

## What's Mime is Yours *from the desk of the artistic director Bob Kloos*

"School is out - Drive Carefully." The marquees read the same in front of all the local schools. Beacon Street's marquee reads: "Schedule your teacher in-service for August now!" Beacon Street can be an interactive part of your welcome back and theme focus for your staff. Keep in mind that we have loads of experience offering all-school retreats, junior high days of recollection, or school assemblies addressing bullying prevention, Spirit Week, Catholic Schools Week, Advent, Lent, and more. Contact office manager Pam Kestner today and reserve your date: 216.291.1367 or [beacon.street@sbcglobal.com](mailto:beacon.street@sbcglobal.com).

Kate Gillooly had to resign from our board of directors. She is the Minister of Christian Formation at Saint Paul Episcopal in Cleveland Heights and had to take on additional responsibilities there due to staff changes. We will miss her expertise. She had the experience in the saddle we needed. At the very least, she will continue to call on us for her church needs and recommend us readily to others. Thanks Kate.

We have loads and loads of free Beacon Street brochures if any of our readers need some to pass along or include in your own mailings. Your church or school may be looking for an engaging program for two or three generations or a specific group. A local nonprofit may be looking for someone to lead a focus day on their mission or team-building experience. Put one of these brochures into the hands of a pastor, principal, or executive director and encourage them to log on or give us a call. We will take it from there. Just be warned - my photo is on the front of the brochure! Extra copies of past newsletters are available as well.

Have A Heart XII, another memorable fundraiser, netted more support in the form of needed revenue and cheerful friends. We were blessed that Saint Noel Party Center chef and proprietor Randy Henning was able to satisfy guests with our new venue of hearty appetizers and his usual warm atmosphere last February. Auction item donors and

bidders along with buyers and sellers of raffle tickets helped secure our future for the coming year. When all was said and done, we were \$10 thousand to the good. Thanks to all who donated, attended, and served. Please plan to join us next year on Saturday, February 6th.

We received nearly two dozen \$5 and \$10 donations from new donors from our end-of-the-year appeal. All this was in response to the letter in the last *Beacon* about Sr. Luke, a dedicated religious woman from Jersey City who sent us "all that she had." Her "fiver" primed the pump and many of you responded in kind. We are so grateful. It takes a lot more small donations to add up and reach our goal, but the increased numbers of donors is very gratifying.

Perhaps you could join me and remember Sr. Luke and her ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows the next time you list your prayer concerns. She included a little clipping from their bulletin in a recent mailing: "We have been planted in the midst of the city to grow and bear the fruit of the gospel." We will remember you Luke!

Pastor Liz Nau, new to South Euclid-Hillcrest United Methodist Church (1534 S. GreenRd.) where we keep our office, is delighted to have us "in the building." She told me recently that the church will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market every Thursday from 2-7pm. If you are in the area, you will certainly find it worth your while to stop by.

Finally, a hopeful word about our bullying prevention program. We have received some interest from a major publisher who is having a look at "We First" now. It would be great to get this out there for schools that need a program to implement their policy. I will be getting feedback from two schools that ran the program this year and hope to make recommended changes and additions in the summer months. Requests for assemblies on the subject continue to roll in. Let's hope the publisher sees something he likes and gives "We First" a thumbs up. Say a prayer. Thanks.

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