

The Kendalight

Kendal at Oberlin Residents Association

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Commencement Highlights in Oberlin

Fri., May 24, The Grand Piano Extravaganza, Warner Concert Hall, 8:30pm (\$25) – Featuring Oberlin Conservatory piano faculty members and graduating seniors. **Sign up for Kendal bus.**

Sun., May 26, Campus Illumination: Social on the Square, 7:00-10:00pm – Enjoy ice cream, music, and the community on a Tappan Square transformed by strings of colored Japanese lanterns.

After the **Commencement Concert, Oberlin Steel** drum band ends the evening on the steps of Finney Chapel. Please consider carpooling.

Mon., May 27, Academic Procession and Commencement Exercises, Tappan Square, 9:30am – **Lisa Jackson**, vice president of environment, policy, and social initiatives at Apple, will give the commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

Scientific investigator **Joanne Chory** and broadcast journalist **Robert Krulwich** will also receive honorary degrees.

The ceremony will be live-streamed.

Fun Fitness Week Returns June 10-14, 2019

Our annual Fun Fitness Week begins on Monday, June 10, and concludes on Friday, June 14, with a healthful appreciation luncheon in the Fox and Fell. Once again we will offer more than 23 different FUN activities during the week. Participate in at least one activity to earn a free lunch on Friday!

If you would like to help plan or execute activities, contact resident **Kathy Caldwell** or **Danna Mitchell**, **Saun Howard**, or **Jill Tvaroha** in the Fitness Center.

March in Oberlin's 2019 Big Parade on May 4!

Join the fun! The Kendal at Oberlin Precision-Lawn Chair Brigade is scheduled to do our inimitable thing in the Oberlin Big Parade on Sat., May 4. Contact Don Parker for details.

Practice on Thurs., May 2, and Fri., May 3, 3:30pm, Heiser Auditorium.

The Lawn Chair Brigade leads off the parade at 11:00am and does its routine along the route from the Oberlin Bookstore to Ben Franklin. Please carpool.

Election Day
Tuesday, May 7
6:30am-7:30pm
Heiser Auditorium



Let's leave the parking spaces around Heiser Circle for our local voters.

Please remember to bring a valid ID that includes your name and OHIO address when you come to Heiser Auditorium to vote.

A valid ID can be:

- Current OHIO ID or OHIO driver's license (can show prior OHIO address) **or**
- Military identification (no address needed) **or**
- One of the following, dated 12 months or less prior to Election Day:
 - Copy of a current utility bill (including a bill from Kendal) **or**
 - Bank or any financial statement **or**
 - Government check stub **or**
 - Paycheck stub **or**
 - Other government document.

The following are NOT VALID: notification mailed by the Board of Elections or any document/card that does not show voter's name and current address (including U.S. passport).

Questions? Ask Kendal resident Mary Van Nortwick, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

Issues on the May Ballot: Oberlin City Income Tax Levy Renewal; Oberlin Public Library Renewal.

COFFEE HOUR WITH
BARBARA THOMAS
FRIDAY, MAY 17
9:30AM - LANGSTON

AFTERNOON EXCHANGE
BARBARA THOMAS
TUESDAY, MAY 28
4:00PM - AUDITORIUM

KNOW YOUR KORA COUNCIL

KORA Thanks the Staff

I spent a week in the Stephens Care Center last year following surgery. I was cared for wonderfully, which was not a surprise, because I had heard from others about the quality of care offered there. What did surprise me was meeting a large group of caregivers, many of whom I had never seen before in the three years we had lived here. When I asked how long each had been here, I was equally surprised, “19 years...11 years...16 years, etc.,” most at least a decade.

This experience amazed me in two ways. First, I began to realize the number of persons who work here, serving our needs and, yes, some of our wants as well, many of whom we never see or know. Yet they are there, behind the scenes helping to bless our lives. The other thing I realized was the incredible loyalty of this Kendal staff who have served faithfully year after year.

How do we say thank you to this dedicated team, the Kendal staff? We don't tip. We are not allowed even to bake them cookies, and even if we did, we would still miss those we never see who are as equally important to our well-being as the front-line workers.

Through KORA, we all have the opportunity to say thank you to these wonderful friends, as we make contributions twice a year to funds that directly assist them. In the late fall, we give to the Employee Holiday Fund. In this month of May, we give to the Employee Vacation Fund. Our gifts are distributed equitably among all the staff. (Senior management and department heads are the only ones not included in this distribution.) Now is the time to make your gift to the Vacation Fund. Checks are to be payable to Kendal at Oberlin, memo: Employee Vacation Fund. Deposit in the box at the Heiser Reception Desk.

~Gary Olin, KORA President

May LifeLong Learning Classes in Heiser Auditorium

For classes with fees, register and pay by calling Lorain County Community College at 440-366-4148 or in person at the first or second session.

News & Views: Foreign Affairs. Discussion of topics from the 2019 “Great Decisions” briefing book, published by the Foreign Policy Association.

Fridays, 10:30 to noon. No registration or fee. **All are welcome.**

May 3: Decoding U.S.-China Trade, with Terry Carlton. (See p. 5.)

Rethinking Autism. Psychologist Sandra McClennen, PhD. Developments in neurology have led to a deeper understanding of autism. This three-session course looks at the neurology underlying autism and the relationship between neurology and symptoms of autism, how alternative communication allows us to discover intelligence and creativity in autistics who are unable to speak, and the challenges of those who have what has been called Asperger's syndrome (a designation becoming obsolete). **Mon., May 6, 13, and 20, 10:30am.** Fee: \$20. (Class 4603)

Interested in Presenting LifeLong Learning Courses?

The LifeLong Learning committee invites residents to share their expertise or passions by teaching a class or classes in the Kendal Auditorium. If you are one of the retired professors, chemists, doctors, researchers, physicists, computer specialists, stage designers, artists, musicians, ministers, psychologists, librarians, or electronics specialists living at Kendal, please consider enlightening your fellow residents and exercising their little gray cells. Your class would be sponsored by the Lorain County Community College, which publishes a catalog read by people outside of Kendal as well as Kendal residents.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Harol Pesuit.

New Opening for 2020-2022 Resident Board Member

The Board of Directors is seeking 10 to 20 nominations from KORA for a new resident board member to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2020. As of the end of 2019, Ruth Ann Clark has capably served two terms.

Our bylaws allow up to 20% of the board to be filled by residents. A resident's board service is for a three-year term, with the possibility of one additional three-year term. The board seeks candidates who are committed to helping Kendal at Oberlin stay strong and who have skills and experience that complement the skill sets of the current Board. Experience in finance, campus planning, diversity/inclusion, and governance, and on other boards will be

considered, as will familiarity with Quaker values which stress respect for the many valid opinions of others and consensus-based decision-making.

Nominations should be placed in the KORA open mailbox by June 15, so that nominees can be submitted by July 15. Nominees should only be submitted with the consent of the person being nominated. Each nomination submitted should include a resume and a brief statement of the person's interest in serving on the board.

In August/September, the board's Governance Committee will touch base with the nominees and narrow the list down to three or four finalists. At the November board meeting, the finalist will be recommended by the Governance Committee to the full board as well as to The Kendal Corporation for approval.

The next KORA Council Meeting is **Thursday, May 16, at 10:00am in Heiser Auditorium.** Come to our meeting, and ask someone to join you!

First Thursday Health Lecture Multiple Uses for Medical Cannabis (Marijuana)

May 2 - 7:15pm - AUD

John Pardee, Community Outreach Manager, Ohio, Green Thumb Industries, LLC, a national cannabis consumer packaged goods company and retailer, and Odae Farunia, pharmacist at RISE dispensary, Lorain, present an overview of the new laws in Ohio and the many conditions that can benefit from the use of cannabis.

Third Thursday Lecture “Pain in the Glass: The Life of Dale Chihuly” Thurs., May 16 - 7:15pm - AUD

Henry Adams, Ruth Coulter Heede Professor of Art History at Case Western Reserve University, is currently working with Dale Chihuly on the artist's biography. He will discuss Chihuly's life and work in blown glass, which critics have called “large-scale sculpture.”

Chihuly's exhibits and permanent collections are housed in museums, botanical gardens, and galleries throughout the world.

Professor Adams is the author of over 300 scholarly and popular articles and 14 books or book-length exhibition catalogs about a wide range of American art and artists.

Play Readers: “Box and Cox” and “How He Lied to Her Husband”

Fri., May 17 - 1:30pm - AUD; Sat., May 18 - 7:15pm - AUD

Come enjoy still another pair of farces: “Box and Cox” by John Madison Morton, Esq., an 1847 bit of frippery in the style of Punch and Judy, but without Punch (except after the Saturday night performance wherein cookies will be included) and without Judy. Kendal's very own will take the comparable parts – plus one – with their very own frips.

After a 10-min. intermission and a quick trip to 1904, a new trio of Kendal frippers will present George Bernard Shaw's “How He Lied to Her Husband.” This will be in the style of GBS (with overtones of “Candida”), written as a curtain raiser also, in 1904, using minimum Shavian verbosity – which doesn't say much. **Because there are no scene breaks, no playgoers will be admitted to Heiser Auditorium after the plays begin.**

~Maxine Houck

Lunch Bunch: Sal & Al's Diner, Amherst Wed., May 8 - 11:30am

This family-owned restaurant serves a wide array of dishes, including classic sandwiches, pierogies, Syrian dishes (like mjudra), chicken paprikash, old-world pizza, and perch dinners.

Bus leaves Heiser at 11:30am, returning about 2:00pm. Bus charge: \$8.00. Lunch at your expense. Place check to KORA for \$8.00 in Box #157 by Mon., May 6.

Sign-up sheet is on the shelf under the Activities Bulletin Board. 🚌

Health Services Forum Wed., May 29 - 4:00pm - AUD

- Health and Wellness Clinic Update
- New Revised Health Care Guide for Independent Living
- Jameson House at One Year Old: Actualizing Hopes and Dreams
- Q and A with Georgia Newman, MD, Medical Director

~Stacy Terrell, KatO

Chief Health Services Officer

Mon., May 6, Launch Date for Employee Vacation Fund

May is the month residents consider gifts to our Employee Vacation Fund in lieu of gratuities that are prohibited at KatO. Look for the donation box at the Heiser Reception Desk from May 6 through June 7.

🎵 Music at Kendal 🎵

Women in Composition Wed., May 1 - 7:15pm - AUD

The Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra program manager and lab group director Colin Holter will moderate a panel discussion with Oberlin Conservatory composition majors Soomin Kim and Kari Watson and a member of the composition faculty on promoting opportunities for women in composition.

Woodwind Quintet, Brass Trio Thurs., May 9 - 7:15 - AUD

Megan McLaughlin and others: Woodwind quintet will play music by Alec Wilder and György Ligeti. Brass trio will play Sonata for Horn, Trumpet, and Trombone by Francis Poulenc.

Cello Concert Sat., May 11 - 7:15 - AUD

Annika Krafcik and Julia Weldon, cello, and Liam Kaplan, piano, will perform music by Bach and Brahms and a suite for two cellos by Popper.

Allen Huszti, baritone Tues., May 21 - 7:15 - AUD

The program will be in two parts, with Dianne Haley as pianist. The first part will be Robert Schumann's song cycle “Dichterliebe” (A Poet's Love). The words are by poet Heinrich Heine. The second part will be “Biblical Songs,” by Antonin Dvorak. The words of the songs are from Psalms found in the Bible. Please join Allen and Dianne for this recital of beautiful 19th-century music.

Pint & Dale, folk singers Thurs., May 23 - 7:15 - AUD

Whether William Pint and Felicia Dale are singing contemporary songs with maritime themes or old sea shanties, these folk musicians deliver dynamic vocals and exciting instrumental fireworks.

Sunday Movies in Jameson House at 7:00pm

May 5 - Calendar Girls (2003) A Yorkshire Women's Institute chapter's fundraising effort for a local hospital by posing nude for a calendar becomes a media sensation. PG-13.

May 12 - The Blind Side (2009) True story of well-to-do Memphis couple (Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw) who become legal guardians for homeless football player Michael Oher, transforming both his life and theirs. He not only succeeds as a student, but also becomes an All-American and a first-round NFL draft pick. PG-13.

May 19 - Sabrina (1954) A wealthy playboy (William Holden) becomes interested in the family chauffeur's daughter (Audrey Hepburn), but it's his more serious, older brother (Humphrey Bogart) who ends up winning her heart.

May 26 - The Lost Battalion (2001 TV movie) A fact-based drama about an American battalion in France that gets trapped behind enemy lines in the Argonne Forest during the closing weeks of World War I in October 1918.

Saturday Documentary Film May 4 - 7:15pm - AUD

The Fog of War (2003) Rated best documentary of 2003. For the first time, Robert S. McNamara sat down with award-winning director Errol Morris to grant an intimate and candid interview about some of the most seminal events in recent American history. ~Donna VanRaaphorst

Kendal 2019 Directory Additions and Corrections

Judi Bachrach - correct room number in Whittier. Check with Front Desk.

Tom Morgan - new email address.

Mary Lee Orr - new cell phone number.

Jean Slonneger - new email address.

Carl Whitehouse - new cell phone number and email: address.



Art Gallery News

The riveting landscape and portrait photography of Bill Pappas has been "stopping traffic" as residents, staff, and visitors pass through the Kendal Gallery. At his reception last month, Mr. Pappas spoke about his career in professional photography and commented on some of the techniques of fine art photography.

The Peace Posters which fill both the Friends and Community Galleries were made by Iranian students in the University of the Arts, Shiraz, Iran, in response to talks on the ethics of peace, war, and friendship given by Oberlin Professor Jafar Mahallati in 2015. The posters were on display in the Oberlin College library several years ago. At the artist talk for the show, Prof. Mahallati spoke about the conference that generated the posters; there he defined three stages of peace: 1. Primitive – a cease fire, no war state; 2. Intermediate – cold war and hatred are removed but relationships are not fostered; and 3. Forgiveness (epitomized by Nelson Mandela) and friendship. In addition,

two watercolor posters by Don Parker are included in our exhibition.

Plans are underway to install the Kendal quilt, made by the founders when Kendal first opened its doors, in a frame and a new location. The quilt will be hung in the alcove outside the William Penn Dining room where it will be protected from the elements and ultraviolet light.

The Art Committee is eagerly awaiting **your** entries for this summer's **Kendal Collects Show**. The show will run from May 21 to August 19 in all three of Kendal's galleries. This is **your** opportunity to display in our galleries one, two, or three works of art, not made by you, from your personal collection. Entry forms on bright marigold-hued paper were distributed last month. If you have misplaced your entry form or need another, one is available at the Heiser Reception Desk. This is not a juried show. All entries are welcome (provided that they are not larger than our wall display or shelf display space). We accept both works appropriate for hanging on the wall and three-dimensional objects.

Heads up! The Art Committee is having an art sale on June 7 from 7:30am to 3:00pm. Watch for more details!

Saturday Foreign Film May 25 - 7:15pm - AUD

It's a Wonderful Family (2016) A husband and wife have been married for 50 years. For her birthday, the husband asks what she wants for her present. She wants a divorce, and that reply sends the entire family into chaos. Directed by Yoji Yamada. Japanese with English subtitles. PG-13. ~Dwight Call

"Tax-Wise Ways to Support Your Important Causes"

**Thurs., May 9, 2:30pm,
or Tues., May 14, 2:30pm
Ed Center Conference Room**

Kendal residents Randy Wagner and Ruth Miller invite anyone interested in learning about win/win tax-wise gifts to attend one of these small workshops. Workshops are limited to eight participants. Take-home reference material will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Heiser Reception Desk a week prior to each session.

Call 775-9868 to hear announcements and menus of the day.

**First Thursday
Evening at AMAM
May 2 - 5:00-7:30pm
Program at 5:30pm**

Artists Jon Rubin and Dawn Weleski will discuss Conflict Kitchen, their fully functioning restaurant that operated in Pittsburgh from 2010 to 2017. The menu offered food and focused on culture from regions in military or diplomatic conflict with the United States, including Afghanistan, Palestine, and North Korea.

The event is made possible through the Ellen H. Johnson Endowed Fund for Contemporary Art.

**Tuesday Tea at Allen
Memorial Art Museum
May 14 - 3:00pm**

Kevin Greenwood, Joan L. Danforth Curator of Asian Art, will discuss “Art and Being in the Garden of Ryōan-ji,” his multimedia exhibition on the dry landscape garden at the Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan. He will provide a brief history of the garden and debunk the myth that the garden was intended for Zen meditation.

Tea and cookies will follow the program. **All are welcome.**



The Rising of the Moon

Saturday, May 18, will be the **Full Flower Moon** (also called **Mother’s Moon, Milk Moon, and Corn Planting Moon**). May marks a time of increasing fertility, with temperatures warm enough for safely bearing young, a near-end to late frosts, and plants in bloom. Join us at the base of Wildflower Hill at 8:45pm to celebrate! Bring a snack or song to share. We will provide the plum wine. **All are invited.** If there is rain that night, the celebration will be canceled. ~Donna Baznik

**Community Conversations
“My Favorite Hat”
Joe Colucci
Wed., May 15 - 10:30am - AUD**

Do you have a favorite hat that you’d like to tell fellow Kendal residents about? Then come to the auditorium wearing your bonnet or boater or baseball cap – or whatever. Be prepared to tell, in two minutes or less, why it’s your favorite, where and when you got it, and so on. While you are talking, your image and hat will be projected on the screen.

Come and enjoy the fun. Hats and Spring go together!

**Community Conversations
Up the River with Bud
Wed. May 15 - 7:15pm - AUD**

Travel by train up the Hudson River with Bud Spierling, former volunteer with the National Park Service, as he describes the sights along this unique waterway. His commentary will also include some facts of history, geography, and geology of this fascinating area of our country.

**Ginkgo Tree Celebration
Mon., May 6 - 3:00pm - Heiser**

Oberlin College students will join with KELC students to celebrate the ginkgo trees here at Kendal. Why are they so special? College students will perform a special kamishibai (paper theater) telling the story of “Little Ant and Big Trees” and hoping to further involve both the young people and all who attend. Join this College/Shansi/Kendal event!



**News & Views:
Foreign Affairs
Fri., May 3 - 10:30am - AUD**

Kendal resident Terry Carlton will speak on the topic **Decoding U.S.-China Trade.**

Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America’s true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China’s. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share to China.

What other tools can the United States employ to counter China’s unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused. **No registration or fee. All are welcome.**

**Annual Migratory Bird
and Amphibian Trip
to Ramsey Right-of-Way
Wednesday, May 8 - Meet at
9:45am at Heiser Center**

Ray Stewart and John Katko (Ohio Wetlands Association), Norm Damm (Ohio Association of Herpetologists), and Dean Kulwicki (Black River Audubon) will be our guides for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy outing to the Oberlin South Woods along the Ramsey Right-of-Way. Carpool suggested. Sign-up sheet by mailboxes. *Co-sponsored by Kendal Environmental Concerns Committee.*

~Kate Pilackey, Firelands
Associate Field Director

More About Kendal Residents

Elizabeth (Betsy) Post and Lawrence (Larry) Mirel

Betsy:

I enjoy being busy and purposeful. I look forward to my projects at Kendal, whatever they turn out to be.

My first job in Washington was staff writer for Science News Service covering the social sciences. Then I stayed at home with my three children, Helen, Paul and Max (now 53, 51, and 47) until the youngest could be by himself for a day or so when he got sick.

I continued writing and editing. Down in a basement office, I wrote "Plum Crazy: A Book About Beach Plums." It includes the history, botany, and nutrition of this wild, cherry-size fruit, and it is still in print. Inventing recipes for the book led to food writing, mainly for the *Washington Post*. I edited a book on asymmetry in Japanese design. Most recently I edited "The Power of a Butterfly: How Grieving Children Heal," by Dr. Catherine Andrews, a grief therapist.

It was when I wrote a booklet, "On Your Own in the Kitchen," and gave cooking lessons to psychiatric halfway house residents that I became interested in teaching. I supplemented my BA in psychology from Smith with an MA in Early Childhood Education from Goddard and taught preschool and kindergarten to children in DC public and private schools – the hardest jobs and the greatest satisfactions of my working life.

My husband Larry has a work office at home and a virtual office in downtown Washington, DC. I help him with design, tech, and billing. We enjoyed walking in Rock Creek Park together and are anticipating the discovery of new pathways. I've taken Tai Chi les-



sons for about ten years and plan to continue to do so at Kendal.

Laughter is important to me. And I like being funny.

Larry:

I was born in New York City in 1935 but moved with my family to Hamden, CT, a New Haven suburb where I attended public schools. I went on to Oberlin College (AB 1957) and Columbia Law School (JD 1961).

My wife of 56 years, Elizabeth (Betsy) of New Haven, went to Smith College. We have three children: Helen, a social worker in Brooklyn, NY; Paul, a project engineer at NASA/Goddard in Maryland; and Max, an RN at the Veterans' Hospital in Gainesville, FL. We have four grandchildren.

Music, government, and politics are my enduring interests. I began playing the clarinet in primary school, and in high school I studied with Keith Wilson, head of the woodwind department at Yale. At Oberlin, I studied with George Waln. Throughout my school years, I played in bands and orchestras (including the Columbia University Orchestra), and in more recent years, chamber music with other winds and with strings.

My interest in government and politics started at the Oberlin Mock Convention in 1956 where I headed the Connecticut delegation. We nominated former Connecticut Gov. Chester Bowles for president but lost to Massachusetts Sen. John Kennedy. I later

worked for the Bowles campaign for Congress and decided on a career in government. Following law school, I worked for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington and other federal agencies, including the Peace Corps.

I later worked for Connecticut Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, South Dakota Sen. George McGovern, Wisconsin Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, and the reelection campaign of President Lyndon Johnson. Other positions: General Counsel of the DC Council, Commissioner of the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (1999-2005).

I have also practiced in several law firms, including my own; served as adjunct professor at the George Washington University School of Law and at American University Law School; and held various roles at the American Civil Liberties Union.

I am an avid gardener, too.

Recent Move-Ins

Barbara Rollins, from Oberlin, OH, to a Kendal Apartment in mid-April.

Nancy Matthews, from Oberlin, OH, to a Kendal Apartment in mid-April.

Recent Transfers

Diana Kahn, from a Cottage to Jameson House in mid-March.

Irene Smith, from a Cottage to Whittier at the end of March.

Upcoming Moves

Dorothy MacIntyre, from Columbia Station, OH, to a Kendal Cottage in early May.

Barbara Davis, from Avon, OH, to a Kendal Apartment in mid-May.

Janet Larsen, from University Heights, OH, to a Kendal Cottage at the end of May.

Jeanne and Thomas (Tom) Berger

Jeanne:

I was born in Columbus, OH, where my father was finishing his graduate degree in chemistry. My mother, an Oberlin graduate, had spent several years as a Shansi rep in China and escaped just ahead of Mao's march. When my dad finished at Ohio State, we moved to Heliopolis, Egypt, where he worked with the Navy Medical Research Unit. I went to a British elementary school and my sister to a French kindergarten.

Like many relatives, I went to Oberlin, but found it uncomfortable during the turbulent mid-60s. I escaped to Pomona College for a year, met Tom right away at folk dancing, and returned to Oberlin for a sociology degree as Tom finished Caltech.

We spent 30 years in Minneapolis where Tom was a professor of mathematics at University of Minnesota. I went to Library School and worked and volunteered in various libraries. We raised our family in MN. Amy is now a professor of geology and environmental sciences at nearby Heidelberg University and Scott teaches high school mathematics (and some physics) near the NASA Space Flight Center in southeastern Houston. We moved to central Maine in 1995 where Tom taught mathematics at Colby College until he retired in 2006. We all love traveling and spent many months abroad, most memorably in Australia, New Zealand, England, and Germany.

We continue to travel as health permits, including to Machu Picchu, the Galapagos, Norway, Greece, and Italy. When Maggie called to say there was space at Kendal, we were on a month-long river cruise from Transylvania and the Black Sea to Amsterdam.

About a decade ago, I discovered the



pottery studio at Colby and have been actively making pots ever since. We have no grandchildren, but probably have sent out several thousand grandpots into the world. I am also an avid reader, line dancer, and yoga enthusiast. We still have downsizing to do, having discovered that creative and efficient storage for 50+ years, no matter how organized, is not the same as downsizing.

Tom:

After a move from Seattle (where I was born) to California at age 10, I bought a Cub Scout Crystal Radio Kit in Menlo Park, CA. My interest in electronics has not diminished since. In high school, I became a ham (radio amateur). I worked at Hewlett Packard in California in the summers and studied at Trinity College, Hartford, CT, during the year.

Along the way I discovered that electronics depends on physics, so majored in that. But in my last year I discovered it all depended upon mathematics, and headed to graduate school in mathematics at Caltech.

Caltech was all male and very intense, so I joined grad students for weekly folk dancing at Pomona College. There I met Jeanne within a few days of her arrival from Oberlin: we hiked, camped, sang, and traveled America's mountains and shores.

My friends found a job for me at the University of Minnesota where we settled and started a family. Both children earned PhDs. Our daughter Amy is a geology professor at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, OH, and our son Scott teaches high school mathematics and physics in Clear Lake, TX.

With the university as a base, we returned to Trinity for a year. Research sojourns took us to live in Coventry, England; Canberra, Australia; Auckland and Hamilton, New Zealand; Essen and Mainz, Germany; and Guangzhou, China.

Because of a lifelong interest in education, we spent three years in Washington, DC, the world's greatest theme park, where I was a ride operator giving away money to improve mathematics education from the National Science Foundation. After DC, we moved to Colby College in Waterville, ME.

After retirement we switched from research trips to guided tours, including Greece and the Isles; Rome, Naples, and Sicily; Norway and the fjords; Machu Picchu and the Galapagos; and a river cruise from the Black Sea to Amsterdam. The discovery of Kendal, by Jeanne, led to visits to Kendals at Hanover and Granville, before arriving at Oberlin.

Kendalkrypt #171- by Nina Love

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~PYDD PYCTHU

Solution to Kendalkrypt #170: The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. ~ Unknown



Smart Giving!

Gift Annuities were inaugurated by the American Bible Society in America in 1843. For more than 176 years, nonprofit organizations have enabled donors to provide a gift to a charity and receive lifetime income. Clearly a win/win for donor and charity.

Kendal at Oberlin offers gift annuities that provide guaranteed payments to one or two beneficiaries. The payments are actuarially secure with Kendal standing behind the contracts. Gift Annuities may benefit the Residents Assistance Fund or other purposes in line with KatO mission.

~KatO Committee on Philanthropy

Big Bus: Blossom Music Center Saturday, July 13

Again this year we are going to Blossom, the summer home of the Cleveland Orchestra located in the lush Cuyahoga River valley. Jahja Ling will conduct the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Fourth and a short Mussorgsky piece. Guest pianist Conrad Tao will perform Prokofiev's Piano Concerto #3.

The bus will depart Heiser at 5:45pm and deliver us to the Music Center tram stop. The tram takes us to the edge of the pavilion. It is only a short walk to our seats, central but convenient to the restrooms. After the concert, the tram takes us back to our bus which will depart on the speedy bus lane. Bus steps are standard. Rollators/walkers can be accommodated.

Reservations: Total charge for the concert and transportation will be \$50.00 per person. **Place non-refundable checks payable to KORA in Box #112 by May 31.** Your check is your reservation. Watch for a sign-up sheet by the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Randy Wagner or Anne Martin.

Petitti's Garden Center Thurs., May 9, 1:00 - 3:30pm

Join us for the annual Spring shopping trip to Petitti's Garden Center in Avon. **Sign up for the Kendal bus.** 🚌

Big Bus: Stan Hywet Hall, Gardens Tues., May 28 - 9:30am - 4:00pm Board bus at Heiser at 9:15am Note: Sign-up closes Mon., May 20

A check for \$35.50, payable to KORA and placed in Box #117, reserves your seat on our bus to Stan Hywet Hall. The sign-up sheet is posted on the shelf below the open mailboxes.

Built in 1915 by Frank Seiberling of Goodyear Tire and Rubber, this building is one of the finest examples of Tudor Revival architecture in America. We'll enjoy a docent-led tour of the manor and a self-guided tour of the beautifully landscaped grounds and formal gardens. Kendal resident Melissa Reed will be our host.

Although there is no elevator, visitors with rollators are welcome to most areas except the manor's second floor, which is accessible only by stairs.

Lunch is not included in the price. Bring a bag lunch or purchase one at Molly's Shop & Cafe, located in what were the horse stalls of the carriage house.

Questions? Contact Barbara Bruer.



My friend in the Stephens Care Center used to have a dog. She asked me to bring my dog to visit. She loves watching him play. I bring a treat she gives him. Now they are great friends. **STAY CONNECTED.**



Library Notes

May, the month of alumni reunions and Commencement on Tappan Square, is a time of special awareness of the intertwined histories of Oberlin College and the city. The library has a special OB collection of books on the first section of shelves. The Oberlin College yearbooks and alumni directories are in the same section. Further reading is in books throughout the collection that deal in part with Oberlin history, such as:

- **Stewart Holbrook. *The Yankee Exodus: An Account of the Migration from New England.* 972** Chapter 4, "A Beacon in the Wilderness," argues that Oberlin College would "influence Ohio and the newer states to the west as perhaps nothing else before or since."
- **Marilynne Robinson. *When I Was a Child I Read Books: Essays.* 814** In "Who Was Oberlin?" Robinson discusses the influence of the French Protestant pastor Johann Friedrich Oberlin and the American evangelist Charles Finney on the "remarkable" history of Oberlin College.
- **Michael Dirda, OC 1970. *An Open Book: Coming of Age in the Heartland.* B Dir** A literary critic's memoir of becoming a passionate reader as a child in blue-collar Lorain and a student at Oberlin in the 1960s.
- **Keyes Metcalf, OC 1911. *Random Recollections of an Anachronism.* 020** Metcalf, a prominent library administrator, recalls his student life and experience in the OC library that began his career when he served as assistant to his brother-in-law, long-time librarian Azariah Root.
- **Tracy Chevalier, OC 1984. *The Last Runaway.* F Che** A novel of the turmoil in Wellington and "radical" Oberlin as the Fugitive Slave Act made it dangerous to aid desperate runaways in the 1850s.

**Report from
The John Bartram Arboretum:
A New Gem of a Tree for our
Arboretum: The Sourwood**

The Sourwood tree is a native of North America in the Heath family, along with rhododendrons, mountain laurels, and blueberries. A medium-height tree, it thrives between overstory trees, not shaded too much, yet not getting full sun.

It is a bit fussy – it likes a medium to moist, yet well-drained, soil. The first sourwood planted in our Arboretum will be in the hackberry bed in the large quadrangle, along with the cucumber magnolia and the hackberry there. Soil has been carefully prepared, slightly mounded up, and there are drainpipes to the east to take excess water into Farmer's Pond.

The Heath family are forest plants that prefer acid soil and like to be covered with leaves and twigs. Have you noticed that kind of mulch covering at a blueberry farm? These soils are rich with active fungi which break down the mulch into the nutrients the plants can use.

The sourwood roots do not like compacted soil and are very easily damaged by foot traffic. Thus the sourwood is not easily grown in urban conditions. The small feeder roots are very fine and have been said to look like threads of a spider web.

In "Growing the Sourwood Tree," from Rock Bridge Trees, it is touted as one of our most beautiful native trees, having "the cascade of delicate flowers in midsummer followed by a stunning display of red foliage in fall." Yet it is not a common one.

In adding this gorgeous tree to our John Bartram Arboretum, we will need to take special care of it.

~Anne Helm for the Arboretum Committee

**The Dementia Friendly
Discussion Group meets Thurs.,
May 23, 10:30am, Green Room.**

Kendal Resale Shop Talk

*Benefitting Kendal Residents Assistance
Fund and Community Charities*

In early April, the Kendal Resale Shop (KRS) had a very successful on-site apartment sale. It did so well in its first three days that we ended the sale early. There was hardly anything left to sell in the apartment! (The remaining items were moved to the Shop.) Thanks to everyone who helped us make this sale so successful: generous donors, Kendal staff, resident volunteers, and, of course, many shoppers from Kendal and the Oberlin community.

We now have a wonderful assortment of spring clothing on display in our Shop showroom. Stop in; you'll be sure to find a treasure to freshen your wardrobe.

Kendal Resale Shop deposits to the Residents Assistance Fund for the month of March totaled \$4,159.

Thanks to our donors and shoppers!

DID YOU KNOW? In 2015 KatO completed construction of the new Kendal Resale Shop, and we moved into our current location at the south entrance to Heiser (aka the Employee Entrance).

THANK YOU! Keep those donations coming and keep shopping the KRS!

*~Nancy Lombardi,
Chair of the Kendal Resale Shop*

Commencement Weekend Kendal Open House

Fri., May 24 - Mon., May 27

Kendal will hold an open house from 1:00 to 4:30pm on Fri., May 24, and from 9:00am to 4:30pm on Sat., May 25 through Mon., May 27.

The Crossroads Room will be our hospitality suite, offering snacks and a chance to look at Oberlin College memorabilia. Join us in welcoming alumni and other visitors to our campus.

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

It's Time for the Plant Sale! Friday, May 3 7:30am to 4:30pm Heiser West Corridor between mailboxes and bank



A multitude of plants has been growing in the Horticulture Room, waiting for you to take them home!

Come see our selection of indoor and outdoor plants and garden tools.

~May Zitani

Kendal Spells! 2019 Fri., May 31 - 4:00pm - AUD

Attention all ace spellers! Come to Kendal's annual spelling bee to select a team to represent KatO at the United Way Lorain County Spellebrate on Thursday, June 20.

In 2016, the Kendal "Wordly Wise" spelling team (a mix of residents and staff) won the county event, and they were runners-up in 2017. Anne Martin and Katie Brown (team members in 2016 and 2017) coached the 2018 team (Tina Graf, Sandy McClellen, Nancy McRae, and Toni Merleno) and will host the Kendal Spells! 2019 event.

Watch for the sign-up sheet on Monday, May 6. The event offers non-competitive fun for all residents and staff. Come participate or cheer for others. Everyone is welcome.

Questions? Contact Anne or Katie.

Chalk Walk's on June 22

Chalk Walk is coming up! Be among the 20-plus Kendal participants who help at Chalk Walk by handing out chalk with which to draw, cardboard on which to sit, and big smiles of encouragement to all. Shifts run from 9:45am-12:00pm, 12:00-2:00pm, and 2:00-4:15pm on Sat., June 22 (rain date Sun., June 23) at four locations in downtown Oberlin.

More information? Or ready to sign up? Contact Dina Schoonmaker by email. Signups will begin in June.

Saturday Walks

On May 4 we will meet at 10:30am at the Heiser Reception Desk to walk into town to see the Oberlin Big Parade. On the other dates we will meet at the usual 9:00am time to carpool to our scheduled destination.

May 4 The Big Parade

May 11 Schoepfle Garden

May 18 Rowland Nature Preserve

May 25 Columbia Reservation

Questions? Contact Phil Pritchett.

Table Tennis Tournament

The annual tournament began in mid-April, with a field of nine women and seven men. Play will extend into early June. The July *Kendalight* will print the results. Meanwhile, regular practice continues in the auditorium two or three times weekly. Stop by, watch the game, and join our group. Table tennis is fun.
~Sidney Rosenfeld

UU Kendal Gathering “Learning About Racism and Classism, Experiencing Community”

Wed., May 15 - 4:00pm - AUD

When long-time OUUF members Joanne Rahn and Edie Fuchsman taught a group of teens about racism and classism recently, about 15 young men from all neighborhoods and backgrounds in Oberlin formed an ongoing group.

Given a framework for hard conversations, they were able to create a community where they can be vulnerable with one another. The facilitators have been impacted, too, as they continue to present difficult aspects of American life to these youths to reflect upon and grow from. **All are welcome.**

IN MEMORIAM

**IRA STEINBERG
APRIL 15, 2019**



**3/18/19-
4/11/19**

Kendal Nature Sightings

3/18, Mourning Dove nest building in pine tree by Rock Pond, Scott Orcutt; **3/21, Great Blue Heron**, Triangle Pond, Mary Behm; **3/22, Pied-billed Grebe**, Rock Pond, and **Ring-necked Duck**, Rock Pond, Scott O.; **3/25**, flock of **Rusty Blackbirds** with **Grackles**, Meadow Pond, **3/27, Red-breasted Nuthatch** in pines at entrance, **3/29, Bluebirds** calling near Center Pond, **3/29, Cooper's Hawk**, lot 6, Maureen Bailey (hskp.); **3/29, Spring Peepers** “singing” at Button-bush Pond, **3/30, Muskrat** swimming in Center Pond, Mary B.; **3/31, Belted Kingfisher**, Farmer's Pond, Anne Martin; **4/3, Tree Swallow** inspecting nest box, Rock Pond, Scott O.; **4/6, Lesser Scaup**, Rock Pond, Dina Schoonmaker; **4/8, Wood Ducks**, Meadow Pond, **Blue-winged Teals**, Meadow Pond; **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, Meadow Pond, Lee Hefner; **4/11 Great Blue Heron**, Island Pond, Mary Clare Beck.

Newcomers' Reception

Wed., May 1 - 4:00 pm - AUD

All Kendal residents are invited to welcome our new friends and neighbors! Enjoy refreshments and live music as you chat with our newcomers – and old-timers, too.

Wear your name tag! Our new residents want to get to know each other and the rest of us.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

AT KENDAL

Episcopal Service

Holy Communion

Sat., May 11, 11:00am, Gathering Rm.

Society of Friends

Sundays, 10:30am, Education Center



Bridge Results

April 1 1st, MaryBeth McCalla; 2nd, Beverly Fordyce; 3rd, Rachel Fordyce.

April 8 1st, Connie Bimber; 2nd, Carol Ganzel; 3rd, tie, Enid Cleary and Betty O'Connor.

April 15 1st, Tomo Ijiri; 2nd, Connie Bimber.

April 22 1st, Eileen Dettman; 2nd, Beverly Fordyce; 3rd, Rebecca Cardozo.

Kendal United Fellowship

Sat., May 11 - AUD

9:30am: Food and Fellowship

10:15am: Andrew Garver

Carbon Fee and Dividend: A climate solution that could help everyone and how to make it happen.

All are welcome.

Looking for Someone Special?

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

The Kendalight

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- 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.



Dining and Nutrition Services

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day Buffet Fox and Fell 11:45am through 2:00pm

Reservation forms have been placed in open mailboxes or sent to residents by email.

Monday, May 13, Ninde Scholars Reception, 5:30pm, AUD

The late Richard and Nan Ninde, long-time Kendal residents, presented a challenge grant of \$450,000, asking the community to match it dollar for dollar. The resulting endowment supports the Ninde Scholars program.

Dining Notes from Ann Pilisy

- **Both plain and seasoned vegetables** are now available on the Fox & Fell buffet line. Look for the labels identifying each version.
- If **tables need to be rearranged** for your "special group," please give F&F staff your headcount at end of the prior day. F&F, Den, and Penn are usually set up at the end of each day for next day's meals. If changes are received on the day of event, staff must come in early to make the rearrangement. This can equal extra labor cost.
- When **calling to make reservations**, it is not necessary to leave your unit and phone number.

Watch for the sign-up sheet:
Solo Diners: Thurs., May 9, 5:30pm, The Den (meets on second Thursday of the month).

No Intergenerational Gathering in Langston for May

Third Friday Vegan Dinner - May 17 - 5:15pm Penn and Den

This month the plant-based/vegan meal will feature **Ethiopian** cuisine. See the **sign-up sheet** on the ledge below the open mailboxes for details. Note: 50 seats will be available. Reservations close on Mon., May 13.

Did You Know?

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



For the Vision-Impaired

Magnifiers and More Pays Spring Visit Tues., May 14, 11:00am to 2:00pm Heiser Lounge

Come visit with Deb Kogler, long-time friend of Kendal low-vision residents and owner of Magnifiers and More. Deb brings her traveling store of visual aids, including magnifying glasses, batteries, decks of large-print cards, checkbooks, talking watches and clocks. Yes, she has the latest electronic readers, too. Stop by for an M&M catalog. As always, Deb's good advice is free.

Sponsored by the Low Vision Support Group and Social Services staff

Low-Vision Support Group: Audio: "The T.A.S.K. (Tenacity, Adaptability, Support, and Knowledge) of Living with Central Vision Loss" Thursday, May 9 4:00pm - Green Room



Pet Projects

How to Walk Toward a Dog

Dog trainer Lisa Stella taught us that when you are walking and meet a person walking a dog, this is the rule: **NO TALK, NO TOUCH, NO EYE CONTACT** with the dog. **YOU IGNORE THE DOG** if you speak with the person.

The dog owner is responsible for controlling the dog during your conversation. Ask permission **FIRST** before petting the dog. Wait for an answer before reaching out to pet the dog.

Remember that coming down on **TOP** of the dog's head can be viewed by the dog as a threat. Also be aware that if you are nervous or anxious, the

dog will sense that and respond in kind with its own nervous and anxious behavior.

If the dog is **NOT** under control (barking, jumping, pulling), just give the dog and owner a wide berth and have a conversation with that person some other time. *~Kathy Caldwell*

Volunteer Monitors Needed

Oberlin High School needs our help! We have been asked again to help monitor classrooms while students in the International Baccalaureate Program take their exams. Proctors sit in the hallway for two hours, waiting to see if they are needed. You may meet some of our wait staff there!

Exam dates and times are posted on Kendal's Volunteer Bulletin Board. Please sign up for this opportunity.

Contact Anne Elder.

~Volunteer Clearinghouse Committee

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1 style="color: red;">May 2019</h1> <p> CCR = Crossroads Room GaRm = Gathering Room HL = Heiser Lounge WCH = Warner Concert Hall WHT = Whittier Lounge Bold = at Kendal tx = Tickets needed  = Kendal Bus </p>			1 Newcomers' Reception 4:00pm AUD Women in Composition 7:15pm AUD College Choir 8:00pm Finney 	2 First Thurs. AMAM 5:00-7:30pm Program 5:30 carpool Health Lecture Many Uses for Medical Cannabis 7:15pm AUD	3 Plant Sale 7:30am-4:30pm West Corridor News & Views: Foreign Affairs 10:30am AUD Collegium Musicum 7:30pm Fairchild 	4 Walk to Big Parade 10:30am Heiser Oberlin Big Parade 11:00am Film: The Fog of War 7:15pm AUD
5 Quaker Worship 10:30am Ed Ctr Film: Calendar Girls 7:00pm Jameson Musical Union, A&S Orch. 7:30pm Finney 	6 Ginko Tree Celebration 3:00pm - HL Bridge 6:45pm Green	7 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 6:30am-7:30pm AUD Chamber Orchestra 7:30pm Finney 	8 Ramsey Right-of-Way Walk 9:45am Heiser carpool Lunch Bunch: Sal & Al's Diner, Amherst 11:30am-2:00pm 	9 Trip to Pettitt's Garden Center 1:00-3:30pm 	10 Tax-Wise Ways to Support Your Important Causes 2:30pm Ed Ctr Low Vision Group 4:00pm Green Rm Solo Diners 5:30pm Den Woodwind Quintet & Brass Trio 7:15pm AUD Oberlin Orchestra 7:30pm Finney 	11 Walk in Park 9:00am Heiser Kendal United Fellowship 9:30am AUD Episcopal Serv. 11:00am GaRm Met. Opera HD "Dialogue of the Carmelites" (tx) Noon Apollo 
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19 Quaker Worship 10:30am Ed Ctr Film: Sabrina 7:00pm Jameson	20 Monday Night Movie at Apollo Sign up for bus 	21 Allen Huszti, baritone 7:15pm AUD	22 Song Swap with Judy Cook 7:00pm AUD	23 Dementia Friendly Discussion Group 10:30am Green Rm "Pint & Dale" Folk Singers 7:15pm AUD	24 Rod Knight with Len Garver's Trolley Run 5:30pm HL Grand Piano Extravaganza (tx) 8:30pm WCH 	25 Walk in Park 9:00am Heiser Film: It's a Wonderful Family 7:15pm AUD Commencement Recital 8:00pm Finney 
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