



Submitted
Shannon Nagy, left, executive director of the Liberty Community Center, and Carl Johnson, North America director of refinish manufacturing for PPG Industries, celebrate the PPG Industries Foundation's support of the center's Capital Improvement Campaign.

PPG pledges \$10,000 to Liberty Community Center

Funding supports campaign to improve Delaware facility

Staff reports

PPG Industries Foundation has pledged \$10,000 to the Liberty Community Center to support its Capital Improvement Campaign, the company announced Tuesday.

"We are very pleased to receive support from PPG for our Capital Improvement Campaign," said Shannon Nagy, executive director of Liberty Community Center. "The funding will help us to improve our heating and air-conditioning system, which are needed urgently, and to complete additional updates that will make the center safer and more usable for all our services."

Liberty Community Center offers early childhood day care and preschool programs to a diverse ethnic and economic group of families, and its programs are licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education. It also serves as a community meeting place.

Carl Johnson, North America director of refinish manufacturing, based at PPG's automotive refinish paint manufacturing facility in Delaware, and a Liberty Community Center board member, said, "PPG is strongly committed to supporting the communities where its employees work and live. We are proud to support Liberty Community Center in its efforts to provide a safer, better environment for the many children and other Delaware residents it serves."

newsroom@delgazette.com

Musicians' talents above selections of 'fluff' music

For their recital on Tuesday evening in Jemison Auditorium, Charles Wetherbee and Cameron Bennett brought a program that consisted of works by obscure composers. It's safe to say that composers Arthur Foote, Ernst Von Dohnanyi and York Bowen are hardly household names.

Bearing a title "The Coming Storm," the program turned out to be made up of composers who worked before World War I, and the works proved to be pleasant enough. It has been characteristic of these artists to search out new or previously unknown works. The result has created some surprises for the listener who is open and eager for new experiences. However, I wish I could be more enthusiastic about this particular program.

The "Sonata for Violin and Piano" by Foote is written in a lyrical style that echoes the works of other composers of the period. I could hear Brahms, and more particularly Faure, in the develop-



Lyman Leathers
Music critic

ment of the musical ideas. It was very suavely played and Wetherbee was in first-rate form all evening. This meant spinning out long lyrical lines, with supple phrasing and a beautiful tone. That it was expended on such banal music, perhaps a step above the salon, seemed a shame. Dohnanyi is a composer whose works we have heard before. I recall the "Piano Quintet" from past years, and the "Violin and Piano Sonata," dating from 1912, can be favorably compared with the "Quintet." It is a more introspective piece, and it has a true voice of its own. With rhythmical figures that suggest Dohnanyi's Hungarian origins, the work is worth hearing, and it received

a sympathetic reading.

After intermission, York Bowen's "Suite for Violin and Piano" concluded the program. Bowen was an English composer who was active in the pre-World War I period.

Dedicated to Fritz Kreisler, the great violin virtuoso, the piece is more of a dessert than a main course. If the Foote suggested salon music, the Bowen is unashamedly so. Inspid but with a certain charm, our soloists enjoyed playing the fluff, and they gave it a passionate reading. Wetherbee is incapable of unpleasant tone; it is never strident or wiry.

During the lengthy finale I kept thinking of all the better pieces on which they could lavish their attention. But it was an examination of a period, albeit obscure. Just over the horizon were the great earth-shaking events and music that represented them; this was indeed a calm before the storm.

Volunteer honored



Submitted
From left, HelpLine Clinical Director Jim Rundle, HelpLine volunteer Ed Hoar and HelpLine Executive Director Sue Hanson stand in front of the HelpLine office in Delaware to commemorate Hoar's 25th anniversary as a volunteer with HelpLine's 24-hour crisis and support hotline.

IN BRIEF

Global Village Collection will be hosting a **Fair Trade Tea Talk and Cupping** from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Andrews House, 39 W. Winter St. in Delaware.

The Tea Talk is presented by Angela Macke, founder of Light of Day Organics. An RN and nationally known tea blender, Macke will share information about the health benefits of teas and tisanes, and guests will be able to taste and enjoy fair trade refreshments.

Macke has been a leader with regard to the integrity of the relationships she maintains with the Fair Trade farmers who grow her certified organic teas and other organic ingredients.

Advance tickets to the event are \$12 and are available for purchase at Global Village Collection, 37 N. Sandusky St., Delaware, or by calling 740-363-6267.

Proceeds over costs will be donated to the Andrews House.

Boehner awarded \$1M in legal fees over secretly taped phone call

By **MATTHEW DALY**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has ordered Rep. Jim McDermott to pay House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio more than \$1 million in legal fees in a decade-long dispute over an illegally taped telephone call.

Chief Judge Thomas Hogan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ordered McDermott to pay Boehner \$1.05 million in attorney's fees and costs, plus about \$40,000 in interest. McDermott, a Washington Democrat, also had to pay more than \$60,000 in fines and damages, as well as nearly \$600,000 in fees to his own lawyers.

McDermott said Tuesday he would not appeal the judge's ruling.

"It's dead," he said of the 10-year dispute with Boehner, a Republican. "We're just cleaning up after the parade. We saved the First Amendment, and it costs a piece of change, but that's life in the big leagues."

The Supreme Court in December let stand a federal appeals court ruling that McDermott acted improperly in giving reporters access to an audio tape given to him by a Florida couple who recorded a 1996 telephone call involving then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other GOP leaders. McDermott, at the time a senior member of the House ethics committee, leaked the tape to two newspapers, which published articles on the case in January 1997.

Boehner, one of the GOP leaders heard on the call, sued McDermott, and a federal court found that McDermott had no right to release the recording.

McDermott called the court fight with Boehner "a long and costly battle," but said the million-dollar judgment was "a small price to pay in defense of so fundamental a principle, and freedom, as the First Amendment."

Boehner said in a statement that members of Congress have a responsibility not only to obey the law and congressional rules, but also to defend the integrity of those laws and rules

when they are violated. Although McDermott was never charged with a crime and maintained that his actions were justified, Boehner took a different view.

McDermott "shattered the bonds of trust between our institution and the men and women we represent in the halls of Congress," Boehner said.

McDermott has created a legal defense trust fund to cover expenses related to the lawsuit. A report filed with the House clerk shows the trust fund took in about \$56,000 in the final three months of 2007, for a year-end total of about \$100,000. McDermott said the fund now has about \$400,000 in it.

McDermott, who faces little opposition in his bid for an 11th term from his Seattle district, also has more than \$612,000 in his campaign account. The Federal Election Commission has generally allowed lawmakers to use campaign funds to pay for legal expenses connected with their office.

Over the years, Boehner has made a number

of attempts to settle the case with McDermott. He insisted on three conditions: that McDermott admit he was wrong, apologize to the House and make a \$10,000 donation to a charity. McDermott refused.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, in a 5-4 decision last May, said McDermott's offense in leaking the call was especially egregious since at the time he was a senior member of the House ethics committee.

The appeals court, in its ruling, maintained that McDermott "voluntarily accepted a duty of confidentiality" when he joined the House ethics panel. Thus, the court said, he had no First Amendment right to disclose the tape to journalists.

Boehner was among several GOP leaders heard on the December 1996 call, which involved ethics allegations against Gingrich. Two newspapers published articles on the case in January 1997, shortly after McDermott leaked the tape to reporters.

You provide the memories,
we'll provide the room.



The reception room at Rodman Neeper Funeral Home

Our impressive reception room is a generous space available to be filled with wonderful memories of wonderful people. Located within the same building as our memorial rooms, it's a place to relax while celebrating a life. We can cater a favorite meal, decorate with a specific theme or arrange for a champagne toast. Your imagination. Our reception room. How appropriate. Please call or visit for a private tour.



Rodman Neeper
Funeral Homes & Crematory
Bennett Brown
Delaware Chapel

1510 W. William St. • (740) 362-1611
www.RodmanNeeperFuneralHome.com

Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association

SERVING CENTRAL OHIO SINCE 1887.



30 year Fixed Rate Mortgage, 0 Points
Purchase or Refinance

5.75% / 5.79% APR

Contact our Loan Officers, Brad and Ana, for rates on all our loan products. Let them show you the personal service we have been giving our customers for over 100 years!

Call us at: 740-363-1284 or stop in
60 N. Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015

EXAMPLE for a 30 yr. Fixed rate loan, 0 points: a \$150,000 mortgage loan will be paid in 360 monthly installments of \$875.36. Stated payments include principal and interest only. Above rates for purchases or refinances of single family owner-occupied homes. APR reflects 80% LTV based on appraisal or sales price, whichever is lower. APR for purchases with lower down payments and refinances may vary. Rates are subject to change without notice. Additional terms and conditions apply.