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## ON MY MIND

by Gerry Vogel

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WOW! Look at what we've accomplished! Work on the Folger Home and on our "new" organization is well under way; the rest of the pieces are coming together. Never underestimate what a small but growing and determine group of people can do when the stars line up - or, when stars are seized and lined up regardless. Our fair city and our great state had a lot to contribute, but members like you make the most difference. You serve on the board, on committees, sell ice cream, and represent us to the community and world.

## LOCAL SCOUT REVIVING HISTORY

by Tony Tomanek

Meet Drew Horton, a 16 year old scout that is helping Avon Lake keep its history alive. Drew, along with his Avon Lake Troop 338, is going to repaint the utility poles along Lake Rd. with the Lake Shore Electric "Stop" numbers. Old timers to this day refer to points in the city



The utility pole at the intersection of Center Rd. and Lake Rd.

their old "Stop" numbers. This project will enable Drew to achieve his Eagle Scout Badge. The Eagle Scout Award is scouting's highest rank. K.C. Zuber of the HAL Board came up with the idea and thanks to Drew, and Troop 338 it will happen in August. Drew lives in Avon with his father Steve and his mother Martha. Drew is planning to attend college and eventually receive a chemical engineering degree. We appreciate your efforts Drew!

## A.L. HISTORY IS ONLINE!

by Nadge Herceg

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BREAKING NEWS...Recently the Avon Lake Press, Spectrum, Bard and the Shore Log were uploaded to Cleveland State University's Cleveland Memory Project. Visitors can search the documents and discover a plethora of hometown historical information. Collections from the Lakeshore Women's Club, Avon Lake High School Chorale, Avon Lake Women's Chorus, Kiwanis, Welcome Wagon and Fruehauf's Girls Club are being scanned for future uploading to the Cleveland Memory Project. Inventories are written for each collection and will be searchable through the Library's catalog. Check out the Avon Lake Documents at [www.clevelandmemory.org/avonlake/index.html](http://www.clevelandmemory.org/avonlake/index.html).

## HAL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Linda Black  
Patti Butler  
Gayle Calkins  
Paul & Molly Dunford  
Randall's Electric  
Dena & Cory Fisher  
Larry & Claudia Forbes  
Gail Goldoftas  
Ed & Jenna Gonzalez  
Lynn & Patti Greene  
Susan Olijar & Gordon Hewitt  
Linda & John Hickerson  
Gary Izo & Ann Seltzer  
Roseanne & John Lavelle  
Tom & Connie Litz  
Bob & Carol Murphy  
Tom & Tommie Patton  
Tom & Carol Petty  
Laura Ploenzke  
Patricia Schleicher  
Bob & Kathleen Scott  
John & Sandy Sebastian  
Kip & Jean Sekulic  
Jane & Stu Sheard  
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## MEMBERS CORNER- by Patti Zilka

How many valuable members does it take to have a vibrant, dedicated, active Heritage Avon Lake Membership? Well, it turns out we have the perfect number and it's one hundred and ninety-one members, as a result of our 2016-2017 Membership Drive! We want to thank each and every one of you for your membership, as well as your financial contribution! From the membership drive we received \$5,760 plus \$270 in donations. A big thank you to each one of you for your support! We are all Heritage Avon Lake, and together we help create a dynamic community that ensures the preservation of our past, as well as exciting and interesting programs for our residents.

## Fido Fashions by Sherry Spenzer

That's right - clothes on dogs. Oh, come on . . . you've seen them in Halloween costumes, seasonal bandanas, winter sweaters - you get the picture. Aren't they cute? But which one is the BEST dressed dog? That's what this contest is all about. It's only \$5.00 to enter, and your dog could win a basket full of dog goodies and all the public adulation a pampered pooch could want. Just go to our Heritage Avon Lake (HAL) website for details and enter on-line, or mail your pup's photo and a \$5.00 donation, payable to HAL, to Best Dressed Dog Contest, 32770 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. Be sure to include your name, your dog's name, and your contact information.

All proceeds will benefit the renovation and development of our Vintage Garment Room and exhibit. Don't worry - we won't be displaying dog costumes. Garments on display will reflect the time period associated with the Folger Home, and will be clothing formerly worn by humans. The dogs are just helping us with the financing of the project.

The contest ends September 30th, 2016 at midnight after which our celebrity Judge, Chef Ameer Hoge, will reveal the winner. So, tell your neighbors, tell your friends, tell your neighbors' friends - dress your dog up in its finest, and enter for a chance to win and to support Heritage Avon Lake and our Vintage Garment Room and exhibit!

## Street Wise 3 by Sherry Spenzer

Harvey Parkway and Yoder Boulevard – those two north-south streets that nearly adjoin but remain distinctly separate – do their names link to our past? Maybe.

There appears to be no Mr. Harvey associated with Avon Lake's past. Consider, however, that there does appear to be a strong local connection with one Harvey O. Yoder. He served in the Spanish American War in 1898. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1903, and then received a law degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

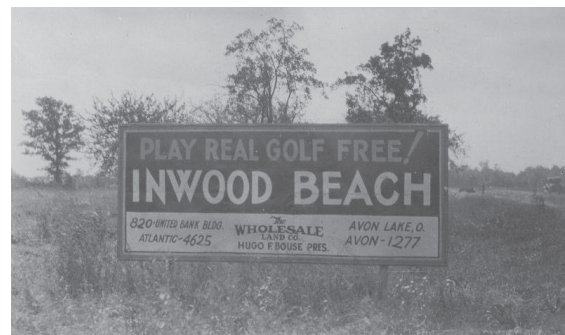


*Harvey O. Yoder*

Harvey Yoder was as actively interested in social issues as he was in development of industry. In 1915, he committed himself fully to the cause of state-wide prohibition. He was a popular figure at churches and clubs who invited him to lecture on the topic, and his public speaking skills drew large audiences. He was unquestionably passionate, if not realistic, in his crusade, arguing that "Money spent for liquor is money lost. If all the capital invested in the whisky business was invested in other lines it would be turning a social liability into a permanent asset."

He was fearless in his quest to have Cuyahoga County Sheriff John Sulzmann removed from office when the latter's open defiance of enforcement of gambling laws became public. He circulated a petition for removal of the Sheriff and acknowledged that he was head of the effort, but refused to disclose identifying information for anyone else involved so that supporters would not suffer any repercussions. The ouster was ultimately successful and removal was ordered by a common pleas judge.

Yoder then turned his attention to real estate development, and to Avon Lake property in particular. He and his cousin Carl undertook yet another venture, and in the 1930's began accumulating property in the Inwood Beach subdivision. By 1941, they announced FHA approval for Inwood Beach's development with five hundred homesites. In 1942, they began another phase of Yoder's Inwood development.



*1930 circa Sign located at S. Drive and Brookfield St., Inwood Beach*

In 1950, Kenneth Evenson claimed the Avon Lake building market, including further development of Inwood. In 1956, he announced the opening of Harvey Parkway Estates, a "heavily restricted" residential neighborhood. In 1960, Yoder Boulevard became the site of residential development.

Does this sequence of events explain the origin of the names of Harvey Parkway and Yoder Boulevard? While there is no confirmation of this theory, there is at least enough connection with Harvey Yoder and sufficient name similarity to invite speculation.



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## AN EVENING WITH GEORGE *and his amazing oddities* by Sherry Spenzer

Our community-friendly **Summer Nights** continue in August with an eclectic presentation - come join us at the Folger House August 19, 2016 from 7 - 9 p.m. to see a display of Avon Lake resident George Amolsch's wonderful curiosities and oddities! George's collection is sure to amaze and amuse you with items you most likely have never seen before, and perhaps may never see again. George has amassed unusual toys, games, and quirky memorabilia that will be shown for your amusement and perusal inside the Folger house. Join us at the Folger Home for an equally entertaining and amusing experience along the lake shore. Experience info-tainment at its best. Be sure to mark your calendar now for this free-event, with light refreshments, compliments of Heritage Avon Lake.

## THEN & NOW

*Alfred John Walker Sr. Farm, 31941 Walker Rd. circa 1920's*



*Novak Home, 2016*

