



# friends TALK news

## 2016 Board of Trustees, Support Staff & Leaders

Board meetings: 3rd Monday of each month (except Dec.) at 7 pm at Carlisle Visitor Center. All members are welcome!

### 2016 Trustees

Cheryl June - *President*  
Barb Fieger - *Vice President*  
Vannesa Klesta - *Park Liaison*  
Ruth Horvath - *Treasurer*  
Pamela Amann - *Recording Secretary*  
Pamela Pastor    Michael Robertson  
Char Kline        Bob Goard  
Gail Jones        Paul Rothacker  
Elaine Clark

### Corps Leaders

Donna Lauffer - *Train Corps CVC*  
Charlotte Herstek - *Lakeview Corps*  
\_\_\_\_\_ - *Wellington Corps*  
\_\_\_\_\_ - *Public Information Corps*  
Pamela Pastor - *Raptor Corps*  
Maxine Miller - *Mill Hollow*  
Karen Smith - *Wildlife Observation Area*  
Char Kline - *Columbia Station Corps & Miller Nature Preserve - Desk Corps*  
\_\_\_\_\_ - *Miller Nature Preserve - Garden/Host Corps*  
Donna Azok & Laura Kirby - *Schoepfle Gardens*  
\_\_\_\_\_ - *French Creek / French Creek Theater*

### Support Staff

Dotty Moseley - *Membership Secretary*  
Patti Czipa & Pamela Pastor - *Hours Secretaries*  
Donna Wolf - *Friends Volunteer Coordinator*  
Debbie Gilbert & Carol Miller - *Miller Nature Preserve Nook*  
Karen Smith - *Splash Zone*

### Teen Corps Leaders

Cheryl June, Dave Smith,  
Elaine Clark, Pamela Pastor,  
Shane Clark & Paul Rothacker

### Volunteer Staff

Roger Brownson, *Photographer*

**FRIENDS  
OF  
METRO  
PARKS**



**LORAIN COUNTY**

12882 Diagonal Rd., LaGrange, OH 44050

Contact: lcmp.friendstalk@gmail.com  
for news related ideas...

## A Message From The President

Once again Friends of Metro Parks Board of Trustees want to thank All of you for a great volunteer year! The ladies are madly posting hours so we can run reports but the records at the time of the writing of this report show over 16, 000 hours on the books with the Teen Corps volunteers at over 1600 hours this year. We on the Board truly appreciate all your hard work and efforts on behalf of Lorain County Metro Parks and Friends of Metro Parks.

So once again I would like to break down the events you all worked:

Halloween Fair – as I am sure those of you that volunteered for the Halloween Fair are well aware and of course I had Donna email all of you: We broke all records this year! Trail numbers were 26, 072 – last year we had 21,767 which was a record breaker. On October 30th we had over 6500 people attend the Halloween Fair which is an all time high... Ladies and Gentlemen all I can say is “holy cow” and THANK YOU! And THANKYOU to the park staff for all the long hours and hard work!

The train numbers were up again this year with 6,244 riders. Wagon rides were up to 4,275. Good

Job Train Corps – takes a lot of dedication and hard work!

Holiday Lights – well right on the heels of Halloween Fair we had record attendance for Holiday Lights! Those of you that volunteered know exactly how this felt! The Trail saw a record breaking 25,198 which broke last year’s record breaker of 22,124 visitors! We were almost even with train numbers with 14,397 in 2015 and 14,534 in 2014. The donation to Second Harvest food bank was 11,266 pounds. Even the Santa Shop did very well this year!

Again 2015 attendance for Halloween Fair and Holiday Lights had a lot to do with the weather. But just remember YOU ALL MADE IT WHAT IS WAS – VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF. It was stressful on all but we made it. CONGRATULATIONS!

In January the Garage Sale was again a success and took in over \$4200. These funds will be part of the year end donation to the Metro Parks. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers that cleaned, set up, collected and were there for the sale. THANK YOU.

## A Message From The President continued...

Maple Sugaring - With fingers crossed we went into the Maple Sugaring season. Mary tells me they collected 600 gallons of sap and made just under 9 gallons of real maple syrup. The weather turned out to be just perfect this year. The programs served a whopping 2,589 people during the weekends and over 463 people during weekday programs. In addition our Maple Sugaring Pancake Breakfasts were very well attended this year with higher numbers than we had in a very long time. A VERY BIG thank you to the volunteers that helped with the Maple Sugaring Pancake Breakfasts, the SUGAR SHACK, and Choo rides and also to our two interpreters with the addition of Keira, a Teen Corps volunteer that braved the weather!

Schoepfle Gardens – It was another big year. 8300 people rode the Carousel last summer and 1230 people rode the trams. The park had 73 programs with attendance of 1230 people. THANK YOU to the tram drivers, the nook volunteers, the plant volunteers and the Carousel operators!

Miller Butterfly House – last year attendance was 17,041 for the butterfly house. Wonderful numbers – thanks to the Staff and Volunteers.

Friends supported the Butterflies last year and will be supporting them again this year.

Miller Train Display – The Train Display was new this year. The attendance from 3/6 to 5/8 was 5,835 people. Good Job Volunteers and Staff!

This was the 11th year of the Murder Mystery Players. As always, the cast, crew, volunteers and park staff were exceptional. We had pretty good attendance with the first Saturday at 70 and the last two nights at sell out. The first Friday was unfortunately very slow. Thank you to our Directors – Barb Fieger and Mary Ann Kershaw. And A huge thank you to all the actors and behind the scenes staff, including our park staff volunteers.

Well our volunteer system is up and running. We are still working out the bugs and getting used to the system. The Volunteer Staff is passing along a big thank you to the selected volunteers that have been attempting to enter their own hours into the new volunteer system. As soon as the bugs are worked out we will be opening up to some additional volunteers to allow their entry of their own hours. The long range plans,

depending on how this works, will be to allow ALL volunteers access to the Volunteer section to enter your own hours. Don't worry though, if you do NOT want to enter your own hours, you will still be able to send your hours in and the Hours Secretaries will enter them. A new Volunteer year begins again. Please turn in your hours monthly. Remember you must have hours on the books to be covered with insurance. Also, just a reminder that volunteering just 40 hours gives you free membership every year. There are lots of chances for hours and a variety of places you can volunteer.

Please remember the  
CHIP A GRAMS.

Well, long winded that I am, I want to AGAIN say THANK YOU. Every year I look at the hours and the amount of volunteers that are a part of Friends of Metro Parks and I feel very humbled. The Board of Friends and the Park Staff truly appreciate all you do for Lorain County Metro Parks. It takes a team to make a difference. A wonderful and safe summer to you all! See you around the Parks!

Thank you,

Cheryl June, *President*  
Friends of Metro Parks

# Magical Mystery Bus Tour

Friends is again offering members an opportunity to visit some of the Lorain County Metro Parks with which you might not be familiar. Join us for an informative morning tour on Saturday September 10, 2016.

Be ready to load the bus at 8:00AM at the Carlisle Visitors Center.

*Space is limited.*

**Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the Park at 440- 458-5121 after August 1, 2016.**



---

## Miller Nature Preserve & Conservatory

A big thank you to all those who helped during the Train Display at Miller. From March 6 to May 5 there were 5,835 people who came to view the display. 1,684 people rode the Choo during the times that it was at Miller!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with inventory on Memorial Day. It was great that you gave of your time on a holiday to help !! All the assistance made the process go quickly.

Thanks to all the members volunteering in the Butterfly House for the season. Thanks, also to any of the volunteers that helped prepare the Butterfly House for the opening. It is with the financial and volunteer support from Friends that the Butterfly House will once again be a big attraction. Be sure to drop by to see it some day.

Char Kline  
Miller Corps Leader  
440-315-7192

# New Board Member Spotlight!

My husband, Allan and I live in Grafton. I moved here 30 years ago from Erie county, where I grew up in the Milan area. For several years, I have enjoyed visiting different parks in the system, either with my children , grandchildren or just exploring on my own.

In 2013, I retired from a profession as an Obstetrical - Newborn RN, the last 34 years being in Norwalk, Ohio. It truly was a wonderful "job", AND, I got my "Baby Fix" on a daily basis!

On my Bucket list upon retirement, was to become a volunteer through the Friends of Metro Parks, spend more time with my 6 grandchildren, and keep up with my own gardening here at home.

During my orientation to Friends, I immediately felt welcomed and was excited to "get going" as a volunteer. My first opportunity was The Halloween Fair that year. I have continued to participate in several events at CVC , especially during the fall and winter. In spring , summer, fall I enjoy "playing in the dirt" with hands on gardening under Matt's direction, as well as operation of the Carousel in the Children's garden.

I continue to be amazed at how much is

available to learn and do as a member of Friends. I LOVE IT! Not that I am lacking in things to do! As most retirees will say, "How did I find time to work?"



The dedication of the Board members, park staff, and fellow volunteers I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with over these short 3 years of my involvement is unbelievable! What an inspiration they are.

I feel honored to have been invited to become a member of The Board of Trustees and look forward to working with the great people I have met thus far, while continuing to learn and explore what LCMP offers the community.

Gail Jones



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you like helping to plan events, we are looking for you. Friends is looking for a couple of more volunteers to help plan the Friends portion of the Halloween Fair and Holiday Lights.

Please contact Barb at 216-544-3865 if interested in joining our committee. Minimal meeting time.



## TIME SHEETS

### Friends of Metro Parks Hours

Send to:

Friends of Metro Parks

Attn: Hours

12882 Diagonal Rd

LaGrange, OH 44055

Email address

[friendsofmetroparks@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofmetroparks@hotmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One only:

JAN

MAR

MAY

JUL

SEP

NOV

FEB

APR

JUN

AUG

OCT

DEC

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	PARK	ACTIVITY (BE SPECIFIC)	HOURS

PLEASE turn in hours on a monthly basis

<u>100 HOURS</u>		<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>TOTAL ACCUMULATED HOURS</u>	<u>LAST YEARS HOURS</u>
Adkins	Gay	139.5	1224.25	1084.75
Adkins	Eirene	131.5	1107.75	976.25
Azok	Donna	146.5	677.5	531
Bailey	Michael	147	638	491
Balchak	Ed	6.5	350.75	344.25
Baldwin	Don	12	257	245
Bankovich	Christine	183	539.5	356.5
Barker	Jan	42	239.65	197.65
Barton	Fred	26.5	1281	1254.5
Barton	Connie	25	704.5	679.5
Bartow	Louise	209	829	620
Bayless	Maureen	54.25	300.75	246.5
Belcastro	Patricia	88.25	261.75	173.5
Beam	Linda	40	2236	2196
Bodnar	Dawn	90.5	503.5	413
Breda	Cindy	81	1573.5	1492.5
Bridge	Steven	82.25	453.75	371.5
Brownson	Roger	46.5	1038	991.5
Buchanan	Ann	51	388.5	337.5
Burns	Bonnie	50	246.25	196.25
Carney	Marianna	7	369	362
Clark	Elaine	272	1918.25	1646.25
Clark	Shane	178	1050.5	872.5
Clark	Andrew	72	656.5	584.5
Czlp	Patti	125.5	2400.75	2275.25
Damm	Norm	48.75	692.25	643.5
Daniels	Caroline	23	848.75	825.75
Dowdell	Deborah	208	823.25	615.25
Driver	Brenda	281.5	474	192.5
Dzoba	Elizabeth	34.5	362	327.5
Farmer	Karen	255.5	975.5	720
Farrell	Cathy	204.5	437	232.5
Fide	Lisa	110.25	555.25	445
Fieger	Barb	112	1748	1636
Fravel	Phyllis	43.5	310.5	267
Galvin	Barb	46.75	265.5	218.75
Gerhardinger	Marilyn	15	1036	1021
Gilbert	Debbie	332.5	1255.75	923.25
Gildenmeister	Cheryl	441	8384	7943
Goard	Robert	101	1073	972
Grasmehr	Bill	185.5	1377	1191.5
Griffiths	David	82.25	381	298.75
Habenicht	Tara	87.5	954.25	866.75
Harbeck	Evelyn	39	363	324
Harned	Rita	97.5	661.75	564.25
Herman	Harry	67	704	637
Herrman	Jane	52.75	651.75	599
Herstek	Charlotte	123	1874	1751
Hildebrandt	Alison	302	775.5	473.5
Hille	Laurel	68.25	375.5	307.25
Hoening	Teresa	12.75	278.5	265.75
Holland	Marge	158	5919	5761
Holland	Bob	138.75	5535.25	5396.5
Horton	Ellen	6.5	353.5	347
Horvath	Ruth	374.5	3264.5	2890
Jenkins	Chuck	74	432	358
Jones	Gail	164.5	308.25	143.75
Jordan	Pat	51.5	1370	1318.5

Jovaik	David	78.5	2858	2779.5
Jovaik	Nancy	83	2662	2579
June	Cheryl	440.5	4346	3905.5
jJune	April	40	123	83
Kapur	Jan	17	512.75	495.75
Karasack Amann	Pamela	214.35	732.85	518.5
Kardos	Carol	25.5	314	288.5
Kasick	Nadine	139.25	638.5	499.25
Kazay	Marcie	247	621.5	374.5
Kershaw	Mary Ann	136	816.75	680.75
Kirby	Laura	115	115	0
Kline	Char	664	4986.25	4322.25
Knowlton	Emma	36	487.5	451.5
Kocsis	Sandra	76.5	727	650.5
Koontz	Norma	110.75	280.25	169.5
Koury	Maxine	64	1184.75	1120.75
Kovatch	Kathy	93	383.25	290.25
Krutowskis	Patricia	151.5	151.5	0
Lauffer	Donna	210.5	2047	1836.5
Lauffer	Lori	158.5	521.75	363.25
Lauffer	Ron	118.5	1427.25	1308.75
Lauffer	Jeff	51.5	544.5	493
Layton	Jo	119	2645.75	2526.75
Lawson	Jennifer	73.5	250	176.5
Lee	Dick	100.25	4270.25	4170
LeScoeze	Jeannine	40.5	672.5	632
Lough	Josie	128.75	377.5	248.75
Lynch	Jennifer	55.25	301.5	246.25
Lyon	Phillip	176.5	176.5	0
MacIntyre	Dot	96.5	1645.25	1548.75
Maines	Douglas	56.5	300.5	244
Masica	Ethel	184.5	1013.5	829
Masica	Bill	67	287.75	220.75
Miller	Maxine	215	3458.5	3243.5
Miller	Nancy	60	835	775
Moseley	Dotty	179.5	930	750.5
Murray	Judith	31.5	431	399.5
O'Hara	Beverly	32.5	1480	1447.5
Pabin	Theresa	110.75	774.75	664
Painter	Shirley	329.75	2826.25	2496.5
Pastor	Pam	608.75	6346.25	5737.5
Payne	Karen	41.5	419.25	377.75
Platt	Vincent	35.5	259.5	224
Poley	Rosemary	103.5	856.25	752.75
Quinones	Bruni	129.75	783.5	653.75
Roessler	Gretchen	120.95	878.45	757.5
Romot	Elsie	100.5	323.5	223
Rothacker	Paul	305.5	3073.5	2768
Rowe	Loretta	45	634	589
Sako	Judy	171.5	3114	2942.5
Sako	Charlie	147.25	1683.75	1536.5
Sako	Alyssa	10.5	321	310.5
Sauer	Alex	179.5	5734.5	5555
Sauers	Richard	27	377	350
Sexton	Jim	256.5	1021.5	765
Smith	Karen	219.5	895.5	676
Smith	Dave	173.5	1568	1394.5
Spencer	Nancy	61.25	595.5	534.25
Swanson	Carl	124	2033	1909
Tessman	Joe	130	517	387
Urban	Jeff	202.75	1826.5	1623.75

Weber	Eva	205.25	1943	1737.75
Weber	Tom	189	1541.75	1352.75
Weil	Charlie	259	891	632
Wenger	Daniel	161.5	404.5	243
Wickman	Pauline	281	1754.25	1473.25
Williams	Jeanne	9.5	265.5	256
Wolf	Donna	515.5	2574.75	2059.25
Wolf	Ted	110	1110.5	1000.5
Zimmerman	Pat	28.5	563.25	534.75

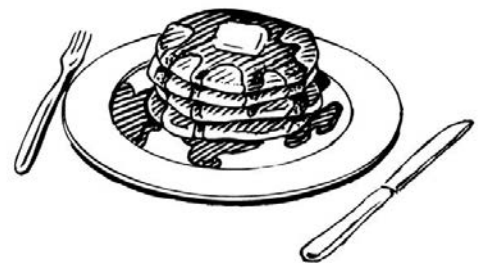
I wanted to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our May 7th Mother's Day Tea party a success! Thank you to Josie Lough, Dawn Bodnar, Betty Brown, Barb Fieger, Carole Kardos, and many others who donated teacups and teapots. We were able to collect over 100 pieces and will be using these items for future programs. Special thank you to Charlotte Herstek, Phyllis Fravel, Lucille White, and Ginny Young who were all a tremendous help before, during, and after the event. I would also like to give a special thanks to Deb Gelenius, who let us borrow some very nice decorations. Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone for your help and support! I couldn't do it without you all!

Sincerely,

**Jadie Showalter**  
*Lakeview Park*

# HARVEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Friends of Metro Parks in Lorain County will host a Harvest Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday September 25** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at the Carlisle Visitors Center.



Adult tickets are \$7, children 2-10 are \$4, and children under 2 are free.

Breakfast includes juice, coffee, tea, scrambled eggs 2 sausages, plain/blueberry/ or chocolate chip pancakes and regular syrup or strawberry topping.



**100 HOURS**

Adkins	Gay	139.5
Adkins	Eirene	131.5
Azok	Donna	146.5
Bailey	Michael	147
Bankovich	Christine	183
Bartow	Louise	209
Clark	Elaine	272
Clark	Shane	178
Czlpá	Patti	125.5
Dowdell	Deborah	208
Driver	Brenda	281.5
Farmer	Karen	255.5
Farrell	Cathy	204.5
Fide	Lisa	110.25
Fieger	Barb	112
Gilbert	Debbie	332.5
Gildenmeister	Cheryl	441
Goard	Robert	101
Grasmehr	Bill	185.5
Herstek	Charlotte	123
Hildebrandt	Alison	302
Holland	Marge	158
Holland	Bob	138.75
Horvath	Ruth	374.5
Jones	Gail	164.5
June	Cheryl	440.5
Karasack Amann	Pamela	214.35
Kasick	Nadine	139.25
Kazay	Marcie	247
Kershaw	Mary Ann	136
Kirby	Laura	115
Kline	Char	664
Koontz	Norma	110.75
Krutowskis	Patricia	151.5
Lauffer	Donna	210.5
Lauffer	Lori	158.5
Lauffer	Ron	118.5
Layton	Jo	119
Lee	Dick	100.25
Lough	Josie	128.75
Lyon	Phillip	176.5
Masica	Ethel	184.5
Miller	Maxine	215
Moseley	Dotty	179.5
Pabin	Theresa	110.75
Painter	Shirley	329.75

**2015-2016 Hours**

Pastor	Pam	608.75
Poley	Rosemary	103.5
Quinones	Bruni	129.75
Roessler	Gretchen	120.95
Romot	Elsie	100.5
Rothacker	Paul	305.5
Sako	Judy	171.5
Sako	Charlie	147.25
Sauer	Alex	179.5
Sexton	Jim	256.5
Smith	Karen	219.5
Smith	Dave	173.5
Swanson	Carl	124
Tessman	Joe	130
Urban	Jeff	202.75
Weber	Eva	205.25
Weber	Tom	189
Weil	Charlie	259
Wenger	Daniel	161.5
Wickman	Pauline	281
Wolf	Donna	515.5
Wolf	Ted	110

# FRIENDS OF METRO PARKS



## LORAIN COUNTY



## LIST OF WINNERS

Char Kline  
Cathy Farrell  
Betsy Miles  
Dot MacIntyre

Charlie Weil  
Brenda Driver  
Karen Smith  
Mary Hank

## LIST OF PEOPLE NOMINATED

Josie Lough  
Phil Lyons  
Cathy Farrell  
Ruth Horvath  
Donna Wolf  
Brenda Driver  
Bill Grasmehr  
Shirley Painter  
Cheryl June

Alison Hildebrandt  
Dot MacIntyre  
Jeff Urban  
Pauline Wickman  
Fran Moorman  
Gail Jones  
Charlotte Hersteck  
Marge Holland  
Christine Bankovich

*Thank you to all the volunteers who go above and beyond.*

# Chip ~~A~~ Gram

To:

From:

---



This was  
**Given**  
Because:

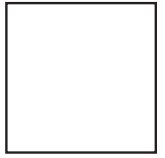
---

---

---

---

*Chip E Munk and Friends Thank You for your spectacular volunteer efforts!*



# Friends Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/friendsofloraincountymetroparks](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofloraincountymetroparks)

This is a closed group. Please request membership in order to access the page. We will be posting volunteer opportunities, you will be able to send in hours and communicate any needs or questions.

join us

**FRIENDS  
OF  
METRO  
PARKS**



LORAIN COUNTY