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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

This has been a very interesting time for us and our Club. This issue is a condensed version since our meetings, events and projects came to a halt.

Spring itself has been disappointing with the cool-to-cold weather and snow this month. May started out great and now it looks like we will cool off, again. I am ready for the warmth! And I think my May blooming flowers are more than ready for sun and heat! Some have barely grown. I did plant 2 new buddleia bushes and 2 delphiniums that hopefully can withstand this cool weather.

The Board of Bratenahl Place will decide at the end of May whether to open the Penthouse for meetings. If not, I do have an idea for at least the Board members to meet.

Staying at home may be boring but it gives us time to enjoy and pay attention to our gardens, and plantings. Since I am home working remotely, I have been able to enjoy daily views of my gardens. The beautiful orange tulips that I purchased last fall from the bulb sale turned out gorgeous.

The Willot Iris Garden still needs volunteers. If anyone would like to help out, please contact Sandra or Bob Pindell. The image below is a view from East 88th Street.

Stay safe and healthy!

Jonny Prell



Photo Provided by Bob and Sandra Pindell



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## News and Information

The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America 2020 Ballots: As a reminder only, ballots were emailed or mailed to you. **If you have not mailed it in**, you can email Tom Davis. He is the National Director and will tally the votes that he receives. It is imperative that ballots are mailed and votes counted!

The September Horticulture Show will most likely not be taking place. It looks like our first Club meeting will be in September and we will need that meeting to go over everything.

Club member, Paul Bilyk and The Lakewood Observer are following a victory garden in Paul's backyard throughout the summer. [Click here for a link to the online article](#) from The Lakewood Observer.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy arborist Lizzie Sords takes us on a walk through her neighborhood as she points out more examples of what we can find during that week's scavenger hunt. [Click here for the YouTube video.](#)

Tom Segelin presented Gino (Bistro at Bratenahl Place) a check from the Club for \$100 to help his business out during this trying economic time. Gino was very appreciative!

The Club made two donations of \$50 each in memory of Vince Staffelino. One check was for Friends of the Greenhouse and the second was for Gardening from the Heart (Gardeners of America).

The **Scholarship Committee** will be awarding two \$1500 scholarships this year. One will be awarded to Trevor Puglis who attended Eastlake North and the Gates Mills Environmental Education Center and was on the honor roll throughout high school. He came highly recommended by Ed Tuhela and David Husat. Trevor has enrolled in Tri-C East and plans to attend OSU's ATI or another four-year college after Tri-C. His career goal is to work in environmental engineering.

The second scholarship will be awarded to Aleah Hartley who attend Green High School and Portage Lake Career Center. She also received an Associate Degree from the University of Akron. She has glowing recommendations from her teachers and a summer camp director. She has been accepted at OSU's ATI for the fall semester. Her career goal is to be an environmental science teacher.