

The Kendalight

Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

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KaO Board Approves Executive Search Firm to Assist in Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Search

Our Process to Identify an Executive Search Firm - In April 2023, the Succession Transition Team issued 12 requests for proposal (RFPs) to executive search firms to assist Kendal at Oberlin in identifying our next CEO. We received seven responses and the Transition Team narrowed those to three firms.

We verified at least three references for each firm and spent nearly two hours interviewing each firm via Zoom, asking:

- How would they address our Quaker principles and values?
- How would they ensure a diverse candidate pool?
- How would they actively engage stakeholders – residents, staff, volunteers, and the KaO and Kendal Northern Ohio Boards?
- How would they manage internal candidate applications?
- How many searches are they currently involved in, and would they make the KaO search a top priority?
- Is our timeline reasonable, and what would their process timeline look like?
- Other – Side discussions and examples of their process.

After much consideration, our Team reached unanimous consensus to recommend the Deffet Group, Inc., Ostrander, OH, who we fully believe will be our best partner. The KaO Board approved our recommendation at a special meeting on June 20.

Company Overview – The Deffet Group is a management consulting firm specializing for 30 years in helping to recruit health and human services executives with extensive experience working with the senior living and management sector and CCRCs specifically. Their business philosophy is high-touch involvement, talking through strategies to learn where an organization has been and where it wants to go in the future and identifying the qualities in a leader to take the organization there. Deffet considers our search a high-profile partnership. Dan Deffet, Managing Partner, and Elizabeth Feltner, CEO, will guide our search from start to finish.

Engaging Stakeholders – Deffet believes a successful search requires a full understanding of our organization, and that includes hearing (Cont'd on p. 2)

Independence Day Schedule



9:30am: Pet Parade in SCC distributing patriotic decorations

10:30am: Patriotic Program - AUD, KOTV
America, the Flawed, but Still Beautiful by Robert Taylor

11:30am: Outside activities while you wait for Lunch reservation:

- Precision Lawn Chair Drill Team in front of Heiser
- Trike-a-Thon on west side of Heiser Circle (see p. 5)

11:30am-1:45pm: Lunch

- Reservations in Fox & Fell
- Take-out in Langston

3:00pm: Ice Cream Social in Heiser Lounge

- Scooped Ice Cream with toppings
- The Occasional Band will play
- KELC Families are invited to enjoy ice cream and the rest of the day

3:30–5:00pm: Activities along Perimeter Road

- Model radio-controlled sailboats and motorboats on Triangle Pond, #208 near Lot 3 (see p. 5)
- Hoot 'n' Holler Garden Railroad, near Lot 6 (see p. 5)

**COFFEE HOUR WITH
BARBARA THOMAS**

**WED., JULY 12 - 9:30AM
LANGSTON, KOTV, ZOOM**

**Kendal at Oberlin
is
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**AFTERNOON EXCHANGE
BARBARA THOMAS**

**TUES., JULY 25 - 4:00PM
AUD, KOTV**



Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

Last month I talked about the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. This month, even though it's the middle of the summer, I want to invite you to participate in three important campus activities.

The first, of course, is the Fourth of July. We've been talking a lot about **community** recently, and this is an excellent time to remember that we, as Americans, are a part of a larger community. Participating in our campus July 4 activities can remind us that we can live out our Kendal values in this broader community. As we eat ice cream and play with sparklers, let's renew our commitment to live as citizens who respect other citizens, seeing each American as a person of worth.

The second opportunity is the chance to contribute to the conversation about the new Kendal at Oberlin CEO. Our executive search firm (Deffet) will be seeking insights from us into who we feel our new leader needs to be, and what we see as the most important aspects of the CEO's job. We've never been shy about expressing our opinions, so make sure your voice is heard.

Finally, the Covid Sprint Group will be in full swing in July. We are planning opportunities for you to tell us what you feel our campus did well during the pandemic, and how we might be able to do better if we are faced with a similar crisis in the future. We are "looking in the rearview mirror for future reference."

~Rollin Conway, KORA President 2023



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**Next KORA Council Meeting
Thurs., July 20 - 10:00am
AUD and KOTV**

KaO Transition Team (Cont'd from p. 1)

from all of our stakeholders. Pre-search activities take 1–4 weeks to complete and include a 2–3-day visit to our campus.

- **Almost immediately**, Deffet will request and review several KaO organizational documents – Strategic Plan, Campus Plan, Organization Chart, Annual Report, and others.
- **Almost immediately**, several stakeholder individuals will be invited to complete a CEO Search Needs Assessment that looks at challenges and opportunities, organizational capacity, Board performance, the current chief executive officer's characteristics, preferred experiences of the incoming CEO, and expected skills of the incoming CEO.
- **July** – Deffet will spend 2–3 days visiting our campus. Their visit will include personal interviews and also town hall sessions with KORA committee members, senior management, key staff, KaO and Kendal Northern Ohio Board members, Barbara Thomas, the Transition Team, and others. The purpose of these sessions is to infuse a spirit of collaboration, ensuring that the firm is grounded in what is most important to Kendal at Oberlin. The Transition Team will work with KORA to invite a diverse representation of residents to participate.
- **Late July/Early August** – Information from the assessment and the listening sessions will be compiled to help develop a position profile. The Transition Team will work with Deffet to finalize the profile which will be utilized to inform candidates about our CEO position. This is how Deffet will tell the KaO story.

Our tentative timeline from pre-search to hire is 22 weeks, with many activity steps in each phase. As activity picks up, watch for updates in *The Kendalight* and the *KaO Weekly News Updates*.

Please start thinking about how you might answer the CEO Search Needs Assessment and what you would share about hoped-for quality experiences and expected skills in a town hall listening session.

The Transition Team thanks you for your continued support. Please reach out to the Transition Team (jpvilla@oh.rr.com) if you have any questions.

~The Transition Team

Cleveland Orchestra S1 Series 2023-2024

Each year we organize bus transportation from Kendal to Severance Hall for the Cleveland Orchestra S1 Sunday afternoon series. Our bus conveniently drops riders off at the main door.

We are planning a bus for the four concerts of the S1 series for those renewing their subscriptions who plan to take the bus, as well as for new subscribers.

In 2023-2024, the S1 series concert dates are October 1, 2023; February 11, March 17, and April 28, 2024. Great news! This year Music Director Franz Welser-Möst plans to conduct two of the S1 concerts.

New Kendal residents and others interested should order tickets for preferred seating directly from the Cleveland Orchestra Box Office at 216-231-1111 or www.clevelandorchestra.com.

For those using the bus, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the counter opposite the mailboxes later this summer. The bus (fee to be determined, based on number of riders) leaves Kendal at 1:30pm and returns to Kendal by 6:30pm.

For more information about concerts and orchestra buses, contact Anne Martin or Randy Wagner.



Special Encore Programs - 7:15pm - KOTV

Thurs., July 6 - Our Broken Immigration System - Why does our country cling to a dysfunctional immigration system? Steve Volk, Professor of History Emeritus at Oberlin College, describes how local efforts to support immigrants underscore in so many ways how immigrants have always strengthened us and our communities.

(Jan. 26, 2023)

Thurs., July 13 - Time Travel Back to the 16th–18th Centuries through Sound. Catharina Meints Caldwell, Kendal resident and Professor Emerita at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, presents *The Viola da Gamba – Not the Ancestor of the Cello*, a study of the viol with examples from the Caldwell Collection of Viols.

(April 4, 2023)

Mon., July 17 - KaO's Courtyard Garden - Resident David Benzing, who re-created the garden, says “Gardens differ by type and the nature of the benefits delivered. KaO's courtyard version has been resurrected to serve as a therapy or restorative garden. Included is a visual survey of some of its noteworthy aesthetic and therapeutic elements.”

(Feb. 27, 2023)

Thurs., July 27 - Exploring Essence with Judi & Rebecca - Sharing personal reflections through their poems and photographs, residents Judi Bachrach and Rebecca Cardozo collaborated on this invitation to listen and look beyond the surface, and to explore essence.

(March 20, 2023)

First Thursday Health Lecture

It's on hiatus for July, August, and September. Look for it again in October.



Lunch Bunch: Lorenzo's, Oberlin Wed., July 12 - 11:40am

Pizza, pasta, and sandwiches are its specialties! The menu offers gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options as well as several lunch-size specials like lasagna, calzone, and a mini-pan pizza with salad. Lorenzo's features a quaint dining room as well as a pleasant patio.

Sign up for the Kendal bus. The bus is free. Lunch on your own.

Questions? Ask Gerry Findlan.

♪ Music at Kendal ♪

Thurs., July 6, 3:00pm, AUD Tom Morgan and other Kendal resident string players join students from the CREDO summer music program to play string chamber music. Although they will be “rehearsing,” residents are invited to stop by and listen.



Solo Diners: Come fill our table!

Solo Diners

Tues., July 25 - 5:30pm - Den

Join solo Kendal residents monthly for dinner and conversation in the Den. There is no planned agenda – just informal sharing. Sign-up sheet is posted by the open mailboxes the week before. The Den holds only 16 diners.

**Introverts Unite!
Contact Suzanne McDougal**

Drama Circle on Last Legs

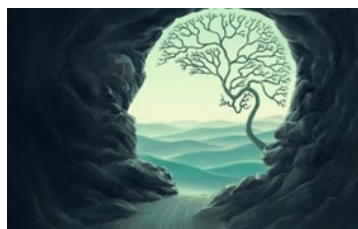
The Drama Circle is a KORA organization that gets together to read plays, normally about four times a year. We have an email/telephone list of those who have expressed interest in the past. People propose plays to read as a group and sometimes cut the plays as needed to fit into an afternoon; often they briefly introduce the play at its read-through and read aloud the needed stage directions.

The group has fallen into disuse in recent years, especially affected by Covid-19. Few people recommend plays, and few volunteer to read parts. As chair of this group, I am considering recommending its dissolution to KORA for the next budget year. The Play Readers, who rehearse and perform plays for an audience, are active and thriving.

If you are interested in continuing the Drama Circle (especially if you have a play to recommend) or if you are just interested in reading a part aloud, please get in touch with me.

~Robert B. Pierce

Readers Theater: *State of Mind* by Don Parker Fri., July 28 - 1:30pm; Sat., July 29 - 7:15pm - AUD and KOTV



Tree Brain by Kampanart Sangsorn.

An impulsive choice in the wilderness goes bad and challenges the boundaries of sanity. How much difference is there between extreme stress and mental illness? Can a disordered mind save the day? Come and find out in this Readers Theater play, *State of Mind*, written and directed by Don Parker.

Saturday Night Movies

July 1 - 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV

King of Hearts (1966) During World War I, a British private, sent ahead to a French town to scout for enemy presence, is mistaken for a King by the colorful patients of an insane asylum.

July 8 - 7:15pm - AUD ONLY

Discussion after film with Dwight Call. This is the third of the Apu Trilogy Indian Bengali films directed by Satyajit Ray.

Apur Sansar (1959) Apu is now in his early 20s, out of college and hoping to live as a writer. The film charts his romantic awakening, which occurs as the result of a most unlikely turn of events, and his eventual, fraught fatherhood.

July 15 - 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV

Discussion after film.

Amistad (1997) Based on the true story of a significant moment during America's slave trade, this movie shows the saga of an 1839 mutiny aboard the slave ship *Amistad*. Much of the story revolves around a courtroom drama as lawyers for the slaves seek their freedom and return home. The case is a watershed moment for American-Spanish relations as it reveals the political machinations and repercussions for the North-South conflict that eventually lead to our Civil War.

July 22 - 7:15pm - AUD, KOTV

The Foreigner's Home (2018) Produced by the Oberlin College Cinema Dept., this extraordinary documentary explores the vision and work of Toni Morrison through the 2006 exhibition she guest-curated at the Louvre.

Three interviews with Toni Morrison are included. Along with extensive archival footage, music, and photographs, the film presents a series of candid and incisive exchanges about race, identity, "foreignness," and art's redemptive power.

Written by Geoff Pingree, directed by Rian Brown.

July 29 - No movie (Readers Theater, see p. 3)

Art Gallery News

Kendal Creates ends on Mon., Aug. 14. This is the largest show we've had: 94 entries from 57 residents, with 12 new residents participating.

Then the regular series of art shows in all galleries (except the Friends Gallery) will resume. Watch for an announcement in the August *Kendalight*.

When renovations in the Stephens Care Center begin, the **Friends Gallery** will close for the duration. Meanwhile, the latest show of Linda Grashoff's photographs *Looking at the Overlooked*



has been extended to July 20.

Once the SCC renovations begin, a group of resident photographers will brighten the temporary hallway walls with their photographs. All other exhibition space will remain open.

The Committee has recently received several gifts of artwork for the Kendal Collection. An Oberlin alumna (a student and friend of Paul Arnold) has donated three of Paul's woodblock prints. Residents have donated another work by Paul Arnold and one from Helen Wilson's recent exhibition of collages and 3-D paper assemblies.

Such donations enrich the Collection and enhance the beauty of our public areas far into the future.

Sunday Movies

7:00pm - WSCC

July 2 - Letters to Juliet (2010)

July 9 - Terms of Endearment (1983)

July 16 - Maid in Manhattan (2005)

July 23 - Smokey and the Bandit (1977)

July 30 - The First Wives Club (1996)

Monday Documentaries

7:00pm - WSCC

July 3 - Ten Towns That Changed America (2016)

July 10 - Native America (2018)
Ep. 1: "From Caves to Cosmos"

July 17 - Native America (2018)
Ep. 2: Nature to Nations"

July 24 - Native America (2018)
Ep. 3: "Cities of the Sky"

July 31 - Native America (2018)
Ep. 4: "New World Rising"

Tuesday Themed Films

1:00pm - WSCC

July 4 - Special Holiday Movie:
Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942)

July 11 - Pearl Harbor (2001)

July 18 - Catch Me If You Can (2002)

July 25 - Because I Said So (2007)

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

Thursday Movie Musicals

1:00pm - WSCC

July 6 - 1776 (1972)

July 13 - Tick, Tick... Boom! (2021)

July 20 - My Fair Lady (1964)

July 27 - Prom (2020)

For movie descriptions and details, see www.imdb.com.


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

KaO Health Services Forum **Join us on Independence Day for These Events!**
Wed., July 5 - 4:00pm
AUD and KOTV

- Pain Management
- Maximizing the Kendal Health and Wellness Clinic Benefit
- Managing Medical Expenses Through Home Health
- Q and A with Georgia Newman, MD, Medical Director. ~Stacy Terrell, Chief Health Services Officer

Ohio Light Opera 
H.M.S. Pinafore
Tues., July 25 - Wooster
Leave Heiser 12:15pm

If you signed up for a seat on our Kendal bus to the Ohio Light Opera, we'll depart from Heiser at 12:15pm after an early lunch in Fox and Fell, arrive in time for the 2:00pm performance, and return in time for dinner. Remember to bring your opera tickets!

 **Big Bus: Craftsmanship and Amish Country**
Thurs., Sept. 21 - Leave Heiser 8:30am, return 4:30pm

Board the BRT charter bus for a visit to the Ernest Warther Museum in Dover, OH, which presents the one-of-a-kind collection of wood carvings by master carver Ernest Mooney Warther. Museum admission is \$17 at the door and bus price is estimated at \$35-40.

You'll find an exact ivory replica of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train and the "Plier Tree" made by Warther from a single block of walnut with 34,000 cuts made over a 64-hour span to form 511 interlocking pairs of pliers.

You can also see Mrs. Warther's collection of designs made of 73,000 buttons, visit the gardens, and shop at the museum store.

On the way home, we'll travel through Amish Country and stop for lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant in Suger Creek. Sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

~Gerry Findlan and Kathy Hazelton

Trike-a-Thon
Tues., July 4 - 11:30am
Heiser Circle

Our second annual Trike-a-Thon will take place on July 4, after the morning auditorium program and following the Precision Lawn Chair Drill Team performance at Heiser Circle.



This tricycle-only event is a great opportunity to practice one's riding skills or to "test ride" a trike for the first time on our safe and easy Heiser Circle course. Trike owners might consider allowing non-trike owners to give their trikes a brief try.

Prizes and treats for all participants.

A sign-up list is under the open mailboxes. Questions? Contact Dan Reiber, Kathleen Secrist, or Jack Secrist. Hope to see you there.

Photographers!
 Send your best July 4th pictures to Carol Harvey for possible inclusion on the *Around KENDAL* board.

Blossom Music Center 
Sat., Aug. 26 - Lv. 5:15pm

We are going to Blossom again this year, the spectacular summer home of the Cleveland Orchestra located in the lush Cuyahoga River valley. Fabien Gabel will conduct the orchestra in Ravel's *Alborada del gracioso* and *Suite No. 2* from *Daphnis et Chloé*; De Falla's *Suite No. 2* from *The Three-Cornered Hat*; and Saint-Saëns' *Violin Concerto No. 3* with Simone Lamsma, violin.

The bus will depart outside Heiser at 5:15pm for the 7:00pm concert and deliver us to the Music Center tram stop. The tram takes us to the edge of

Open House at Triangle Pond Yacht Club
Tues., July 4 - 3:30-5:00pm
Cottage 208, near Lot 3

TPYC is the home of model radio-controlled sailboats and motorboats.

Try out a motorboat, then move up to trying a sailboat.

We'll show you how. Boats and controllers will be provided, or bring your own. Watch the fun from chairs in the shade. Great for entertaining your visiting grandkids! Contact Dan Reiber.



Hoot 'n' Holler Railroad
Tues, July 4 - 3:30-5:00pm
Perimeter Road, Lot 6

The Hoot 'n' Holler Railroad will be running trains the afternoon of July 4. See the sights and take a virtual train ride through the bucolic countryside of Appalachia in the 1920s.



Find the garden railroad near Lot 6. Contact Don Parker for information.

the pavilion. It's only a short walk to our seats, central but convenient to the restrooms. After the concert, the tram will take us back to our bus and we will depart via the bus lane.

Bus steps are standard. Rollators/walkers can be accommodated.

Reservations: Sign-up sheet is posted across from the mailboxes. The total charge for the concert and transportation will be \$55.00 per person. Place non-refundable checks payable to KORA in Box 112 by **July 15**. Your check serves as your reservation.

Questions? Contact Randy Wagner or Anne Martin.

More About Kendal's Residents



Catharina Meints Caldwell

I was born near Dayton near the end of the war. My father was a chemical engineer, and mother was a musician and violin teacher. I was the youngest of three girls and started music early. I grew up in Hinsdale, IL, and its closeness to Chicago gave me opportunities to grow as a musician. I went to Eastman School of Music and immediately joined the Chamber Symphony of Philadelphia. I met the first oboist, James Caldwell, already well-known in his field. He played the viola da gamba, a cousin of the cello that is used in Renaissance and Baroque music. Our first dates were all about the viol, and we were married five months later. Eventually we moved to the National Symphony, and I started getting serious about the viol.

In 1971 Jim was offered a professorship at Oberlin, and I won a position in the Cleveland Orchestra—both in a two-week period! Once here, we began to perform and record on viols and established a summer program, the Baroque Performance Institute. We just celebrated its 51st year. It is one of my proudest accomplishments. Along the way we became collectors of antique viols and art nouveau. Jim died in 2006, and I also retired from the orchestra. My new life has included even more travel and nearly full-time teaching at the Conservatory.

I retired a second time in 2020 and am now enjoying seeing my two-year-old grandson as much as I can. My

son's family lives in New Orleans. I enjoy gardening and look forward to a manageable amount of garden space. I also have taken art classes at FAVA and hope to use the art studio.



Louise L. Coffin and David R. Coffin

Louise:

Not quite a birthright Quaker! Until the age of 10, I lived in Scarsdale, NY, attending First Day School at Scarsdale Friends Meeting. My family then moved to Swarthmore, PA, where I joined Swarthmore Friends Meeting at the age of 17.

After graduating from Swarthmore College in 1963, I lived in New York City for a year, working at Harcourt, Brace & World. A short stint in the undergraduate admissions office at Penn, off to Atlanta with my first husband, a conscientious objector working at Goodwill Industries. I began teaching at The Galloway School, an independent school, and was active on the board setting up Friends School of Atlanta.

A divorce was followed by a wonderfully happy marriage to David Coffin in 1984. In 1996, we moved to Wallingford, CT, where I worked first as a writer for a capital campaign at Choate Rosemary Hall, then as an editor in a tiny publishing house. Back to Atlanta in 2005, where, after writing a book about Galloway's history, I was fortunate to resume my position teaching AP English at the school.

David and I knew we wanted to return to the Northeast. Why not Swarthmore? We moved in the summer of 2015. I was co-clerk of House and Property and member of several ad hoc working committees at Swarthmore Friends Meeting. Active in the local Senior Citizens Association and volunteering at the public library, I found time to audit classes at the College. My muse inspired me to seriously start writing poetry.

David and I enjoy traveling, especially in England, northern France, and Belgium. We plan to do a lot of exploring in the Midwest, an area of the U.S. that is new to us. It is exciting to be at KaO, especially with our dear friend, Betsy Allen, close by!

David:

Born in Rutland, VT, 17 months after my brother, I remember very little about the state, except seeing a lot of white snow. My family moved to several cities, eventually landing in Atlanta in 1963, when I was in second grade. Many days I biked with a group of friends and our dogs. The only parental rule we had was to be home for dinner.

Because my mother was not well, after high school, I stayed in Atlanta to help her. A car mechanic at night at Sears, I went to Georgia State University during the day, earning a double major degree in sociology and psychology. These years formed my interest to help people in need.

Luckily, Louise said "yes" when I proposed in 1984. We have taken risks, worked hard at our professions, and enjoyed life together.

My business life centered on the never-boring produce industry—first in Atlanta, then in Hartford, CT, back to Atlanta, and finally a small produce and dairy company in New Jersey just before I retired. I started abstract painting in 1996 and continue to paint; I have long been interested in music of all genres.

In Swarthmore, I started a nonprofit with Louise that helped ensure a local

pantry would receive nutritious food. I negotiated the wholesale pricing and designed the logistics. Through the hard fundraising work of Louise and the wonderful people in the Swarthmore community, \$1200 to \$1600 of shelf-stable goods were delivered monthly to the pantry since 2020.

I am pleased to be coming to Kendal to learn, listen, and laugh along with a wonderful group of people.

Movín', Movín', Movín'

Recent Moves

Pete and Prue Richards from Oberlin, OH, in early June.

Nanette Holben from Cheltenham, PA, in mid-June.

Virginia Erdy to Whittier in late May.

Nancy Cooper to Patterson in early June.

Milton Ellis to Whittier in early June.

Employee Appreciation Gift from Our Kendal Residents: Vacation Fund

Two hundred twenty-one (221) Kendal at Oberlin employees received a check with amounts ranging from \$75 up to \$662.57 on Friday, June 9!

A total of more than \$80,000 was generously given by our residents from which payroll taxes were first deducted, distributing via direct deposit almost \$75,000 to employees.

For those who are new to Kendal, the distribution of gift amounts is determined by hire date (tenure) and work status (FT, PT, PRN). Department heads are never recipients of these resident gifts.

On behalf of our very grateful employee team members, thank you for your constant generosity and appreciation for their services to you!

~Toni Merleno, Director of Human Resources & Operational Services



You won't want to miss the Open Studio on July 6, at 1:00pm. Jim Underwood will show his collection of Ohio Pottery, a family collection he inherited and added to, made by the best known Ohio Potteries in the early 20th century. Some pieces have glazes and styles that won international awards.



Also, Randy Matthews will show jewelry items and describe how he makes them with Precious Metal Clay, a unique and new art form.

Open Studio occurs each month on the first Thursday and features one or two people who share "Art in Our Lives." It usually involves a "show and tell" format with a discussion. If you would like to be a presenter of some art form for 15-20 minutes, let us know.

In June, Kathleen Cerveny offered an easy clay class for four residents making an Ikebana-style flower vase with the handbuilding method. If you are interested, a repeat of that class is being planned. Sign up on the Art Studio bulletin board in the hallway near the Studio. For other classes this summer,

check the bulletin board or the Art Studio email newsletter.

Also in June, Don had three plein air painting/drawing sessions in the Courtyard Garden.

The Art Studio is managed by residents Joyce and Don Parker, Nick and Lillie Long, Agnes Bacon, Jeanne Berger, Jill Wettersten, Kathleen Cerveny, and Jim Underwood, all sharing a variety of responsibilities. We recently welcomed Kathleen, with her skills in pottery and leadership.

The Art Studio is open to all Independent Living residents and is primarily used for group classes and activity.

New greeting cards have been added to the display rack in the Art Studio. There's a large variety for every taste and occasion, including paintings inspired by the Courtyard Garden.

~Don Parker

**Community Conversations
A Poetry Potluck
Wed., July 19 - 7:15pm - AUD**

If you are nourished by poetry, come and read either a poem you wrote yourself or one by a favorite poet at our annual summertime potluck.

We look forward, as always, to a variety of dishes. *~Marjorie Porter*

No Vacation for Volunteers!

Just a reminder to Kendal residents to keep track of those volunteer hours all summer! And thank you for all you offer. Your help is important in so many ways. *~Volunteer Clearinghouse*

Kendal Kryptogram #218 – by Nina Love

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Solution to Kryptogram #217: "June suns: you cannot store them to warm the winter's cold." *~A. E. Houseman*



Library Notes

Library Exhibits

The theme of the library's exhibit for June, organized by Mary Clare Beck, was the books of fiction awarded Pulitzer Prizes that are in the collection of the Kendal Library.

The Pulitzer, which has been awarded since 1917 for works that include journalism, books, music, and drama, was announced in early May. The 2023 prize for fiction was awarded to two books (both available in the Kendal Library): *Demon Copperhead* by Barabara Kingsolver and *Trust* by Hernan Diaz.

The numerous books displayed could also be seen as recognition of and a tribute to Kendal residents for their donations of notable books over the past 30 years.

The library exhibit for July, organized by Kari Inglis, will feature books with just one word in the title.

Newspapers

The New York Times announced in late May that all issues of the *Times* will arrive via U.S. Mail rather than delivery.

The Wall Street Journal, the *Elyria Chronicle Telegram*, and the *Lorain County Community Guide* are also received by U.S. Mail.

Now only the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* is delivered to our campus and it comes on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Availability of the newspapers in the library depends on the U. S. Mail schedule. On most days, the newspapers will be available around 12:00–1:00pm. ~Joan Long



Nest Box News

It's been a particularly successful year on the Kendal nest box trail. As of this writing, there are four active Eastern Bluebird nests and five chicks that successfully fledged last month. In addition, the Blues have made nests in boxes by Farmer's Pond, by Lot 5, and in a box near the turn into Heiser's main entrance. This success can be credited to a vigorous campaign to discourage non-native species from using our nest boxes.

American Tree Swallows have taken over six of the nest boxes which contain a total of four eggs and 17 chicks. The tree swallows can usually be seen perched on the nest box roofs as well as swooping over the grassy areas in search of flying insects.

Sadly, four tree swallow chicks in one nest died, probably from abandonment because of the death of the adult birds.

~Nina Love



Open House for New Dog Yard Thurs., July 6 9:30-11:00am Dog Yard between Lots 3 & 4

Residents, staff, and KELC are all invited. The new Dog Yard is between Lots 3 and 4. There is limited parking available in Lot 4.

If the weather is too hot for dogs, we will end early at 10:30am. Everyone, come enjoy the dog play and some dog treats! ~Kathy Caldwell



Nature Sightings

5/12/23–6/12/23

5/12, **Killdeer bird/nest/4 eggs**, Lot 4 ground by garage, Lynne B.; 5/13, **Great Crested Flycatcher**, north of Meadow Pond, Lee Hefner; 5/14, **American Redstart** and **Chestnut-sided Warbler**, east side of Meadow Pond, Lee H.; 5/16, **Great Crested Flycatcher**, behind #13, Maureen Bailey (Hskp); 5/17, **Warbling Vireo**, near lot 4, Maureen B.; 5/17, **Red-eyed Vireo** and **Eastern Kingbird**, Rock Pond, Mary Van Nortwick; 5/20, **Sandhill Crane** (touchdown only), Farmer's Pond, Charlotte Elsner; 5/22, **Great Blue Heron** (catching and eating two fish), Farmer's Pond, Prudy Hall; 5/23, **Eastern Wood-Pewee** (heard), Buttonbush near Perimeter Path, Carol Conti-Entin; 5/24, **Warbling Vireo**, singing behind #39, Maureen B.; 5/25, **Bluebirds** (adult and juvenile), behind #64, Mary Clare Beck; 5/29, six young **Raccoons**, playing beside and under Buttonbush Bridge, Mary Joy Leaper; 6/2, **Painted Turtle**, on grass in shade behind garages, Lot 11, Grace Tompos and Anne Helm; 6/3, **Brown Thrasher**, at suet feeder at #121, Anne Elder; 6/3, **Garter Snake** (6-inch, eating ants on patio at #145, Anne H.); 6/4, **Red Fox**, near Lot 7, Tom Riggle; 6/5, **Great Blue Heron**, Farmer's Pond, Terry Carlton; 6/5, **Tiger Swallowtail butterfly**, drying its wings near the Troll Bridge, Anne Martin; 6/5, **Orchard Oriole**, tree near Troll Bridge, east side, Anne M.; 6/6, **Great Blue Heron**, Rock Pond, Anne H.; 6/10, **Flicker**, #9, Charlotte E.; 6/12, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, Farmer's Pond, Charlotte E. ~Mary Joy Leaper



The Rising of the Moon

Join us on Wildflower Hill for friendship, song, and a sip of plum wine for the rising of the Full Buck/Thunder Moon on Mon., July 3, at 9:58pm!

That means we will likely not see it over the trees until about 10:15pm. A nap might help! ~Donna Bazanik



NAME TAG!

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

From the John Bartram Arboretum Riparian Edges Protect Our Waterways

Riparian edges of ponds, streams, and other waterways are very important to the health of our environment when they keep the soil from eroding into the water.

Short-rooted plants cannot do this. When the soil erodes into the water, it often takes with it fertilizers and pesticides which reduce the quality of our water, harming plants and animals in the water and also the quality of water we drink. Not all of the harmful items which erode into the water are filtered out even by water treatment plants. At the same time, we want to preserve the beautiful views of our ponds that we all enjoy.

Deep-rooted plants at the riparian edges do keep the soil from eroding into the water. These plants can be



trees, shrubs, deep-rooted perennials, or specially chosen low-mow grasses (not the shallow-rooted turf grass we typically see on lawns or golf courses).

Riparian edges shield ponds from temperature extremes and high rainfall situations, helping aquatic life and the creatures that feed on it. They increase

the variety of bird life in the area.

Healthy riparian pond edges are a win-win for us and the many creatures in our environment. We can do this at the John Bartram Arboretum with recommended trees and shrubs – such as redbuds, silky dogwood, and willows – and lots of beautiful deep-rooted perennials gracing the areas.

It will take several years to be fully effective, but even now as the deep-rooted plants get established, we will begin to reap many benefits and create healthier ponds and waterways.

Strengthening these riparian edges is a challenge worth our time and energy, and all will share in the benefits in the years to come.

~ Anne Helm for the Arboretum Committee

References:

- <https://u.osu.edu>strive>
- <https://bwrs.state.man.us>

Mindful Mondays Lunch with Kim and Cyndi Mon., July 17 - 12:00pm - Fox and Fell Alcove

Join Kendal Social Services Associates Kim Peters (440-776-5016) and Cyndi Moran (440-775-9813) for an hour of conversation and discussion while enjoying lunch. No sign-up required. We look forward to our mindful discussions! **All are welcome.**

Answer to Kendal Acrostic #4

Nicholas Lemann, *The Promised Land*: “Picking cotton was hard work. The cotton bolls were at waist height so you had to work either stooped over or crawling on your knees. Every soft puff of cotton was attached to a thorny stem and the thorns pierced your hands as you picked from sun up to sun down.”

Look for the New Acrostics in the Library – Copies of the *Kendal Acrostic for Puzzle Aficionados* created by Nina Love and Polly McIlrath are available in the Kendal library on a stand in front of the desk. Help yourself and enjoy! Solutions will appear in *The Kendalight*. (For #1, see February issue; for #2 and #3, see May.)

Gardeners on Call!

The Floral Creations Committee provides the flower arrangements in Heiser. We’re looking for residents who grow flowers and would be willing to donate a few from time to time. If you would like to do this, please email Anne Wardwell.

Did You Know...



Cash register receipts cannot be recycled with other paper because they have a plastic coating. Put them in the trash! ~Dorothy Luciano, *Environmental Concerns*

Newcomer Introductions Now on Hiatus

The Newcomers Committee is suspending KOTV introductions for the summer and will resume them in September.

Watch for future announcements.

~Sharon Furrow

KENDAL RESALE SHOP

Benefiting 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: \$20,400.

Saturday Walks

Come explore walking areas off the KaO campus. The walks are leisurely, about 2–3 miles, and generally scenic. We meet outside the Heiser main entrance every Saturday at 9:00am (weather permitting) to car pool.

- **July 1** Carlisle - Equestrian Center
 - **July 8** Kopf Family Reservation
 - **July 15** Cascade Park
 - **July 22** Vermilion River - Bacon Woods
 - **July 29** Findlay State Park
- Questions? Contact Phil Pritchett.

Tennis Anyone?

The Kendal clay-surface tennis courts are ready for play! Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00am, weather permitting, a group of residents, staff, and Oberlin neighbors get together for a friendly game of doubles tennis with rotating partners.

Our players have varying skill levels and all are welcome. Our main objective is to get some exercise and have fun doing it.

We will play on our outside tennis courts through October and then inside at Oberlin College during the cold weather.

Several of us have extra rackets and will help you get (re)started. To be added to our tennis alert email list, contact Arlene or Larry Dunn.

Where to Find Contact Info

- **Kendal at Oberlin Directory**, printed and distributed 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 KORA website (www.kaores.org). Click “Directory” under the “People” tab. You must be logged in for access.



Tunes on Tappan

Car pool and bring a lawn chair!

6:00-8:00pm - Clark Bandstand

Fri., July 7: The Bottom Line
Motown/Classic R&B

Fri., July 14: The Geeze Cats
Oldies/50s & 60s

Fri., July 21: The Attraxxion Band,
80s Pop & Rock

Fri., July 28: The Tyler Reid Band
Country/Southern Rock

Table Tennis Hours

Come and play on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, 10:00am to 12:00pm in Heiser Auditorium. **All are welcome!**
~Sidney Rosenfeld, Sports and Recreation

Let's Dance!

English Country Dancing

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

Line Dancing

Mondays - 4:30pm
Heiser Auditorium
Contact: Dan Reiber

Square Dancing

Tuesdays - 4:00pm
Heiser Auditorium
Contact: Donna and Larry Steele



Event Links

- For “inside Kendal” program links, **contact Carol Harvey**.
- For “outside Kendal” community cultural and educational ad hoc events, **contact Barbara Gordon-Lickey**.
- Note: Please submit articles by email to our address: Klite600@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.

Church Services

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

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

Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Sun., 11:00am, 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

UU Monthly Kendal Gathering

We are on hiatus for July and August. Join us again in September as we consider the Gift of Welcome:

- When have you been welcomed?
- How do you make others feel welcome?
- How does your style of welcoming differ from other people's?

All are welcome. ~Rev. Mary Grigolia

The Kendalight

Monthly newsletter of the Kendal at Oberlin Residents Assn.
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- Deadline for the August 2023 issue of *The Kendalight* is July 15.
- The editors regret that they cannot assume responsibility for errors in content in material submitted for publication.
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Dining Matters

Attention Stephens residents: The Dining Matters Committee will conduct a listening session in the Friends' Corner at 2:00pm., Wed., July 12. Every resident is invited. Please bring your questions and comments. We want to know what you are thinking and what you want us to know.

On Fri., June 9, Christian Ramsey from Kendal Corp. met with interested independent living residents to report on the April focus groups conducted with those who are on the zero or ten-meal dining plans. We learned a great deal of important information. If you did not attend the meeting, we urge you to listen to the recording. Scott Stonestreet, Executive Chef; Lisa Wilken, Dining Room Operations Manager; and Greg Zehe, then Director of Dining and Housekeeping, were there to answer questions and make comments.

Greg left Kendal on June 16 after 16 years of devoted service. The Dining Matters Committee devoutly hopes that his position will be filled by someone as skilled with a sharp pencil, as Barbara Thomas described him, and as conscientious and sensitive in responding to resident concerns as Greg has always been.

Resident discussions about the culinary issues presentation in the weeks

since June 9 suggest that many gained a new appreciation of the near impossibility of the challenges facing the dining staff. They must design menus that meet the nutrition needs of omnivores, vegetarians, and vegans; those with lactose intolerance or allergies to peanuts, strawberries, onions, and garlic, among others; and those avoiding salt, carbohydrates, or sugar, as well as having other dietary idiosyncrasies.

In addition, the desire was expressed in the meeting of offering only organic food in the dining room. Scott explained that, even if he could determine that foods labeled "organic" were actually organic, Kendal could not procure enough organic foods to meet our needs.

We also learned that new menus are coming soon, and we have been promised that the Dining Matters Committee will be consulted along the way. We hope that residents will continue to raise dining concerns with members of the committee. Meantime we will hope that the search for dining staff will be successful and that those who are hired will find a compatible community among us.

~Barbara Pierce, chair; Betsy Allen, Mary Clare Beck, Tom Konkoly, Mary Simons, Priscilla Steinberg, and Randy Wagner, committee resident members

Suggestions and Concerns Mon., July 10 - 2:00–3:00pm Crossroads Room

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. Contact: Rich Hall, chair.

Call 440-775-9868 for announcements and menus of the day.

Centering Time With Indira Palekar Mondays - 11:00–11:30am Zoom and WSCC

Psychologist Indira Palekar offers the Kendal community a time to reflect on topics that are suggested by the current participants. She also suggests a self-reflection practice for the week.

For the Zoom link, contact Kendal Social Services Associate Kim Peters (kpeters@kao.kendal.org).

Threads: Drop Off or In Person Thursdays - 11:00am–12:00pm Craft Room



We do simple sewing jobs for residents only. We shorten pants, sew on buttons, patch holes, sew up seams, and mend toes of socks. Bring your clean, bagged items to the Craft Room anytime, place them on the table, and fill out the required work order form located on the clipboard.

Join us! Threads is looking for one or two sewers for simple sewing jobs. Call Nancy Cecil or stop by the Craft Room during open hours.

Grief Support Group Tues., July 25 - 10:00am Green Room

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 information, contact Melissa (mkthompson@kao.kendal.org).

Dementia Friendly Discussion Group Fri., July 28 - 10:30am Ed Center Training Room

All are welcome. Contact: Carol Bojanowski.



I live in Stephens and have a beautiful view of the Courtyard Garden. Would you like to come and visit me? We can enjoy the sun in the Garden. **STAY CONNECED.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>First Church Service</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Quaker Worship</u> 10:30am Ed Ctr, Zoom <u>RC Mass</u> 11:15am WSCC <u>Christ Episcopal Service</u> 12:30pm WSCC <u>Film (see p. 4)</u> 7:00pm WSCC <u>English Country Dancing</u> 7:15pm AUD	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Centering Time</u> 11:00am Zoom, WSCC <u>Abstract Art</u> 1:00pm WSCC <u>Line Dancing</u> 4:30pm AUD <u>Documentary (see p. 4)</u> 7:00pm WSCC	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Themed Film (see p. 4)</u> 1:00pm WSCC <u>Square Dancing</u> 4:00pm AUD <u>Somebody Feed Phil</u> 7:00pm WSCC	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>News Currents</u> 1:00pm WSCC <u>SCC Council</u> 7/12 4:00pm Courtyard Garden <u>Song Swap</u> 7/12, 7/26	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Musical Film (see p. 4)</u> 1:00pm WSCC <u>Jazz Listening</u> 2:00pm Penn 7/6, 7/20	<u>Chronicle News</u> 10:00am WSCC <u>Art History</u> 1:00pm WSCC	<u>Saturday Walk</u> 9:00am Heiser <u>Ken Burns: Baseball</u> 1:00pm WSCC <u>Catholic Communion Service</u> 3:30pm Green Rm <u>Film (see p. 4)</u> 7:15pm

Full Buck Moon
Mon., July 3, 9:58pm



July 2023

Zoom: See kaores.org Calendar for link.

KOTV: Cable 920, 19-2, or 95-101

WSCC: Cable 921, 20-1, or 96-100

Note:

“Home” events
(at Kendal) are
in **Bold**.

“Away” events
are not.



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2	3	4 Independence Day Events (see page 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet Parade • Program • Precision Lawn Chair Drill Team • Trike-a-Thon • Indoor Picnic • Ice Cream Social • Model Boats • Garden Railroad 	5	6	7	8
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