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THE FAMOUS & INFAMOUS WOMEN OF MILLIONAIRES' ROW

Presented by Dan Ruminski

Cleveland's Gilded Age is what made Cleveland one of the wealthiest cities in the world. Cleveland had a cast of characters like John D. Rockefeller, Samuel Mather and his brother William, Mark Hanna and Thomas Howard White, to name just a few. Much has been written about the men of Millionaire Row, but for the most part little is known about the wives of these great individuals.

Dan Ruminski, Cleveland's Storyteller, thought it time to feature some of the better known women at the time and their great accomplishments. For example, what was Mrs. Rockefeller really like, what influence did she have on her husband, and what were her own accomplishments. This talk gives the audience a personal look at the women who on their own accomplished great things. We also will look at some of the wives that had a negative influence on their husbands, some of the misdeeds that made them infamous. And, we will delve into a wife who many believe lives today as a ghost in her former



Cassie Chadwick, Swindler

home here on Euclid Avenue. The Storyteller will share his personal experiences with the ghost of one Julia Drury. Truly a fascinating tale that will both enlighten and entertain!



Ohio Historical Marker Coming to Rocky River!

The Rocky River Historical Society along with the Cowan Pottery Museum Associates is thrilled to announce the installation of an Ohio Historical Marker at the old Cowan Property at 19621 Lake Avenue. This will be Rocky River's first Ohio Historical Marker! At this location, from 1920 until its closure in 1931 as a casualty of the Depression, were the factory, design studio and showroom of Cowan Pottery. Cowan Pottery played a significant role in the formative years of American ceramic art. The pottery was founded in 1912 by artist and educator R. Guy Cowan. Under his direction Cowan Pottery established a national reputation for its uniquely designed home products sold through fine department stores. Additionally, Cowan and his design artists were pioneers in the field of ceramic sculpture. Examples of Cowan Pottery are widely collected and are held in museums including the Smithsonian and the Cleveland Museum of Art. The most comprehensive holdings are in the Cowan Pottery Museum at Rocky River Public Library. More details on a Dedication Ceremony coming soon!



MALLEY'S CHOCOLATES

ABOUT US – THE SWEET AMERICAN DREAM

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IN 1935, MIKE MALLEY DREAMED THE American Dream: owning a business. It was the middle of the Great Depression. One in five American workers were unemployed. Nearly half the banks open for business in 1929 had closed, taking with them \$2 billion in customer deposits. But Albert Martin Malley's dream burned hot inside him, compelling him

to chase it. He had worked in a chocolate store as a boy in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He had learned to create wonderful chocolates using a simple copper pot over an open flame. He had seen delight come to the faces of customers as they tasted those treats. Now he wanted to see it over and over again!

Having no money, he borrowed

\$500.00. With half of the money, he rented and fixed up a small store and living quarters at Lewis Drive and Madison Avenue in Lakewood. He moved his young family into the back rooms. With the remaining \$250.00, he bought the materials and supplies needed to become a Chocolatier and Ice Cream Concoctioner.

Albert, better known as Mike, was in business. Mike's love of chocolate and his ice cream "creativity" brought in customers. His wife, Jo, saw to it that the bills were paid on time, which brought respect in the business community.

Malley's Chocolates might be best known for excellent chocolates, but Mike's ice cream concoctions were customer favorites from the beginning – and still are. In 1949, the second Malley's Chocolates ice cream parlor and chocolate store opened at Victoria and Madison Avenues, the first all-aluminum retail store in America.

On opening night, the Lakewood Police had to be called in to control the crowds. Remodeled in 1994, the store, which seats 100 ice cream lovers, still thrives.

Mike's son, Bill, grew up working in the business. Like his father, he enjoyed entertaining as well as delighting customers. In charge of opening new stores, Bill fascinated us with the opening of our third Malley's Chocolates store in North Olmsted at Clague and Lorain Roads. He had a slowly revolving merry-go-round installed with ice cream parlor tables and chairs on it. Then Bill created – what else! – The Carousel Sundae to go with it. Bill found good ideas all around him. He named the Sweet William Sundae for an ice cream and brownie treat that his son Bill Malley, Jr. dreamed up.

In 1967, Bill became President of Malley's Chocolates. He continued to add stores. As sales grew the chocolate kitchen and factory had to be moved twice to larger quarters.

Malley's Chocolates now has 22 stores, four with authentic soda fountains and fun ice cream parlors. A lace doily comes under every Tin Roof, Black and White, Banana Split and other dazzling sundae favorites. Sodas of every flavor are served, along with rich and

delicious milk shakes and malted milk shakes, and parfaits.

Malley's Chocolate Shoppes and Ice Cream Parlors honor the family's fun-loving spirit. The Mentor store features an indoor gazebo that is perfect for birthday parties and other small gatherings. At the North Olmsted store, guests can ride on a carousel while dazzling concoctions are being made. Party favors can be found at all the stores. The Bay Village Rose Garden theme is honored at the Bay Village fountain store. Additionally, the Bay Village store features Malley's Chocolates first walk-up express window! Alice in Wonderland has her tea party with hot fudge sundaes at the Madison Avenue store. At the Aurora Premium Outlets, Malley's Chocolates features a country store that serves ice cream cones, and as at all the stores, a full line of fine chocolates. In each beautifully decorated store, there are hand-painted walls, hand-etched and painted glass panels. Each store is decorated in green, white and pink. They all reflect the charm of lattice artwork and casual, upscale ambiance. They are created by Adele Ryan Malley and her talented team.

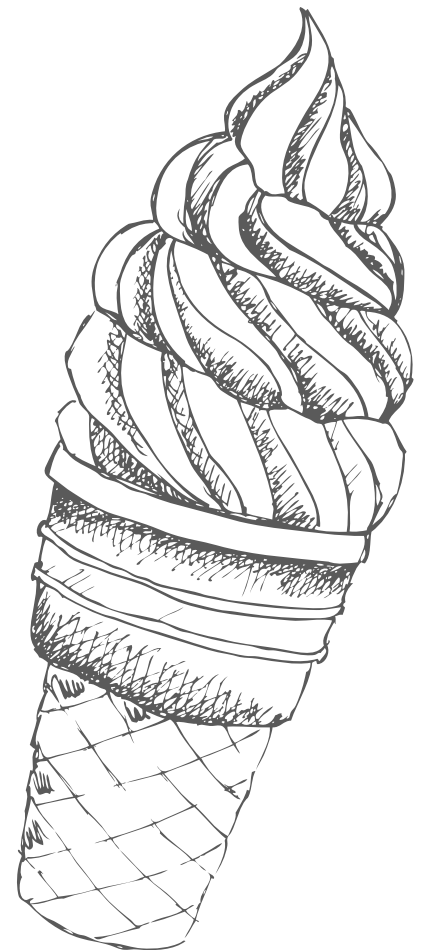
A modern chocolate-making kitchen, factory and retail store occupies 60,000 square feet on more than five acres located on Brookpark Road in southwest Cleveland, Ohio.

Malley's Chocolates is known for fine chocolates, exceptional personal service and fair prices. Assisting thousands of charitable and service organizations to raise money for good causes, through the sales of chocolates, is an important part of the Malley's Chocolates way of doing business. Full-color product guides are created each winter and spring holiday season to support these efforts. Organizations also sell chocolate bars throughout the year to raise funds. The bars have different delicious ingredients.

Founder, Mike Malley, retired in the mid-sixties. He lived a long and happy life until passing away just after Christmas in 1993. Jo, his wife, passed away ten years earlier.

Malley's Chocolates is a progressive company that values its place in the community and its nearly eight decades of history. New chocolate ideas mix with long-time customer favorites. The most popular: Nutmallow (a mixture of secret recipe marshmallow, fresh English walnuts and Malley's Chocolates pure chocolate, and shaped into a loaf), and Chocolate Covered Pretzels & Bordeaux (pronounced bore-doe), an English Toffee center, covered with chocolate and shaved almonds, vie for first place.

Source: www.malleys.com/our-history



THE DEVONIAN PERIOD

AND

DUNKLEOSTEUS TERRELLI

By Gay A. Christensen-Dean

THE DEVONIAN PERIOD (IN THE PALEOZOIC Era of geologic history) lasted from approximately 416 million years ago to 359 million years ago. It was named after Devon, England, where old red sandstone rocks from this period were first studied.

During this time, the earth consisted of just two continents. At the beginning of the Devonian, the European, Greenland and North American land masses had collided, pushing up the northern Appalachian Mountains, and forming the continent Euroamerica. The other continent, Gondwana, included present-day South America, Africa, Antarctica, India, and Australia. The two continents were close together and centered around the equator, and the rest of the earth was water.

It was during this period that plants developed vascular tissue to carry water and food through roots and leaves, and seed-bearing plants evolved. Both of these meant that plants could escape

their watery environment and survive on land. Also, the Devonian Period is known as the “Age of Fishes”, as fish were diversifying tremendously, and some developed lungs, enabling them even to crawl out of the water for short periods of time. Sharks as we know them today, and coelacanths, developed.

At this time Ohio was near the equator and covered with water. The lower waters were a soupy mud with no oxygen so nothing could live. The upper waters were clear and teemed with life, including our famous Rocky River fossil, *Dunkleosteus terrelli*. It was named in 1956 after Dr. David Dunkle, then Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

The Devonian Period is divided into three parts, Lower Devonian, Middle Devonian, and Late Devonian (380 – 360 million years ago). During the Late Devonian is when the fish *Dunkleosteus*

developed. It had a jaw with two pairs of sharp bony plates which formed a beak-like structure, and gills and paired fins, but it still had bony scales and plates on the outside of its head and neck, leftover from earlier species that had been covered all over by bony plates. It was a huge predator. Soft tissue, such as the rest of its body, does not preserve as well in the fossil record as the bony head, but it was thought to be 20 feet or more in length, and weigh as much as two tons or more. At the end of the Devonian Period there was a mass extinction, reasons unknown, and thus the *Dunkleosteus* did not survive to this day. The Rocky River Nature Center displays a model of this ferocious-looking creature.

The Cleveland Shale visible in Rocky River Reservation is a result of pressure on the soupy mud, forming the rock. During geologic history, rocks shift up and down and tilt, and erosion occurs. In Ohio, outcroppings of Devonian rocks appear in an east-west band along Lake Erie between Sandusky and Ashtabula. Our Cleveland Shale is dark because of the carbon in it from the remains of the ancient organisms that drifted down there. The dark color also indicates the remains were deposited in water that had little oxygen, otherwise the carbon would have decayed.



Sources: www.fossil-facts-and-finds.com, www.ohiohistorycentral.org, Division of Geological Survey, www.ucmp.berkeley.edu, www.clevelandmetroparks.com, www.britannica.com, www.cmnh.org

FROM THE BOOK POLICE CHIEFS IN REVIEW

(PUBLISHED 1980)

Lakewood

Ohio



UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MOSES Cleveland, the Connecticut Land Company surveyed the lands of the Western Reserve and in 1796, the future city of Cleveland was already mapped out. The area west of the Cuyahoga River was still in the hands of the Indians. Not until July 4, 1805 did they relinquish their claims and the following year Seth Pease surveyed the land into townships, one of which included the present Lakewood, Rocky River and the area south to Brookpark, labeled Township 7, Range 14.

Township 7 grew very slowly for there was little to attract settlers. In 1812 the Alger clan pushed their way over the Detroit Indian path and its continuation, Warren Road, to establish the Alger settlement near Lorain Avenue. James Nicholson, the first permanent settler on Detroit Road, arrived with his family in 1818 and built a log cabin. The cabin was later replaced by a frame house across the road. The Nicholson home still stands on Detroit Avenue facing Nicholson Avenue. Several hand made artifacts, including chairs and a large spinning wheel, from the Nicholson home have been preserved and may be seen in the

“Oldest Stone House,” which is restored as a pioneer home. The house is located in Lakewood Park, and through the work of the Lakewood Historical Society it is open to the public.

The year after the arrival of the Nicholson's, the eighteen families in Township 7 decided the community needed a better name. They petitioned to name the township Rockport. On February 14, 1819, permission was granted to change the name.

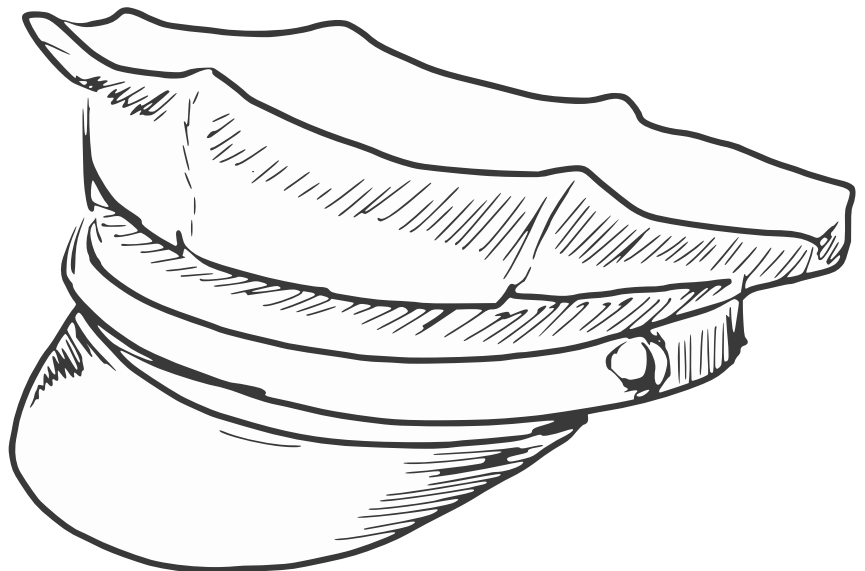
By 1848 about thirty families lived on Detroit Road between 117th Street and Rocky River. Most of these families had orchards and vineyards. The plank road which was being built that year was a boon to produce farmers who made the trip to Cleveland daily.

About 1869 the “Dummy” Railroad was promoted and built by Mark Hanna, Daniel P. Rhodes, Elias Sims and Ezra Nicholson. The single track followed the present Nickel Plate Railroad from West 58th Street and Bridge Avenue to the

mouth of the Rocky River. The railroad meant easier trips to Cleveland, and excursions to Rocky River, brought excitement to the hither-to quiet settlement.

After 1871 the present Lakewood was referred to as East Rockport due to a decision of the voters to have a separate school district east of Rocky River. From August 31, 1889, when it became a hamlet and chose the name Lakewood, its population increased gradually. Lakewood became a village on May 4, 1903, and had hardly become accustomed to its new title when the population boomed. Lakewood was incorporated as a city on February 17, 1911.

Today, Lakewood is a westerly suburb of metropolitan Cleveland, encompassing 5.6 square miles. It is bounded by Lake Erie on the north; the city of Cleveland on the east; Rocky River on the west and Riverside Drive to the South. Lakewood is a residential community with a few major industrial plants and many small businesses.



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2016 PROGRAM DATES

Cowan Pottery Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony
Detail forthcoming – 19621 Lake Road

Phil H. Marquard and Cleveland's "Homes Beautiful"
Presented by Thomas A. Marquard
Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Rocky River Public Library