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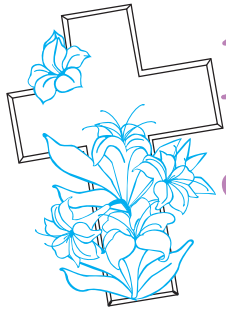
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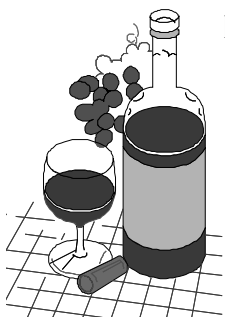
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GIRL SCOUTS ARE PREPARED; ARE YOU?

By Social Security Administration, Andrew Salata –Public Affairs

March 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

It was on March 9, 1912 that Juliette Gordon Low made a phone call to her cousin and said, "I've got something for the girls ... and we're going to start it tonight." A few days later, on March 12, she organized the first U.S. "Girl Guide" troop in Savannah, Georgia, with 18 members in two patrols. Today, there are more than three million Girl Scouts. The organization's motto is "Be prepared."

That same advice can help your retirement savings to grow as plentiful as the Girl Scouts have over the last 100 years.

The best way for you to "be prepared" when it comes to retirement planning is to visit our online Retirement Estimator. The Estimator can give you an instant, personalized picture of your future retirement benefits from Social Security. Enter different scenarios (such as different future earnings amounts or dates of retirement) to find out how that will change the benefit amount you can expect to receive. It's available at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Knowing how much you can expect to receive from Social Security, coupled with any retirement plans you may have through your employer, will help you figure out how much you need to save for your retirement.

Looking for more tips on planning for the future? Pay a visit to our Benefits Planners as well. You can use the planners to help you better understand your Social Security protection as you plan for your financial future. Get started at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners.

Another great source of help is the Ballpark E\$timate. It includes a two-page worksheet that helps you quickly identify approximately how much you need to save to fund a comfortable retirement. The Ballpark E\$timate takes issues like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, and turns them into language and mathematics that are easy to understand. You can find it at www.choosetosave.org/ballpark.

You don't have to be a Girl Scout to be prepared. Sit down at your computer — perhaps with a box of Girl Scout cookies — and plan for your future. You could be celebrating your own 100th year one day; you might as well do it comfortably.

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers April Health Programs

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

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

Free **foot screenings** will be offered Wednesday, April 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This screening offers diabetics, seniors and people with painful foot problems a foot exam by Eymard Silva, D.P.M., who also will advise on foot treatments. No prescriptions or treatments will be given at the screening. Participants should wear easy to remove shoes and socks. Advanced registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, April 13, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Rebecca Rufo, R.N., DNSc, will discuss what telemedicine is and how it is used to care for patients. Registration is not required.

Free **cataract and glaucoma screenings** will be held Monday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ophthalmologist Kathleen Scarpulla, M.D., and staff will perform eye examinations for cataracts and glaucoma. Please do not wear contact lenses but do bring eyeglasses with you. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free **hearing screenings** will be given Tuesday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologists Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., and Marie Vetter, Au.D., will perform this screening in a soundproof booth in the second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, April 17, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, April 25, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, April 26, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

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

Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood Program

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Bau Graves, the Executive Director of the Old Town School of Folk Music, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood on Thursday, March 22, at Noon. Mr. Graves will talk about the evolution of the School and the opening of their new East Building in Lincoln Square. The meeting will take place at the Hilltop Restaurant, 2800 W. Foster (N.W. corner of Foster & California Avenues), in the private dining room.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting and tell your friends and co-workers about it. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person. Free parking is available in a lot just west of the Hilltop Restaurant on the north side of Foster Avenue. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. RSVP with Ron Heiderman at 773-561-0455.

Submitted by Maria Bappert, President, Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

March is National MS Awareness Month

The Chicago skyline will light up orange, downtown restaurants will raise awareness and donate funds, the Illinois Lottery will launch a new instant ticket, and activists will descend on Springfield all in the name of MS Awareness Month. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter (GIC) is honoring March as MS Awareness Month with programs and events across the state, encouraging people to Join the Movement to end MS. Mayor Rahm Emanuel kicked-off the month by officially proclaiming March as MS Awareness Month in Chicago.

MS Awareness Month Activities:

- Light the Town Orange. Prominent buildings, including Willis Tower, Wrigley Field, 150 N. Michigan, 191 N. Wacker, Tishman Speyer's 227 & 525 W. Monroe, and many others will light up orange or provide marquee space to promote MS Awareness throughout the month.
 - Dine to End MS, a restaurant program that raises awareness and funds for individuals living with MS, runs in the Chicago-area from mid-March through April. Participating restaurants include Avec, Big Star, Bistronomic, Blackbird, Club Lucky, Downtown, the Drawing Room, the Publican, Publican Quality Meats, Vie, the Violet Hour and all Red Hen locations. In addition, all Chili's restaurants across the state will donate 10 percent of patrons' bills to the National MS Society when presented with a special coupon through May 31.
 - Mission Move Illinois Lottery instant-win ticket. The Illinois Lottery and Greater Illinois Chapter launched their 2012 Mission Move instant-win ticket today at a press event in the lobby of 525 W. Monroe in Chicago. This marks the 5th year that the special MS ticket will be sold, with previous year's tickets raising nearly \$5 million for MS research statewide.
 - Appearance on ABC7. Greater Illinois Chapter staff and volunteers will promote MS Awareness Month during ABC7's 11 a.m. newscast on Wednesday, March 14. Before and after the broadcast, Society staff will distribute hundreds of orange Tootsie Pops along with literature on MS throughout the streets of downtown Chicago.
 - Half-Court Classic. The Greater Illinois Chapter's annual half-court basketball classic tournament at the United Center, played on the Chicago Bulls' home court, takes place Saturday morning, March 24. Advanced registration and a fundraising commitment are required. Learn more at mshalfcourtclassic.org.
- For more information about these MS Awareness Month happenings, visit MSIllinois.org or call 1.800.344.4867.
- Every hour in the United States, someone is diagnosed with MS, an unpredictable, often disabling, autoimmune disease of the central nervous system. MS affects more than 20,000 people in Illinois, 400,000 in the U.S. and 2.5 million worldwide. It interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving.
- The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society mobilizes people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS. Our vision is a world free of MS. Learn more and Join the Movement at MSIllinois.org.

Village of Skokie Well Child Clinic

The Village of Skokie Health Department, located in the lower level of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, provides monthly Well Child Clinics.

During the clinic nursing staff examine children from birth through six years, including a history and physical, developmental evaluation, lead screening and other laboratory tests and vaccinations.

The clinic is intended for persons who do not have health care insurance, and there is a small fee to cover the cost of the testing supplies. This service is not intended to replace routine or emergency visits with a physician. Appointments are required.

For more information on this clinic or other services call the Health Department at 847/933-8252 or visit www.skokie.org to view the community calendar of upcoming events.

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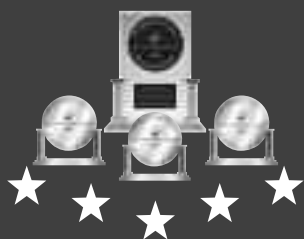
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CHICAGO BIKE SHARE PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL

City to Partner with Alta Bicycle Share to Build and Operate Bike Share Program

Mayor Rahm Emanuel will introduce an ordinance to City Council to enter into an agreement with Portland, Oregon-based Alta Bicycle Share, Inc. to operate Chicago's first large-scale bike-sharing program, which is envisioned as a new, affordable option to complement existing transportation choices.

"Chicago is going to offer one of the top bike sharing programs in the world, and one of the largest in the United States," Mayor Emanuel said. "Alta and their partner Public Bike System Company are the global leaders in bike sharing programs, and will set up and operate the new system that will be a key part of achieving our goal of making Chicago a world-class city for bicycling."



The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) issued a request for proposals in September 2011 seeking a company to operate what will be one of the country's largest bike-sharing programs. The RFP called for a system to include 3,000 bikes and 300 docking stations in 2012, with an additional 1,000 bikes and 100 stations in the following 12 months. A TIGER grant was awarded by USDOT in 2012 to fund the phase 2 expansion in 2013. The program will be self-sustaining through member and user fees, as well as advertising and sponsorship.

Alta and its equipment manufacturer Public Bike System Company currently have bike share systems in London; Melbourne; Boston; Minneapolis; Washington DC; Montreal; Toronto; and Ottawa. The company is also launching service in 2012 in New York City and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Alta was unanimously selected from three RFP responses. An evaluation committee made up of representatives from Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago's Department of Procurement Services, and the Chicago Department of Transportation unanimously determined that Alta's proposal had the most comprehensive approach to operations in terms of personnel, operations of and experience with large-scale systems, and equipment needed to manage the system. In addition, the PBSC equipment proposed by Alta Bicycle Share provided the best combination of durability, performance, quality, and aesthetics.

Chicago's bike share system will provide a convenient, easy-to-use transit option envisioned for point-to-point short trips. Users will pick up a bike from a self-service docking station, ride to their destination and drop off the bike at the nearest station.

"Bike sharing is a great option to supplement existing transportation choices. It can be used to fill gaps in the transit system or to complete the last segment of a trip, for example, between a transit station and the workplace," said CDOT Commissioner Gabe Klein. "In addition, bike sharing will help to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and promote health and fitness, which will enhance the quality of life for everyone who chooses to use it."

The specially designed bikes will feature multiple speeds, chainguards, fenders on both wheels, a cushioned seat and a basket, and will appeal to cyclists of all skill levels.

Membership and user fees will be affordable for Chicagoans and visitors alike. Annual, weekly and daily memberships will offer flexible options for users. Members will sign up via a web site, while one-time users will use a credit card at the automated kiosk.

The solar-powered docking stations will be placed about a quarter-mile apart, and located in high-density areas, including near transit stations. CDOT will work with Alta and the public to determine station locations. The stations are modular and mobile and can thus be expanded in reaction to demand, or moved based on need or construction.

"Bike Share makes it easy to hop on a bike and get places like that meeting across the loop, the store, or the train station," said Ron Burke, executive director at the Active Transportation Alliance, an advocacy group that works on behalf of people who walk, bike and use public transportation. "This is a game-changing improvement to Chicago's transportation network."

Initial funding for the program will come from federal grants designed for projects that help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Attention U. S. Military Veterans

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday April 12TH starting at 7:30PM at the Edison Park Field house located at 6755 Northwest Hwy, (just west of Harlem Ave.) Chicago.

We are a friendly medium size post with members from Chicago and suburbs. If you've been thinking about joining a veterans organization, feel free to stop by and sit in at our meeting. You might find that our post is for you.

Some of our activities are going to Hines Hosp. to assist residents playing bingo, school awards and participating in parades. We have a great time being Santa's helpers at the field house in December.

For additional information please contact: Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448, Sr Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738



Jefferson Park Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting

The next meeting of the JPNA will be March 28, Wed. at 700 p.m. The guest speakers will be ordinary citizens Bob Bank and Ron Ernst, current and former Board Members, who will describe their canoe adventure paddling down the North Branch of the Chicago River from the Glencoe to River Park. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments at the lower level of Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings, just west of Milwaukee Ave.

Thanks, for any consideration, Secretary C.M. Blumenthal, 773 736 1702, 5649 W. Leland (cell 773 430 6662) , Jefferson Park Neighborhood Assoc.

Taste of Thecla

Saturday, April 21st 6:30 – 11pm

"The Only Thing More Delicious Than Our Food is Your Company"

Come join the St Thecla and Norwood Park Communities for an indoor food festival showcasing the diversity of Chicago's Northwest dining community.

Taste aims to enhance your dining experience with a delicious array of food served by different vendor booths, complemented by live music, DARTO, raffles* and a live auction for grade level projects, Communion pews, etc.

Admission: \$20; Food prices: TBD shortly; Cash bar

* PRIZE STRUCTURE for Grand Raffle:

Grand Prize —\$3,000

2nd Prize—\$1,500

3rd Prize—\$500

For every 8 tickets sold, the seller will receive 1 entry in Seller's Drawing for either a \$1,000 tuition credit to be used either at St. Thecla School, General Anders Polish School or receive \$1,000 in cash.

There are specific rules that apply and these will be listed on the raffle ticket.

If less than 500 tickets are purchased the prize structure can and shall be reduced proportionately.

Tickets are \$25 each—please consider selling them to family members and friends!

There are multiple opportunities to volunteer!

Taste of Thecla is a major parish fund raising event and the income will go to helping meet the budget.

For more information contact our promotions chair: Heather Rocha at charlie_heather@sbcglobal.net

St Thecla Falcon Hall, 6323 N Newcastle Ave., Chicago, IL 60631; taste@saintthecla.org

Skokie Board of Health Hosts a Discussion – Careers in Healthcare

Members of the Skokie Board of Health will host a panel discussion on careers in healthcare at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7 p.m.

The community is invited to the presentation and discussion of opportunities in the healthcare field. Those in attendance will learn about educational requirements and career opportunities and meet with members of the Skokie Board of Health representing more than a dozen professions including:

- nursing
- medicine
- pharmacy
- physical therapy
- hospitality
- social work
- veterinary medicine
- gerontology
- optometry
- nutrition and other fields.

While the event is not an employment opportunity, this educational session provides a venue to interested parties to participate in a discussion regarding career paths with experts in the field.

For more information, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. For information about other events at the Skokie Public Library, please contact 847/673-7774.

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As a part of our "Meet Us Again" campaign we are reintroducing our programs and services to the community – this month we will focus on our Humane Investigators and the prevention of animal cruelty & neglect. It is our top priority to look out for the well-being of the animals not only inside our shelter, but the animals that are being mistreated outside of our shelter as well.

We are very fortunate to have our own Humane Investigators on staff that respond to reports of animal cruelty, neglect, and abuse throughout the city of Chicago and surrounding suburbs. In some cases, pet owners are not properly educated on how to take care of a pet, so our investigators make a strong effort to educate the owner of his or her legal responsibilities. In situations that are a bit more extreme and involve abuse or neglect, our investigators will make every attempt to rectify the situation. If warranted, they are authorized by the state of Illinois to remove the animal from a dangerous situation.



Here at the Society our dedicated staff is out in the field everyday checking on different cases. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing that you have saved an animal from a harmful environment and have given them the chance to be treated with respect. Your continued support allows us to help thousands of animals in need!

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

Smart Dog School of Fundraising Workshop

When: Wednesday, April 18 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Where: The Anti-Cruelty Society, 157 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL

What: This one-day workshop reviews a plethora of actual fundraising campaigns to provide hands-on instruction in the creation and design of actual fundraising campaigns that attendees can implement to raise more money. Read more about it and register at www.schooloffundraising.com/Workshops.html.

Registration Fee (Early Bird) :\$79 ; otherwise (\$99)

Paint Your Pet

When: Sunday, April 1 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Where: Bottle & Bottega, 2900 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL

What: Join The Anti-Cruelty Society and Bottles & Bottega for our popular Paint Your Pet fundraiser! Bring a photo of your pet to paint with instruction from local artists. Paint supplies, aprons, and canvas will be provided so get ready to unleash your inner artist! <http://bottlesandbottega.com>

Cost is \$45/person

A Reminder...



The warm weather tends to get people excited to get outside after a long winter indoors. Running with your dog is a popular extracurricular activity that we want to remind you to ease your dog into. Immediately over-exerting your dog can lead to health problems such as a heart attack. Take it easy and increase the amount of time you run with your dog in small increments until you reach your desired goal.

Easter will be here before you know it! Although it may seem like a clever idea, we want to remind you that bunnies and chicks are not the best gift to give. Having a pet is a real commitment that should be discussed with those that are receiving the animal.

Celebrate National Arbor Day by Planting Trees!

National Arbor Day is April 29 this year, and the best way to celebrate is by planting trees. The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the tree planters' holiday. Everyone who joins the Foundation in April will receive 10 free shade trees.

By joining the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation in April, you will receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple. The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2012, or visit arborday.org/April.



CDOT TO LEAD RECONSTRUCTION OF FULLERTON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER LINCOLN PARK LAGOON

\$11.6 Million Infrastructure Improvement Project to Begin Construction on Monday, March 19th

The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced today that it was beginning the reconstruction of the Fullerton Parkway Bridge over the Lincoln Park Lagoon and adjacent pedestrian underpass on Monday, March 19th.

"This important infrastructure investment includes reconfiguring the adjacent park paths to improve safety and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Key drainage and landscaping enhancements are provided in this design, as well as critical safety and access improvements," said CDOT Commissioner Gabe Klein. "The project was developed in coordination with the Chicago Park District and local community groups to improve the overall parkland experience, especially with regards to pedestrian safety and congestion mitigation."

The well-traveled Fullerton Parkway Bridge, which was originally built in 1940, needs to be replaced due to its deteriorated condition. The \$11.6 million project is being financed through FHWA and IDOT. Construction is expected to continue through December, with the landscaping and final improvements to be completed by spring of next year.

The construction work will be staged to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction and one sidewalk along Fullerton at all times. The pedestrian underpass will be closed, and a detour will be posted along the path north and south of the site.

The project will include the following roadway, pedestrian, park improvements:

- Construction of a new aesthetically pleasing bridge structure
- Replication of the existing art-deco façade to maintain historic character of Lincoln Park
- Creation of a new 20-foot-wide pedestrian underpass west of the Lagoon
- Installation of stainless steel railings to protect bicyclists and pedestrians
- Elimination of the center pier to enhance rowing activities in the Lagoon
- Routing of pedestrian traffic to the north side of the bridge for improved safety
- Improved drainage for pedestrian underpass to promote use of full width (20')
- Reconfiguration of paths for ADA compliance to best accommodate all users
- Improved underpass and street lighting
- New traffic signals with synchronized timings east of Cannon Drive
- Fewer points of conflict with pedestrians (reducing accidents)
- Additional approach lane to Lake Shore Drive southbound ramp to alleviate back-up on Fullerton

Several trees will need to be removed as part of the construction project, but will be replaced on a per-inch basis. A total of 122 new trees will be planted in the area to replace the ones that need to be removed.

Urban Wildlife

Be Kind to our Fine-Feathered Friends

Springtime is migration season for millions of birds, and Chicago is a favorite stopping ground en route back to northerly homes. The route many follow is known as the Mississippi Flyway, beginning in Mississippi River Valley and extending all the way to northwest Canada, passing through the Great Lakes on the way. It's an amazing time to watch birds – more than 250 species usually fly through Chicago skies in April and May, but it is also a dangerous time for our avian friends.

Each year thousands of birds collide with city windows, where they fall to the ground stunned and unconscious. With timely treatment, more than 80% of these injured birds can be saved and released back to the wild. Urban Wildlife Coalition works closely with Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, a state- and federally-licensed facility dedicated to rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife.

Volunteers are urgently needed during the upcoming spring migration (begins around March 15). A few hours one morning a week can save hundreds of avian lives. Training is provided. For more information, please visit www.flintcreek-wildlife.org/volunteer.htm or phone 847-842-8000.

In the meantime, be prepared in case you find an injured or orphaned bird:

Keep a box or bag in your car, along with paper towels or small rags.

Enter the Flint Creek Wildlife hotline number in your cell phone, just in case.

Place the bird in a paper bag with a folded paper towel at the bottom. Secure the bag with a clip.

Place the bag in a dark, quiet location and phone the number above.

Human instinct almost always is to give food and water to an injured animal or to try to give medical assistance. Resist the temptation. It can cause further injury more often than not.

Injured birds can be dropped off at Flint Creek's Northerly Island facility daily between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (visit www.flintcreekwildlife.org for directions).

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

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WORKING WITH MOSAICS

Skokie Art Guild Artist Angela Heller will demonstrate Mosaic techniques March 27, 7:00 PM. Skokie Library - Radmacher room, 5215 Oakton St. All Are Welcome! Refreshments! Funding Provided by Village of Skokie

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Skokie Art Guild's 51st Annual Art Fair. July 14-15, 2012. Fine Art. 75 artists. Held downtown Skokie on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton (next to the Library). Prizes and Awards. APPLY NOW! For information/application: www.skokieartguild.org skokieart@aol.com 847-677-8163.

GORILLA TANGO THEATRE TO PURCHASE SKOKIE THEATRE – REOPENING IN APRIL 2012

Gorilla Tango Theatre (GTT) is pleased to announce that in addition to its current Bucktown location (1919 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago IL 60647), GTT will own and operate the Skokie Theatre (7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie, IL 60077) as of April 2012.

Over the last year GTT has been gearing up for expansion of its extremely successful for-profit business model locally, regionally and nationally. To that end GTT jumped at the chance to purchase the Skokie Theatre. "It's a beautiful venue in a great area," states Dan Abbate, GTT Owner and CEO. "We will run Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre in a similar fashion to our Bucktown venue: where we seek out and help produce shows directed at very specific markets. We are currently seeking individuals and groups interested in producing these marketable shows in a profitable manner in this world-class venue. We of course will concurrently run our own programming at Skokie, focusing on our successful "By Kids For Kids" shows (where young artists work with directors to produce original performances which they co-write and perform in) as well as a variety of our original parodies."

"The Village of Skokie is pleased to welcome Gorilla Tango Theatre to Downtown Skokie. We expect the Skokie Theatre to thrive under the leadership of new owners Dan Abbate and Kelly Williams who will surely provide the community with exciting, creative entertainment options," comments Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "The Village is not directly assisting the new ownership with financing, however; the efforts of Village staff were integral to securing project financing and staff provided the new owners with guidance through the purchase transaction. The Skokie Theatre is an important component of Downtown Skokie's revitalization, along with the new Oakton-Skokie Swift station and the Illinois Science + Technology Park, and will serve to attract more people to Downtown Skokie's restaurants, shops and service businesses." Dan Abbate thanks the Village of Skokie for their support throughout this process and adds, "An additional thanks to North Shore Community Bank who made the financing of this project go incredibly smoothly."

With no creative agenda (just a profit driven one – producing shows to targeted markets), GTT focuses on the creation and maintenance of a profitable and sustainable producing model for both itself, and its in-house and outside producers. GTT's focus on producing has begun to spill into film with two fully financed productions already slated to shoot in 2012. Says Abbate, "We are very excited that the Skokie Theatre is also a fully functional movie theater where we can premiere our film projects, as film and distributable media is part of our growth plan for the upcoming years."

Interested organizations or individuals wanting to produce at Gorilla Tango's Bucktown or Skokie venues can contact Dan Abbate, dan@gorillatango.com or 773-598-4549. For more information on Gorilla Tango Theatre (Bucktown) or Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, please contact Kelly Williams, kelly@gorillatango.com.

Gorilla Tango Theatre (GTT) provides year-round theatrical venues where audiences of all ages can consistently go to see a wide variety of talented artists. GTT exists to provide artists with an opportunity to produce their work in professional environment. GTT was created by Dan Abbate and boasts two venues: an 80-seat performance space in Bucktown and a 150-seat performance space in Skokie. GTT Bucktown is conveniently located at the intersection of Western and Milwaukee in Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood. Easily accessible by public transportation, GTT is steps away from the Western Blue Line stop and the #49 Western, #73 Armitage and #56 Milwaukee buses. Street parking is readily available. Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre is located in the heart of Downtown Skokie; street and lot parking available. With shows for all ages, all GTT performances are on a rating system, similar to the one used in movie theatres. GTT offers a variety of affordable beer and wine for purchase. Consult the website for show details, rating information, tickets, and more. www.gorillatango.com – 773.598.4549; 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60647; 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie, IL 60077

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Exhibition Extends Through May 21 at Expo 72, 72 E. Randolph Street

In celebration of Chicago's 175th Birthday, *The Flag and Seal Revisited*, a component of the Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago exhibition currently running at Expo 72, will extend through May 21. *The Flag and Seal Revisited* features artworks that riff on Chicago's flag and seal.

Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago and The Flag and Seal Revisited both focus on etching, engraving and screenprinting from a variety of Chicago printing presses and independent artists. The exhibitions were originally scheduled to run through April 30, 2012.

A brief history of the Chicago flag and seal written by Tim Samuelson, cultural historian for the City of Chicago, is featured in the exhibition. Artwork will be updated with artists' reinterpretations of the flag and seal throughout the exhibition's run.

Expo 72, located at 72 E. Randolph Street, is open Mondays – Thursdays, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Fridays, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.ExploreChicago.org.

Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago and The Flag and Seal Revisited are presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture.

Chicago's 175th Birthday

Celebrate Chicago's 175th Birthday in 2012! Festivities kicked off on Sunday, March 4, with the City's official birthday party at the Chicago History Museum. Now through August 26, enjoy 175 Days to Love Chicago. Visit www.ExploreChicago.org/175days to find events, festivals, promotions and fun facts to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the City's incorporation.

Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is dedicated to promoting and supporting Chicago's arts and culture sector. This includes, but is not limited to: fostering the development of Chicago's nonprofit arts sector, independent working artists, and for-profit arts businesses; presenting high-quality, free or low-fee cultural programs accessible to residents and visitors; and marketing the City's cultural assets to local, regional, and global audiences. DCASE produces nearly 2,000 public programs, events and support services annually, generating millions in economic benefits for the City of Chicago.

Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture

The Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture markets Chicago as a premier cultural destination to domestic and international leisure travelers; provides innovative visitor programs and services; and familiarizes visitors and residents with the city's vibrant neighborhoods, cultural attractions and creative industries. The Chicago visitor industry serves 40 million visitors annually, generates \$11 billion in direct spending and \$616 million in taxes, and sustains 124,000 jobs. For more information, visit www.ExploreChicago.org.

Local Arts and Entertainment

"A Theater Review"

"Ten Chimneys"

North Light Theatre, 9501 North Skokie Blvd., Skokie

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

The North Light Theatre is now in its 37th season under the artistic leadership of B. J. Jones.

While Jeffrey Hatcher's play "Ten Chimneys" has been done in other regional theatres the play originally was commissioned by North Light.

Unfortunately I was too young to ever see Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontaine on stage. I knew they were theatre legends and this is their story that takes place in their Wisconsin retreat. Lunt was from Milwaukee and is buried in a grave next to his wife in Wisconsin.

B. J. Jones has assembled a strong cast of seven actors for "Ten Chimneys." They include V. Craig Heidenreich as Alfred Lunt and the very beautiful and talented Lia Mortensen as Lynne Fontaine. Lia started out as a legal secretary but is a dynamic actress as you'll find out if you see this show. She is also an ensemble member of Tim Gregory's Provision Theatre. Also in the cast are Lance Baker as Carl, Janet Ulrich Brooks as Louise, Sara Griffen as a young Uta Hagen, Linda Kimbrough as Hattie and Steve Pringle as Sydney Greenstreet.

The play runs two hours and fifteen minutes with intermission and is a bit talky but that doesn't mean you won't enjoy it. The play has crackling dialog and the acting couldn't be much better.

"Ten Chimneys" is set in the 1930's and 1940's. Many stars from the past visited this retreat, the likes of Noel Coward.

The play offers laughter, romantic intrigue and flattery.

You'll find this backstage comedy interesting if you love good theatre.

The action takes place just after World War II. We find two actors, Uta Hagen and Sydney Greenstreet, rehearsing for an upcoming production of Anton Chekhov's classic "The Seagull."

We find that Lunt's mother also lives at the estate along with two adults who help run the place while Lunt and Fontaine are appearing on the New York stage or are on tour with a show as they appeared in forty five plays together.

The show delves into the personal lives of the characters to give audiences a touching drama.

Kimbrough's performance of Hattie, who is the mother of Lunt, is superb and consistent.

"Ten Chimneys" runs through April 15th. For show days, show times, and reservations call 847-673-6300. Tickets are \$25 - \$60. Their estate is open for tours for the public to see.

-Three Stars-

GUERIN PREP PRESENTS

"GUYS AND DOLLS"

More than 40 of Guerin Preparatory High School's 500 students will present the musical "Guys and Dolls" on March 30 and March 31 at Guerin Prep Auditorium, 8001 W. Belmont.

This is the musical comedy about the underworld of gamblers and chorus girls of New York's time square that has delighted theatre goers since the 1950s.

"It is entertaining because it offers great characters, a great score and a fun love story," said Kristen Mackie, the Director and Technical Director.

The show features songs by Frank Loesser accompanying a plot borrowed by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows from some of Damon Runyon's stories and characters. One of the most popular pieces is "Luck Be A Lady Tonight," made famous by Frank Sinatra.

Performance times are: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 31, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 31. Tickets are \$10 per person and there will be a brief intermission. All are welcome.

"We have such talented students at Guerin. It's really fun for me to see how much they have grown since the auditions," Mackie said.

Starring as Sarah Brown is Senior Jenna Zacharias (Elmwood Park). Sky Masteron is portrayed by Junior Angel Centeno (Elmwood Park), Miss Adelaide by Junior Kelsey Fortier (Chicago), Nathan Detroit by Sophomore Biagio Greco (Chicago) and Senior Nicely-Nicely Johnson by Jayson Acevedo (Chicago).

Also contributing to the production are: Jordan Chua, Music Director; Jeni Donahue, Choreographer; Ashley Woods, Costume Designer; Christopher Burpee, Lighting Designer; Tom Susin, Scenic Artist and Joe Bruno, Ad Book Layout.

Following the March 30 performance, attendees are invited to The Play Room, 7958 W. Belmont, where they will receive a free appetizer with the purchase of a cocktail or appetizer and a ticket stub from "Guys and Dolls."

For further information please call Alumni Director Tina Lilly at 708-437-4730 or tlilly@guerinprep.org.



Miss Adelaide, played by Kelsey Fortier '13, and Nathan Detroit, played by Biagio Greco '14, take the stage in "Guys and Dolls" at Guerin Prep on March 30 and 31.

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John Hancock Observatory's 'Wall of Greatness,' a physical wall in the lobby of the Observatory, contains a collage of JHO photos submitted by Observatory visitors. The first 200 visitors to 'like' the Observatory's Facebook Page and submit a photo taken from the Observatory on the John Hancock

Observatory Facebook wall will be rewarded with FREE tickets to the Observatory.

Tickets for the Observatory cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under the age of 12, and are free for children under the age of three. Each 25-minute skating session is \$5 on top of JHO admission. Skating sessions can be booked online, and skate rentals are available. Discounted guest parking is offered for just \$10 for up to three hours. Parking must be validated on the 94th floor upon presentation of JHO admission receipt. The Observatory is also home to the award-winning Lavazza Espresso Café, where visitors can enjoy cuisine designed by a 3-star Michelin chef, coffee creations, beer, wine and spirits.

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Park District Hosts Egg Hunts at Soldier Field and Local Parks Egg-Stravaganza March 31 Is City's Largest Free Candy Grab

The Chicago Park District hops to it this spring by hosting dozens of egg hunts, including one for dogs and another with flashlights, March 29-April 14 at citywide parks. Most events will feature treats, prizes, face painting, arts and crafts plus photo opportunities with the bunny. Some activities may require pre-registration due to limited space. Many programs are admission free or have nominal entrance fees. Participants should call the individual parks for additional information.

Brunch with the Bunny, Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Merrimac Park, 6343 W. Irving Park Rd., 773-685-3382

Space is limited; advance-sale tickets only; tickets go on sale March 12; no tickets available at the door. Admission \$10; recommended for ages 2-6

Bunny Bonanza, Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., 312-742-7511

Admission \$6; recommended for ages 1-6

2012 Spring Egg-Stravaganza, Saturday, March 31

Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Dr., 312-235-7162

8:30 – 10 a.m. Ticketed brunch in the United Club.

· Admission to the breakfast is \$17.50 for adults, \$12 for children under age 10, and free for children under age 3 with a paying adult.

· Reservations are mandatory for breakfast and must be made by Friday, March 30 by calling 312-235-7162.

11 a.m. Admission-free candy grab on the field.

Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley Ave., 312-742-7554

Admission \$3; recommended for ages 2-10

Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Daley Bicentennial Plaza, 337 E. Randolph St., 312-742-7649

Admission \$5; recommended for all ages

Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773-685-3361

Admission \$3; recommended for ages 2-11 with an adult

Tiny Tots with the Bunny, Saturday, March 31, 12 -2 p.m.

Galewood Park, 5729 W. Bloomingdale Ave., 312-746-5089

Admission \$15; recommended for ages 3-6

Egg Hunt, Friday, April 6, 10 -11:30 a.m.

Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414

Admission free; recommended for ages 6-7

9th Annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., 773-478-3499

Admission \$5 per dog; participants must be at least 18 years of age

Activities include a hunt for treat-filled eggs, a bonnet parade, obstacle course and a raffle. Photos with the bunny will be available for purchase. Dogs must be kept on a leash, and owners must stay with their dogs at all times.

Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Ave., 312-742-7518

Admission free; recommended for ages 3-6; children must be with an adult

Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Clarendon Park Community Center, 4501 N. Clarendon Ave., 312-742-7512

Admission free; recommended for ages 2-5

For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 7,800 acres of parkland, 580 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 natural areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact the Chicago Park District at 312-742.PLAY or 312-747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling 312-742.PLAY.

BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY AT RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL

The Resurrection College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. All are welcome to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny, enjoy entertainment by Resurrection students and make Easter arts and crafts. Each child will have the opportunity to take a photo with the Easter Bunny and receive a special gift.

Tickets for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny are \$10 per child and \$5 per adult. Due to the popularity of this event, all tickets will be sold in advance. Tickets are available for purchase on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org, by phone at 773.775.6616 Ext 127 or by e-mail at sthorpe@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 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a coordinated citywide effort to invest \$290 million over the next five years to complete more than 800 projects in parks, recreational areas and green spaces in neighborhoods across the city. Under this plan, nearly every Chicago resident will see a capital improvement within a 10-minute walk from their home, and the work will create 1,200 construction jobs.

Projects slated for completion during 2012 and 2013 include new Chicago River boat houses; new park construction; new community field houses; new artificial turf fields; new playgrounds; and facility restoration. The Park District will also rehabilitate 100 basketball courts by August and build eight new artificial turf fields across the city in 2012.

"Parks, trails and green spaces play an important role in building communities and the quality of life of all residents of Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "By building new parks and upgrading facilities, we do more than provide children with playgrounds or bicyclists with paths, we strengthen our neighborhoods."

In addition to Bloomingdale Trail, program highlights of the five-year plan include:

- 180 acres of new acquisitions impacting 100,000 residents
- 100 "Slam Dunk" basketball court renovations impacting 150,000 youth ages 13-19

- 12 new parks or major park developments impacting 300,000 residents
- 20 new playgrounds impacting 100,000 children ages 2-14
- 8 new artificial turf fields impacting 50,000 youth under age 18
- 6 new community buildings impacting 220,000 residents

The Chicago Park District will increase the amount of open space available in the city to more than 8,300 with the addition of 180 acres of new acquisitions worth \$15 million. Park #553 "Celotex," Park #565 "Indian Ridge," and Park #568 "Rosehill Cemetery," were previously acquired by the City of Chicago and will be transferred to the Chicago Park District for development and future maintenance.

The McFetridge Sports Center in California Park houses the Chicago Park District's only indoor ice skating rink. The skating rink will be replaced as part of the \$5.4 million renovations to the facility, and it will also undergo upgrades to the tennis court lighting and HVAC energy management.

Twelve existing facilities will undergo major renovations to upgrade operational systems, maintain structural integrity, improve accessibility, and ensure accommodation of various programming opportunities for the community. Locations for this \$12 million project include: Clarendon Park; Fuller Park; Garfield Park gold dome; Indian Boundary Park; Shabbona Park and Sherman Park.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

THE TRANSFER CONNECTION AT RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

It can be difficult to be "the new kid at school." Groups of friends are already established and it can be challenging to find your place in a new school environment. Resurrection College Prep High School has created a program to address the needs of transfer students - The Transfer Connection. Started in January 2011, The Transfer Connection is a group of students whose purpose is twofold: to develop a bond among students who have transferred into Resurrection from another school at some point during their high school career; and to make certain that new transfer students feel at home at Resurrection.

The idea for this group was the brainchild of Resurrection English teacher Rosemary Stuebi, who transferred schools several times during her own high school career. "I went to three high schools in three states, so I know how hard it is to come to a new school and find a place to belong," said Ms. Stuebi. "I wanted for us to create the most welcoming environment so that students will have the best high school experience possible."

Current Resurrection students who are part of The Transfer Connection are called "transfer connectors." Transfer connectors share ideas and strategies to assist new transfer students as they find academic and social success.

New transfer students are paired with a transfer connector to shadow on their first day as a new student at Resurrection. During the shadowing, transfer connectors help new transfer students feel welcome and comfortable in their new school. Also, when new students transfer to Resurrection, all transfer connectors wear pink Transfer Connection t-shirts so that new transfer students can easily identify Transfer Connection members as they move through the halls and classrooms on campus. This way, if the new transfer student has questions or needs the company of another friendly face they know which girls have been in their shoes on their first day of transferring in to another school.

As a group, The Transfer Connection members meet four times during the school year. Students discuss issues transfer students may face and how they as a group and as individuals can play an active role in assisting new students to make a smooth transition to a new school. The group also allows students to share "unwritten rules", "must dos" and discuss their experiences with each other. Dr. Lynne Saccaro, President/Principal of Resurrection says, "There are many outstanding programs at Resurrection that are student-centered and designed to address the needs of our students. One of these is The Transfer Connection. We know that change of any kind is a stressor and moving from one location to another, for whatever the reason, increases stress particularly in very social teen age girls. Not only are they moving in to a new school but they are moving in to a new life of friends, teachers, and learning environment. Having other transfer students welcome, befriend and help with the transition makes this program invaluable."

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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ON THE SIMEON WOLVERINES CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

Congratulations to the Simeon Wolverines boys basketball team and Coach Robert Smith for winning the Illinois State Championship. All season, the Wolverines' hard work and energy both on the court and in the classroom has been inspiring and earned them a well-deserved place in history as the only Chicago high school to win six state championship titles. The excellence these students strive to achieve in athletics and in academics makes Chicago proud.

INCS Teacher Job Fair Attracts Hundreds of High Quality Teachers

More than 600 teachers and 44 schools attended the Illinois Network of Charter Schools' (INCS) Teacher Job Fair on March 10 at UNO Charter School Network's Veterans Memorial Campus.

This year's job fair was a first for Sam Finkelstein, CEO & Founder of Legal Prep Charter Academies. "INCS put together a great event. I was very impressed by both the number and quality of the candidates we met at the job fair. As a new school opening the fall, we have a lot of hiring to do. The event was a big boost to our teacher recruitment efforts. If you check back with us in the fall, I'm confident that we will have been introduced to a number of our founding teachers at the INCS job fair."

Of the pool of participating teachers, 44 percent hold a Master's degree in education or their area of specialty. More than 41 percent of the teachers have three or more years of teaching experience, and 12 percent of them have been certified for special education and 21 percent are bilingual.

In response to the increased demand for teachers in high needs areas, INCS prioritized their outreach efforts. "Our goal is to ensure that charter public schools have access to exceptional teachers who can help drive student achievement over time," said Catherine Deutsch, Charter Growth and Support Manager and the event's organizer. "This year's fair attracted teachers from states as far away as Pennsylvania and Missouri. It is truly a testament to the growing interest of teachers who are looking to be a part of the charter school movement."

INTERNATIONAL FEST AT RESURREC- TION COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Resurrection College Prep High School presents International Fest on Sunday, March 25, 2012 from 2 pm to 5 pm at Resurrection, 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The afternoon event will feature performances, food and cultural exhibits that represent the cultural heritage of Resurrection students. All are welcome to attend! Advance tickets are \$3, general admission at the door will be \$5, senior admission will be \$4, and children ages 12 and under admission will be \$4. Tickets are available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by calling 773.775.6616 Ext 112. Food tickets will be sold at the event.

RESURRECTION ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND

Resurrection College Prep High School will be celebrating an All-School Reunion Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, 2012. The school will be hosting four events for alumnae and community members.

All community members are welcome to participate in the Run for Res 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The 5K will start at 9 am beginning at Resurrection and the route will wind through the Edison Park neighborhood. All proceeds from the Run for Res 5K will benefit the students of Resurrection College Prep High School. Advance registration fees are \$20 per adult and \$10 for students (ages 6-18) through April 18th (registration may be completed on-line or in-person). Registrations fees from April 19th through the morning of the event (in-person only) are \$25 per adult and \$15 per student. Children age 5 and under are FREE. Walkers, runners and children are all welcome, and strollers and baby joggers are permitted. Runners will start the 5K ahead of walkers. Awards will take place at 10 am and raffles will take place at 10:30 am. The route will reopen to traffic at 11 am and walkers are welcome to complete the course on the sidewalks.

On Saturday April 21st at 4 pm Resurrection will celebrate a Reunion Mass in the school chapel, followed by the Wall of Honor Inductions at 5 pm. Notable alumnae will be honored with the Blessed Celine Award, which is awarded to alumnae who exemplify the life values of Blessed Celine, the foundress of the Sisters of the Resurrection. The recipients are accomplished in their fields of endeavor and, like Blessed Celine, work toward the advancement of women in society and act as positive Christian role models for young women. Alumnae will also be inducted into the Resurrection Athletic Hall of Fame. The Athletic Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals from the Resurrection athletic community who have participated in sports or contributed to the Resurrection College Prep Athletic Program.

Alumnae and their guests are invited to attend the All-School Reunion Dinner on Saturday, April 21st from 6 pm to 9 pm. All alumnae are invited to attend. Many classes will be celebrating a milestone year reunion or will be celebrating a belated reunion during the All-School Reunion. \$30 per person includes appetizers, a full buffet dinner, dessert and soft drinks. \$45 per person also includes beer and wine. This is an age 21 and older event. Themed "Signature Cocktails" will also be available for \$5 and the proceeds will benefit the Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund. Raffles and tours will take place throughout the evening.

On Sunday, April 22nd Resurrection College Prep is hosting a Family Movie Day in the Little Theatre. Adults and children are invited to enjoy the 1939 classic movie, The Wizard of Oz. The movie will be an interactive film experience that includes audience participation. Movie-goers are encouraged to dress like their favorite characters from the movie and compete in our costume contest. Children can take photos with characters from the movie and everyone is welcome to participate in a sing-along. Activities will begin at 1 pm and the movie will begin at 2 pm. Reservations are encouraged for the Wizard of Oz Family Movie Day and can be made by calling Stefanie Thorpe at 773.775.6616 Ext 127 or at sthorpe@reshs.org. A donation of \$5 is suggested and concessions and goodie-bags will be available for purchase. Tours of the school will also be available.

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All-School Reunion Saturday, April 21, 2012

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There's a new Friends group that's formed in support of the Eisenhower Library. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. to discuss fundraising for the library and plan events. We encourage people in the community to join our group.

Friends Meetings: April 18, 6-8 p.m. and May 16, 6-8 p.m.

Friends membership is only \$5 per individual and \$10 per family. Membership will allow you into the Book Sale preview on Thursday May 17th.

The Friends have started hosting Mini Book Sales every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Our next will be Saturday, March 24th from 2-4 p.m. We will have a large book sale in May so there will be no Mini Book Sale in May.

Our prices are as follows:

\$1 Hardcover

\$0.50 Paperback

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\$0.50 VHS (when available)

Mini Book Sales:

March 24, 3-4 p.m.

April 14, 2-4 p.m.

April 28, 2-4 p.m.

Regular Book Sale:

Friends Preview Night: Thursday, May 17, 6-8 p.m.

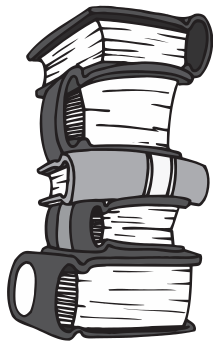
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Sunday, May 20, 1-4

Feel free to visit our website at eisenhowerfriends.tumblr.com. Stay tuned, we'll be ready to accept your donations soon.



FREE AUTHOR SERIES, ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO AND OTHER EVENTS FEATURED AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IN APRIL

Chicago Public Library will host several author discussions and lectures during the month of April connecting to One Book, One Chicago; Money Smart Week, Poetry Fest and more. All programs take place in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information visit chicagopubliclibrary.org, or call (312) 747-4050.

HAROLD WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: CHICAGO CULTURAL PLAN, 1986 & 2012 Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

Chicago's Cultural Planning Director Julie Burros, talks about the Chicago Cultural Plans, 1986 & 2012. Learn about how the 2012 plan is being created with input from Chicago's citizens. The City's last cultural plan was developed under Mayor Harold Washington in 1986, and resulted in the creation of, among other things, the Chicago Cultural Center, the redevelopment of Navy Pier and the building of the Downtown Theater District. Presented in observance of the late Mayor Harold Washington Birthday Celebration.

JOSEPH LEHRER Wednesday, April 18 at 6 p.m.

Joseph Lehrer, best-selling author of *How We Decide*, discusses and signs his new book, *Imagine: How Creativity Works*, an inspiring look at the new science of creativity. Shattering the myth of muses and creative "types," Lehrer demonstrates that creativity is not a single gift possessed by the lucky few, but a variety of distant thought processes that we can all learn to use more effectively.

TERRY SAVAGE: MONEY SMART WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT Monday, April 23 at 12 p.m.

Terry Savage, popular author and award-winning financial journalist speaks about what everyone should know about financial and retirement planning. Planners from the FPA of Illinois provide one-on-one planning sessions immediately following Ms. Savage's presentation. Presented by the Financial Planning Association of Illinois.

LES MURRAY: CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY POETRY FEST 2012 Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

Poetry and discussion from Les Murray, whose poetry is deeply rooted in his native Australian history and landscape. Among Murray's many award-winning collections are *The Ilex Tree* (with Geoff Lehmann), *Dog Fox Field*, *Subhuman Redneck Poems* and *Poems the Size of Photographs*. Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Chicago Public Library's 13th Annual Poetry Fest featuring a variety of poetry workshops with respected local poets, as well as the 8th Annual Haiku Festival awards. Co-sponsored with the Poetry Foundation.

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call (312) 747-4050.

LAW AT THE LIBRARY INFORMS ON TODAY'S LEGAL ISSUES

April 2012 Topic: Employment Law

The Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Bar Association partner to present Law at the Library, a free monthly lecture series focusing on today's hot and timely legal topics. Law at the Library invites participants to listen to an experienced legal professional, ask general questions, and check out materials on a variety of legal topics – at no charge! In addition, all Chicago Public Library locations serve as community centers which provide access to books, databases and journals that can help Chicagoans learn more about legal issues. Law at the Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The topic of the April 2012 Law at the Library seminars is Employment Law and they take place as listed below:

Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue, (312) 744-7616

Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Woodson Regional Library, 9525 S. Halsted Street, (312) 747-6921

Monday, April 16 at 12:15 p.m. Chicago Authors Room, 7th Floor, Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State Street, (312) 747-4300

For more information, please visit the website at chicagopubliclibrary.org or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

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Daisy's Girls - Camping with Juliette Gordon Low

Wednesday, March 28 6:30 pm Edgemoor Library

Adapted and Performed by Betsey Means Directed by Eileen Vorbach

Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. A wealthy socialite of the United States and Great Britain, Juliette spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, she led the formation of the Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912. By the time of her death, the Girl Scouts had become a successful national organization with thousands of members. Made possible by a grant from the Edgemoor Woman's Club. For more information please call 773-528-4957 or visit our web site www.womanlore.com e-mail us at Betsey@womanlore.com

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Literacy Class. Saturdays, Jan.7-May 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading and writing skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, Jan. 3-May 28, 6-8:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

The Friends of Lincolnwood Library meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

The Adult Stamp Club meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

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- Author and historian **Jeffery Wasserstrom: *China in the 21st Century***
- Film screenings at the **Gene Siskel Film Center: *Mulberry Child***
- Concert with the **Chinese Fine Art Society**
- Author **Yiyun Li** in conversation with **Achy Obejas**
- A day of tours & activities in **Chinatown**

For details on these and other events, pick up a copy of the guide at your library or bookstore, visit onebookonechicago.org or call (312) 747-8191.



Estate Planning: Know the Terminology



Chester M. Przybylo

Although thinking of one's own death is an uncomfortable task, many people agree that initiating some form of estate planning is prudent. However, some people may feel intimidated by meeting with an attorney to discuss their needs because of unfamiliarity with the law. A good lawyer will discuss your available options in simple terms that a person with no legal training can comprehend. But you can also relieve some of that hesitancy by familiarizing yourself with legal terminology before meeting with a qualified estate planning attorney to discuss the appropriate choices for you. The following is a short list of common legal terms that may come up in an estate planning meeting:

Attorney-in-Fact A person who is named under a Power of Attorney to act on behalf of another person

Beneficiary A person or entity that receives a benefit from an estate, trust or asset transfer vehicle

Death Probate The legal process used to assemble and transfer a decedent's assets to the intended beneficiaries and settle a decedent's outstanding debts

Decedent A person who has passed away

Donee A person or entity who receives a gifted asset from a donor

Donor A person or entity who gifts an asset to another person or entity

Estate All the assets owned by a decedent upon his or her death

Executor/Personal Representative The person responsible for settling a decedent's estate

Grantor A person who transfers an asset to another person or entity

Guardian of the Person A court-appointed supervisor in charge of the care of a minor or incompetent person's physical well-being

Guardian of the Estate A court-appointed supervisor in charge of the care of a minor or incompetent person's financial well-being

Testator The creator of a Will

Trust A legal arrangement created to facilitate the transfer of property to a trustee for the benefit of a beneficiary

Trustee A person or entity named in a trust agreement to be responsible for holding and administering the trust assets according to the terms of the trust

Trustor A person who creates a trust

Will A legal document used to transfer assets upon a decedent's death

Take just a few minutes to familiarize yourself with this short list of estate planning terms and keep it handy for future reference. Lawyers generally receive four years of undergraduate schooling followed by a minimum of three years in law school in order to learn the law. A good lawyer will be patient with you and explain those terms that are unclear to you. Familiarizing yourself a little bit with the law can make your estate planning experience more comfortable. Be sure to meet with a qualified attorney specializing in estate planning who listens carefully to your particular needs.

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.

WOMEN AND SOCIAL SECURITY

By Social Security Administration, Andrew Salata – Public Affairs

March is Women's History Month — a time to focus not just on the past, but on the challenges women continue to face in the 21st century.

Social Security plays a vital role in the lives of women. With longer life expectancies than men, women tend to live more years in retirement and have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. With the national average life expectancy for women in the United States rising, many women will have decades to enjoy retirement. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a girl born today can expect to live more than 80 years. As a result, experts generally agree that if women want to ensure that their retirement years are comfortable, they need to plan early and wisely.

What you can do

The best place to begin is by knowing what you can expect to receive from Social Security, and how much more you are likely to need.

You can start with a visit to Social Security's Retirement Estimator. There, in just a few minutes, you can get a personalized, instant estimate of your retirement benefits. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

You should also visit Social Security's financial planning website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. It provides detailed information about how marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government service, and other life or career events can affect your Social Security.

If you want more information about the role of Social Security in women's lives today, Social Security also has a booklet that you may find useful. It is called Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know. You can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127.html.

Tai Chi for Older Adults and People with Arthritis

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will hold Tai Chi classes for older adults. Tai Chi consists of fluid, gentle movements that are slow in tempo. It improves strength, flexibility, balance, well-being and overall fitness. This form is especially ideal to free up stiff joints and muscles. Participants have better balance, significant pain relief, increased sense of well-being, and improved physical ability. This class is taught by Arthritis Foundation Certified Instructor Renee Gatsis.

Spring classes are offered on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM - Noon and 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue) from March 28 - May 23. Pre-register online (www.lincolnwoodil.org) or by visiting the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, please call (847) 677-9740.

The Lincolnwood Social Club

Day trips, drop-in programs, guest speakers and seasonal mixers are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Lincolnwood Social Club members. Area seniors, age 55 years and better, are encouraged to join the program and start taking advantage of some of the upcoming programming including theater outings to see The Pirates of Penzance (May 16), Dream Girls (October 10) and Singin' in the Rain (November 28). Other day trips include the Glenn Miller Orchestra (May 22), History Lunch Tour on the Spirit of Chicago (June 20) and Lake Geneva Lake Tour and Lunch at The Abbey (July 18). Registration fees include round trip transportation and lunch for most outings.

Drop-in programs are offered on a weekly basis at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Weekly activities include bridge, mah jongg and senior exercise. Classes are offered either free of charge or at a discount for Social Club members. In addition to day trips and drop-in programs, members enjoy monthly activities including movie viewings with catered lunch, area restaurant outings as well as outings to city locales (transportation included) and monthly social mixers highlighting member birthdays.

There are still two March activities open for new members including lunch at Wii games and appetizers (March 28) and My Week with Marilyn viewing and lunch (March 30).

For membership information and a complete list of activities, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or access at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

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David Bordo, M.D. Named Vice President for Medical Affairs at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center

David Bordo, M.D., has been named Vice President for Medical Affairs at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago. In this newly created role, Dr. Bordo will join the hospital executive team as a leader of clinical initiatives aimed at enhancing quality and patient safety.

"We are pleased to have Doctor Bordo join us in this leadership role as he brings a strong medical background centered in optimal systems of care for patient safety and access," said Martin Judd, executive vice president and chief executive officer, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center. "Along with contributing his exceptional clinical perspective, leadership and insight, Dr. Bordo will be an invaluable change agent to facilitate our providing ongoing exceptional medical care."

Among his major responsibilities, Dr. Bordo will provide leadership to deliver high quality, cost-effective patient care, working as a facilitator between administration and the medical staff. He will champion quality efforts and drive consistency of care throughout the organization, serving as a key leader in evidenced-based care, documentation improvement, compliance and accreditation.

Dr. Bordo will serve as a voice for the medical staff at the senior management level and will champion further collaboration between administration and the medical staff. He will partner with administration and system leadership to grow the medical staff and develop strategies to enhance physician alignment and integration.

Dr. Bordo comes highly qualified for the position as a board-certified emergency medicine physician and Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians with strong management and high clinical credibility. During his four-year tenure as medical director of the hospital's emergency department (E.D.), the E.D. has grown in volume nearly four percent each year for the past four years. In 2010, he led the E.D. process redesign that resulted in a premier 'no wait' E.D. that provides rapid service and continues to yield high quality care.

As an experienced physician leader, Dr. Bordo launched the start-up and management of the hospital's hospitalist group, which he not only integrated into the medical staff, but also recently transitioned into the Resurrection Medical Group. This major achievement augments clinical care delivery by supporting primary care providers and assuring round-the-clock medical care to patients.



David Bordo, M.D.

PROESEL PARK PICNIC PERMITS

Permit applications for picnics or other use of park grounds will be issued this year on MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 starting at 9:00 A.M. The permit date has always been the first day of April, with the first falling on a Sunday this year we will hold the registration process on Monday, April 2.

Permit applications are available at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. Applicant shall submit, IN PERSON, all three copies of the permit with proof of residency, (driver's license, state ID, mortgage title, or utility bill) to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Access will be given to the Village Hall lobby at 7:30AM for those waiting in line, via the doors adjacent to the Police Department. Each person will receive a number based on their position in line when the doors are opened. Parks and Recreation staff will process applications in numerical order.

All reservations must be done in person. No online, phone or fax reservations will be accepted. Only residents of the Village of Lincolnwood may reserve the Proesel Park Shelter. Proof of residency is required. Some dates are not available for rental due to community events and recreation programs.



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Holiday Recipes

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1 - 2 1/2 to 3 pound beef chuck pot roast
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup port or marsala
1/4 cup catsup
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups hot cooked noodles

Trim fat from pot roast. If necessary, cut roast to fit into crockery cooker. In a large skillet brown roast on all sides in hot oil. Drain off fat. Transfer meat to a 3 1/2 ro 4-quart crockery cooker.

In a bowl combine onion, port or marsala, catsup, tapioca, Worcestershire, Thyme, oregano and garlic. Pour over pot roast.

Cover; cook on low-heat setting for 8 to 10 hours or on high-heat setting for 4 to 5 hours. Transfer roast to a serving platter. Skim fat from gravy. Pass gravy with meat. Serve with hot cooked noodles.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Recipe from Janet Reutcke

Mandarin Orange Cake

1 box yellow cake mix (with pudding is best) 4 eggs
1/2 cup oil 1 11 oz. can Mandarin Oranges in juice
Mix all above ingredients including juice to oranges. Grease and flour a 9" x 13" pan and bake for 35 min. at 325°

Frosting

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple and juice
1 small instant vanilla pudding
1 8 oz. container Cool Whip.

Put pineapple and juice in bowl. Sprinkle pudding over that and fold in cool whip. Frost cake as usual.

Recipe from Rose Suter

NORTH STAR NEWS IS NOW ONLINE

The Niles North High School student newspaper, the North Star, has changed formats to become an online news website. A launch party was held on Thursday, February 23 to officially unveil the new format, which will feature up-to-the-minute news stories and in-depth articles, as well as videos, galleries, and polls.

Go to www.northstarnews.org, 24-7, to find the latest news about Niles North.

The advisers for North Star News are Charles Pratt and Ivan Silverberg.

Call for Nominations 2012

Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is inviting nominations from the community for Skokie residents who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Skokie.

The 2012 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence will be presented at the June 4, 2012 Village Board meeting to a Skokie resident who has been nominated for the award and who the Commission believes has made a significant contribution to furthering the arts in the Skokie community. Nominations are welcome for individuals who have contributed to the visual, performing, literature/poetry or musical arts. Nominations must be submitted by April 2, 2012, by completing the form which is available on the Village of Skokie website, www.skokie.org or at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie.

For more information about the Award for Artistic Excellence or the Skokie Fine Arts Commission please call 847/933-8257 or visit www.skokie.org.



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