

## September 11, 2023 Meeting Celebration of Life for Lee Peters



We came together on **September 11 to Celebrate the Life of Lee Peters**. It was a night of special tribute. Lee was the president of EAA from 2009 - 2023 and he passed away unexpectedly on the last day of our Spring Fine Art Show, May 21. His passing left a definite void in the community and within the Euclid Art Association. This evening we celebrated his life. Lee's family, many current and former EAA members, friends, his computer club guys and Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail attended, about 50 people in total. We were his friends. We were all his family!



Rozenia, EAA's new president, did a superb job facilitating the evening's events. She conducted a brief business meeting. Then the EAA Officers for 2023-2024 were inducted. Like Lee would always do, Rozenia asked for a 'moment of silence' to honor first responders and those who lost their lives

on 9/11. Many people shared their best memories of Lee, including Michelle Brown, Cheryl Brickman, Cynthia Beacham, Denise Neil, Melania Herbruck and Sue Herrle. Michelle remembered the pictures Lee took of her young children. Denise honored Lee by reading a poem by Maya Angelou that she read for Walt, her artist husband, who died in 2020....both Walt and Lee were very creative souls!

Melania remembered how Lee talked her into coming to just one board meeting...only to end up our next program director! Sue has many memories of Lee, but will miss his almost daily calls to talk about art, politics, and how his day went. Worth noting was the poem Cynthia Beacham wrote and read to the group...brought tears to our eyes!



The Mayor read and presented a special Proclamation for Lee. A video tribute, the many faces of Lee, was played and the EAA Sketchers' portraits of Lee were presented. ([Click here for](#)

[tribute video.](#)) We continued to share memories while enjoying goodies from the refreshment table, which was loaded with special treats made by six EAA members. Many of the recipes are in the new EAA Cookbook, including Lee's famous "Spinach Spackle" dip. Lee would be pleased!





Lee Peters  
by Cynthia Beacham

Lee Peters my friend  
 You were so kind and cool, now let me begin.  
 Lee Peters the best EAA President  
 Not a grumpy man, but a man God sent.  
 Lee Peters you taught me so much about art  
 I did not know where to begin or how to start.  
 Lee I couldn't wait until we had our holiday party  
 I loved the way you dressed like St. Nick and laughed so hardy  
 Come Dasher, come Dancer, come Prancer and Lee  
 Our holiday party was always a wonderful place to be.  
 Lee Peters I regarded you as one of EAA's best  
 You told me when your art doesn't win  
 You don't fail the test  
 You told me if you mess up do not throw the artwork away  
 Because the artwork may be someones masterpiece one day.  
 Lee I'll miss your beautiful smile  
 You made me laugh and pushed me that extra mile.

