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## Out and About in the 'Burg

“Out and About in the 'Burg” is a special feature of the *Messenger Journal* celebrating people, events, special occasions, fund-raisers, etc.

It is the people who make Perrysburg a great place to raise a family, to work, to enjoy the amenities and to retire. Perrysburg people are giving, kind, compassionate and passionate about their hometown.

The *Journal* wants to celebrate the people!

Are you hosting a family party, celebrating a special anniversary or birthday? Do you have a special guest visiting your home, did you attend a fund-raiser or family reunion? Is your business celebrating a milestone?

Email the *Journal* a photograph and information of the event including identification of people in the photo. Include contact information, name, address, and phone number. Email to [editor@perrysburg.com](mailto:editor@perrysburg.com). Each month, the *Journal* will celebrate the people “Out and About in the 'Burg.”



In November, sisters **Paula Domitio**, Toledo, and **Joan Jaeger**, Perrysburg, traveled to Morocco for two weeks visiting Casablanca, Rabat, Fez and Marrakesh. Several of their stops included the Marjana co-operative where argon oil is extracted; dinner in the home of a Moroccan family and viewing the Atlas Mountains. The sisters said the highlight of their trip was a full day in the Sahara desert riding camels.

The picture above was taken in Essaouira, a seaside resort on Morocco's Atlantic coast, in the center of town where a plaque is dedicated to Orson Welles who produced and starred in “Othello.” The film was shot on location in Morocco in 1952.



Perrysburg resident **Suzanne Peats** traveled from October 11 to November 4 to Nepal to trek in the Khumbu Valley to Everest Base Camp (EBC) and Lobuche Peak, 20,075 feet.

The picture shows Ms. Peats holding the *Messenger Journal* at EBC, 17,600 feet, with the Everest summit in the background.



**Fort Meigs School Girl Scout Troop 10778** recently toured the Perrysburg Municipal Building and police division as part of a requirement for their Inside Government badge. The scouts also met with **Mayor Mike Olmstead** and he explained the duties of the mayor and city council. He reviewed the city divisions and departments and the workings of city government.

Pictured with the mayor, from left, are **Abby Hambro**, **Abby Donaldson**, **Hannah Kersten**, **Ava Kincaid**, **Shaye Ledyard**, **Claire Switala** and **Allison Barry**. Not pictured, **Natalie Getchey** and **Haileigh Cobb**. Troop leaders are **Molly Kersten** and **Amy Kincaid**.



It was a busy January for the members of the **Country Garden Club (CGC)**. On January 10, **Virginia Keller**, president, held a small dinner party to welcome and introduce two visiting Zone X officials who are on the Garden Club of America board of which CGC is one of their 200 member clubs.

**Lynn Shiverick**, Zone X chairman and **Dede O'Neil**, Zone X director, came to Perrysburg to attend the club's January 11 meeting on “Gardening for Pollinators.” Zone X is comprised of 11 clubs in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio with more than 1,200 club members.

Ms. Shiverick announced that for the next two years, the CGC of Perrysburg has two members on the national board for Garden Club of America—**Mary Harman** will be the Zone X director and **Gretchen Downs** will be a vice president. Congratulations!

It may be winter outside in Perrysburg, but Country Garden Club members are preparing for spring and summer plantings. The CGC January speaker at the 577 Foundation was **Denise Ellsworth**, program director, honeybee and native pollinator education, OSU department of entomology. Ms. Ellsworth discussed many different pollinators in Ohio, their habitat, what they are attracted to, and how valuable they are to our environment. She then explained about some of the 500 species of bees in Ohio and behavior. For additional information on how to attract pollinators for gardens, visit the website [www.beelab.osu.edu](http://www.beelab.osu.edu).

Above left, are Ms. Shiverick, Ms. O'Neil and Mrs. Keller. Above right, Ms. O'Neil, Ms. Ellsworth, Susan Parker, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Downs and Ms. Shiverick.

For additional information on the Garden Club of America, visit the website [www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org) and for additional information on CGC, visit the website [www.cgcperrysburg.com](http://www.cgcperrysburg.com).



**Belmont Country Club's** annual winter formal featured the theme “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Luminaries lining the entryway were just the beginning to a beautiful event.

The committee members greeting members and guests were **Elaine and John Bachej**, **Jill and Ron Mickel**, **Jean and Ken Lovejoy**, and **Jennifer Conrad**. Belmont membership and marketing director. The theme was carried out from the past hors d'oeuvres through the main course and dessert with each course served elegantly along with a wink and a nod to the song.

Members danced the night away to the tunes from the band 56Daze. Pictured from left, are Mrs. Bachej, Mrs. Mickel, Mrs. Lovejoy and Ms. Conrad.



Last month, **Citizen Advisory Group** held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open their new office building at 770 Commerce Drive.

“We are very thankful and grateful to have found a home in Perrysburg,” said **Jeff Bucher**, president of the company. “Today's a day of celebration not only for us but also the northwest Ohio community that we serve. We are excited to be a part of this community for many years to come.”

Below left, Mr. Bucher, **Kevin Bucher**, company vice president, and **Mayor Mike Olmstead** cut the ribbon. Right, Citizen Advisory staff, front row, from left are **Heather McOwen**, **Jordan Donley**, **Sarah Bucher**, **Jeff Bucher** and **Brian Stephenson**. Back row, from left are **Pete Samenuk**, **Ron Myers**, **Kevin Bucher** and **Jim Poling**.

The \$1 million, 5,000-square-foot building was constructed by **Spieker Company**.



**Lucas Swisher** and his family traveled from Brazil to welcome in the New Year with his grandmother **Marge Gallagher**.

