The South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) is busy planning the sixth annual City Love on Friday, May 3. It will be held in the heart of the South Wedge at the Historic German House, 315 Gregory St. from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The annual event showcases SWPC projects and programs and our community partners and businesses. It’s also the night when one special person will receive a City Love Outstanding Community Service Award.

Year round SWPC works to revitalize Rochester neighborhoods through home repair work, small business assistance, community engagement, a neighborhood farmers market and community gardens. Add to that the WEDGE Newspaper which has chronicled the lives and times of the historic South Wedge and beyond since 1982. This year, City Love features live music from Wedge and beyond since 1982.

Now Congressman Joe Morelle stopped by SWPC’s City Love last April while campaigning for Congress. It’s great Funk style music. Along with moving to the groove City lovers can enjoy a wide array of food tastings, sips and desserts from local businesses, wine and beverage merchants, live and silent auctions and a complimentary photo from Good Day, Sir Custom Photo booth. Tickets are $25 and available through at RocCityLove.com or at SWPC office, 224 Mt. Hope Avenue. All proceeds will be reinvested in Rochester by preserving owner-occupied homes, helping families eat healthier, assisting small businesses, and saving vacant houses.

We hope that you’ll join us for a wonderful evening with friends and neighbors as we celebrate the wonderful neighborhoods, business and people that make us love to call the ROC home. For more information call 585.256.1740, ext. 5 or email info@swpc.org.

Another release of Stanisław Maruszcz emphasized the aunt’s beauty. “It can be seen in the pictures, and Daddy also proudly said that she played as a double in the film version “Halwa“. In 1939, she was offered a performance at a fashion show in Warsaw, and she won the first prize.” After the outbreak of World War II, Helena joined the ranks of the AK-ZWZ “Zagroda” section and started her courier activity with her siblings, transferring, among others, through the Tatra to Slovakia and then further to Hungary, many valuable underground materials. She also conducted through the mountains at least a few dozen people threatened with German arrests. From September 1939, she participated in the Polish Resistance, acting from October as a secret courier of the “Zagroda” cell of the Koncyrz Communications Department of the SZP-ZWZ KG to the “Romek” base in Budapest, moving mail and carrying people through the mountain route. She was captured in March 1940 by the Slovak gendarmerie and handed over to the Gestapo. She was imprisoned in Mokra, Novy Sice, in the Zakopane headquarters of the Gestapo Palace, in Tarnów and Krynów on Montelupich. Tortured on multiple occasions, she did not disclose any of the secret information, but the Gestapo found a Hungarian letter in her luggage and after many months it was associated with [another fighter in the Polish Resistance] Stefania Hanusinska. On March 25, 1940, along with several other couriers, she was captured by the gendarmes working with the Germans. After a few days, she was handed over continued on pg. 9
The South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) has been serving the South Wedge neighborhood for over 45 years, and I have been a part of that for the past 25 years. The South Wedge has gone through many positive changes over the years. Housing quality has improved and commercial businesses continue to come into the area. The SWPC office itself moved from Sanford Street to its present location on Mt. Hope Avenue. The appearance and safety of the neighborhood are good and continue to get better. These things just don’t happen on their own. Many people have helped over the years; maybe you are one of them. A lot of people have come and gone on the Board and its Committees. Some people join for a few years to help out and do their share to improve the neighborhood; some join for a short time to deal with a specific issue they are concerned about, and others stay for a longer time after they realize the satisfaction that comes with giving back to your community.

I was open to a community involvement activity when I was working for a local bank. SWPC contacted the bank for a financial person to join the Board and the bank brought the opportunity to me. I was familiar with the area from past years from walking bars such as Laws (then on corner of South & Gregory) and stores like Cheesy Eddy’s. In addition, I was driving through the neighborhood multiple times per week as I went from my job downtown to my MBA classes at U of R. It seemed like a good fit. Throughout several jobs changes and other life events I have stayed with the organization. I attended my first meeting in late 1992 and was officially elected to the Board in March 1993. I made many new friends over the years. I even have a part-time job in the South Wedge now. During tax season you can find me at the Liberty Tax office on the corner of South & Gregory. I have been the Board Treasurer, for the vast majority of the time, with only a one year period where I was a Finance Committee member. In my capacity as Treasurer, I review the monthly financial results and report to the Board at the monthly meetings. I also review the annual financial statement with the Auditors and help prepare the annual budget. It’s been very rewarding to be involved in the South Wedge community, and I invite others to get involved too.

Visibility of the Wedge Newspaper is increased by SWPC members and others who write reviews of articles in the community. Today the Wedge Newspaper is produced by a few people and published by the South Wedge Planning Committee. SWPC’s Mission Statement is to build community in the South Wedge, encourages a full range of housing opportunities and promotes a diverse, historically significant, economically sustainable urban village.

The Wedge Newspaper, a not-for-profit newspaper, is published by the South Wedge Planning Committee. Its mission is to provide accurate coverage of community news as well as local, state and national news that affect the area.

Advertising deadlines and rates are available online at www.swpc.org or call Nancy O’Donnell at 585-256-1740.

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Please send story suggestions or news to Wedge Newspaper (editor@swpc.org), 224 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620, or e-mail nodonnell@swpc.org.

Rejoice! SWPC’s monthly newsletter is now available online at www.swpc.org.

The community is invited to attend all meetings.

Meetings are held at 224 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620, 256-1740, ext. 2.

Are you a business owner interested in participating in the Wedge Card discount program? Let us know!

The Wedge Newspaper is distributed to area businesses, retail shops and other drop-off points in the South & Gregory area.

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Swillburg Remembers Harvest Dinner

Mike Henry

When I consider the idea of community I think of people living in proximity to one another, and more importantly by virtue of their proximity, interacting. Going beyond that, I think of my life in much smaller places -- like Rochester where I knew only a few people. One would expect that in a more populous place my connections might be far less. Not so. I’m fortunate to live in the Swillburg Neighborhood, a place of strong community, not by virtue of proximity living but, wonderfully so, by virtue of neighbors’ collaborative efforts to be connected. Such efforts were greatly evident on Thursday, November 8th at our fourth annual Harvest Fest at the Artisan Church. The culmination of months of planning brought nearly eighty neighbors together for a potluck dinner and to hear presentations by representatives of RPD, the Southeast Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center as well as from Mark IV Enterprises. As shown in the photo below, the setting was festive and plentiful -- emblematic of the social tone and tenor of warmth and friendship. The Swillburg Neighborhood Association would like to thank all who participated and contributed to our fun event. Pastor Scott Austin of Artisan Church, opened their sanctuary once again to us. Many donors contributed to our very fun raffle: Wegmans, The University of Rochester Simon School, Stuarts Spices, Dicky’s Corner Bar, Progressive Barber Shop, Lounge Barber Shop, Natural Pet Food, Jack Mars, and Tom and Ana Page. Also a big thanks to RPD representatives Deputy Chief LeRon Singletary and Captain Lloyd Cuyler, and to Nancy Johns Price, Administrator of the Southeast Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center, and Mark IV Developer, Steve Di Mazio, who updated us on his construction of a Karges Place apartment building. As well, thanks to Jesse Knoth for donations of tableware. Thanks also goes out to our neighbors who created this event, Judy Hay (for facilitating our planning), Sara Gaudioso (for her great coordination and delivery of the fun raffle), and Frank TenBroeck, Linda Lazore, David Ferguson, Josh Jacobs, JoAnn O’Neill, Josh Rosman, Sharon Price, Joyce Nakada, Kelley Mariano, Bob Palmer, Ward Pedde, Stephanie Jakas and yours truly. Such events build community, as Judy Hay, our master of ceremonies, pointed out in her opening remarks. On this night we made lots of new acquaintances, deepened friendships, established connections with key city agencies and just tightened our community weave. Kudos to the Spirit of Swillburg!

School #12 Renamed to Honor Anna Murray Douglass

A number of community members joined in a ribbon cutting celebration on Thursday, October 4, 2018 to rename the school in honor of Anna Murray-Douglass, the wife of Rochester icon Frederick Douglass. The school at 999 South Avenue is located on the site of Douglass’ former home. Many know the story of the famous abolitionist, writer, and statesman. The former slave, and Rochester native, is studied and celebrated around the world. But his wife, Anna Murray-Douglass, also played an important role in our nation’s history. Anna Murray was born in Maryland in the early 1800’s. Unlike her seven older siblings who were born into slavery, Anna was born free. Her parents were released from slavery a month before her birth. As a teenager, Anna worked as laundress and housekeeper in Baltimore. She later met Frederick, and her freedom inspired him to escape slavery himself. Murray helped Frederick escape slavery, and the couple soon married. She shared her husband’s dedication to the abolitionist movement, becoming an instrumental member of the Underground Railroad and establishing a headquarters in Rochester, NY.

As a free woman during a time of slavery, Anna Murray-Douglass stood up for social justice, equity, and education. She believed education can lift families and communities to new heights. Nearly two centuries later, her work and passion still serve as a great example for Rochester City School District students. The Rochester City School District thanked renowned Frederick Douglass historian Dr. David Anderson, Jacqueline Sprague, and members of the Douglass family for their “many years of persistent work to lead this fitting tribute and for working tirelessly to help rename School No. 12 the Anna Murray-Douglass Academy.”

Do you know a Good Neighbor? Nominations open for Celebration of Rochester Neighbors

(November 5, 2018 Rochester, NY) NeighborWorks® Rochester is organizing its 4th Annual Celebration of Rochester Neighbors, to be held in June of 2019. The free event, will be held at the City of Rochester Public Market, and celebrates the great people that make our neighborhoods strong. Volunteers who are making a difference in each of the city’s four quadrants at neighborhood level, as well as one leader in the overall Rochester community will be recognized. City of Rochester residents who exemplify a vision for a better Rochester, who work to better their neighborhood or spark change by engaging others will be considered. Full nomination details are available on the webpage: https://rwrochester.org/Celebration-of-rochester-neighbors/.

The event will recognize four Community Champions - individuals from each of the four quadrants of the city for their contributions to their community. The Community Leadership Award award, which recognize volunteer leaders who work to improve the entire community of Rochester. Support for the event comes from The City of Rochester Public Market, The City of Rochester, Bank of America, Heonver & Company, and SiteHub.

Ceremonial Celebration of Rochester Neighbors is much like a block party for the entire city. The event will also kick off NeighborWorks® Week in Rochester and will feature live music, food, and children’s activities. Admission to the event is free. NeighborWorks® Rochester is a non-profit organization, builds strong neighborhoods by educating and counseling new homeowners, providing loan services and energy-savings programs to homeowners and targeted neighborhood revitalization through the Healthy Blocks Neighborhood Initiative. Volunteers who wish to help with the event, or local business interested in sponsorship can contact Kelly Hallenbeck, Regional Resource Development Manager at 327-4170, or khallenbeck@rwrochester.org.

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Opinion - The Power of Redemption
Matthew C. Ludgood

What does redemption mean to you? Who are you willing to forgive? A while back I saw a mind-blowing TED Talk, “A Tale of Two Americas, and the Mini-Mart Where they Collided” by author Anand Giridharadas. In his talk, Giridharadas spoke about how America has been misrepresented to the rest of the world. The speaker discussed how some Americans are left impoverished while big corporations are excelling. He discussed how poverty and corruption have bred fear and discouragement among fellow citizens. He used strategies how to overcome the biased nature of American culture by using a story about a conflict between two men. The speaker left his listeners in awe as he used this illustration to support his thought with the intention to bring about change in society. The TED Talk successfully convinced the audience that the wounds of bleeding America can be healed through forgiveness and redemption.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave one of the most historic speeches, “I Have a Dream,” but he wasn’t the only man with one; an immigrant named Nazruldin Bhuiyan had one as well. Giridharadas states that he “dreamed of a fresh start in America.” After he moved from Bangladesh to Dallas, TX, Bhuiyan worked as a store clerk. He was saving for college and preparing for marriage when the unexpected happened. On September 11, 2001, America suffered one of its most horrific tragedies, the bombing New York’s World Trade Center Twin Towers. An Islamic Terrorist group Al-Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden, was responsible for this attack. During this time of turmoil, America’s prejudice towards those from the Middle East increased significantly. Not long after 9/11, a Caucasian male named Mark Stroman walked inside the store where Bhuiyan worked were thriving with success. In the other society, people were impoverished with no promise of prosperity. He suggested that Stroman was a product of that second society. Giridharadas argued that many people like Stroman never had a fair opportunity. He disclosed how their environment played a significant role in cultivating an unbroken cycle of failure. Although Stroman’s background doesn’t excuse his violent actions, the author believed it has a great impact on his mental stability. The author argued that the perception of these two worlds can change if each individual breaks down the barriers and prejudices towards others. Giridharadas effectively uses the Bhuiyan/ Stroman story to evoke pity and sadness in order to persuade the audience. When he describes Bhuiyan’s redemptive path, he says that “he would ask what he could do to repay his God and become worthy of this second chance.” In the description of the attack, he states that “His family in Bangladesh begged him, ‘Come home.’ But he told them he had a dream to see about.” This statement gives a clear description of how passionate Bhuiyan was about his American Dream. Another emotional moment in the TED Talk was when Giridharadas speaks of Stroman’s childhood. He says, “He entered the world through the doors to a gateway that doomed so many young American men: bad parents, bad schools, bad prisons.” While Giridharadas persuaded the audience with the emotional details, he has a deeper intention. His purpose is to educate people on the noxious unbelievable crimes which reminded his audience that we must not overlook the divisions within our society. We must be able to forgive and overlook injuries no matter how severe the offense. Granted, there are people in America who are born into generational wealth. We must be mindful that everyone deserves equality and an opportunity to experience equity. This TED Talk was very inspirational, and the speaker was passionate in convincing the audience about the following qualities of redemption: seeking a higher power, forgiveness, and taking advantage of second chances. Giridharadas uses the story of the two men for the listener to not only appreciate life and take advantage of second chances. The author was very effective in telling the men’s stories and then the deep differences between the two unequal societies. His speech is intriguing and leaves the listener in deep thought afterwards. Throughout one’s life, every individual should stare into the mirror of redemption. Redemption allows us to see error and feel conviction. Conviction allows us to reflect on our own offenses. By addressing previous transgressions, we can accept the gift of forgiveness and begin a healing process. When we have begun the journey of recovery, then we are able to help others. The TED Talk spoke volumes, to not only divided America, but to our often unforgiving human race.

After listening to this lecture, I began to realize that being redeemed is deeper than attending a spiritual gathering or performing repetitious rituals. This lecture taught me that true repentance can lead to genuine love and unity between friends and foes. Change starts within and spreads abroad.

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City’s Marijuana Policies Must be Reformed
George Payne

Whether readers make the personal choice to smoke pot or not, the law that war on marijuana in Rochester has been an unwarranted disaster. A series of recent studies have revealed just how devastating this war has been for people of color in our community. According to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, in Monroe County, from 2012-2016, there were 1,811 total marijuana offenses. Those charged numbered 373 whites and 1,241 blacks. That’s 68% of all arrests weighed against people of color. In Rochester, the total number of pot related arrests was 1,483. Of those 157 were white people. 1,646 were black. That’s 78% of all arrests weighed against African-Americans. Put in another way, African-Americans make up 8 in 10 pot arrests. This is a travesty of justice that is both unacceptable and untenable. Perhaps the Partnership for Public Good in Buffalo and Erie County has encapsulated the social justice aspect of this crisis in its best. They have stated: “For communities of color, marijuana prohibition has justified an invasive police presence that damages citizen’s relationships with law enforcement. And it brings a drug underground economy into their neighborhood, that cannot be governed by rule of law or regulated as an industry. For immigrant communities, arrest for marijuana possession can lead to deportation. This has happened on a large scale; simple marijuana possession was the fourth most common cause of deportation for any offense in 2013. For young people, the stakes of a marijuana arrest are particularly high, due to the long term costs of early involvement in the criminal justice system.” What makes this such a blatant act of social injustice, is that study after study has shown blacks and whites to purchase, consume, and sell pot at the same rate. Why are blacks arrested at such disproportional rates? The only explanation seems to be the economic aspect of this crisis. They are focused on the “deterrence theory” that suggests that marijuana arrests would reduce pot use. This has been shown repeatedly to be false. It has been proven that marijuana possession has no impact on marijuana use. We need to address the root causes of the problems that increase the use of marijuana in our community. This will require an aggressive, data-driven approach to end the war on marijuana.

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It’s About Time

Glynis Valenti

“The only reason for time is so that everything doesn’t happen at once,” Albert Einstein. Everyone knows about time, but no one knows for certain what it is. Scientists are not sure of its origins— if it is fundamental (an entity existing on its own) or emergent (as temperature is generated by movement of atoms). Time isn’t tangible, but it is quantifiable. Categorizing how the mind wraps itself around an abstract concept. The word “time” is Middle English, rootetd in Old English “time” and Old Norse “tima.” It is also related to Old English “tid” or tide, which used to mean a “space of time.” According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word “time” has 14 definitions for the noun, five for the verb and three for the adjective. The fact that something one cannot touch has so many qualities and definitions is demonstration of its complexity and universality.

Psychologically, physically, and by definition, as the brain registers the passage of time. It takes about 80 milliseconds for the brain to process simple signals. Therefore, perceiving time is more difficult to pinpoint. Scientists ventured in quantum physics study time’s relationship to space, and Einstein himself leaned toward time as a fourth dimensional rather than linear. Einstein himself was versed in quantum physics study time’s relationship to space, and Einstein himself leaned toward time as a fourth dimensional rather than linear. For 3,000 years calendars were used to give a greater interest in time and its implied future as well. It is the human brain seeking order and explanation that divides time into increments and lines them up.

It is also true that each person has his own time clock incorporating biohythms, experiences and perceptions of the way the clock on the wall says. Time flies, drags or even stops perceptually. Traveling through space, the body clock slows as speed increases and approaches the speed of light, though decreases passing through time. According to Joseph R. Giove, executive producer of the “Shift of the Ages” project, 20th century biorhythms, experiences and countries.

Noon used to be 3 p.m. According to Dictionary.com, the day was sectioned into two 12-hour segments long before clocks were invented in the 1300’s. A town bell rang every three hours beginning at daylight (around 6 a.m., called “prime.”) It rang again three hours later (9 a.m., “terce”), six hours after prime at 12 p.m. (sext), and nine hours after prime at 3 p.m. (none.) Catholic monks said prayers at terce, sext and none. As traditions changed, the none prayers moved to midday (at noon, called the Old English “noon” evolving into today’s “noon” by the 1500’s. Finally, those traveling by Concord from London to New York City for the holidays will have time extra to celebrate. Because of the time zone differences and speed of the jet, passengers can actually arrive at their destination two hours before their flight is scheduled. This month the world celebrates the start of the New Year just as ancient cultures have celebrated the winter solstice. Tiarks marks a fresh start with a clean calendar, new goals, and moving out of the dark of winter toward lighter days.

Powerless over Breakfast Pizza

Stratis Christakas

You have to go to Old Stone Tavern and eat their breakfast pizza. I don’t usually like to have food because ultimately it will increase your expectations and decrease your likelihood of being impressed. Luckily for you this won’t happen. I am a self-proclaimed breakfast pizza connoisseur. I walked into Old Stone for Saturday morning brunch on November with very high expectations and they were met. Oh, so. Most people have heard of the great atmosphere in the Old Stone, rich and golden brown like the breakfast pizza experience I am about to share with you. A long bar, high tops, comfy benches and bright from the floor to ceilings windows that overlook South Ave.

Second, $2.50 mimosas. I am not a mimosas guy. I can’t even tell you the last time I had one, but I went for it. I was served in a nice size wine glass. Quality OJ and enough bubbly to give a nice tingle. Made me ask myself, don’t we drink Mimosas more often? Let’s get to the pizza. I can confidently say it’s the best breakfast pizza in Rochester, Monroe County, New York State, and potentially beyond. As I looked over the brunch menu, I knew I was getting the best breakfast pizza before even coming in. In some re-con and read about their cold fermented homemade dough that takes days to make and offers more flavor and texture. This is not a gimmick. The crust was crispy, chewy, bubbly, light, rich, and somehow chunky, tearing a garlic knot open at its seams. All this being said, the rest of the brunch menu looked amazing, specifically the “Fried Egg Sandwich” that boasts a crispy hash brown pancake in it or the “Southern Fried Chicken and Buttermilk Waffles” that come with house seasoned tos So they answered the question how to make Chicken and waffles better. ADD TOTS. Back to the pizza. When I ordered, the waitress asked how I wanted my eggs on it. This caught me off guard as I’m accustomed to Scrambled eggs on my breakfast pizza. She threw out some options, over easy, sunny side up, “You know, that runny yoke, dip that crust in it,” she said with a lift of the brow. “Yes. Sunny side up,” I nodded.

The 10” pizza came out piping hot, its rolling edges were cooked to golden brown perfection. The ridges of thick cut cherry wood smoked bacon, chunks of seasoned sausage and crispy crunchy potato hash settled into a melted mix of mozzarella and cheddar topped with two sunny side eggs ready to break open and pour all over this goodness. One bite and I knew, this breakfast pizza is unmatched. Go experience this. I want to write more about how this crust somehow held the density of toppings with just a little fold and no flop. How the cold fermented bubbles in the crust made perfect for micro cups for yoke to settle. I want to describe how pulling the crust apart and cleaning off my plate was a Zen like experience. When I ordered, I’m happy that Old Stone Tavern brings something of such delight to me, The South Wedge and you.
‘Tis the Season to Help Others Be Jolly

Michele Martell

‘Tis the Season to be Jolly… Fa La La La La, La La LA LAA!! Or is it?? I suppose it all depends upon our personal perspectives and current stage in life.

Some of us are so excited about the holiday season, that our decorations go up right after (or even before) Halloween…enjoying Christmas music and Hallmark Channel Christmas movies while October is still in full swing. In contrast, some of us dread the holiday season.

There is so much going on worldwide that’s not so positive or peaceful. Not to mention politics and tweeting—please, enough is enough already! Just watch the news, and it’s enough to suck the life out of anyone. And just about every person I know is facing a personal challenge.

It’s good to remember we are each where we are, and we are being imperfectly human. Whatever our mood, we can proactively take ourselves out of the equation and create some new traditions to bring more joy to the Season for others and discover we can bring more joy to ourselves. So let’s manifest some new traditions. Let’s start with shelters. Google online the wish lists posted by shelters for animals and humans alike. We have the chance to be a real-life Santa to a beautiful being in need.

For example, our Rochester City Animal Shelter on Verona Street, Rochester Animal Services, is volunteers run and dependent upon donations for all the amazing work it does. The shelter posts on its website at vsas.org a wish list, as well as other ways to contribute. I started an annual holiday tradition several years ago will send to stop by with gifts for the pooches in need. This tradition hopefully had somehow helped to implant into their impressionable minds that the holidays are about giving. Domestic violence shelters are incredible sources of support to our community, and we can make a beautiful difference in so many lives. Gifts of toiletries, comfort items, various services, would be a welcome solace to women ready to move on to better lives with their children.

Willow Domestic Violence Center (willowcenteny.org/) is holding a Purple Box toy drive during the holidays. The items on the wish list must be brand new. The purple boxes will be placed at law enforcement facilities throughout the community, including: Rochester, Brighton, Irondequoit, Gates, Greece, and Ogden Police Departments, and the University of Rochester’s Department of Public Safety. Cancer centers, Golisano Children’s Hospital, hospice facilities, nursing homes, veterans, active service personnel and their families, churches, kids’ organizations, missions, the list is endless. So many can benefit from even a few minutes of time that to so many of us may seem trivial. Take a few minutes to write a letter or postcard, pay a visit, sing a carol, donate an item of clothing. Each of these acts of kindness may make all the difference in the world to someone who feels especially alone during the otherwise “joyous” holiday season.

Spectrum News online in 2017 estimated that some 5300 people were homeless for at least one night in Rochester. Check out the many homeless shelters listed in Rochester. A new tradition could be serving a meal at these shelters, or helping out in other needed ways. How about an elderly and/or infirm neighbor, who cannot safely shovel their drive or clean their walkways or take out their trash? Perhaps giving a hand to them could be a new tradition that would take us out of ourselves and into a more giving place. And we all have a friend in need - who is suffering either physically or emotionally, who would truly benefit from support without judgment. Because life changes quickly, and that person seeking support could become you overnight. Maybe a new tradition could be identifying such a person in our lives who needs a little encouragement.

If there is a cause that is dear to your heart – that is a calling to you - to focus your attention in that direction. A new tradition could be something as simple as giving gratitude for each day, making an earnest effort to do better, and doing things that bring a little sparkle to others. After all, isn’t that the true Spirit of the Season? Although not the ultimate purpose, this sparking for others always brings to our lives more sparkle and joy. And what a beautiful way to end the year and to start a new one. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year.
Home for the Holidays
Cecie Valeri

The holiday season is filled with traditions, and food is often central to these. When family and friends gather round the table to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and other get-togethers, there are certain foods many have come to expect. Two such food traditions with their own unique history are cranberries and sweet potatoes.

Cranberries are a wild fruit native to North America, grown in sandy bogs and marshes. They are usually harvested mid-September to mid-November, making them perfect for Thanksgiving. Colonists would boil the cranberries with sugar for a sauce to eat with their meat. Sound familiar? The cranberry sauce “log” became available nationwide in 1914. Every holiday season, 5 million gallons of jellied cranberry sauce are eaten by Americans. While only 5% of cranberries are sold as fresh fruit, many people opt for fresh, homemade cranberry relish for their holiday table. These homemade relishes generally incorporate fresh cranberries and other fruits, such as apples, pears, and oranges. These relishes help to bring out a sweetness to the cranberries and other fruits that might be sour or tart, and this sweetness is balanced with a hint of seasoning for your holiday meal.

Sweet potatoes originated in the Americas, specifically in Peru. It is a very hardy crop and is versatile in cooking. One of the first cookbooks published in the United States was authored by Amelia Simmons in 1796. Her cookbook, American Cookery, included sweet potato recipes. In 1918, Fannie Farmer included recipes for glazed sweet potatoes in her cookbook. Sweet potatoes grew well in the southern states. Packed with flavor and nutrition, they stored well for months. Sweet potato pies became a fixture on the holiday tables of all southerners. Then when did the marshmallows, soft and gooey, gently melting on top of the sweet potato casserole enter the picture? In 1917, when the “Angelus Marshmallow” company hired someone to help them develop recipes that included marshmallows to sell more of their product! Sweet potato casseroles and pies incorporate similar spices as the cranberries. Cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and even ginger brighten up the naturally sweet and earthy tones of the sweet potatoes.

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Sister City Exchange Brings US & Russian Teachers Together
Nancy O’Donnell

Colin Coffey and husband Michael Brandage recently hosted a bunch for Linkages, the official Sister Cities committee dedicated to fostering ties between Rochester, New York and Velikiy Novgorod, Russia. Guest of honor was teacher Irina Morozov from Valday, Novgorod Oblast. During her stay, Morozov visited area suburban high schools, MCC and Nazareth College. “I’ll be observing,” said Morozov. “I want to learn different methods to teach English. And improve my English.”

Linkages sends two Rochester-area teachers to train Russian teachers of English at the Velikiy-Novgorod Regional Institute of Educational Development. In turn, one Novgorod teacher visits Rochester every other year to improve English fluency and observe a variety of methods and practices in area schools. Kristine Frederick, who twice participated in the teacher exchange program, said the program stresses the importance of peer to peer research, “citizen diplomacy” and increased community internationalization. When in Russia, the two Rochester-area educators deliver seminars designed for Russian elementary and secondary teachers of English. A Linkage Fellowship covers airfare from Rochester to St. Petersburg, Russia and onto Velikiy Novgorod and offers a small stipend for teaching materials. Educators pay for room and board. “This is a fantastic opportunity for two Rochester area educators to work with our Russian Sister City partners providing English language practice and pedagogical training using communicative and participatory methods,” said Frederick. “In addition, our Russian counterparts look forward to learning about US culture from our teacher ambassadors. To learn more, visit www.linkagesrochester.org.

Holiday for Heroes - Veteran Outreach Center Holiday Event
Joan Brandenburg

It was an all hands on deck event at Veteran Outreach Center annual Richards House Family and Friends Dinner to celebrate the holidays and the success of house residents. VOC operates both Richards House and Otto House in the Wedge to serve homeless male veterans. The facilities accommodate up to 28 residents in a safe homelike environment, where they receive vital mental health services and addiction treatment as first steps toward making positive, long-term lifestyle changes. The U.S. Housing and Urban Development office estimates there are over 40,000 homeless veterans on any given night in the nation. “The isolation and separation that veterans face can largely be attributed to the loss of camaraderie and family they once had,” explains VOC Director of Residential Services, Alec Andreat. The festive event was dedicated to connecting veterans with friends, family and community supporters. Pastor D. R. Klotzbach of Geneva delivered a heartfelt blessing, tokens of appreciation and a gift card to be used toward the purchase of much needed personal items. Veteran Outreach Center serves over 1,000 men and women veterans each year. Donations of food, clothing and gift cards are being accepted now. To drop off donations, contact Lindsay Chambers, Lindsay.Chambers@vocroc.org (585) 295-7804 or visit the VOC website throughout the year to make an on-line donation: www.vocroc.org

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Get in the Game, Fridays, December 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 3 p.m. Stop in for some fun with games: board games, card games, picture puzzles, and more. Get ready for some competition! All ages, no registration required.

WXU Science Friday
Friday, December 14 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Stop in for a fun science project with WXU! All ages, no registration required.

Adult Programs
Essential Oils Bracelets with Denise Lennox, Wednesday, December 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Make your own essential oils bracelet with Denise Lennox! You’ll create your own bracelet design and then add a custom essential oils blend to finish. This free program is designed for participants ages 18 and up with one bracelet per person. Maximum of 10 participants, please sign up at the circulation desk or call 428-8206.

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VOC Executive Director Laura Stanley and Alec Andreat, Director of Residential Services calling on everyone to support a veteran in need during the holiday season. A homespun meal was cooked and served by members of Elks Lodge #24 in Henrietta to over 100 guests. Lodge members presented each veteran resident with a gift bag filled with small gifts of appreciation and a gift card to be used toward the purchase of much needed personal items. Veteran Outreach Center serves over 1,000 men and women veterans each year. Donations of food, clothing and gift cards are being accepted now. To drop off donations, contact Lindsay Chambers, Lindsay.Chambers@vocroc.org (585) 295-7804 or visit the VOC website throughout the year to make an on-line donation: www.vocroc.org

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Local Life

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Emily Clare found posters in Genesee and normalized racist messages. Members of the group took part in the 2017 Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville that resulted in the death of Heather Heyer, an anti-rally protestor.

Rev. Matthew Martin Nickoloff, pastor at South Wedge Mission, discovered the anti-BLM poster in front of his church. “It’s important for people to report it to neighborhood organizations, so a better message can be heard,” said Nickoloff. “We should take [the posters] down. Don’t leave it to the people [targeted].”

White supremacy rebranded and posted on Park Avenue post, one member dismissed the cloth as free speech while another posted a link to a worrisome New York Times article entitled “U.S. Law Enforcement Failed to See the Threat of White Nationalism. Now They Don’t Know How To Stop It.” The article argues that the slogan is a “white supremacist marketing ploy” hiding its secret agenda under a more palatable message. It’s not that people of color are bad, it’s that whites are a.k.a. Most people in the thread expressed concerns and urged that the sight be reported to the police.

On Nov. 11, again on Next Door, a member posted a photo of an Identity Evropa on a utility pole at the corner of Park Avenue and Somerton Street. The group’s posters, posted in Genesee Valley Park, were sighted in late November.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) lists Identity Evropa as a SPLC Designated Hate Group. According to SPLC, Identity Evropa is white nationalist group that recruits white, college-aged men with the plan to “transform them into the fashionable new face of white nationalism. Rather than delegitimating people of color, the campus-based organization focuses on raising white racial consciousness, building community based on shared racial identity and intellectualizing white supremacist ideology.” They’re not racists, but “identitarians” who want to preserve “Western culture” i.e. white.}

The article alludes to, the amount of money to be made from legal pot sales can be reinvested in the communities hardest hit by the failed War on Drugs. A recent study conducted by the New York Department of Health found that if marijuana was sold between $297 to $374 per ounce, it could generate between $248 million and $678 million in tax revenue for the state. A different study released by the New York City comptroller’s office pegged the state’s marijuana market at $3.1 billion, with tax revenues yielding about $1.3 billion annually at the state and city levels. That’s a lot of money that can be redirected towards underfunded schools, after school programs, job training, public health, and neighborhood revitalization.

Mayor Warren, with all of that being said, what else do you need to know? The time to push for statewide legalization is now. Decriminalization alone won’t stop the illegal drug trade. And we all know that black and brown people in Rochester are being decimated by the status quo. Something needs to change. When it comes to the social justice imperative of marijuana legalization, whose side are you on?

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Nearby, hats were fabricated by the town hat maker. A potter made the cooking ware they use, and a silversmith made the earrings they wore. Town carpenters made the chairs and tables they used. Making things was part of their lives. How much that was a natural activity to them was driven home to me by this instance: when I could not find a wooden spoon in the nearby market, I told a neighbor about it. She went to our yard, found a piece of wood and on the spot with a kitchen knife, carved a simple spoon. My consumer instinct, of course, had been to buy one.

These first experiences almost fifty years ago, and the research and photography I did in later decades, made me want to share with others my love of arts and crafts and impelled me to produce Guardians of the Arts / Guardians De Las Artes. These arts represent a heritage dating back thousands of years which should not be forgotten. And many Guatamalans agree.

Another dimension of arts and crafts tells us that their use offers an ecological alternative to industrially produced items, made as their replacement, which are often plastic. Cultural “imperialism, often emanating from the U.S., plays a role in convincing Guatemalans that factory-made goods are to be preferred over the handmade. I have been writing about how my book came about. Now a few words about the book itself: it contains reproductions of forty-three wood and linoleum prints as well as drawings of different arts and crafts of Guatemala and text about each. Doing precise woodcut is “slow art” causing me to spend more than ten years to complete the series. Even if not working full time on it, the total effort took over my life—making the prints, writing the text, contacting Spanish translators, finding readers, and communicating with editors and designers.

I was fortunate to collaborate with a fine Guatemalan publisher to print my book. They took great care with every detail. It was expensive to produce and required funding from a foundation to help support the printing costs. Throughout, I wrote countless emails in Spanish to my editor and designer. Doing work to support culture, to help keep it alive and appreciated always was my impulse through the years of my effort. I believe that, especially in this digital age, we can learn to appreciate the importance of the “handmade” and doing that changes one’s life. It helps us to understand that the “everyday things” of life matter and have meaning. Crafts can connect us to other peoples and cultures. Readers of my book can decide what other meanings they have. If readers wish to see my book, Greenwood Books, downtown on East Ave (owned by South Wedge resident Franlee Frank) always has some copies. Or if you wish to buy it on line, go to my website: www.proartemaya.org.

1975, with a New York publisher, my co-author and I produced a how-to book: Backstrap Weaving, that taught how to construct and use backstrap looms. In Jacaltenango, observing and photographing the work of men and women in an indigenous agrarian society also gave me insights into their lives and made me ponder its differences from our industrial society. At the same time, I realized that some Jacaltecos felt ashamed of what they perceived as their own “backwardness,” and sadly, envied of what they perceived as their own “success.”

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Posthumously, she was given the Cross of Valor and the Order of Virtuti Militari. In February 1945, SN PTT was reactivated. In the minutes of the meeting it was noted that each year the club would organize a jumping competition for the memory of the deceased in the concentration camp in Oświęcim Bronisław Czech and the memorial run of women of Helena Marusarzówna. These的竞争ute the collective name of the Memorial of Bronisłav Czech and Helena Marusarzówna are held in Zakopane to this day. Final note: My father changed his name after World War II, and before he married my mom; he shortened it from Marusarz to Mars.
DeGennaro, “an around good guy and Michael Tarantelli, a graphic artist, sit next to Cafe at MCC,” decided to create their own photo Christmas card. Upper right David Family holiday photos are expected, but this year best friends, “The Boys” at Java’s Avenue, 473-8383.

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The South Wedge mourned the death of longtime Congresswoman Louise

The South Wedge said goodbye to Minister Lawrance L. Evans whose philosophy of “Doology” helped to guide and many young men and women in the community.

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Miss CM Arthur’s art (photo by Nancy O’Donnell)

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