec. 6, Sat., Dec. 7, at 7:30pm; Sat., Dec. 7, Sun., Dec. 8 at 2:00pm. Senior tickets are \$8. Call Central Ticket Office: 440-775-8169.

## Lunch Bunch: Main Street Grille Wed., Dec. 11 - 11:30am 🚌

The Main Street Grille serves a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, wraps, as well as fish and chips, quesadillas, and tacos. Kendal bus leaves at 11:30am from Heiser. Bus is free; lunch is on your own. Questions? Ask Jerry Knapczyk.

We welcome feedback about your Lunch Bunch experience: What did you like, didn't like, how could it be improved.

Please leave comments in Box 105.

## Time for the Audubon Christmas Bird Count

The 125th annual international Christmas Bird Count for this region is coming up on December 14. Last year, 83,000 volunteers worldwide, including a Kendal group, participated in CBC.

Do you like to listen to, observe, identify, count, feed, take photos of birds? Join the Kendal Birdwatchers E-list (no meetings). Newcomers welcome. No experience needed, just interest! All residents welcome (some staff are participants, too).

Come join us to share ideas and information and help out with bird counts such as the CBC. Contact Anne Martin or Betsy Baumbach.



## 🎵 Live Music at Kendal 🎵

Sun., Dec. 1, No concert.

Note date and time:

**Thurs., Dec 5, 7:15 pm, AUD only**

The Verona Quartet coaches this group of OC Arts & Sciences College Students (not Conservatory) who will play varied chamber pieces.

**Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00pm, AUD** Lorain County Community College Concert Band Brass Quintet. The program will include some holiday music.

**Sun., Dec. 15, 4:00pm, AUD** The Sax Machine community saxophone quartet will play holiday music.

**Sun., Dec. 22, 4:00pm, AUD** Piano recital by the Ada Duo: recent Oberlin Conservatory graduates AiTong Zhang and Jaiming Li.

**Sun., Dec. 29, 4:00pm, AUD** Oberlin Conservatory student Zhiduo Wang will perform a piano recital.

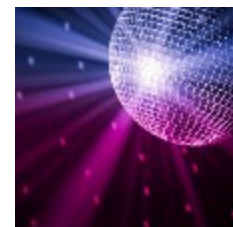
## Music from the Verona Quartet Mon., Dec. 9 - 7:15 pm - AUD

The world-famous Verona Quartet, in residence at the Oberlin Conservatory, will perform Beethoven Quartets Op. 18 no. 5 and Op. 130.

## Blue Fiasco at Klub Kendal Fri., Dec. 13 - 7:00pm AUD, KOTV

Resident George Cyphers is a member of this jazz band which entertains in bars and restaurants around northern Ohio.

Listen to a selection of lively music as you sit cabaret-style at tables in Heiser Auditorium. There will be a disco ball above a small dance floor. We'll serve lemon water. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.



## Saturday Night Movies 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV

With opening and closing commentary by Ken Cheek followed by discussion in the auditorium.

**Dec. 7 - Amish Grace (2010)** When a gunman killed five Amish children and injured five others in a Nickel Mines, PA, schoolhouse shooting in 2006, media attention rapidly turned from the tragic events to the extraordinary forgiveness demonstrated by the Amish community.

**Dec. 14 - SOLSTICE PROGRAM**  
See p. 1.

**Dec. 21 - A Christmas Carol (1951)** Alister Sim, Jack Warner, Kathleen Harrison. Ebenezer Scrooge, a curmudgeonly, miserly businessman, has no time for sentimentality and largely views Christmas as a waste of time. However, this Christmas Eve, he will be visited by three spirits who will show him the error of his ways.

**Dec. 28 - Tokyo Godfathers (2003)** Adult Animation Japanese with subtitles. Christmas in Tokyo, Japan. Three homeless friends: a young girl, a trans woman, and a middle-aged bum. While foraging through some trash, they find an abandoned newborn. Hana, the trans woman with frustrated dreams of being a mother, convinces the others to keep it overnight. The next day, using a key found with the baby, they start tracking down the parents, with many adventures along the way.

**Introverts Unite!**  
Contact Suzanne McDougal

**For movie descriptions and details, see [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).**

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

## Art Gallery News

The next **Kendal Gallery** show will be *Retrospection: Selected Works by Jean Kondo Weigl*, a collection of paintings and works on paper from Jean's five-decade career. Jean, an Oberlin resident, was recently accepted into the Artists Archives of the Western Reserve. This show will be the Gallery's annual collaboration with the Archives. It goes up on Dec. 10, and her Artist's Talk will be on Fri., Jan. 14, at 4:00pm in the Auditorium and on KOTV.

Randall James' *Collages* will be in the **Friends Gallery** until mid-December. His Artist's Talk is on Thurs., Dec. 5, at 4:00pm in the Auditorium, and on KOTV.

The **Community and Friends Galleries** will combine to show *Reflections*, large-scale photographs on metal by J (Joan) Pogalies from Dec. 14 through

Feb. 6. Living on the shores of Lake Erie, Pogalies documents common scenes and objects arranged in uncommon ways to present curious perspectives. She wants to show the changing natural beauty around us, sparking joy and curiosity and inspiring a responsible community.

The **Curio Cabinet** continues to show thimbles and pincushions from collections of seven Kendal residents as well as two friends from Oberlin. The annual holiday exhibit will be installed in the cabinet mid-December.

A new exhibit of Hopi and Navajo Kachinas from the collection of Ted Nowick and Robert Taylor will go on display in the **Marketing Office Display Window** in early December.

If you have any art glass you might loan for 4-6 weeks to the art committee for a show in the locked curio cabinet, please contact Nina Love.

## Sunday Movies 7:00pm - WSCC

Sunday Movies are shown in the SCC Gathering Room in addition to being shown on WSCC.

**Dec. 1 - Christmas in Connecticut (1945)**

**Dec. 8 - A Christmas Carol (1938)**

**Dec. 15 - The Shop Around the Corner (1940)**

**Dec. 22 - Home Alone (1990)**

**Dec. 29 - Our (Almost Completely True) Love Story (2023)**

## Monday Documentaries 1:00pm - WSCC

**Dec. 2 - Let It Snow! (2017)**

**Dec. 9 - Winter Wonderland (2014)**

**Dec. 16 - The Lake at the Bottom of the World (2023)**

**Dec. 23 - Christmas with Walt Disney (2009)**

**Dec. 30 - Dynasties II: Emperor (2020)**



## Tuesday Themed Films 1:00pm - WSCC

**Dec. 3 - The Santa Clause (1994)**

**Dec. 10 - Noelle (2019)**

**Dec. 17 - The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)**

**Dec. 24 - One Magic Christmas (1985)**

**Dec. 31 - Winter's Tale (2014)**

## Thursday Movie Musicals 1:00pm - WSCC

**Dec. 5 - Meet Me in St. Louis (1944)**

**Dec. 12 - Polar Express (2004)**

**Dec. 19 - The Nutcracker (1980)**

**Dec. 26 - Happy Feet (2020)**





The *Art in Our Lives* presentation at 1:00pm on Thurs., Dec. 5, features Dave Bell showing scale model houses he makes from scratch, including a replica of a house in Houston

where he once lived. Also, Don Parker will show two scale model buildings from his Hoot 'n' Holler RR, a church and a railway station, both from the last decade of the 19th century. Both presenters will describe how they built these models.



*Model House by Dave Bell.*

Mark your calendars for the Empty Mugs Concert and Pottery Sale, benefiting Oberlin Community Services: Fri., Dec. 13, 7:00pm in First Church, Oberlin. If you have handmade mugs or bowls that you'd like to pass on, bring them to the Art Studio the week before the event. Also, if you would like to donate an outstanding piece of art that could be auctioned at the end of the concert, call Jason Hawk at OCS, 440-935-4811.

Have you been thinking of making your personalized Coffee Club (CC) mug? Several residents have recently made theirs (to appear on the Langston CC shelf after the mugs are fired). Sign up on the sheet in the Art Studio hallway.

After the Kendal bus trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art's Picasso show in January, the Art Studio will offer a Picasso-inspired sculpture class. Look for posters and announcements later this month. *~Don Parker*

## Racial Equity Forum

### Blind Tom: The Legacy of a Prodigy Lost in Mystery Tues., Dec. 10 - 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV

The most celebrated Black concert artist of the 19th century is virtually unknown today. Although he sustained a career that spanned 50 years and performed for all manner of distinguished critics and adoring crowds, Thomas Greene Wiggins, known to his fans as Blind Tom, lived a life filled with controversy and astounding exploitation. A child prodigy born into slavery, he earned a fortune for his enslavers but almost nothing for himself. *~Tom Riis*

### How the Oberlin Salvation Army Helps Our Community Thurs., Dec. 12 - 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV

Human Service Worker Stephanie Walker, Oberlin Salvation Army Services Unit, will talk about the services provided to the community and how they help area individuals and families, with particular emphasis on meeting the special challenges African American individuals and families face. *~Arlene Dunn*

## Oberlin Equity Conversations at Kendal

Terri Richardson-Sanders, City of Oberlin Equity Coordinator, has been joining Kendal residents for a monthly conversation about our city, what she hoped for in 2024, and how we can support equity in Oberlin. Terri is part of the City of Oberlin's Planning and Development office, which is working on transportation, housing, and other needs, including medical debt.

Our scheduled meeting in December is canceled. But join us when we meet again in January to learn the city's plans for 2025. **All are welcome!**

## Suggestions and Concerns

### Mon., Dec. 9 - 2:00-3:00pm - Whittier Lounge

The Suggestions and Concerns Committee listens to your suggestion or concern in confidence (privately, if you wish), discusses it with you, and guides you toward resources that might help you solve your unique problem or concern.

*~Janet Newman, Chair*

## Jack-o'-Lantern Showcase Winners

2024 was another great year for our Pumpkin carvers. We had 12 very creative and scary Jack-o'-lanterns entered into the contest.

The winner for most over-all votes was Dan Reiber for his entry, "Interactive." Kathy Caldwell won for the Most Original entry: the likeness of the head of her dog. Kathy, somehow that face looked very familiar to



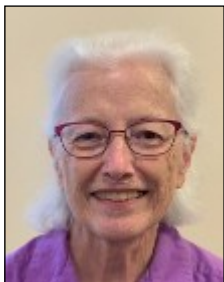
many of us. There was a tie in the category of Scariest Jack-o'-lantern with Lillie Long's "Stem for Nose and White Eyes" and Pat Edward's "Spooky Face" carving. Finally, Dan Reiber's entry "Interactive" won in the category of Most Humorous. Last but not least, congratulate the students from the Kendal Early



Learning Center for all 14 of their great "Painted Pumpkins." We hope to see all of you carvers and painters again next Halloween. *~Dan Reiber and Jack Secrist*

Examining Racism in America to Forge a More Equitable Future

## More About Kendal's Residents



### Marian McCaa Thomas

I was born in York, PA, in 1939. Music and art competed for my time and energy through 12th grade. I accompanied choirs and soloists in junior and senior high school. I spent the summer of 1956 in England and Scotland (Experiment in International Living), and in the summer of 1960 helped lead a recreation program for kids on the Navajo Reservation (AFSC).

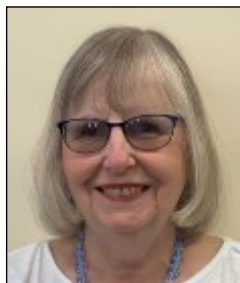
After graduating from Oberlin College in 1961 (BA in history), I worked in Korea for a year and a half, then married Tim Thomas (Oberlin 1960) and worked at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Oregon where Tim was finishing a PhD in physical chemistry. We spent the summer of 1964 in rural Powhatan, VA, tutoring 30 Black children from kindergarten through 11th grade who would enter racially integrated schools that fall (AFSC & NAACP).

In Boston Tim had a post-doc at Brandeis and I got a M. Music (organ) from Boston University. On to Missouri, where Tim taught physical chemistry for 38 years at the University of Missouri–Kansas City, and I worked as organist, choir director, piano teacher, preschool and elementary school music teacher, PTA volunteer, and homemaker for sons Peter (1968) and Steven (1970) and daughter Julie adopted from Korea (1974).

While Tim was on sabbatical in Massachusetts, I worked at the Hubbard Harpsichord Workshop for a year, and then built my own 2-manual French

harpsichord using a Hubbard kit. In Kansas City our children attended Kansas City public schools during desegregation, and we joined a racially integrated urban church. I was also Choir Director/Organist at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City for 15 years, teaching hymnody and “The Arts in Ministry.”

I enjoy reading and writing and published my mother’s biography in 2020. She was a 1932 graduate of Oberlin College. I like discussing books including the Bible with others, playing my harpsichord and piano, and keeping in touch with friends old and new. Son Peter teaches math at Case Western Reserve University, and his children Mariana (soon to be a sophomore at Ohio University) and EJ live in Oberlin. I am fortunate to live near them for the first time in my life, and to be here at Kendal surrounded by interesting people and lots of excellent music, beautiful trees and flowers, and time to meditate and write.



### Marcia Kubach

I have been an Ohioan my entire life. Born in Akron, I moved with my family to the Cleveland area just before I started school. I attended K-12 in the Rocky River school district, then back to Akron to attend the University of Akron. I graduated in 1972 with a BS in Education, although I never pursued a job teaching.

However, a real passion of mine is dietetics. During the 1990s, I went back to college to earn an Associate of Science degree magna cum laude in dietet-

ic technology. I earned a registered designation, passing a national exam. This degree served me well, as I worked in the field, after retiring from the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. I joined the staff at the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, working as a community outreach coordinator. My last job was with The Ohio State University Extension Service in Lorain County doing nutrition education programs.

My interests include collecting vintage Fiesta and Hall China. I enjoy attending conventions for the Homer Laughlin China Collectors Assn. (maker of Fiesta) and Hall China. I am also active with the Amherst Historical Society. Another passion is supporting dog rescues – adopt not shop!

Over the course of the past 40 years, I have had five dogs, all rescue. I currently do not have a dog, but I have met many of the Kendal dogs. I also enjoy traveling in the US and Canada.

Lastly, on a personal note, I am a widow, losing my late husband, Glen, in 2019. We had been married for 33 years. I have a younger brother, who lives in Manhattan.

## Movín', Movín', Movín'

### Recent Moves

**Naomi Miller** from Portland, OR, in mid-November.

### Upcoming Moves

**John “J” Loux and Carol Sanders** from Seattle, WA, in mid-December.

**Bob and Chris Gamble** from Holland, MI, in late December.



**NAME  
TAG!**

**Remember!  
Wear your name  
tag so newcomers  
(and old-timers)  
can tie your name  
to that face!**

## Transportation News

**RideShare:** Coming early 2025 will be changes to RideShare rider fees and price structures (especially airport requests), as well as possible expansion of Kendal transport for **medical** trips to several sites in western Cuyahoga County. For now, on a trial basis, if a resident needs to go to a Westlake medical facility, please contact Transportation Coordinator Ed Harder directly to make a request.

**Signup Sheet Protocol:** Remember: watch for signup sheets for bus transport to various events; please sign up ahead of time for all special events, preferably at least 48 hours ahead. Also, if you have signed up, but cannot make it, please remove your name as far ahead as feasible, to allow other residents to sign up and to allow time for the trip to be cancelled if there are insufficient passengers (usually 5 is the minimum, except for regularly scheduled shopping trips).

Next meeting of the **KORA Transportation Committee is Wed., Dec. 18, 10:00am, Green Room.** Come learn more and discuss upcoming trips and other activities. **All are welcome to attend.** ~Anne Martin



**Save the Date! Big Bus Trip  
Apollo's Fire Concert  
Cleveland Museum of Art  
Sunday, March 2, 2025**

IN MEMORIAM  
CARL GERBER  
OCTOBER 29, 2024  
MARLENE MERRILL  
NOVEMBER 7, 2024



**Fri., Dec. 13, Oberlin's Allen Memorial Art Museum. Kendal bus leaves Heiser at 9:45am, returns to Kendal by noon.** Browse on your own, then at 10:30am join an hour-long guided tour by Kevin Greenwood, curator of Asian art. He will highlight some of the exciting changes and new works on view since their summer closure. There is room for 20 people on the free bus. For details on the current exhibits, see <https://amam.oberlin.edu/exhibitions-events/exhibitions/current>

**Mon., Dec. 16, Crocker Park - on your own. Kendal bus leaves Heiser at 10:30am; leaves Crocker Park at 3:30pm.** Spend your time in Crocker Park shopping, attending a movie matinee (time permitting), browsing in Barnes & Noble, and/or eating with friends in a favorite restaurant. The holiday lights will be on display, too! **Signup/bus payment deadline Dec. 10.** Kendal bus \$17. Minimum for this trip: 15 riders.

**Wed. Jan. 8, Big Bus to Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) to see Picasso and Paper exhibit. Big bus leaves Heiser at 9:30am, returns about 3:30pm.** Advance ticket required. Have lunch, see other exhibits, browse the museum store. **Signup/bus payment deadline Dec. 10.** Big bus cost is \$35.

**Looking for Someone?** Find profiles of all residents, newcomers and old-timers alike, in *Who's Here* on Kendal Library's center bookcase.

## Kendal Kryptogram #233 – by Nina Love

SO AR NEED BE BUR GRA QRST UENP EG BE  
AUSB LO JEEP SGP NRB JE EX AUSB LOG' B.  
~EZTSU ALGXTRQ

**Solution to Kryptogram #232:** "The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

~Abraham Lincoln



## Library Notes

### Rating the Book Collection

*I think any List of Best X creates arguments and people saying 'You listed that rubbish?' That's what lists like this are for.*

~Scott Westerfeld

The September 1, 2024, issue of *The New York Times Book Review* was devoted entirely to the 100 Best Books of the 21st century. The resulting list was compiled from 503 authors of fiction and nonfiction as well as poets and critics who were each invited to name the 10 best books published since January 1, 2000. Rubbish or not, the resulting list presented an opportunity to measure the Kendal Library collection. Checking the list of books against the library holdings found that 53 of those books are available in the library.

The September 8th issue of *The New York Times Book Review* contained the rebuttal from readers who submitted their own ideas about the 100 best books. Not surprisingly, checking that list against the library holdings found that 71 reader-chosen books are available in the library.

The time span from January 1, 2000, covers much of the time of existence of the Kendal Library. In this season of thanksgiving, we are grateful to the residents whose donations of books over these years have made this resource available. ~Joan Long



### **Empty Mugs Concert and Pottery Sale for OCS Fri., Dec. 13 - 7:00pm - First Church**

Enjoy a free holiday concert featuring brass, strings, jazz, and more. Bid on an outstanding piece of art and purchase mugs and bowls donated by the Oberlin Pottery Co-op (including pieces from our own Art Studio). Proceeds benefit Oberlin Community Services.



### **International Carols Sing Sun., Dec. 15 - 3:00pm - Fox & Fell Penn Room**

Since this is a musical and linguistic event (not a religious event), we welcome seasonal songs which are not carols, but rather come from other religions or cultures. Each carol is introduced by a speaker of the language, who pronounces each line for the singers to repeat. We then sing the carol with piano accompaniment. We have many carols printed up from the last two years, in German, Spanish, French, Italian, Swedish, et al., but it would be nice to have some new ones.

Please contact Betsy Baumbach (ASAP!) if you would like to offer a song.



### **'Tis the Season! Sing with the Kendal Karolers Mon., Dec. 16 - 2:45pm - Meet in Heiser Lounge**

Calling all wandering minstrels: Come sing songs of the season to neighbors in the Stephens Care Center, Heiser Center, and the apartment hallways. We'll include tunes you know for winter, Chanukah, and Christmas. Lyrics will be provided. Singers will be joined by Caroline Brandenberger and Prudy Hall on their festive fiddles! Questions? Contact Louise Coffin.



### **KELC Holiday Program Thurs., Dec. 19 - 5:00-6:00pm - AUD**

Listen to Kendal Early Learning Center kids sing some of their favorite holiday songs. Bring a dozen cookies to share afterward with fellow residents, staff, and KELC families. Questions? Contact Jeni Hoover.



### **Celebration Ringers Handbell Concert Fri., Dec. 20 - 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV**

Ring in the holiday season with a Christmas handbell concert. This community handbell choir, based in Strongsville, returns to Kendal to perform on 6 ½ octaves of handbells and 7 octaves of chimes. Led by director Patty Yates, the group has performed for over 20 years in Northeast Ohio. Kendal resident Betsy Allen joined the choir in 2022.



### **Spirit of Life Performing Arts Dance Troupe Sat. Dec. 7- 4:00-4:30pm - AUD, KOTV**

Spirit of Life Performing Arts presents "A Holiday Journey." We honor beauty in art, dance, song, and storytelling as it nurtures and gives meaning and richness to our lives. Questions? Contact Jara Dell.

### **The Art and History of the Menorah**



**Thurs., Dec. 19 - 11:00am  
AUD, KOTV**

Many of you attended, enjoyed, and learned from Rabbi Enid Ladar's June presentation, *Moses and Mt. Sinai through the Artistic Lenses of Rembrandt, Michelangelo, and Chagall.*

You will be happy to learn that Rabbi Ladar is offering us another program. Learn why the menorah is such a powerful and long-lasting symbol of the Jewish people. Do you know that its origin predates Chanukah? Come find out why.

Happy Chanukah, everyone!

### **Chanukah Blessings**

**Wed, Dec. 25–Wed., Jan. 1  
5:00pm - HL, WSCC**

Chanukah begins this year at sundown on Wed., Dec. 25, and continues for eight days. In Heiser Lounge, all residents are welcome to gather in person for candle lighting and blessings. Rabbi Enid Lader will join us in Heiser Lounge for the last menorah lighting.

On other nights, WSCC will broadcast YouTube blessings as the menorah is lit.

Happy Chanukah, everyone!



### **Did You Know...**

When unwrapping gifts, only plain paper is recyclable. Tissue paper, metallic paper, paper with glitter, coated paper, or that with any plastic on it should all go into the trash.

~Mary Joy Leaper



## From the John Bartram Arboretum Small Trees Addition Near Parking Lot 4

A friend grew native trees for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's (WRLC's) Oberlin Prairie. When they had more trees than needed, they offered 21 trees to our arboretum: persimmons, oaks, hickories, paw paws, a buckeye, and a sugar maple.

We have greatly valued our collaboration over the years with the WRLC, a wonderful not-for-profit organization. There has been a valuable trading of knowledge and items over the years.

Kendal had a grassy mowed area between the Woods at 4 and the cottages



*Trees and Supplies Are Here;  
Planting Has Begun.*

toward the southeast. We realized that it was an area where we could add a group of densely packed trees and shrubs and let them mature together. This would enlarge the wooded area, over 1,000 square feet, all being better for the environment. Walk by that area



*Small Trees Extend the Woods at 4.  
Picture Credits. Kathy Caldwell.*

on the nearby sidewalk and you will see that addition to our Arboretum!

~Anne Helm, *Arboretum Committee*  
Kate Pilackey *Field Director,*  
*WRLC's western field office*  
Rachel Duncan, *Grounds Manager,*  
*Kendal at Oberlin*

## Marimba Christmas Wed., Dec. 18 - 7:00pm - WSCC

For many years Michael Rosen, Professor of Percussion at Oberlin Conservatory, and his percussion students performed seasonal songs in the Heiser Lounge, using marimbas, xylophones, drums, lyres, rattles, and various other instruments. *(Recorded in 2020.)*

## Jara Dell Plays the Marimba Mon., Dec. 23 - 4:00pm Gathering Room



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.



## Come Join the Oberlin Ecumenical Carol-Sing Sun., Dec. 22 - 3:15pm Meet at Tappan Square flagpole

Kendal residents and singing groups are invited to join other Oberlin singers to carol holiday music in downtown Oberlin from 3:30-4:30pm. Then we'll walk to the Peace Community Church sanctuary for a 5:00pm service. Following the service, those who wish may go downstairs into the Peace Center for Christmas refreshments and enjoy a time of informal sharing.



## Holiday Concerts in SCC

**Mon., Dec. 9, 3:30pm:** Firelands High School Tri-M Music Honor Society performs, beginning in the Gathering Room, then continuing in the SCC hallways. SCC Care Partner Grace Bates is president of the Firelands Tri-M Music Honor Society.

A program of the National Assn. for Music, this Honor Society (formerly known as Modern Music Masters) is an American high-school and middle-school music honor society, offering students in grades 6 through 12 the chance to perform, serve in leadership positions, and have the opportunity to serve the community.


**Tues., Dec. 17, 3:00pm:** Oberlin High School Tri-M Music Honor Society presents a concert in the Gathering Room.




### Holiday Lights Tour

**Thurs., Dec. 12 - 7:00-8:45pm**

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.





### Event Links

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

## Off-Season Saturday Walks

From now through March, those desiring to walk off the Kendal campus will meet at Heiser Reception desk on Saturdays at 9:00am.

We will decide where to walk that day (weather permitting) and carpool to the destination.

These walks are leisurely, 1-3 miles, and generally scenic.

Questions? Contact Phil Pritchett.

## Please Keep Track of Your Volunteer Hours!

Each fall, the Volunteer Clearing House Committee reminds us to get ready for our annual collection of resident and staff volunteer hours.

In 2023, more than 63,490 hours of volunteer service were provided by residents and staff, both here at Kendal and in the wider community.

In January, you will receive a form in your open mailbox asking you to report the hours you have volunteered in 2024. 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.

Questions? Place them in Box 93 or Box 121.

~Volunteer Clearing House Committee

### KENDAL RESALE SHOP

Benefiting Kendal Residents Assistance Fund (RAF) and Community Charities

#### SHOP!

Wed.-Sat., 11:00am-5:00pm  
(closed Sun.-Tues.)

#### 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: \$39,777.

## Table Tennis Hours

Come and play on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, 10:00am-noon in Heiser Auditorium. **All are welcome!**

~Phil Pritchett

## Let's Dance!

### English Country Dancing to live music played by *Consensus*

Sundays - 7:15pm - AUD  
Contact: Judy Cook

### Line Dancing

Mondays - 4:00pm - AUD  
Contact: Dan Reiber



### Square/Contra Dancing

Tuesdays - 4:00pm - AUD  
Contact: Donna and Larry Steele

### Rollator Dancing to live music played by *Confusion*

Tuesdays - 5:00pm - AUD  
Contact: Judy Cook

## Supporting Friends Tues., Dec. 17 - 1:30pm Whittier Lounge

Supporting Friends, a group that works with Kendal Social Services to give a little extra attention to Stephens residents, will begin meeting regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm in the Whittier Lounge.

Residents are welcome to drop in to ask questions about how to visit in the care center. **All are welcome.**

Questions? Ask Elizabeth Hole.

## It's Time to Check the 2025 Kendal Directory

A draft of the 2025 Kendal at Oberlin Directory is now on the shelf by the open mailboxes. Please check your full name listing in the front of the directory and first name listing in the back for accuracy.

**Deadline: December 15!**

~Nina Love

## Church Services

**First Church in Oberlin, UCC**  
Sun., 10:00am, WSCC

**Oberlin Friends Meeting**  
Sun., 10:30am, Ed Center, Zoom

**Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
Sun., 10:30am, Zoom

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

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
Sun., 12:30pm, WSCC, YouTube

**Catholic Communion Service**  
Sat., 3:30pm, Green Room

**Christ Episcopal Communion**  
Thurs., Dec. 12, 10:30am, Green Room

## Newcomer Introductions Wed., Dec. 18 - 4:00pm - KOTV

Priscilla Steinberg will interview two special guests. Don't miss this opportunity to become better acquainted with some of your newest neighbors!

## The Kendalight

Monthly newsletter of the

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• Note: Please submit articles by email to our address: [kite600@yahoo.com](mailto:kite600@yahoo.com)

• 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.



At the writing of this column, we have just completed the new four-week cycle of menus. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who has taken the time to write a comment card communicating your reactions to the meals. Lisa Wilken and Kyle Nowak tell us that they sit down together to read and discuss every signed comment card, so you can be sure that your views have been taken seriously. You may already have noticed that adjustments and corrections have been made to some items on the menu information. As the weeks go by, the staff will continue to modify the information when they find errors.

We urge you to give thought to the ways that you can modify the menu to meet your needs. Kyle assures us that plain vegetables can always be provided to replace side dishes with cream sauces, garlic, or nuts. If your server doubts that the plain vegetables are available, call over the manager on duty to make your request. Also, remember that small portions at the same cost can be requested if the full serving is just too big for you. And if you are interested in following a Mediterranean diet, the Langston options and the Always Available menu should allow you to design your own meal using vegetables, fish and lean meats, olive oil, and healthy starches.

Thank you again for participating by comment card in the dialog with the kitchen staff. The menu cycle is still somewhat fluid, and your reactions to its composition are necessary if we are to settle on a cycle that satisfies most of the residents.

*~Barbara Pierce, Chair, Dining Matters*

## Learn to Push a Wheelchair Thurs., Dec. 5, 3:00-4:00pm

Many of you signed up for the 20-min. introductory wheelchair training with Michelle Minick of our therapy department. In fact, more of you were interested than could be accommodated in the classes available. Michelle has offered another opportunity. A sign-up sheet is available by the open mailboxes. Contact Sandi McClellan with questions.

*~Wheelchair and Walking Partners*

## Mindful Mondays Lunch with Kim and Cyndi Mon., Dec. 9 - noon - Fox and Fell Den

Join Kendal Social Services Associates Kim Peters (440-776-5016) and Cyndi Moran (440-775-9813) for conversation while enjoying lunch. **All are welcome.**

## UU Kendal Gathering Tues., Dec. 17 - 2:00-3:00pm - Green Room

Rev. Kristina Church will meet with us to discuss the theme for the month that was sent to us with quotations and questions. Bring copies of poems or readings or just your thoughts on the subject to share. **All are welcome!**

## Cognitive Issues Discussion Group Fri., Dec. 27 - 10:30am - Education Center Class Room

We provide support for Kendal community residents experiencing cognitive changes and their friends and families. The group hosts a monthly, informal discussion and seeks to educate the community and reduce the stigma surrounding cognitive change. Meets on the 4th Friday of the month at 10:30am in the Education Center Class Room. Questions? Ask Jesse Carlock. **All are welcome.**



*Solo Diners: Come fill our table!*

## Solo Diners Tues., Dec. 24 - 5:30pm - Den

Join solo Kendal residents monthly for dinner and conversation in the Den. Signup sheet will be posted.

## Grief Support Group Tues., Dec. 24 - 10:00am Green Room

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, facilitated by licensed social worker Melissa Thompson. Contact Melissa ([mkthompson@kao.kendal.org](mailto:mkthompson@kao.kendal.org)).

## Centering With Psychologist Indira Palekar Mondays - 11:00-11:30am Zoom and WSCC

Contact Kim Peters for the Zoom link ([kpeters@kao.kendal.org](mailto:kpeters@kao.kendal.org)).

## Threads: Drop Off or In Person Thursdays - 11:00am-noon Craft Room

We do simple sewing jobs for residents only. Bring your clean, bagged items to the Craft Room anytime, place them on the table, and fill out the work order form on clipboard. *~Regina Shea*

### Where to Find Contact Info

- **KaO Directory**, distributed in Feb.
- **Bulletin Board**, near photos of new residents. Make these corrections and additions to your printed directory.
- **Online Resident Directory**, in the KORA website. Log into [kendalconnect.mykendal.org](http://kendalconnect.mykendal.org) and click on the "People" tab.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>First Church Service</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Quaker Worship</u> 10:30am Ed Ctr, Zoom</p> <p><u>RC Mass</u> 11:15am WSCC</p> <p><u>Christ Episcopal Service</u> 12:30pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Film (see p. 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 Time</u> 11:00am Zoom, WSCC</p> <p><u>Documentary (see p. 4)</u> 1:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Line Dancing</u> 4:00pm AUD</p> <p><u>The Crown</u> 7:00pm WSCC</p>	<p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Themed Film (see p. 4)</u> 1:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Square/Contra Dancing</u> 4:00pm AUD</p> <p><u>Rollator Dancing</u> 5:00pm AUD</p> <p><u>Murder She Wrote</u> 7:00pm WSCC</p>	<p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>News Currents</u> 1:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>SCC Council</u> 12/11 3:00pm Gathering Room</p> <p><u>Song Swap</u> 7:00pm AUD 12/11, 12/25</p>	<p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Christ Episcopal Communion Service</u> 12/12 10:30am Green Rm</p> <p><u>Musical Film (see p. 4)</u> 1:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Jazz Listening</u> 2:00pm WHT 12/12, 12/26</p> <p><u>Classical Music</u> 2:00pm WHT 12/5, 12/19</p>	<p><u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC</p> <p><u>Art History</u> 1:00pm WSCC</p>	<p><u>Saturday Walk</u> 9:00am Heiser</p> <p><u>Ken Burns video</u> 1:00pm WSCC</p> <p><u>Catholic Communion Service</u> 3:15pm Green Rm</p> <p><u>Film (see p. 4)</u> 7:15pm, AUD, KOTV</p>
1	2	3	4	5 Art in Our Lives 1:00pm Art Studio Wheelchair Training 3:00-4:00pm. Artist's Talk Randall James 4:00pm AUD, KOTV Chamber music OC A&S Students 7:15 pm, AUD only	6 Parkinson's Sup. Group 1:30pm Green Room Omar, Opera 7:30pm Finney tx Overflow Apollo	7 Met Opera, <i>Magic Flute</i> 1:00pm Apollo tx Spirit of Life Dance 4:00pm AUD, KOTV Artist Recital Series, Seckou Keita, Kora 7:30pm Finney tx
8 <i>Dracula</i> by Bram Stoker 2:00pm Wurtzel tx Live Music LCCC Concert Band Brass Quintet 4:00pm AUD Collegium Musicum, Steven Plank, Director 4:30pm Fairchild	9 Lunch with Kim & Cyndi Noon Den Suggestions, Concerns 2:00pm Whittier Music from the Verona Quartet 7:15pm AUD	10 LLL Class: Albrecht Dürer with Erik Inglis 10:30am Zoom CommUnity Luncheon 11:30am-1:15pm F&F Blind Tom 7:15pm AUD, KOTV OC Orchestra 7:30pm Finney	11 Coffee Hour with Seth 9:30 am Langston, Zoom, KOTV Lunch Bunch Main Street Grille Bus lv. 11:30am Contemporary Music Ensemble 7:30pm Warner	12 KORA Council 10:00am AUD, KOTV Len's Trolley 4:30pm HL Holiday Lights Tour 7:00-8:45pm Oberlin Salvation Army 7:15pm AUD, KOTV	13 Trip to the Allen Bus leaves Heiser at 9:45am. SCC Renovation Celebration 2:30-4:00pm SCC Blue Fiasco at Klub Kendal 7:00pm AUD, KOTV	14 Winter Solstice Celebration 7:15pm AUD, KOTV
15 International Carols Sing 3:00pm Penn Live Music Sax Machine saxophone quartet 4:00pm AUD	16 Trip to Crocker Park Bus leaves Heiser at 10:30am. Must have reserved seat.	17 LLL Class: Albrecht Dürer with Erik Inglis 10:30am Zoom UU Gathering 2:00pm Green Rm	18 Newcomer Intros 4:00pm KOTV Encore: Marimba Christmas 7:00pm WSCC	19 Art and History of the Menorah 11:00am AUD, KOTV KELC Holiday Program 5:00pm AUD	20 Celebration Ringers 7:15pm AUD, KOTV	21
22 Live Music Piano recital by the Ada Duo: AiTong Zhang & Jaiming Li. 4:00pm AUD	23 Jara Dell Plays the Marimba 4:00pm Gathering Rm	24 Christmas Eve Grief Support Group 10:00am Green Rm Solo Diners 5:30pm Den Christmas Eve Gathering 7:15pm HL	25 Christmas Chanukah Blessings 12/25-1/1 5:00pm HL, WSCC See p. 8	26 Boxing Day Kwanzaa Begins Along the Silk Road 7:15pm AUD, KOTV	27 Cognitive Issues Discussion Group 10:30am Ed Ctr Class Room	28
29 Live Music OC student Zhiduo Wang, piano 4:00pm AUD	30	31 New Year's Eve Celebration 7:00-10:00pm AUD	<h1 style="color: red;">December 2024</h1> <p>Zoom: See <a href="https://kaores.org">kaores.org</a> Calendar for link.</p> <p>KOTV: Cable 920, 19-2, or 95-101</p> <p>WSCC: Cable 921, 20-1, or 96-100</p>			

**Note:**  
 "Home" events  
 (at Kendal) are  
 in Bold.  
 "Away" events  
 are not.