



## Honoring the Conversation, Part 5 (Final part of 5-part series) Turning a Neighborhood into a Community in Intown Atlanta

by Stephen Wing

Today the Lake Claire Land Trust community is defined not by geography, but by participation. Who keeps up with the weeding, the mowing, wood-chipping the paths, paying the bills? Who shows up for meetings and work days? Why don't our newer neighbors see the value of our green gem and step up to participate? As the neighborhood changes, the only way to keep community alive is to keep communication open. The only thing that continues indefinitely into the future, besides the land itself, is the conversation.

Land Trust board and committee meetings are dedicated to continuing the conversation that got us here. They are open to anyone, and often the eight current board members are outnumbered by equally dedicated friends and neighbors. New board members are drawn from this contingent who have proven their interest by showing up. Only board members can vote, but it is rare that an issue divides us so deeply that a vote becomes necessary. We

talk, we listen, sometimes we pass the talking stick, and gradually the answers become clear.

The current board includes one original trustee, and several others occasionally join us. I am one of



*Beginnings of the Land Trust's Children's Garden*

several newer members who got involved after the founders broke up. Our meetings are a bridge between the old Lake Claire and the new. Once a year we hold our "annual meeting," as all nonprofit corporations are legally required to do, and invite all of our diverse constituencies to come together. This year we

were thrilled to see two of our newest neighbors, both parents of small children, show up and listen as the board discussed nighttime security and other mundane matters.

Between meetings, the conversation continues via email. The board's Yahoo group includes several dozen people who actively or occasionally speak up. Many a minor issue has been discussed and resolved without taking up meeting time. Other items that end up on a meeting agenda have been thoroughly aired and examined by the time we meet. But we have occasionally gotten ourselves into trouble by taking an issue too far in our virtual conversation that would be more productively discussed face-to-face.

One recent incident highlights the importance of face-to-face conversation. In recent years we have been plagued by hordes of teenagers who are irresistibly attracted to our little oasis—to the point where we've had **Cont. on p. 7**

## Notable Names in Lake Claire

by Beth Damon

Sometimes I feature folks who've lived in Lake Claire 30+ years. This time—I am featuring a notable **name** in Lake Claire. Pat Del Rey is our advertising director. Due in great part to her efforts, the Clarion not only pays for itself but also is able to have money left over to put in the general neighborhood coffers, going to our many great initiatives. And Del Rey is not only a notable name, but a noble name.

Pat's ancestors came from Italy (Napoli) in the early 20th century. Their name was spelled Del Re, which along with the Spanish Del Rey, is derived from the Latin "regis," meaning "royal." A multitude of noble families emerged from those countries, including the distinguished

Del Rey family. The Spanish word "rey" and the Italian "re" both mean "king," while "reina" means "queen." Bearing this name does not necessarily imply royal ancestry anymore, as, when surnames first began to be used in Medieval Spain, nicknames were often taken on as surnames. In Pat's family, an immigration official added the "y" onto her grandfather's name only, not his brother's, and so half of their family has the "y" and the other half the correct Italian 'del re' spelling. Some of her nephews have gone back to "re."

Other famous Del Reys include sixteenth century theologian and Bible translator Casiodoro Reina; sixteenth century poet Rodrigo de Reinosa; sixteenth century writer

Francisco de la Reina; seventeenth century poet and playwright Andrés Rey de Artieda; Juan de los Reyes (c1652-1676), a Spanish priest... and many more.

Spelling variations include Reyes, Rey, de Reyes, de los Reyes, del Rey, Reina, de la Reina, de Reina, Reinoso, de Reinoso, Real, de Real, and many more—but NOT "Ray," as in sun ray, as someone misspelled it in the last issue of the Clarion! Though, Pat is certainly a ray of sunshine.

*Editor's note—though this is my feeble way of apologizing for not catching the spelling mistake, it would be interesting to continue the series; feel free to send in your contributions of notable names in Lake Claire.*

## Wild in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf, aka Flora Fauna

Spring is here! Glorious color all around. Pink, violet, white, orange blossoms everywhere!

And now a yellow cardinal! Yes! Seen in Alabama. Professor Geoffrey Hill of Auburn University said this cardinal suffers from a genetic mutation. Like other songbirds, cardinals need to consume substances (found in carrots and sweet potatoes) in order to have bright colors. The yellow cardinal is missing the enzyme, classified as CYP2J19 that converts all yellow pigment to the usual red feathers. In the case of the rare yellow birder cardinal, that enzyme isn't likely present, according to Hill. A friend of mine who is a casual birder thought she saw the bird in Midway Hills. "I thought someone's canary escaped, but when it turned to the side, I saw the crest and full beak, a yellow cardinal!"

Margareta L., our Candler Park reporter, saw a Wood Duck on the pond in the Candler Park golf course recently. The male ducks are very colorful with their iridescent green heads and brown bodies with various white lines separating those colors. The females are necessarily plainer. Pairs usually mate in January and are known to mate for life. In 1918 the birds were almost extinct due to hunting of the birds for meat and feathers for women's hats. But thanks to good wildlife management they are one of the most common ducks around today.

And speaking of the Candler Park golf course pond, I had recently heard a rumor that golfers were circulating a petition to remove the pond. Ben Klehr, who is on the board of the Candler Park Conservancy, responded to a query I put on NextDoor. He said he is not aware of any petition and that "the Conservancy has been working closely with the city to preserve the natural habitat...including the beaver ponds on the east side of the park." The vision plan is available. **Cont. on p. 3**

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by Robert Bryan Davis

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## Hello—Safe Journey: Skiing in and around Lake Claire

April 2, Tyler Bliss, Leonardo, turns 10  
 April 6, Bridgette Maddux turns 8. Harold Ave  
 April 10, Kelly Crutcher, Hardendorf  
 April 12, Aarini Kakkar, Southerland Terrace  
 April 15, Jim Wilson, Delaware Avenue  
 April 16, Aliza Fleming, turns 18  
 April 17, Joe Agee, Harold, our esteemed LCN President  
 April 18, Deacon Baker, Leonardo, turns 17  
 April 19, Emily Allen, Harold  
 April 21, Jamie McGill, Delaware Ave, turns 15  
 April 23, Dan Geller, Marlbrook  
 April 27, Claudia Restler, Lakeshore Drive  
 April 28, Sara McGill turns 13, Delaware, AND Kevin Restler, Lakeshore Dr.  
 April 30, Beth van Arkel, Southerland Terrace

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## Wild in Lake Claire

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able at [www.candlerparkconservancy.org](http://www.candlerparkconservancy.org)

The ever vigilant Ilene S. in Lake Claire reported two exciting sightings. First Ms. S. spotted two separate flocks of Sandhill Cranes. These beautiful birds migrate over our skies in the spring and in the fall as they come and go to their breeding and then wintering grounds. The birds fly overhead in a V formation in flocks of as many as 300 birds. They make a loud cry which will alert you that they are passing through. You can distinguish them from Canadian geese in that they are slender, and their long legs stretch behind them. Geese have short legs. Sandhills migrating through Georgia are heading to central Florida. They are considered members of the Great Lakes Sandhill population. There is a Sandhill Crane festival held yearly in Tennessee at the Hiwassee Refuge. Hundreds of Sandhills gather as a stopover on their migration. The event includes folk singers, native American arts and crafts, and a main speaker. Ms. S, BTW, also spotted a hawk perched on a railing on her porch. She wasn't sure at first what

kind of hawk it was, but after a discussion with other birder friends she decided it was a Cooper's Hawk. The other possibility would have been a Sharp-shinned Hawk, another small hawk which is not as abundant as the Cooper's.

My friend M., who saw the yellow cardinal, also reported a dead coyote pup in Midway Woods. It is coyote mating and birthing season so keep your little pets in from sunset to sunrise. Breeding season is in February and March. In the spring, females build dens in preparation for their young. After a gestation period of 63 days the coyote gives birth to groups of three to 12 young at once. The size of the litters depend on where the coyotes live. In areas where there are a lot of coyotes, there will be smaller litters.

And let Flora Fauna leave you these inspirational words by e.e. cummings regarding spring:

sweet spring is your  
 time is my time is our  
 time for springtime is lovetime  
 and viva sweet love

Viva Spring!!!

## April into May in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton

The intemperate warmth of February has hastened everything into bloom despite threats of later frost. Jane and I have noticed that while we used to go to see the bloodroot in March, now we must hasten out in February. Dogwood, which once bloomed around April first, began to open March tenth this year. If you keep a yearly garden journal, it is easy to see these patterns. Overall, rainfall is diminishing, the area getting drier, leading to the central range of oaks moving westward toward the Mississippi valley, while conifers are slowly migrating north.

For newcomers to the region, April is the last month to get most plants into the ground before the weather turns hot. Unfortunately, even April has been hot and dry lately, so do not delay. Be sure to thin the carrot, beet, radish, chard, and lettuce seedlings that you sowed directly in the ground, or they will never be the robust vegetables that your family is expecting. Dampen the soil before and after you thin so that you do not disturb the roots of the remaining plants. Make one more sowing of the quick-growing vegetables in April if you have room. This is a good time also to fertilize with a higher phosphorus number (the middle one) than what you initially used. Let-

tuces started indoors can be popped into empty spots, and leek seedlings can be planted out into the bottom of trenches lined with compost.

You may notice cabbage worms, the exact shade of green as cabbages and broccoli leaves, on your brassicas. Hand-pick them, or dust the plants with Dipel (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), which has been used for one hundred years to kill these pests without harming mammals, birds, or bees. Of course, do not fling it around or breathe it when dusting individual plants.

I used to start corn seedlings in peat pots and set them out in April when larger because I had a cat who would yank at anything that looked like string, but I think I will direct seed this year. If you did not plant your tomatoes last month under cover of some sort, you can set them out at the same time as eggplants and peppers. I always space these into the same bed so that I can rotate them together and allow four years before I return to the same soil, which after a season of growing nightshade vegetables becomes infected with all their diseases. It is very unlikely we will have a freeze after the March 31 full moon. Plant these as deep as you can in amended soil, and use large

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**April 2018**

- 1** Lake Claire Land Trust Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Potluck.  
 9 a.m.: hide; 10 a.m.: hunt; 11 a.m.: potluck.
- 1 - 6** APS Spring Break—Have fun!
- 1 - 22** **Horizon Theatre** presents *Freaky Friday, a musical*,  
 info at [www.horizontheatre.com](http://www.horizontheatre.com).
- 7 & 21** Lake Claire Land Trust Drum Circle, sunset to 11:00  
 p.m. Please walk, bike, or carpool. Bring a friend, and spread the word!  
 See Land Trust stuff on Page 7.
- 8** 2 - 6 p.m. Atlanta Streets Alive, DeKalb Ave. closed from down  
 town to Lake Claire. Organized by the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition.  
[www.atlantastreetsalive.com](http://www.atlantastreetsalive.com)
- 14** Lake Claire Land Trust Peace & Love SpringFest, starts 1:30  
 p.m., see details and band line-up in the article page 7. No pets, and  
 please, no parking on neighborhood streets except where noted..
- 19** **Lake Claire monthly meeting** —and every 3rd Thursday,  
 in the **Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15**  
**meeting. Pizza provided free from Savage (THANKS, SAVAGE)**
- 21** Community Work Day, 3-6 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow  
 at the Lake Claire Land Trust. The Land Trust needs your help to  
 stay beautiful!
- 21 - May 14** Actor's Express presents *The Flower Room*. Info  
 at [www.actors-express.com](http://www.actors-express.com).
- 28** Good Gracious Show—Atlanta's favorite variety show, cre-  
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# \* \* \* EDUCATION MATTERS \* \* \*

## Georgia Educational Legislative Update for 2018

by Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair

On Tuesday, February 27, the Council for Intown Neighborhoods and Schools convened at Inman Middle School for a Georgia Legislative Update. The panelists were: Claire Suggs, Senior Education Policy Analyst at Georgia Budget and Policy Institute; State Senator Nan Orrock, District 36, Higher Education Committee; State Senator Elena Parent, District 42, Senate Education Committee; State Representative Park Cannon, District 58; State Representative Scott Holcomb, District 81, House Higher Education Committee; State Representative Bee Nguyen, District 89, Education Committee. There were also guest members from the Atlanta Board of Education: Cynthia Briscoe Brown, Kandis Jackson, Leslie Grant, Michelle Olympiadis, and Jason Esteves.

Claire Suggs presented the fiscal year budget for 2019 for the GA department of education from the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute: The education budget will increase \$353 million (3.7% from the current amount); \$293 million will be allocated towards the Teacher Retirement System; A proposed addition of \$120 million is for adjustments in teacher sala-

ries, retirement, and student enrollment; A reduction of \$1.2 million is proposed for new math and science teachers and \$580,542 for nurses; The State Commission Charter School supplement is to be raised by \$9.9 million; \$1.5 will go towards the statewide Principal Leadership Academy through the Governor's Office of Student Achievement; An additional \$34.4 million is allocated for dual enrollment through the GA Student Finance Commission; \$1.8 million will go towards the REACH GA scholarship program to expand 44 new school districts and fund 226 additional postsecondary scholarships; An increase of \$4.3 million for the GA Apex Program under the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will provide mental health services to students.

**What is the budget not saying?** Districts will receive \$167 million less in state funding that the QBE formula, (Quality Basic Education formula, which is the state's method for calculating funding for K-12)—The 17th consecutive year of district austerity cuts; In 2009 the State reduced its funding to health insurance for bus

drivers, custodians, and non-teaching staff, until its elimination in 2012; That State has reduced its coverage of transportation costs to its students; In 2012, the equalization program was downsized, which would send extra money to districts with lower property taxes; Over 30 percent of Georgia's 180 school districts had property values fall between 2015-2016. These districts rely more heavily on state funding, so austerity cuts are felt more.

**How does this impact us?** The austerity cuts tighten the budget so that schools cannot hire more teachers to reduce the class sizes, and cannot provide more counseling services or literacy coaches, or future educational investments; School district now have to cover health insurance for bus drivers, non-teaching staff, and custodians for about \$430 million more annually; In 1991, the State was covering 54 percent of busing students, but by 2017 it fell to 15 percent; The District spent \$884 million on transportation for 2016-2017, meaning less money got allocated to classrooms, teaching, and learning support; The District has to cover

the rising retirement costs. The employer's contribution to the Teachers Retirement System is supposed to go up from 16.8 percent to 20.9 percent.

The rest of the panel spoke to the various bills being legislated. An overview:

**House Bill (HB) 217**—Increases the annual limit on new vouchers from \$58 million to approximately \$65 million to help children attend private schools.

**HB 664**—instead of a 529 Plan just paying for college, it can pay for private school tuition in a k-12 school. The current annual \$2,000 per student deduction will increase to \$4,000 for individuals and increase from \$4,000 to \$8,000 for couples.

**HB 482**—Voucher bill—failed in the House, but would have established a fund, of 9 million, in the Office of the State Treasurer which would be used for tuition and other eligible expenses incurred for an eligible student enrolled in a private school.

**HB 918**—Tax cuts—this bill provides a tax cut package for corporations

**HB 787**—Allocates \$17 million dollars from the general fund to support 23 state charter schools without first fully funding traditional public schools.

**HB 273**—Sets aside time

in schools for exercise by mandating that students in kindergarten and grades one through five have a daily recess.

**HB 928**—Extends the time period of the HOPE Scholarship from 10 to 15 years, passed unanimously in the House Higher Education Committee

**HB 903**—Ends the cost of living adjustment for educators who have retired from the system

These budget report and bills are not as uplifting as they could be. Please continue to call your State House Representatives and Senators when you feel moved by an issue. As the panel explained at this Legislative Update, an email to one of the congressmen/women might get lost, but a phone call with your opinion will get tallied. Remember that whoever you are and whatever you do, you got here because you had an education. **Please take the time to continue valuing the impact of education.**

*A special thank you to Bee Nguyen, State House Representative, and Hannah Perkins, Nguyen's Chief of Staff for helping me fact-find about the house bills. Another thank you goes to Claire Suggs and Georgia Budget and Policy Institute for their budget facts. ~ A.K.*

## How to Save a Life

by Susan Rose

If you are the bystander who witnesses someone going into cardiac arrest, would you know what to do? According to the American Heart Association, almost 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die; however, when CPR is performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, a person's chance of survival can double or triple. Now, you can be the prepared bystander by learning CPR in the convenience of your own neighborhood!

Candler Park neighbor Colleen Ward is a Registered Nurse who is offering CPR/AED and First Aid classes at The Wondershop on Monday

and Tuesday evenings and weekends. (Wondershop is Lake Claire's own Boyd Baker's creation, the co-working space located on McLendon Avenue at Oakdale Road.)

"Teaching and certifying adults and teenagers on how to save lives has become a true passion for me," says Colleen. Often, teenagers need to become certified for babysitting and summer jobs. Also, many businesses like to have their staff certified. Ward offers HeartSaver CPR/AED classes and BLS (Basic Life Support) for Healthcare Providers classes. Both cover adult and child choking. The costs are \$65 for HeartSaver CPR/

AED; \$70 for BLS (geared toward medical professionals); \$70 for HeartSaver CPR/AED plus First Aid. She said, "I can also teach signs and symptoms of opioid overdose/drug overdose and what to do to care for someone in that situation."

Upon completion of the classes, each student will receive a card from the American Heart Association that is valid for two years and a student workbook. If you have the desire or a need for CPR training/certification, contact Colleen Ward at [cwardsavealife@gmail.com](mailto:cwardsavealife@gmail.com) to get more information and to schedule a class. The website is [intowncpr.com](http://intowncpr.com).

## Thanks for Paying Your Neighborhood Dues!

We appreciate our neighborhood support of many wonderful initiatives, green spaces, donations to our Police and Firefighters, the Frazer Center, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Lake Claire Park, etc. Lake Claire suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household—but just like with Public Radio, any amount is much appreciated. A Lake Claire Banner package deal is only \$50 if combined with annual dues!

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## Turning a Neighborhood into a Community

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to hire an off-duty officer to discourage them from congregating after dark, when we are officially closed. One evening as twilight was falling, one of my neighbors encountered a young African American woman near the pond. Perhaps a little too sharply, my neighbor informed the young lady that the Land Trust would be closing at dark, and she abruptly turned and left.

A few days later, we received an email from the visitor complaining that to her, the incident felt racially motivated. My neighbor sent back a humble, heartfelt apology. But the young woman never responded, and we all felt a bit remorseful at this lost opportunity. The Land Trust is one place in our race-charged city where black and white folks regularly cross paths with smiles and hellos. But this doesn't magically create racial harmony; that takes vigilance, focus and attention, unblinking awareness of past traumas, and proactive "eyes on the prize" of a just society. In other words, it takes a conversation. Email clearly falls short.

What my neighbor momentarily forgot under the accumulated frustration of a steady stream of young trespassers was that in our divided society, the issue of race is never far from the surface. People of color are individually as diverse as any demographic group; the one thing they all have in common is good reason to be wary of whites. It doesn't matter that my neighbor intended no offense. It doesn't matter that she has a bi-racial grandchild and a "Black Lives Matter" sign in her front yard. It doesn't matter that she spoke in the same tone of voice she uses with everyone, especially young people crossing the Land Trust close to dark. Every encounter between people of different skin colors, no matter how trivial, will either advance the cause of racial understanding or set it back.

The young couple with the newborn, the angry former trustee, and the offended African American visitor could all be regarded as embarrassing failures of the civilized art of conversation. Instead, I see them as examples that prove my point. Through the ordeal of conversation, the young couple found their way to another community that shares their values. The possibility of conversation is always open to the ex-trustee, should he ever decide he is willing to listen respectfully after speaking his mind. And our African American visitors have much to teach us if they choose to take on the challenge of conversation. The land itself is neutral ground, a quiet oasis amid the rumbling of the trains where life slows down to nature's pace, a lush green garden that can nourish sharing and learning and the slow growth of relationships.

Community, as Gary Snyder once pointed out, is the opposite of a network. Where a network connects like-minded folks who are geographically dispersed, community brings together the people of a particular place, who are inevitably diverse. And while many communities are "intentional," most of the world's communities are not. They're made up of individuals who happen to share a neighborhood and must work out their differences without resorting to violence. In our case, the particular place is a greenspace we must learn to share; the community is a convergence of many communities, a microcosm of the diverse communities that must somehow learn to share our communal planet Earth.

*"Let us embrace the notion that the words we speak and the actions we take begin with good intention. This may help us listen with generous hearts and open minds."* Conversation, the bedrock of true community, is the exchange of viewpoints

no matter how divergent, the act of disagreeing without being disagreeable. Even if no point of agreement is ever reached, as long as we succeed in keeping the peace—preserving respect between equals—warfare is averted and civilization remains a civil enterprise. All grownups understand this principle and live by it as best they can.

I only wish the world was run by grownups.

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com, and go to [lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/](http://lakeclaire.org/clarion/clarion-archives/) for the first 4 parts of this article.

## Women Who Rock! Peace & Love SpringFest at the Land Trust

Rain or Shine. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS!!

by Frani Green

Greetings Land Trust Lovers! I am so excited to announce our annual spring Peace & Love festival featuring Women Who Rock!! This is going to be a day full of love, community, music, dance, and support of our oasis in the city. It will feature an amazing array of women, in all their glory, to celebrate who they are and share their talents and energy, all in honor of our beautiful piece of Mother Nature.

Come out and be part of our community of fun-loving folks who love the Land Trust. If you would like to volunteer, we have many opportunities to do so. Please contact Brynan Hadaway at [brynan1865@yahoo.com](mailto:brynan1865@yahoo.com).

Please be mindful of our neighbors! Do not block driveways, tread light-

ly, and keep your voices down. Take MARTA, carpool, Uber, Lyft, walk, bike. If you drive, PLEASE follow parking signs.

Bring cash! The Gorilla Grill will be selling and serving food and drinks. If you bring your own utensils and plates, you will receive \$1 off your meal. Here is our amazing lineup (see descriptions on Land Trust webpage):

2:00-2:45 School of Rock  
3:00-3:30 Jade  
3:45-4:45 Sugar Magnolias  
5:00-6:30 Jess Goggans Band  
6:45-7:45 The Ain't Sisters  
8:00-9:00 MOMS Daughters  
9:30-11:00 Donna Hopkins

**Please be sure to see upcoming and ongoing Land Trust events in the calendar, Page 4.**

## Gardening in Lake Claire

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sturdy cages or stakes and twine for the tomatoes. Save those little three-legged things for the other plants.

Direct seed beans, bush and pole of different kinds, as soon as the soil warms up (60 degrees) this month. Using a bean inoculant on the seeds as you plant enables beans to pull nitrogen from the air and store it in their roots until needed. Again, you will need a sturdy structure for pole beans. I have successfully grown Kentucky Wonder, yard-long Asian beans, and Scarlet Runner (as an ornamental) on a strung bean pole but have less success with pole limas, I think because

I forget to keep them picked. You will need to sow bush beans every few weeks, but the pole beans should produce until frost.

I mentioned Repels-All, a nasty-tasting and smelling liquid, as a great aid to protecting ornamentals from all manner of animals. I would have no tulip blooms at all if I did not specifically spray each bud before the squirrels get to it. Ace Hardware no longer carries the spray, but I found it at Lowe's this year. Never use it on edibles, and wear gloves and an eye covering when you apply it to particular items. Do give hot pepper wax, also available as a spray,

a chance on your tomatoes and other vegetables if they are being eaten. You may be more fortunate than I. In general, do not use chemicals that could harm your children or pollinators in your garden. There are other solutions for mosquitoes.

This reminds me that for the last two years bees have so solidly lined my birdbath all day (and also encircled my pond) that nobody else gets to use it; even my yard help refused to work in an area resembling the Atlanta airport with the constant landing and taking off of fifty bees. I can only think that other sources of water have disap-

peared. Please, even if you do not garden, put out some still water for bees, birds, and other insects.

April through June are the major months for perennials here, so be on the lookout for what you might want to try yourself next year. I promise to devote a future column to the seeding of biennials and perennials, and fall is a great time to plant iris, peonies, and daylilies. If you already have peonies, be sure to stake or cage them early this month. Leave the aphids on plants: ladybugs love them. In dire circumstances, a hard spray of water will take care of aphids on any plant.





# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. This month I give a special call-out to Emma Sullivan and Margot Sullivan. Coincidentally, they live across the street from each other on Arizona but aren't related. For the last two issues, the Kids' Page has featured "Random Acts of Kindness." At the end of March, these two girls performed a random act of kindness for me: they knocked on my door to see if I needed dog walking or dog "scooping." Since then, one or both of them have been helping me walk my dogs 2-3 times a week. With a torn meniscus and a rotator cuff injury, I am no longer able to walk both dogs together who weigh 105 and 55; thus Margot and Emma are a godsend. They take turns walking Frida, who probably weighs only about 10

lbs less than they, while I walk Diego. And now the girls are discussing starting a little business—picking up after dogs and walking dogs. Stay tuned for future information on that as they (perhaps with help from their parents) work out the details.

Emma is 10 years old and a fourth grader at Mary Lin Elementary. She lives with her mom (Shannon) and dad (Patrick) on Arizona. Emma loves art and drawing, reading, math, and basketball. Her hobbies are collecting Shopkins, Legos, and *Our Generation* doll accessories. And she is obviously quite fond of dogs. Margot, 9, a third grader at Mary Lin, lives with mom Elizabeth, and she loves "playing piano, reading facts about dogs, and watching TV, mainly Animal Planet." She loves everything about dogs. And my dogs love them, including Diego, a rescue and

abused dog who is usually quite reticent.

While I was putting leashes on the dogs, Emma and Margot perused the Clarion and were the first in Lake Claire to identify last month's picture of a "random act of kindness." Their prize is to be featured on these pages and to publish a piece they are putting together for a future issue. The finders of the "random act of kindness" picture are full of random acts of kindness themselves.

**Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages**—we want to see your creativity. Write about anything that grabs you! Submit articles, poetry, drawings, etc., to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). What have you done in 2018 so far? What do you love about Spring? **We hope to hear from you!**



All smiles from all 3: Frida (L), Emma (middle), Margot (R)

Frida and Margot (R)—Who's walking whom??

## Letter (E-mail) to the Editor

*My favorite part of the Clarion is the Kids' Page. We hope it entertains—and gently instructs. Recently I received an email from the below writer's mom, saying "My son suffered an injustice of epic*

*proportions and was moved to narrate the following story." We at the Clarion hope the substitute teacher will be instructed! ~ Editor*

## Teacher Stops Kindergarteners from Sharing

by Luke Mawson-Puckhaber

The people in this story are Roman, Luke, Ezra, and a substitute teacher. One day, Luke asked Roman "can I have some of your snack?" He said "yes." After that, we were lining up for recess. When we got to recess Luke asked Roman "do you remember what you said?" And he said, "yes, but first I need to share some of my snack with Jack." (Jack isn't one of the main characters in this story—that's why I didn't introduce him at the beginning.) Right when Roman was sharing his snack with Jack, the substitute teacher said "don't even THINK about

sharing your snack!" That made Luke very sad. He tried not to cry but it was hard. Shortly after, a boy called Ezra came along and cheered Luke up. He told Luke about all the other things we could do, and we decided we could talk about the whole thing over again and report it to the newspaper. I have a message for all teachers: please don't stop students from sharing. Sharing is part of being nice, and it shouldn't be stopped!

*Luke lives on Palifox and is 6 years old.*

## CONTEST WINNERS and NEW CONTEST!

As noted, Margot Sullivan and Emma Sullivan won the contest, finding the Random Acts of Kindness photo, as described above. **You, too, could be featured in the Clarion!** Find the hidden graphic of the Lake Claire Owl in April weather. The winner will have your picture in the May Clarion. To win, send e-mail to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org) identifying the page number. For extra credit, tell us what comes in April to bring May flowers. Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you can't win two months in a row. **Hurry and look;** competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.