

Judy Kintner, YSO Village Clerk

From: gerry60simms@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 12:03 AM
To: Judy Kintner, YSO Village Clerk
Subject: 2 Minute Statement

Why I want to represent Villagers as a Council member

Villagers elected me to 2 terms on council. This time Villagers will have to trust that Council chooses someone who can step right in and help council complete their goals. I feel with my past experience and willingness to serve makes me the ideal candidate to fill the vacant council seat. If chosen to fill the seat, **I will not seek election/re-election once the term ends.**

How I will add value

I have good working relationships with the present Council and the Village Manager. There are many difficult issues facing this Council. I will bring the time and energy to help get the job done. I will judge all issues on what impact they will have on the total community.

Clerk of Council

I (Gerald Simms) am interested in filling the vacated Council seat. Please accept this as my Cover Letter and Resume.

I had served on Council for 6 years Served on many committees and was Council rep on commissions. Since I am retired, I would be able to commit to 10+ hours per week for Council activities.

I am available for in person interviews if required. I look forward to once again serving the citizens of Yellow Springs.

Gerald Simms

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Clerk of Council
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Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387
Clerk@vil.yellowsprings.oh.us

To whom it may concern,

My name is Andrea Carr and I am writing to express my interest in the vacant seat on the Village Council. I am hopeful for the opportunity to serve the community I have lived in and loved for much of my life. I have seen Yellow Springs through many different lenses, as a child growing up here, a young adult struggling to afford to live here, and now a parent to three children. I continue to be passionate about our village and keeping my hometown kind and sustainable.

While many things have changed in this village since I first moved here as a 9 year old in 1989, many of the concerns of villagers and the community as a whole remain the same: affordability, housing, supporting local business, Antioch, and protecting the village from sprawl as well as encroaching environmental concerns. Unfortunately, Yellow Springs is no longer immune to the problems of outside communities. Obstacles, and perceived problems, currently in our village regarding crime, opiates, the YSPD, sexual assault, and decisions regarding YS schools are dividing our community.

One of the unique characteristics of Yellow Springs is the number of villagers that are engaged and passionate about local issues. Ideally, and historically, an active community allows for many different perspectives and new ideas. Unfortunately, our village is becoming a microcosm of our current political climate. No longer are we working together but instead we are unable to tolerate another's point of view. I believe that we can do better. Kindness and compassion go a long way and I prefer to lead by example.

I am a full-time Certified Nurse Midwife with Women's Health Specialists and Midwives of Dayton. While I am not a politician, my position as a Midwife requires collaboration, decision making, clear and concise communication, professionalism, time management, and a full understanding of my legal limitations. In my day to day role, I am an advocate for the women and families that I serve.

My husband and I have strong ties to Yellow Springs and are pleased that we returned to the village so that our children could experience the unique upbringing that living here allows. I loved growing up in Yellow Springs and have so many sweet memories of this town. There is no place quite like it. It turns out that not only are our children thriving here, but so are we. More than ever, we love Yellow Springs and appreciate the unique gift that is this little village. I am excited about the future of Yellow Springs and for the opportunity serve our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrea L. Carr, MSN, APRN-CNM

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OBJECTIVE

To serve the Village of Yellow Springs as a member of the Village council.

EDUCATION

Frontier Nursing University, 2015-2016

Hyden, KY

- Masters of Science in Nursing – Midwifery

Ohio University, 2010-2011

Athens, OH

- Bachelors of Science in Nursing

Kettering College, 2004-2006

Kettering, OH

- Associates of Science in Nursing

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Certified Nurse Midwife, Premier Health

Dayton, OH

03/2018 - Present

Certified Nurse Midwife, Kettering Health Network

Beavercreek, OH

Registered Nurse, Kettering Hospital

Kettering, OH

- Charge Nurse

- Preceptor to new employees and students

01/2008 - 01/2017

Registered Nurse, Sycamore Hospital

Miamisburg, OH

- Staff Nurse on Adult Intensive Care Unit

01/2007 - 01/2008

To whom it may concern;

I am writing this cover letter to apply for Ms Hempfling's vacated Village Council Seat. I look forward to the interview process in hopes of meeting the qualifications deemed necessary and appropriate for this position.

My past experiences with The Village Government include the following: Community Resources member; Utility Resolution Board member; and member of the Economic Sustainability Commission.

I have successfully operated a business for over 20 years and I believe that experience along with the interaction with our villagers has given me an understanding of how our village operates. I also believe that having a local business person would round out the make-up of Council.

In short, I bring a leadership quality in the decision making process but also bring a team first quality in order to achieve the goals tasked before us. I stand strongly in my beliefs but, more importantly, am willing to listen and compromise if it is for the betterment of the whole of The Village.

I have enclosed my resume and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Dino Pallotta

Resume

Dino Pallotta
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Dino's Cappuccinos:
May 1998-Present

- Successfully operating a coffee house for over 20 years.
- Duties include accounting of monies; employing and training staff; accounting; payroll and taxes; customer service; marketing; customer development and retention; inventory control; ordering; cleaning and maintenance of property and equipment; hand crafting of espresso based drinks and coffee.

Paging Network of Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio: May 1994-98

- Columbus inside sales of pagers.
- Promoted to Columbus outside sales territory in 4 months; consistently the number one producer in the office.
- Promoted in 12 months to Direct Sales Manager for the Cleveland office; managed 7 outside sales reps; hired, trained and terminated reps while building a strong team; worked closely with the regional sales office/Chicago; responsible for generating over \$2 million in sales revenue per year.
- Promoted to Reseller Director for the Cleveland and Columbus offices in 12 months; responsible for sales teams selling pagers directly to pagers stores who then resell our product to the public; substantially grew both sales teams to generate over \$5 million in sales revenue per year; responsible for profit and loss while keeping net profits high (EBITDA).

October 19, 2018

Yellow Springs Village Council
100 Dayton Street; Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio
c/o Clerk of Council
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RE: Council Opening Announcement

Dear Members of Yellow Springs Village Council;

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for the upcoming Village Council opening. Participating in an inclusively robust local democratic basis for community self governance appeals to me, and my experiences in Yellow Springs suggest our community as a favorable place for doing this in practice. In the decade and a half that I've resided here I have been impressed with how the community collects together an impressive range of capabilities along with a readiness for realizing positive paths forward.

During my time in the Village I have generally followed Council with interest, have served on Village Council committees (from a while back, on the Design Advisory Committee, and more recently as alternate on Board of Zoning Appeals), and am fairly well-informed with respect to current, recent and ongoing agenda items and discussions.

Along with my personal inclinations toward civic involvement, I believe that my areas of professional experience provide me a useful standpoint for contributing to Council. A significant part of my role as a college teacher finds expression in facilitating focused issue-oriented conversations in seminars. My goals there involve helping the discussion to be inclusive of participants and also of a full range of relevant ideas. Deliberative occasions are not always quite this simple, but I tend to believe that good decisions usually go hand-in-hand with well-informed understandings born of thorough and thoughtful conversations.

Additionally, my background in architecture and planning offers me a practical appreciation of many of the pragmatic dimensions of village management which tends to play a role in shaping a significant share of policy and legislative conversations. While the attractiveness of the community for me rests largely in dimensions other than the physical facilities and apparatus of their ongoing functioning (the human element of people coming together seems to me more compelling), I believe civic aspirations benefit through knowledge of practical underpinnings.

On council I would enjoy lending my energies to thoughtful civic conversations through which we work together to realize best potentials. In this spirit I appreciate your consideration and would enjoy speaking further with you about the opening.

Regards,

Dan Reyes
dreyesforward@yahoo.com

DAN REYES, Ph.D.
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Educational Leadership, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. (Interdisciplinary focus; Cultural Studies emphasis.)
Degree granted, April 1999.

Master of Architecture, Department of Architecture, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Degree granted, August 1994.

Bachelor of Architecture, Department of Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.
Degree granted, January 1986.

COLLEGE TEACHING

The University of Dayton Department of Philosophy, Fall 2015--Present
Part-time faculty, regularly teaching undergraduate course offerings such as "Introduction to Philosophy" and "Ethics".

Recent and occasional teaching also with Antioch College and Miami University.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PROFESSION

Registered Architect since 1989, (Pennsylvania); National Council of Architectural Registration Boards certified.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Service as the alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, 2012-2017.
- Service as a member of the Yellow Springs Design Advisory Committee, 2004-2006.
- Member of the Yellow Springs Community-Led Change Process planning group, 2005-2006.

Dear Village Council Members,

My name is Kineta Sanford, and I am highly interested in filling the council seat which will come open at the end of this November. I have admired Yellow Springs for my entire life and I feel privileged to be able to call the Village my home now. While I was born and raised in Xenia, I was always here when growing up because my father worked at Vernay and my mother worked at the Yellow Springs Federal Credit Union. My mother was a part of the Home, Inc. board during most of my formative years. I was able to come here with her on Saturdays and roam the Village, catch up with friends that I knew through my mom, and just enjoy the warm and inviting spaces that Yellow Springs offers anyone who wants to partake. Through her, I was also able to meet so many people who live here. Having this understanding of Yellow Springs really informed my decision-making when it came to choosing a place to live and raise my child in the Dayton area.

I initially wanted to live here when I began my teaching career, as my daughter was about to enter school and I really wanted her to go to school in Yellow Springs. I met my now husband, who worked in Columbus at the time, and so we bought a house and moved there together. I didn't care for Columbus too much—I felt that it was too impersonal and the area we lived in did not have the strong community that I craved.

As time passed, we decided to move back to the Dayton area, and Yellow Springs was our top choice. We chose Yellow Springs because we wanted a strong community. Personally, I wanted a place where I feel safe.

Most people look up crime statistics when they think of safety, but as a black woman with a bi-racial child, I was thinking about what would make us feel safe in terms of justice, voice, and policing. I have known for a while that the Village of Yellow Springs and its community members take policing seriously and understand that it is not enough to denounce racism, but that an anti-racist stance is what is needed to move closer to a more equitable system.

These systems are not just about policing, either. I wanted to put my family in a community where people are working to dismantle all forms of systemic injustice.

I am currently an AmeriCorps VISTA member at Yellow Springs Home, Inc., and before that I was a teacher at Dayton Early College Academy. I chose to serve my community and my country as an AmeriCorps member and as a teacher because change is something that can only be achieved through work. Many people think that they are powerless or that they do not have the ability to make great change. I believe that individuals do have the power to affect change, even if it does start with steps so small they seem insignificant. Change does not happen overnight; hard work and dedication are critical to making lasting positive change in any community. I have dedicated my life to serving my community in any way that I can, and I believe that being a Council Member is first and foremost about serving one's community and the members of that community.

If I were a Council Member, I would make it my duty to use my position to make Council accessible for young families, young people who do not feel like they have the time or ability to make change in the Village, and for people of color in the community. I think that accessibility is

a huge factor in who participates in our government, and I think that by being in the same spaces as people who are currently passive participants or who do not participate at all, I can be an access point for those people to be able to become more actively involved and feel that they have a seat at the table.

Making our government more accessible to our diverse community should be a top priority for our Council, especially to reflect our values of wanting to be more inclusive and welcoming. I believe that while our Village is actively working towards that goal, it is a goal that will always need improvement by its very nature.

Another priority of Council should be continuing to work on affordable and accessible housing for all people. I am a strong supporter of affordable housing and I have been for a long time because of my personal experiences with housing. When I was a single mom, I knew that it would be hard for me to afford decent housing in a community where there are great schools, green space, and other amenities. It is hard for families of moderate income to find housing here in Yellow Springs. When we were looking to move to Yellow Springs, my family was lucky enough to find a house in our price point. At the time there was only one house in our price range, and it has some major updates that need to happen. While we consider ourselves fortunate, we want other families like ours to be able to move to Yellow Springs and have access to all the Yellow Springs has to offer without worrying about their housing costs or whether the housing will suit their family's needs. I have learned even more about housing in Yellow Springs through Home, Inc., and I really believe this is a major priority.

Lastly, continuing the work of the Justice System Task force is something that I believe is a major priority for the Council and I would be more than happy to take up that cause. Yellow Springs has the ability to lead the surrounding area in justice reform and making systemic change. The idea of community policing is not only important to welcoming minority groups to Yellow Springs, but it also helps to create trust, which helps heal relationships between police and often subjugated groups. I used this philosophy to teach, specifically when teaching Critical Race Theory through texts such as *Native Son* by Richard Wright when I taught at Dayton Early College Academy. I used this text to empower young students to have a better understanding of how the justice system has not always been about creating equality and justice amongst all people, but that they have the ability to understand the ways that the justice system has been unfair, and how to use that knowledge to work toward a more equitable world. I want to take that work that I did and put it into practice as a Council Member.

I have been interested in running for an elected office for a long time. I have been encouraged to take the step in recent years, seeing ordinary people run for office because they saw that their service was highly needed. I see this as an opportunity for me to give something back to my community that has already given so much to me. I know that I can bring a different perspective to Council, and I expect to learn a lot from current Council members and the experience. I have dedicated myself to be a lifelong learner, so I intend to take that frame of mind with me if I am chosen for this seat. I think that it is important to view any role with that open mindset in order to best serve the position.

I understand that as a representative of the community members in Yellow Springs, I will be devoted to doing what is in the best interests of those constituents and actively listening to their

needs, wants, and desires in order to fulfill my role as Council Member. Since I am currently at Home, Inc. as an AmeriCorps VISTA, I understand that I would have to recuse myself when it comes to votes that directly involve Home, Inc. I also understand that I am there to represent the interests of the community and I will continuously work toward better understanding what the community wants.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to meeting with you all soon.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kineta Sanford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Kineta Sanford

KINETA SANFORD

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English educator with BA in English and minor Women's Studies, Master of Education, two years of experience advising and teaching high school students in Dayton; One-on-one advising in advisor role; team-oriented, collaboration-minded; conflict-resolution skills; technologically literate, using several applications and platforms to enhance communication including MS Office Suite; time-management skills on tight deadlines.

Highlights of expertise:

- Community-Oriented
- Creative and Strategic Thinker
- Team-Oriented
- Problem Solver
- Active Listener
- Avid Reader and Writer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

YELLOW SPRINGS HOME, INC.

AmeriCorps VISTA, June 2018 - Present

- Currently writing grants to fund affordable housing projects.
- Implementing an Affirmative Marketing plan to reach out to underserved markets in Yellow Springs.
- Visiting various organizations in Yellow Springs and the Greater Dayton area to connect potential clients to Home, Inc.'s Resources.
- Building relationships with potential corporate sponsors in Yellow Springs and the Greater Dayton area.
- Researching new and different affordable housing products and markets.
- Researching Social Enterprise techniques to further fund affordable housing in Yellow Springs

NATIONWIDE

Member Care Representative III, August 2017 - March 2018

- Selected for a small group to help implement change at Nationwide site.
- Uphold confidentiality and privacy for Members
- Navigate resources to understand overarching as well as state-specific legal requirements.
- Effectively communicate with dozens of members, agents, and more to resolve issues.
- Understand and explain billing and changes in billing to members.

DAYTON EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

Advisor/Teacher, May 2015 - June 2017

Advisor/Teacher for Grades 10 through 12.

- Taught grade 12 curriculum based on critical theory, using historical and current connections to issues of social justice to relate to texts.
- Advised students one-on-one throughout school year, building academic and soft skills.
- Advised students on career goals, internship opportunities, and job shadow opportunities.
- Collaborated with multiple teacher teams throughout year to plan and coordinate class and advisory curriculum.

Additional Experience: Volunteer at the Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center January 2018, Presented at OCTELA Conference twice, Student Teacher at Baker Middle School, Mentor of ELL Students at Belmont High School, Service Learning Tutor at Westwood Elementary.

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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF EDUCATION: ADOLESCENT-YOUNG ADULT INTEGRATED LANGUAGE ARTS, 2014 - 2015

GRADUATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELORS OF ARTS: ENGLISH MAJOR; WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR, 2010 – 2014

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

*REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

To whom it may concern,

I am three years old, slumped in a chair beside my older brother. A door opens into the waiting room, and my mother stands behind it. I may not have been able to understand what was happening then, but I feel some sense of relief that I will be returning to my home, and not another house full of strange people I do not recognize. Later, when I grow up enough to understand all the details, I learn those hazy three-year-old memories were not a dream, rather a memory of the foster care system. It has been said that early childhood experiences, traumatic or not, can have long-lasting repercussions on an impressionable child's life. In many ways, the experiences of my childhood have shaped my aspirations for the future and my ideas for today. I have lived a humble life alongside a mother who taught me strength and morality. My mom always told me that through hard work and commitment, my brothers and I could make it. I have dedicated my life to this mantra.

In high school, I began investing my free time into various extracurriculars that I felt would make a difference. I found myself volunteering in soup kitchens, surrounded by people in dark places, but reminded me of a life that I was still somewhat a part of. I threw myself into foster care work, where I met people, not unlike me or my three-year-old self. One girl whom I met while working with the system opened up to me one day, revealing that she had passed through five different homes in the course of her seven-year-old life. Some people talk about change while others actually create it. I always used to tell myself that if I ever changed someone's life for the better, I could die a happy and fulfilled man. I don't want to see another girl at the ripe age of seven floating between houses with no real home. It is one thing to talk about change, to hope for it, and another to make it happen. My life has also shown me what it is like to not be able to help someone, a couple years back when I interned at The White House, a person contacted me and asked, "what can you do for me? What can you do to help me?" There wasn't much I could do for the veteran, but it got me thinking about how many kids, parents, grandparents have that same question, and have it left unanswered. At least through this avenue, I can impact those in this community that ask the same question.

In this area of Ohio, we don't see enough people saying let's rethink, or rebuild, the system. What we have seen is a constant failure to rebuild, whether it be the YS Police department or lack of affordable housing, or school inefficiencies. It's time to diversify, not just a time to change political practices. Being young you don't offer much to a council of college-educated participants but being from a background like mine. A background where you are the first in the family to break imprisonment cycles, poverty, the first to achieve a college degree, let alone a high school diploma, you bring that diversity needed for the politics of today. You can either be the agent of change or let the change agent you.

I appreciate the time I have been given to express my interest to the Council and please let me know if there is a need for a follow-up interview, conversation.

LEO BRANDON III



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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Event Coordinator** // The Mills Park Hotel // Greater Dayton Area, OH Mar. '17 – Present
- Coordinate details of events such as conferences, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, charity events, business meetings, employee appreciation events and virtual events.
 - Hire staff to manage the event, including bartenders, servers, etc.
- Paralegal** // Steptoe & Johnson LLP // Washington, D.C. Nov. '17 – Mar. '17
- Review several legal documents on a daily basis
 - Work closely with lead attorneys to ensure adequate and proper filing of legal documents
- AmeriCorps Member** // City Year // Washington, D.C. Jun. '17 – Nov. '17
- Created In-class lessons, ways of engagement and continuously redirects negative behavior
 - Engaged community members and corporate partners in physical service projects
- Advancement & Phonathon Coordinator** // Antioch College // Yellow Springs, OH Oct. '16 – Jun. '17
- Helped lead/train a team of five students to recruit over thousands of dollars in donations
 - Created, modified and reviewed training documents and scripts for the March Million Dollar
- Website Designer / Editorial Assistant** // Ertel Publishing // Yellow Springs, OH Jan. '16 – Jan. '17
- Supported staff of *Antique Power* and *Vintage Truck* in diverse tasks throughout the day, such as letter writing, creating press releases, researching and developing marketing techniques
 - Managed social network ads and Google Ads, Maintained 8 unique websites
- Intern: Office of Presidential Correspondence** // The White House // Washington D.C. Sep. '15 – Dec. '15
- Supported the Office of Presidential Correspondence's mission to hear and respond to the stories and needs of the American people by reading thousands of constituent letters
 - Assisted in selecting the 10 letters a day read by President Obama
Handled sensitive correspondences from high profile figures
- Manager: Marketing/Distribution** // BuonGusto, LLC. // Chicago, IL Jan. '15 – Sep. '15
- Formulated, directed and coordinated marketing activities and policies to promote products and services
 - Partnered with advertising and promotion managers to discuss and implement marketing initiatives that lead to successful product launches
- Intern** // AIO Sardinia Non-Profit // Chicago, IL Jan. '15 – Apr. '15
- Secured donors and investments through community outreach and cold-calling that allowed for the successful start-up of the organization
 - Analyzed data and prepared reports on marketing schemes to increase business effectiveness
- Administrative Assistant** // Brilliant Environmental Services // Toms River, NJ Mar. '14 – Jun. '14
- Performed assessment of management meeting evaluation and preparation methods to foster better support of technical staff
 - Generated reports for federal, state, and local authorities to meet regulatory requirements
- Associate Manager: Production** // YS: Public Access // Yellow Springs, OH Oct. '13 – Mar. '14
- Verified content integrity by thoroughly reviewing all web materials prior to final document creation
 - Responded to patron requests in a timely manner after inspection of reports and files

EDUCATION

- B.A Self-Design: Global Governance and The Media // **Antioch College** // Yellow Springs, OH
- Specialties in: Global Political Economy and Documentary creation
 - Maintains certification in Google advertising and Facebook advertising
 - Horace-Mann Fellow (Full-tuition scholarship)
 - Antioch College Presidential Scholarship (Highest in school scholarship reward, 2015)