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Bay Creek Bulletin

# **Our Old Houses: Cedar Street**

#### **By Bob Lockhart**

Bob Lockhart chose to buy this rental house on Cedar Street in the Fall of 1971 because his partner, Clarence Cameron, had started a wholesale/retail hobby ceramic shop nearby. The shop was in the quonset-hut building at the back of the laundromat at 1821 S. Park Street next to the railroad tracks. Bob bought the house from the Plaenert family.

A graduate architect, then self-employed, working in housing, Bob planned for his office to be in the lower, open -to-grade, level of the home in what was then a garage, much too small for any present-day cars. He also planned a future remodeling for the home. Later, in 1976, when this remodeling started, an interesting surprise occurred.

To improve the function of the kitchen, a door opening to the dining room was to be relocated a few feet. When the new opening was in progress, what did he find but a cache of miscellaneous items that had been carefully placed in that wall cavity. There was a 1928-dated postcard advertising an auto oil change, a birth announcement, a recent photo of a judge, a 1928 penny, and a business-sized card seeking an alderman's vote, to name a few of those items. (That alderman, ironically, was the grandfather of a good friend of Bob and Clarence.) Bob took all of these items and added similar items of 1976-related interests, put them in an envelope with an extra photo or two, and placed this envelope in the wall where the original door had been. Hopefully, a future owner, or a bulldozer crew, will find the expanded history of the home.

This same remodeling included the removal of the existing stucco exterior finish, adding new insulation, and replacing the stucco with cedar siding. (Bob has "before and after" photos of the remodeling, should anyone be interested.) In a later refurbishing of an exterior window sill, he found the wood sill ink-stamped with the year 1928, confirming the year the house was built. There are several, similar, small houses nearby, originally stucco too, that were built by the Plaenert family. Presumably Plaenert Drive, adjacent to Wingra Creek, is further legacy to this family and area history.

# Visit to El Salvador - Part 2

#### By Pam Gates

Bay Creek resident Pam Gates traveled to El Salvador last fall to meet a girl she sponsors through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Part 1 appeared in the previous issue of the Bulletin.

The highlight of the week for most of the sponsors was the opportunity to connect with their sponsored child or children. I had never met Roxana before, though she and I had been corresponding for several years. Our meeting took place at Cerro Verde, a national park about 6,000 feet above sea level. El Salvador is on the Pacific coast, so this altitude is dramatic!

We passed many coffee plantations on our climb to Cerro Verde, with coffee trees in what appeared to be jungle -like thickness on the steep mountainsides. Our guide, Henry, explained that entire families (Continued on Page 2)

Bay Creek Billboard		
Sat Apr 27 (Earth Day Challenge) 9:00 am to noon Sat May 11,10:00 am – Noon Shoreline clean ups with Friends of Monona BayMeet at Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of Proudfit & W. Brittingham Place). Garbage bags and tools provid- ed, please bring your own gloves & dress accordingly. Contact Nina for more info. Email: ninaj@wisc.edu, phone: 258-1788 or 698-9708.Fri Apr 20 and Fri May 18 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Monthly neighborhood gathering at Lakeside Coffee social hour, children are welcome!	Mon May 13 6:30 pm BCNA Bi-Monthly meeting Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St. Voluntary annual dues of \$10 per household can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Sara Richards 710 Spruce St. 53715. Please make checks payable to BCNA. Fri May 31 Noon—6:00 and Sat June 1. 10:00 am-4:00 pm VFW Ladies Auxilary Yard Sale (Please see page 4 for more info) First Wednesday of each month, Friends of Monona Bay 124 S. Brooks St., Rm 1, 6:30 pm. Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) For info on future meetings and other events, please go to olin-turville.org.	

# El Salvador continued

go out together to pick the coffee beans when they are ready. I saw people carrying broad shallow baskets on their heads, which I think were for the newly picked coffee beans. We also passed a Mayan ruin. We saw many cows staked out along the narrow roads to graze, and occasionally a horse.

Cerro Verde was beautiful, but it was cold that October day in a rain forest at 6,000 feet. Sponsors and sponsored chatted valiantly in the drizzly chill, some renewing acquaintance and some, like us, meeting for the first time. My jacket made the rounds from me to Roxana to her mom to the translator, a lovely young University of San Salvador student who'd also been sponsored through CFCA. Her name was Lady; I'm not sure how she spelled it. It was a little hard for me to call her by name, and you can probably guess why!

Roxana was terribly shy. I actually chatted more with her parents, who seemed fairly at ease. We found common ground in flowers and gardening and how we get to work: Both her dad and I bike, and her mom walks, which we saw many people doing along the narrow but high-speed roads. (No sidewalks, either!) Lady did a fantastic job of translating, but communicating still felt really awkward. I had learned a little Spanish prior to the trip, but of course it was hardly enough. (CFCA staff translate the letters between me and Roxana. They also send me her original to practice on!)

Roxana turned 18 Nov. 4 and shortly after that graduated from middle school. She's now started high school. Lack of funding for books, materials, and uniforms probably slowed her education; her family is pretty large. She plans to focus on tourism in her high school studies.

I've told her in a letter I think that's a great idea. El Salvador is beautiful and the people are very friendly. Their ways of life are interesting; quite different from ours. If only the safety issues could be effectively addressed!

This leads into my next topic: CFCA sponsors as tourists. We were taken to San Salvador for part of a day, where we visited Archbishop Oscar Romero's tomb and memorial and went souvenir shopping at "the only safe market," according to our guides. "Offer about a third of what they ask," we were advised. At least the currency was easy: El Salvador uses U.S. money.

Archbishop Romero, by the way, was martyred for his efforts to be a voice for the people. He was killed at the altar as he said Mass during El Salvador's civil war in the 1980s. His image and name are venerated in this tiny country, which is about the size of Massachusetts but has way more people.

Our last night was in a beach hotel. The most interesting thing there was the herd of cows ambling along the beach, seemingly belonging to no one. There were feral dogs, too, but dogs were everywhere we went in El Salvador, and they, too, seemed to belong to no one.

Roxana wrote me that our visit was the happiest day of her life. I presume she was exaggerating, but I do believe that she and her family are very appreciative of the support CFCA offers to help them move out of poverty toward a better life. That their children have at least the possibility of realizing their potential must be deeply satisfying to parents and strengthening to an entire community.

Interested? Sponsorship is a great way to both broaden your life and make a difference. CFCA offers opportunities to sponsor children or the aged in many different countries, including the U.S. The basic donation is \$33/month, not much for what it gives. Visit www.cfcausa.org and find out more. I found it quite easy to sign up, and I think you can tell I've really enjoyed the experience!

# Pull Out Your Pink Pen and Mark <u>June 1<sup>st</sup></u> on Your Calendar! By Allyson Crowley, Race for the Cure

The 16th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will take place on Saturday, June 1st, 2013 at the Alliant Energy Center. Roads in the Bay Creek neighborhood will be in use by approximately 10,000 Race participants from 8:00am - 10:30am for the Race. No Parking signs will be posted on May 30th. During the Race, law enforcement and volunteers will be stationed at major intersections to help direct traffic.

**Residents are encouraged to make arrangements so that they do not need to use streets along the course during the Race.** Should neighbors need to unexpectedly exit/enter the neighborhood during this time, they are encouraged to do so at the following Intersections:

W. Lakeside Street and Lawrence Street

W. Lakeside and Rowell Street

W. Lakeside and Lowell Street

Cedar and Gilson Street

Cedar and Hickory Street

We greatly appreciate your support of this event. Please contact our Race Hotline at 608-836-1083 with questions. For more details, including our **Race course map**, or to join us in this celebration by volunteering or registering, please visit www.komensouthcentralwi.org. Thank you!!

# Flag Etiquette

# Gail Piper, Patriotic Instructor VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Post 1318

Summer months are approaching and with summer come Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14), and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when many of us fly an American flag to publicly display our patriotism. There are many guidelines concerning the appropriate display and use of our flag, too many to include in one article on the subject. Below are highlights for displaying the flag of our country as well as some general etiquette guidelines.

**From a Building:** When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a windowsill, balcony or building front, the union (the stars) of the flag should always be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is half-staff.

**On a Wall:** When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. In a window, the union should be to the flag's right <u>when viewed from outside</u>.

**Over a Street:** When the flag is displayed other than from a staff, it should be displayed flat, or suspended so its folds fall free. When displayed over a street, place the union so it faces north or east, depending on the direction of the street. **Memorial Day:** If using a flagpole, the flag should be briskly raised in the morning to the top, then lowered slowly to half-staff. At noon, the flag should be raised to the top again.

**Showing Respect:** When the flag is raised, lowered or is passing in a parade, everyone present, except military personnel, should fact the flag and place his or her hand over the heart. <u>Men remove their hats</u>. Military personnel salute.

Why Some Flags Look Backwards: Military regulations concerning uniforms state that an American flag patch is to

be worn, right or left shoulder, so that "the star field faces forward, or to the flag's own right. When worn in this manner, the flag is facing to the observer's right, and gives the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward. The appropriate replica for the right shoulder sleeve is identified as the 'reverse side flag'." This explains why you see flag patches "backwards" on the right sleeves of military/police/EMT uniforms. This rule also applies to the placement of flag decals on vehicles.



# **Caring for The Flag**

- If soiled, the flag may be washed or dry-cleaned.
- When torn or frayed but not faded, the flag may be mended.
- A worn or faded flag should be retired with respect. Fold the flag and place it on a fire. The ashes should then be buried.

Some VFW Posts and other community groups collect worn flags and conduct a retirement ceremony. Your neighbor, VFW Post 1318, conducts such retirement ceremonies on a regular basis. You may bring your worn flag to VFW Post 1318, 133 E. Lakeside Street, on May 31 and June 1 this year during the Ladies Auxiliary neighborhood yard sale and turn it in for proper retirement. You will get a small thank you gift for bringing us your worn flags.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about flag etiquette at <u>gailpiper6@aol.com</u>. I will be glad to send you a brochure on the subject upon request.

# South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

**Stay Safely Independent:** South Madison Coalition case management services are free of charge to South Madison residents over age 60. Our case managers will help you to find, and connect to, resources for living independently in the community, and they will be happy to visit your home to talk about your needs and our services.

For example, our case managers can help you to look for housing, become familiar with local transportation options, or understand, apply for, and work with government and specialty programs that you may be eligible for, such as Medical Assistance, Project Home, and Energy assistance. A case manager can also assess your eligibility for our home chore volunteer services.

The case managers at South Madison Coalition are experienced professional social workers or nurses. Most have advanced degrees. Our staff includes specialists skilled in working with older adults who have mental illness and advanced dementia. To make an appointment or find out more, call us at 251-8405 or stop by at 128 East Olin Avenue. We are open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

### BCNA March 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes By Carol Medaris

Kirk Elliot convened the meeting a few minutes past 6:30.

NEWSLETTER: There have been some problems with people getting their newsletters after described events have already occurred. Newsletters are generally ready the Friday before the 1<sup>st</sup> week-end in the month with distributors receiving their packets on that Saturday. The expectation is that they will be delivered sometime that first week. One person said that he has been skipped recently and then received the next edition about 3 weeks late. Kirk will contact distributors when he is notified that this is happening. Otherwise, Sara Richards said that sometimes the problem is not getting information in by the deadlines, which are listed on the back page of the Bulletin.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Robinson reported that receipts and expenses were pretty much of a wash this period. The sign fund is now \$4,892.90.

CONTACTS AND DEVELOPMENT: Bob Stoffs reported that there will be a Plan Commission meeting about planned renovations of the Walgreen building for new business on April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is early days yet for this, and information will go up on the Bay Creek listserve for those interested in more information. Bob also reported that the final design for the expansion of the Ryan Bros building (Haywood and Park St.) may be available soon. Finally, Bob reported that the South Madison Planning Council (SMPC) hired a new half-time executive director: Arvin Strange, who, among other qualifications, has good community development experience.

FRIENDS OF OLIN-TURVILLE (FOOT): Several members of FOOT were present to talk about activities and issues. Tom DeChant reported that the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Candlelight Ski and Hot Chocolate event was a success – 100-150 people were there and it was a nice night. Tom felt the advance publicity was very helpful. Barriques contributed the hot chocolate. Andria Blattner described upcoming children's attractions at the park, for example the Blue Bird Trail and the Last Ladybug Project. The next FOOT meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> and will include a discussion of development and maintenance of the crosscountry ski trail. Apparently other city parks receive some funding for this, although people who skied on the 23<sup>rd</sup> had nothing but good things to say about the trail at Olin-Turville. Weed warriors are scheduling a garlic mustard pull at the park on April 19<sup>th</sup> and volunteers will be needed in early April to clean around the old, dying oak trees to preserve them for animal habitat. If interested in volunteering or wishing information about other activities being discussed (Concerts in the pavilion! Dances!) may visit the FOOT website: olin-turville.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN: Sara reported we are waiting for the contract from the city. Dan Kennelly has agreed to be the grant administrator for the project. One member requested that the information about the sign – exactly where it is going to be and what the final design is – be updated on the website.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Kirk suggested that a slate of officers be determined, composed of those currently serving who are willing to continue in office and volunteers for those positions that are or will be vacant. Dan Kennelly has requested a replacement be found for him and Carol Medaris volunteered with the understanding that others with more experience with the BCNA will generally write official letters. Bob Stoffs requested back-up to attend SMPC meetings; Judy Robinson volunteered for the April SMPC meeting. Dan Kennelly volunteered for the open Area 2 Representative position. The rest of the newsletter responsibilities, officers, committee heads and area reps stayed the same. (See last page of Bulletin.)

MAKE MUSIC MADISON: Bob Stoffs described plans for this event scheduled for the summer solstice, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. Madison will be joining with a network of cities around the world and neighborhood groups are being asked to identify outdoor venues where whoever wants to can come and make music. Several venues were suggested at the meeting: Olin-Turville, Franklin School, the Oak Grove, Lakeside Coffee, Goodman Pool, Romnes Courtyard, the Labor Temple but it could be as informal as someone's backyard. Elizabeth Simcock is the person organizing this, and more information is available at the website: makemusicmadison.com.

GUNS AND POLICE PRESENTATION: Amy Miller and Rob Kennedy, residents of the neighborhood where Paul Heenan was shot, presented their concerns about the shooting by police officer Heimsness of Paul Heenan, who was unarmed. They are focusing on discrepancies in witness accounts and police accounts and are particularly concerned that the investigation so far has been primarily by the police investigating themselves, who have apparently concluded that "proper police procedures were followed." Amy and Rob are contacting neighborhood groups throughout the city to support a call for an independent investigation, feeling that though this happened on the east side, it really concerns everyone who lives in the city. They want to make sure that the investigation is done by someone truly independent and also make sure that reasonable and effective police procedures are developed to prevent this happening again. Amy said that the police chief seems open to developing an independent review procedure, but not applying it to Paul Heenan's case. It was moved and seconded that the BCNA write a letter to the police chief, with copies to the mayor and other interested parties, requesting the establishment of an independent review procedure for police-involved shootings starting with the death of Paul Heenan. The motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against it. Judy will be responsible for writing this with input from others.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## Make Music Madison

Make Music Madison will take place on June 21, 2013. Think of possible venues in our neighborhood (driveways, porches, busstops, parks), and about whether you want to participate as a musician, or know someone who should. Elizabeth Simcock is looking for another person or two interested in being more involved for our neighborhood specifically, and also people who have insider knowledge of a particular genre of music/musicians in Madison. Contact her at <u>elizabethsimcock@gmail.com</u>. The website for the event is <u>makemusicmadison.com</u>

#### Volunteer at the Zoo

Volunteering at Henry Vilas Zoo is an amazing opportunity for people of all ages in a fun, family-friendly environment. Volunteer positions include summer Zoology Exhibit Assistant, Train & Carousel volunteers (primary need is Saturday afternoons), Exploration Station Docents (minimum age 13, very flexible schedule), and special events. To learn more email <u>volunteer@vilaszoo.org</u> or call 258-9490 and ask for Lynn.

### Update from St. Mark's Food Pantry

St. Mark's food pantry is open to our neighbors on Tues mornings (10 am-Noon) and on Thurs evenings (5:45-7:45pm). The need for this basic service has not decreased; in the month of February the pantry helped 132 households. We're always open to receive food or financial donations and can easily provide a receipt for tax-deduction purposes. And, if you're a friendly, compassionate, and open-minded person, please consider joining our pantry team! Email Sarah Gillmore (foodpantrystm@gmail.com) or call St. Mark's at 256-8643.

## Notice to all Bay Creek folks!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St., has a commercial kitchen and meeting rooms available for rental on a onetime or ongoing basis. Keep that in mind when scheduling your next event! Call 256-8463 most mornings for more information.

### **Regent Resale**

The West High School PTSO will be holding its spring resale on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 20 from 8:00AM-1:00PM in the West High</u> <u>School Cafeteria</u>. Items will include clothing, household items, sports equipment, furniture, games and more. Please enter the resale by following the signs on Regent and Van Hise Street.

#### Free Mammograms Available

Wisconsin Well Woman Program provides free breast and cervical cancer screening to age and income eligible women. Women can choose from over 25 health clinics in Madison and Dane County. This is an opportunity for ALL women to have access to an annual checkup. Enrollment is quick and completed over the phone. Contact the Wisconsin Well Woman Program 608-242-6392 or 608-242-6235 (Spanish) at Public Health – Madison & Dane County. For more information, see www.wellwomandanecounty.org

# Kickoff for New Sign at May Meeting

A review of plans for the new sign, an update on current funding status, and an opportunity for public comment will take place at the next BCNA meeting at the Bahai Center on 324 W. Lakeside Street. Neighbors are encouraged to bring any questions about the sign and plans for its construction to that meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13.

#### Ryan Brothers Ambulance Expansion By Judy Robinson

Ryan Bros Ambulance has been a member of the Bay Creek business community for over 50 years; they opened their Park St location in 1968, but have been in business since1962. The business is now run by second generation coowners Erin and Patrick Ryan. Erin is in charge of operations and Patrick is in charge of administration.

I met with Erin to get information about their proposed expansion. During the course of our conversation, I learned that currently the bulk of their business is transporting patients between facilities; nursing home to hospital, clinic to hospital and hospital to hospital. Erin explained that they do a lot of work with the various VA hospitals around the state. They also handle the 911 calls for the village of Maple Bluff, the town of Deerfield and the city of Ft. Atkinson. They also do discharges from area hospitals and transport people back to their homes or other care facilities.

The business has grown steadily over the years and they have outgrown their Park St. space. They are planning to build an expansion behind their Park St. office on the site where there is currently an abandoned transmission shop. The new building would be accessible primarily via the alley that runs between Haywood and Brooks and would be visible from Park between their current office and the Shell station. It would be used for administration and training which would allow them to use more of their original space for operations.

There was contamination in the soil that needed to be cleaned up before the additional property could be purchased. They hired Seymour Environmental Services to help them with the clean-up and the site is very close to having a "clean bill of health".

They hope to be able to start building in the next few months. The plans for the new building have not been finalized yet; but it will be a two story building that will be appealing to the neighborhood. Erin noted that they used have used geothermal energy technology at their Middleton office and plan to use that for the new building if feasible. To reduce runoff into Monona Bay they would use sand bags and follow any additional guidelines set by the City. Erin invited anyone who has concerns or questions about the expansion to contact him at eryan@ryanbros.net or 310-7921. If timing allows they will present their finalized plans at a future BCNA meeting. Our thanks to Ryan Brothers for choosing to expand this site and be part of the long awaited revitalization of Park St. **Bay Creek Bulletin information** The Bay Creek Bulletin is published every other month by the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) and is a news and information service for the neighborhood. The Bulletin welcomes comments and submission of articles, photographs, drawings, poetry, announcements and other information.

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Monthly Bay Creek Neighborhood Gathering

Please join us

When: Fríday, Apríl 20 And Fríday May 18 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Lakeside St Coffee House

Why: To see old friends and make new friends

This is a family friendly event; children of all ages are welcome. Feel free but <u>NOT</u> obligated to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

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