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The Division of Critical Care Medicine and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Cincinnati Children's Hospital

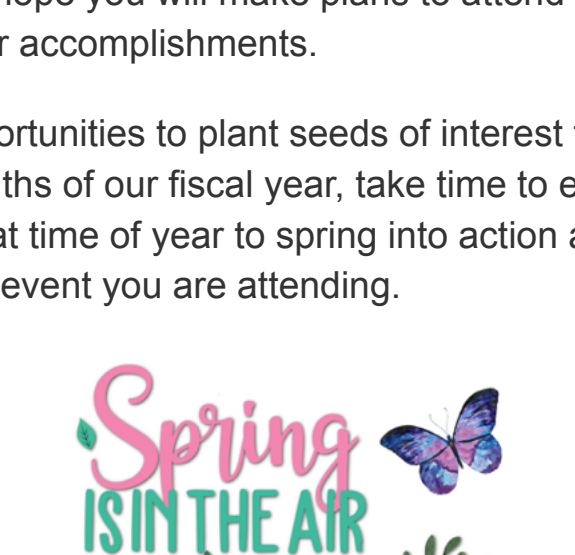
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From the President

April is National Volunteer month. Thank you all for raising your hands and making a difference. Kindervelt volunteers certainly make it happen! You all selflessly devote your time to shape a brighter future for all.

VOLUNTEER



Our Nominating committee has been busy filling our slate of officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Thank you, Linda Deters and committee for putting together a great group of women to serve on our Board of Trustees. Many thanks to everyone who has raised their hands for Kindervelt and Children's Hospital. The new slate is presented in this newsletter and we will vote to approve the slate at our Annual Meeting on May 15th. It's always exciting to witness the BIG REVEAL announcing our year's fundraising efforts. This is a special year marking the end of our four-year commitment with the Division of Critical Care Medicine and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. I hope you will make plans to attend the Annual Meeting and join us in celebrating all of our accomplishments.

Spring has sprung promising new growth and opportunities to plant seeds of interest to become a Kindervelt member. In the final two months of our fiscal year, take time to enjoy the full calendar of activities and events. It's a great time of year to spring into action and invite a few friends to a group meeting or the next event you are attending.

Happy Spring!

Your friend in Kindervelt,

Cindy

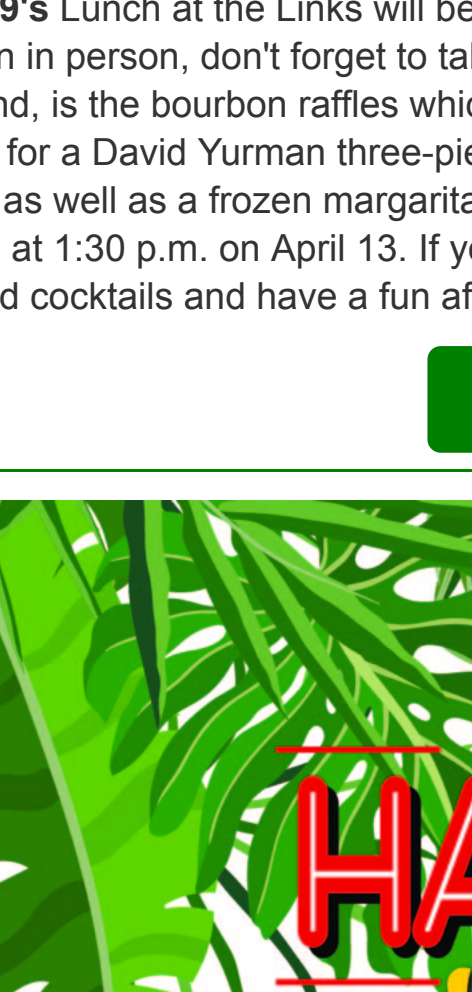
Cindy Burger
Kindervelt City President



"Spring is far more than just a changing of the seasons; it's a rebirth of the spirit."

~ Toni Sorenson

Annual Barbara Fitch Award Nominations



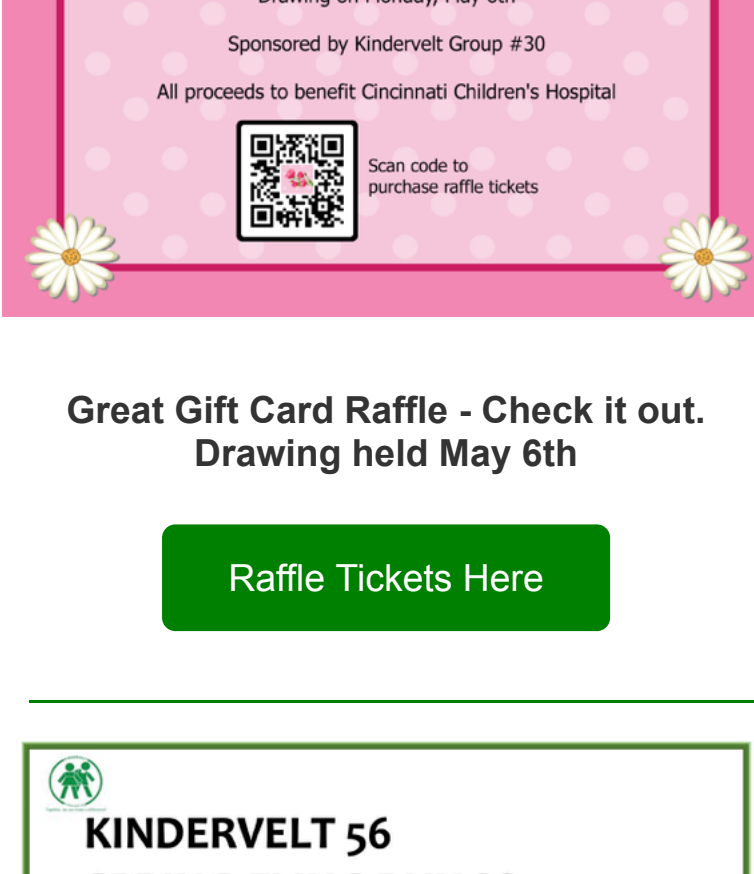
The deadline for submissions is April 15.
The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 15.

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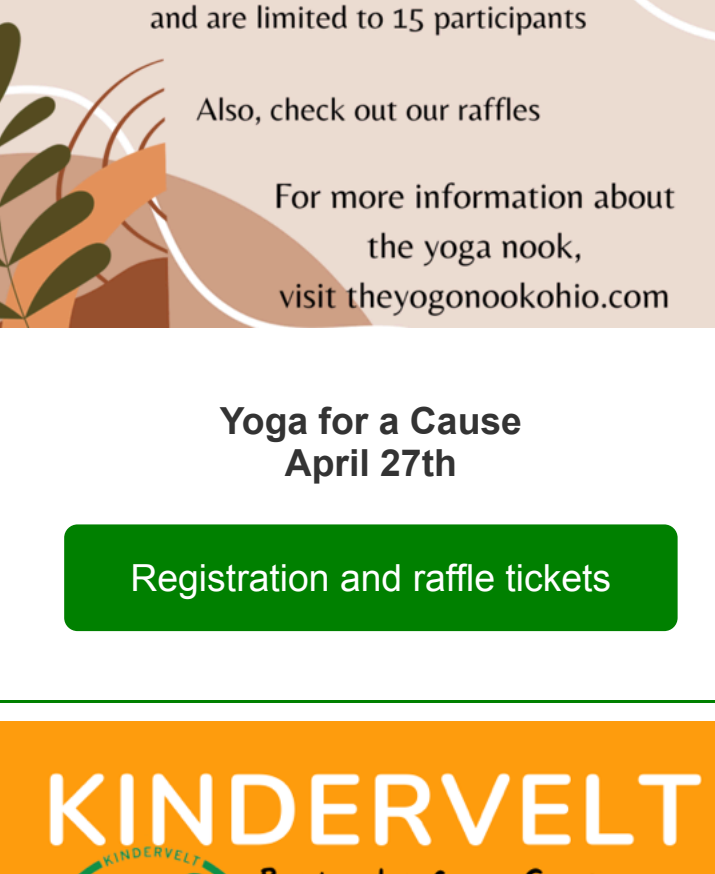
[Download Nominating Form](#)

Upcoming Events

Flyers are downloadable. Just click on the flyer!

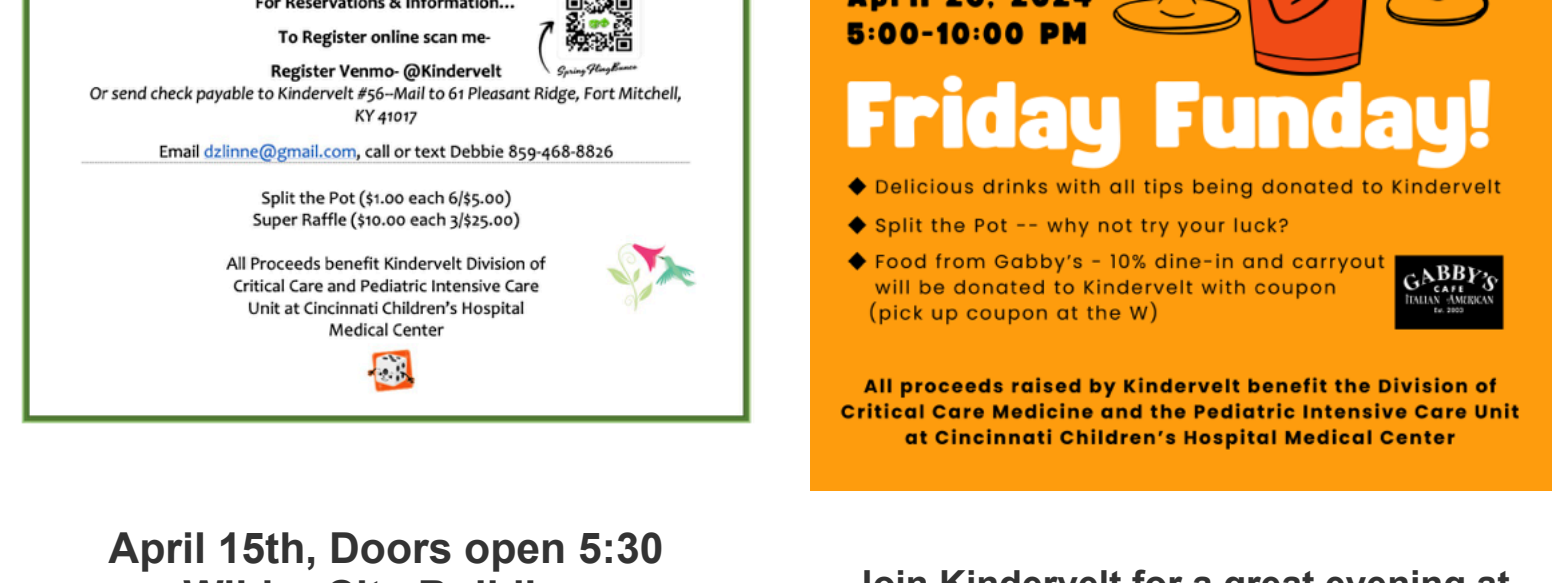


Join KV #16 on April 6th at St. Bernard Eagles, 4815 Tower Ave., 5:00 pm for a Final Four viewing party. Great food, raffle baskets and more! 🏀🏀🏀



April 19th, 10-3 Great Deals

[Some Photos Here](#)

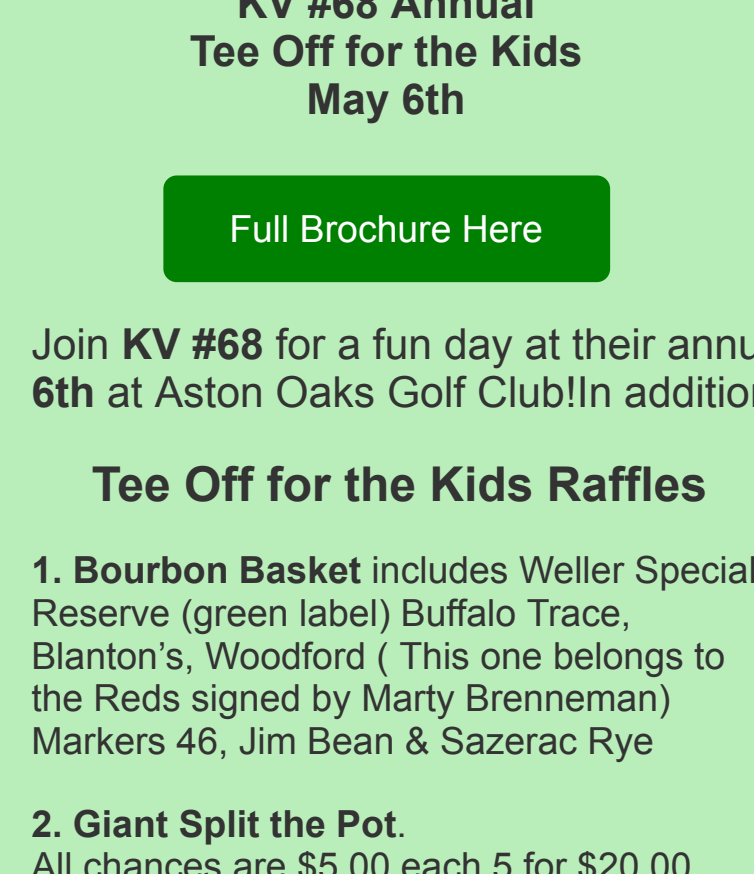


KV #19's Lunch at the Links will be April 13 at the Heritage Club! If you can't join the women in person, don't forget to take part in the silent auction and raffles. Back by popular demand, is the bourbon raffles which features nine hard-to-get bourbons. There are also raffles for a David Yurman three-piece jewelry set and a booze cart filled with alcohol and spirits as well as a frozen margarita machine. The silent auction will be live April 6 and closes at 1:30 p.m. on April 13. If you can join us in-person, we can't wait to sip beach-themed cocktails and have a fun afternoon together in your best beach attire!

[Registration & Info](#)



[Silent Auction Opens April 7th](#)



Great Gift Card Raffle - Check it out. Drawing held May 6th

[Raffle Tickets Here](#)



Join us for a Yoga class or two

Also, check out our raffles

For more information about the yoga nook, visit [theyoganoohio.com](#)

Yoga for a Cause April 27th



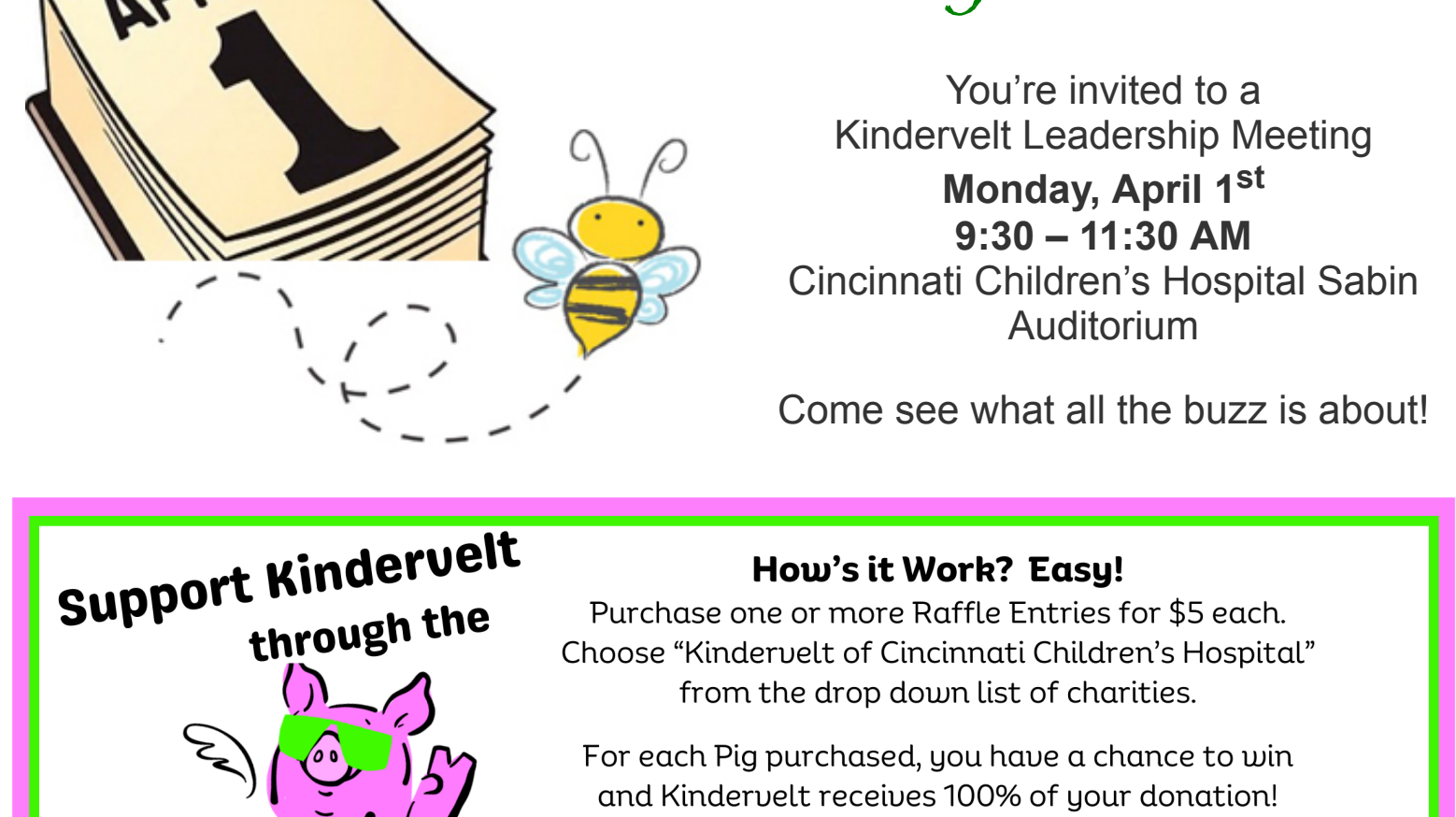
April 15th, Doors open 5:30 Wilder City Building

[Info & Registration Here](#)



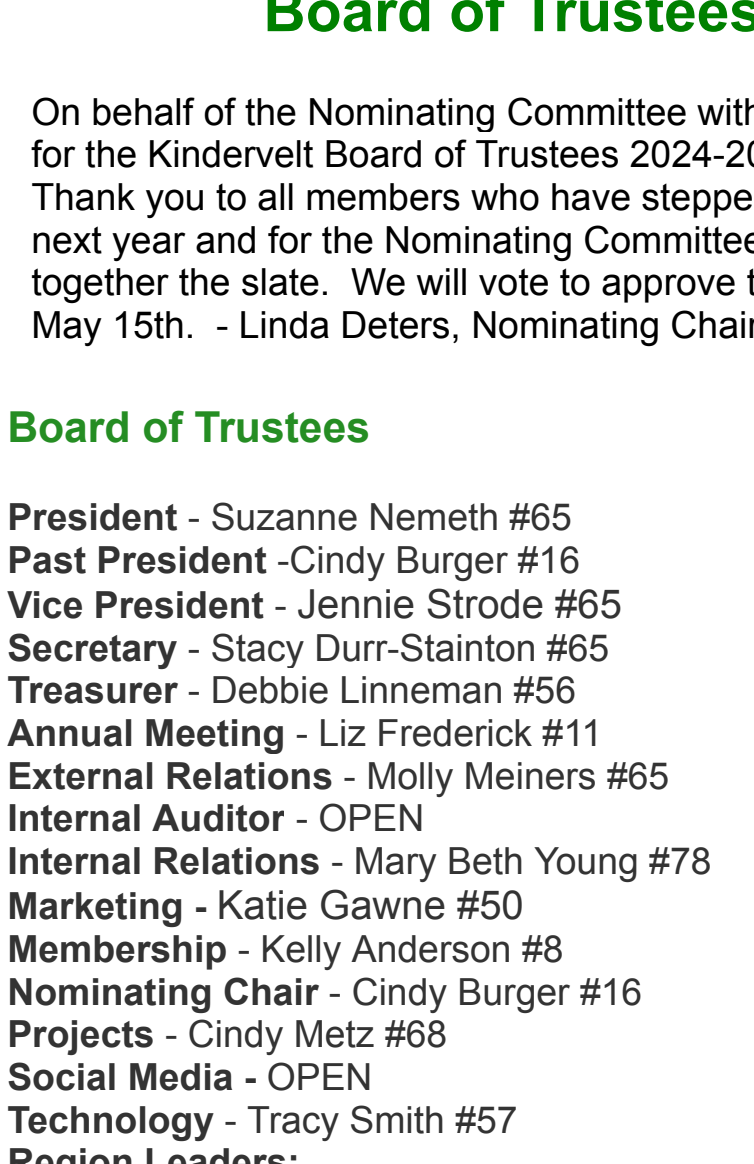
Join Kindervelt for a great evening at the W Lounge!

April 26th - 5pm - 10pm

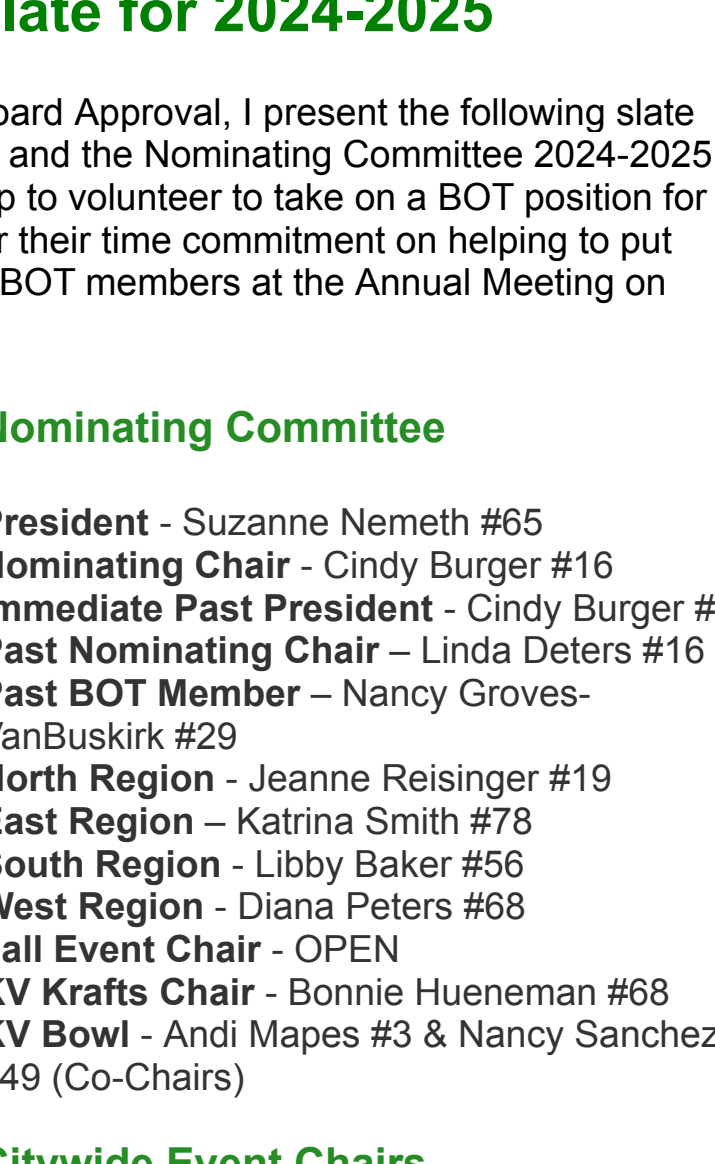


[Registration & Silent Auction](#)

Two great Golf Outings coming up!



Full Brochure Here

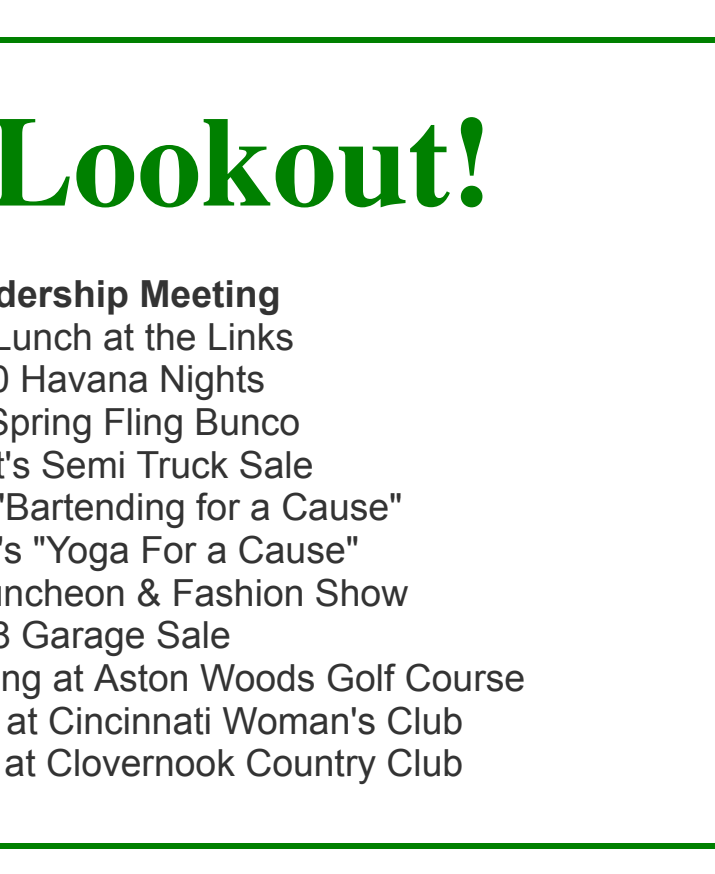


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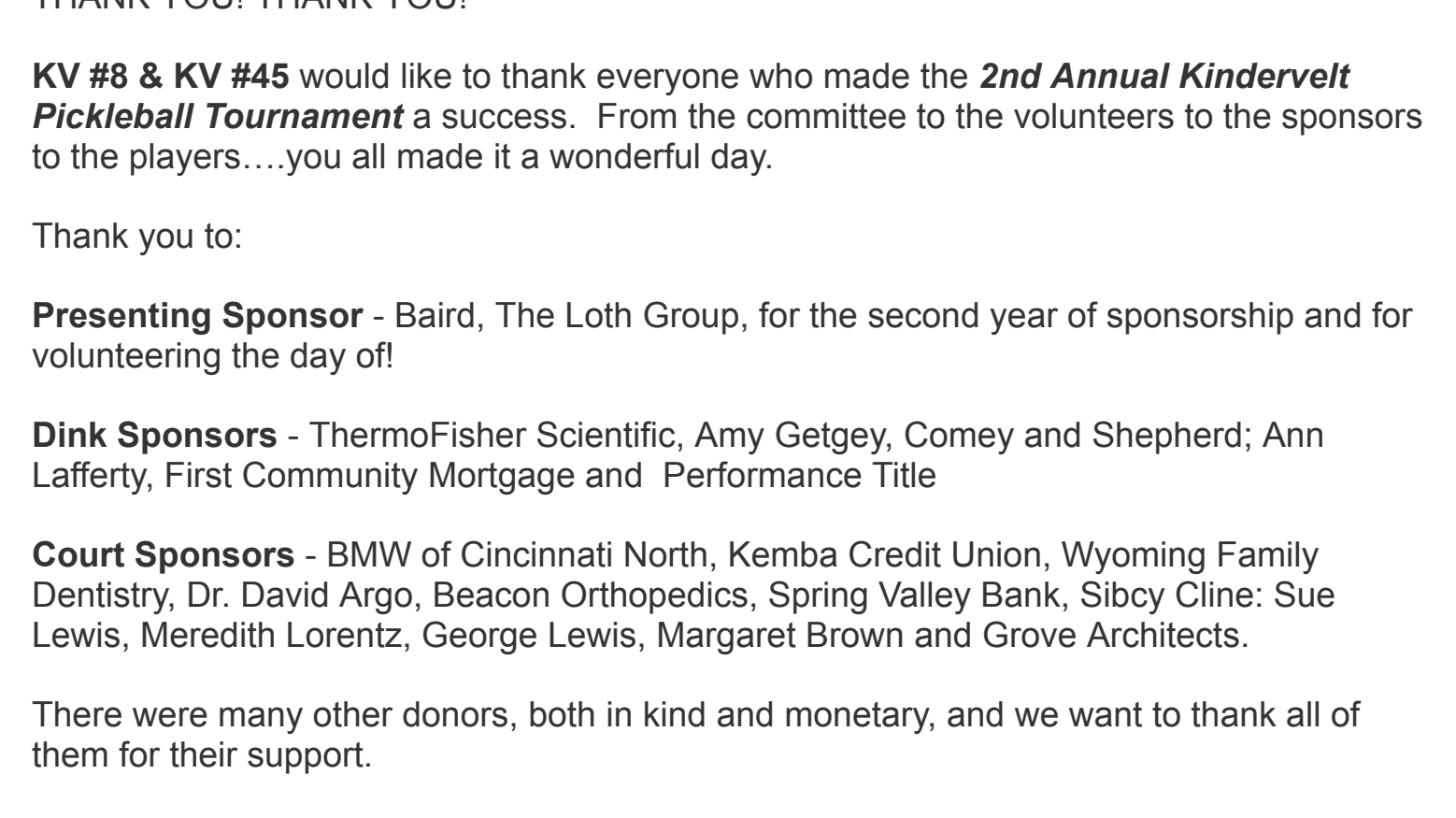
Join KV #68 for a fun day at their annual Tee Off for the Kids Golf Outing May 6th at Aston Oaks Golf Club! In addition to golf...we have two raffles:

Tee Off for the Kids Raffles

1. Bourbon Basket includes Weller Special Reserve (green label) Buffalo Trace, Blanton's, Woodford. This one belongs to the Reds signed by Marty Brennaman! Markers 46, Jim Bean & Sazerac Rye
2. Giant Split the Pot. All chances are \$5.00 each 5 for \$20.00.



KV #68 Sponsorship, Golf Registration and Raffle Tickets can be found [HERE](#).



Save the Date! Tickets coming soon for KV #49's Comedy Show on June 4th!



You're invited to a Kindervelt Leadership Meeting Monday, April 1st 9:30 - 11:30 AM Cincinnati Children's Hospital Sabin Auditorium Come see what all the buzz is about!



[Piggest Raffle Tickets](#)

Board of Trustees slate for 2024-2025

On behalf of the Nominating Committee with Board Approval, I present the following slate for the Kindervelt Board of Trustees 2024-2025 and the Nominating Committee 2024-2025. Thank you to all members who have stepped up to volunteer to take on a BOT position for next year and for the Nominating Committee for their time commitment on helping to put together the slate. We will vote to approve the BOT members at the Annual Meeting on May 15th. - Linda Deters, Nominating Chair

Board of Trustees

- President** - Suzanne Nemeth #65
Past President - Cindy Burger #16
Vice President - Jennie Strode #65
Secretary - Stacy Durr-Stanton #65
Treasurer - Debbie Lineman #56
Annual Meeting - Liz Frederick #11
External Relations - Molly Meiners #65
Internal Auditor - OPEN
Internal Relations - Mary Beth Young #78
Marketing - Katie Gawne #50
Membership - Kelly Anderson #8
Nominating Chair - Cindy Burger #16
Projects - Cindy Metz #68
Social Media - OPEN
Technology - Tracy Smith #57

Region Leaders:

- North - Barb Knox #49
- East - OPEN
- South - Kathy Sanborn #8
- West - Kathy Oiberding #68

Nominating Committee

- President** - Suzanne Nemeth #65
Nominating Chair - Cindy Burger #16
Immediate Past President - Cindy Burger #16
Past Nominating Chair - Linda Deters #16
Past BOT Member - Nancy Groves-VanBuskirk #29
North Region - Jeanne Reisinger #19
East Region - Katrina Smith #78
West Region - Libby Baker #56
South Region - Diana Peters #68
Fall Event Chair - OPEN
KV Krafts Chair - Bonnie Hueneman #68
KV Bowl - Andi Mapes #3 & Nancy Sanchez #49 (Co-Chairs)

Citywide Event Chairs

- KV Fall Event** - OPEN
KV Krafts - Bonnie Hueneman #68
KV Bowl - Co-Chairs, Andi Mapes #3 & Nancy Sanchez #49

Be on the Lookout!

- April 1st - City Leadership Meeting
- April 13th - KV #19 Lunch at the Links
- April 13th - KV #50 Havana Nights
- April 15th - KV #56 Spring Fling Bunco
- April 19th - Kindervelt's Semi Truck Sale
- April 26th - West Regions "Bartending for a Cause"
- April 27th - East Region's "Yoga For a Cause"
- May 4th - KV #77 Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show
- May 4th - KV #78 Garage Sale
- May 6th - KV #68 Annual Golf Outing at Aston Woods Golf Course
- May 15th - KV Annual Meeting at Cincinnati Women's Club
- June 3rd - KV #16 Golf Outing at Clavoncroft Country Club

Thank You

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

KV #8 & KV #45 would like to thank everyone who made the 2nd Annual Kindervelt Pickleball Tournament a success. From the committee to the volunteers to the sponsors to the players...you all made it a wonderful day.

Thank you to:

Presenting Sponsor - Baird, The Loth Group, for the second year of sponsorship and for volunteering the day off!

Dink Sponsors - ThermoFisher Scientific, Amy Getgey, Corney and Shepherd; Ann Lafferty, First Community Mortgage and Performance Title

Court Sponsors - BMW of Cincinnati North, Kemba Credit Union, Wyoming Medical Center, Dr. David Argo, Baccanti Orthopedics, Spring Valley Bank, Sibcy Cline; Sue Lewis, Meredith Lorentz, George Lewis, Margaret Brown and Grove Architects.

There were many other donors, both in kind and monetary, and we want to thank all of them for their support.

The bottom line is that we made over \$31,000 for the Division of Critical Care Medicine and the PICU!!!!

See you next year on February 22, 2025 at The Pickle Lodge.

KV #68 would like to thank Sheryl Meister for opening her home to all of us for the March meeting. A big thank you to Debbie Eilerman for providing the delicious dessert.

KV #68 would like to thank all those that supported our Princess Party in any way, whether it was attending, donating anything for it, working the day of the event or any other way you might have contributed to its success. There were so many happy faces of the princesses.

Far left photo is Kate Burger opening her gift basket she won, and how excited she was when she found out the music box actually played music!

Second photo is Cinderella with Josie Hueneman and Vera Luke.

KV #56 sends a big Thank you to all who baked and packaged up their goodies with Spring and Easter themes.

Thank you to Sheila and friend, Cindi who worked the bake sale at CCHMC. Also, thanks to Libby and company for filling and making all the bags of giant jelly beans. Wishing all those who celebrate - a blessed Easter and Happy Spring!

Group News & Tidbits

The BOT sends a big SHOUT OUT to our Sponsor, Junk King who has agreed to free temporary storage for our Kindervelt needs and allowing us to hold our semi truck sale in their parking lot.

KV #3 is recovering from the successful volunteer event, co-chaired by member Andi Mapes. The group supplied dessert and lots of volunteers the day of the event, which brought in just over \$20,000! In March, several members attended the St. Patrick's Day parade with green bead necklaces, which they offered to parade spectators in exchange for a donation to Kindervelt.

Looking ahead, our President, Jean Kachikis, is putting together a committee from the South Region to plan a regional event for September 6. The evening will feature an Americana Roots band fronted by member Joanne Shreve's husband. Tentative plans include a ticket price of \$50 per person, BBQ, bourbon cocktail, wine and beer, and, of course, fabulous music! It will be held at a private home, so the number of tickets will be limited to about 100.

KV #22 A busy March for KV22! We thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Bowling event! We laughed, reconnected with friends in other groups and our own Sue Crosby won a wine basket!

KV #30 hosted a Bunko party at the Cincinnati Women's Club on Saturday, March 23. We had a wonderful lunch and fun time playing Bunko. President Cindy Burger joined us and was a winner! Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser.

KV #78 had a great time at their last meeting getting ready for their Easter Candy sale at CCHMC. Many thanks to Beth for letting us use her great basement space for this project. Nothing like a ping pong table for horizontal space! Next up, getting ready for their garage sale on May 4th. Will accept donations for the sale, contact Mary Beth at [mryoung@me.com](#)

Congratulations

KV #22 We wish to extend our love and blessings to Stephanie and Matt who tied the knot this month! They had a grand celebration with family in Florida and we couldn't be happier for these two. CHEERS to love and a happy life together!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 1st - Gayle Shaw-Courtney #68
April 3rd - Janie Dolan #30
April 9th - Eleni Zafaras #30
April 15th - Amanda Gibson #78

April 26th - Jill Guenther #78
April 18th - Lisa Allison #22
April 18th - Sheila Mulligan #22

Primary Intensivists in the PICU

Danielle Maue, MD - Attending Physician, CCHMC Division of Critical Care

As pediatric intensive care unit physicians, our primary responsibility is to take care of our patients when they are critically ill. When the average person hears this, they generally think of intense situations that they see on TV. While this is certainly part of our job (and perhaps a big part of why PICU physicians chose this career), there is so much more to what we do in caring for patients.

After the more intense resuscitation period is over, patients often take a long time to recover from their critical illness and may have many ups and downs along the way to recovery. Many of our patients become what we refer to as "chronically critically ill", meaning that because of other comorbidities, such as chronic lung disease, heart disease, or cancer, that anytime they have a minor setback in their health they become sick enough to warrant an ICU admission. These patients get admitted frequently and may even "live" in the PICU due to their illness. All of this means that we have a significant number of long-stay PICU patients in the unit at any given time.

All patients in the PICU are cared for primarily by the PICU team but these complex long-stay patients usually have a number of consultants involved in their care as well. Between the high level of illness and the number of moving parts, it can be challenging to coordinate care in these patients. The schedule of the attending intensivists who are ultimately in charge of the care also adds to the challenge. Intensivists are generally "on service" in the unit for 7 days in a row and then hands off the service to another intensivist. While in depth handover is done the day before the change in physicians, smaller details about the overarching plan for more complex patients can be missed, which can inadvertently lead to fractured care delivery.

This is why we have developed a "primary intensivist" program in the PICU. A "primary intensivist" is in some ways similar to a patient's pediatrician in the outpatient world but is in the PICU. This intensivist is responsible for maintaining a relationship with the patient and family, being a point of contact for questions from the on service intensivist, attending care conferences, and taking part in big discussions and decisions about a patient's care.

Patients who are in the unit more than 2 weeks are discussed in weekly chronic care rounds. One of the things discussed during this multidisciplinary meeting is whether that patient qualifies for a primary intensivist. If that patient qualifies, either an intensivist who knows the patient and family volunteers or someone is assigned. The primary intensivist then discusses this with the family so that they are aware.

Since this program is new, we expect that there may be some adjustments and changes. Our goal is to make care for our long stay patients as seamless as possible, and we hope this program helps us get there.

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