



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Meet Your Neighbor By Pam Gates

Dr. Eugenia Parker has “had the great pleasure of living” at Romnes Apartments on Olin Avenue in Bay Creek for 11 years, but what a career preceded that! Back in 1956, when girls were not encouraged in many professions, she decided to study medicine. “In our family, girls could do anything,” Eugenia recalls. “It was a lovely family to grow up in.” But her family couldn’t handle the expense so Eugenia put herself through Harvard Medical School with part-time work, loans, and simple living. She married and had four children: two during medical school, one during her internship, and the last during her residency. She completed her studies at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.



“I was crazy about pathology,” Eugenia recalls. “It’s the foundation of medicine.” And so she became a pathologist, hired by a hospital. “We were in service to doctors so they could serve patients,” she says. “There was no fee for service. I got a satisfactory salary. I didn’t worry about the money.”

Eugenia and her husband split up, and she took all four children. She worked in VA hospitals in Dallas and then in St. Louis for nine years. “It was wonderful! My children were so proud of me!” she says. (Back then, any former serviceman could get free lifetime medical care for any problem; now it must be service-related.)

But she needed money to send her kids to university and was feeling a need for “home”: the north woods and lakes. The hospital in Ashland, Wis., needed a pathologist; Eugenia worked there until her youngest was almost done with university.

“I sold my house and went on my Third World adventure,” she says. “I was 54.” She went (continued on page 2)

## Bay Creek Billboard

**Saturday, Sept 12 1:00 pm BCNA Ice Cream Social**  
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**Monday, Sept 14 Bi-Monthly BCNA Meeting 6:30 pm**  
Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St.  
All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend.  
Voluntary annual dues of \$10 can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Rose Brothers 1112 Gilson St 53715

**Saturday, Aug 8, Saturday, Sept 12, Saturday, Oct 10 10 am to noon**  
Shoreline clean ups with Friends of Monona Bay. Meet at Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of Proudfit and W. Brittingham Place). Garbage bags and tools are provided, please bring your own gloves and dress accordingly.  
Contact Nina for more info. Email: ninaj@wisc.edu  
Phone: 265-3411 or 258-1788.

**Second Monday of odd-numbered months**  
Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) meetings at Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St.  
All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend.

**First Wednesday of each month**  
Friends of Monona Bay, 124 S. Brooks St., Rm 1, 6:30 pm. Go to [www.mononabay.org](http://www.mononabay.org) for more info.

Meet Your Neighbor (continued) to Jamaica where a beautiful new hospital in Montego Bay had no pathologist. She was hired for \$10,000/year. “Did I love that job!” she says.

Jamaica’s universal health care system was breaking down because a conservative government had replaced the socialist one: “very hard to see,” she said. For example, the hospital’s blood bank refrigerator broke down but they couldn’t get money to fix it. “That kills patients!” she said. So after two years she went “where the true socialists are: Nicaragua.” She was hired by the Ministry of Health at \$50/month but after two years contracted TB. “I was working in a children’s hospital,” she says. “They got GI (gastrointestinal) TB from cows.” Nicaragua didn’t have the range of medicines to treat her and sent her home. She recovered but by then the socialist Sandanista government had fallen.

“I wasn’t quite as frisky as before,” she says, “so I decided to retire due to ill health. You shouldn’t advertise if you’re not ready for the task.”

But she wasn’t done adventuring: “I decided to go live in my darling Guatemala, a beautiful country full of Mayan Indians” where one could live for \$200/month. After six years her health faltered again and she decided to come home.

“My mother had died in Mexico (where she lived) alone, and my brother felt very upset and very guilty. That’s why I came home: so my kids wouldn’t feel guilty.” Two of her four live nearby in Madison.

“It’s very hard working out one’s relationship with one’s fellow human beings,” Eugenia says. “I think that’s why God’s keeping us here: getting us to try just a little harder ... Life is a deal I’ve made with God. I’m going to see the thing through to the end. Maybe He’s waiting for me to finish my work.”

*Looking for a book to take to the beach or maybe just out to the backyard?*

*Consider reading one of these recommendations from the South Madison Branch Library Staff :*

Banks, Russell. The Reserve

Bunting, Eve. Night Tree

Burns, Olive. Cold Sassy Tree

DiCamillo, Kate. The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spool of Thread

Ehrenreich, Barbara. Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America

Franklin, Arianna. Mistress of the Art of Death

Galloway, Gregory. As Simple as Snow

Haruf, Kent. Plainsong (Kent is a former Madisonian, he taught English at Shabazz High School in the ‘70’s)

Himmelman, John. Chickens to the Rescue

Hyde, Catherine Ryan. Pay It Forward

Khan, Hena. Night of the Moon

Kidder, Tracy. Mountains Beyond Mountains

Lowry, Lois. The Willoughbys

Martel, Yann. Life of Pi: a Novel

Martin, Steve. The Pleasure of My Company: a Novel

Melmed, Laura. Moishe’s Miracle

Menzel, Peter. Material World: a Global Family Portrait

Moore, Clement. The Night before Christmas

Obama, Barack. Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream

Pessl, Marisha. Special Topics in Calamity Physics

Pollan, Michael. The Botany of Desire: a Plant’s Eye View of the World

Preston, Douglas J. Monster of Florence

Rodriguez, Luis J. Always Run-ning: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.

Roth, Philip. American Pastoral

Sams, Carl. Stranger in the Woods

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft. Frankenstein, or the Modern Pro-metheus

Thomas, Dylan. A Child’s Christ-mas in Wales

Wroblewski, David. The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: a Novel

Zafon, Carlos Ruiz. Shadow of the Wind

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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## **Housing and Rental Help**

From Kate Nardi of Dane County Housing Authority: If you are experiencing financial hardship due to loss of income, disability or other reasons, you may be eligible for a loan modification. A list of questions to ask yourself and tips to make the process go smoothly are available at [www.daneforeclosurehelp.org](http://www.daneforeclosurehelp.org)

From Heidi Wegleitner of Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc: Are you a tenant living in a rental unit that is facing foreclosure? Are you a landlord facing foreclosure of a rental property? Did you recently purchase a foreclosed property? Do you know your rights and responsibilities under new foreclosure tenant protection laws?

New state and federal laws provide important rights to tenants of residential housing involved in a foreclosure. The new state law went into effect March 6, 2009, and applies to rental agreements entered into and foreclosures filed after that date.

The federal "Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act" protects all bona fide tenants in foreclosed properties and applies to all foreclosure sales after the law was signed on May 20, 2009.

Details can be found at [www.daneforeclosurehelp.org](http://www.daneforeclosurehelp.org)

## **Free Breast Cancer Screening Available**

All women are at risk for breast cancer, not just those with a family history. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. The good news is that breast cancer is treatable. Finding breast cancer early gives a woman a much greater chance of full recovery. Early detection is the best protection.

Need your yearly mammogram or cervical cancer screening? No health insurance, high deductible, or your insurance does not cover mammograms? Wisconsin Well Woman Program, in collaboration with Susan G. Komen for the Cure (formerly Race for the Cure), provides free health screenings to age and income eligible women. This is an ongoing program that has been in Wisconsin since 1994. Over 25 medical clinics in Dane County participate.

This is an opportunity for ALL women to have access to an annual check up. Enrollment is quick and is completed over the phone. For more information call today! Contact the Well Woman Program (608) 242-6392 at Public Health – Madison & Dane County.

## **BCNA Meeting of July 13, 2009 Minutes recorded by Rick Dearworth**

Bob Stoffs reported that the Dane County Foreclosure Task Force would be presenting a FREE workshop on August 1<sup>st</sup>. between 9am and Noon at MATC Truax, further information can be found by calling 211 or visiting [www.daneforeclosurehelp.org](http://www.daneforeclosurehelp.org).

He also reported that the city had HUD money available for rent relief.

From the South Metropolitan Planning Council, Bob also reported a marketing partners concept was being developed to map businesses in the Park Street corridor. If anyone knew people with expertise in that area they might contact him to help that effort.

The Treasurer, Judy Robinson, reported that an effort to update outstanding accounts was accomplished and that all invoicing was now current and included a new ad from Golden Produce. All present agreed with her methodology.

Sara Richards informed us that we are one of, if not the only, South Madison neighborhood association publishing a newsletter 6 times a year. Her meeting with other editors to network and coordinate reference efforts revealed that we seem to be doing a nice job.

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The BCNA Ice Cream Social is scheduled to take place at Franklin Elementary on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. This leaves Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> for a rain date.

Judy Robinson will facilitate the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Senior Notes** 128 E. Olin Ave, 251-8405

### **Sunday Dinner & Music Program at Romnes**

Head to Romnes Apartments, 540 W. Olin Ave. on Sunday, August 9, to share an afternoon of good company, food, music, and excitement. Arrive by 12:30 p.m. for dinner featuring sliced ham, sweet potatoes, and apple pie. Then hear Tom Schroeder entertain on the accordion. His performance will include selections from the 1920's to the 1970's. The afternoon will end with Bingo. The cost of program is \$3.50 payable at the door. Reservations are made by calling the Coalition at 251-8405 by Thursday, August 6.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Purchase tickets for the 2009 South Madison Coalition raffle and take a chance at winning great prizes. The cost is \$1 per ticket, or six tickets for \$5, available at the Coalition office. Raffle proceeds help us continue to provide programs such as home-chore volunteers, neighborhood senior center activities, newsletter, and more.

### **Transportation**

If it is getting harder to drive or get around, be sure to utilize Transit Solutions that will provide rides for those 60+ Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays to area stores like Cops and Walmart. The cost is only \$2.00 roundtrip. They also provide specialty rides. On Friday, August 21, they will be taking a trip to the Memorial Union. Call Transit Solutions 294-8747 for more information.

## **BAY CREEK BUSINESS NEWS**

By Sara Richards

**Candlin Pet Hospital** has relocated to 1244 S. Park Street (next to the Taj Restaurant). The attractive new space provides separate exam rooms for dogs and cats. Boarding will soon be available once construction is complete on the large new stalls for dogs. New also is a grooming area and the surgery area is twice as large as the old accommodations. Vet med students will continue to provide night and weekend care for boarded animals.

Dr. Kim Berglund and Ronale recommend entering via the back of the building so that pets don't have to be carried downstairs. Take Park to Midland to High Street and look for the paw prints.

An open house will be held on Saturday, August 15, from noon until 4 PM.

**Carnival** has opened at the corner of Lakeside and Park, until recently the site of La Movida radio station which moved further south on Park Street. Owned and operated by Pamela Carley, Carnival derives its name from the carnival ride seats that furnish outdoor seating. The menu of carnival food features sandwiches, gyros, tacos, ice cream cones and sundaes, limeade, lemonade and specialty drinks. They are open 11 AM to 11 PM seven days a week. In the pursuit of thorough reporting, I can attest that the coney dog, cole slaw and limeade are all good choices!

## **Rooftops of Tehran by Mahbod Seraji**

Reviewed by Sara Richards

The familiar mixes with the exotic in this first novel set in 1970's Iran when the Shah was still in power. This book depicts daily life in Iran much the same way The Kiterunner did for Afghanistan. Young love, teenaged pranks, family ties are familiar to everyone but in this book they take place halfway around the world. Less familiar are raids by SAVAK, the feared secret police of the Shah. Iranian culture and customs are portrayed as well as differences between American and Iranian values. It's poignant how warmly old and young characters speak admiringly about America. The struggles of the main character, teenaged Pasha, range from the health potions his mother forces on him to disagreements with teachers at the religious high school he and his friends attend to matters of life and death. All of it is enthralling

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