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## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND UL SANTA HOUSE KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS



See Center Section for this and Other Holiday Events.



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### LINCOLNWOOD TOYS FOR TOTS

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 14. If you have any questions please call the Lincolnwood Police Department at (847)673-2167.

### SALVATION ARMY COAT VOUCHER PROGRAM

Vouchers for free winter coats from the Salvation Army are available from November 7, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Vouchers are redeemable at any Salvation Army Thrift Store in the Metropolitan Chicago area for as long as supplies last. There are no eligibility requirements for this program; however, there is a limit to one coat voucher per person. Interested parties should contact Geri Silic, the Village of Lincolnwood Social Worker and Salvation Army Service Extension Representative, at 847-745-4755.



State Representative, 20th District  
**Michael P. McAuliffe**

*Happy Thanksgiving to All of  
Our Friends and Neighbors*

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### 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 unwrapped toys and games or monetary donations for local needy children at Christmas for our annual "Toys For Kids At Christmas" drive.

There are 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 until Tuesday, December 13, 2011. After the deadline, the donated toys for the children will be delivered to the Swedish Covenant Hospital Childrens Care Wing 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](http://www.pna-znp.org)

For all you've done.  
We thank you.

On this Veterans Day and every day, we and the community extend sincere appreciation to the men and women who have served our country so proudly.



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## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers October and November Health Programs

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

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, November 15, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 30, 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).

**Cholesterol screenings** will be held Tuesday, November 22, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening requires a 12-hour fast and tests for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL levels. Test results will be mailed. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636). There is a \$15 fee payable at the screening.

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

## LINCOLNWOOD APPROVES DONATION COLLECTION BIN REGULATIONS

The Lincolnwood Village Board adopted an Ordinance on September 20, 2011 to regulate the use of donation collection bins within the Village. Collection bins are metallic containers that are used to receive donations of a variety of used items including clothing, shoes, books, and other items. The items are then sold, donated, or recycled. Collection bins are operated by both non-profit and for-profit organizations. There are currently 22 collection bins at various sites throughout the Village.

The Village Board discussed regulating collection bins at the June 2, 2011 Committee of the Whole, as residents have expressed that there are too many collection bins within the village and that they are becoming an eyesore. At that time, the Village Board directed staff to research other municipalities that have adopted collection bin regulations. Staff presented the Village Board with the findings of their research at the August 18, 2011 Committee of the Whole. After reviewing the research, the Village Board directed the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance regulating collection bins.

The newly adopted Ordinance states that a limit of two collection bins per property are allowed in business districts and properties belonging to religious and public institutions. All bins must exhibit the name and phone number of the bin owner, and must be annually licensed by the Village. Bins are prohibited on required parking spaces, as well as sites with no operational and/or conforming use. Collection bins are not allowed to be placed against the front façade of any building. Collection bin owners that do not comply with the newly adopted ordinance, will be required to remove their bins.

## LINCOLNWOOD LAUNCHES MOBILE VIEW OF WEBSITE

As part of its continuing efforts to be accessible to a wide range of audiences, the Village of Lincolnwood has launched a mobile view of its website which allows residents and business owners to easily access information regarding Village news and events. The content is organized under four main tabs including news, community calendar, action line requests, and frequently asked questions. Users also have the option of navigating to the full Village website from the mobile view. To access the mobile view, users can simply visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) on a tablet, smart-phone, or other internet-enabled mobile device. This enhancement was performed at no cost to the Village. Residents and business owners are encouraged to provide comments regarding this new feature and any other features of the Village website using the website survey located at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NN38NBN>. A link to this survey is also available on the Village homepage.

## Ravenswood Community Council Policing Discussion

This past Monday, RCC was joined by 100 residents, along with representatives from the Chicago Police Department and 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar to discuss the possible merging of the 19th and 23rd police districts.

This well-attended event brought up several questions and concerns about the possible merging of the two districts, as well as any information available. For a recap of the meeting, please visit our <http://www.ravenswoodcommunity.org/> and go to Community News.

Those in attendance were Tom O'Donnell, RCC Board President; 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar, First Deputy Al Wysinger, Chief Brian Murphy, Chief Bob Tracy, Deputy Chief Matt Tobias, Commander Kathleen Boehmer, Commander John Kenny, and FOP President Michael Shields.

A special thank you to all in attendance for an informative meeting.

Ravenswood Community Council | 1756 W Wilson Avenue | Chicago | IL

## CJE SENIORLIFE'S CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING TO HOST CAREGIVER SERIES THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

CJE SeniorLife's Center for Healthy Living is hosting a Caregiving Series at Temple Beth El, 3610 Dundee Road, in Northbrook, throughout the month of November. Programs are free of charge, open to the public, and take place on Tuesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call 773/508-1073.

### November 22 Age Proof Your Home-Home Safety Solutions

CJE SeniorLife's CAPS (certified aging in place specialist) professional Rachel Tanzer will discuss methods to continue living comfortably and safely in your home. Topics covered include falls prevention strategies, home safety suggestions and affordable modifications. Tanzer has been working at CJE for four years developing and implementing community education programs for baby-boomers and older adults.

### November 29 Your Chance to Choose: Advance Directives

This presentation focuses on personal and family concerns associated with end-of-life planning. Learn about the landmark court cases that brought advance directives into public awareness and the importance of choosing someone you know and trust to honor your wishes and be your voice. Several approaches to completing legal documents will be explained. Presenter Joan Richman Ente, AM, LCSW, C-ASWCM, CJE SeniorLife has more than 20 years of experience in adult mental health and family counseling.

CJE's Center for Healthy Living offers a variety of educational, wellness, social and life-enrichment programming for older adults at the Bernard Horwich Building in West Rogers Park and throughout Chicago's north and northwest suburbs. Programs and their locations change regularly and may include creative arts workshops, screenings to identify/prevent bone or hearing loss, and educational programs on how to organize financial records, care for an aging parent or improve memory skills.

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit [www.cje.net](http://www.cje.net).

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## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Ranks in the Top 10 Percent in the Nation for General Surgery

### Hospital receives highest 5-star ratings in 8 clinical areas

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center ranks among the top 10 percent of U.S. hospitals for general surgery, according to the recently released HealthGrades 2011 Healthcare Consumerism and Hospital Quality in America report.

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center received the HealthGrades General Surgery Excellence Award in 2012, one of only three hospitals in Chicago to receive this award. The hospital also received highest five-star ratings in eight clinical areas: treatment of heart attack, heart failure, hip fracture, cholecystectomy, sepsis, pulmonary embolism, respiratory failure and emergency medicine.

HealthGrades, an independent health-care rating company, conducts the annual study to help consumers evaluate and compare hospital performance.

"Our physicians and nurses are dedicated to giving our patients the personalized medical care they deserve," said Martin Judd, executive vice president and chief executive officer, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center. "This new study points to our clinical excellence and we are pleased to be ranked once again among the nation's top hospitals. These national distinctions mean that our patients are getting superior care equal to the best in the country right here in their neighborhood."

The report evaluated the quality of care at nearly 5,000 U.S. hospitals for 27 different medical diagnoses and procedures. The study measured patient results based on mortality and in-hospital complications rates. In the Chicago market area, 91 Illinois and Indiana hospitals were evaluated. Quality comparisons of doctors and hospitals in the Chicago market area are available here.

The study found that patients treated at five-star rated hospitals experience a 73percent lower risk of mortality and a 63 percent lower risk of complications compared to one-star rated hospitals. Additionally, the study found that if Medicare patients from 2008 through 2010 had been treated at five-star hospitals, 240,040 lives potentially could have been saved.

"Patients today have a wide array of options when it comes to choosing a health care provider," said Kerry Hicks, HealthGrades chief executive officer. "At HealthGrades, we are proud to have led the way for empowering patient choice based on objective clinical outcomes and access to actionable quality measures. We commend Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center for its superior quality and support of consumerism and transparency in the Chicago market area."

## Veterans Shown Appreciation for Their Service

McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, Skokie, held its Annual Veterans Appreciation Event on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Bears of Hope joined the restaurant to pay tribute to veterans for their service to our nation. McCormick & Schmick's, gave veterans a complimentary entrée and Bears of Hope gave them handmade patriotic fabric bears. Bears of Hope, a Skokie based voluntary organization, makes handcrafted fabric bears for sick and needy children and adults. Bears Founder, Carolyn Reiner, added, "Each year we make a limited number of patriotic fabric bears we give to veterans. These bears are made with patriotic themed fabric. No two bears are alike; each one is unique just like the veteran who receives a bear."

Contact Bears of Hope at [bears@bearsofhope.com](mailto:bears@bearsofhope.com)



Bears volunteer with active Army serviceman

## Skokie Interactive Mapping Tools

Would you like to make custom maps of your neighborhood or easily obtain useful information on your property? Through MapOfficeT, available at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), residents have access to interactive mapping tools that allow users to create, markup and print custom maps. Additionally, "My Skokie Property Search" powered by MapOfficeT gives residents and businesses access to an easy-to-use address search function and parcel summary tool. Users can simply type in their address and retrieve a range of information related to their property, including:

- Parcel/zoning information;
- Link to County PIN and Assessor Data;
- School district information; and
- Recycling/Garbage collection days.

To access MapOfficeT, please visit Skokie's website at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), click on Skokie Maps in the left-hand column and type an address in the "My Skokie Property Search" tool.

The Village of Skokie became a member of the GIS Consortium, a cooperative of local governments that work to lower the cost of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related technologies, in 2005. As part of this membership, the Village has created, collected and maintained a wealth of geographic information such as parcels, aerial photography and roadways. This information also is available to all Skokie residents on Skokie's website, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), through MapOfficeT, an interactive mapping application.

## American Legion Edison Park Post #541 Visits LaSalle II Magnet Grammar School



On Nov. 9th 2011, 7 members of American Legion Edison Park Post #541 spent part of the morning with the students of LaSalle II Magnet Grammar School in Chicago. In observance of Veterans Day they discussed their experiences during their military service. The students were very attentive and asked numerous questions. At the conclusion of the program, the students presented the veterans with hand made thank you cards.

All six legionnaires felt that the students learned a lot and they agreed to return next year. We want to thank Principal Suzanne Sheehy and her staff for inviting us to make this veteran's presentation.

The veterans that participated were: Gerald Skotzko, Robert Fuggiti, Bill Kinder, Tom Benson, Bob Yahn, John Jaros, and Bill Gessl.

Submitted by Gerald Skotzko

## Chicago Kicking Off National Homeless Veterans Outreach Campaign

As part of a national commitment to prevent veteran homelessness, the Chicago-area VA centers will host an event on Oct. 12 to raise awareness of services available to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness. Professional Chicago sports players and more than 70 community, government and faith-based organizations will celebrate the One Team Chicago...Joining Forces to Defeat Veteran Homelessness initiative. VA's Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Robert Petzel, will be speaking at the 10:30 a.m. event, and two formerly homeless veterans will tell their stories.

In keeping with President Obama's vision to honor and support the men and women who have preserved our freedom, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki has established a priority goal of eliminating homelessness among veterans by 2015. VA chose Chicago as one of 28 locations to spearhead this mission. On a single night in January 2009, more than 75,000 veterans were homeless across the nation, and in that year about 135,000 veterans spent at least one night in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program. "Those who have served this nation as veterans should never find themselves on the streets, living without care and without hope," Shinseki said.

In addition to providing housing, employment and healthcare services to veterans who are homeless, VA's campaign aims to prevent homelessness by connecting veterans and their families with support before they lose their housing. Veterans lose their homes when financial, employment, health, or legal challenges overwhelm them. VA is integrating access to services for all of these issues in a one-stop hotline through the VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1-877-4AID-VET, staffed by trained counselors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This fiscal year, VA expects to spend \$3.4 billion to provide health care to homeless Veterans and \$800 million in specialized homeless programs.

The event will connect community partners with VA and other agencies devoted to ending homelessness in Chicago.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Jesse Brown VA Medical Center Kizer Conference Room, 820 S. Damen Ave., Chicago, IL

Contact Maureen Dyman at 708-202-5627 or 773-610-8237 for additional information or directions.

## Shabbat Dinner Friday Night

On Demember 2nd at 5:15pm enjoy Shabbat Dinner together with friends followed by an interesting and informative discussion with Professor Eugene Kontorovich; Disputing Occupation: Israel's Border in International Law. The lecture will discuss if the settlements are illegal, what actually the "1967 borders" are, and whether International Law condemns Israel or not.

Professor Eugene Kontorovich teaches at Northwestern University School of Law and is currently a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. Professor Kontorovich is an expert in constitutional and international law and his writings appear in the Wall Street Journal, Jerusalem Post, and elsewhere. He speaks for the Israeli Defense Forces Military Advocate General officers, the American Jewish Committee, the Republican Jewish Committee, and to college student groups across the country. Professor Kontorovich is a brilliant and interesting individual and we are sure you will enjoy his presentation!

Supervise play is available for children

Candle lighting at 4:00pm. Tefilot at 4:10pm. Dinner at 5:15 pm

\$22 adult, \$12 child

\$180 to sponsor the event (includes 4 reservations).

We hope to see you there!

# Local Arts and Entertainment

## *I Am Logan Square Industry Night: Photography*

A chance to rub elbows with established professionals and colleagues in the field! \$10 admission includes passed appetizers and 2 hours of open wine, beer and sangria bar.

Tuesday, November 29, 6-8 pm

D'Noche, 2710 N. Milwaukee

Special Guests- Photographers: Verser Engelhard, Jeff Phillips & Krista Wortendyke and Curator: Allison Grant

RSVP required, email: justine@iamlogansquare.com

## Holiday House Tour and Craft Boutique

The Norwood Park Historical Society hosts holiday events December 1 - 4, 2011. Visit Victoria's Craft Boutique for hand-made gifts, and attend the Holiday House Tour to see five magnificent neighborhood homes.

For additional information about the Norwood Park Historical Society Victoria's Craft Boutique or Holiday House Tour please call 773-631-4633 or visit [www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org).

### DANK-HAUS GERMAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

4740 North Western Avenue, 5th floor, Chicago, IL 60625  
773.561.9181 [www.dankhaus.com](http://www.dankhaus.com)

### DANK Haus Silvesterball Powered By The Polkaholics

Willkommen 2012 at the DANK Haus with a white hot blaze of sequins and accor-dions known as The Polkaholics.

Balloons fall from the gilded ceiling, partygoers warm up with a traditional feuerzangenbowle and learn their future at the Bleigiessen display. (See below for more on cultural enrichment)

Doors open at 8:00pm Event closes 2:00 am Must be 21 and over

\$9.99 Advance tickets available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Each entrance includes raffle ticket to win an Epiphone guitar

Food & Beverage: BBK or Kostritzer beer

Liter \$11 1/2 Liter \$6 Wine \$5

Champagne (German Sekt) - \$10-\$20 per bottle

Water/Pop - \$1 Pretzel - \$2

Landjaeger - \$3 (spicy dried beef sausage - a favorite of hikers)

Feuerzangenbowle, wherein a sugar cone is soaked in high proof rum and lit on fire over a spiced wine. The sugar drips into the wine. While the cone burns, the party gathers and warm conversation ensues. Also will be a Bleigiessen demonstration. Bleigiessen is the melting of lead or for safety sake, wax and dropping it into a cold bowl of water, you then interpret the resulting shape to learn your fortune for the New Year "The same procedure as every year!"

When: Dec 31, 2011 8:00 PM

Where: Dank Haus, 4740 N. Western Ave, Chicago, IL

FREE Parking at MB Financial Lot, Western & Gunnison

1/2 blk from Western Brown Line Stop

## CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER DANCES THIS DECEMBER

From tiny dancers to seasoned choreographers, December brings fun dance events for the entire family to the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street. Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture (COTC), all of the following dance events are open to the public.

For more information on events at the Chicago Cultural Center, visit [www.ChicagoCulturalCenter.org](http://www.ChicagoCulturalCenter.org), follow us on Twitter (@ExploreChicago) or "Like" our Facebook page: [facebook.com/ChicagoCulturalCenter](http://facebook.com/ChicagoCulturalCenter).

### Dance-Along Nutcracker

Free

Sunday, December 4 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Ballet Workshops at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center

Sugar-plum fairies and toy soldiers of all ages return for the 11th annual Dance-Along Nutcracker, an interactive holiday event presented by DCASE, in partnership with COTC. Audience members, young and old, are encouraged to dress in their finest tutus and hit the dance floor alongside professional ballet dancers. One hour before each Dance-Along Nutcracker, children are invited to participate in free ballet workshops. The Dance-Along Nutcracker®, created in 1985, is the property of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, the world's first openly gay musical organization. Any use of the name, concept or imagery without the written permission of SFLGFB is prohibited.



## "A Theater Review"

*"The Sound of Music"*

*Drury Lane Theatre*

*100 Drury Lane Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois*

*Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt*

The hills come alive at the Drury Lane Theatre with its production of "The Sound of Music" in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. It is a production that families should take their children to see. The musical is based on "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers" that has the songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein and a book by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse.

My favorite songs are "Climb Every Mountain" and when you hear Patti Cohenour as the Mother Abbess sing it you want to stand and give her a standing ovation as it is captivating. My other favorite song is "Edelweiss" that Larry Adams sings as Captain Von Trapp. An outstanding singer and actor who gives a performance you'll talk about. There are many first rate songs like the nuns in the abbey with their rendition of "Maria." Other songs are "My Favorite Things," "Do Re Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," "How Can Love Survive," along with the others to make for a perfect holiday show.

Jennifer Blood plays Maria, John Reeger is Franz the butler, Paul Scrofano is Frau Schmidt the maid and it's great to see the talented McKinley Carter as Elsa Schraeder getting more roles on Chicago stages as she is very talented and plays the love of Capt. Von Trapp perfectly until she discovers the marriage won't work.

It's great to see Peter Kevoian as Max Detweiler, the impresario who is putting a show together and who is a friend of the Captain.

Brandon Springman as Rolf and who has romantic interest in Liesl played by Katie Huff. The two mean Germans are played by David Girolmo as Herr Zeller, and Craig Spidle as Admiral Von Schreiber. Other supporting roles are played by Ann McMann, Liz Pazik, Catherine Lord, Leisa Mather, Michael Accardo, Michael Ehlers and the list goes on.

The children are not only talented but adorable and they are Emily Leahy as Marta, Laura Nelson as Louisa, Arielle Dayan as Brigitta, Julia Baker as Gretl, Zachary Keller as Fredrich and Ben Parkhill as Kurt.

Rachel Rockwell is the director and choreographer of the show and has done one super amazing job with the production. She is a gem to Chicago theatre and Robert Duchak as the musical director is top notch.

Maria is perfect as the nanny who falls for the captain and loves the children. She makes a better nanny than she does a nun.

The show will live on forever and I'm not going to go into details of the story as I'm sure by now everyone knows it but don't let that stop you from seeing it. I've seen it many times and I'd go back many more times if the quality of the show was like the one at Drury Lane Oakbrook. The show runs two hours and forty minutes but it is over too fast.

"The Sound of Music" runs until January 8th. For show days, show times and reservations call 630-530-0111. Tickets are \$35 - \$46 --Four Stars--

### Skokie Theatre Music Foundation

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November 19 • 8:00pm Charlene Brooks Sings: "BONNIE, BETTE AND BROOKS" (Or "Getting In Touch With My Roots And Adding Highlights!")

November 20 • 3:00pm & 6:00pm Acrocats

November 23 • 1:30pm Bucky Halker's GREAT AMERICAN FOLKSONGS

November 24 • 8:00pm Johnny Rogers in Tribute to Johnny Cash and Friends

November 26 • 8:00pm Aqualung

November 27 • 2:00pm Johnny Rogers in Buddy and Beyond

November 27 • 7:00pm Greater Chicago Jewish Festival: Rabbi Joe Black

December 3 • 12:00pm & 3:00pm The Boogers

December 3 • 8:00pm Listen Up!

December 4 • 2:00pm John Van Keulen in THE 2ND ANNUAL Merry & Gay (The Holiday Show)

December 4 • 7:00pm Rocking for Limmud

## The Skokie Theatre and [zelwel.com](http://zelwel.com) present Rocking for Limmud

Featuring The Alte Rockers with Lori Lippitz, Ovadya, Mi Yodea in a Benefit for Limmud Chicago at Skokie Theatre, 7924 N Lincoln Ave, Skokie, IL on December 4, 2011 7 PM. A diverse show of new Jewish music from the Chicago area- featuring three very different bands... the wonderful pop satire of The Alte Rockers, the psycho world fusion of Ovadya and the 'tradition with a twist' neo-exotica of Mi Yodea- plus a finale with all three on stage together. A benefit for Limmud Chicago- the annual festival of Jewish learning.

Tickets to events at the Skokie Theatre can be purchased through the links provided at [www.skokietheatre.com](http://www.skokietheatre.com)

# HOLIDAY EVENTS

## James Downing Theatre Presents: Parish Craft Show

A comedy by Sue Mrotek Opening: December 2, 2011  
Running: December 2 - December 11, 2011  
Time: Fridays and Saturdays 7:30pm, Saturdays and Sundays 1:30pm  
Location: James Downing Theatre  
The Edison Park United Methodist Church  
6740 N. Oliphant, Lower Level, Chicago, IL 60631  
Tickets: General Admission \$15.00, Students/Seniors \$10.00  
Reservations online at Brown Paper Tickets or by  
calling 224-725-3696, email jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com  
www.jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com

Chicago-James Downing Theatre proudly presents Parish Craft Show, a comedy by Sue Mrotek. As the lights go up, the stage is set for the parish craft show where Sue Mrotek is reuniting with her co-star, Liliana Mitchell from Parish Play to re-enact their St. Gabriel Finance Committee roles as two devoted parishioners on opposite sides of the pew. With Lombard resident Mary Oskroba debuts as a meddling neighboring vendor, the trio portray the well meaning but comedic characters at a parish craft show. Other cast members include Mark Kroon of Des Plaines, Diane Kumpf of Mt. Prospect, and Gloria Fields of Mt. Prospect. Parish Craft Show is directed by Dave Downing of Park Ridge with Technical Director Steve Kedzierski.

The James Downing Theatre is a program of the Edison Park United Methodist Church and this play is being presented as the annual fundraiser to help support future theatre productions.

## Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Party Thursday, December 1st

The Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce annual tree lighting and holiday party will take place on Thursday, December 1st at 6PM.

We will gather in front of the free parking garage at 3140 N Central for the tree lighting and then head next door to the Martini Club at 3124 N Central for appetizers and a cash bar. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

## Layaway Now for Later: Better Business Bureau Advice on the Layaway Process

The current economy has left many shoppers on a budget and searching for more affordable methods of paying for big-ticket items and holiday gifts. This holiday season, many families will be turning to alternate forms of payment to make ends meet. With many stores offering layaway services, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) is offering advice on how to use this payment plan in lieu of credit cards.

Once considered a dated, old-fashioned method of payment, layaway services are back in a big way, with many businesses now shaking the dust off their layaway programs for today's cash-strapped consumers. Buying items on layaway is different from putting them on a credit card because the buyer isn't charged interest on the purchase and can't take the item home until it is paid off. When purchasing items on layaway, the buyer must typically make a down payment of 10 to 20 percent and pay any service or plan fees for the store to hold the item for them. The customer then has typically 30 to 90 days to make periodic payments to pay off the balance. Once it is paid off, the customer can take the items home.

"Layaway services can be a great alternative to the using a credit card," said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and northern Illinois. "However, it's extremely important that customers take note of the fine print and know what to expect."

As a complement to in-store layaway, some stores provide online layaway services for purchasing items through the retailer's website. Additionally, third-party businesses have sprung up for the purpose of setting up layaway plans online between customers and retailers that don't already have a layaway program. Once the item is fully paid for, the business then buys the item from the retailer and ships it to the customer.

When considering buying items on layaway, the BBB advises consumers to get everything in writing and offers the following checklist of questions to ask:

- \* How much time do I have to pay off the item?
- \* When are the payments due?
- \* How much do I have to put down?
- \* Are there any storage or service plan fees?
- \* What happens if I miss a payment? Are there penalties? Does the item return to inventory?
- \* Can I get a refund or store credit if I no longer want the item after making a few payments?
- \* What happens if the item goes on sale after I've put it on layaway?

Also, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) to check the Business Review of the retailer or third-party layaway service.

For more advice on how to be a savvy consumer this holiday season, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

## Festa Annuale!

Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 6:00-8:00pm

Bella Bacino's Restaurant, 75 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601

Join WorldChicago for our annual meeting & holiday party ~ Italian style!

Enjoy the spirit of the holiday season with Italian merriment and celebration. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Cost: WorldChicago Members, \$25; Non-members, \$30 Cash Bar

Register at <http://www.worldchicago.org>

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Resurrection College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10, 2011 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 Res 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 in advance, \$9 per child at the door, and \$6 per adult. Reservations are encouraged to secure a space. Tickets may be purchased from the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by contacting Stefanie Thorpe at 773.775.6616 Ext. 127 or [sthorpe@reshs.org](mailto: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 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](http://www.reshs.org).

## CITYWIDE OUTDOOR ICE RINKS

### SKATING SEASON RUNS THROUGH FEBRUARY 26 AT MOST RINKS

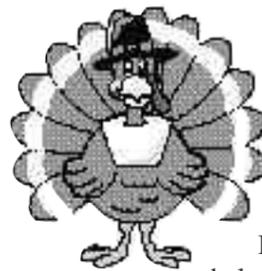
Work off Thanksgiving calories by hitting one of the Chicago Park District's outdoor ice skating rinks when they open for the season Saturday, Nov. 26. Skating season runs through Sunday, Feb. 26 at most outdoor rinks, weather permitting.

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 for special events and parties; contact the rink manager. The rinks at McFetridge Sports Center and Daley Bicentennial Plaza offer learn to skate lessons for a fee.

Contact the Chicago Park District at 312-742-PLAY (7529) or visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) for more information.



## LINCOLNWOOD'S ANNUAL TURKEY TROT



Lace up your running shoes, bring a non-perishable food item, and join the Village of Lincolnwood for the 35th Annual Turkey Trot. This year you and your entire family can participate in a fun race and help the community by donating a non-perishable food item to the Niles Township Food Pantry. Runners who donate to the food pantry will be entered in a post-race raffle.

It takes a Village to reach out to those who need a little help putting groceries on the table this Thanksgiving.

The Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at Lincolnwood's Proesel Park, 6915 Kostner Ave. Start times are 8:45am for the 5K and 10K Runs, 9:00am for the 5K Fitness Walk, and 10:20am for the children's Drumstick Dash.

"The Turkey Trot is a true community event," says Jan Hincapie, Lincolnwood's Director of Parks and Recreation. "We are so pleased to be able to bring together Lincolnwood's diverse population and its cohesive business community to support this healthy initiative. This year is extra special as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the race and the 100th anniversary of the Village. Please join us!"

Fees for early bird registration, taken before November 4, are \$30 for the adult races and \$12 for the Drumstick Dash. Register online at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) or call 847-677-9740 for more details. This is a CARA-certified race.

All pre-registered participants will receive a moisture wicking, long-sleeved running shirt. Trophies will be awarded for 1st - 3rd place male and female finishers in each age division. Awards and turkeys are given to the top male and female Lincolnwood finishers of each race. Awards are also given to each male and female overall winner in each race.

By bringing a non-perishable food item when picking up their race packets, runners will be entered in the post-race raffle, and will be helping to feed those in need during the holiday season. In addition, the Village of Lincolnwood will be donating a portion of the race fees to the Niles Township Food Pantry.

# HOLIDAY EVENTS

## THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK IN MILLENNIUM PARK OPENS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011



### Michigan Avenue Ice Rink Offers Free Admission for Skating

Kicking off Chicago's winter season, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Friday, November 18, 2011 and will remain open through Sunday, March 11, 2012, weather permitting. The rink, now in its eleventh season, draws more than 100,000 skaters annually and is free and open to the public. Skate rental is available for \$10. The ice rink is located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison streets.

For hours for the Ice Rink and more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org), call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @Millennium\_Park.

## SNOWSHOE & CROSSCOUNTRY SKI AT NORTHERLY ISLAND

This winter season enjoy Northerly Island, 1400 S. Lynn White Dr., by snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing during select dates Saturdays and Sundays beginning December 2, 2011 through February 26, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There must be at least three inches of snow.

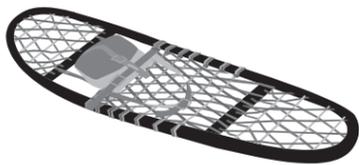
Families can circle the 91-acre peninsula on their snowshoes or cross country skis. While circling the island look for winter birds, winter native animals, or enjoy the incredible view of Chicago's skyline! Participants can also enjoy a good old fashioned snowball fight, build a snowman or two and take a break from the cold weather by warming up inside the field house.

During the following dates Northerly Island will have snowshoeing and cross country skiing available:

- December 2, 17, 18
- January 7, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28, 29
- February 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 25, 26

Dates are subject to change.

Equipment is available to check out for \$5 for two hours of skiing and trekking at the Northerly Island field house. Snowshoes and cross country skis are checked out on a first come, first served basis. Please remember to bring a valid ID. If you have your own cross country skis or snowshoes, it is free to ski and trek around the island! For more information call (312) 745.2910.



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Something for everyone! Featuring handmade, fair trade & one-of-a-kind items, plus used books, Christmas greens, white elephant table, photos with Santa, and children's craft area. When: December 3, 10am-4pm and December 4, 9am - 2:30pm (with pancake breakfast) Free Admission. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking and blocks from Granville el station. 1401 W. Granville. Information: 773-764-3621.

## GOBBLE UP A LOCALLY-GROWN FEAST THIS THANKSGIVING

Purchase your holiday turkeys and hams from local farmers and pickup at the Farmstand. Purchase locally-grown turkeys and hams for the Thanksgiving holiday through Chicago's Downtown Farmstand.

Order turkeys and hams direct from the farmer and pick up your purchases at the conveniently-located Farmstand. Two farmers are participating this year:

*TJ's Pastured Free Rand Poultry: call 815.686.9200 to order.*

- Great White Turkeys, raised on grass & alfalfa, frozen 10-25 pound turkeys at \$3.99/lb.

*Slagel Family Farm: call 815.848.9385 to order.*

- Traditional Bone-in, Country-Cured, Hickory-Smoked Hams, 4-25 pounds at \$3.99/lb.

- Boneless Honey-Glazed, Spiral Sliced Hams, 2-5 pounds at \$6.29/lb.

- Whole Turkeys (fresh or frozen) at \$3.00/lb.

Locally-blended herb mixes, mulling spices, pie spices, maple sugar and three different gift sets containing four jars of blends, each representing a different neighborhood in Chicago, will be available at the Farmstand to enhance your holiday meal.

Orders must to be placed directly with the farmer no later than Wednesday, November 16 for pickup at the Farmstand. Chicago's Downtown Farmstand is open six days a week: Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Chicago's Downtown Farmstand, 66 E. Randolph, Chicago*

Chicago's Downtown Farmstand, an initiative of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, is a year-round "farmers market" stocking hundreds of products (many of them organic) from within 250 miles of Chicago, including sustainably-grown fresh produce and edibles produced by local companies.

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: SCRAPBOOKING FAMILY MEMORIES

Best Friends Forever: A WWII Scrapbook is a powerful narrative of friendship, the Japanese-American internment camps, and America during the war. Join author Beverly Patt to learn creative ways to preserve and share family memories. Bring along your favorite photos, mementos and stories to get your scrapbook started. A book signing with Beverly Patt follows.

Sunday, December 4, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Reservations required. Call 847-967-4853. \$5.00 materials fee per child, payable at the door.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

## 15th Annual Edison Park Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk for Charity

This annual event, now in its 15th year, will benefit Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, a home for at risk youth in the Chicagoland area. The race will take place on Thanksgiving Morning, November 24th. Runners will start the race at 9:30 am with walkers starting at 9:35 am from the front of the Edison Park Fieldhouse located at 6755 N. Northwest Hwy. There is plenty of free parking and the Edison Park Metra Station is 1/2 block away. The race winds its way through the tree lined streets of Edison Park, ending at the Edison Park Fieldhouse.

Participants can register online at [www.epturkeytrot.com](http://www.epturkeytrot.com) or pick up an application at O'Connor's Deli & Market, Emerald Isle, Kaage's Newstand, Edison Park Metra Station or our local parks, Brooks, Olympia or Edison. The cost for the race is \$20 per person through November 21st. Race day registration is \$25 per person. All proceeds will go to the designated charity this year, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls.

For the young people in the family there is a Gobble Gallop, a race where everyone is a winner and all kids receive a medal. The first age group, 3-6 year olds, assemble for a 50 yard dash at 8:20 am for an 8:30 am start. The next age group, 7-9 year olds, assemble for a 1/8 mile at 8:30 am for an 8:40 am start. Ages 10-12 will assemble at 8:40 am for a 1/4 mile race starting at 8:50 am.

Participants in the Turkey Trot and the Gobble Gallop will receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. In-person registration and package pick-up will be held at Fleet Feet Sports Chicago, 4762 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL on Saturday, November 19th from 10 am to 6 pm; and on Sunday, November 20th from 12 noon - 5pm. On Monday, November 21st there will be in-person registration and package pick-up at The Emerald Isle, 6686 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL from 4 pm to 9 pm.

For information or to register, go to the website, [www.epturkeytrot.com](http://www.epturkeytrot.com) or call the hotline at (773) 792-9005.

# HOLIDAY EVENTS

## FINE ARTS HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES 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 and concerts 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, 7500 West Talcott Ave.

The Holiday Dance Showcase, featuring the students in the dance program at Resurrection along with the Orchesis competitive dance team, under the direction of Stephanie Mueller, will be held on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 7 pm in the Resurrection Little Theatre.

Sacred Night, Holy Light, a holiday chamber concert, featuring the Resurrection Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Mike Longo, will be held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7 pm in the school chapel.

A Christmas Carol, a holiday drama showcase will be presented on Friday, December 9, 2011 at 7 pm in the Little Theatre. A Christmas Carol, adapted by Cora Wilson Greenwood, will feature Resurrection's advanced drama students in performance and directing roles, under the guidance of Tony Muscarello.

Sounds of the Season, a holiday music concert will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 3 pm in the Resurrection gym, featuring the Res/ Notre Dame Band under the direction of Mr. Mike Wallace, the Res/ Notre Dame Jazz Band under the direction of Darren Scorza, and the Res/ Notre Dame Concert Choir under the direction of Ms. Katie Rholl.

For more information about the holiday festivities, call 773.775.6616 Ext 110. Resurrection is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school 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](http://www.reshs.org).

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND UL SANTA HOUSE KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS

The City of Chicago and UL are proud to present the official start of the holiday season, the 98th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Wednesday, November 23, 2011! The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is a highly-anticipated event drawing people of all ages to the heart of Chicago's downtown "Loop." Live performances and festive holiday music begin at 4:30 p.m. and the holiday season officially commences at 5:00 p.m., when the switch is flipped and the lights begin to sparkle in Daley Plaza.

The 2011 Christmas tree will be selected from the three best submissions of fir and spruce trees grown in the Chicagoland area and Indiana as part of a contest to select the perfect tree. Voting on the three finalists starts October 17. The winning tree will be announced at the end of the month and the lucky family who submitted the tree will be part of the lighting ceremony on Daley Plaza on November 23. For more information on the contest visit [www.chicagochristmastreecontest.com](http://www.chicagochristmastreecontest.com).

As part of UL's ongoing partnership with the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the UL Santa House will be back on Daley Plaza. The UL Santa House serves as a replica of Santa's workshop, allowing children and families to experience the wonder of the North Pole and have their picture taken with Santa Claus throughout the holiday season. The UL Santa House will offer interactive activities with important safety tips for children to enjoy while waiting to tell Santa their holiday wishes.

Visits with Santa Claus start on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with special hours on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Santa's regular visiting hours and house tours will begin on Friday, November 26 and continue every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. During Christmas week, December 19-24: the house will be open each day from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., with special hours on Christmas Eve from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Santa will be available for photos so don't forget your personal cameras. Underwriters Laboratories will also be offering free photos for download on their website, [ww.safetyathome.com](http://ww.safetyathome.com).

Experience a traditional German Christmas at the 16th Annual Christkindlmarket, inspired by the famous Nuremberg Christmas market dating back to 1545. Presented by the German American Services, Inc., this outdoor market offers exquisite handmade gifts, unique ornaments, rare European fabrics and textiles and the opportunity to devour German delicacies like brats, goulash, potato pancakes, cookies and Gluhwein (a warm spiced wine). For Christkindlmarket hours visit [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com).

Admission to all these events is free. For more information please visit [www.explorechicago.org/dcse](http://www.explorechicago.org/dcse) or call (312) 744-3316. For details about Christkindlmarket please visit [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com).

<p><b>WANTED</b> TO BUY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old Holiday Items</li><li>• Old Costume Jewelry</li><li>• Old "Pretty" Things (Purses, Hats, etc.)</li></ul> <p><b>The Antique and Resale Shoppe Inc.</b></p> <p>7214 N. Harlem Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 631-1151</p> <p>Mon - Sat. 10:30 am - 4:30 pm</p> <p>• FREE APPRAISALS •</p>
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## Lira Ensemble Polish Holiday Concert at Orchestra Hall



The Lira Ensemble, which specializes in Polish music, song and dance, brings a new holiday production to Symphony Center in Chicago:

"Celebrate! Polish Carols, Song and Dance"

Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 3pm

Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center

220 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago

This event celebrates not only Christmas, but also the Polish presidency of the Council of Europe, a highly prestigious title in the European Union which Poland assumed for the first time this year. This title confirms Poland's coming of age as a free and responsible European nation. The Chicago consuls general of many European nations will be in attendance to honor the Polish presidency.

In tribute to this Polish Presidency of Europe, the Lira Singers, Lira Dancers, and Lira Symphony will perform some of the most beloved and most popular Polish holiday music. Poland probably has more carols than any other nation and they are unusually beautiful and interesting. This concert 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 and Witold Lutoslawski, one of the most respected Polish composers of the 20th century, in addition to folk song and dance from various regions of Poland performed in colorful, authentic folk costumes.

The concert features guest artist Zofia Holowka Glashauser, a young Polish-American violinist who is concertmaster of the South Bend Symphony in Indiana. She will play works by composer Henryk Wieniawski, one of the most important European violinists of the 1800's. In addition to performances across Europe, Wieniawski toured the US with Anton Rubenstein and served as court violinist to the czar of Russia.

"Celebrate! Polish Carols, Song & Dance" will be conducted by Lira conductor Mina Zikri who was born in Cairo, Egypt and came to the United States in 1999. 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.

As with all Lira performances, the concert will be narrated in English by Lucyna Migala of WCEV/1450am, who is artistic director and general manager of the Lira Ensemble. Ms. Migala will share some Polish holiday traditions and will offer a bit of the history and tradition behind the music and dance performed.

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.

This Orchestra Hall concert is co-sponsored by the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago and by the Lira Society-Group 816 of the Polish Women's Alliance of America. It is funded in part by grants from AT&T, the Alphawood Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council - a state agency, and the CityArts Program of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

Orchestra Hall opens at 2:30pm for the concert. Lira recordings will be available for purchase in the lobby.

Tickets for "Celebrate! Polish Carols, Song & Dance" are very reasonably priced so that families can attend - from \$25 to \$75, with discounts for groups of 20 or more and half price tickets for children under age 16 in all price ranges

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Lira Ensemble at 773-508-7040 or from Symphony Center at 312-294-3000 or by visiting [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org).

# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## Being an American Essay Contest Deadline Approaches Students Can Win Up to \$1,000 in National Essay Competition Focused on the Constitution

The deadline for high-school students and their teachers to submit essays for the Bill of Rights Institute's national Being an American Essay Contest is fast approaching. The Contest asks students to explore the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution by answering the question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The Contest, which has quickly become the largest high-school essay competition of its kind, totaling over 80,000 submitted essays, is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding principles.

"This contest is unique in that it gives students the opportunity to think about the important Founding principles communicated in our Constitution," said Dr. Jason Ross, Bill of Rights Institute Vice President of Education Programs. "This contest is vital to helping students see the Founding principles as a meaningful part of the American experiment of self-government."

The top three student winners from each of five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place). Teacher sponsors of each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100.

Essays must be submitted online at [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest) by 11:59 P.M. PST on December 15, 2011. Supporting contest materials, including lesson plans meeting Common Core standards, are provided at no cost to teachers who want to incorporate the Essay Contest into their classroom.

The Contest is sponsored by the History Channel. "We are pleased to support the Bill of Rights Institute's Being an American Essay Contest," said Dr. Libby O'Connell, SVP, Corporate Outreach and Chief Historian, History Channel. "The contest encourages students to think critically and truly makes the past relevant in their lives today."

The Essay Contest serves as a key part of the Bill of Rights Institute's mission to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society.

ESSAY QUESTION: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens or legal residents and are either attending public, private, religious, or charter schools, being home-schooled, or participating in a GED or correspondence school program but are no older than 19 years of age. Military bases and U.S. territories are also invited to participate.

ESSAY LENGTH: No more 1,000 words.

DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSIONS: December 15, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. PST. All essays must be submitted at [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit).

WINNERS ANNOUNCED: February 2012

WEB SITE AND CONTEST GUIDELINES:  
[www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest)

## Over \$200,000 Raised to Support 11,000+ Chicago Youths at Union League Boys & Girls Club Gala

Over 300 supporters of the Union League Boys & Girls Clubs gathered on Saturday, November 5th at the Union League Club, raising over \$200,000 (net). The proceeds from the "34th Annual Gala: Great Futures Start Here" will expand programs and services offered at five Chicago inner-city locations for over 11,000 Chicago children.

ABC7 anchor Kathy Brock emceed the Gala, chaired by Gail Kiss, which included both a silent and live auction featuring a sculpture by respected Chicago Artist Richard Hunt. Guests dined on a seasonally inspired four course meal by Union League Club Executive Chef, Michael H. Garbin and danced into the night to the sounds of the Al Sofia Orchestra.

The Union League Boys & Girls Club's impact on the community is substantial: 99 percent of its members graduate from high school; there have been 0 criminal convictions and 0 percent teen pregnancies among its members (2010-2011). Nationally, the Union League Boys & Girls Club is rated #1 among Boys and Girls Clubs for the number of youths served per dollar of operating budget.

"Over the past 34 years the Gala event has raised more than three million dollars and benefited over 250,000 youths ages 6-18, in Chicago. Your generosity helps us encourage more kids to have great futures that start here through the Union League Boys & Girls Club core programs including character and leadership development, educational programs and special initiatives," said Michael Chioros, President of Union League Boys & Girls Clubs.

"Through the continued support of donors, we are able to provide more than 125,000 hot meals and nutritious snacks annually to our Club Members, expand the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Academic Success programs and update the Club's technology centers. Additionally, we are able to offer 697 youths an opportunity to attend our summer Camp in Salem, Wisconsin where they can experience weeks in an environment free from drugs, gangs and violence and lead them to a great future," adds Chioros.

"Annually, over 11,000 kids in Chicago's inner-city enjoy academic, arts and athletic after-school programs in our Clubs. The Union League Boys & Girls Clubs are credited by law enforcement, educators and community leaders with reducing crime rates, increasing reading scores and scholarship and improving the quality of life for these young people," said Mary Ann Mahon-Huels, Executive Director.

For over 90 years, the Union League Boys & Girls Clubs have served thousands of children in five well-equipped, professionally staffed inner-city Chicago clubs in the Pilsen, West Town and Humboldt Park communities. The organization also staffs and manages its own 250-acre summer camp in southern Wisconsin.

## Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission Grants

The Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission offers grants to Skokie schools that promote arts and cultural diversity in the community.

The Cultural Arts Grants are available to Skokie schools for in-school performing arts programming, and Project Grants are available to Skokie arts organizations.

Skokie public and private schools that host professional visiting artists are eligible to apply for a Cultural Arts Grant. Programs should have an emphasis on fine arts, music and dance while also promoting cultural diversity. The maximum grant amount is \$500. In 2011, over \$3,500 was awarded to Skokie schools for various projects, author visits and educational performances.

Project Grants are available to organizations for visual, audio and creative projects. These competitive grants provide larger funding amounts and Skokie not-for-profit arts organizations and institutions are encouraged to apply.

The Commission is transitioning to a calendar year and as such, projects taking place between May 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012 are eligible to apply. The Fine Arts Commission offers a grants workshop on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

The deadline for both grants is Monday, April 2, 2012.

Applications for this year's Arts Grants are available online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or by contacting the Public Information Division at 847/933-8257.

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

Please consider participating in the 2011 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.

Families receive gift certificates for area businesses which they use to purchase food, household necessities and to buy items specific to each child's needs and wants. Those interested in making a donation this year are asked to do so by December 10, 2011.

Last year, over 100 families received gift cards through the program. So far, there are nearly 200 families qualifying for the 2011 program.

This year, the Skokie Community Fund is contributing a matching grant. Once donations total \$25,000, the Skokie Community Fund will match every additional dollar up to \$10,000.

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.

# Public Libraries

## CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DECEMBER AUTHOR PROGRAM

The Chicago Public Library welcomes Tony Mantuano, the award-winning and celebrated chef/partner of the world renowned restaurant Spiaggia, to discuss and sign the new updated and revised edition of *The Silver Spoon*, one of the most iconic and bestselling Italian cookbooks, to which Chef Mantuano has added his own menus. Additionally, Mantuano's wife, co-author and wine expert Cathy Mantuano will be on hand to discuss their celebrated cookbook *Wine Bar Food*. The free event takes place on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium (Lower Level) at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. No registration is required for this event. However, seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Tony Mantuano is regarded internationally as an influential culinary force. He worked in several Michelin-starred restaurants in Italy before opening Spiaggia in 1984. Chef Mantuano was a participant on season two of Bravo's hit television show *Top Chef Masters*, making it to the Champions round. He also has appeared on *Nightline*, *The Today Show* and *The Early Show*. In addition, Mantuano has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Food & Wine Magazine*, *Wine Spectator* and *Bon Appétit*.

Mantuano has received several awards including *The Chicago Tribune's* "Good Eating Award" and *Food & Wine Magazine's* "Best New Chef." In 2005, Mantuano was awarded the James Beard Foundation Award for "Best Chef: Midwest," and in 2010, Mantuano's Spiaggia was awarded one Michelin star in the inaugural Michelin Chicago guidebook. Mantuano's first cookbook, *The Spiaggia Cookbook*, was praised by *Food & Wine* as one of the top 25 cookbooks of 2004, and in 2008, Mantuano and wife Cathy co-authored *Wine Bar Food*, which explores the world of Mediterranean wine and cuisine.

### LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY 4000 W. Pratt Ave., 847-677-5277

**Acting Class.** Mondays, 2-3 p.m. Theater games, improv, bit parts, and more for grades 3-5. Directed by Debbi Brodsky. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

**Afterschool Café.** Mondays, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Lincolnwood School students can relax and buy a snack before tackling homework on early release Mondays.

**Beginning with Books.** Wednesdays, Nov. 9-Dec. 14. 10 a.m. Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for Playtime program following. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

**Kid Flicks.** Mondays, 3:30 p.m. Nov. 7: "Rio."

**Knitting for All Ages.** Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

**Playtime.** Wednesdays, Nov. 9-Dec. 14. 10:30 a.m. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

**Stories and More.** Tuesdays, Nov. 8-Dec.13. 10:30 a.m. This fun, interactive storytime is tailored for children ages 3-5 and emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, colors and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, on-line stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each session provides a language-rich experience. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

**Thursday Club.** Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Exclusively for 6-8th grade students. Games and group activities.

**Video Production.** Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. 6-8th grade students can shoot and edit creative video footage.

### EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT 4613 N Oketo, Harwood Heights, IL (708) 867-7828

**The Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, December 5 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, December 6 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister.

**Classic Films** continue at Eisenhower: High Noon with Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly, directed by Fred Zinnemann on December 1; Meet Me in St Louis with Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien directed by Vincente Minnelli on December 15. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies! All films begin at 1 p.m.

**Tired of Knitting Alone?** Join our Knitting Circle! We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 7-8:30 and the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. December's Knitting Circles will be on the 6th at 7:00 and on the 20th at 2:30. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

**Computer Classes** Saving computer Documents: Wednesday, December 7, 7-8 p.m.; Google It!: Wednesday, December 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; MORE Internet: MORE email: Tuesday, November 22, 7-8 p.m.

**Good Food Fast: The 20th Century Dining Revolution** The story through words, photos, and music, of how our favorite dining establishments evolved from Fred Harvey railroad dining cars and urban lunch counters. We look at the serious concerns in the early 1900s with food safety that led to establishments marketing their open kitchens, use of popular and trusted brand-name ingredients, and scrupulous attention to cleanliness. We see how these trends began in urban centers, such as Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago, and how they spread across the country first along the rail lines, and later along the highways. From carhops to cookie-cutter franchises, from familiar foods to unique eats, this program will satisfy a thirst for knowledge—although it may leave you hungry for more! Thursday, December 8th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

### JEFFERSON PARK BRANCH 5363 W. Lawrence Ave., (312) 744-1998

**Thursdays in December from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.** The social worker is in! Are you confused about the maze of social services and assistance programs? Library Volunteer Susan Fox-Larkin, LCSW, is a professional social worker with 20 years of experience. She will be able to refer you to the proper agency or service for help.

**Friday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The Chicago Public Schools will conduct their ChildFind developmental screening program. No appointment required.

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### WEST BELMONT BRANCH 3104 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago, (312) 746-5142

**Documentary Films at the Library - Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music.** Monday, November 21st at 11:00 am In this classic 1969 documentary, Robert Elfstrom presents the Man in Black captured in the prime of his career. A discussion will immediately follow the screening. This film is part of the POV award winning series aired on PBS. To find out more about this documentary and others visit [www.pbs.org/pov/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/). This program is free to the public.



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# Estate Planning is Simple... Right?



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Many people think that estate planning is simple: You just press a button on a word processor and out comes a Will or other document that does just what you want. However, it's just not that simple.

There are many reasons that it takes someone with years of education and practical experience to advise you and prepare documents to accomplish your wishes. Typically, you have not even thought of all the questions, much less the answers and why they are important.

For example, many people think in terms of giving specific assets to specific people. Sometimes this works. But, oftentimes people do not consider the possibility that their estate planning documents could become effective at their death decades in the future. Will you still have that IBM stock you had planned to leave to Johnny? Will you still have the lake house you had planned to leave to Betty? What should happen if you had sold one or both prior to your death? What if the IBM stock had gone the way of Enron and the lake house had skyrocketed in value? If there are expenses and taxes to pay, should the recipient of each gift pay his or her share of the expenses and taxes or should some recipients receive their gifts without the burden of expenses and taxes?

As you can see, there are many practical questions which a qualified estate planning attorney will know to consider. There are also many technical legal and tax issues which you might never spot, until your heirs end up in conflict or the IRS is knocking at their doors. For example, Powers of Attorney, which appoint an Agent to make financial decisions for you, are very common and useful documents. However, if the Power of Attorney is not carefully drafted, it can cause the value of all of your assets to be included in the estate of the agent. In addition to overlooked problems, without a qualified estate planning attorney you can miss opportunities to plan for Medicaid qualification, to avoid probate, to reduce income, estate, gift, and other taxes, and to provide for your family.

A qualified estate planning attorney examines your unique situation and goals, your family and financial circumstances, and tailors a plan to meet your needs. From a simple Will or Trust to a complex plan including multiple advanced planning strategies, not every tool is applicable in every situation. Whether you are just starting out in life, or are in your twilight years, a qualified estate planning attorney can listen to your goals and tailor a plan that is best able to achieve those goals.

*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](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery Ceremony Hall Art Restoration Project

The restoration of the Ceremony Hall in the crematorium/columbarium building at Bohemian National Cemetery began on November 1, 2011. Noted Moravian-born artist John A. Mallin decorated the Ceremony Hall in 1918 and led previous restoration efforts in 1928 and 1948. The current restoration project, initiated by Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery, is the first in almost 65 years.

The restoration is partially funded by a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors. The Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery has launched the campaign titled "Restoring the Past for the Future" to raise the estimated \$300,000 needed to complete the restoration.

Mallin decorated the hall with symbols of fraternal and patriotic associations who supported and managed the cemetery. The Ceremony Hall provides a unique retrospective commemoration of these organizations – some of which no longer exist. Over the course of his career, Mallin decorated banks, theaters, courthouses, homes, more than 100 churches, the facades at Riverview Amusement Park, and several rooms in the home of the wealthy businessman John Cuneo (now the Cuneo Museum).

Anthony Kartsonas, founder of Historic Surfaces LLC, is leading the restoration project. Mr. Kartsonas, an admirer of Mallin, has previously performed studies in two Mallin-decorated churches: St. Josaphat's and St. Andrew's. He also gave a presentation about conservation training at Litomysl in the Czech Republic and has over 17 years of experience in paint restoration projects. He has worked on projects as diverse as tile stabilization in the Glessner House to an analysis of the exterior finish of Wrigley Field.

In the seven years of its existence, Friends has worked with the cemetery to obtain numerous grants and donations that have enabled the repair and restoration of the crematorium/columbarium roof, the historic water tower, the gatehouse bell tower, the cemetery burial registers, and the art glass windows in the Ceremony Hall. To learn more about the restoration projects, please visit <http://www.friendsofbnc.org>

The Bohemian National Cemetery of Chicago is a fraternal, not-for-profit cemetery founded in 1877 by Bohemian, Moravian and Slovak immigrant Freethinkers and their descendants to provide a dignified place for burials free of religious restraints. The cemetery is available to all religions, nationalities and races. The cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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## Clerk's Office Sees Spike in Dog Registration After Increased Enforcement Announcement

### Clerk Mendoza and Animal Care & Control Executive Director Travis Vow to Work Together To Educate Public About Little Known Registration Law

Chicago city dog registration went through the roof of the dog house in the two weeks following an announcement from Animal Care and Control that enforcement of this little known law will increase in 2012. From October 24 through November 7, registration increased 252 percent versus the same time period in 2010.

More than 2,200 dogs were registered in two weeks, versus the previous year when 631 dogs were registered in the same time period. Of significant note, 60 percent of those dog owners registered their pets online on the City Clerk's website, [chicityclerk.com](http://chicityclerk.com).

"My goal is always to educate people about the law before increasing enforcement," said City Clerk Susana Mendoza, whose office implements the dog registration. "I met with Animal Care and Control earlier this fall and we agreed that often dog owners are simply not aware of the requirement to register their pet with the city. Together we have committed to educate the public about this requirement and then increase enforcement in 2012."

City dog registration helps reunite owners with their pet should the dog stray away from the owner. According to the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, less than 20 percent of dogs who go missing are returned to their owners. Most dogs reunited with their owners were identified with tags or other identifying features, reinforcing the advantage for owners who register their dogs.

Dog registration also benefits the public health. All dogs registered with the city must have a current rabies vaccination. There also are discounts to those with spayed or neutered dogs, providing an additional incentive to do so and ultimately help control the pet population.

Chicago's dog registration tag is a simple sticker that is adhered to the back of the rabies vaccination tag. The sticker contains the unique dog registration number as well as the phone number for the City Clerk's missing dog and registration hotline, 312-744-DOGS (3647).

Dog registration is \$5 for neutered or spayed dogs or \$2.50 for sterilized dogs with a Chicago owner over age 65. Unsterilized dogs are \$50 to register or \$5 if the owner is age 65 or older. City dog registrations are available in 1 or 3 year increments, with the expiration date coinciding with the rabies expiration.

Fines for not registering a dog range from \$30 to \$200. Dog registration can be purchased online at [chicityclerk.com](http://chicityclerk.com) or an application can be mailed to the owner by calling 312-744-DOGS (3647). Registration is also available at any City Clerk office location, 121 N. LaSalle in Room 107, 5674 S. Archer Ave. or 5430 W. Gale St.

## COMMON SENSE

### INSIDE INFORMATION

Attorney General Holder should take time to learn the difference between responsibility and accountability.

A person in his position cannot be expected to be responsible for all that happens in his area of operation, however he IS accountable for all of the activities which fall under his authority, particularly based upon importance and based upon the law. To protect the citizens of the United States through the enforcement of its laws should be his highest priority.

All management, whether it is in the realm of business or the public service sector, takes accountability very seriously. In Mr. Holder's case, with the world in the situation it is in, should we, the people, have to worry that he does not take seriously a vital potential problem because he does not take the time to read his memos?

If a job, any job, is too much for someone to handle, the honorable thing for that individual to do is to step down to let someone more capable of dealing with the issues take over.

### NO SYMPATHY HERE!!

Our Country is in desperate trouble with millions of people out of work and our economy struggling at every level. The N.B.A. players are making millions of dollars to "play a game". They now want more millions to "play that game".

I was with a surgeon friend the other day who said he wished that he were taller; then he could make ten times what he is making now and would never have to hold someone's brain in his hands and make a life or death decision.

It's impossible for me to think of people who make millions to "play a game"; a high tech, competitive game to be sure, but "a game" just the same.

Sorry, players - NO SYMPATHY HERE!!

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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)

### Homestay Hosting Opportunity

A graduate student in Music Performance at The University of Texas at Austin, will be in Chicago for an audition with the Chicago Symphony on November 22. He will arrive in Chicago on Nov. 21 and leave on Nov. 24. He would like to stay with a family during this time. Ricardo is also a Teaching Assistant in the School of Music and is from Panama. If you are interested in hosting Ricardo, please contact him directly at [ricardozunigaguerrero@utexas.edu](mailto:ricardozunigaguerrero@utexas.edu).

(This opportunity is not administered by WorldChicago)

### International Visitor Leadership Program:

Description: This U.S. Department of State program identifies foreign leaders in a variety of fields to visit the U.S. for 3 weeks (visiting 3-5 cities) to meet their professional counterparts, explore their thematic interest area(s), and experience America firsthand. These visitors stay in hotels.

If you are interested in meeting with these visitors professionally and/or socially for meals in your home, please contact John Baum at (312) 254-1800 x100 or [jbaum@worldchicago.org](mailto:jbaum@worldchicago.org). Meal hosting is a benefit of membership with WorldChicago.

- Colombia - Government Accountability- November 27-30

- South & Central America Regional Project- Social Work for Youth- December 2-8 Meal hospitality requested for this delegation of 13 social workers for the evening of Sunday, December 4th. This group may be divided into 3 smaller groups for hosting. If interested, please contact Amy Krzyzek at (312) 254-1800 x102 or [akrzyzek@worldchicago.org](mailto:akrzyzek@worldchicago.org).

### Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 12 o'clock Noon at Hilltop Family Restaurant, 2800 W. Foster (Northwest corner of Foster & California)

Nov. 22nd - The Annual Kiwanis Thanksgiving Luncheon at Lane Tech will be held on Tuesday November 22nd at Noon. Cost is \$20.00.

Nov. 24th - Happy Thanksgiving! No meeting.

Dec. 8th - Mary Courtenay Christmas Party!

**Mission Statement for the Kiwanis Club for Ravenswood.**

"Since 1911 the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood has worked with other Chicago area Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanis International to "Serve the Children of the World." It is the children who are the future of the world and they are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. In addition to supporting children and young adults in need, our club also lends support to organizations serving the poor and underprivileged because it is a privilege to help those in need. We believe that Kiwanis is good for me, good for you, and good for our community. In cooperation with Kiwanis International we think globally, but we act locally."

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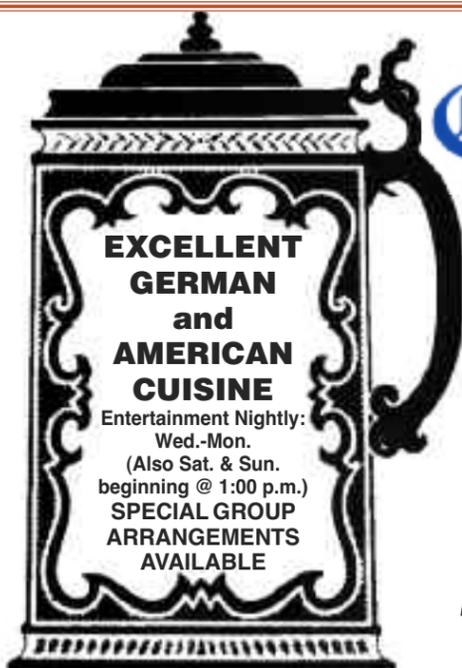
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