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Happy Thanksgiving
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Mike's Barber Shop accepting donations
of new, unwrapped toys until December 23

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Toys for Tots Holiday Program

The Lincolnwood Police Department and U.S. Marine Corps are sponsoring the "Toys for Tots" Holiday Program. Please help make the holiday a season to remember for those less fortunate by donating new, unwrapped toys for distribution to children in need.

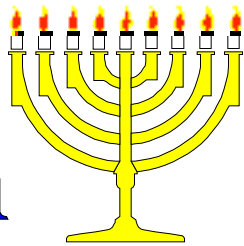
Toys can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Lincolnwood Police Department or Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave.
- Republic Bank, 4433 W. Touhy Ave.
- Liberty Bank for Savings, 6666 N. Lincoln Ave.
- Lincolnwood Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

The Toys for Tots program will run from November 1 through December 12. If you have any questions please call the Lincolnwood Police Department at (847) 673-2167.



Happy Mannukah



Jewish Art Calendar 2012/2013 Available

Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie is once again publishing the Skokie Jewish Art Calendar 2012/2013 for the Jewish New Year. The Jewish Art Calendar includes detailed information on upcoming holidays, educational messages, Shabbat and Holiday candle-lighting times, traditional Jewish recipes, and popular thematic artwork by famed artists including Yoram Lukav, Michoel Muchnik, Baruch Nachshon, Chenoah Lieberman and Zalman Kleinman. To receive your free copy, call 847-677-1770 or contact us via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SEEKS DONATIONS OF TOYS FOR CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA, Alliance Printers & Publishers and PNA Bank will be accepting donations of new toys and games or monetary donations for local needy children at Christmas for our annual "Toys For Kids At Christmas" drive.

There will be collection boxes in the lobbies of the Polish National Alliance Home Office located at 6100 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Alliance Printers & Publishers, located at 5711 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and both PNA Bank Locations 7840 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois and 4800 S. Pulaski Avenue in Chicago, Illinois for the toy donations from Monday, November 19, 2012 until Friday, December 7, 2012. After the deadline, the donated toys for the children will be delivered to the Women's Center in Chicago in time for Christmas.

Monetary donations will be collected from Vice President Odrobina's Office, where the money will go to purchase additional toys and gifts for the children in the name of the donor.

For additional information, please call the Polish National Alliance at 1-773-286-0500 ext. 316. or visit the PNA Website at www.pna-znp.org

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish Fraternal Benefit Society founded in 1880.

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Entrance Exam

Saturday, **January 12**, 2012

7:45 am to 12:30 am

No reservations necessary for Entrance Exam.

Parent information session begins at 8:00 am.

Shadow Days

8th grade girls welcome now on select days to shadow a current student and to experience Resurrection.

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Saturday, **December 8**, 2012

9:00 am to 11:30 am

\$8 for children, \$6 for adults

Advance registration

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is strongly recommended.

Girls' Night Out

Thursday, **December 13**, 2012

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Shopping, raffles, refreshments

and more at Resurrection

All are invited - free admission

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Friday, **December 14**, 2012

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$25 per student for girls in grades 6 to 8 for games, food, sports & fun.

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SSA #43 Devon Avenue Offers Sign Removal Assistance

If you own a commercial property or a business within the boundaries of the Devon Avenue Special Service Area then you are encouraged to apply to have outdated signage removed from the property.

In an effort to continue to beautify Devon Avenue, the SSA will pay to have old signs, A-Frames and signs that are hung by chains removed from the property.

Remember, you must have a business or own a property within the SSA boundaries. Please consult the map below or email us your address at westridgechamber@sbcglobal.net to see if you are eligible.

For questions, please contact the Chamber Offices at 773-743-6022.

High Ridge YMCA Seeking Board Members

The High Ridge YMCA is a local charity serving the same communities as our chamber. It provides various scholarships, services, and programs for children, teens, adults, and families ranging from swim lesson to family nights out. If you are a business leader looking to raise his or her commitment and profile in the community, here is your chance.

HRY is seeking to expand its board. There are seats opening up and you may be just the right person to fill one of them. If you are interested in learning more about the board candidacy process and how to connect with the over 5000 members to contribute positively to the community, please contact Eva Prokop, Board President, at eva.prokop@gmail.com to learn more, ask questions, and see if you have a home on the YMCA Advisory Board.

Holiday Job Shopping? The Better Business Bureau Offers These Tips

Job hunters may get an early present this year as retailers look to increase the number of hires during the holiday season. The Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois (BBB) offers tips on how to land a seasonal job.

"Seasonal positions offer a great opportunity to make some extra cash for the holidays," said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "Due to the high volume of applicants for these jobs, it is best to have a plan when you begin your search."

The BBB offers the following tips for job hunters:

Start the job search earlier rather than later. The key to landing a seasonal job is to start searching early. Retail, shipping, restaurants and catering companies are common sources of seasonal employment. Now is the time for job hunters to determine which job suits them best, identify companies they would like to work for and then begin submitting applications and resumes.

Research companies prior to submitting job applications. Always check out the company's BBB Business Review for free at www.bbb.org to see if the company has received a passing grade from the BBB and a record of taking care of consumers. Also, never give your credit card or checking account information to an individual or business that promises employment. Legitimate employers never charge fees to prospective employees.

Work where you shop. Try to identify seasonal employment with businesses you actually shop at or frequent. You will already be familiar with the company and its products and discounts available for employees may mean significant savings when shopping for Holiday gifts.

Put your best foot forward. Even if you are just picking up an application at stores in the mall, dress your best and be prepared for an interview. This includes being familiar with the company's brand and its products, as well as reviewing the store's website. Retail job hunters in particular need to focus on impressing potential employers with their customer service skills-which is a must when dealing with stressed-out shoppers, long check-out lines and day-after-Christmas returns.

Be flexible. Full-time employees usually have first dibs on the preferred hours and shifts, so, as a seasonal employee, expect to work long, sometimes inconvenient hours that may include Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. If this is a second job in addition to your day job, be upfront and clear with your new employer about your available hours.

For more holiday tips you can trust, visit www.bbb.org

Village Hall Consolidated Primary Elections Nomination Dates and Thanksgiving Hours

November 19 through November 26, 2012 is the filing period for candidates seeking nomination at the Consolidation Primary Elections held on February 26, 2013. Skokie candidates file their petitions at the Clerk's Office in Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, during the hours that the Village Hall is open.

Regular Village Hall business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that the Village of Skokie offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2012.

For more information, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847/933-8203.

Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's Meeting

The Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 29th, 7:00pm at St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5101 N Mont Clare. The Association will host:

Mary O'Connor, Alderman of the 41st Ward will update the community on progress in the Ward.

David Pulsipher, Chicago Department of Transportation, will share information regarding the new Child Safety (Speed Cameras) Ordinance.

All residents in the Norwood Park community are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

The JPNA, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, next meeting will be November 28, 2012 at the Congregational church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings, at 7:00 p.m., lower level. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments served and a free door prize. The guest speaker will be Andy Brecklin who will give a report for the entire season of the "Garden for the Hungry" including donations to the food pantry, the last fund raiser at Rabbit's Bar, and any future fund raisers. Question and answer period will follow. For information 773-282-3879.

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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! The Kiwanis Club of the North Shore invites you to an Interclub Holiday Luncheon, complete with a holiday program with songs of the season. Here are the details (mark your calendar & save the date!):

When: Tue., Dec. 11, 2012, from 12-2 pm

Where: Edgewater Beach Café (Edgewater Beach Apartments),

5555 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago

Cost: \$25 per person

Parking: \$3 per car in garage with ticket validated by the restaurant.

Please bring a toy valued \$15 or less if you can.

RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 before Dec. 3. We will then make the reservations for our Club with Clay Cerny at 773-907-8660.

OUR NEXT MEETING will take place on Thu., Dec. 13 at Noon at the Hilltop. No guest speaker is scheduled since we will have a Board of Directors' Meeting.

For more information, please call Ron Heiderman @ 773-561-0455 or email to rheiderman@sbcglobal.net

OUR LADY OF THE RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS NOVEMBER HEALTH PROGRAMS

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in November.

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, November 28, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This free support group provides mutual support and education. Cardiology staff will conduct sessions and answer questions related to pacemakers and internal cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Registration is not required.

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, November 29, 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. For more information, call 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

DECEMBER 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SENIORS

CJE SeniorLife offers events and programs on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances and some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to attend an event, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000 or visit us online at www.cje.net for full calendar listings.

Monday, December 3 Yiddish with Dyna Wise. Conversation and a little learning with Yiddishist and teacher Dyna Wise from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. For more information, please call 773/508-1000. Yiddish with Dyna Wise is part of a regularly rotating series of Monday morning programs, each one focused on a different aspect of Yiddish culture and experiences (all sessions in English). Event listing: <http://cje.net/events/2012/12/clone-yiddish-dyna-wise>

Wednesday, December 5 Metal as a Medium. CJE SeniorLife Art Therapist, Katharine Kiehn, will help you create a gift for yourself or a loved one for the holidays using different metal objects to create frames, jewelry, or perhaps a small sculpture. Your creative flair will allow YOU to choose! From 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. at Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. For more information please call Rochel Ray at 773/508-1073. Event listing: <http://cje.net/events/2012/12/metal-medium>

Thursday, December 6 Linkages Information Meeting: Using Accessible Public Transportation. Kristen Salkas, RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) Travel Trainer, will give an overview of the accessible features offered on CTA, Metra and Pace buses, trains and stations and how to use these features from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. For more information or to register, please call Rosann Corcoran, Linkages Coordinator, at 773/508-1694.

Monday, December 10 Sholem Aleichem Reading Group. Explore classic stories with educator and literature lover Ann Leiner from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. For more information, please call 773/508-1000. Sholem Aleichem Reading Group is part of a regularly rotating series of Monday morning programs, each one focused on a different aspect of Yiddish culture and experiences (all sessions in English). Event listing: <http://cje.net/events/2012/12/sholem-aleichem-reading-group>

Crowdfunding Hospital Gift Catalog

In Chicago, the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago is taking part in the launch of the first-ever crowd-funded hospital gift catalog – www.GiveMiracles.org – as part of a national campaign led by the world's largest crowd-funding-for-good platform, Fundly, and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Through www.GiveMiracles.org, individuals wanting to give back with their holiday gifts can purchase critically-needed medical equipment and medical care for children at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Once donors choose their gift from the www.GiveMiracles.org catalog, ranging from comfort toys (\$30), to a pediatric wheelchair (\$970), to an entire hospital wing devoted to neonatal intensive care (\$12 million), they will receive updates on exactly how their gift is being utilized.

Supporters can also quickly and easily launch their own personalized crowd-funding campaign on the www.GiveMiracles.org platform to collectively purchase big-ticket, high-impact medical items for the hospital through small donations from friends and family via Fundly, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY RALLIES THE PUBLIC TO HELP END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

"One City, One Food Drive" effort begins throughout Cook County with a goal of 1 million meals

The Greater Chicago Food Depository kicks off its 2012 One City, One Food Drive campaign this month as businesses, organizations and individuals throughout Cook County come together to help feed their neighbors. One City, One Food Drive launches with a 2012 goal of collecting 1 million meals during a time when the Food Depository and its network of member pantries, soup kitchens and shelters work to meet rising need in the community.

One City, One Food Drive runs through December 31 with many special events and hundreds of public donation locations. Donations of shelf-stable food items can be made at select City of Chicago buildings, including City Hall; more than 125 downtown office buildings, including the Aon Center, John Hancock Center and Willis Tower, 100 Chase Bank branches in the city, Whole Foods Market stores and Interpark parking garages.

Food drive events include the Ogilvie Transportation Center collection on November 20; the Lifetime Turkey Day 5K on November 22; the Boy Scouts of America door-to-door collection on December 8; a collection at the Chicago Bulls December 15 game; and Lyric Opera performances of "Hansel and Gretel." For a map of public donation locations and a schedule of food drive events, visit the Food Depository's One City, One Food Drive page at every1can.org.

For the second-consecutive year, the Food Depository is partnering with Chicago advertising agency Young & Rubicam on the "Do it for Chicago" creative effort, which raises awareness of the reality of hunger in our community and calls on Chicagoans to help feed their neighbors in need. The campaign consists of billboards, transit ads, online and print ads. "Do it for Chicago" can also be seen on food drive donation barrels and bags, branded t-shirts, stickers and buttons worn by volunteers at events throughout the city.

The Food Depository encourages donations of the items most needed by food pantries: cereal, canned chili, canned fruit, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese, pasta, peanut butter, rice, soup and tuna. For more information, visit chicagosfoodbank.org or call 773-247-FOOD

Santa's Midwest Workshop Opens Tuesday, November 20!

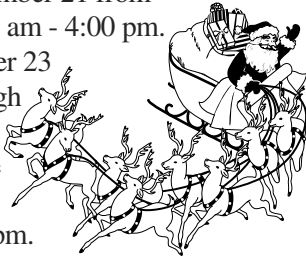
The UL Santa House at Daley Plaza opens on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with special hours on Wednesday, November 21 from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm and Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Regular hours and house tours start Friday, November 23 and continue every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 14 from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm.

During Christmas week, December 17-23: the house will be open each day from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, with special hours on Christmas Eve from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

And once again, "the Bean" highlights the season with song. Caroling at Cloud Gate returns with evening concerts on five consecutive Fridays at 6 pm beginning with Friday, November 23.

And remember skaters, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink opens for business again on Friday, November 16. Skating is free and rentals are available for \$10. It's the perfect way to burn off those holiday calories.



German Masters of the Piano Performed by Mark Valenti

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center presents an evening of six German masters on the grand piano performed by Mark Valenti in the Marunde Ballroom.

Enjoy of the some of the loveliest examples of early German Romanticism. During the composition of Variations Sérieuses Felix Mendelssohn remarked to a friend, "I've never enjoyed myself so much."

We believe you will as well!

The Program

Arabesque, op. 18 (1839)

Sonata in G major, Hob. XVI:40 (1784)

I. Allegretto e innocente

II. Presto

Italian Concerto, BWV 971 (1735)

I. Allegro

II. Andante

III. Presto

Four Pieces (1854)

Romance in F major, op. 118

Intermezzo in B flat minor, op. 117

Intermezzo in A major, op. 118

Ballade in B minor, op. 10 no. 3

Sonata in C Major, K. 330 (1778)

Allegro moderato

Andante cantabile Allegretto

Allegretto

Variations Sérieuses, op. 54 (1841)

Robert Schumann

Franz Joseph Hayden



J. S. Bach



Johannes Brahms



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Felix Mendelssohn

Tickets range in price from \$12.00 to \$20.00 in advance and are available for purchase online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/292782> or by phone at 773.561.9181

All tickets at the door are \$23.00 This event is Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Wine, beer and soft drinks available for purchase. Free parking available at MB Financial lot Western & Gunnison. DANK Haus is located 1/2 block from the Western Brown Line stop.

DANK-Haus German American Cultural Center, 4740 North Western Avenue, 5th floor, Chicago, IL 60625, 773.561.9181, www.dankhaus.com

COUNTY CONGRATULATES LANE TECH ON BLUE RIBBON AWARD

One of Only Two Schools in the State to Receive the Honor



Photo: (from left to right) Commissioner John Fritchey, Dr. Christopher Dignam, President Toni Preckwinkle; Photo credit: Cristina Saldana

Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey (D-12th) today was joined by President Toni Preckwinkle and his fellow County Board Commissioners in honoring Lane Tech College Prep High School for being named a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School. At the Board meeting, Commissioner Fritchey presented Lane Tech's principal, Dr. Christopher Dignam, with a resolution honoring the school's accomplishment.

For decades, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has recognized and honored the nation's most successful public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on high student academic achievement and improvement. In order to qualify, all nominated public schools must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in each of the two years prior to nomination, and must also make AYP for the year in which they are nominated.

"Lane Tech is one of only two high schools in the entire state of Illinois chosen to receive this prestigious honor and I am proud to have such a remarkable high school in my district," Fritchey said. "The students, teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to achieve this status, and I congratulate them on their success."

On November 13, 2012, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will recognize 307 schools as 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools for their overall academic excellence or for making progress in improving student academic achievement levels. Dr. Dignam, Lane Tech's principal, will travel to Washington, D.C. to accept the award on behalf of the school.

"The Blue Ribbon Award is a wonderful way for Lane Tech to be nationally recognized for what it is - one of the finest schools in the nation. As a Lane Tech graduate, former teacher, assistant principal, and now principal it is personally and professionally rewarding to serve at such a wonderful institution," stated Dr. Dignam.

Contributions are Needed to Assist Skokie Families in Celebrating the Winter Holidays

Please consider participating in the 2012 Community Giving Program. The program is designed to assist Skokie families struggling with limited financial resources to celebrate winter holidays. The program is administered by the Village of Skokie Human Services Division. Last year, nearly 200 families received gift cards through the program. Families receive gift cards for area businesses which they use to purchase food, household necessities and to buy items specific to each family member's needs and wants. Those interested in making a donation this year are asked to do so by Friday, December 7, 2012.

Please make checks payable to the Village of Skokie, and add Community Giving Program on the memo line. Send donations to the Human Services Division, 5120 Galitz, Skokie, IL 60077. For further information or to make a donation please contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

Local Arts and Entertainment

NATIONAL VETERANS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING AT NEW LOCATION Museum Celebrates Veterans Day with Free Reception and New Exhibition, Welcome Home

The National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) will honor Veterans Day, November 11, 2012 with the grand opening of their new location at 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and the unveiling of a new exhibition, Welcome Home. Alderman John Arena, State Senator Iris Y. Martinez, State Representative Maria Antonia Berrios, Executive Director of the Adler School of Psychology Dr. Joseph Troiani, Executive Director of Military Programs at Chicago Todd Connor, and artists Dr. Charles Smith and Ash Kyrie will offer remarks honoring Veterans Day and celebrating the new location and show. The NVAM will be free and open to the public with light refreshments offered.

NVAM founder and Chief Preparator Joe Fornelli noted the historic importance of the opening in the Portage Park neighborhood, stating, "When we first established the NVAM (as the Vietnam Veterans Art Group in 1982), open dialogue over the role of veterans, especially veteran artists, was hard to come by. It's a testament to society's appreciation—and understanding—of the veteran's sacrifice and experience that we will be able to relocate in our new home this Veterans Day."

Lincolnwood Village Featuring New Artist

The art of Richard Katz is currently being featured in the Village's art gallery. This show, entitled "The Petrified Forest," will run through December 28, 2012. The Village will host a public reception for the art exhibit on December 4, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Light refreshments will be served and attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artist.

The art is displayed at Village Hall, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Art Gallery section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm

SKOKIE ART GUILD

FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

Saturday Sessions continue every week 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(Thursday evening sessions have been eliminated)

Live models / no instructor

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non-members \$20.00. For information: Steve Gal 847/673-4450

Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, IL 60076
www.skokieartguild.org Members: \$12.00 / Non-Members: \$20.00

"NIGHT AT THE MOVIES" AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP

The Resurrection College Prep High School Men's Club is hosting a "Night at the Movies" on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. Friends, parents and children of all ages are welcome to attend. The movie "The Blind Side" will be shown in the Resurrection Little Theatre beginning at 6:30 pm - the doors will open at 6:00 pm. The suggested donation is \$5 per person and concessions, including popcorn, candy and soft drinks, will be available.

The Resurrection College Prep High School Men's Club is a newly formed organization at Resurrection and welcomes all men who are related to Resurrection students. The club's mission is to support Resurrection students through school-wide fundraising, enhancing the school grounds, and holding get-togethers and events.

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.

SHOPPING BECOMES AN ART FORM

small ordinary shop is Open at the Chicago Cultural Center

A Satellite Performance of Industry of the Ordinary

Think small; think ordinary! That's the plan for the latest installation of Industry of the Ordinary (IOTO), with "small ordinary shop" located in the Michigan Avenue Gallery North in the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, now through January 1, 2013.

Industry of the Ordinary: Sic Transit Gloria Mundi is a ten-year retrospective of the team of Adam Brooks and Mathew Wilson whose work is a celebration of the everyday which has been on display at the Chicago Cultural Center since August 17 and runs through February 17, 2013. The small ordinary shop is a collaboration with the IOTO artists and The Small Manufacturing Alliance (SMALL) which promotes artists, designers and individuals who manufacture products locally.

While the shop functions as a normal store with all the items available for sale, it is also part of the IOTO exhibit. The artists view their interaction with the community as a vital part of their "performance" in conjunction with the exhibit.

Items available for sale include hand-crafted furniture, housewares and textiles, one of a kind jewelry, unique accessories & clothing, organic soaps and body products, artist prints and paper goods, artisanal food items and much more, each designed and created by a Chicago artist. The "shop" opens each day at 11 a.m. and closes each night at 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about Industry of the Ordinary: Sic Transit Gloria Mundi, visit www.chicagoculturalcenter.org or call 312.744.3316.

Support for this exhibit has been provided by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

"My One and Only" Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive Lincolnshire, Illinois Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

For the holidays the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire is closing out its 2012 season with the song and dance spectacular, "My One and Only" that has a book by Peter Stone and Timothy S. Meyer with music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin.

Tammy Mader is the show's director and choreographer and has assembled one helluva cast in this captivating musical romance.

The two headliners of the show are both Jeff Award-winners as are the dancing wonders Andrew Lupp and Summer Naomi Smart. Lupp plays Captain Billy Buck Chandler, a barn-storming aviator and Smartt is Edythe, an ex-English Channel swimmer and the star of Prince Nicolai's International Aquacade.

Supporting the above two are stellar performances by the one and only Felicia P. Fields as the Reverend Montgomery and Ted Louis Levy as Mr. Magix who is an Emmy award winner and a Tony nominee. Ms. Fields is magic on stage and also was a Tony nominee for her role in "The Color Purple." Other favorites in the show are Jeff winners Roger Mueller as Nikki and Paula Scrofano as Mickey.

The show features fifteen songs by the Gershwins that include "S Wonderful," "Strike Up the Band," "Nice Work if You Can Get It," and the list goes on.

While as with many musicals the two leads fall in love, get thrown off course but navigate to a happy ending and audiences will have smiles on their faces and songs to remember and sing.

Well over two hours, the time flies by. You'll see some incredible dancing of a talented ensemble that includes Matt Raftery, Tiffany Topol, Melissa Zaremba, Quinn M. Bass, and Jameson Cooper to name a few.

"My One and Only" runs through December 31st. For show days -- show times and reservations call the theatre's box office at 847-434-0200. Tickets are \$40 to \$48. The theatre has loads of free parking and the theatre is wheelchair accessible. You can't help but have a good time if you see this show. **-Four Stars-**

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Kulturkueche - Stollen

30 Nov 7:30 pm Ingrid returns to sweeten your holidays through the magic of Stollen Join her in the DANK kitchens to learn why this treat is so beloved it commands its own festival every winter at the Dresden Christmas market. Attendees receive instructions, recipes, tasting and one drink \$16 class fee Space is limited -Reserve today

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24 Nov - Thanksgiving

1 Dec Liebe mit Hinternisse

8 Dec Da wo die Liebe wohnt

Admission Free

Kaffee & Kuchen

\$4-\$6



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Limited Engagement:

NOVEMBER 30



HOLIDAYS AND WINTER IN CHICAGOLAND

Lira Ensemble at the North Shore Center in Skokie with a New Holiday Concert

CITYWIDE OUTDOOR ICE RINKS OPEN NOV. 23

Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 3pm

at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in suburban Chicago
9501 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL

This holiday concert, which features the Lira Singers, Lira Dancers and Lira Symphony, is also a celebration of Polish and Polish-American culture. It presents some of the most beloved Polish holiday music and offers the rare opportunity to hear Polish carols in arrangement for symphony orchestra. The Lira Ensemble will also perform works by Polish master composers such as Frederic Chopin, Stanislaw Moniuszko and Witold Lutoslawski - one of the most respected Polish composers of the 20th century. The concert includes folk song and dance from various regions of Poland presented in colorful, authentic folk costumes. Some American carols and folk songs complete the program.

Lira's guest artist will be 13-year-old Daniel Szefer - a piano prodigy who will perform music of Frederic Chopin including the Andante Spianato and Grand Polonaise Brillante. Earlier this year, this Polish-American was the youngest finalist in one of the most challenging youth piano competitions in the United States - the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth Auditions. Daniel played Beethoven's Concerto Nr. 5 and placed second (1st Alternate). Despite his young age, he has already performed around the US.

The concert will be conducted by Lira's resident conductor, Mina Zikri, who was born in Cairo, Egypt and came to the United States in 1999. In addition to his duties with Lira, he is a guest conductor for the Cairo Symphony Orchestra in Egypt and is founder and music director of the Oistrach Symphony Orchestra of Chicago. Mr. Zikri, who is also a violinist, has performed with the Lira Symphony for the past 5 years and has been a member of Daniel Barenboim's West Eastern Divan orchestra since 1999.

The Lira company is artist-in-residence at Loyola University Chicago and is the nation's only professional performing arts company specializing in Polish music, song and dance. The mission of the company is to bring the best of Polish culture into American life.

There is free parking adjacent to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. The theater opens at 2:30pm. Lira recordings will be available for purchase in the lobby before and after the performance.

All seats are reserved. Tickets can be ordered by calling the Lira Ensemble at 773-508-7040 or 1-800-547-5472.

Work off Thanksgiving calories by hitting one of the Chicago Park District's outdoor ice skating rinks when they open for the season Friday, Nov. 23, weather permitting. Skating season runs through Sunday, Feb. 24 at most outdoor rinks, weather permitting. Click here to watch a video on ice skating at Chicago Park District rinks.



Hours and skate rental prices vary. Please note there is an admission fee at The Rink at Wrigley and at McFetridge Sports Center in California Park, an indoor rink that is open year round except August.

All other rinks offer free admission. Concessions are available at select rinks. Rink rental is also available; contact the rink manager.

Please note that schedules and fees are subject to change. Contact the individual ice rinks or the Chicago Park District at 312-742-PLAY (7529) or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

The Chicago Park District operates the following ice rinks:

McFetridge Sports Center, California Park, 3843 N. California Ave.
773-478-2609

Indoor rink; open skate hours: All ages: Wednesday and Friday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 4:30-6 p.m. Adults: Wednesday, 9:15 - 10:30 p.m. Teens and adults: Friday, 9:15 - 10:45 p.m. \$3 skate rental; admission is \$4 for children 12 and younger; \$5 for teens and adults ages 13 and older; and \$2 for seniors 60 and older. Food concessions are available.

Riis Park, 6100 W. Fullerton Ave., 312-746-5735

Open skate hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 12:30 - 7:30 p.m. \$6 skate rental; admission free

Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave., 773-761-8663

Open skate hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 12:30 - 7:30 p.m. \$6 skate rental; admission free

The Rink at Wrigley, Addison St. and Clark St., 312-617-7017
www.rinkatwrigley.com

This rink will be open Nov. 23 - March 3, weather permitting. Open skate hours: Monday - Thursday, 2 - 8 p.m. Half-price admission and skate rentals. Friday, 2 - 10 p.m. Saturday, 12 - 10 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Admission Fridays-Sundays is \$10 per adult, \$6 for children ages 12 and under. Skate rentals Fridays-Sundays are \$10. Admission and skate rentals are half price Mondays - Thursdays.

Historical Society Hosts Holiday Craft Boutique

The Norwood Park Historical Society will host its 25th annual (silver) Victoria's Holiday Boutique and its associated Holly Daze Café at Chicago's oldest home, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. All proceeds benefit the Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization.

The boutique will be held Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1 and 2 at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House. Admission to the boutique is \$1; admission is free with a Holiday House Tour ticket on Saturday, Dec. 1, during tour hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Boutique hours:

* Thursday, Nov. 29: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. * Friday, Nov. 30: 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
* Saturday, Dec. 1: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. * Sunday, Dec. 2: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The holiday craft show has more than 30 crafters and vendors selling hand-made items such as ornaments, jewelry, holiday decorations, gift baskets, and quilted items. Ten new artisans will display their work this year.

On Friday, Nov. 30, Victoria's Holiday Boutique will have a Girls' Night P.J. Shopping Party. During the hours of 7 to 9:30 p.m., wear your P.J.s and earn a gift. Door prizes include gift baskets, holiday items, and much more.

The Holly Daze Café will serve home-made soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Victoria's Holiday Boutique shoppers can stop in for a quick bite or a cup of cocoa.

Tickets on Sale for Holiday House Tour

The Norwood Park Historical Society's 29th annual Holiday House Tour will showcase five local homes dressed in their holiday finest and a stop at Norwood Crossing to see the newly installed Norwood Park History Wall. The tour takes place Saturday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour begins at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave., Chicago, where the map is distributed and a presentation features local architecture and history.

A free shuttle bus, sponsored by Norwood Crossing, will depart from the Norwood Park Senior Center and stop at all the homes throughout the day. Docents in each house will answer questions and guide guests through the homes.

The Holiday House Tour homes present a cross-section of the different architectural styles that range from the late 1800s to the 1900s, and the many ways homeowners have blended the past and present in their historic homes. There will be 5 homes on the tour, which is self-guided.

The tour concludes with free admission to Chicago's oldest home, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, which serves as the Historical Society's headquarters at 5624 Newark Ave, Chicago. There you can enjoy the many unique decorations and gifts for the Christmas season at Victoria's Holiday Boutique or relax over soup, sandwiches, and home-made desserts.

Admission for the Holiday House Tour is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, with advance discounts for groups of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center or by order form at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org or by calling 773-631-4633. All proceeds benefit the Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization.

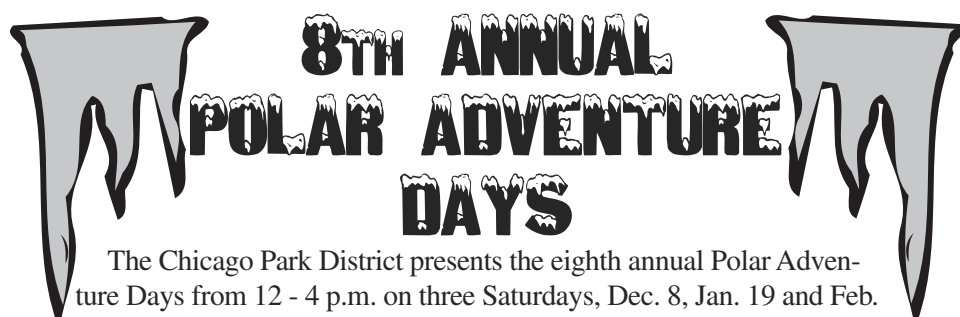
Mitchell Museum to Host Native Arts Holiday Bazaar December 1-2

Native American artists from around the Upper Midwest will offer authentic, handmade, traditional and contemporary art and craft items at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian's annual Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, December 2, from noon to 4 p.m. The bazaar will take place in the Mitchell Museum's 3009 Central Street building in Evanston, next door to the museum.

Native exhibitors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin will be selling work ranging from ink drawings, beadwork, and corn husk dolls to jewelry, pottery, children's quilts, wood flutes, and more. Exhibitors retain all proceeds from their sales.

Artists and artisans will give presentations and demonstrate their techniques during the two-day event. More than a dozen exhibitors are expected, including artists who are Apache, Cherokee, Chippewa, Dakota, Ho-Chunk, Mohawk, Navajo, Omaha, and Seneca-Cayuga, among others.

Admission to the Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar is \$5 for adults, which includes admission to the independent nonprofit museum at 3001 Central Street. Bazaar admission is free for children ages 12 and younger and for Mitchell Museum members. The Mitchell Museum's shop offers authentic Native-made merchandise year-round. For information, phone (847) 475-1030; email vistor.services@mitchellmuseum.org; website: www.mitchellmuseum.org.



The Chicago Park District presents the eighth annual Polar Adventure Days from 12 - 4 p.m. on three Saturdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16, at Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White Dr., on the Museum Campus.

The program is admission free. Click here to watch a video.

Polar Adventure Days offer families the opportunity to explore Northerly Island and come face-to-face with live animals, engage in winter activities, and create nature-inspired crafts. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather as events take place both outdoors and inside the visitor center.

The following features and activities will be available at Polar Adventure Days:

- Various live animals will be on site to discover, such as wolves and birds of prey, from Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- Dog sledding demonstrations with huskies of Free Spirit Siberian Rescue.
- Live entertainment from the Old Town School of Folk Music.
- Arts and craft tables for making nature-inspired creations.
- Free snowshoe rental for exploration of the island if there is enough snow.
- Free hot cocoa to the first 400 participants.

Please call to confirm scheduled activities for Polar Adventure Days as activities are subject to change. For more information, call 312-742-PLAY (7529).

Limited parking is available for \$3, cash only, during Polar Adventure Days.

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Chanukah Wonderland



Bring the kids on December 9, 2012, for a rollicking good time at Chanukah Wonderland at Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie! From 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, your family will enjoy activities and crafts including: dreidel bounce, face paint, make your own donut, take a picture with Judah Maccabee, Chanukah Dance Zone, dreidel crafts, making cards for IDF soldiers, Chanukah gelt, live presentations and much more!

Make sure to catch the Olive Oil Press demo, at 11:30 am, as well as one of two movie screening times at 10:45, and 12:15.

Admission is \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door. One free adult with each family, and kids under two years old enter free! At Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St. in Skokie.

Reserve in advance via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org. For more information, please contact us at 847-677-1770.

Chanukah Lounge

This Chanukah join Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie for our annual Chanukah event for adults. Enjoy the Chanukah Lounge: a relaxed atmosphere with an open bar, live music, tasty dinner buffet, great entertainment, and this year featuring "lounge trivia!"

Doors open at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster Street in Skokie. Advance reservations via the website are \$20 adult/ \$38 couple. Admission at the door is \$25 adult/ \$48 couple. Reserve via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org, or for more information, 847-677-1770.

Free Menorah Lighting Kit Available

Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie is once again providing FREE menorah lighting kits for this Chanukah season.

We provide these kits to help fulfill the mitzvah (Jewish commandment) of lighting the menorah on Chanukah. Each kit contains everything necessary for the ritual - a menorah, candles, and step-by-step instructions and blessings for lighting the Chanukah candles.

To receive your FREE kit, call 847-677-1770 or contact us via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org/contact.

Public Outdoor Menorah Lighting with Mayor Van Dusen

Come celebrate Chanukah with Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie for our yearly outdoor menorah lighting! This year Mayor George Van Dusen of Skokie will be with us at Skokie's Site of Civic Pride at Krier Plaza (Oakton Street and Niles Center Road in downtown Skokie) on Thursday, December 13, 2012, to celebrate the festival of lights.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the lighting ceremony, and for delicious doughnuts, hot chocolate, and latkes for all free of charge! For more information, please contact us at 847-677-1770 or via the website, www.SkokieChabad.org.

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Village Cooking Corner

Having trouble thinking of something to do with those turkey leftovers from Thanksgiving dinner? Here is a different way to prepare even those small frozen portions that you had stuck away in the freezer only to probably just use for soup or a casserole, or eventually throw out.

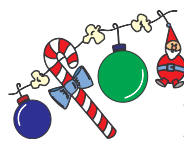
CHINESE TURKEY DINNER

13 oz boned turkey breast	1 cup bean sprouts
2 to 4 T soy sauce	1 onion; 1 clove garlic
1 t ground ginger	6 T oil
2 carrots; 1 leek; 1 zucchini	1-1/4 T corn starch
1 small fennel bulb	salt, pepper
2 T dried black Chinese mushrooms	1/4 cup wine vinegar
4 T Chinese noodles (bean threads)	2 to 3 T apricot preserves

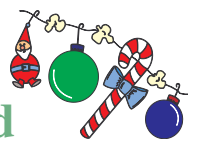


Cut meat into thin slivers approximately 1/4 inch (this is easier when meat is partially frozen). Sprinkle turkey slivers with 2 tablespoons soy sauce and some ginger and marinate at least 1 hour. Peel and prepare carrots, leeks, zucchini and fennel bulb and cut all vegetables in thin slices. Boil mushrooms in water for 1 minute; boil the bean thread for 2 minutes. Drain mushrooms and bean threads. Wash bean sprouts. Chop onion and garlic finely. Heat oil in a skillet. Combine meat and corn starch and saute till golden brown; remove from skillet. Saute onion and garlic in oil till yellow. Add carrots, leek, zucchini and fennel and saute 4 minutes more. Add bean sprouts, saute 1 minute more. Add noodles(bean threads) and mushrooms; season with salt, pepper and vinegar and mix in the apricot preserves. If desired, add 1/2 cup chicken broth and 1 to 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Thicken with corn starch that has been dissolved in some cold water. Add the meat; do not cook any more, just heat. Serve with rice. Serves 4

(Taken from Festive Menus, Cook Book No. 2 from Burda International Cuisine)



Free Holiday Party for the First Fifty Seniors Registered



The first fifty people age 55 and over to register for the Lincolnwood Social Club Holiday Party will not be paying the fee this year, thanks to a sponsorship from Concentra Primary Care. The event will be held on December 5, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Skokie Club, located at 4741 W. Main Street in Skokie. Musical entertainment will be provided by James Boyd. When registering, the meal choices are: white fish, strip steak, or chicken, with a cash bar available. A free canvas tote bag will also be given to the first fifty people to register.

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department holds this event every year and is very excited about offering the event at no charge to the first fifty people. Genelle Iocca, the Community Outreach Coordinator explains, "This sponsorship from Concentra PC allows us to reach out to those interested in attending the event and celebrating the joys of the holiday season without having to open their wallets." The Lincolnwood Social Club provides activities throughout the year to members and non-members such as day trips, in-house events, special interest clubs, and exercise classes. Iocca says, "The Holiday Party is a celebratory gathering of all members and non-members, and we warmly welcome newcomers to come and take part in the festivities." For more information about the event call please call (847) 677-9740.

Concentra Primary Care is a newcomer to Lincolnwood, and is now located at 7126 N. Lincoln Ave. Their physicians focus on Primary Care and Cardiology. For a list of physicians and more information about Concentra PC call (847) 583-9189 for Primary Care and (847) 864-6666 for Cardiology.

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(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil - Friday,
December 7th, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Day - Saturday, December 8th, 2012
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Mass in Polish),
12 noon

Liturgy of the Hours (Vespers)

Sunday, December 2, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23, 4:00 p.m.

Penance Services

Parish Penance Service
December 22, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
Service in English & Polish



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Hidden Treasures - Handcrafted Imports from Poland

Safely tucked away within the walls of the landmark White Eagle Banquet and Restaurant complex is the recently opened Gift Shop and Deli.

The Przybylo family has managed to gather the most unique handcrafted assortment of items, imported directly from Poland, that the area has to offer.

Vivian Kolpak, one of the six Przybylo siblings who now runs the famed White Eagle, has made it a personal quest to bring the homeland treasures of their Polish heritage to share with all of us.

The shop literally shimmers as you approach the entrance with exquisite hand-cut 24% lead crystal vases and plates in vividly infused colors of cobalt, purples and red. The most valuable of these is the red crystal which must be infused with gold to achieve that distinctive hue.

Poland's adherence to traditional art forms is one of the most valued link to their past of all of the European countries.

While the rest of the world was becoming industrialized with high tech manufacturing taking over from the individual artisans' hands, Poland remained somewhat isolated and as a result is one of the few countries which still do hand painting on surfaces such as wooden and ceramic pieces.

The pride in their heritage survives in the beautifully hand carved and painted wooden boxes, flutes, eggs, window boxes, nativity scenes, chess sets and canes.

The ceramic dishware and accessories are fired after being hand painted to make them microwave safe.

The observance of the Christmas Holiday is one of the mainstays of Polish culture and the celebrations, decorations and foods are special to the people of the Polish heritage.

A vast collection of hand painted, blown glass ornaments in gift boxes make a wonderful addition to your existing decorations as well as wonderful gifts for anyone on your list. Beautiful handmade dolls in historic ethnic costumes are a collectors dream or a little girl's love.

Poland is one of the origins of true amber, and from it, some of the most sought after jewelry is made. Combined with sterling silver, the effects are breathtaking.

Pope John Paul II memorabilia is displayed throughout the shop and, of course, is available for purchase.

And for the very special people on your Christmas Card list, "Wycinanki" or hand cut paper greeting cards (made one-at-a-time), are a true expression of caring.

The White Eagle special dining delicacies are ready to be taken home from the deli counter and may be ordered in advance in larger quantities for holiday festivities. Gift certificates are available for any of the White Eagle services including their restaurant section, for business or personal giving.

The gracious hospitality which has become synonymous with the Przybylo name is ever present as you browse through the wonders the world of Polish art and culture.

Drop in anytime - the shop is open 7 days a week and is just steps away from the front entrance. Parking, of course, is ample, with numerous handicapped spaces set-up close to the door. Enjoy your adventure into the White Eagle's "Hidden Treasure."

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The Better Business Bureau Finds Holiday Shopping Lists Focus on Value and Service

While everyone has their own holiday shopping list, two areas that seem to be important to everyone when purchasing gifts are value and service.

"In today's economy it shouldn't come as a surprise that value and service are highly prized in the consumer's mind," explained Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "Other factors that may have attracted a consumer's interest in better economic times are now way down on the list for most people faced with today's tougher economic reality."

In the BBB poll, more than 55 percent of respondents selected value and service aspects of a business as key attractions for holiday shopping. These were followed by "product selection" picked by 18 percent, "location" by 15 percent, and "ease and comfort of shopping at a business" by 12 percent.

"Value and service may mean different things to people in different economic categories. However, these two attributes appear to be a key focus for most shoppers," Bernas explained.

The BBB offers these other tips to consumers while holiday shopping:

Review the return policies. Before making a purchase, ask the merchant about its refund and exchange policy. A store is not obligated to accept items for refund, exchange, or credit unless the item is defective or was misrepresented. It is important to know if there is a time limit to the return, usually it is 30, 60 or 90 days.

Research the store. If you're interested in trying a new or unfamiliar merchant, check out its BBB Business Review. This will provide some detail about past company performance. These free Business Reviews are located at bbb.org

Understand the fine print. Be informed about your rights when placing orders through catalogs, mail order, TV shopping networks or online venues. Additional information on mail and telephone order shopping is available from the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov). Ask about delivery times, delivery costs and how returns are handled.

Ask for gift receipts. When you are buying gifts there is always a chance that the item will not work out. Providing a gift receipt will make the return process smoother after the holidays.



RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast With SANTA

The Resurrection College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 9 am to 11:30 am (breakfast is served from 9-10:30 am). All are welcome to enjoy breakfast with Santa, face painting, a theater production by Resurrection drama students and Christmas arts and crafts. Children and families can have their photos taken with Santa and each child will receive a special gift from Santa.

Tickets for Breakfast with Santa will be available for \$8 per child and \$6 per adult. Reservations are strongly encouraged to secure a space. Tickets may be purchased from the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by contacting Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext. 127 or amartorano@reshs.org

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.

Notre Dame High School for Girls to Host Annual Breakfast with Santa

Notre Dame High School for Girls will be holding its popular and annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 2nd, 2012. The event will take place from 9:00am-1:00pm, and will be held at Notre Dame High School for Girls on the St. Ferdinand Parish Campus, 3115 N. Mason Ave.

The event will provide an opportunity for students, families and community members to have a full breakfast and a meet and greet and photo opportunity with Santa Claus himself. Crafts, games and prizes, a sweets table, goodie bags, and Poinsetta sales will take place as well at this family-friendly event.

Tickets are currently on sale, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door for adults, and \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door for children. Children under 3 are free. Order forms can be obtained at either St. Ferdinand Parish or Notre Dame High School for Girls.

For further information, please contact either Kim Duncan, Admissions Manager, or Chris Rebollo, Director of Development, at 773-622-9494, or visit the Notre Dame website: www.ndhs4girls.org.

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WAITING or PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

by Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R.

Catholics – and most Christians – begin the season of advent (four weeks before Christmas). At the same time most people are WAITING for Christmas from Black Friday: see the great number of newspaper pages filled with pre-Christmas sales – sales for anything and everything. Some stores were opened from midnight or 3a.m... and people were WAITING.

This followed with cyber Monday sales.

Is this the season to SHOP for CHRISTMAS?

Some wait to see the Nativity scene erected in the church or at its front lawn ... the Christ in the stable ... in the straw ... in a feeding trough.

But this is a reminder of that first Christmas Day ... yet Christ is present with us today!

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How did Christmas Day become a day to exchange presents? Perhaps the custom of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus ... December 6th) and his generosity brought about the hanging of a “Christmas” sock and the children WAITING with joy for a sock full of candies and other “goodies.” (Some might remember that some parents jokingly threatened: “If you didn’t behave your sock might be filled with coal.”)

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But to PREPARE for Christmas is not the purchase of presents ... but rather a realization of how we as individuals COMPROMISED this Christ in us! How we have HALF-HEARTEDLY seen Christ in the “least of our brothers and sisters.”

Remember the words of Sacred Scripture: “I was hungry ... thirsty ... naked ...homeless ... sick ... in prison ... and you cared for me.” “What you did to the least of my brothers and sisters you did to me.”

Advent – PREPARING for Christ’s coming – is a time to remove the obstacles that keep us from being ENTHUSIASTIC in our faith, from being SELF-CENTERED ... omitting our love for others of family and neighbors.

Advent is a good time to consider how MATERIALISTIC we are – tying ourselves to possessions (more and bigger).

While we might “give up” candy, movies and the Internet, smoking, alcohol, not eating to loss weight, vulgarity, we might add St. Paul’s admonition regarding immorality ... impurity ... enmity ... jealousy ... hostility ... greed ... laziness ... thoughtlessness ... compromise faith and love.

And perhaps for many of us ... the life of being “TOO BUSY.”

But that leaves us empty – unless we consider the positive Pauline words: generosity ... zeal ... courage ... gentleness ... support to the suffering ... the sick ... the poor ... the lonely ... the rejected ... even the confused ... and the proud.

Simply the courage to burn and be thoroughly spent in love as we consider God’s gift to us: He touched you and me that we might touch others ... even when it hurts... to enter the place of another’s pains ... to share in others’ brokenness ... confusion... fear ... anguish.

Gods’ gift to each of us is to Heal ... TO BRING peace ... AND IN humility TO ACCEPT God’s gift of our lives and talents, as we can reach out to others.

We bring HOPE through our talents ... time ... treasure. And so we are not better when someone is not grateful ... not jealous that someone is better off ... not to re-venge a wrong ... not to feel undue disappointment.

Our gift of welcome: not only to our own relatives ... but to consider the needy ...the loveless ... the marginalized.

Our gift of availability ... to the elderly ... to the young ... to walk with someone who physically, mentally, or spiritually needs you.

Our gift of listening ... with compassion ... respect ... in a sense to suffer with another.

Our gift of fidelity ... understanding ... tolerance ... forgiveness.

Advent is a fresh turning to Christ ... not waiting to see the nativity crib ... but to see Christ in the downtrodden. So to have a richer fullness of our Christian existence ... an exuberant joy in what we believe.

Let Christ be in you and me ... it will be a MERRIER Christmas.



Unwrap Edison Park



For every \$100 in consumer spending with a local business, \$68 stays in the local economy, versus \$43 with a chain business (an increase of 67%!). By shifting just \$100 of your holiday gift spending to local businesses, you’ll be doing your part to positively impact the economic vitality of the community where you live!

The Edison Park Chamber of Commerce is proud to introduce UNWRAP EDISON PARK, a ‘shop local’ initiative that rewards you for doing just that - shopping locally, right here in your community! Beginning on Friday, November 23rd (Black Friday) and continuing through Monday, December 24th, for every \$100 that you spend locally on holiday purchases at Chamber Member Businesses, you’ll be entered into a drawing to win one of (3) Edison Park Gift Certificates!

Simply fill up the Unwrap Edison Park Punch Card (available at Chamber member businesses throughout the Edison Park business district, METRA station table and Chamber office in the METRA station) and return to the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce at 6730 N. Olmsted, Chicago NO LATER THAN Friday, January 4th, 2013 for inclusion in the drawing. Qualified merchant will issue one punch for every \$10 spent in their establishment. There is one entry per household.

Qualified Purchases: Holiday purchases made at any of the Edison Park Chamber Member Businesses in Edison Park.

Drawing Details: Raffle will be held on Monday, January 7th. (3) Edison Park Gift Certificate Gift Certificates will be given away - values of \$100, \$75 and \$25. Please include your contact information on the back of the punch card that you turn in. For more information about Unwrap Edison Park visit our website at www.edisonpark.com or call 773-631-0063.

FINE ARTS HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

AT RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL

Join in the festivities as the Fine Arts Department of Resurrection College Prep High School presents a variety of showcase performances to share the holiday spirit. The community is welcome to attend these fine arts events, all of which will be held at the Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 We Talcott Ave. in Chicago. For more information, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

The Holiday Dance Showcase, featuring the students in the dance program at Resurrection along with the Orchestral competitive dance team, under the direction of Stephanie Mueller, will be held on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 7 pm in the Resurrection Little Theatre.

Silent Night/Sacred Night, a holiday chamber concert, featuring the Resurrection Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Mike Longo, will be held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7 pm in the school chapel.

A Charlie Brown Christmas, a holiday drama showcase will be presented on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7 pm in the Little Theatre. A Charlie Brown Christmas will feature Resurrection’s advanced drama students, under the guidance of Tony Muscarello.

Sounds of the Season, a holiday music concert will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 3 pm in the Little Theatre, featuring the Resurrection/ Notre Dame Band under the direction of Mr. Mike Wallace, the Resurrection/ Notre Dame Jazz Band under the direction of Darren Scorza, and Resurrection/ Notre Dame Concert Choir and the Resurrection Women’s Choir under the direction of Ms. Katie Rholl.

Village Cooking Corner

CHRISTMAS WITH A GREEK FLAVOR

By Anastasia E. Weaver

While Easter is the most important holiday of Greek Orthodox throughout the world, Christmas is certainly a close second. Both are celebrated with much religious service attendance and with the flavor of favorite Greek foods laden on festive holiday tables which includes an assortment of pastries to enhance the meal of family and friends.

Of course, roasted Lamb and Potatoes is a favorite on most Greek holiday tables, but Pastitsio is a close second to appear on that same table. It is certainly one of our family favorites. While it is a labor of love, it will certainly get you many rave reviews. Kali Orexi! Bon appetit!

PASTITSIO

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In 4 tbsp. butter and 1 tbsp. Olive Oil saute ground meat along with the chopped onion, minced garlic and parsley. Crumble meat as you go along with a fork. When no more pink is visible add cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and pepper and tomato sauce. Simmer for 30 minutes; remove from fire. In large pot of boiling water cook the macaroni as directed on the package.

2 lbs., Ground Beef (use sirloin)	butter (I use unsalted butter)
1 onion, chopped	olive oil
1 tablespoon, chopped Italian Parsley	salt and pepper to taste
2 cloves, Garlic, minced	1 lb of MISKOS macaroni #3*
1 tsp., Cinnamon	3 eggs, beaten
½ tsp., Nutmeg	Grated Cheese (I use mitzithra* - if not available use Parmesan)
1 8 ounce can, Tomato sauce (I use No salt added)	6 cups of Bechamel sauce - which follows Pastitsio recipe
½ cup of White Wine	

When cooked drain and rinse macaroni and place in a bowl. Add 1/4 lb of melted butter, beaten eggs and a generous sprinkling of grated cheese to the macaroni and mix well. Spread half of the macaroni mixture in a 9x13x2 pan which has been greased with olive oil. Spread the meat sauce over the first layer of macaroni and sprinkle with grated cheese; top with the balance of the macaroni. Pour pre-prepared Bechamel sauce over the top layer of macaroni and sprinkle lavishly with grated cheese; dot with butter and sprinkle delicately across the entire top with a little cinnamon. Bake 1 hour in preheated 350 degree oven. Cool and cut into 3 inch pieces. Arrange on a platter and serve!

Bechamel Sauce

Although this basic White sauce is attributed to the French it can be traced to ancient Greek cookery.

4 to 5 cups of hot milk
3 tbsp. all Purpose Flour
½ cup of Butter
salt and White Pepper

Melt the butter in a pan, add flour and stir until smooth. Lower heat and then gradually add the hot milk, stirring constantly until it thickens. Season with salt and white pepper and add ½ tsp. Cinnamon.

*Miskos Macaroni #3 and Mitzithra Cheese can be found in Greek specialty Food stores like Marketplace on Oakton in Skokie or Northeastern Fruit and Garden Center on Lincoln & Peterson, Chicago.

OUTDOORS & PETS



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Jazz Nativity

When: Saturday, December 8, 3-6 p.m.

Where: St. Luke Church, 1500 W. Belmont, Chicago

What: The Chicago JazzMASS Ensemble will perform jazz arrangements of traditional Christmas hymns, along with original compositions to tell the story of Mary, Jesus, Joseph, the Angels, the Shepherds, and the three Wise Men. Filled with a sense of grace and humor, the cast will include a tap dancing king, a Latin percussion king and a trumpet king, as well as vocal soloists, a vocal jazz quartet, choir and eight piece jazz band. The Anti-Cruelty Society will be hosting a holiday shop featuring cards, ornaments, toys, logo merchandise, some great gifts purr-fect for holiday gift giving, and some of our adoptable pets hoping for a new home in time for the holidays. Bring your family, including the dog, and join in the holiday fun. A pet blessing takes place at 3:30 p.m., before the performance begins at 4 p.m.

Here Comes Santa Paws

When: Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Where: The Hotel Allegro, 171 W. Randolph St. Chicago

What: Santa Paws has arrived, inviting you and your four-legged friends to sleigh by Hotel Allegro for Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, and other furry merriment. And of course photos with Santa! A professional photographer on site taking photos of you and your pet. This event is free, open to the public and pet friendly.

Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping

Want to help wrap gifts on behalf of The Anti-Cruelty Society at Barnes & Noble this holiday season? You can help animals in need by donating your time to wrap gifts!

State & Elm location:

Friday, November 23rd 3-9pm

Tuesday, December 18th 3-9pm

Webster Place location:

Wednesday, December 12th 10am-9pm

Thursday, December 20th 9:30am-10pm

Monday, December 24th 9am-6pm

Let us know if you are interested by emailing volunteers@anticruelty.org.

Delta Sonic Holiday Cause for Paws Car Wash

When: Saturday, December 1

Where: Delta Sonic, Rt. 59 and North Aurora Rd., Naperville

What: Help us win \$20,000! Starting December 1, each time a customer comes through the Delta Sonic Car Wash Wonderland and turns in our car wash co-branded card, we earn 100% of the car wash sale! The organization that turns in the most cards will receive a donation of no less than \$20,000! Download the card here.

Holiday Hazards

To make this holiday season safe and happy, we want to remind you to take extra care of your pets. Go to www.anticruelty.org/holidayhazards/ for a complete list of holiday hazards to be aware of as the hustle and bustle begins.

Tree Decorating Time

Our recent holiday mailing gave those in our community the chance to send back a donation to us along with a photo of their pet to be placed on an ornament for our holiday hope trees. The trees will be up from Friday, November 23 until January 1, and we want your pet's photo to be included. It is not too late, you can come into our shelter with a photo and a donation of at least \$2, or even give a gift in honor of someone else, and you can have your ornament on our tree. The ornaments can be found at the customer service desk in our adoption center at 510 N LaSalle. You can give a donation to the animals as a tribute for all animal lovers on your gift giving list.

Remember, now is still the perfect time to take in a shelter animal in order to give them a warm happy home for the holidays.

Don't forget, you can also bring in items from our wish list to be placed under our tree. We are in need of:

New dog toys, hard rubber (especially all size Kong toys)

New cat toys, plastic or rubber

Peanut butter

Slip lead leashes, etc.

You can find our general wish list at www.anticruelty.org/wishlist.

Holiday Cards

The Anti-Cruelty Society's holiday cards are hot off the press! Choose between two designs, our cat ambassador Guy, or Rita and her puppies. Each pack has 12 cards in it for \$15. All proceeds from these cards come back to us to help the animals who are still in need of a forever home. We hope to send many home for the holidays.

Call Alison at (312) 645-8006, or stop by our store in our adoption center (510 N LaSalle) to purchase the cards and other great holiday gifts today!

12TH SEASON OF FREE ICE SKATING IN CHICAGO'S MILLENNIUM PARK THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK OPENS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Friday, November 16, 2012 and will remain open through mid-March 2013, weather permitting. For the last 11 years, the rink has drawn more than 100,000 skaters annually and is free and open to the public. The rink, located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets, will still offer skate rental for only \$10.

The rink will operate under the following hours:

Regular hours for the season are as follows:

Mondays through Thursdays: 12 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Fridays: 12 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Saturdays (through Dec. 22): 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

Saturdays (beginning Jan. 5): 10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Sundays: 10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day): 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas): 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Monday, December 31 (New Year's Eve): 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day): 12 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Ice Rink was the first element of Millennium Park to be open to the public. A special ribbon cutting ceremony on December 20, 2001, featured performers and skaters including two gold-medal winning women hockey players, the Radio City Rockettes, and actress Bonnie Hunt. The rink is 200 ft. long, 80 ft. wide and has 15,910 sq. ft. of skating surface.

For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, visit www.millenniumpark.org, or call 312.742.1168.



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I can hardly believe that it is already November. Thanksgiving is early this year, so if you are thinking about adopting, it is best to do it before all of the holiday hustle and bustle! I hope you had a nice Halloween and kept your pets safe and sound. Speaking of being safe and sound, November marks First-Aid Awareness Month here at The Anti-Cruelty Society. With all of the devastation that has happened on the East Coast lately, I would like to stress how important it is to be prepared in the case of an emergency. Unfortunately we are unable to control everything, so being prepared for the worst will be incredibly beneficial should a disaster occur.

We teach a course at the Society once a month called Pet First Aid and CPR. It is taught by an American Red Cross authorized instructor and covers Pet First Aid and CPR techniques to be used on cats and dogs. This three hour class includes course materials, a pet emergency planner, and pet emergency stickers. One of the most important things you can do is get an emergency sticker. The stickers let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers, and that it includes the types and number of pets in your household. If you must evacuate with your pets, and if time allows, write "EVACUATED" across the stickers, so emergency personnel know not to look for pets if they have to enter your home.

The Anti-Cruelty Society offers Emergency Preparedness Kits. Our kits contain two Emergency Stickers and one Emergency Pet Planner. Click here for more information on how to purchase one and to view our emergency preparedness kits.

If you are interested in registering for our Pet First Aid and CPR class, please call Tammie Bouschor at (312) 644-8338 ext. 344, or email tbouschor@anticruelty.org. Our next class is taking place Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Sincerely, Robyn Barriers, D.V.M., President

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Chester M. Przybylo

In this electronic age of copy machines, fax machines, and scanners we often lose sight of the distinction between an original document and one that has been copied, faxed, or scanned. However, at times, especially in estate planning, there is no substitute for an original.

J. Douglas King's family found out just how important an original can be. In 1994, Douglas executed a will leaving everything to his second wife, Laurel, with whom he had two minor children. In addition, he also had three adult children from his first marriage, Rebecca, Rachel, and Jason. He made provisions for these adult children, but only if Laurel predeceased him.

Between 1994 and 1997, Douglas and Laurel's wealth grew rapidly to \$8 million. Douglas decided to rethink his will and consulted an attorney. He brought her a copy of his will. Pursuant to his instructions she prepared an amendment or "codicil" to the will, changing some minor provisions. The attorney retained the copy of the 1994 will and the original 1997 codicil. In 2010, Douglas died in a motorcycle accident and the original will could not be found. The copy of the will and the original codicil were offered to the probate court.

However, Douglas' children from the prior marriage contested the admission of the copy, alleging that he must have destroyed it, intending to revoke it. If Douglas had intentionally destroyed the original will, the destruction would have revoked it and his assets would have passed under the laws of intestacy, letting the children from the prior marriage share in his wealth.

A bitter fight ensued. The adult children brought up that their father and Laurel had repeated marital problems, including a divorce filing that was later withdrawn. They also testified that the accountant had told them that their father had told him he had provided for all of his children. To further complicate matters, the accountant was unavailable to testify because he was wanted for embezzling over \$1 million from Douglas' estate.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court, citing a New Hampshire presumption that a missing will indicates revocation, found that it was unclear whether the will was missing because of loss or intentional revocation by destruction. The Court considered the will revoked and ordered the estate distributed pursuant to the laws of intestacy. Under those laws, Laurel and each of his children, minor and adult, would share in his estate.

This case illustrates how the absence of an original document can dramatically change your estate plan, even if a copy is available. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you avoid hidden pitfalls like this that can sabotage your estate plan. Further, such an attorney can help you stay organized by providing you an estate planning portfolio including copies of all your estate planning documents in a simple, organized binder for your reference. Then, you can put the originals away for safekeeping.

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.

Feast on the Information and Services We Offer Online

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, families everywhere will be traveling to reunite with one another. Generations will gather around dinner tables across the nation. And certainly some people are already coming up with conversation topics to season the festivities.

If some of the folks in your family like to talk about Social Security, make sure you're ready with a visit to www.socialsecurity.gov. After table time, sit down for some online time with anyone in your family who needs information. In fact, right on your tablet or laptop, you can even help a loved one apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes, or Medicare in as little as 10.

There are a number of other things you can help your loved ones do online. Use the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool to see whether they qualify for benefits. Or use the Retirement Estimator for an instant and personalized estimate of their retirement benefits. You can learn about these and many other online services available by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices.

If you're in a conversation about Social Security, use your smart phone or mobile device to visit our mobile-friendly frequently asked questions at www.socialsecurity.gov/faq. If you end up talking about Social Security between turkey and pumpkin pie, rest assured that the authority on the subject is as close as your laptop, tablet, or smart phone. Feast on the food at the table, and then take advantage of the feast of information and services available online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

DECEMBER 2012 SUPPORT GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

CJE SeniorLife offers ongoing support groups and programs on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances and some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to join a group, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000 or visit us online at www.cje.net for full calendar listings and support group meeting dates/times.

Living Life Through Loss: A Drop-In Bereavement Support Group

Meets every Wednesday, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Any adult over the age of 60 who has lost a loved one in the past three years is encouraged to attend. Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife and the Jewish Healing Network. CJE SeniorLife, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. There is a \$5 fee for each session. For more information, call 773/508-1129.

Monthly meeting dates: December 5 & 12

Making Connections: Seniors with Adult Children with Disabilities

Meets first and third Tuesday of every month. Offers families an opportunity to connect, share experiences and learn about benefits and community resources. Sponsored by CJE's Linkages Program. There is no charge. Those interested in attending must register in advance by calling 773/508-1694. Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Monthly meeting dates: December 4

Holocaust Survivors - Coffee and Conversation Meets every Monday and Thursday throughout the month. Sponsored by Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) and CJE SeniorLife

Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Sponsored by JCFS and CJE SeniorLife. There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5200.

Monthly meeting dates: December 3, 10 & 17

Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m., at JCFS Joy F. Knapp Center, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago. There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5100.

Monthly meeting dates: December 6 & 13

*Ongoing Older Adult Learning classes, groups and special events include Schmooze It or Lose It, Sit and Get Fit, The Yiddish Club, computer classes, folk dancing and more. Call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000 for more information or check our online calendar at www.cje.net.

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SCHOOL, LOCAL AND PARK EVENTS

INT'L. FILM SERIES AT CPL

Throughout December the Chicago Public Library will continue offering the free Global Lens 2012 International Film Series, at the Harold Washington Library Center and Sulzer Regional Library. Global Lens 2012, presented in partnership with The Global Film Initiative, showcases award-winning feature films from numerous foreign countries including Albania, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Rwanda and Turkey. For more information about the Global Lens film series and the Global Film Initiative, visit globalfilm.org.

Global Lens 2012 Films @ Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.:

Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m. Cindy Pritzker Auditorium
Amnesty (Amnistia), dir. Bujar Alimani, Albania, 2011

A new law allowing conjugal visits in Albanian prisons presents the opportunity for a sympathetic affair between a man and woman visiting their incarcerated spouses—until a prisoner amnesty threatens their fragile new bond. (Albanian with English subtitles).

Monday, December 10 at 6 p.m. Cindy Pritzker Auditorium
Pegasus (Pegase), dir. Mohamed Mouftakir, Morocco, 2010

A young woman, traumatized by her dictatorial father's insistence she be raised as a boy, finds herself the unwitting patient of a psychiatrist intent on learning the truth behind the girl's story. (Arabic with English subtitles)

Global Lens 2012 Films @ Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue:

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. Sulzer Auditorium
Fat, Bald, Short Man (Gordo, Calvo y Bajito), dir. Carlos Osuna, Colombia, 2011

The prospects for a lonely middle-aged notary unexpectedly change after he joins a self-improvement group and his charismatic new boss—and strangely affable doppelgänger—takes an interest in his life. (Spanish with English subtitles).

Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. Sulzer Auditorium
Qarantina, dir. Oday Rasheed, Iraq, 2010

A sullen assassin, living above a dysfunctional family in Baghdad, captures the attention of the household's unhappy mother, setting a dangerous stage for confrontation with the family's lecherous father. (Arabic with English subtitles).

Monday, December 17 at 6 p.m. Sulzer Auditorium
The Finger (El Dedo), dir. Sergio Teubal, Argentina, 2011

In the face of electoral fraud and intimidation, the severed finger of a respected local leader points the way forward for independent-minded citizens and their town's quest for democracy after dictatorship. (Spanish with English subtitles).

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MONEY SMART PROGRAMS CONTINUE AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Chicago Public Library continues its free series of financial literacy programs designed to help people become more "money smart." Presented in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and its partners, Money Smart programs help participants understand the business of money, gain control of their finances and learn practical money skills for life. For a complete listing of Money Smart programs, please visit chicagopubliclibrary.org.

Investing in Uncertain Times: Risk is a Four Letter Word! This workshop offers information on the post-election market and how it may affect personal investments in 2013. Presented by Money Smart Partner, The Financial Planning Association. Tuesday, December 4 at 12:00 p.m., Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., Video Theater, lower level

Stay Out of Debt with a Plan and \$1.00 Get advice on how not to be overwhelmed in debt, especially during and after the holiday season and how to plan for a debt free new year. Presented by Money Smart Partner, Money Smart Inc. Wednesday, December 5 at 12:00 p.m., Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., Video Theater, lower level

All Money Smart programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The Chicago Public Library does not endorse, promote or guarantee the products and/or services of the presenters. Products and/or services are not sold at these presentations. For more information about Money Smart programs, please call (312) 747-8184.

AUTHORS MARIETILLMAN AND JON KRAKAUER CONVERSE WITH JEFF GLOR AT THE CPL

The Chicago Public Library welcomes Marie Tillman, the widow of former NFL player Pat Tillman, for a discussion of her book, *The Letter: My Journey through Love, Loss and Life*. Joining Tillman in the discussion are author Jon Krakauer and journalist Jeff Glor. The free program takes place on Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Professional football player Pat Tillman joined the U.S. Army after the 9/11 terrorist attack. In 2003, before his departure to Afghanistan, he left a "just in case" letter for his wife. He lost his life in Afghanistan in 2004. In the days following his death, it was his letter that kept Marie Tillman going and helped her to navigate a world she could no longer share with her husband. *The Letter* is an inspirational tale of love, recovery and self-discovery as Tillman opens up about her journey to rebuild her life.

Jon Krakauer is the bestselling author of *Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman*, as well as *Into the Wild*, *Into Thin Air* and *Under the Banner of Heaven*. Jeff Glor is anchor of the Sunday edition of *The CBS Evening News* and Special Correspondent for *CBS This Morning*.

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DIVERGENT - ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK SELECTION AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Resurrection College Prep High School library hosted a series of discussion groups and a writing contest based on the 2012 One School, One Book selection, the New York Times bestselling novel *Divergent*. Written by twenty four year old Veronica Roth, *Divergent* is a dystopian novel in which society has been broken into five distinct factions - the honest, the intelligent, the peaceful, the brave and the selfless. At age 16, society members must choose which sect to join - a choice that will affect the rest of their lives.

Students and staff at Resurrection have been exploring the themes in the book, which was selected for the One School, One Book program at Resurrection as an all-school reading project. Author Veronica Roth is close in age to students at Resurrection. She wrote *Divergent* while she was a creative writing student at Northwestern University in Evanston. She is now working on the third book in the *Divergent* trilogy and has already sold the film rights to her debut novel. In conjunction with Teen Read Week, Resurrection students and staff participated in the Teen Read Creative Writing Contest, based on the novel *Divergent*. The student winners of the contest are Michelle McGlenn, 1st Place for her piece entitled "The Prologue", Alani Vargas, 2nd Place for her piece entitled "Deliver Us From Evil," and Allison Liesz, 3rd Place for her untitled submission.

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.

Notre Dame High School invites you to our annual Breakfast with Santa!

Sunday, December 2nd, 2012 9:00am-1:00pm

Enjoy breakfast, a meet and greet with Santa Claus, games, crafts, goodie bags and more! Tickets are on sale now, \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults, \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door for children. Kids under 3 are free! Ticket order forms are currently available at Notre Dame High School for Girls.

Are YOU a young woman interested in being a Lady Panther?
Notre Dame High School for Girls is holding two

Holiday Open Houses for all prospective students and families!

Come see us on **Thursday, November 29th** from 6:00pm-8:00pm,
or **Sunday, December 2nd** from 9:00am-1:00pm!

Tour the school, meet current students, and learn about the admissions process!
Call Ms. Duncan, Admissions for more information or to RSVP!



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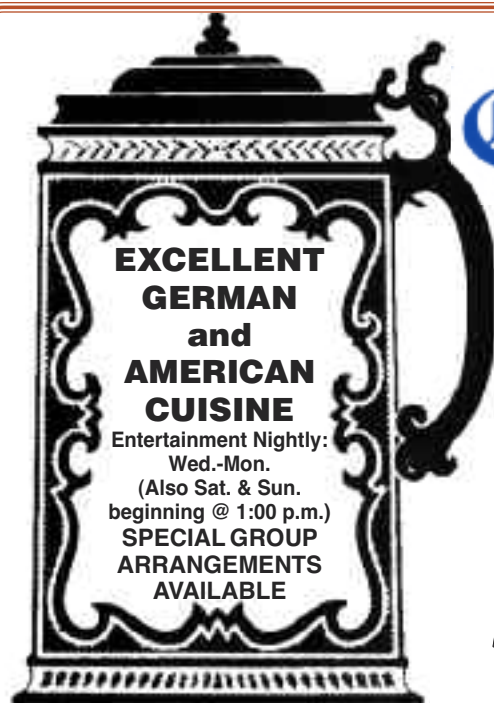
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