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Happy Valentine's Day February 14th

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Stay Safe During Very Cold Weather

From the City of Evanston

Staying Safe Outdoors

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Wool offers good protection from extreme cold and moisture.
- Don't forget to wear a hat, gloves and scarf. In extreme cold, frostbite can occur within 60 seconds. Make sure to cover all exposed skin.
- Restrict outdoor exposure for infants, children and pets.



Snow Covered Rocks on South Boulevard Beach in Evanston. (photo credit: SCMPHOTO)

Staying Safe Indoors

- Never use your oven for heat.
- Use electric space heaters with extreme care, and avoid placing them near curtains or other flammable materials. Be sure to turn them off before going to bed.
- Keep cabinet doors open under kitchen and bathroom sinks overnight to help prevent frozen water pipes, and insulate water pipes in unheated spaces, like garages, basements and crawl spaces.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in every level of your home, replacing the batteries at least twice a year.

Staying Safe on the Road

- Don't run your car or truck in your garage, even if you leave the door open, and make sure the tailpipe is clear of snow, ice and other debris.
- Ensure antifreeze levels are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- Maintain a full tank of gas.

Prevent Water Service Lines from Freezing

During cold weather, property owners should take precautions to prevent the water service line from freezing:

- Insulate or wrap UL-listed heat tape around water pipes.
- Keep cabinet doors open under kitchen and bathroom sinks overnight.
- Run water at a small trickle.
- Set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.

MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES CITYWIDE CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrations in Chinatown and Across the City Run January 31-February 14; Expected to Grow to be the Largest Celebration of Chinese New Year in North America

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Choose Chicago announced today a citywide celebration of the Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, one of the most ceremonious and celebrated festivals in Chinese Culture. The celebration, which is a major new initiative as part of Mayor Emanuel's ongoing efforts to foster tourism around Chicago, runs from January 31 through February 14 from Chicago's downtown Loop to Chinatown to communities across the City. The celebration will continue to expand year over year and is expected to grow to be the largest celebration of Chinese New Year in North America.



"A city-wide celebration of Chinese New Year is a wonderful way to bring together Chicagoans from around the city while attracting visitors from around the world," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "This unique event will grow and expand over time until it is the largest in the North America and will be a prime example of creativity and innovation as we seek to grow tourism and create jobs in the city of Chicago."

"The citywide celebration of the Chinese New Year will be complete with key signature events and special programming that everybody has a chance to participate in, no matter what neighborhood they live in," said Michelle T. Boone, Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. "The celebration is part of the Mayor's ongoing strategy to foster tourism by promoting large-scale events and efforts that have international reach and impact."

"China is one of Chicago's fastest-growing overseas markets," said Don Welsh, President, Choose Chicago. "This year, the year of the horse, the Chinese New Year falls on Jan. 31 and will be celebrated during a two-week period, an opportunity for us to engage new communities, that is why the celebration will be unlike those in other cities, because rather than concentrate the festivities in Chinatown, there will be activities all over the City of Chicago."

The 2014 Chicago Chinese New Year Celebration runs from January 31 through February 14, 2014 and will be heavily promoted around the United States and overseas -- especially in China -- and is expected to draw increasing numbers of visitors on an annual basis. Additionally, as the celebration evolves year over year, more and more parts of Chicago are expected to join in the celebration. It will truly be "city-wide."

To learn more about the 2014 Chicago Chinese New Year Celebration, visit www.choosechicago.com/chinesenewyear

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Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers February Health Programs

Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center will offer the following health events in February.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, February 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Beth Zoeller, possibilities coach from Mather Life-Ways, will discuss the six dimensions of wellness. Registration is not required.

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education. For more information, call 773.794.8329.

Cardiac check-ups will be offered at HeartFest on Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For \$30, participants will receive an electrocardiogram interpreted by a board-certified cardiologist, cholesterol and blood glucose screenings (12-hour fasting recommended), and blood pressure screening. Participants can consult with a registered pharmacist about medications and receive free health care information. Refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.4636.

A free lecture titled Congestive Heart Failure will be given Tuesday, February 25, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mary Schlitter, R.N., cardiac care advocate, will discuss the signs, symptoms and treatments for congestive heart failure. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877.737.4636.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Thursday, February 27, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, February 27, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD

The Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday (with some exceptions) at the Hilltop Restaurant, NW corner of California & Foster Avenues, Chicago. Plenty of FREE PARKING is available in the lot west of the restaurant, on the north side. To confirm the meeting dates please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Our Club continues to collect aluminum tabs which benefit the Lurie Children's Hospital (formerly the Ronald McDonald House). Many thanks to Martin Kutschke, his family and friends, for donating a huge bag of aluminum cans. Maria Bappert removed all the tabs, which took quite a while. Frank compacts all the cans and then gives them to son Martin who turns them in at a recycling center. Currently, it pays 65 cents a pound, which he uses to help pay for gasoline expenses. Additional tabs were also received from our friends from the Austrian Mixed Choir as well as the Greater Rockwell Organization.

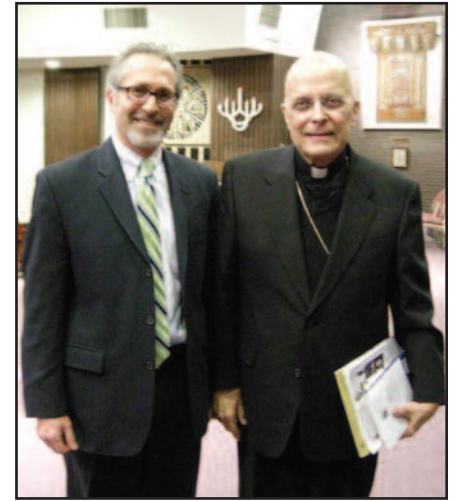
On Saturday, January 18 – Frank and Maria Bappert represented our Club at the Luncheon Meeting at Sabatino's Italian Restaurant to meet Pattie Heath, our new I-I Governor, and her husband. Despite the bad weather and treacherous roads, about two dozen Kiwanians gathered in a cozy private dining room. We enjoyed a fabulous Italian feast, but the company of fellow Kiwanians is what warmed our hearts. Governor Pattie Heath addressed the group after the meal and thanked everyone for coming. She reminded us that we should always do service projects and to also try to publicize our activities in the news media. "And that's a good thing," she said.

Please also collect Box Top coupons from products like Cheerios, Pillsbury, Juicy Juice and others. Each Box Tops coupon is worth a dime to the Queen of Angels students and goes toward the school library and classrooms. It is a great way to support the school without any additional cost to you. Bring them along to our next Kiwanis Club Meeting. Thank you!

Submitted by Ronald A Heiderman, D.D.S.

Ezra Habonim NTC hosts Cardinal George

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill with His Eminence Francis Cardinal George at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Thursday, January 9. The Cardinal delivered a speech about the book, "On Heaven and Earth: Pope Francis on Faith, Family and the Church in the 21st Century," co-authored by Pope Francis and the pope's friend, Rabbi Abraham Skorka of Buenos Aires. More than 200 persons attended the program. Following his address, His Eminence answered questions including one on the process of electing a pope. After hearing the qualifications of all the candidates in formal session, discussing them in smaller groups and praying over our choices, the cardinal said, "We vote. And we're often surprised by how our selection turns out." Pope Francis, the cardinal said, has turned out to be "quite different, in a good way," from the cardinal we were with in the conclave.



"JOB TIPS AND SECRETS FOR THE 50-PLUS PROFESSIONAL" WILL BE TIMELY TALK AT NORWOOD CROSSING ON FEB. 19

While being unemployed can be very difficult on job seekers and family members, the application and interview process can be equally stressful for the job applicant. For those looking for employment and those facing interviews, there are dos and don'ts that need to be heeded. To gain greater insight into this process, attend the Timely Talk, "Job Tips and Secrets for the 50-Plus Professional," presented by Meg Behnke, corporate director of Human Resources at Norwood Life Society. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Feb. 19, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Behnke will discuss the use of buzz words in an online application, how to emphasize work experiences, surviving the interview process, which questions to ask and how to respond during the interview, ways to explain the out-of-work time period, and cover other relevant issues. A graduate of the School of Social Science/Employee Relations at Michigan State University, Behnke has held numerous senior human resource positions in the food and lodging industry.

A question and answer session, refreshments and a raffle will follow the talk. To RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Oakton-Skokie CTA North Lot

In late November, the Village of Skokie competitively selected a firm to install an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in the community. The North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium, of which Skokie is a member, worked together to receive proposals and identify prime locations for charging stations in their member communities.

Skokie has started with one EV charging station at the short-term parking lot at the northwest corner of Searle Parkway and Skokie Boulevard. This is the first operational charging station within the consortium through this process.

The Skokie charging station initially, will be offered at no cost for visitors to charge their electric vehicle. The two parking spaces provided for the charging area will also be exempt from the 15-minute parking regulation. The station will have two plugs to charge two vehicles simultaneously, automatic retractable charge cords and a daylight-readable screen.

The consortium communities also are applying for the State of Illinois EV Charging station rebates that will return 50 percent of the charging station and installation costs to the Village of Skokie.

For more information or details, please contact Adam Letendre, Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

The Downtown Skokie 5 - The Price Is Right For Downtown Skokie Shoppers Who Shop Local

In early 2014, all Skokie residences received a colorful purple postcard that serves as a game card for the 2014 Downtown Skokie 5 promotion. Many popular Downtown Skokie businesses are participating, with more expected to join. Visit www.skokiedowntown.org for a list of all participating businesses.

The Downtown Skokie 5 promotion runs through April 30, 2014, and this is how it works:

1. Bring the game card to any participating business in Downtown Skokie. All participating businesses will have a purple Downtown Skokie 5 poster in their window. When you make a purchase of \$5 or more, ask for a special sticker for your card. One sticker per purchasing visit.
 2. When you have five stickers on your card, fill out the card with your name, address, email and phone number and bring it to any participating Downtown Skokie business. You can redeem your completed card at one of the businesses at which you received a sticker, or at any of the participating businesses.
 3. When you turn in your completed card, the business will give you a small gift of up to \$5 value. You might get a complimentary appetizer or dessert, a decorative button, bicycle tire patch kit, small jar of touch-up paint, flower, etc. Completed cards are not redeemable for cash. Prizes are subject to change and are at the sole discretion of the participating business.
 4. Get a new card and start playing again! All participating businesses will have blank cards and Downtown Skokie 5 cards also will be available at Village Hall, the Skokie Public Library and other Downtown Skokie locations.
 5. Around the first day of every month, a \$25 or \$50 gift certificate to a Downtown Skokie business will be awarded by random drawing from all completed cards turned in the previous month. Winners will be notified by email. All participating businesses will have a Downtown Skokie 5 poster in their window, and will be listed at www.skokiedowntown.org.
- For a complete list of rules visit www.skokiedowntown.org. Play early and often! Shop local in Downtown Skokie – and all areas of the community – and make a difference!

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Special Family Service Event at Todd Hall Elementary School in Lincolnwood.

Todd Hall students (grades pre-K-2) have been collecting books for the last three weeks to present to Bernie's Book Bank. Bernie's Book Bank facilitates the collection, processing and redistribution of new and gently used children's books to significantly increase book ownership among at-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children throughout Chicagoland. <http://www.berniesbookbank.org/>

Todd Hall hopes to collect more than 2,000 books.

The special Family Service Event will take place on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm. Children will prepare books for packaging, make book marks and participate in storytelling and reading events. Please put this event on your calendar.

For more information, contact Hollis Heavenrich-Jones at hheavenrichjones@sd74.org or 773-383-5148.

Learn to Cross Country Ski at Centennial Park

Take some time to enjoy the snow at Centennial Park in Lincolnwood. The REI Outdoor School will be at the park on Sunday, February 16 to show participants the basics of starting, stopping, turning and gliding across snow on cross-country skis. After the skill-building session, the class will go out on the trail to practice new found skills and discover a great way to get outside in the winter.

The REI Outdoor School will provide this Learn to Cross Country Ski class on Sunday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages fourteen and up. The fee is \$162 for residents and \$203 for non-residents. Equipment will be provided. Come learn a sport for lifelong fitness.

Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org for more information.

CIVIL WAR ADULT ENRICHMENT COURSE OFFERED AT RESURRECTION

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering a spring adult enrichment course entitled "A Nations Journey: The Civil War Part II - from Vicksburg to Lincoln to the 21st Century." The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University. The sessions will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: February 25, March 11, March 25 and April 8, 2014. The cost is \$50. To register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org.

The course will begin with the final day of the Battle of Gettysburg (July 3, 1863) and the Union victory under Grant at Vicksburg (July 4, 1863). The course will cover the final months of the Civil War, through Lincoln's assassination, and will explore the meaning of the Civil War and the meaning of Lincoln's Presidency for our own time. Participants need not have taken the Civil War Part I course to register for this course. Books for the course include Battle Cry of Freedom by James McPherson, along with Jeff Shaara's Gods and Generals and Last Full Measure.

The Resurrection Adult Education weekend tour to historic Gettysburg that was planned for October 2013 was postponed due to the federal government shutdown. The weekend trip will be rescheduled for late June 2014. Mr. Mike Longo will be the guide for this trip and you may contact Jim at Diplomat Travel for complete itinerary and pricing at 773.774.2727 or jmo6835@aol.com. The three day, two night trip will include round-trip airfare from O'Hare to Washington DC, all meals, transportation, admission charges and accommodations. Participants for the Gettysburg weekend need not have taken the Civil War courses in order to attend.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

Lutheran Unity School Community Night

Lutheran Unity School West Campus, 5650 N. Canfield, will host a Community Night on February 21st from 6:30-7:30. Students in grades PreK 4 through 3 will display and present information about community vehicles, businesses and occupations. Local business partners will be on hand to answer questions and share information. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. For more information go to www.lutheranunity.com or call Jennifer Graf at 708-867-5044.

RES FEST 2014 & BIG MONEY RAFFLE

Resurrection College Prep High School invites neighbors, alumnae and community members to Res Fest 2014 on the evening of Saturday, February 15, 2014. All adults in the community are invited to enjoy this 21 and older fundraising event in support of Resurrection College Prep High School. The event will be held from 6 pm to midnight and guests are welcome to drop in anytime.

The evening will feature the music of The Mix, the world's most versatile party band, as well as food, beer & wine, silent auctions, raffles and games to help chase away the winter cold. Advance registrations are \$20 per person and admission at the door will be \$25. Reserved VIP tables of 10 are available for \$350. Res Fest food/drink/game tickets are available for \$1 each or our advance sale special of 60 tickets are available for \$50. Advance registrations, VIP tables and Res Fest tickets are available at www.reshs.org or cmarchetti@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 112. Proceeds from Res Fest will benefit the students of Resurrection College Prep High School.

Res Fest will also feature the Big Money Raffle drawing - only 500 tickets will be sold and the grand prize is \$20,000. Big Money Raffle tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased by individuals or a group of family or friends. If less than 500 tickets are sold the drawing will become a Split the Pot Raffle with the first prize winning 40% of the pot. The winner need not be present to win. The Big Money Raffle ticket purchase form can be found at www.reshs.org or contact Carol Marchetti at cmarchetti@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 112. Proceeds of the Big Money Raffle benefit the Sister Mary Monica Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance to Resurrection College Prep High School students.

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NEW STUDY RANKS CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY 1ST IN U.S. AND 3RD IN WORLD

International Study Notes Leading Role Chicago Libraries Play in Leveraging Technology to Enhance Services

A new international study ranks the Chicago Public Library number one in the United States and number three in the world, ahead of Shanghai (5th), Singapore (7th), New York (9th), Beijing (13th), Hong Kong (17th) and London (30th).

"Libraries serve as economic and social anchors in our communities, which is why it is so important to invest in these neighborhood hubs," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "This report adds to the volume of research recognizing the leading global role that Chicago Public Library has taken in leveraging technology to enhance library services and underscores the fact that Chicago is recognized internationally as a world-class City."

The empirical study ranked the core services of public libraries across the globe and was released by the Information Science Department of the Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf in Germany. It ranks Chicago 1st domestically and 3rd internationally as one of the 31 major urban libraries taking a leadership role in supporting "smart cities" in the "knowledge economy." The Chicago Public Library is comprised of the Harold Washington Library Center, two regional libraries and more than 70 neighborhood branches. All locations provide free access to a rich collection of books, DVDs, audio books and music; the Internet and Wi-Fi; sophisticated research databases, many of which can be accessed from a home or office computer; newspapers and magazines; and continue to serve as cultural centers, presenting the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children teens and adults. Visit www.chipublib.org for more information.

NILES NORTH STUDENT SOLVES PURDUE PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Every week the Mathematics Department at Purdue University poses a challenging problem and invites college and pre-college students, faculty and staff to submit solutions. The objective of the Purdue Problem of the Week is to stimulate and cultivate interest in mathematics, especially among younger students. Niles North High School junior Paul Richter was one of only two high school students around the world to submit a correct solution to Problem 13. Richter, taking BC Calculus and Mathematical Modeling and Research, said that he used the knowledge he gained in AP Statistics to solve the problem.

NILES NORTH DECA STUDENTS RAISE AWARENESS OF FRAGILE X SYNDROME

Niles North High School DECA students in Mary Nagelvoort's class worked on a community awareness campaign about fragile X syndrome, a genetic condition involving changes on the X chromosome. Annie Modi, Harsh Sharma and Reema Gandhi traveled to East Prairie Middle School in Skokie and informed the 8th grade class about the symptoms of fragile x syndrome, the similarities to autism, and possible treatment options. They also passed out Fragile X Foundation wristbands and tattoos in order to increase awareness and understanding about the syndrome.

NILES NORTH STUDENT WINS RAVINIA POSTER CONTEST

Niles North student Hannah Bowes is the winner of the 2014 Ravinia Festival annual Poster Design Competition. Her poster will be used in advertising and marketing materials throughout the 2014 festival season.

For 42 years, the Women's Board of Ravinia Festival has sponsored an annual competition to select the design that will become the unique poster used to promote the festival's season. The annual poster and its principal design image become a distinctive signature of the Ravinia Festival season.

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REDISCOVER AND EXPLORE THE CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER AT THE WINTER OPEN HOUSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

All-day FREE event offers new exhibitions, music, theater, a building tour and more

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events cordially invites all Chicago residents and visitors to attend the Chicago Cultural Center Winter Open House on Friday, February 21. Live entertainment begins at 11 a.m. with the Juicebox performance series and continues with a Wired Fridays mid-day DJ dance party at noon. The Open House concludes with opening receptions for two new exhibitions, Mecca Flat Blues and Thirty-Five Years of Public Art, and LiveWire Chicago's premiere of Assistance by Leslye Headland across the street at the Storefront Theater at 7:30 p.m. All events are FREE or low cost

The Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.) offers free entertainment and cultural experiences for visitors year-round. For more information on arts programming at the Chicago Cultural Center presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, visit chicagoculturalcenter.org or join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter, @ChiCulturCenter.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS GREAT PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY

The Chicago Public Library keeps the talent fires burning in February with its Visual and Performing Arts programs including contemporary dance, classical music, art & music exhibitions and its ongoing patron participation musical talent show. All performance events take place in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, Lower Level, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Entwined

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 12:15 p.m.

This program features a lecture demonstration on the collaboration between Lin Shook and musician Blanche Blacke. Excerpts from the dance, Entwined, complete with live music by Shakura World Theatre, will be performed.

Classical Pianist Joseph Shamley

Friday, Feb. 21 at 12:15 p.m.

Pianist Joseph Shamley plays a recital of compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach, Claude Debussy, David Raksin, Christian Sinding, and Felix Mendelssohn. The pieces range in date from 1722 to 1944, including Bach's Minuet in G Major, Debussy's Clair de Lune, and Sinding's Rustle of Spring, Op. 32 No. 3.

Art & Music exhibitions on the 8th Floor:

Murmurs: An installation by Selva Aparicio

Exhibit open from January 10 through February 21, 2014

Upright and Flat Exhibit Cases

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of an insect wing? Have you pondered the texture of a dry leaf? Artist Selva Aparicio celebrates these discoveries, inspired by the transitory nature of life. Aparicio is a graduate of the University of Barcelona with a focus on sculpture. The artist is currently studying at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Chicago's Got Soul Second to None

Exhibit ongoing • South Wall Case

This exhibit highlights the history of soul music, with a spotlight on the Chicago scene and such soul and R&B favorites as Jerry Butler, Lou Rawls, Sam Cooke, Curtis Mayfield, Quincy Jones and The Staple Singers. The biographical information, personal quotations, photographs, record album covers and advertisements show that our city has enjoyed soul music second to none.

The Chicago Public Library continues to encourage lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through materials, programs and cutting-edge technology. Through its 80 locations, the Library provides free access to a rich collection of materials, both physical and digital, and presents the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children, teens and adults. For more information, visit chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library at (312) 747-4050

Historical Society Offers Session About Local Authors, Book Writing

Join the Norwood Park Historical Society for a presentation on "Weaving the Threads: Discovering the Patterns of our Lives 1922-2012," given by one of the authors.

The Norwood Park Historical Society's will kick off its educational meeting series on Feb. 26, 2014, at 5624 N. Newark Ave. Chicago, at 7 p.m.

The event is open and free to the public.

The presentation will be about "Weaving the Threads: Discovering the Patterns of our Lives 1922-2012," an anthology of memoirs from a colloquy of Chicago-area women with varied origins and experiences supporting each other's writing over four years in a workshop in Evanston, Ill. Stella Mah, one of the contributors, will give a presentation about the book, and also provide writing tips.

The book is a collection of memory/tales about events that have shaped the lives of 16 different writers. The tone varies with the subject matter of each piece: humorous, philosophical, elegiac, ironic. This unique collection of short memoirs edited by Enid Baron, Ph.D., and Barbara Gazzolo, M Div, presents vivid narrative snapshots of personal lives.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, owns and is headquartered in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the oldest surviving house in Chicago (1833). The Society works with the community to preserve its rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visits are available on Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

Belmont/Central Chamber Easter Ham Raffle

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Celebrate Valentine's Day in the Parks with Dances and Parties

The Chicago Park District celebrates Valentine's Day in February with numerous dances and parties throughout the city including the traditional daddy-daughter/mommy-son dances. Most events feature recorded music, refreshments, photo opportunities, games and an arts and crafts station.

Many programs are admission free or have nominal entrance fees. Please go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312/742-7529 for additional information.



St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 2nd Annual Winter Food Fest, A Touch of Greece and a Taste of Summer on the north side of Chicago!

Authentic and Homemade Greek Food, Wine and Pastries!

A touch of Greece and a taste of summer just a short distance from home! Let us do the cooking and come and celebrate Greek culinary traditions and wine at the second annual St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Winter Food Festival. Add to your day with a wonderful meal, sweets and a glass of delightful Greek wine or beer. February 14th – 16th, 2014 in the Church's Miller Center at 2727 West Winona Ave. Admission is free and our hours are Friday, February 14th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, February 15th from noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 16th from noon to 6 p.m.

Now you do not have to wait until August to enjoy our famous festival food! Guests are invited to dine on their choice Greek favorites: Pork Tenderloin Souvlaki (Shish-ke-bob), Chicken, Gyros sandwich, Pastichio (Greek lasagna), Spinach or Cheese pies. Main entrees come with rice, salad and bread roll. Desserts will include delicious Loukoumades (fried honeyed doughnut holes), kourambietes, melomakarona and koulourakia, all made on the premises by the ladies of the community.

Each night will feature a cash 50/50 raffle for your chance to win!

Free parking available in church parking lot and Budlong Elementary School. Additional parking available (\$4.00) at Swedish Covenant Hospital garage.

For further information please call the church office at 773-561-5992.



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Music in the Library

Hidden Talent 7: Happy Valentine's Day • Friday, Feb. 14 at 12:15 p.m.

It's Valentine's Day and the theme is love for our seventh talent showcase starring patrons of the Music Practice Rooms on the 8th Floor of the Harold Washington Library Center. Participants this year are (in alphabetical order): Sigrid Alexandersen, Fabienne Arlet, Matthew Garvin, Rene Rivero, and Ger-Ray Welch. Piano accompaniment will be by Gerald Rizzer.

This event will take place in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, Lower Level, at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information, visit chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library at (312) 747-4050

Did You Know...?

It seems only natural that February is National Weddings Month. After all, Valentine's Day is the most popular day of the year for wedding proposals. The second-most popular day to "pop the question" is New Year's Eve.



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Selecting a Trustee You Can Trust



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Finding a suitable person or company to manage your financial assets can be an agonizing process. For many people, there are two key questions: "Who can I trust?" and "Who is capable of handling the financial duties?" Hopefully, your trustee has the investment savvy and organizational skills to keep everything on track and moving forward, but if there isn't an underlying foundation of trust, nothing else matters.

The transfer of control to a trustee other than yourself comes into play under three different conditions: 1) you no longer want to, nor feel capable of, successfully managing the assets yourself; 2) you are incapacitated and unable to make the decisions; or 3) you have passed away.

A trustee is given the authority to manage the trust's assets for the benefit of another person – called a beneficiary. The trustee will watch over your assets according to the instructions in the trust agreement. And your trustee has the fiduciary duty to act responsibly and in good faith.

The process the trustee goes through in fulfilling his or her duties is often referred to as trust administration. Duties that are commonly given to a trustee include investing the trust's assets, receiving the income that the assets earn, making income and principal distributions according to the requirements of your trust agreement, maintaining detailed financial records, making periodic accounting and tax reports to the beneficiaries as well as preparing and filing the trust's income-tax returns.

Upon the death of the creator of the trust or at some other specified time, the trustee must make arrangements for the distribution of the trust's property and then the trust will eventually be terminated.

You can choose almost anyone to be your trustee as long as the person is an adult and is not legally disqualified from serving. So, you can name your spouse, brother, aunt, friend, partner, attorney or anyone else. The advantage is that you typically have a high level of trust in this person and that he or she knows you well.

Note, however, that if a family member who is a potential beneficiary (or whose dependents are potential beneficiaries) is named as trustee, special provisions may be required to be added to the trust agreement to ensure that certain undesirable income and estate tax consequences do not apply to him or her.

If you're so inclined, you may decide to name a corporate trustee. This alternative is especially advantageous for substantial and complex trusts. Banks and other institutions have financial expertise in these matters. They can also remain impartial as they carry out the instructions in the trust. This can help reduce the occurrence of squabbles among family members. The disadvantages of a corporate trustee may be evidenced in higher fees, lack of convenience, and no personal touch.

Some people even choose to have co-trustees. This enables them to designate one person for the administrative and financial concerns and another person to make sure the personal wishes of the family are followed. This approach may work well for elderly spouses who inherit their husband's or wife's estate and are not equipped to manage the assets but are capable of participating in all the decisions.

Regardless of which selection you make, you should always name a successor trustee. If for any reason the original trustee cannot continue, an alternate will be designated to step in and take over the duties. Choosing wisely can give a person peace of mind about his or her financial situation. Making a poor choice can lead to inconsistent decisions, financial losses and endless frustration.

Costs will vary depending on the amount of the trust's property and the individuals or institutions that are part of your trust administration team. Many firms will charge an hourly rate for each person's time based on education and experience. One helpful tip when dealing with legal and financial professionals is that your family can save money on billable hours by volunteering to do as much of the legwork as possible. This may simply be making a few phone calls and tracking down information.

In the end, the choice is yours. There isn't one master estate plan or trustee strategy that works for everyone. It's a matter of personal preference. But you do need to consciously make the choice rather than leaving your estate up for grabs.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.

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Norwood Park Seniors Club

at 5801 N Natoma Chicago meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We play pinochle and bingo, have parties on special occasions. Meetings start at 10:30 with coffee and a sweet roll. Call Joan at 773-774-7075.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA North Side Seniors will resume their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at this time we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. The meeting will take place at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. This will be a general meeting. Topics will include the PNA Seniors Trip to the Four Wind Casino on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. At the meeting, you will be able to sign up and pay for the trip.

All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the building.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880.

For additional information about the PNA Seniors Group and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org.

REAL WOMEN SPEAK UP VOTER REGISTRATION AT RESURRECTION

Seniors in Ms. Maria Fumic's Modern American History class registered to vote during the week of January 13, 2014, taking advantage of Illinois' new law which permits 17-year-olds to participate in Illinois primary elections.

At Resurrection College Prep High School students are taught that "Real Women Speak Up," and exercising one's right to vote is an important part of having one's voice heard. Resurrection seniors, and some juniors, registered to vote the week of January 13, 2014 during their social studies classes. As of January 1, 2014, Illinois has enacted a new law which permits 17-year-olds to participate in Illinois primary elections, as long as they will be 18 by the November general election.

Young eligible voters (18 to 29 year-olds) have traditionally voted at the lowest rates because they are not prepared for participation. The new policy ensures more young people are on the voter rolls and prepared to participate in the general election. Studies show youth will vote if asked to do so - this policy will increase youth engagement in the political process by creating an ethos of participation from a younger age. Voting when young forms a lifetime habit and once a person votes, that person is likely to vote again. Students at Resurrection are learning to exercise their voting rights and learning that "Real Women Speak Up."

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,500 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org

Pappas: Read Your New Property Tax Bill to Track Your Local Government Debt

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today that the property tax bill mailed to nearly 1.8 million Cook County owners contains debt figures for every local government that taxes a home, business or other real estate property.

Property owners can use their 2013 first installment tax bill to track how much of that total debt is from their own seven to 20 local governments. The bills, due March 4, 2014, show these categories:

- Money Owed by Your Taxing Districts
- Pension and Healthcare Amounts Promised by Your Taxing Districts
- Amount of Pension and Healthcare Shortage
- Percentage of Pension and Healthcare Costs Taxing Districts Can Pay

Read your bill to see how much debt your local government is carrying," Pappas said. "We want you to see what's behind the bill."

Pappas said taxpayers "should be aware of how local government debt affects their finances. Just as they need to know how much credit card debt they have, taxpayers should know their local government debt. This information should be a wake-up call: Your local government debt is like having seven to 20 credit cards you may not know you had."

Lawrence Msall, president of the Civic Federation, said the bill not only gives taxpayers information about total debt, but breaks out pension and healthcare costs that threaten to overwhelm local governments.

"By putting these numbers on individual property tax bills, Treasurer Pappas has taken an important step toward educating taxpayers about the crippling level of debt and pension obligations carried by many of our local governments," Msall said. "These obligations are a growing threat to the fiscal and economic stability of our communities."

Pappas said that people have a right to know where their tax money is going, and showing them the debt of the governments closest to them, local governments, "is transparency in its highest form."

Pappas explained that the information comes from the Debt Disclosure Ordinance (DDO), which requires all primary local governments across Cook County to report their financial data yearly to the Treasurer's Office. Pappas also put the DDO data on cookcountytreasurer.com, where taxpayers can look deeper into the finances of the individual taxing districts that claim shares of their tax bill.

"The debt you see on your bill will raise the property taxes that you pay today and your children will pay tomorrow," Pappas said. "We are leaving a debt-filled future to our children."

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Kulturkueche- Sausage Making

Thursday, Feb 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Friday, March 14 2014 at 7:30 pm

Are you ready to grind a whole pork shoulder? Austrian Chef Martin of Alpine Brand Sausages will guide you through the art of Wurst. Students will make 3-4 sausages from bratwurst to chorizo to sweet Italian and kielbasa. Besides the already intriguing pork shoulder, one of the ingredients on the shopping list is brandy. Attendees will take part in butchering, spicing and stuffing of two sausages and a side dish
Nominal class fee includes demonstration, recipes, one drink and tasting

Faschingsparty!

Students, teachers, and friends of German language and culture are invited to the second annual pan-university and -cultural center Faschingsparty (German Mardi Gras party) at the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center.

With pop music by midcentury German-language Schlager connoisseurs Pieptone! and go-go dancing courtesy of the fabelhafte Revellettes, expect to twist the night away Deutsch-style with a new friend or two in the DANK Haus' beautiful Skyline Lounge. This will be a great opportunity to mix and mingle with students and instructors from the various Chicago-area universities and cultural institutions that offer studies in German language and literature. Everyone is welcome: you don't need to be affiliated with a school or cultural organization to attend.

Costumes encouraged!! All Ages. Beer and wine cash bar (must be 21 and over to drink alcohol: identification required)

Hamburg Ballet - 19 Feb

Karneval Party - 21 Feb

Wild & Scenic Film Fest

Feb. 7 & 21

The Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) will present 19 of the world's best environmental and adventure films on Fri., Feb. 7 and 21 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Tickets are \$5 for non-members of the EEA. Call 847-448-8256 to register.



"A Theater Review"



"Old Jews Telling Jokes"

Royal George Theatre

1641 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

I hope the Main Stage of the Royal George Theatre has finally found a hit that will run well past its extended February date. Before it opened it was extended.

"Old Jews Telling Jokes" was created by Peter Gethers and Daniel Okrent and it is not a play but an eighty-minute revue in the hands of five talented actors who are Tim Kazurinski, Renee Matthews, Gene Weygandt, Alex Goodrich and Dara Cameron. None of the cast are Jewish except for the two females but after you see the men's delivery it is hard to believe.

If you're down and out this is the perfect recipe to make you feel better.

Some jokes you may have heard but others may be new to you.

The show is fast-paced by its director Marc Bruni and reminded me of the stories told on the old Ed Sullivan Show by Myron Cohen, Sam Levenson, Henny Youngman, Jack E. Leonard and the list goes on.

The jokes are risqué but I was not offended and in the lobby there is a vendor selling a three-disc CD of the show.

Sometimes it was difficult to pick up the Borscht Belt humor but for the most part the eighty minutes roll on by.

Matthews is perfect with her razor sharp timing.

The show made me want to go home and have some matzo ball chicken soup.

One of my favorite jokes was the Jewish mother who tells the doctor she can't pee and he asks, "How old are you?" Her reply is, "92." He then counters, "You have peed enough."

"Old Jews Telling Jokes" runs as of now well into February. For show days – show times – reservations call 312-423-6612. Tickets are \$49 to \$60. **-Four Stars-**

Carnival! Global Explorers Kids Annual Fundraiser to help bring the world to Chicago children

Global Explorers Kids is hosting a family-friendly fundraiser, Carnival! on Friday, February 21, 2014 from 6-9:30 pm at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 West Wilson Ave, in Chicago.

Carnival, the festival season leading up to Easter Lent, is enjoyed throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, and as far away as Goa, India. Typically celebrated with parades, masquerades, street parties, feasts, and dances, Carnival is a time of revelry before what had been a period of fasting and restraint. The most famous Carnival festivities are held in New Orleans, Rio de Janeiro, Venice, and Trinidad and Tobago, but Carnival is celebrated in around 50 countries.

Global Explorers Kids' Carnival! Fundraiser will be a family-friendly, global Carnival celebration featuring live music by Mumble the Peg, dancing, a silent auction, masks created by children, face painting, art activities, costume contests, and an international feast.

There is a \$20 suggested donation in advance (\$6 children), or \$25 suggested donation at the door (\$8 children) which includes food and entertainment. For a donation of \$150, business sponsors can receive a table of 8 and company recognition at the event and on Global Explorers Kids website, e-newsletter, and Facebook page.

Global Explorers Kids is a Lincoln Square based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing children with the opportunity to explore the diversity of the world's peoples and helping them to understand and respect different cultures, using the arts as a catalyst towards learning. Founded in 2005, they provide in-school and after-school programs and community workshops at schools and organizations throughout Chicago. Proceeds from the Carnival! Fundraiser will help provide free programs to children from low-income families and help support a special collaborative art project between children in Chicago and children in Badung, Indonesia.

For more information contact Holly Hutto, Director, Global Explorers Kids
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Brush with Nature is a plein air painting program that the non-profit arts group Anatomically Correct began five years ago. "We bring artists together to paint outdoors. The artists set up their easels and paint "plein air" style along the nature center's walking paths. (Plein air is a French term which means out in the open air.)

The public is invited to watch the artists and we have art activities for young aspiring artists," explains Director Debra Hatchett. "Since 2008, we have had over 200 artists participate in these outdoor events. The artists appreciate the encouragement, support and admiration they receive from the visitors who watch them paint. It's almost like live theatre – or performance art – rarely do you get the chance to see how an artist works or enjoy the magic of having a painting come alive right in front of your eyes. Visitors of all ages really love it."

The exhibition will be on display in the Nature Center Gallery through February 28, 2014. Admission is Free! Regular viewing hours are Monday - Friday 8 am- 5 pm; Saturday 8 am- 4 pm; and Sunday 10 am- 4 pm.

Phone (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 for more information.

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Ave, Skokie, IL 60076

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This exhibition is sponsored in part by the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Founded in 1991, Anatomically Correct is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to showcasing works by artists in alternative spaces in a combined effort to educate, diversify, and promote community awareness of the visual and performing arts.

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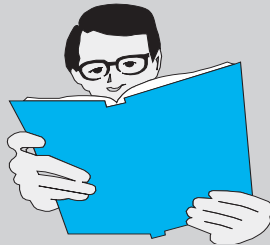
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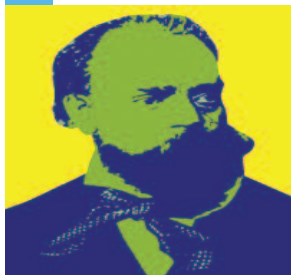
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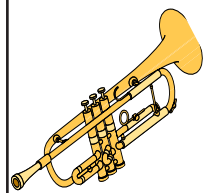


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