

June 2023

Tremendous Garage Sale II Planned for June 10

If you like rain, the 50th year anniversary celebration on May 20, was the place to be.

However, if you thought the downpour would keep people away, think again! Volunteers, buyers, guests for the actual celebration with a



magnificent cake donated by Market in the Square, proclamations from and presented by Tonawanda Mayor John White and North Tonawanda Mayor Austin Tylec as well as a surprise donation from Painter's Plus sparked the day.

Yes, there are many items left. However, Denise Sawatzky, who cheerfully seemed to be everywhere at once, said TCMOW is waiting for a final tally as they have had several on-line and other sales come in since the event.

"We had a great response despite the weather," Denise said.

A second rummage sale has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 after which a final count will be made. Please pass on the word. Hot dogs and the fixings will be sold as well.

Eileen Britton has started to organize the items that are left. "We are not accepting any more donations since we have a ton of stuff already. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!!!!

(We're praying for that as well, Eileen)



Looking Around

- The mayors show off their proclamation!
- Anyone for a ride on this beauty? Two bikes, each went to a happy youngster.
- The door prizes table LOADED with great items.
- Our fearless leader, Jim Burke, ready to serve some tasty hot dogs.



Super Donation Adds to Excitement of TCMOW Celebration

A special guest came to the 50th anniversary celebration and helped make the day a success.

Jesse Gooch, owner of Painters Plus in North Tonawanda and his daughter (whose birthday was that day), came by, not just to have fun, but to make the day better for Twin City Meals on Wheels.

Jesse presented Jim Burke, board president and Denise Sawatzky, vice president, a check for \$250 and a congratulatory certificate from Painter Plus as one of our sponsors.

Jesse has a long background of helping in the community.

Back in 96 while still in high school, he started this little backyard party called Goochstock, with a band or 2 and a few beers. Over the years, this "little" party

evolved into a major backyard bash called Goochfest! On average there are five local top quality bands, DJ, food vendors, beer trailer, whiskey wagon (with the legendary Goochie Girls), raffles and lots of people!

The proceeds are donated each year, with an online poll selecting the charity. Sounds like too big of a party for a backyard? It was! The town has donated 33 acres for the party.

With more than 15 years in the business, Painters Plus is a local, reputable, award winning company that offers families and businesses the peace of mind that comes with a quality paint job. TCMOW is pleased to call them friend.

Thanks Jesse. Our area is fortunate to have your business in North Tonawanda.



Denise Sawatzky, Jessie Gooch and Jim Burke along with Jesse's four-year-old daughter, show off the check and proclamation.

Pam's Corner

This column might be slightly on the political side so I will apologize. I am sorry if it offends you.

Recently a school in Florida banned the poem "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman the National Youth Poet Laureate.

I am not quite sure why this bothered me so much but it did. I heard the poem read by Amanda during the Biden inauguration and have since read the entire thing again.

It is a beautiful, uplifting vision of what we should aspire to not just here in the United States but throughout the world. It is truly a shame that our divisive culture currently here in the U.S. has forgotten what we started out to do here in this country.

That poem reminds us what we should be working towards as a people and as a nation. I just can't understand why someone would take offense at the sentiment expressed in its words.

There now that is out of my system as they say I am going out and take a quick walk with Brie and look at the beauty of spring beginning to bloom around us, and I will then feel a renewed sense of optimism for our future. After all if we can make it through last winter we can make it through anything.

Till next month....

Pam

TCMOW Benefits from Twin City Quilters Guild Raffle

Recently, the Twin City Quilters Guild hosted Annette Meyers Grunow, an extraordinary quilter who showed off her exquisite quilts of so many varieties, on so many different fabrics and with so many unusual colors put together like the most difficult of puzzles.

A large crowd was on hand at the Wheatfield Town Hall, including TCMOW's star quilter, Joan Rockenbrock and her husband Gary.

At the event, TCMOW coordinator Pam Hill was presented a check for \$1,300, proceeds from the quilt raffle.

Grunow belongs to the Amherst Quilt Guild, having been quilting since 1991 when she came from Germany. Coincidentally, the quilt that was raffled off was made by Joan and also won by her!

Joan Rockenbrock and Karen McMurdo, president of the Twin City Guild, show off one of the large spectacular quilts.



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Sunny, Warm June Is Here!

- **June 3:** Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 77 will host a Chiavetta's chicken barbecue dinner from noon to 4 p.m. Drive thru only, 200 Niagara St., Tonawanda. Tickets \$15.
- **June 2-4:** Kiss the Summer Hello with the Sip & Shop Event to benefit Gratwick Hose, 110 Ward Road, North Tonawanda. June 2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., June 3, 10-8 and June 4, 10-4. Shop the work of over 100 Artisans. Enjoy food and drinks, the chance at the 50/50 give-away, basket and liquor raffles. Admission is \$5.
- **June 8 - Sept. 14:** 5 to 8 p.m. Food Truck Thursdays at Gateway Harbor, Broad Street Near the "Hub", City of Tonawanda. A variety of food trucks, up to 12 vendors each Thursday, will be on hand. Stop by for the food, stick around for the music and entertainment. Family Friendly event for all ages.
- **June 10:** Defensive Driving Classes at the North Tonawanda Public Library on Meadow Drive. 1 to 4 p.m., full day, with half-hour for lunch. If you would like to sign-up, register at the Information Desk at the NT Library or call the library at 716-693-4132. The class fee is \$25. This class is open to the public.
- **June 17:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., third Annual Oliver St. Pride Fest. The free event will celebrate equality for all at Heritage Park on Oliver Street in North Tonawanda, with informational booths and up to 70 vendors!
- **June 18: Father's Day. Don't forget to honor your dads.**
- **June 10:** 1 to 9 p.m., the 23rd annual Blues Cruise presented by Collins and Collins and Slawich Cut'n Shave. At Tonawanda Fireman's Park, 318 Two Mile Creek Road, City of Tonawanda. \$10 Donation. Car & Bike show, food and beer tent, live music, vendors and Chinese auction.



Bruce Blinston	25!!!!
Linda Kulkowski	16
Donna Blinston	8
Susan Wilke	4
Doug Caldwell	3
Dru Lis	3
Mary Moll	2

These years of service show a commitment to Twin Cities Meals on Wheels by our wonderful and faithful volunteers.

Congratulations for your continuing and amazing energy as well as your devotion to helping others!

Fun Facts for June

June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.

June's birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone and the Alexandrite.

The June birth flower is the Rose and the Honeysuckle.

June is derived from Juno, the goddess of marriage.

In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June. Weird, isn't it?

June is accordian awareness month, as well as candy, dairy and papaya month.

June 5 is World Environment Day—a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.

June 14 is Flag Day (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag! Learn about the U.S. Flag Code, which provides guidelines for displaying the American flag properly.

June 19 is Juneteenth (also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day). On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, effectively liberating slaves in the state, which had thus far been beyond control of the Union Army.



TCMOW has a remarkable number of super involved volunteers whose lives are full of fun and activities.

We're waiting to hear.

Surely, there are birthdays, vacations, new grandchildren their stories activities, your dog's newly learned trick, your snow blower that quit in the middle of the driveway or you need prayers for yourself or someone you know!

Any news tips that you'd like to share, may be emailed to Barbara Tucker, wgtbt@aol.com or drop the news off



Gary Chriss	06/02
Ruth Hodgson	06/06
Sherry Davignon	06/07
Deb Fadel	06/17
Gwen Opalinski	06/17
Cheryl Bombard	06/18
Kay Vance	06/21
Doug Franczek	06/22
Dru Lis	06/23
Gwen Daugherty	06/25
Colleen Corrigan	06/28

Each month the names and birthday date are listed for volunteers and staff who are celebrating their birthdays during the month.

Wish them a Happy Birthday (or sing a little song!)

A very special birthday greeting to Ruth Hodgson, who be 90 on her June 6 birthday! Ruth delivers meals on Thursday, Route 3

More Places to Go, Things to Do

• **June 17:** 8 a.m. to noon. 27th annual Kid's Fishing Derby at the Bandshell at Niawanda Park, City of Tonawanda. More that \$8,000 in prizes and giveaways. It's a "catch and release" program for children ages 7 to 16. A first place prize awarded in each age group for the largest fish. Free bait. Grab bags for the first 100 registrants! Award ceremony starts at 11:30. Encourage your children and grandchildren to go and have fun. Free!

• **June 3, 4:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Greenhouse Events Center. 700 E Robinson St, North Tonawanda. The grand opening Wweek-end of the NT Super Flea hosted by the Greenhouse Events Center. This seasonal summer market will be open every Saturday & Sunday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• **June 3:** 1-4 p.m. Carnegie Art Center Member Exhibition opening reception will take place at the museum, 240 Goundry St., North Tonawanda.

Each year the Carnegie Art Center (CAC) celebrates the outstanding artistic talents and creativity of its members by hosting the annual Members Art Exhibition. All CAC members (current, new, or renewing at submission) have been invited to submit up to two artworks for display from June 3-30. The reception and exhibition are free and open to the public.

Members Appreciation event will be from **5 to 7 p.m. June 17.**

Please join us for the free cocktail hour on the grounds of the Carnegie Center.

Enjoy complimentary beverages, light music, make or take petite bouquets from The Frase Farm sponsored by North Tonawanda Garden Walk and the Members Show on display in the Main Gallery. In the event of inclement weather, all amenities will be indoors.

Share a Laugh



Just Wondering

- * What hair color do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?
- * You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
- * If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one enjoys it?
- * Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- * What do you call male ballerinas?
- * If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- * Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- * If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- * Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?
- * All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.



English is a crazy language

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig's neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? We ship by truck but send cargo by ship. We have noses that run and feet that smell, we park in a driveway and drive in a parkway

And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Your house can burn up as it burns down, you fill in a form by filling it out.

Stayin' Alive

A 65 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a Face-lift, Liposuction, Breast implants and a Tummy Tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and whiten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured that she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. On her way home, after being discharged from the hospital, she was killed by an ambulance just as she was crossing the road!

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 33 years to live? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the Ambulance?"

(You'll love this)

God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"



Over the massive front doors of a church, these words were inscribed: "The Gate of Heaven". Below the inscription was a small cardboard sign which read: "Please use other entrance"



The boss was complaining in our staff meeting the other day that he wasn't getting any respect. Later that morning he went to a local sign shop and bought a small sign that read, 'I am the Boss!' He then taped it to his office door. Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said, 'Your eife called' She wants her sign back!'



During a children's sermon, the Pastor asked the children what Amen means.

A little boy raised his hand and said, 'It means' Tha-tha-tha-that's all folks!'



I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

YES! I want to do my part to continue the work of Twin Cities Meals on Wheels. Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.

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