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Early Spring?
Find Out February 2nd
Happy Groundhog's Day
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National Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 through February 3, 2018 is National Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Daily Themes for 2018

Celebrate the following daily themes:

Sunday - Celebrating Your Parish

Monday - Celebrating Your Community

Tuesday - Celebrating Your Students

Wednesday - Celebrating the Nation

Thursday - Celebrating Vocations

Friday - Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

Saturday - Celebrating Families



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Pappas Announces New Programs:

- Pay online for free • Download your bill • Get your bill by email

Starting today, property owners who use their bank accounts to pay their tax bills online will no longer have to pay a \$1 fee, a change designed to boost the growing number of taxpayers who make electronic payments, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

Removing the \$1 fee is just one feature Pappas is offering to make paying property taxes more convenient:

- To pay over the Internet for free, visit cookcountytreasurer.com and select "Make an Online Payment."
- To receive future tax bills by email, select "eBilling." You will no longer receive your bill by mail.
- To obtain a copy of your tax bill, select "Download Your Bill." That bill can be printed and used to pay by mail or in person.

Online payments have soared from about 17,000 in 2001 to more than 485,000 in 2016. For property owners paying their taxes using a credit card, third-party processing fees apply.

Property Tax Bills are due March 1, 2018.

Coming Together Presents Celebrating Muslim-American Cultures

Opening Program CELEBRATING MUSLIM-AMERICAN CULTURES
Sunday, January 28, 2018

Niles West High School, 5701 West Oakton Street, Skokie
12 p.m. Refreshments, Demonstrations & Art Gallery

1 p.m. Program Begins in Auditorium

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Resurrection College Prep Senior Awarded Evans Scholarship & Sheriff's Commitment To Service Award

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Mairead Skelton

Resurrection Students Learn, Audition & Earn Scholarships At Illinois Theatre Fest



Kellie Rohrer '18, Emily Murdach '18 and Maribel Pagan '18

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5th ANNUAL WINTER GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

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Out



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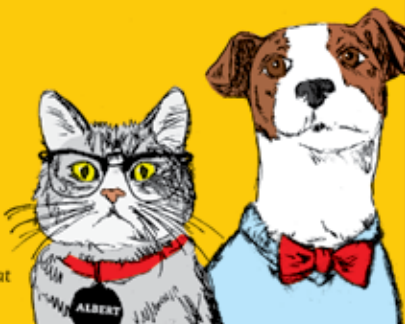
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Mayor Emanuel And Chicago Public Library Announce Homework Help Is The Largest And Most Comprehensive Program In The Nation

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Public Library Commissioner Brian Bannon today announced that Homework Help is the largest and most comprehensive program of its kind in the nation. CPL locations citywide offer the free, drop-in Teacher in the Library program for school aged kids. Live online tutoring is available on CPL's website through Brainfuse.

"Homework Help makes it possible for Chicago students to continue learning, even after the school bell rings," said Mayor Emanuel. "With a record number of students accessing these resources, it is clear that investing in this program is investing in our students and in the future of our city."

During the 2016-2017 school year, nearly 100,000 Homework Help sessions supported students' out-of-school time learning. This represents a 68 percent increase in four years, when the program was expanded to offer Teacher in Library at all 80 CPL branches and online tutoring was launched through Brainfuse.

"Certified teachers and trained homework helpers support our city's kids by working through their homework assignments, building confidence and reinforcing classroom concepts," said Commissioner

Bannon. "Our Homework Help program supports families as well, allowing parents from all backgrounds, native languages and abilities to get their child free homework help."

Through Brainfuse, CPL provides one-on-one online tutoring seven days a week, between 2 p.m. and 11 p.m., for all students with a library card. This online homework service provides students tutoring, collaboration and study tools in math, science, social sciences, English, language arts and computer literacy. Assistance in these core subjects is available in English and Spanish, from early elementary through advanced college prep. The site also provides a Spanish language study center and ESL assistance, as well as test preparation tools for the ACT/SAT, GED and the USCIS citizenship test.

Parents and caregivers who have questions about their child's homework assignment welcome the option to get help in their neighborhood library or online until 11 pm.

CPL's Teacher in the Library program is privately funded with support from the Chicago Public Library Foundation. To learn more about Homework Help and other educational resources at the library, visit chipublib.org/HomeworkHelp.

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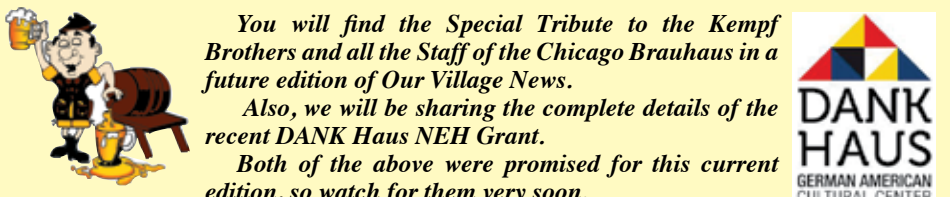
Ask your librarian or visit chipublib.org for more information.

Update From The Editor:

You will find the Special Tribute to the Kempf Brothers and all the Staff of the Chicago Brauhaus in a future edition of Our Village News.

Also, we will be sharing the complete details of the recent DANK Haus NEH Grant.

Both of the above were promised for this current edition, so watch for them very soon.



Community First Medical Center February Health Events

Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, will offer the following health events in February.



Thursday, February 1
Diabetes Support Group - 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor.
This free support group aims to provide mutual support and education.

Friday, February 2
National Wear Red Day - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., - Community First Medical Center, Outside the Cafeteria, Ground Floor

In honor of National Wear Red Day, Staff at Community First Medical Center will be offering free blood pressure screenings and free heart health information. National Wear Red movement works to save women's lives and beat heart disease, the number-one killer of women.

Chicago Riverwalk And Chinatown Branch Library Receive Prestigious National Honor

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the Chicago Riverwalk and Chinatown branch of the Chicago Public Library (CPL) have received the Institute Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The award is the profession's highest recognition and the latest honor for the two innovative projects.

"Chicago is known across the globe for our countless contributions to the fields of architecture and design, and today Chicago is writing the next chapter in that remarkable legacy," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "The Riverwalk and Chinatown Branch Library are architecturally significant, transformative projects that will be shared by generations of Chicagoans and visitors to our great city. I want to congratulate Ross Barney Architects, Sasaki and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP for this prestigious and well-deserved recognition."

The Chicago Riverwalk serves as a 1.25-mile promenade through the heart of the City. The technically challenging project involved extending the south bank of the Chicago River out by 25 feet. The ecologically sensitive design aids in improving water quality, enabling people to interact with the river as they have never been able to before. The three newest sections, or "rooms," of the Riverwalk were completed in 2016 and include:

The 16,000-square-foot, two-story Chinatown Branch opened August 29, 2015 with a partially covered "living" roof, Feng shui-influenced interior design and expansive views of the city. The branch serves as a cultural and information center for those who seek information about the Chinatown community and Chinese culture. It features "Universal Transverse Immigration Proclamation," a mural by CJ Hungerman representing Chinatown's development—past, present and future—and designed in conversation with residents of the Chinatown community.

The branch also includes CPL's signature media and lab space for teens, YOUmedia, CyberNavigator computer tutoring, and an early learning play space for children. It serves the Chinatown, Armour Square, South Loop and Bridgeport neighborhoods and was designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.

Founded in 1857, The American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. For more information visit www.AIA.org.

Roadside History of Illinois

This is the sixth in a series of monthly short articles about places in Chicago, nearby suburbs and elsewhere in the state that can be visited by those who seek to learn more about local history. The articles are partial excerpts from the book, Roadside History of Illinois (Mountain Press, 2013), by Chicago author and Illinois native Stan Banash



The Birth of the Film Industry

The movie industry owes its start in the late 1890s to two Midwesterners, William Nicholas Selig and Chicagoan George K. Spoor. Selig created his studio, the Selig Polyscope Company, in 1896. Spoor was the founder of Essanay Studios 11 years later.

Established on a lot at Byron Street and Claremont Avenue, near present-day Revere Park, Selig Polyscope focused primarily on short films, though it later produced some longer features. Among its first productions was The Tramp and the Dog (1896), a short narrative comedy filmed in Chicago. The film was well received in local vaudeville houses and went on to greater success at showings in major cities. Future Selig productions also proved profitable. Selig is often credited as being the inventor of the cliffhanger, based on his 1913 film series, The Adventures of Kathlyn. The entrance to the condominium building on the northwest corner of Byron and Claremont (now called St. Ben's Lofts, 3900 N. Claremont Avenue, is still emblazoned with the "S" trademark of the Selig Polyscope Company, a reminder of Chicago's role in motion-picture history. Selig stopped producing movies in 1918. As is the case with most early movies, only a handful of prints of Selig's films have survived.

Around 1906 Max Aronson, star of Thomas Edison's first feature, The Great Train Robbery, left Edison's New Jersey studio to join Selig in Chicago as an actor and director. Changing his name to Gilbert Anderson, Aronson later joined forces with Spoor at Essanay Studios. On the campus of St. Augustine College (the first bilingual college in Illinois)

is the former Essanay office site, 1345 W. Argyle Street. It is a landmark of early American film history and the "ESSANAY" name identification can still be seen above the building's entrance, which is now a Chicago landmark. From 1907-1917, Spoor, acclaimed as the "father of the motion picture industry," and his partner Gilbert M. "Bronco Billy" Anderson nurtured the likes of Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Gloria Swanson, and other stars of the silent era. When the movie industry moved to California in the later 1910s, Spoor remained in Chicago to experiment with "natural vision" (widescreen) pictures and other innovations, while Anderson went to California to operate the west coast location near Los Angeles. Spoor died in Chicago in 1953.

Other movie pioneers worked in Chicago during its filmmaking heyday, among them two African Americans: William Foster, founder of Foster Photoplay Company, the first African American film production company; and Illinois native Oscar Micheaux (1884-1951) of Micheaux Film & Book Company, which produced The Homesteader in 1919 and Within Our Gates in 1920. Micheaux, of downstate Metropolis, was the first African American to produce a feature-length film (1919) and a feature-length talkie (1931). In addition to being an independent filmmaker, he was an author. His works aimed to counter racism and raise consciousness in a segregated society. Foster Photoplay, founded in 1919, lasted only four years. Micheaux was more successful; he transferred his operations to New York shortly after establishing the company, closing his Chicago office in 1926.

Copies of Roadside History of Illinois may be obtained at Amazon.com or through your local bookstore. More information about the author can be found by visiting his website www.stantexbanash.com.

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Cook County Assessor's Office Mails Annual Senior and Senior Freeze Exemption Renewal Applications

Legislation Crafted By Assessor Berrios Results In Expanded Eligibility And Exemption Savings For Seniors This Year

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' Office has mailed Senior and Senior Freeze Exemption renewal applications for Tax Year 2017. Legislation crafted by Berrios will result in additional savings for these exemptions that will appear as deductions on Second Installment Property Tax Bills mailed this coming summer.

Nearly 300,000 applications were mailed to seniors who received the exemptions last year. The application deadline is Wednesday, February 7th and state law requires annual renewal in order to continue to receive exemption savings.

The Senior Exemption application is part of a booklet sent to eligible seniors. The booklet also contains the separate, income-based Senior Freeze Exemption application.

"It may be a minor inconvenience to return the renewal applications, but it is even more important for seniors to receive their exemptions this year," Berrios said. "Seniors have worked hard their entire lives and are entitled to these money-saving exemptions. It is important they do not lose them, especially this year with the new law bringing additional savings."

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for Tax Year 2017, a taxpayer must have:

- been born prior to or in the year 1952
- owned the property during 2017 or have a lease or contract for 2017 which makes them responsible for the real estate taxes
- used the property as his or her principal place of residence in 2017

Please Note: The new law will increase savings this year for the Senior Exemption from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). It is important to note that the exemption amount is not the dollar amount by which a tax bill is lowered. EAV is the partial value of a property to which tax rates are applied; it is this figure on which a tax bill is calculated. The Assessor does not set tax rates.

To qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption for Tax Year 2017, a taxpayer must have:

- been born prior to or in the year 1952
- a total household income of \$65,000 or less for [income] Tax Year 2016
- owned the property or had a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property on January 1,

2016 and January 1, 2017

- used the property as his or her principal place of residence as of January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017

- been liable for payment of 2016 and 2017 property taxes

Please Note: The new law expands Senior Freeze eligibility by increasing allowable total household income to \$65,000, from the previous limit of \$55,000. There is also a new minimum \$2,000 EAV deduction for the Senior Freeze, which will help offset increases in assessed value and help ensure that more seniors benefit from the Senior Exemption.

"If you don't qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption because you exceed the income level, this does not mean you will not be eligible for the Senior Exemption," Berrios explained. "The Senior Exemption has no income restrictions and I'm concerned that seniors might discard the entire booklet and not receive the Senior Exemption savings to which they are entitled."

Seniors receiving the Senior Citizen Exemption automatically receive the Homeowner Exemption. Seniors receiving the Senior Freeze Exemption automatically receive both the Homeowner and Senior Citizen Exemptions.

Eligible seniors who have never applied for the Senior and/or Senior Freeze Exemptions in the past may visit the Assessor's web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com and download an application or contact the Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550 and request a form be mailed to them. Applications for the Homeowner Exemption are also available online.

Applications for additional exemptions administered by the Assessor's Office will be available within the next several weeks.

"Our office continues to reach out to Cook County seniors, visiting local communities to make them aware of the available exemptions and also help with the application process," Berrios said. "We made a record number of outreach appearances in 2017 and will work this year to provide local services to an even greater number of seniors. Our goal is to ensure they are receiving the most exemptions savings possible."

Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



Edison Park Post 541 of The American Legion invites Veterans and Sons of Veterans on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., to attend our informational meeting. Location is Edison Park Field House 1st floor North at 6755 N. Northwest hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. We are on our way to forming a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron and are looking for more Sons to be named as charter members. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. This is an informational meeting. All Veterans are invited and if you qualify we would love for you to join us. Veterans qualifications are for service during the periods stated above. Contact: Past 9th District Commander Bob Fuggiti 847-921-8738 Edison Park Post 541 — AmerLegion541@aol.com 6755 W. Northwest Highway, Chicago - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Free Clinic to Reduce Your Phone, Gas and Electricity Bill

The Skokie Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Commission with the support of the Consumer Affairs Commission and in conjunction with the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is hosting a free consultation event to advise residents on reducing electric, natural gas and both landline and cell phone bills. To register, please leave a message at 1-877-782-7005 or email events@citizensutilityboard.org.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

"The key to saving money on your utility bills is simply to read them," CUB Executive Director David Kolata said. "At a CUB clinic you can sit down with an expert who can explain all the confusing charges, answer your questions, help you avoid scams, and give you ways to slash your costs. You can't find a free service like this anywhere else."

At CUB's clinic, consumers will get information on:

- How to spot unnecessary charges on natural gas, electric and phone bills.
- Energy efficiency programs and rebates that can help people cut their utility bills.
- ComEd's new digital electric meters and programs such as Peak Time Savings and Hourly Pricing that could save consumers money.
- Utility rates, and making the right choices in the electric and gas markets.

CUB services, including its toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-669-5556. The low-cost Consumer's Choice local-calling plans, designed by CUB under a legal settlement with AT&T.

A representative from the Illinois Treasurer's iCash program will be present to help registrants see if the state has any unclaimed property they're entitled to: <https://icash.illinoistreasurer.gov/>

Participants should bring current copies of gas, electric and telephone bills for CUB to review. CUB is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to representing the rights of utility customers across the state of Illinois.

For more information please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"- 2018 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2018 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

There are approximately (21,000) WWII Veterans remaining in the Chicago area – which HFC is requesting assistance from the public to help locate these WWII Heroes.

For more information please contact Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or visit (www.honorflightchicago.org)

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of flying our World War II veterans to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial built in their honor.



Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service hosts Call-A-Lawyer on the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will give free legal advice over the phone to Chicagoland residents who call (312) 554-2001.

Attorneys will be available to answer general questions on a variety of legal issues including (but not limited to) bankruptcy, domestic relations, immigration, personal injury and Social Security. Callers can explain their situations to attorneys who will suggest self-help strategies to resolve their legal issues. If callers need further legal services, they will be advised to see their attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service.

The CBA Lawyer Referral Service is one of few bar associations in the country to meet the American Bar Association Standards for lawyer referral and approved to use its logo and slogan, "The Right Call for the Right Lawyer™." For referral to an experienced attorney, the public can contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service at 312-554-2001 during business hours or through the Web site at www.chicagobar.org.



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Crossing Delancey performs Feb 2 to Feb 18

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director
 At some point in our lives, we all have to make a choice. Do we follow the path laid out for us by others or do we break from tradition and go our own way? This is the choice that Isabella faces in Crossing Delancey, a sly romantic comedy by Susan Sandler.

Crossing Delancey has charmed audiences for decades as it explores the bonds of family and tradition; the culture clash of old East Side and new West Side; and the romantic benefits of a new hat. Isabelle Grossman is a young Jewish girl who is living the dream. She has a rent-controlled apartment in New York's upper West Side, a job at a prestigious independent bookstore, plenty of friends, and a handsome local author to dream about. None of this matters to her Bubbie, however, a strong-minded, fiercely loving, traditional Jewish grandmother, who worries about single Isabelle, living alone in a room, like a dog! Unbeknownst to Isabelle, Bubbie hires a marriage broker to save the day -- and she is introduced to pleasant and unassuming Sam, who runs his own pickle stand on the Lower East Side. Isabelle does not believe she could have anything in common with a pickle man, but just as she seems to be getting the attention of Tyler Moss -- the highbrow writer after whom she has been hankering -- Isabelle is blindsided by Sam's subtle wit and wisdom. Can Sam persuade Isabelle to change her style, after all? Will Bubbie cleverly maneuver them together?



Bubbie & Izzie

Crossing Delancey was written by Susan Sandler. It was first produced in 1985. In 1998, Sandler turned her play into a critically-acclaimed movie that starred Amy Irving and David Hyde Pierce. Jewish stage actress Reizl Bozyk made her only film appearance as Bubbie, recreating the role she played on Broadway.

Crossing Delancey stars Chicago actress Daniella Rukin as Isabelle. With Kevin Costello, Nat Kier, Debra Rodkin, and Anita Silvert in the role of Bubbie. It is directed by Joseph Jefferson Award-winner Stephen M. Genovese.

Crossing Delancey runs February 2 to February 18, 2018. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm, with a matinee on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34 general admission, \$29 for seniors, and \$24 for students and can be purchased online at SkokieTheatre.org or by calling 847-677-7761. And if you mention Our Village, we'll give you another \$5 off your ticket.

What better way is there to spend Valentine's Day than watching a young couple fall in love? Note for the musically inclined: Skokie Idol 2018 is off and running. This year's contestants are Neil Arora, Michelle Bandura, Justyna Biala, Becca Blatt, Jamie Kimmel-Choldin, Charlie, Duggan, James Earl Jones II, Jordan Lancaster, Jessica Lenhardt, Rebecca Lorenz, Isabel Loza, Molly McDonagh, Athena Maliekkal, Isabella Reyes, Maya Roman, Matthew Schufreider, Barbara Smith, Talia Spector, Jaden Torres, Kristopher Valentin, Ella Walker, and Bob Weaver. Come vote for your favorites when the first weekly sing-off starts on Feb. 3 at noon. Admission is only \$5 at the door.

Send Your Child on an Adventure of Cosmic Proportions at an Adler Planetarium Summer Camp!

Your campers won't ride any horses or capture any flags, but with plenty of telescopes, programmable robots, high-altitude balloons, and new friends around every corner, Adler summer camps offer adventures of cosmic proportions! The Adler Planetarium has a variety of unique summer day camp experiences for kids entering pre-school through 10th grade. Young space and technology enthusiasts alike will have the opportunity to participate in real scientific exploration that will ignite their curiosity and creativity.

Camps run from June 18 through August 19. Registration for the general public will open on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 10 am. Members and previous campers are offered early registration 24 hours before the general public, beginning at 10 am on Monday, February 5. Mars-level members and above get priority registration starting January 30 at 10 am. For more information on Adler Planetarium summer camps, email summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org or visit http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/. Adler Family Plus-level members and above receive a discount.

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2018 Season

The Pirates of Penzance	Anything Goes	JUDY GARLAND: Come Rain or Come Shine starring Angela Ingersoll	Into the Woods
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Spanish and Latin American Showpieces Highlight February 4 Concert of Evanston Symphony Orchestra

The Evanston Symphony Orchestra continues its 72nd season -- titled Music from Many Lands -- at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston conducted by Music Director Lawrence Eckerling on Sunday February 4, 2018 at 2:30 PM. The program features the ESO debut of guitarist Jason Blair Lewis in the popular Concierto de Aranjuez of the Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo, as well as musical depictions of Spain by the Russian Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol) and the Frenchman Emmanuel Chabrier (España).

Argentina is represented by the Suite from Estancia by Alberto Ginastera and by Astor Piazzolla's Oblivion, with the violin solo taken by Concertmaster Julie Fischer. The program will be rounded out with the tuneful Huapango by the Mexican José Pablo Moncayo and the "Mambo" from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein.

Advance tickets at \$30 (\$25 for seniors, \$5 for full-time students) are available on-line at www.evanstonsymphony.org or by calling 847.864.8804. FREE children's tickets (12 and under) are only available by calling 847.864.8804.

Founded in 1945, the Evanston Symphony was the Illinois Council of Orchestra's "Orchestra of the Year" in 2017. The ESO's mission is to provide community members of all ages with convenient, affordable opportunities to perform and hear fine classical music from locally, nationally and internationally renowned artists.



Jason Blair Lewis

University Guild

Programs are held on the Northwestern University campus, Scott Hall (601 University Place, Evanston), in the Guild Lounge. All programs are held on a Monday and begin at 1:30 pm. Tea, coffee and cookies are served after the program. There is an opportunity to ask questions of each speaker at the end of each program and individual questions may be discussed with the speaker during the informal beverage part after the program.

The University Guild is open to all in the community. Annual membership is \$50. Guests are welcome and cost is \$5.00 per program.

The purpose of the University Guild is to bring to the membership the intellectual resources of the University, to promote the interests of the

University, to work for the collection and exhibition of the objects of art, and to advance the development and appreciation of the fine arts in the University and in Evanston. The University Guild also awards scholarships to students at Northwestern University. For more information, please visit our website, http://theuniversityguild.org

February 5 The Greatest Performers of the American Music Theater

Dominic Missimi, Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University, Music Theater

One of our favorite speakers returns to talk about the Greatest Performers of the American Music Theater.

National Wildlife Federation The Real Reason for Groundhog Day

Punxsutawney Phil, America's most famous weather forecaster, will have love, not weather, on his mind when he emerges from his hole on February 2. Researchers tracked 32 groundhogs for more than four years and concluded that the real reason for the early February appearance is a version of the dating game, groundhog style.

Male groundhogs wake up after three months of hibernation to check out the available pool of ladies within their territory. They select a female with whom they spend the night, and this sleepover acts as a first date, allowing the groundhogs time to get to know each other before the official start of mating season the following month. During these meet and greet sessions, contact is confined to rubbing noses - there's no going "all the way."

After scoping out two or three females, the male groundhog returns to his burrow to sleep again until March, dreaming of the hotties he has just met. When he awakes and revisits each of the females, the earlier slumber parties allow the woodchucks to skip the small talk and get right down to the business of breeding.



Climate Change

Here's a round-up of recent news on how climate change is affecting wildlife: (Go to nwf.org for articles.)

Has Punxsutawney Phil been predicting climate change?

Are the seasons shifting? The highest summer and lowest winter temperatures have been happening an average of two days earlier.

Antarctica is warming faster than previously thought.

Deep sea life is being impacted by climate change.

Climate change forces tropical insects to higher elevations.

Forests are in decline as temperatures rise. Climate change effects are irreversible according to new study.

David Mizejewski, Naturalist, National Wildlife Federation

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Winter Food Fest – January 27 & 28 St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church A Touch of Greece On the North Side of Chicago

In the Lincoln Square/Budlong Woods Neighborhoods in Chicago— A touch of Greece just a short distance from home! Let us do the cooking and come and celebrate Greek culinary traditions and wine at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Winter Food Festival. Add to your day with a wonderful Greek meal, sweets and a glass of delightful Greek wine. January 27-28, 2018, in the Church's Miller Center at 2727 West Winona Ave. Hours are Saturday, Feb. 27 from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28 from noon to 3 p.m.

Now you do not have to wait until summer to enjoy our fa-

mous festival food! Guests are invited to dine on their choice Greek favorites: Pork Tenderloin Souvlaki (Shish-ke-bob), Baked Greek Chicken, Gyros sandwich, Pastichio (Greek lasagna), Spinach or Cheese pies. Main entrees come with Greek rice, salad and bread roll. Desserts will include delicious kourambiethes, melo-makarona and koulourakia, all made on the premises by the ladies of the community. They will also be offering everyone's favorite, "Avgolemono" (egg-lemon) Soup!!

A 50/50 raffle will be held on Sunday. Winner need not be

present.

Free parking available in church parking lot and Budlong Elementary School. Additional parking available at Swedish Covenant Hospital garage.

St. Demetrios is celebrating 90 years of serving the needs of the Greek Eastern Orthodox community on the north side of Chicago.

Please Note: There will be a change in date for this summer's Lincoln Square Greekfest at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church; new dates will be July 27, 28 and 29, 2018.

St Basil Greek Orthodox Parish Host Inaugural Blessing Of The Chicago River

Service Celebrates Christ's Baptism In The River Jordan

On Sunday, January 7, 2018, at the Park Number 571 Boathouse along the Chicago River just outside Downtown Chicago, St Basil Greek Orthodox Church hosted the Inaugural Theophany/Epiphany Blessing of the Waters service on the Chicago River.

Outdoor Blessing of the Water services are spiritual important for Eastern Orthodox parishioners, but rare in this part of the world. While in the past outdoor Blessing of the Water services have been held within the City of Chicago, it has been over a decade since this yearly service has been held and the first time known to be held on the Chicago River.

The half-hour service was free and open to the public. The service ended with Father Dimitri Tobias immersing a gold cross in the Chicago River, symbolizing Jesus Christ's baptism in the River Jordan 2,000 years ago.

This past weekend parishioners of St George Greek Orthodox Parish of Des Moines, Iowa, and St John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Parish in Des Plaines, Illinois, celebrated Epiphany

with outdoor Blessing of the Water services, in following with the Julian calendar.

On Saturday afternoon, January 20th, Father Basil Hickman and the parishioners of St George Greek Orthodox Parish hosted this important service at Grey's Lake near Downtown Des Moines and near the intersection of the Des Moines



and Racoon Rivers. Joined by members of Orthodoxy from throughout Des Moines, they once again blessed this amazing lake that host water sports and recreation activities.

On Sunday afternoon, nearly a hundred parishioners of St John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Parish in Des Plaines, Illinois, came together on the banks of the Des Plaines River. Father Tom Papagiannis officiated the second annual blessing of this vital waterway to the City of Chicago and State of Illinois.

Thanks go to Lex Alexander Photography for these outstanding photos of this Inaugural Service.

Coming Together Presents Celebrating Muslim-American Cultures

SKOKIE & NILES TOWNSHIP, IL is one of the most diverse communities in the country, and for the past eight years the local group 'Coming Together' has celebrated the multitude of cultures that call Skokie and its neighboring communities of Morton Grove, Lincolnwood and Niles, home.

Supported by Niles Township Government and institutions throughout Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood and Niles, the goal of Coming Together is to study a different culture each year over a three month period, with an emphasis on literacy.

Cultures are chosen based upon their active imprint in the Township. In past years, Coming Together has celebrated Asian-Indians, Filipinos, Greeks, Assyrians, Koreans, Chinese, "Voices of Race", and Latinos/Hispanics.

The 2018 campaign will celebrate Muslim-American cultures and the Muslim residents in Niles Township who represent a wide variety of cultural backgrounds.

Opening Program CELEBRATING MUSLIM-AMERICAN CULTURES

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Niles West High School

5701 West Oakton Street, Skokie

12 p.m. Refreshments, Demonstrations & Art Gallery

1 p.m. Program Begins in Auditorium

This exciting Opening Ceremony will celebrate Muslim-American CultureS. There will be ebru art, calligraphy and henna demonstrations, an art gallery and refreshments from various Muslim countries. The wonderful program features Quran and Nasheed recitations, spoken word poetry, hip-hop emcee, and much more. Salat (prayer) room arrangements available.

Program Emcee: Award-winning NBC Chicago Reporter Ash-har Quraishi

Featuring film by Michael Ognisanti

Music by Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra

This event is free and open to the public

Artists/Demonstrations:

Sevim Surucu - Ebru paper marbling Heidi Naguib - photography

Sadaf Syed - photography Modern Wall Art - art display

Zeeshan Farooq - calligraphy Samra Masood - calligraphy on glass

Niles North art students - art display

For a complete list of over 50 programs, events, activities happening in Niles Township over the next 8 weeks, and for information on the books which will be featured for Coming Together 2018, please visit www.comingtogether.in.

Don't Declaw Your Cat!

By Diane Moe
C.A.R.E. volunteer

Declawing a cat in one of the most controversial procedures in pet ownership. Nobody wants to have their furniture ruined by inappropriate scratching. But is declawing surgery—a procedure so excruciating that pharmaceutical companies use it for pain medicine clinical trials—really the answer? Declawing a cat is equivalent in a person to amputating the entire first knuckle of every finger, so it's not unreasonable to believe cats can suffer from "phantom limb pain."

Declawing has been illegal in England for many years. Australia, Brazil, Finland, Germany, New Zealand and Wales have also banned the surgery or only allow it under extreme circumstances. In 2001, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association published a report that about a third of cats suffer at least one behavioral problem following declawing.

Scratching 101 For Cats

Scratching is a natural and necessary behavior for cats. They scratch for exercise and stretching as well as using scent glands in their paws to mark territory. You cannot teach cats never to scratch. However, you can provide adequate scratching surfaces and then teach them what to use. Ideally, cats should be trained from kittenhood. Adult kitties, too, can be taught where to scratch. Here are a few tips on helping your cat learn.

- Provide plenty of scratching posts. Posts should be at least as tall as the cat, and sturdy. Make sure the material is something the cats can really sink their claws into, such as sisal. Some cats prefer to scratch horizontally, so corrugated cardboard scratch pads are ideal.

- Place scratching posts in places where your kitty likes to scratch—near a favorite napping spot, and near the door (yes, your cat scratches when she's excited or happy, not because she's mad at you).

- If you're training a young kitten, encourage her by scratching the post yourself and acting like you really enjoy it. Always praise her for using the post, and give treats. Cat behavior expert Steve Dale says cats have big egos, so the more you praise them, the happier they are. For adult cats, rub catnip on the posts to entice the cat to use it. Again, lots of praise when she does it right!

- Don't yell at or punish the cat for scratching on the furniture. That only teaches him to scratch when you're not around; and if he's looking for attention, yelling gives exactly that. Instead, try blocking access to inappropriate places, or making the spots unappealing by adding double-sided tape.

- Trim your cats' nails every 10 to 14 days to keep the nails blunt. You can also opt for Soft Paws, glue-on plastic caps that cover a cat's nail tips.

If you decide that you still really want to have a declawed cat, please look for a cat that has already been declawed. Most shelter websites, including C.A.R.E.'s, will tell you if a particular cat has its claws or not.



C.A.R.E. cat Henry, showing off his beautiful nails
Photo credit: Mark Carlson

Resurrection "Sip & Paint" Party



SIP AND PAINT
Ceramic Plate Painting Party
Friday, January 26th, 2018

Doors & Bar open at 6 pm
Painting 7-9 pm

Resurrection College Prep High School Resurrection College Prep is hosting a Sip & Paint Party for adults 21 and older on Friday, January 26, 2018, from 6 to 9 pm. The event will take place at Resurrection College Prep, 7500 W. Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a ceramic plate, painting supplies and instruction by Resurrection Art Teacher Jen Salerno. A cash bar will be available for beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee and hot chocolate. Registration for this winter fundraising event is available at www.reshs.org.

Questions may be directed to 773.775.6616 Ext 112.



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**Community Animal
Rescue Effort**
Matching Pets With People Since 1987

Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) is a Skokie-based, volunteer-operated, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization founded in 1987. C.A.R.E.'s mission is to rehome companion pets into safe forever homes; to serve as an educational and counseling resource; and to work to reduce pet overpopulation. C.A.R.E. plans to open an animal rescue facility at 4927 Main St., Skokie, in Spring 2018. Learn more about C.A.R.E. by visiting online at CAREnorthshore.org, or at Facebook.com/CAREevanston.

Options for Nominating an Executor



Izbela Czajkowska and Michael Otte

We recently received an inquiry from one of our readers about options to nominate an executor for a Will. This is a question that is important to many of our clients. For those who have a surviving spouse, adult children, close relatives or other trusted individuals to choose from, the answer may be easy. For those clients who do not, the decision about who they can put in charge of their estate must be made very carefully.

In general, the main responsibilities of the executor are to (1) marshal the assets; (2) determine who the beneficiaries are; (3) set up estate accounts and transfer property to the accounts; (4) obtain property values and appraisals; (5) determine liabilities and claims against the estate and pay any legitimate

claims; (6) determine and pay applicable taxes; and (7) distribute assets to beneficiaries.

In Illinois, a person who has attained the age of 18 years, is a resident of the United States, is not of unsound mind, is not an adjudged person with a disability and has not been convicted of a felony is qualified to act as an executor. Therefore, the legal requirements are very simple.

If you do not have a loved one or a dear friend who can be your executor you want to make sure that in addition to meeting the legal requirements, you choose a person that you can trust. It should be someone who is organized, follows instructions well, can carry out tasks and is able to seek out professional assistance when necessary. Examine your circle of acquaintances and you may be able to identify an individual who has these qualities and would be a good candidate. Also, if you have a trusted accountant or a lawyer that you have a solid professional relationship with, these professionals would be the best candidates. Another option is a financial institution such as a bank that performs fiduciary services for a fee. One final consideration is professional fiduciary services.

Please remember that if you ignore this important task of appointing an executor, the court will pick one for you. That person may or may not be a relative and it may not be the ideal choice. It is important to contact your attorney to discuss any potential candidates and pick someone that will be your best choice. Our attorneys at Otte & Czajkowska LLC can be reached at 773-631-7100 or info@oclawyergroup.com.

Presence Resurrection Medical Center Earns Certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center

Presence Resurrection Medical Center has received certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center from DNV GL Healthcare, an international accrediting body for healthcare facilities. Presence Resurrection Medical Center is one of only four hospitals in Illinois to have received this level of advanced certification for the care of stroke.

According to DNV GL, Comprehensive Stroke Centers represent the most advanced stroke treatment available in a given geographic area.

This designation means the clinicians at Presence Resurrection Medical Center have proven their efforts in caring for stroke patients exceed the patient safety standards, best practice policies and procedures and meet target volumes set forth by DNV GL, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the American Stroke Association. The emphasis placed on deploying a disciplined management system and relevant clinical best practices sets DNV GL certified Comprehensive Stroke Centers apart from other programs.

Patients suspected of experiencing a stroke are immediately evaluated and treated by the Presence Resurrection Medical Center stroke team, which includes emergency department physicians and clinicians, neurosurgeons and endovascular physicians available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide the best, most efficient care for the best results.

Certification by DNV GL Healthcare as a Comprehensive Stroke Center is based on standards set forth by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association, affirming the certified organizations address the full spectrum of stroke care—diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and patient education—and establishes clear metrics to evaluate outcomes.

“We have consistently demonstrated the greatest level of commitment to the care of our stroke patients and are very pleased to be certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center,” said Dr. David Bordo, Presence Resurrection Medical Center’s chief medical officer. “This certification is the direct result of the high-level care our physicians, nurses and staff provide, every day.”

When it comes to stroke, Dr. Bordo said patients need quality clinicians, resources and extreme efficiency, due to the time-critical nature of this condition.

“This certification from DNV GL validates the effort we’ve put into our program to ensure the health and safety of our patients and community.”

Stroke is the number five cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

Hear Better in 2018 With These 5 Steps

About 20 percent of Americans, 48 million people, report some degree of hearing loss. By age 65, the proportion of people with hearing loss is closer to one-third. That’s why it’s so important for everyone, young or old, to have a hearing wellness plan. Hearing loss tends to happen gradually, so it can be difficult to know when it’s happening to you. To stay on top of your hearing health this year, here are 5 things to think about:

1. Look for signs of hearing loss in your life.

The signs might be subtle, such as having some trouble comprehending conversations in a noisy environment, finding yourself turning up the TV louder than you used to before, or having occasional ringing in your ears.

You should be particularly vigilant about the state of your hearing if you’re above 50. The American Medical Association recommends a hearing evaluation as a part of your general annual physical exam starting at age 50. Just like your eyes, your hearing changes over time, so you should consider getting an annual hearing test.

2. Properly maintain your hearing aids.

If you already have hearing aids, you likely have periodic appointments with a doctor to check in about your hearing. If you haven’t kept up with these for some reason, we encourage you to book an appointment soon, not only to have your hearing tested again, but also so an audiologist can examine your current hearing aids. Your hearing aids may have to be adjusted or reprogrammed, and you may be surprised by the difference that makes in your overall hearing.

3. Evaluate your occupation.

There are many jobs that regularly feature levels of noise loud enough to cause permanent hearing loss. Examples include musician, construction worker, flight attendant, bus driver, dentist, bartender, and others. If you work in one of these environments, you owe it to yourself to consult with an audiologist sooner rather than later about getting some hearing protection or implementing other strategies to shield your ears from noise. Permanent hearing loss, by definition, can’t be reversed, so it’s important to do something about the risk before you start to experience problems.

4. Watch out for recreational activities.

If you ride a motorcycle, go to concerts, listen to loud music at home, or shoot guns, among other hobbies, you could be doing permanent hearing damage to your hearing. If you have any hobbies that might have loud sound levels, do some research on how to practice that hobby more safely and save your hearing. Need tips? Get in touch with us!

5. Watch for signs of hearing loss in your loved ones.

Hearing health is a community effort, and it’s important to pay it forward. Not everyone is great at perceiving the signs of hearing loss, so if you know more about it than your loved ones (which you should, because you’re reading this blog!), watch out for some of the commonplace signs, and if your loved one exhibits these, encourage him or her to go in for a hearing exam.

Ready to hear better this year? If you’ve noticed any signs of hearing loss in yourself or a loved one, contact us today to set up an appointment and get a hearing evaluation!



Marie Vetter-Toalson, AuD is the owner and audiologist of Chicago Hearing Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and her Doctorate of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Dr. Vetter-Toalson is involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and Big Shoulders Fund Chairman’s Advisory Council. Chicago Hearing Services has served northwest Chicago since 1990.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

The Illinois Chapter of AFSP has a fun event planned on Thursday, February 8 and we hope you will join us! Meet and mingle with fellow supporters of mental health awareness and suicide prevention for A Night of Mind Reading with Mark Toland to support a good cause and enjoy an evening that will amaze you.

Pizza will be served and a cash bar will be available. There are a limited number of tickets so register by calling 312-890-2377 or visiting our website, www.afspil.org.

Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The next meeting of the JPNA, Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, will be the last Wednesday of January 31st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings, lower level. The guest speaker will be Kurt Hilgendorf, Research Analyst for the Chicago Teachers Union. If you have ever wondered how much money comes to each school per child and how it is spent, Kurt is the one to ask along with other questions about schools. Meetings are free and open to the public with light refreshments.

St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

St. Thecla Seniors located at 6725 W. Devon meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Queen of Peace room. There is a short meeting followed by sweet rolls and coffee. Bingo and cards are played. We have parties!!! Please join us as you may like us! For information, please call Joanie at 312/608-4092.

Evanston/Skokie Valley Metropolitan Family Services - Giving Hope And Opportunity To Families

With your help last year Metropolitan served more than 53,000 individuals and families in the Chicago area, helping them become more self-sufficient and strengthening family bonds. Learn more about our organization by visiting our website, metrofamily.org.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

Volunteer to be a VITA Literacy/ESL Tutor at Oakton Community College.

Help adults learn to read and/or speak English. Learn about methods and materials especially suited for tutoring individuals new to the U.S. or American-born residents who need help improving their reading and writing skills.

Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:

- Thursday, January 11 - 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 16 - 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.
- Saturday, February 10 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 24 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Call 847.635.1426 for information about Winter/Spring classes.



7701 N. Lincoln Avenue,
Skokie, IL 60077

Resurrection College Prep Senior Awarded Evans Scholarship & Sheriff's Commitment To Service Award

Resurrection College Prep High School senior Mairead Skelton '18 has been awarded a Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship by the Western Golf Association (WGA) Scholarship Committee. She is a graduate of St. Cornelius School and has been a golf caddie at Ridgemoor Country Club since her freshman year of high school. She was also recently awarded the Sheriff's Commitment to Service Award by Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart's office. Mairead earned the Gold Award, the highest award any Girl Scout can receive, by undertaking a service project in 2016 in which she collected, donated and delivered over 6,000 items in school supplies to students in Baton Rouge following the severe flooding that occurred in Louisiana. For the past few years, she has volunteered at Presence Resurrection Medical Center and has been active in the non-profit organization Friends for a Cure.

At Resurrection, Mairead is a member of the National Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society and has been named a Res Scholar. She has also been involved in the Go Green Club, Math Club, DIY Club, Natural Helpers, Student Ambassadors, Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE), and the Campus Ministry leadership group, the Anastasia's. Mairead participated in the Practicum Job Shadowing Program at Resurrection and as a result of the opportunity to observe medical professionals, she is looking forward to studying psychology in college with the hope of becoming a child psychiatrist.

"Resurrection has really helped me to shape these goals," said Mairead. "I love the women's empowerment that is found at Resurrection; in classes we have women building up and supporting each other." Mairead credits Resurrection for being both academically challenging and supportive and said that "teachers and other staff have encouraged me to take risks and step out of my comfort zone." Mairead's top college choices are University of Illinois, Marquette University and Northwestern University, all schools that participate in the Evans Scholar Program.

Resurrection Students Learn, Audition & Earn Scholarships At Illinois Theatre Fest

Twenty Resurrection College Prep High School students attended the 2018 Illinois High School Theatre Festival held at Illinois State University from January 11 to 13, 2018. Attendees had the opportunity to attend the All-State production of Big Fish and students also had the opportunity to attend several other performances as well.

Over 40 college and universities from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and other states sent representatives from their admissions and theatre departments to meet with students and to receive their auditions. Three Resurrection seniors participated in these college auditions. As a result, Kellie Rohrer '18 received 13 callback offers, Emily Murdach '18 received 21 callback offers, and Maribel Pagan '18 received 29 callback offers from schools all over the region. As a result of these offers, Maribel Pagan has very recently committed to majoring in Theatre Education with an endorsement in History at Illinois State University.

Resurrection students also attended workshops led by industry professionals on armed and unarmed stage combat, distressing fabrics for costume design, building a theatre program, beginner's improv, Broadway dance workshops, audition tips and tricks, and even performing in an open mic night. Students had the opportunity to network with neighboring schools, and students from all over the state. Upon returning to Resurrection, students shared their new findings with Drama Club/Theatians, and are bringing this knowledge into their Theatre I and Honors Theatre classes.

All of the Resurrection students who attended Theatre Fest brought back new warm-up games, new processes for character analysis and interpretation, new technical tips and trades, and new friends that they might have otherwise not encountered. They brought back new knowledge of theatrical play scripts, new experiences performing in front of others, and new ways of approaching theatre challenges. According to a group of new Theatre Fest attendees, it was "a trip of a lifetime."

Annual Young Women's Math Olympics At Resurrection College Prep

Resurrection College Prep provides academic and athletic opportunities for current and prospective students. As an all-girls school, Resurrection is proud to cite the advantages to learning in an all-girl environment from the National Coalition of Girls' Schools. Advantages include greater individual attention, higher academic achievement, greater success in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, reduced gender stereotypes and greater leadership opportunities. Resurrection provides a learning environment that prepares young women for success, in part because the culture of a single-gender school allows girls to display their intelligence, take risks and develop confidence in their own areas of strength.

On Friday, February 16, 2018, Resurrection College Prep High School's Mathematics Department, together with the Resurrection Math Club, will sponsor the Young Women's Math Olympics. This academic competition is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th-grade girls. Admission is free of charge and participants will receive refreshments and prizes, play games, and use their math skills in a fun and friendly competition. Check-in begins at 3:30 pm and the contest and awards will conclude at approximately 5:30 pm. Participants should bring a calculator and #2 pencils. Students will compete individually and top scorers will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Algebra and Geometry. Fourth and Fifth place participants will receive certificates.

Parents, teacher and school administrators from participating schools are welcome to attend. Resurrection students will be available to provide tours to visitors during the time when participants are competing. Registration for the Young Women's Math Olympics, as well as additional information about events and programs that nurture the full potential of young women, can be found online on www.reshs.org.

"Experience Res Day" at Resurrection H.S.

Seventh-grade girls are invited to a special "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 9, 2018. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org. As seventh graders rotate through the nine academic areas at Resurrection, students meet with teachers, learn about the curriculum, the block schedule, clubs and activities and get a taste of life at Resurrection. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org.

Eighth-grade girls and their families who have not had the opportunity to visit at Resurrection are welcome to contact Connie Castellucci at ccastellucci@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 129 to learn more about Resurrection. Seventh-grade girls are invited to a special "Experience Res" Day on Friday, February 9, 2018. Registration is required and is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org.



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We Celebrate The Ethnic Diversity Of Chicago This Holiday Season

Village Cooking Corner

KOTA KAPAMA (CHICKEN IN TOMATO SAUCE)

From the Kitchen of Anastasia E. Weaver

This is a dish served in many parts of Greece, especially in Arcadia in the Peloponnese - to guests and a special menu on Sundays.

1 whole chicken cut into parts, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1-1/2 tsp of cinnamon

Sauce:

1 tbs of drippings

1 tbs of all-purpose flour

2-3 cups of water

1/2 cup of Canola or Olive Oil

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 cup of canned diced tomatoes (no salt added)

1 cup of tomato sauce (no salt added)

1/2 cup of dry white wine (optional)

1 whole cinnamon stick 6 whole cloves

1/2 tsp oregano Juice of one lemon

2 tbs of grated Kefalotyri cheese (found in Greek markets*) or Pannesan or Romano)



Cut the chicken in parts, wash and dry and then place in a bowl. Sprinkle with lemon juice, salt and pepper and 1-1/2 tsp. of cinnamon. Marinate for about 15 minutes. Heat oil in a Dutch Oven or large pot and saute the chicken until golden. Add the wine, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes. In the meantime prepare the sauce in another pan by mixing the flour with a little of the water to a paste consistency. Combine the rest of the ingredients but not the cheese. Cook the sauce on a low/medium fire on top of the range for about 10 minutes stirring to combine. Add the sauce to the chicken and continue to cook another 20 to 25 minutes or until the chicken is well done.

Prepare the pasta Macaroni* or Spaghetti as directed by the pasta maker. Drain and place on a platter sprinkling the pasta with the grated Kefalotyri, Parmesan or Romano as desired. Place the Chicken and the Sauce into an appropriate serving dish along with the platter of pasta and present to your family and/or guests.

January Jefferson Park Winter Market Indoor Sunday Market

Winter Sundays require brunch, shopping, and live music with friendly neighbors! Find all of the above at the Jefferson Park Sunday Winter Market, inside the Copernicus Center Annex on January 28, 2018. Singer-songwriter David Smith will strum as you stroll the stalls; sipping a beer, digging into your tamale, grabbing some garlic. A collective of artisans will keep shoppers inspired to redesign their looks and homes in 2018. Story time at noon keeps the kiddies happy. Free parking and over 15 vendors featuring everything from seafood to coffee to soups are the perfect reason to get out of the house. Peek at the full vendor list at jeffersonparksundaymarket.com.

EVENT DETAILS

Sunday, January 28, 2018 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Copernicus Center Annex, 5216 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago IL 60630

Free parking lot

2018 Winter Dates: January 28, March 18, April 29



Maxwell Street Market

Location: South Loop neighborhood at 800 S. Desplaines St.

Open Year-Round! Sunday, 7am-3pm

A Chicago tradition, stocked with bargains, rare finds and collectibles...and some of the best Mexican and Latin street food in the city. www.maxwellstreetmarket.us

Indoor Farmers' Market Opens Saturday!



Enjoy a taste of summer all winter long at the Evanston Ecology Center's Indoor Winter Farmers' Market! The market will be open every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon, through April 28.

Northtown Garden Society

Do You Have Gardening Questions?

Our NGS Garden Question and Answer Panel is Here to Help!

Thursday, February 1, 2018, 6:30 pm at Warren Park Fieldhouse, 6601 N Western.

A trio of NGS members will share the wisdom that they have acquired from a lifetime of planting, pruning, designing and caring for gardens. You can ask our panel questions about garden design, tools, trees, bushes, perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs and house plants. The Grow Tech, Inc tools catalogue will be available.

Please email your questions to emannaberg@yahoo.com

Or you can write your questions down and give them to the panel at the time of the meeting. Spontaneous questions from the audience are encouraged. We will share our experiences, and learn from each other.

It is not too late to pay your 2018 dues. \$20.00 or \$30.00 for a couple.

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