

Helen Ninos elected board president



The Franklin County Board of Development Disabilities has a new leader. Helen Ninos was elected president of the board at its organizational meeting on January 21st.

Appointed to the board by the Franklin County Commissioners in 2006, she has previously served as Vice-President and Chairwoman of the Human Resources Committee.

Ms. Ninos is employed as the Chief Operating Officer for Human Resources of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. An attorney, she previously was Chief

of Staff of the Columbus City Attorney's Office, and Chief Operating Officer for United Way of Central Ohio.

Ms. Ninos resides in Gahanna with her husband, Michael Underwood, who is also an attorney. They have three children: Patrick, Katy and Colleen.

Ms. Ninos is only the fourth woman to lead the board since its creation in 1967.

Other officers elected on January 21st are Dean Fadel, Vice-President, and Galen Stover, Secretary.

Frank New to end epic career

Having completed 18 years with the agency and a total of 48 years of public service, Frank New, FCBDD's Director of Planning, will retire at the end of the month.

"I never expected to work this long," he said. "I'm very blessed that I did."

"This is a very fine organization," he added. "I'm grateful to have been associated with it."

Frank was familiar with FCBDD even before coming to work for the agency in 1992. As an official with the Ohio Department of Education in the 1970s and 1980s, he noticed that "one county board sort of stood out in Ohio."

"Franklin County had it together," he recalled. "If people were doing good things, if they were on the cutting edge, it was in Franklin County."

So he was "intrigued" when, after retiring as state Director of Special Education, he was asked by then FCBDD Superintendent Steve Pleasnick to come aboard.

As Director of Planning, Frank's duties have been wide-ranging and have included overseeing relations with the agency's collaborative partners, strategic planning, coordinating *Managing for Results*, emergency planning and special projects. He also headed the annual Community Star Awards program.

Asked to identify the most notable change during his career, he replied, "The expansion of services ... it is amazing to see how far we've come."



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Asked to identify his most notable achievement, Frank declined. "I never got caught up in individual achievements. Everything that's happened is a result of a team effort ... a lot of great people working together."

Superintendent Jed Morison commented: "Frank has made an invaluable contribution to our agency. His experience, dedication and leadership skills were a perfect match for what we needed. He will certainly be missed."

Frank began public service in 1962 as a teacher for the Cincinnati Public

Schools. He had earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Thomas More College where he majored in English, French and Latin.

He joined the Ohio Department of Education in 1968 after earning a master's degree in education administration from the University of Cincinnati. He led the Division of Special Education during challenging times.

In 2007, he was honored as an Ohio Pioneer in Education by the State Board of Education. Then Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Susan Tave Zelman described Frank as "a person whose name is almost

synonymous with special education in Ohio."

In retirement, Frank looks forward to spending leisure time with his wife Lois, daughters Kristen and Karen, son-in-law Jay, grandson Matthew and granddaughters Stacey, Melissa and Emily.

He plans to complete some household chores including building cabinets for the laundry room. He will visit Italy in May and Africa "at some point."

We wish Frank the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Jennifer Cunningham named 'outstanding woman'

FCBDD Administration staff member Jennifer Cunningham has been named one of "20 Outstanding Women You Should Know" by WSNY radio ("Sunny 95"). A celebration was held on January 29th at the Polaris Hilton to honor the women.

Jennifer's achievements, as noted on the station's web site at www.sunny95.com, include playing a leading role in the Stephen King mini-series *Kingdom Hospital* and

carrying the Olympic torch through Worthington in 1996. She is also a past board member of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio and a speaker at local events to raise awareness about the syndrome. She is also active in Special Olympics.

Commenting on the recognition, Superintendent Jed Morison said, "This is a great honor and very well deserved. All of us are very proud of Jennifer."



DSACO to present free seminar

Dr. Michael Harpold will share the latest research regarding treatments aimed at improving learning, memory and speech by those with Down syndrome at the Fawcett Center, Monday evening, February 22nd.

The presentation, titled *Down Syndrome Cognition Research*

– *Unprecedented Progress and Promising Therapeutic Strategies*, is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO).

Dr. Harpold is Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Down Syndrome Research and Treatment Foundation.

The seminar is free, but advance registration is required.

For more information, please call DSACO at 263-6020.

Intake, MUI offices move

Two FCBDD departments have a new home. Intake and Major Unusual Incidents (MUI) staff have relocated to 1650 Watermark Drive in northwest Columbus.

The move took place January 15th. Thus far, the transition has been smooth.

According to Jack Beatty, Director of Service Coordination, “The staff have done a terrific job handling all the details of moving while keeping all services going.”

The new building offers several advantages over the old one. The offices are more spacious and modern. Free parking is abundant. The location is next to 1600 Watermark Drive, which will soon house FCBDD’s Service Coordination Department.

1650 Watermark Drive is easily reached just off I-670 at the Grandview Avenue exit.

Board OKs action plan

FCBDD’s Action Plan for 2010 was approved by the board at its regular meeting on January 21st. The plan had been the subject of a public hearing on December 7th.

Preparation of the plan was overseen by Frank New, FCBDD’s Director of Planning. He noted the plan outlines projected needs, goals and strategies for the coming year. Outcome measures are also included.

Operation Feed to begin

At last the Mid-Ohio Food Bank has a building large enough for its mission! The new headquarters are at 3960 Brookham Drive in Grove City just off I-71 South.

To help fill the food bank, FCBDD will begin our Operation Feed campaign on Monday, February 1st. The campaign will continue until Friday, March 6th.

The 2009 campaign raised a record amount of meals (4.5 million). FCBDD also raised a record amount \$25,277 and over 6,800 pounds of food.

The goal for 2010 is to provide enough food and dollars for 50,000 meals. Within the agency, departments and buildings are vying for a traveling trophy for overall winner. The

Transportation Department sponsors a ‘Golden Crockpot’ award and the Living Skills Centers’ created their own ‘Iron Skillet’ award.



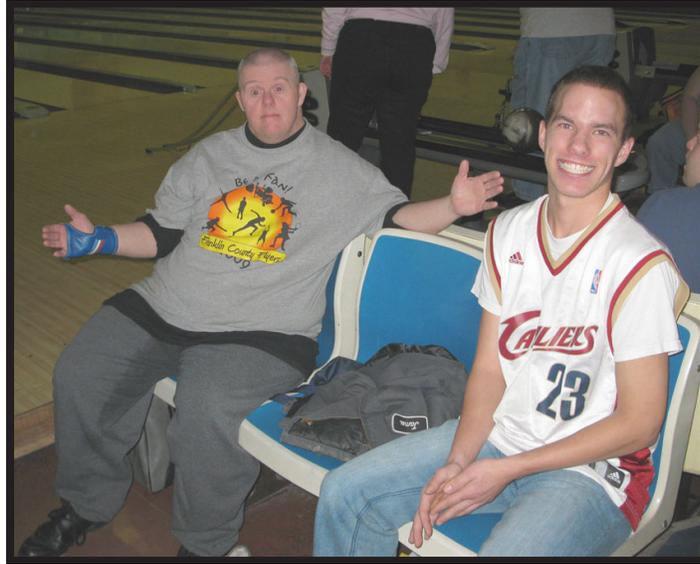
The new Mid-Ohio Food Bank at 3960 Brookham Drive in Grove City.

Special Olympics bowlers are on a roll

The 2010 Franklin County Special Olympics Bowling Season kicked off January 13th. With nearly 200 bowlers this year, the sport remains extremely popular among Special Olympics athletes.

With the help of staff and volunteers, the athletes are working to improve their bowling abilities and teamwork skills while experiencing some friendly competition along the way.

"My favorite part about the bowling team is getting the medals for doing a good job. It just feels awesome," said bowler Evan Ichrist, who has been on the Special Olympics bowling team for five years.



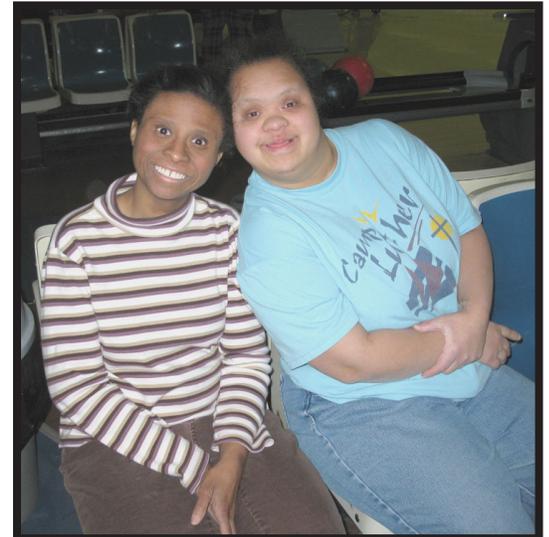
At left are Grant Richardson and Evan Ichrist. Photos and story by Margaret Stahl.

Ray Dillon, who has also bowled for five years, said the best part about the sport goes beyond the competitive aspect.

"I love coming here and meeting new people," he said. "I always make new friends along the way."

Bowlers practice on Wednesday or Friday afternoons through mid March. They then show their skills at the Area 6 meet on March 20th. After that, the top bowlers from each area will go onto the sectional tournament April 17th where they will compete to earn a chance to go to the Summer Games in June.

Practice takes place at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace, located on Forest Hills Blvd. in Columbus (off Dublin-Granville Rd). For more information on Special Olympics or to volunteer or make a donation, contact Ryan Phillips at 342-5984 or visit www.franklincountyflyers.blogspot.



Below are Kiyanna Ingram and Angela Kinsvatter.

Stand up and be counted

Do you think the U.S. Census doesn't affect you? Well, think again.

Data from the census, which is conducted every ten years, is used to draw boundaries for congressional districts, and to determine how to distribute more than \$300 billion

in federal funds to states and local communities.

The 2010 Census Questionnaire will be mailed to all U.S. households beginning in March. The form will contain only ten questions. Census workers will visit households that do not return the forms.

Please support this important effort by completing and returning your questionnaire promptly. For more information, please visit www.census.gov.

Good For You

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio honored **Ryan Phillips**, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator, as its volunteer of the month for December. Ryan organized a soccer clinic at Crew Stadium for children with Down syndrome.

Joe Edwards, FCBDD's Director of Psychology, has been appointed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to its Behavior Support Advisory Committee.

The stork has paid a return visit to Administration staff member **Amy Magginis** and her husband **Sean**. They are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Corynn**, who was born December 28th, and her two big sisters. Congratulations!

It isn't easy being green but FCBDD's **Transportation Department** keeps earning that distinction! The department was selected recently as one of the top forty Government Green Fleet Award winners.

A tip of the hat goes to **Jack Brownley** and **Cindy Massenelli** of Administration for their fine work in organizing the "For the FUN of It" staff bowling tournament. The fifth annual event was held at Columbus Square Bowling Palace on January 30th.

ARC Industries East staff have donated \$400 to the American Red Cross to help earthquake victims in Haiti. The funds were raised through a bake sale on January 15th.

Career Milestones

25 years

- Sharon Gow
- Christine Lopez
- Miguel Salas

20 years

- Eric Dillon

15 years

- Steven Scott

10 years

- Sandra Hale
- Christy Ramin

5 years

- Keshawna Anderson
- Dotti Ellingsworth
- O'Bryant Oneal
- Ruby Petrowski
- Joanne Talerico
- Michelle Wells
- Kimberlee Westcamp
- Eyvonne White

Willkommen, Helge

The FCBDD community extends a warm welcome to Helge Gehlhaar. He is an international professional from Germany who is working at ARC Industries South.

A participant in the Columbus International Program, Helge lives with a host family in Reynoldsburg. He expects to remain with ARC South for four months.

Helge is employed by Das Mosaik e.V., a residential provider in Berlin.

"We are delighted to have Helge here and appreciate his willingness to share his talents with us," said Kurt Smith, Director of ARC Industries South.



Helge Gehlhaar and Kurt Smith.

Tune in for closing news

For information concerning weather-related closings, please listen to the following after 5:30 a.m.

Radio AM	Radio FM	Television
WBNS (1460)	WCOL (92.3)	WCMH (4)
WMNI (920)	WCVO (104.9)	WSYX (6)
WOSU (820)	WNCI (97.9)	WBNS (10)
WTVN (610)	WSNY (Sunny 95)	WOSU (34)
	QFM (96)	

DSACO offers scholarships

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) is offering college scholarships to individuals with Down syndrome and/or their family members who are pursuing careers that will impact the lives of those with disabilities.

Applications are due March 31st, 2010.

For an application and more details, please visit www.dsaco.net.

Dateline

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Calendar

February, 2010

- 9 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 Presidents Day - all county facilities closed.
- 17 Parent League meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 18 FCBDD Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 18 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 22 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 24 Flag Day

"Quotable quotes"

"Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish."

- - *Sam Walton*