



NEWSLETTER

January 2016

EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributors to this month's Newsletter are Cathy and Bob Wilmott, Susan Allen-Warren, Trisha Pflantz, Shelley Pryor, Sandy Schenck, Jim Warren, Mary Pat O'Gorman, Karen Spreitler, Jan Scott, BJ Clutter, Eleanor Withers, and Judy Giraud. Thank you.

Fred Giraud, Editor

THE ALLEY CAT



It was about 10am Monday morning when the telephone rang. Normally my wife would have answered it, but she was not home. So that task fell to me. I said hello a couple of times only to hear silence from the other end. I chalked it up to a robo call and hung up. Shortly after that I had begun a project on the third floor of our home when the doorbell rang. I wondered who might be calling this early--perhaps someone wanting to sell us firewood because our house has a chimney. I had thought of putting a sign in our window stating that we have a gas burning fireplace so we don't need any wood but never got around to posting it. As I began my descent to the first floor whoever was at the door was persistent and kept ringing. Since we do not have a fire pole to slide down to the main floor, the steps take about a minute to arrive at my destination. Whoever it was kept ringing as I made my way downstairs. After I got to the front door I couldn't see anyone outside. Thinking it may have been a package delivery, I opened the door and looked around. No package. However hiding behind a bench we have on our porch I discovered the Alley Cat. Since he appeared cold, I invited him in. I asked him, "What brings you out this early?" "Well you see, I've noticed a large number of moving vans in the neighborhood this year and was wondering what's happening?" I told him that during the past 12 months we have had **19** new families moving into Parkview. "That's a lot" he declared. After thinking for a moment he said, "This means every resident has a job to do." "What's that?" I asked. "Everyone should be on the lookout for new people moving in and extend a warm welcome to them. List for them the favorite things you like to do; the great places to eat in the Loop and surrounding area. Tell them about the Parkview Horticultural Society; about the Parkview Book Club; about the U. City Library; about the Ice Carnival this weekend; about your favorite walking routes; about the Progressive Dinner. Each person can be a welcoming committee." "Great idea" I said. He then added, "With all the new families, you must tell them about my meal of choice." "You mean fresh salmon from the Pacific Northwest?" I asked. "You can drop the Pacific Northwest—just salmon. I'll be more than satisfied with any morsel of food they leave on their front door step for me." After he had warmed himself, he left saying he was going to meet at least one new family today.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Cathy and Bob Wilmott



Bob and Cathy Wilmott became our Parkview neighbors when they moved into 501 Westgate last September. Prior to that they lived in their Ladue home for 14 years, where their four daughters polished off their teenage years. Like many couples, talking about the children comes easier than talking about themselves. Cathy and Bob have a lot to be proud of.

The youngest is Annabelle, age 23, who is working on her Masters degree in International Development and Humanitarian Relief at the London School of Economics. She earned her Undergraduate degree at St. Louis University - Madrid with a triple major in Political Science, Communications, and Spanish. She

was then awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Indonesia for a year, which she completed last Summer. Bob explained she wants to work for a U.S. mission-driven non-profit organization.

Gina, 25, graduated from nursing school at SLU. She currently works for Mercy Hospital in Creve Coeur. At first she studied pre-law and philosophy, and wanted to be an environmental lawyer, explained Bob. She took a year off school to spend time in Europe working on an organic farm. She loved it so much she changed her career path to nursing. In addition, the time away confirmed her love for her boyfriend Nick, whom she later married. She spent one year in an accelerated Baccalaureate program to complete her nursing degree. She now lives in Maplewood where she grows things like parsley in her front yard, raising chickens in the back. "She tells her neighbors to help themselves to the parsley," Cathy said. "We used it over Thanksgiving. It was excellent."

Francesca, 31, is currently living in Brooklyn where she and her husband are employed in Manhattan; he as a law associate, she as an assistant curator at the Museum of Modern Art. They met in high school and were voted king and queen at their Ladue high school prom. Cathy explained this was quite unexpected in a family that prioritizes academics over social pursuits, but they accepted it good-naturedly. Franny set her sights on a career in management of the arts, Bob said, after a high school teacher took them on a tour of Italy to study art in several cities. She was an art history major at Miami University of Ohio and then she earned a full ride scholarship for graduate school at the Art Institute of Chicago, where she double majored in Contemporary Art History and Art Management and Policy. Returning to St. Louis, she found employment at the St. Louis Art Museum where she worked in the modern art wing, while her fiancé was in Law School at Washington University.

Jennifer, the oldest, is 32 and is a SLU graduate with a dual major in Social Work and Public Health. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Bio Statistics. Jennifer's daughter Audriana is five. They live in Brentwood. Jennifer is currently working in Data Management and Software development.

Bob and Cathy moved their family to follow Bob's career, while uprooting the girls as little as possible in their formative years, explained Cathy. Bob is currently the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at SLU's School of Medicine, and is Chief of Pediatrics for Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. He grew up in London, England.

Cathy grew up in Germany.

So how did these two meet?

Cathy's mother was from London, but her Tennessee native father was in the army so she was used to frequent moves early on. Cathy was born at Fort Ord, an army base in Monterey Bay, California, and five months later the family transferred to Germany. Cathy lived on bases in several different cities and is fluent in German as a result. She graduated from the American high school in Heidelberg, Germany. She was an

American citizen, and hoped to migrate to the U.S. some day, but it seemed so foreign. She had only visited there on holidays with the family. So she chose London to study nursing.

She met Bob in London in 1980. As the couple talked about their future, Cathy shared that she planned to eventually move to the U.S., "to connect with my roots." Bob thought that didn't sound too bad, so they married, completed some complicated visa paperwork and uprooted together to Philadelphia. Two daughters were born there. Bob accepted a new position at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan, where they resided for three years. In 1989 he became the Division Director for Pediatric Pulmonary Diseases at Cincinnati Children's Hospital (and started that program, which continues to be successful today.) Two more daughters were born while they resided in Cincinnati for 12 years.

In 2001 they moved to St. Louis.

"I had seen the Gateway Arch from the air," Bob said, "but that was about it." He interviewed for a new position and was persuaded to make the move. "This chair position seemed to be the best fit for me from those I looked at. I liked the project; I liked the people." He finds his work at Cardinal Glennon very satisfying. "We've increased the size, depth, and range of the services we offer. In terms of reputation, we've moved up."

Now St. Louis feels like the place where they will settle, Cathy said. Two of their four children call St. Louis home. Cathy mentioned however that they were sad when Lambert Airport lost its status as a hub of international travel. But since living here she found an unexpected familial connection. "I found out my grandmother was born here."

Bob added, "Her father, Cathy's great grandfather, was a newspaper man for Pulitzer." That means he probably worked for the Post-Dispatch.

Currently Cathy is a nurse working PRN (as needed). She works in Employee Health for SSM, which includes seven hospitals in the St. Louis area. She runs the Flu Clinic at Cardinal Glennon and is responsible for providing flu shots to thousands of hospital employees, mostly in September and October.

She gets to meet her husband's colleagues that way.

When we met in January, the couple had just returned from skiing in Vail, Colorado, an annual trip when the two are joined by some or all of their daughters. Bob hopes to get back into jogging and bicycling, taking advantage of their new home's proximity to Forest Park.

Both are really excited about an upcoming medical mission trip to Belize. "I just found out I'm on Bob's team," Cathy said. They're hoping this is the start of an annual trip to provide medical services or training in foreign countries, explained Bob.

"After the mission we'll go scuba diving off a nearby island for four days," said Cathy, hinting at the couple's adventurous side. This mission trip was made through a connection with a friend, but they hope it is the first of many. Both Bob and Cathy help with projects that provide medical services in low income areas in different parts of St. Louis and they are excited to extend that experience to other countries as well.

"Our hope is to help people build medical systems that will endure..." Bob said.

Help us welcome our new neighbors to Parkview!

ICE CARNIVAL

The Loop Ice Carnival is this Saturday, January 15 beginning at 10AM. In addition to Ice Sculptures, there will be Human Dog Sled Races, Ice Breaker, Ice Carving Demonstrations, Ice Slides, Frozen Turkey Bowling, plus much more. It's good winter fun and all this is happening on Delmar.



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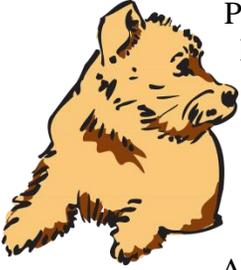
CARRIAGE RIDES

(Photos provided by
Trisha Pflantz)



STRAY DOG

The following information was provided by **Shelley Pryor** (Westminster), KPA-CPT and Certified Professional Dog Trainer; President, Greater St. Louis Training Club; HSMO Humane Educator; Volunteer, Midwest Akita Rescue.



If you find a stray dog, Kingsbury Animal Hospital (across from Parkview) has a wand to check for chips. Their number is 721-6251. They will be happy to check the dog for you. Possibly the dog slipped his leash and belongs to someone in the vicinity.

Also, you can and should report the dog to STLLostPets.org. This resource is a collaboration of the Humane Society of Missouri, Animal Protective Association (APA) and St. Louis Animal Care and Control. These three local humane organizations pool their data on animals that have been reported lost by their owners. People who have lost their pet can go to this website to look for reported animals, too. It's a great matching process.

If you need immediate help, you can call the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO.org): **(314) 6474400**. You can take the dog to their headquarters at 1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 — about 2 miles from Parkview near the Hill. They will take the dog and make sure s/he is safe and medically cared for while searching is done for the owner, if any.

A GOOD RESOURCE FOR RESIDENTS by Sandy Schenck

Parkview is now using a private online network called Nextdoor. On our [Nextdoor site](#), neighbors can share contractor recommendations, post items for sale, make new connections, discuss Parkview events and more. Over 190 Parkview residents have already joined and if you haven't yet, I hope you will consider it. If so, **BE SURE TO JOIN THE PRIVATE PARKVIEW GROUP** under Skinker DeBaliviere, where only verified Parkview neighbors can post/view messages. Click here for more information:
<https://nextdoor.com/invite/dgnzvzrcpzabxjmjapvx>

NEW RESIDENTS

Christa Marren and Michael Meiners, 6253 Washington Phone: Christa 941-2887 Michael 393-8247
Former Resident: Madeleine Laury

Dru and Mark Swadener, 6330 Washington Phone: Dru 918-625-3992 Mark 918-851-2097
Former Resident: Gitry Heydebrand

FROM THE PARKVIEW TREASURER:

Thanks to those of you who have paid your 2016 General Assessment promptly! This helps us provide our neighborhood services. If you haven't yet paid for 2016 (or owe any past due assessments), please do so as soon as possible to avoid interest charges.

If you are selling your house, please tell your real estate agent and the Title Company to contact the Parkview Agents AS SOON AS POSSIBLE before your sale to verify your account status. No more "the closing is tomorrow; please respond immediately" notes from your agent. If you want your closing to go smoothly, and not be delayed by unavailable agents, then don't wait until the last minute.

Thanks. Jim Warren, Parkview Treasurer [314-583-7981](tel:314-583-7981) jawarrenjr@sbcglobal.net

RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

Gabrielle Elise Markarian, daughter of Randall and Annette Markarian (Waterman), was a Maid in the 2015 Veiled Prophet Ball.

Sherida Tollefsen (Pershing), professor of pediatrics at St. Louis University School of Medicine, was awarded a grant of \$492,506 from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. The study will be looking at treatments for type 2 diabetes in adolescents.

Amy and Amrit Gill (Waterman) are planning a luxury boutique hotel and apartments for a nearly empty downtown office building at 705 Olive St. The 14 story structure which opened in 1893 was designed by renowned architect Louis Sullivan for the Union Trust Co. Sullivan pioneered the use of steel frame construction in skyscraper design. Through their company, Restoration St. Louis, the Gills are longtime developers who focus on renovations of old buildings. The building at 705 Olive is on the National Register of Historic Places.

UNAVAILABLE

There are times I am unavailable to respond to your e-mail requests. If you have not heard from me within 48 hours and it is urgent please contact Parkview12agents@gmail.com Fred Giraud

PARKVIEW BOOK CLUB

By Trisha Pflantz

Ruby Lennox explores the history of her quirky middle-class English family – and the secrets they keep – in “Behind the Scenes at the Museum,” the novel to be discussed at January’s meeting of the Parkview Book Club.

Kate Atkinson won the Whitbread Prize in 1995 for her debut novel. The chapters alternate between Ruby’s first-person account of her family’s life in the 1960s, and the personal histories of her ancestors as they survive world wars (and each other).

The Parkview Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the home of Mary Ann Nielsen, 329 Westgate.

Any Parkview resident who loves to read is welcome to join the book club. The club usually meets on the final Tuesday of each month. To receive email invitations to future book club meetings, contact Tiphany Vogel at tiphanyvogel@aol.com.

AN ADDITIONAL RESIDENT

The daughter of Emilie Meiners, Liesl Schroer, and her sons moved in with her and Ted. Liesl’s phone: [\(314\) 954-8466](tel:3149548466) Her sons are: Spencer Harvey age 16 and Bryce Harvey age 11.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

by Trisha Pflantz

A new year means a new slate of neighborhood events for Parkview residents. Mark your calendars with the dates for our annual gatherings:

- Progressive Dinner – Residents will decide when to hold this year’s dinner. A survey will be posted at www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5GJQKL until 7 p.m. this Sunday evening, Jan. 17. The results will be announced later in the week.
- Spring Egg Hunt – Sunday, March 20 (rain date on Saturday, March 26)
- Summer BBQ – Sunday, June 26
- Movie Night – Date to be determined in August
- Chili Cook-off – Sunday, Oct. 23
- Holiday Carriage Rides – Sunday, Dec. 18

Please contact Trisha Pflantz at tpflantz@gmail.com if you are interested in helping organize any of this year’s events.

SKINKER DeBALIVIERE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

by Mary Pat O’Gorman

Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Updates

The new year has brought changes in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office! New Executive Director, Brandon Sterling, started on Monday, Jan 4. We are excited about his new energy and vision for the neighborhood. We hope you are able to join us at several upcoming events where you can meet Brandon, say hello to neighbors and get involved.

24th Annual MLK Day Celebration

What: The SDCC Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee invites neighbors and friends to its 24th annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Join us for a day of music, reflection, and remembrance. This year's keynote speaker will be James Clark from Better Family Life.

When: Sunday, January 17, 3:00 pm

Where: New Cote Brilliance Church of God, 6195 Washington

21st Annual Police & Firefighter Appreciation Luncheon

What: The Annual Police & Firefighter Appreciation Luncheon honors those who take care of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.

When: Friday, February 12, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Where: SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury Ave

SDCC 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council was started in 1966 and planning is currently taking place to commemorate this 50th anniversary milestone. If you would like to be a part of the celebration throughout the year or have ideas to share about how to mark the occasion, please contact Brandon Sterling, brandon.sterling@skinker-debaliviere.com or Mary Pat O’Gorman, holtgreivemp@hotmail.com.

About Skinker-DeBaliviere

Skinker-DeBaliviere is a vibrant urban neighborhood in the City of St. Louis. The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) aims to be the connector, coordinator and facilitator of all aspects necessary to maintain and enhance our diverse, desirable and thriving community.

PARKVIEW EATERIES

Is Parkview an enclave or incubator for owners of eating and drinking establishments?

It appears it may be. There are several known (at least six) owners of St. Louis establishments but there could be more.

When new residents move into the neighborhood, they receive a welcome packet. It would be wonderful to provide them with information about our homegrown eateries. In addition to the welcome packet, a list will also be provided for all of Parkview in an upcoming newsletter.

Please contact me about YOUR establishments (website, address, phone number).

Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Eleanor Withers
6237 McPherson Avenue
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TRASH

Remember--do not leave trash around your recycling containers. Also you should not use plastic bags for recycling. **HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING GREAT!**

PARKVIEW PUZZLER by Susan Allen-Warren



How well do you know our neighborhood? The photographer of this picture was standing in the street or on the sidewalk within our neighborhood. Can you identify the address? Send your answer to parkviewpuzzler@gmail.com to win bragging rights. The answer and names of the first people to send in the correct answer will be published in the next newsletter. By the way, the resident of this house is not eligible!

The winner of last month's puzzler is a tie between Mark and Chanaya Jacobs and Christine Knoten. All correctly identified the address of the yellow-brick house as 6249 Washington, home of our new neighbors Mark and Nancy Johnson. Congratulations Mark, Chanaya, and Christine and thanks for playing!



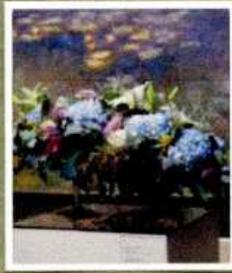
PARKVIEW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

An Artful presentation by,



CATHERINE THOELE, AIFD

Monet's Water Lilies 2014 winner of the Brown Shoe Designer's Choice Award



She implemented the "Art in Bloom" program at the Saint Louis Art Museum, has had the honor of designing for the V.P. Ball, participated in the production teams for multiple floats in the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade, and contributes a column about flowers to St. Louis Homes and Lifestyles magazine.

Thoele has been in the floral industry for more than 30 years and holds a degree in art history, not to mention experience in architecture and drafting. Plus, she's accredited by the American Institute of Floral Designers -- something only 1,200 people worldwide can say. She views her work as botanical media: Other artists use clay or watercolor; she uses nature. "

From River Front Times-Best Florist 2004

Wednesday, JANUARY 20TH

7PM-Update

7:30 PM - Program

Host: Jenny Fanson

6227 McPherson Ave

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AAUW St. Louis Presents...

A St. Louis (MO) Branch

Legislative Action Forum – on Sexual Assault,

Right-to-Work, and Minimum Wage

Saturday February 27, 2016 - 10 am – noon

Grace Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

AAUW St. Louis is hosting a three person panel forum with a moderator. The topics are Legislative Actions at the National, State and Local levels.

National - Sexual Assault – Field Representative for Senator Claire McCaskill, Divine Shelton, will discuss the status of the bill “Campus Accountability and Safety Act”; other efforts to combat sexual violence.

MO State – Right-to-Work – Presenter - Joe Keaveny, Missouri State Senator District 4, City of St. Louis

Local - Minimum Wage – Presenter - Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman for Ward 28, City of St. Louis.

Each speaker will share for about 20 minutes and then there will be a moderated discussion.

Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

Light refreshments will be served.

Program Themes and Purpose

Because 2016 is a national election year, the St. Louis Branch is choosing to focus its Feb 2016 event on informing members and interested guests on key legislation that is currently under debate at the national, state and local levels.

We hope this program will get people engaged and inspired to actively work in these legislative areas. At the end of the program, we will ask people to sign up for follow-up interest groups for each of these areas. The STL AAUW Branch will coordinate ongoing needed action in these areas up through the date of the national election in November 2016.

Location: Grace Methodist Church 6199 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63112
(2 blocks north of Washington University campus.)

Parking lot is one block north of the church at McPherson and Skinker

[Get Directions](#)

This event is free, but registration is requested. We prefer on-line registration if possible.

Register At - <http://aauwstlfeb2016forum.eventzilla.net/>

Call 314 727-9918 if you have questions or to register by phone.

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Parkview Information

SECURITY:

Emergencies: 911

Non-emergency security concerns:

University City Police 725-2211

Saint Louis 5th District Patrol 231-1212

To leave a non-urgent message for A1 (i.e. requesting extra patrol while you are on vacation) call 726-1717

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