

## *What's Mime is Yours*

# A warm welcome to new faces and a new look

By Bob Kloos

First, a few words of thanks to out-going board member, Dr. Pat Creek, who has given us a full two-year term. He took a while to discern his role on the board, and landed solidly as a key player in our annual Have A Heart fund-raiser. He has promised to stay close to that event. Thank you, Pat, for your time and talent.

We welcome Father Tom McCarthy, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mantua, to our board. Father Tom is a long time supporter of Beacon Street. We've been to his parish many times for programs ranging from parish picnics, to sacramental programs to school assemblies.

Beacon Street also welcomes Megan O'Bryan to our organization as development and fund-raising consultant. She got to know us through our affiliation with Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland and will bring her expertise to our table to help us make ends meet and to grow with the flow.

This year's "Have a Heart" dinner dance and silent auction was an exercise in fine-tuning and crowd-pleasing. St. Noel's party center was pleased to see we were still planning to hold our event there for the fifth consecutive year. After the events of last fall, many events cancelled leaving huge holes in their calendar and their budget. Our attendance was down from last year, too, but those who did come made up for the shortfall with their willingness to bid and buy raffle tickets.

A handsome two-wheeled-barrow full of spirits was the raffle prize that went to newly-weds Jim and Kim Beers. Remarkably, they were in the market for a wheelbarrow, but they took the contents as well. Bidding on the auction items was feverish enough to top last year's returns.

All in all, the event netted more than \$20,000—a few percentage points over budget! Thanks to Jean

Kloos, chair, and all her committee members for a great evening. Thanks as well go to those who provided our music to bid by, Ron Renick, and our favorite DJ's, Dennis McNulty and Jim Geperth of Slate Grey. Next year's event has been scheduled for **February 15**, so mark your calendars.

Our annual Spring Appeal letter will be arriving soon. We accomplish several things with this mailing: 1. We remind you of our mission and

the power of our ministry, 2. We pass the hat, and 3. We try to clean up our mailing list. We are still here today because of the generosity of thousands who believe in what we do, and how we do it.

You will notice that the appeal letter is on new letterhead. Through the kindness of a faithful benefactor, we were able to incorporate a new look. Some of you may recognize the design from our T-shirts. It's about time our official stationery caught up with our apparel! We think the livelier logo is more reflective of the work we do.



New stationary will feature a familiar logo

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