



# Bay Creek Bulletin

## Hansen's Auto—A Family Business

By Sara Richards

Don Hansen founded Hansen's Auto at 1405 S. Park Street in 1984 with his wife Pat serving as bookkeeper. Now the business is operated by son John with his wife Susie doing the bookkeeping. Meanwhile Don purchased Judd Radiator right next door. He and Cliff Judd had developed the joint site for both businesses in 1984 and Cliff's sons still work at the radiator shop.

Don got his start at Jensen Auto on Regent Street working there for over two decades. But as Pat says, "The Jensen boys were coming up" and the Standard Oil representative approached Don about starting his own station at 939 S. Park, currently the site of Klinke Cleaners. Their three kids were in high school while they were operating that station.

They both worked at the Standard station for several years but Don saw how the service station business was changing to the mini-mart model. "He said, 'I don't want to sell groceries'," reported Pat. Many customers followed them from the Standard station.

Don has seen changes in the auto repair business. Engines used to have a lot of space to work in but now are crammed with electronic gear including several computers inside each car engine. Radiators are now plastic. Mechanics have to keep abreast of changes to service many makes and models of cars. Small garages which handle a variety of makes are disappearing. Don has hired mechanics from dealerships in the past but sometimes they go back to the dealership where they only work on one kind of car.

Hiring in general for a small business (Hansen's has 5 employees) is like adding a new member to the family. It's hard to find young people who are interested in going into the business. But all in all, Pat says, Park Street has been a good location for them.

Pat didn't intend for her role to become a full-time job but that's what happened. As she put it, working together "is a good test of a good marriage." She and Don were high school sweethearts at Edgewood High and have been married 51 years. Not only has the marriage stood the test of working together but also it has survived the combination of Pat's Irish background with Don's German and Norwegian heritage. "It's hard being Norwegian because then everyone hates you since you're perfect," Don quips

## Bay Creek Billboard

### **Sat Dec 11 10:00 am to noon**

Shoreline clean ups with Friends of Monona Bay. Meet at Brittingham Park Beach House (corner of Proudfit & 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.

### **Mon Dec 13 6:30 pm Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT)**

Bi-Monthly meeting at Goodman South Madison Branch Library, 2222 S. Park (in Villager Mall)

### **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.

### **Tues Dec 7, Fri Dec 17 and Thurs Dec 30**

Holiday meals for older adults at Romnes Apartments  
See page 5 for more details.

### **Mon Jan 10 BCNA Annual Potluck 5:30 and Bi-Monthly meeting 6:30 pm**

Madison Baha'i Center, 324 W. Lakeside St.

All Bay Creek residents are invited to attend, children are welcome. It's a great chance to meet to your neighbors!

Please bring your own plates, cups, silverware and a dish to pass.

### **Potluck will be followed by the Bi-Monthly BCNA Meeting at 6:30 pm.**

Voluntary annual dues of \$10 can be paid at any neighborhood meeting or sent to Dan Kennelly 808 O'Sheridan St. 53715. If you are coming to the potluck, you can drop them off there too! A drawing by carpenter Aaron Laux of the proposed replacements for the Bay Creek signs will be on display. See page 4 for more info

# BCNA November 8, 2010 Meeting Summary

By Dan Kennelly

Reverend Larry Jackson presented a concept to convert the lower floors of buildings at 1616 Beld Street and 702 W. Wingra Drive to men's boarding housing marketed to people in need of transitional housing, including former prison inmates. The properties are currently in the zoned C3 so would need a Conditional Use Permit to be converted to residential use as boarding houses. Residents raised concerns about the project and were unclear about the next steps that would be required in the process. BCNA representatives will follow up with Reverend Jackson to get more information. [Note: follow-up email from Rev. Jackson stated only one boarding house is likely since someone is interested in leasing the Wingra property for another purpose.]

Matt Weygandt presented plans to convert the Atomic Interiors building at 1021 S. Park Street into a Barriques Café. The café would use the existing structure and the adjacent vacant lot for parking. The site plan shows ten parking spaces and an outdoor patio area. Customers would access the parking area from Parr Street and exit onto Park Street. Matt anticipates that 90% of the store's sales would come from coffee and food and 10% from beer and wine. Residents raised several minor concerns about the site plan but generally seemed positive about the proposal. Matt hopes to start remodeling in January.

Bob Stoffs reported on a recent meeting about the apartment building proposed for the vacant Bancroft Dairy parking lot on the west side of Fish Hatchery. Silverstone Partners revised last year's plans for a senior housing complex on the site and now propose to build a non-age restricted apartment building with some units set-aside for low-income residents. Several neighbors raised concerns about the amount of parking.

The proposed addition to the Vandewalle & Associates building was discussed. The addition would add a fourth story to the building for residential use. The project was approved by the City's Urban Design Commission and will be discussed at the City's next Plan Commission meeting in December. Residents expressed concerns about building's potential to block light and views at nearby residences.

The ongoing deterioration of the neighborhood welcome signs was discussed at the meeting. Neighbors reported that the city could fund 50% of the cost of repairing the signs but the neighborhood would need to fund the other 50%.

The Lakeside Street Initiative is moving forward on several fronts. The project is scheduled for discussion at the joint Park Street Partners/South Metropolitan Planning Council meeting on Monday, November 15. Also, a subcommittee that emerged from the project is working on upgrading the neighborhood website.

The Treasurer reported that the Association currently has about \$1,000 in the general account. She also reported that several businesses discontinued ads in the Bulletin. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> and will be preceded by the annual neighborhood potluck starting at 5:30pm.

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## Reflecting on 14 Years of Working for You

By: Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk

With a mixture of sweet sadness and hope for the future I announced recently my intention to step down as county executive. Over the past 14 years I've given this job my all and am deeply grateful for the opportunity you have given me. Together, we've done important and meaningful work on the problems people care about and made a difference for our friends, neighbors, and our future.

I've been elected more times and served five years longer than any other Dane County Executive. My election as the first woman Dane County Executive was historic and I'm grateful that now any woman can believe she has the opportunity to serve.

In my 14 years, the three principles I tried hard to follow were taught to me by my parents and grandparents: don't waste land, don't waste money and don't waste kids. I'd like to think they'd be proud of my 14 year record on each.

We've created unique programs to help moms and dads get jobs so the next generation has a healthy start and can move out of poverty. We've created national "firsts" for environmental protection and protected over 10,000 acres of land for future generations to enjoy forever. (Continued on next page)

## Artists Among Us: Richard Davis

By Pam Gates

*This article is part of an occasional series of Bay Creek area artists. Past articles have focused on Clarence Cameron and Rob Summerbell. If you know of an artist who would like to be part of the series, please contact Sara Richards.*

Bay Creek resident Richard Davis, a UW-Madison professor of music, came to Madison from New York in 1977 to join the UW Music Department faculty, where he is now one of 50 and the *only* person of color. “I can’t leave,” he says, because “I can’t trust that [the department] will hire another person of color. I’m holding down the one position ... We can’t talk about diversity unless we do it,” he says. “... I say these things with compassion. I don’t have any room for anger, because then you lose your audience.”

Davis clearly loves teaching bass to UW students. In fact, when he noticed that bass players auditioning for the UW were “not as mature musically” as, say, violinists or pianists, he figured out why: Kids started playing bass later, because of its size. So he convinced Madison schools to start interested youngsters on smaller versions of the instrument. He also established the Richard Davis Foundation for Young Bassists Inc., which offers young bassists from all over a chance to play together every Easter weekend. The 18<sup>th</sup> such event for kids ages 3 to 18 is coming up in 2011. Davis says he makes sure siblings feel included, since families often attend together on the holiday weekend.

Davis performs live, mostly at a jazz club in New York City, very occasionally in Madison, and also in Japan, where he’s been going since 1968. He makes many recordings of his work, usually in New York. Why Japan? “I met someone,” he says offhandedly. “People call you because they know about you.”

Not busy enough, in 2000 Davis founded the Madison, Wisconsin, Institutes for the Healing of Racism Inc. which offers classes for the general public addressing racial issues. Classes meet twice a week for 8 to 10 weeks in Davis’ very comfortable living room on Shore Drive in Bay Creek, and reports are that people find them worthwhile. The only cost is a \$20 registration fee. Teachers can take a session for credit.

Yet another noteworthy thing about this very accomplished neighbor is his open, compassionate approach to fellow human beings. He always, for example, asks the name of his waitperson at a restaurant. “Charlie Parker told me that,” he says. “People seem to separate themselves from what they’re doing. The waitress is serving you a meal.”

“I’ll take risks and say anything to anybody,” Davis says, “because you melt the ice ... ‘The only stranger you see is yourself’ — I think Martin Luther King or Gandhi said that.”

“When I go to bed at night,” Davis says, “I think: ‘What could I have done better? What can I do tomorrow?’” He comes up with some pretty good answers to those questions: He’s got a heaping list of accomplishments; and everyone he meets, even if just for a few minutes, comes away with a smile.

*The Madison, Wisconsin, Institutes for the Healing of Racism will offer its next series of classes in January. Check the Website for details, or call Dr. Davis at 255-6666.*



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### Kathleen Falk (continued)

We’ve proven that progressive policies and fiscal restraint can go hand-in-hand. I’ve fulfilled the two promises I made when I was last re-elected in 2009: to build the first ever community manure digester in the nation to keep phosphorus out of our lakes and to launch real cultural change around the costs and suffering from our community’s abuse of alcohol – our coalition has already made a difference!

I don’t know what the next chapter is for me, but changing the world is what I will continue to do! I will leave with profound gratitude for the honor of serving you and nearly one-half million Dane County citizens.

Thank you all for all that you have done to help me serve you.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

## January Potluck

A potluck will precede the January 10, 2010, BCNA meeting. The potluck starts at 5:30 and the meeting at 6:30. Please bring your own beverage, plates, silverware, and a dish to pass. At this meeting candidates are nominated for March elections. The potluck and meeting are held at the Bahai Center, 324 W. Lakeside Street. Children are welcome. Hope to see you for the potluck, meeting, or both!

## Sign Repair

Perhaps you've noticed the hole in the neighborhood sign by the Labor Temple. There is also a less noticeable hole in the sign by the VFW. At the January meeting Aaron Laux, a neighborhood carpenter, will show his design for new signs. A vote will be taken on whether to move forward with this purchase. There may be funding from the City available to cover part of the expense but at least half of the cost will need to be covered by donations.

## Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT)

The next meeting of Friends of Olin-Turville (FOOT) will be Monday, December 13, at 6:30 pm at the Goodman South Madison Library.

## Bay Creek Listserv

To subscribe to Bay Creek email list, send a blank e-mail message to [baycreek-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:baycreek-subscribe@yahoo.com)

## Lakeside Fibers Under New Management

Lakeside Fibers has reopened under the new management of Jackie Shanahan, owner of The Knitting Tree on Monroe St. Hours are 10 am. to 5 pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat. 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Wed and noon to 4:00 on Sun.

## Community Grant Program

Town of Madison and South Metropolitan Planning Council invite applications for Community Services Initiatives—“Hands Across South Madison” grant program that supports projects that focus on children and youth development. Projects should benefit Madison's Southside residents. Contact: Jodi Wortsman at 260-8098 or [smpcvc@terracom.net](mailto:smpcvc@terracom.net).

## Celebrate South Madison

Chat with neighbors, businesses, organizations, and fans of the Southside. Enjoy local entertainment, savor great Southside eats and drinks and celebrate our great community! Join us at the end of January (date to be determined). For more information, go to <http://my.madison.com/Groups/smpc/> or contact Jodi at the South Metropolitan Planning Council at [smpcvc@terracom.net](mailto:smpcvc@terracom.net) or 260-8098 You can also check out the Celebrate South Madison Facebook page.

## Hunger An Increasing Problem In Southwestern Wisconsin

A study by Second Harvest, “Hunger in Southwestern Wisconsin 2010” revealed that food pantries are serving **83%** more people than they did in 2006. Please consider making a donation to one of the many programs that help provide food to people in need.

## Buy Local For the Holidays

Local merchants need our support now more than ever. Madison is fortunate to have an abundance of locally owned shops that offer a huge selection of unique and affordable gifts. Please keep your holiday purchases local this season, go to [danebuylocal.com](http://danebuylocal.com) for a list of area merchants and other businesses

# South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Senior Notes

## 128 E. Olin Ave

### Caregiver Partner Program Expands

The South Madison Coalition of the Elderly is delighted to announce that we have received a generous grant to expand our Volunteer Caregiver Partner Program in 2011. The grant has been awarded by the local women's philanthropy group, *A Fund for Women*.

This program provides volunteer partners to help caregivers of older adults to handle specific problems they may encounter in their role. The volunteer help can range from specific tasks, to companionship or respite care, to specialized technical assistance with a particularly complex problem.

We are seeking caregivers who would like to be matched. Are you feeling overwhelmed trying to deal with the medical or financial issues of an older adult in your care? Do you have too little time to look for resources, do necessary tasks, or take care of yourself?

We are fortunate to have found a group of talented and dedicated volunteers! They include people with expertise in finance, community resources, health care, and legal systems, as well as individuals willing to help with practical tasks or provide companionship. We welcome additional volunteers to join our program. Hours are highly flexible, and we provide careful training and on-going support.

The new grant is expected to allow us to serve 100 caregivers! To learn more, call us at 251-8405 and ask for the Caregiver Partner coordinator.

### December Events

Neighborhood older adults are invited to come to Romnes for weekday lunches Monday through Friday all year round. Meals are planned and provided by the Dane County Senior Nutrition program and are served on a donation basis to persons over 60.

Come every day, or try out some of our special occasion meals in December on the days below:

Tuesday, December 7, enjoy fine music and gourmet dining on chicken cordon bleu and pistachio torte, then linger for a Christmas carol sing-along.

Friday, December 17, join us for an old-fashioned Christmas party with cookies, decorations, music of the season, Egnog Punch, and a Spiral Ham Dinner.

Thursday, December 30, like to get all dressed up? Come to lunch in your glamour attire and we will provide top hats, tiaras and noise makers! Make joyful noise, and stay after lunch for games, prizes and other fun that will get you looking on the bright side for the coming year!

Reservations are needed at least 24 hours in advance. Call us at 251-8405 for more details or to reserve your meal.

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