

## ReSource, cont.

Most of the presenters at Laughs have published material available through August House ([www.augusthouse.com/](http://www.augusthouse.com/)). The site has books of stories as well as those offering techniques from the masters. This site is a great place to start if you are trying to build a resource library.

The Laughs Festival is only a couple years old and is substantially underwritten by Loudoun County. It is just minutes from Dulles airport and comfortable accommodations are nearby. Because there are only a handful of tellers, you can pretty much get a good dose of all of them. And you can be sure, as the name suggests, there will be plenty of laughter rolling from tent to tent. It would be a good first storytelling conference for anyone.

Bob is feeling badly that you missed both of the conferences mentioned above for this year, but there is a local event that may be of interest to some of you. A supporter and friend of Beacon Street, Allen Stay, is coordinating the **PONY Clown Association 27th Annual Conference** at the Holiday Inn Cleveland East, at Bishop Road and I-90, in Wickliffe.

PONY is an acronym for PA, OH, and NY, the region for this association, and it includes Ontario as well. Allen has a dozen artists presenting workshops on everything from make-up and face painting, balloon sculpture and juggling, to storytelling and improvisation. It will be a great opportunity to meet other local artists, beginners and experienced, in a variety of art forms.

Of particular interest to the community at large is a two-hour "Kids Show" on October 2nd, Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30pm. It is free and open to the public.

Bob will be there to help out and Jean Kloos will be sure to connect with Al Eisenhower to pass juggling pins and see what new tricks he has learned since he was last in Cleveland.

The event will begin Thursday evening, September 30 and conclude Sunday morning October 3. Information can be found on Allen's web site ([www.swiftythec clown.com](http://www.swiftythec clown.com)). Click on the PONY link. Or call Allen Stay at 440.338.6888. He has the answers.

## Spotlight on Board Member

### Elizabeth Robenalt



*Your involvement with Beacon Street?*

I am the newest board member for Beacon Street, having just completed my first year.

*Your occupation?* I am a former director of the core curriculum (Ursuline Studies Program) at Ursuline College; now adjunct faculty teaching composition in USP. I am hoping to return to graduate school in CSU's Masters in Diversity Management this fall.

*Birthday?* August 9, 1956

*Tell us about your family.* Husband Jim and I live in Shaker Heights because of the great housing, great schools, and interesting mix of great people.

Jim is an attorney with Thompson Hine, LLP and has just published *Linking Rings* at Kent University Press. It combines historical research and fiction to tell a story of his great grandfather, William W. Durbin, a magician and Democratic politician before WWII.

Son James will begin law school at OSU this August. Daughter Margaret a sophomore at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. Son John, a junior at Shaker HS.

*Favorite author?* Probably Austen. Right now reading a book set in Afghanistan titled *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, and *A World of Hurt* by local author and Viet Nam nurse Mary Powell. Both beautifully written.

*Love movies* -- usually at the Cedar Lee -- especially Brit films like "A Room With a View."

*Best thing about Beacon Street.* Bob's heartfelt pointing to the living of faith in a way that combines playfulness with reverence for one another.

*Personal motto?* The advice I give most to encourage my growing children as they discover and construct their adult identities is Joseph Campbell's "Follow your Bliss." It's also a blessing. However, I just bought a card for a good friend that says "The universe is composed of stories, not atoms." I certainly believe that!