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**We Wish Our Jewish Friends
and Neighbors A Meaningful
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**



HAPPY Labor Day

**And Best Of Luck To All Of Our Young People
As They Begin Their New School Year.
Study Hard, Do Well And Have Fun.**

Here's a quote from Frank Bappert on the
subject of laboring and working, translated
from the original German:
*"Whoever invented work must not have had
anything to do."*

NEVER FORGET



America is the land of freedom and liberty. NEVER FORGET, liberty comes at a huge cost at times. NEVER FORGET the victims of September 11th, 2001 in New York, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon whose lost lives left a void in our hearts forever, but will be a perpetual reminder of the values we cherish as a Nation. NEVER FORGET them and the sacrifice of all those who have gone before them and those who continue to defend our liberty and freedom everyday.
—Editor

This year marks the 14th anniversary of what happened in New York City on September 11, 2001. To mark the occasion, here is what appeared in 2009 in the church bulletin of St. Alphonsus Church located at Lincoln-Southport & Wellington in Chicago.

"It is only eight years, but in other ways it seems like our consciousness has been colored by this memory for decades. You may like to mark the day with these adaptations of prayers from the Roman Sacramentary:

You are the source of perfect peace. Violence and cruelty can have no part with you. May those who are at peace with one another hold fast to the good that unites them. May those who are enemies forget their hatred and be healed.

Loving God, you reveal that those who work for peace will be called your sons and daughters. Help us to work without ceasing for that justice which brings true and lasting peace.

—Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

Patriot Day - September 11

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year, designated in memory of the 2,977 killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Initially, the day was called the Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

On this day, the President directs that the American flag be flown at halfstaff at individual American homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments, home and abroad. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

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Open Houses
Thursday, October 29
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sunday, November 8
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Learn about our academics,
athletics, fine arts,
clubs and technology.

Shadow Days
8th grade girls welcome now on select dates
to shadow a current Resurrection student
7th grade girls welcome on February 12
Register at www.reshs.org

Jr. Bandit Events
Young Women's Writing Contest
Young Women's Math Olympics
Fine Arts Workshop
Jr. Bandit Lock-in

Schedules & registration at www.reshs.org



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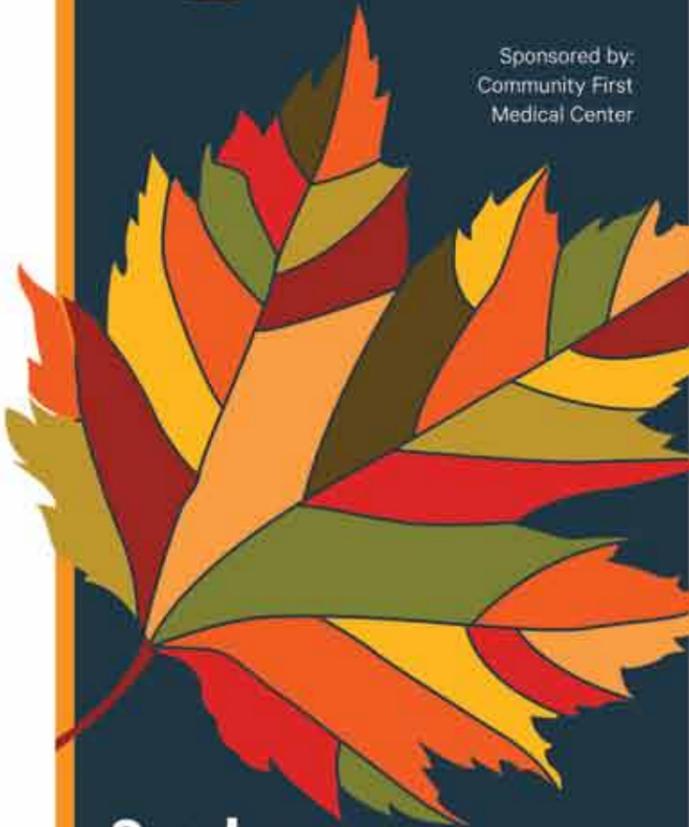
Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Fall into Fitness

5K run/walk

Sponsored by:
Community First
Medical Center



**Sunday,
September 27, 2015**

**Start and Finish at
Portage Park**

**5K Run/Walk start time:
8:30 a.m.**

Participants	Pre-Race	Race Day
Adults (18+)	\$20	\$25
Youth (ages 6-17)	\$10	\$15
Seniors (ages 60+)	\$10	\$15
Family Rate (up to five members)	\$45	\$55
Children 5 and under	Free	Free

**For more information, call:
773-794-8383 or 773-794-8486**



**Community First
Medical Center**

Statement From Mayor Emanuel On The Passing Of Sergeant First Class Corey Hood

"Amy and I are deeply saddened by the tragic passing of Sergeant First Class Corey Hood, and our thoughts are with his family, friends and the entire Golden Knights community. Sergeant Hood is an American hero, having dedicated nearly half his life in service to our nation, and having bravely served five tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He defended our freedom, he amazed so many as a member of the Golden Knights, and he will be missed."

Community First Medical Center Sponsors Fall Into Fitness 5K Run/Walk

Community First Medical Center will sponsor the Annual Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk in Portage Park on Sunday, September 27, 2015. Event proceeds will help support the hospital's medical interpreters program to meet communications needs of patients. Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, was previously known as Presence Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center.



The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Long and Cuyler (near Irving Park Road and Central Avenue) and will follow a route through the 38th Ward neighborhood. The race will conclude in Portage Park and will be followed by a ceremony with awards presented to the top finishers.

"We are pleased to present the Annual Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk," said Dennis FitzMaurice, the hospital's Interim CEO. "This 5K run/walk reflects the mission of Community First Medical Center to support improved health and wellness in our communities and to enhance community health awareness. We look forward to having our neighbors join us for some exercise and fun, and know that proceeds help pay for communications needs of our medical interpreters program."

Registration is required to participate in the Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk. Event brochures and registration forms are available at the medical center or by calling 773-794-8383 or 773-794-8486. On-line registration and information is available until September 24 at www.signmeup.com/108871.

Pre-registration fees range from \$10 for

youth and seniors and \$20 for adults to \$45 for families up to five members. Race day registration fees will be slightly higher and registration on race day cannot be guaranteed. Registration fee includes a 5K long-sleeve, 100 percent cotton T-shirt; insulated tote bag; and entry into the hospitality tent post-race. Pre-registration is available in the hospital's Cashier's Office through Friday, September 25.

On Saturday, September 26, pre-registration and packet pick-up will be available in the hospital's Outpatient Center from 9 a.m. until noon. Free parking is available in the Outpatient Parking Lot.

Race day festivities include music by Delta Disc Jockeys and product sampling for participants courtesy of community partners 7-Eleven, Inc. and Portage Grounds. Waste Management will provide sanitation services.

Additional community partners are: Alderman Nicholas Sposato 38th Ward, Alderman Gilbert Villegas 36th Ward, Ambassador Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, At Home Advantage, The Autobarn, Avanti Wellness and Rehabilitation, B.E.S.T Corporation, Brightview Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Chicago Behavioral Health, Chest Medicine Consultants, DEV Medical Associates, Don Inc., DV Jahn Medical Supplies, Entera Healthcare, Karen Fiedler, M.D., David L. Fishman, M.D., The Glen Healthcare Network, Heritage Healthcare, Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, LAB PRO, Inc., Metro Infectious Disease Consultants, Norridge Gardens, Regency Rehabilitation Center, St. Joseph Village of Chicago, and Superior Ambulance Service.

Tuesday, 9/15/15, 8:00am - BCCC/PPCC Joint Meeting

A presentation by Community First Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street. Admission: FREE This meeting is being co-hosted by the Belmont-Central and Portage Park Chambers of Commerce. In addition to a complimentary breakfast, Community First Medical Center will be providing updates regarding its events and activities.

Admission is free but registration is required.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact the BCCC office at (773) 647-1644 or belmont-centralcc@sbcglobal.net.



Community First Medical Center September Health Events For Area Residents

Join our Community! Our new physician referral and event registration number is available for your convenience. Call our toll free number, 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

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

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Friday, September 11, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, September 11, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Binita Shah, AuD, will discuss hearing loss, diagnostic testing and hearing aids. Registration is not required.

In honor of atrial fibrillation awareness month, there will be a free lecture Wednesday, September 16, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Conference room A on the 7th floor of the hospital. David Fishman, M.D., will discuss atrial fibrillation, causes, symptoms and treatment options. Refreshments will be served. Advanced registration is required by calling 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

A prostate cancer screening will be held Thursday, September 17, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This screening for adult males includes a blood draw for PSA (prostate specific antigen) level. Results will be mailed. There is a \$15.00 fee, payable by cash or check at the screening. Advanced registration is required by call 1-844-236-CFMC (1-844-236-2362).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, September 24, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. This session is free. Registration is not required.

Join us for the Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 27, in Portage Park (Irving Park Rd and Long Ave.). The event is sponsored by Community First Medical Center. Proceeds will help support the hospital's medical interpreters program to meet communication needs of Polish and Spanish-speaking patients. To register, visit www.signmeup.com/108871.

Greetings Neighbors!

Before we bring to a close the 5 1/2 citizen-led initiative to build community by repairing and beautifying the Metra underpass that connects three neighborhoods at the intersection of Kinzua, Hiawatha and Lehigh, more commonly know as the Neighborhood Connection Project (NCP), we need you to please check your name on the Golden Recognition Tiles for any errors. See the Golden Recognition Tiles picture on our Facebook Page at "Neighborhood Connection Project".

If you should be on there but are not, please let us know too. All who donated time, talent and treasure are invited to provide their name. If you helped out, we want to recognize you on the Golden Tiles.

Also, please see the history of NCP if you are not familiar with this wonderful initiative. You can find this and more pics on our Facebook Page at Neighborhood Connection Project (NCP).

Questions? Please ask. Jac Charlier at jac.charlier@gmail.com or Gina Metelica at gina.metelica@gmail.com.

Haben Funeral Home & Crematory Continues 2015 With Website Renovation - New Interactive Site

Founded in 1923, Skokie, Illinois Haben Funeral Home & Crematory continues to evolve after nearly a century of service.

Since 1923, the Haben Funeral Home & Crematory in Skokie, Illinois has been serving Skokie and the surrounding area's families in their most emotionally distressful times. With an instinct for caring and a love of helping others, four generations of the family have worked in the business, with the most recent addition being great-grandson of the founder, William Haben, who just marked one year as a licensed funeral director, embalmer and certified crematory operator. Besides personnel, the business continues to evolve physically and virtually as well, with new renovations to the building made earlier in 2015 and now a newly-launched redesigned interactive website.



"Naturally an online presence should be a reflection of ourselves and our character," said owner John W. Haben. "We are very happy with this new website redesign which has become a storehouse of information on funeral traditions, cremation, the process of deciding a funeral, counseling for the bereaved and other questions, presented in a clear, cohesive way. The site is elegantly designed and very navigable."



The company's building was recently updated to enhance its already home-like environment where family and friends can gather for remembrance and recollection, while maintaining an atmosphere of quiet dignity. Spacious lounges, classic furnishings, and exceptional maintenance, combined with a convenient location, beautiful landscaping and ample parking, offer a superior

facility for celebrating a life well lived. The lounge is a small reception room available to all families, where people can meet with family and friends to enjoy a coffee or soda during visitation and pre-service hours. Some families even bring in light snacks such as cheese and crackers, cookies or fruit.

Throughout their history in Skokie, the Haben family and the Haben Funeral Home & Crematory have been very supportive of charitable causes, both locally and nationally. Members are active in the Metropolitan Family Services of Skokie Valley, the Skokie Valley Rotary Club (36-year member), the Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley, and many local churches throughout Skokie Valley. Their ongoing contributions to the local community include operating an annual coat drive and soup kitchen through Rotary and hosting a dance marathon fundraiser for the local high school district. Owner, John Haben serves on the board of the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie as well as the Board of Directors for Wintrust Bank's North Shore Community Bank and Trust, the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and village commissions. He has also belonged to The Luxembourg Brotherhood of America for over 30 years.

Haben Funeral Home and Crematory is a fourth generation family owned facility, and has been in service since 1923. They offer on-site crematory services, and offer 24 hour availability. For more information on services available or requesting assistance, please visit www.habenfuneral.com or call 847-673-6111. Haben Funeral Home and Crematory is located at 8057 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL 60077.



Twilight Canoe Fundraiser For Clark Park

Come out for an evening of paddling in the quiet twilight; enjoy the finest natural scenery and wildlife of the North Branch of the Chicago River. A riverine tour will be conducted by experienced River paddlers, followed by a delicious catered dinner. (Rain or Shine - If weather is unsafe for kayaking and canoeing, dinner will be held in the scenic WMS Clark Park Boat-house.)



What: "Twilight Canoe or Kayak" on the North Branch, includes all canoe/kayak equipment and catered dinner.

Also, there will be raffles! Prizes! A silent auction. Entertainment provided by the HORNER PARK JAZZ BAND! The event will be catered by Noon O Kabab. All to benefit improvements to the park.

When: Sunday September 13th, 5:30pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Richard Clark Park- Rockwell and Roscoe (2600 W/3400 N)

Cost: \$55 per person, \$25 for child with an adult family member

**Please make your reservation by September 3rd, online or by mail. Either mail check made payable to: Clark Park Advisory Council/Friends of the Parks, Attn: Bill Barnes, 3450 N Lawndale, Chicago, IL 60618 or RSVP and pay online at: <http://clarkparkadvisorycouncil.blogspot.com/>

Any questions email: ClarkParkAdvisoryCouncil@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Clark Park Advisory Council, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Chicago Park District, CAMbr West, Friends of the Parks, DeVry University, Chicago Soccer, Strack & Van Til Food Market, KIDSWORK, Chicago Rowing Foundation and Alderman Ameya Pawar (47th).

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra Performs At Taste Of Polonia September 5

The Lincolnwood Chamber performs at Taste of Polonia, in the Copernicus Center Theater, 5216 W. Lawrence, Chicago, IL 60630, on Saturday, September 5, at 1PM. Philip Simmons conducts a Family Concert featuring fun polkas by the Strauss family, children's music of Mozart and Bartok, and popular movie tunes from Disney, Harry Potter, and Aaron Copland. Admission to the Taste of Polonia is \$7, children 12 and under free. For advance tickets and complete event schedule and information visit www.topchicago.org.

St. Thecla Women's Council is seeking crafters and vendors for its 12th Annual Craft & Gift Show to be held on Nov. 21, 2015.

For information or application call Maribeth - 773-266-3831 or Terri - 773-631-0215

St. Thecla Women's Council
HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW
November 21, 2015
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
HOLIDAY CRAFTS..GIFTS...
....& GOODIES
HOURLY RAFFLE
SNACK BAR
DEVON and OAK PARK AVES (6725 W Devon Ave)
ADMISSION \$1.00

Norwood Park's Fall Fest In The Park

Norwood Park's Annual Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 12pm to 10pm at Centennial Park, located 6088

N. Northwest Hwy, surrounding the historical Norwood Park Train Station. This annual festival offers live music, food, beer garden, craft beers, Dave's Traveling World of Reptiles show, a Marsh-Mallo Entertainment Magic Show, Face Painting, Jumpies, Hip-Hop Kid's Dance Class by Fly Girl Dance, children's DJ, arts and crafts area, vendor sales and much, much, more!

Fall is fast approaching, be sure to add this family-friendly Norwood Park Chamber's Fall Fest to your calendar. Admission to the family-friendly event is free, and everyone is welcome. Community supporters include: Norwood Park Train Station, Mullarkey Distributors, Ori Family Flooring, St. Thecla, Riordan Insurance, Resurrection High School, Norwood Royal Cigars, Michael McMorrow Law, The Pearl Boutique, Norwood Crossing, Alderman Napolitano, State Rep. Michael McAuliffe, State Senator John G. Mulroe, Amish Custom Kitchens, Consolidated Printing, GiGi's Dolls & Teddy Bears, Soaring Eagle Computer Services, Fly Girl Fitness, and Chicago Park District.

You can expect delicious food and live bands from start to finish!

The fest begins at 12pm with the following entertainment:

- 12-10pm- Live Bands & Beer Garden
- 12pm-7pm- Jumpies
- 12-3pm- Magic Show
- 1-5- Face Painter
- 1-5pm Free Crafts
- 2-3:15pm- Dave's Traveling World of Reptiles

4-4:45pm- Hip Hop Dance Class by Fly Girl Dance

4:30pm- Pumpkin Painting contest

4-8pm-DJ for children

See our website for information and/or to participate! www.norwoodpark.org

For more information, please contact the chamber office at 773-763-3606 or email ATriptom@NorwoodPark.org.

Anthony V. Napolitano
 41st Ward Alderman
INAUGURAL GOLF OUTING
 Thursday, September 17, 2015
EDGEBROOK GOLF COURSE
 6100 N. Central Avenue
 Chicago, IL - 41st Ward
 Please RSVP to reserve your spot by September 5, 2015.
 Reply to the Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce at 773/763-3606 or atriptom@norwoodpark.org.

Please join us for the 3rd annual **BEST BALL SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING**
 Sponsored by the **Resurrection College Prep Men's Club**
 Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
 6700 West Howard Street Niles, Illinois 60714
 7:00 am check-in, 8:00 am Shot-gun start
 Followed by an excellent buffet style lunch, including six different entrees, two salads and dessert
 This event is for all—men, women, alumnae, community members & friends of Resurrection
 • \$75 per golfer - 9 holes of golf, lunch and raffle ticket
 • Includes green fees, cart, coffee and donuts at check-in
 • Longest drive, closest to the pin, and other contests!
 • Register on-line at www.resprep.org or contact Jim Kealy at jokealy1@msn.com

Marilyn Glazer Appointed Treasurer, Township Officials Of Cook County

Marilyn Glazer, Supervisor of Niles Township was appointed Treasurer of the Township Officials of Cook (TOCC). She will be responsible for financial management and record keeping for the association.

The TOCC works to promote understanding by the public at large of township government and the issues that affect its powers and services. The group also provides a forum for township trustees to exchange ideas and information on township government.

Ms. Glazer, a resident of Skokie, has served as Supervisor of Niles Township Government since 2014. Prior to her election as Supervisor, Marilyn served as a Trustee in the Township.

Since 1850, Niles Township Government has been dedicated to improving life for its residents. Niles Township is located in the northeast corner of Cook County. With a population of over 105,000 the Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf, and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview.



Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Park District Announce Discovery Of Original Paintings From 1893 World's Fair

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly today announced that three original Japanese sliding door paintings from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition were discovered in a Park District storage facility.

"At a time when we are working to honor Jackson Park's historic past by revitalizing the park to restore Frederick Law Olmsted's vision, it is a thrilling development to have found original artwork from the 1893 Exposition," said Mayor Emanuel.

The three, two-sided panels, are painted sliding doors (fusuma) attributed to Japanese artist Hashimoto Gaho (1835-1908), and were believed to be missing or destroyed. Located in Park District storage, the artworks were thought to have been displayed during the 1933 World's Fair, but Park District historian Julia Bachrach recently discovered documentation indicating that these paintings date back to the 1893 World's Fair. The three panels were originally displayed in the Phoenix Pavilion (Ho-oden) on the Wooded Isle at the center of the 1893 Exposition.

"The rediscovered paintings remind us of the lush history that lives in Chicago's parks," said Superintendent Kelly.

After the discovery was made, Janice Katz, associate curator of Japanese art at the Art Institute, and Rachel Freeman, Asian art conservator at the Art Institute, evaluated the works and concurred that these relics are in fact the original Japanese sliding door paintings from the World's Fair of 1893; additionally, historic photos of the fusuma closely match the paintings. The three sliding doors are in moderately stable condition, but will require conservation treatment.

"These paintings bring to life, in vivid color, a moment of history that had previously been lost forever," said Katz.

The Park District will work in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago to conserve the paintings, though it has yet to be determined how they will be displayed once conservation efforts are complete. In the 1970s, the Park District discovered carved transom panels (ranma) from the Phoenix Pavilion. These ranma panels were conserved and put on display at the Art Institute of Chicago in 2011.

The fusuma are representative of traditional Japanese construction techniques. The inner wooden fretwork was covered with a layer of paper before the painted surfaces were attached. Before installation, the black lacquer frames were fitted over the edges of the fretwork cores. The frames were then eased into waxed grooves in building's floor, where the paintings functioned as sliding doors.

Mayor Emanuel has a bold vision to revitalize Jackson Park and establish it as one of the most extraordinary urban parks in the nation. In total, an estimated \$29 million in investments is planned to return the park to the original vision by Frederick Law Olmsted, restoring its landscape and its character. These investments will include habitat restoration, landscape improvements, and tree plantings. Additionally, earlier this summer, the Mayor joined Yoko Ono, representatives of Project 120, the Consul General of Japan at Chicago and others to announce the installation of a permanent piece of public art by Yoko Ono, which will be installed in Garden of the Phoenix in Jackson Park.

For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312.742.PLAY, 312.747.2001 (TTY).



Shore eCycle Joins National Network Of Electronics – Free Electronics Recycling Event On Saturday, September 12 From 10am-2pm At 5231 Lincoln Ave., Skokie

Shore Community Services / Shore eCycle recently announced that it has joined the CyclePoint™ from SourceAmerica® network of nonprofit electronics recyclers that employ people with significant disabilities, and has opened a collection center where members of the greater Chicagoland community can dispose of their unwanted electronics, including old computers, cell phones, monitors and other devices.

Shore eCycle and Niles Township are partnering for a free electronics recycling event on Saturday 9/12/15 from 10am-2pm at 5231 Lincoln Ave., Skokie – directly across Lincoln Ave. from the former Skokie Police Station.

The collection center is located at 8035 Austin Ave., Morton Grove, IL and is open to the public from 8 am- 3 pm Monday through Friday. For a full list of items that can be eRecycled, visit www.CyclePointUS.org/Chicago.

"Shore Community Services/Shore eCycle prides itself on its commitment to customers and the greater Chicagoland community. Our focus on putting people with disabilities to work locally, combined with the strength of a national electronics recycling network behind us, means we can provide a valuable service for local businesses and residents, all while serving our mission.

In 2012, an estimated 8.5 billion pounds of e-waste was generated in the United States, and only 21% of it was recycled. Data security issues, regulatory hurdles and environmental concerns often lead businesses and residents to store their outdated equipment. Shore eCycle and CyclePoint offer a one-stop solution for members of the local community to responsibly recycle electronic waste.

Shore eCycle offers area businesses and residents convenient drop-off services, scheduled pickups of material, secure data destruction and environmentally-friendly electronics disposal through a fully-certified process. Throughout the year, Shore eCycle will also operate public collection events. For more information on any of these services, contact Michael Mack at 847-581-0200 X 12.

About Shore Community Services

Shore's mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through educational, residential, vocational and related programs provided with community integrated supports and services. Shore has been in the community for 64 years and today offers a comprehensive array of programs including small group homes, CILAs, Supported Living Arrangements, a Training Center, a Senior and Adult Services program, Early Intervention, Service Facilitation and In-Home Respite Care. These programs are located in Evanston, Skokie and Morton Grove and serve nearly 400 individuals each year from all across the Chicagoland region.

About CyclePoint from SourceAmerica

CyclePoint™, powered by SourceAmerica®, is a new eRecycling network that offers communities all across the U.S. convenient, safe and secure electronics disposal. Its mission—to employ people with significant disabilities—makes CyclePoint both a great service and a great cause.

(See Page 12 For More.)

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



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

SEPTEMBER, 2015 DATES – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 3 – Annual Picnic at the Bethany Retirement Community, 4950 N. Ashland Ave., from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Enjoy an old-fashioned summer picnic with lemonade, watermelon, barbeque, fellowship & music. We hope all our members and friends can come. FREE PARKING is available on the

street or in the lot across from Methodist Hospital, 5025 N. Paulina. Please RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127.

September 7 – Labor Day (No Mail!) Here's a quote from Frank Bappert on the subject of laboring and working, translated from the original German: "Whoever invented work must not have had anything to do."

September 10 - Regular Club Meeting followed by a Board Meeting.

September 23 – Autumn begins.

September 24– Regular Club Meeting.

September 25 – HEY, HEY! IT'S PEANUT DAY!

Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle

Sign up now to raffle Thanksgiving Turkeys!

Turkeys are \$20 each. BCCC will supply entry forms and raffle boxes. All participating businesses will be featured in the November issue of TV FACTS.

Deadline is September 1st.

The raffle will take place between November 1st to 15th. The Chamber will provide tickets, raffle buckets and contact the winners for you.

For more information, please contact the BCCC office at 773-647-1644.



THE MOSTLY TRUE STORY OF A YOUNG WOMAN WHO HUSTLES HER WAY INTO AMERICA WITH A SUITCASE FULL OF CASH

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE SMASH HIT FILM "MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING"

STRICTLY LIMITED ENGAGEMENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8!

HERSHEY FELDER PRESENTS DEBRA EHRHARDT in **JAMAICA Farewell**

Written by Debra Ehrhardt
Directed by Joel Zwick

TICKETS 312-988-9000
www.ticketmaster.com
Royal George Theatre 1641 N. Halsted Street

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 English language skills.

Call 847.635.1426 for an interview.

Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:

- Thursday, September 3, 6:00 - 9:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - 9:45 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 3, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



7701 N. Lincoln Avenue,
Skokie, IL 60077



German-American Fest



95th Annual German-American Fest and 50th Annual Steuben Parade

**September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2015
Lincoln, Leland & Western**



**Join us for the Parade
2:00 pm Saturday, September 12th
Lincoln Ave**

The parade begins at 4000 N. Lincoln Ave. traveling to Wilson Avenue and north on Western Ave. The parade's reviewing stand is located at Leland and Western avenues.

German American Fest 2015 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, September 11th

8:00pm Opening Ceremonies

The National Anthems are being sung by Lizzie Burmeister.

Saturday September 12th

2:00pm Steuben Parade

3:15pm Greetings by President Himmel

3:30pm German American Kinderchor

3:45pm Edelweiss Dancers

4:00pm Lustigen Holzhacker Dancers

4:15pm Rheinische Karneval/Chicago Fanfaren Corps & Amazonen Dancers

ST. Prinz Christopher 1 & IL. Prinzessin Kimberly 1

Sunday, September 13th

11:00am German Mass at Fest area

2:00pm Greetings by President Himmel

2:15pm German American Kinderchor

2:30pm Danube Swabian Children Dancers

2:45pm American Aid Society Children Dancers

3:00pm Danube Swabian Youth Dancers

3:15pm American Aid Youth Dancers

3:30pm Nocheinmal Tanz Gruppe

3:45pm Egerlaender Tanz Gruppe

4:00pm Rheinische Karneval/Chicago Fanfaren Corps & Amazonen

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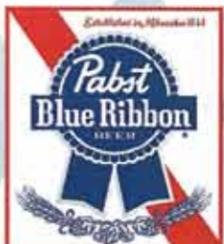
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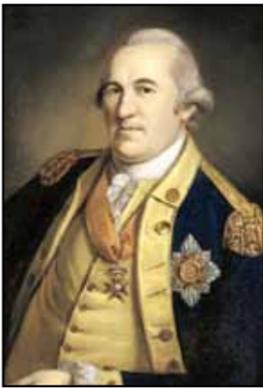


General Friedrich Wilhelm Von Steuben German-American Hero

General Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin Von Steuben was born in Magdeburg, Germany on September 17, 1730.

Von Steuben's military career began at an early age, when he entered the Prussian army and served with Distinction in the Seven Year's War. He later became the aid of Frederick the Great of Prussia, who was recognized as the military genius of his time. Von Steuben became expert in the drilling and training of troops. Because of this exceptional ability, Benjamin Franklin and Count St. Germain, French Minister of War persuaded Von Steuben to volunteer his military expertise to the American Revolutionists.

Von Steuben sailed for America and arrived at Portsmouth, NH in 1778 to aid the young nation in its fight for independence. He



offered his services to General Washington without rank or pay, arriving at Valley Forge in the late winter of 1777-78. He found the soldiers in deplorable condition, without uniforms, weapons or food. Appointed by Congress to be inspector General of the Army, Von Steuben set about training the unorganized band of ragged soldiers. He infused in them a sense of discipline and converted them into an excellent fighting force, training them to bear arms, march, form columns and to execute maneuvers with precision. He gave confidence to the officers and men, enabling them to continue on to victory at Yorktown.

As "Drill Instructor" of the Continental Army, Von Steuben wrote "Regulations of the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States." Although his Manual has been modified, it still remains in the basic guide for

the discipline and drill of the Army.

On June 28, 1778, Von Steuben's training was put to test when the American troops encountered the British Army near Monmouth Courthouse in the town of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey. What early threatened to become a disastrous defeat for the Colonial forces was turned into a glorious victory by General Von Steuben. The re-

treating troops of General Lee were brought to a halt by Von Steuben and reformed under heavy fire. The retreating men knew how to conduct themselves and wheeled into line with the precision of veterans. What seemed to be a certain defeat turned into a patriot victory and a turning point in the war. This battle was followed by victories in Stony Point, Yorktown and other places.

THE OTHER "OKTOBERFEST"!! The Cannstatter Wasen Or Stuttgart Beer Festival

The Winter of 1815- 16 in Wuerttemberg was the coldest since records were kept. Harvesting was made impossible. People were starving and the little existing flour was stretched with sawdust to feed the hungry.

When Wilhelm the First became King of Wuerttemberg in 1816, the crisis was at its worst. His brother-in-law, Czar Nikolaus of Russia, helped relieve the biggest misery by delivering grain to the starving people in his relative's region. Then in 1817, when the first harvest wagon was brought in, King Wilhelm and his wife Katharina, had the glorious idea to sponsor a harvest festival. This would take place annually on the King's birthday of September 28th in the area of Cannstatter Wasen, by the river Neckar.

Starting as an agricultural festival lasting up to 5 days, in 1972 this Autumnal Fair, as it is better described, has expanded to a celebration of 16 days and includes carnival games and rides including the tallest Ferris Wheel in the world. Food, beer and wine tents are also an important site at the Volksfest since as many as 3 to 4 million people attend each year. In the center of the Festival grounds stands the symbol of "Thanksgiving", a 25 meter high pillar decked in fruit with a huge basket of more fruit on the top.

This tradition, second in size some believe only to the Oktoberfest in Munich, has not changed and will continue for years to come. Beginning 1 week before the Munich Festival, the 167th Cannstatter Wasen, or as referred to by locals, "Wasen" will take place from September 27th to October 13th in the extensive Wasen are of the Stuttgart City District of Bad Cannstatt. (Portions of this article submitted by Helga Zettl and other portions taken from Wikipedia)



KINDERCHOR

The German American Children's Chorus or The DA Kinderchor was founded in 1935 in hopes of preserving German culture through music and song. 80 years later the Kinderchor still thrives under the direction of Ms. Carol Himmel. The children range in age from 4 to 21. The Kinderchor sings at various engagements throughout the City of Chicago. Each year the Chorus has two annual concerts, the Christmas and the Mother's Day concerts. The Chorus has taken two very successful Concert Tours in Germany with the third trip planned for 2016. The Kinderchor has also sung at Epcot Center in Orlando, FL and has sung for the German Consulate at The Union League Club of Chicago. The Kinderchor will also participate this year at the annual Von Steuben parade held on Lincoln Ave. on Saturday Sept.12, 2015. The Kinderchor will also have a food and beer tent this year at the annual Germanfest held in Lincoln Square. The Kinderchor is always looking for new members. The Chorus rehearses every Saturday morning beginning in early October 2015, 9:30 am at St. John's Lutheran Church and School 4939 W. Montrose Ave. Chicago, IL. For more information please take a look at our website, www.dakinderchor.org

Spectacular Christkindlmarket Chicago Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary



In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to downtown Chicago on November 20th, 2015 and invites all visitors to enjoy one of the most enchanting atmospheres in Chicago during the winter time.

No wonder that the Christkindlmarket Chicago has been recognized as one of the top holiday markets in the U.S. by Travel + Leisure magazine. Every year Daley Plaza transforms into a magical picturesque European Christmas village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and twinkling lights that harkens back to the traditional holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany. For many people it has become a beloved tradition to enjoy the unique German culture and

craftsmanship by visiting the vendor booths containing authentic hand crafted products and specialties.

Since 1996 German American Services, Inc. has hosted one of the largest traditional Christmas markets outside of Europe. More than 65% of the vendors actually travel from Germany to Chicago each year to share their culture and holiday traditions. Visitors have plenty of opportunity to not only pick up some German language essentials but also to learn more about German culture without having to travel to Europe. With free admission, it comes as no surprise that this event attracts over a million visitors from the greater Chicagoland area, the entire nation, and around the world.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago is host to nearly 60 vendors boasting one-of-a-kind offerings that are destined to become treasured gifts for loved ones of all ages. The vendors' traditional wooden huts are filled with holiday ornaments of all colors, materials and sizes, nutcrackers, cuckoo-clocks, beer steins, wooden toys, jewelry, wood carvings, and European sweets and treats. The market also has various heated walk-in cabins that offer a cozy place to take time and shop for unique gifts. The Grand Timber House and Festival Tent provide visitors with a place to warm up, relax, sit down, and

enjoy delicious food and drinks.

The air at the Christkindlmarket is filled with aromas of holiday spices and delicious food. German delicacies such as sausages, potato pancakes, and schnitzel sizzle at every corner of the market and holiday goods like Stollen, strudel, pretzels, and roasted nuts enrapture the senses. Visitors can enjoy an abundance of delicious fare and quench their thirst with a refreshing imported German beer or warm up with a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), which is served in a unique collectable souvenir mug.

Throughout the 35-day event, the Christkindlmarket hosts live entertainment and performances. School groups, professional singers, and dance groups perform for the delight of all visitors. On weekends, the roaming Alpine Brass band with its festive German holiday music is sure to stir and



awaken the spirit of the season in all. Special events include appearances by the Christkind (the namesake and symbol of the market) the annual Children's Lantern Parade, and the Alpine Trio that plays upbeat tunes Friday and Saturday evenings in the Festival Tent and Grand Timber House. One of the most popular events is the daily Advent Calendar. Starting December 1st, one lucky visitor gets to open a door on the larger-than-life 6 ft. tall Advent Calendar, featuring a different gift from one of the market's vendors each day.

The popular "Kinder Club" boasts fun activities geared towards the youngest visitors. Ornamental paper crowns are handed out and the Christkindlmarket Passport, which includes passport stamping stations, coloring pages, riddles, a scavenger hunt, and much more, gives children and the young at heart the opportunity to explore the market, interact with the vendors, and learn more about German holiday traditions.

The Christkindlmarket Chicago 2015 is the perfect destination to get into the spirit of the holiday season, whether it's an evening out with family and friends or a get-together with co-workers.

Experience this unique holiday spectacle in the heart of downtown Chicago, on Daley Plaza in the Chicago Loop (between Dearborn, Washington and Clark Street). The market will be open daily from 11am until 8pm Sundays through Thursdays, and until 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays. On Thanksgiving Day November 27, and Christmas Eve December 24, the market will close at 4pm. Admission is always FREE!

For more information, please contact us and visit the official website at www.christkindlmarket.com.

O Tannenbaum! Nominate Your Christmas Tree Today

The City of Chicago is now taking submissions for the 102nd Christmas Tree to grace Daley Plaza this holiday season. If you or someone you know has a very large spruce or fir tree that is more than 55-feet tall and you would like to donate it to be the city's official tree, submit three photos and why you think it should shine on Daley Plaza to DCASE@cityofchicago.org. If your tree is chosen, you and your family will be invited to light the tree at the 102nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in late November with Mayor Emanuel.

The Original "Christmas Tree Ship"

The Rouse Simmons was the original "Christmas Tree Ship" that came to Chicago at the beginning of the holiday season for over 30 years in the early 1900's. The "Christmas Tree Ship" was a three masted schooner that was easily recognized by waiting crowds when they saw a Christmas tree tied to her main mast and her decks loaded with thousands of Christmas trees destined for Chicago families. For more of the story visit our website at www.christmas-ship.org.

The Chicago's Christmas Ship Executive Committee wishes to thank all that made this year's event a tremendous success! The 2015 Chicago's Christmas Ship will be Saturday, December 5th, 2015.

We couldn't make this happen without the help of individuals and groups that support us through financial and in-kind donations. 100% of donated funds are used for the purchase of Christmas trees.

Chicago Brauhaus/Treffpunkt 1965-2015

Congratulations On A 50+ Year Tradition As "The Golden Standard" In Dining And Entertainment!

As their eagerly anticipated month-long Maifest celebration is about to begin on May 6th, everyone, far and near, seems to know this place, but does everyone know how it all began and continues to this day?

First, and most importantly,

Harry and Guenter Kempf are, of course, the Chicago Brauhaus. We know them as consummate business men and leaders of the community in Lincoln Square. Their contribution to the preservation of their ethnic heritage is appreciated by, not only their fellow German-Americans, but by all who relish in the diversity of Chicago's neighborhoods.

It wasn't always, however, the Chicago Brauhaus as we know it today and Harry and Guenter Kempf weren't always as well known and heralded as they are now. In fact, Lincoln Square was at one time, only an idea.

Since all great ideas require great people to make them a reality the Kempf brothers were the perfect people, in the perfect place, at the perfect time.

The Kempf family has had a long musical tradition. Their Father was a gifted, though no formally trained piano and bass player. Since the time of their youth, Harry, Guenter and their Dad played music together, mastering many different instruments along with singing.

Harry's journey to American began in 1956 when he was only 19 years old. He came to Chicago, bought a bass fiddle at Lyon and Healy, and used his talents by acquiring a job singing at Zum Deutchen Eck. He was soon playing his bass as well. He eventually formed a trio which performed at Little Hawaii at 5100 N. Western Avenue. He then went on to gather nine other musicians to play in a 10 piece band called The Continental Ensemble.

In 1963 Harry opened Zum Lieben Augustin next to the German Theatre (which is now the Davis) on Lincoln Avenue, and offered lunch, dinner and music, of course, to his patrons.

Guenter arrived in Chicago in 1965 leaving behind a prosperous job in an appliance manufacturing company in Stuttgart. After serving in the army into which he was drafted, he decided to spend a year in America with a promise from his old boss in Stuttgart that he was welcome to his previous job when he returned.

He, as we all know now, did not return to Germany, instead, joining his brother Harry to open Treffpunkt restaurant on Lincoln Avenue in 1965. There they played music, with Harry on his bass, Guenter on the drums and Max on the accordion. They served German traditional foods and developed quite a following.

In 1965 Lincoln Avenue consisted of Meyers Deli (now Gene's), the Treffpunkt and various storefronts. The street was unfinished and a bridge connected one side with the other. The Chamber of Commerce had an idea to create an ethnic center with businesses being established around that area, but with no streets and no businesses, the hope seemed distant.

Enter Harry and Guenter.

To bring the people there, Harry and Guenter decided to run an Oktoberfest. They had a tent set up from Lawrence Avenue to Giddings (on Lincoln Avenue) and on their own, orchestrated what has become an eagerly anticipated event which thrives to this day.

Even though it was mid-November by then, they decided to set a time for a Friday and Saturday, and hoped the weather would cooperate. Mrs. Ed Kelly invited all the senior citizens in the area for brats and coffee and Bingo on Saturday afternoon to kick off the Fest.

The evening on Saturday and all day Sunday were a rousing success. The temperature was 60 outside and inside the tent the warmth and fun made it seem even toastier. On Sunday night, after the party finished, a heavy rain began to fall - holding off just long enough for everyone to finish enjoying themselves.

The current German Day Fest is, of course, the offshoot of this original Oktoberfest and now is held every September in Lincoln Square at Leland and Western Avenues.

There are now many more tents, more people and more food and music and cultural ac-



The Kempf brothers, Harry (left) and Guenter (right) flank their iconic emblem of the Chicago Brauhaus as they overlook Kempf Plaza.

tivities and performances to delight young and old alike, and the senior citizens still kick off the festivities with a luncheon on Friday afternoon before the 2-day/3-night event begins.

As a result of all of the hard work and planning and hoping, people began to come back to Lincoln Square to shop, dine and congregate. The streets were finished and everything looked like it was only going to improve.

Then in 1985 there was a fire at Witzel's shoe store, right next door to the Treffpunkt restaurant. The area was once again in ruin.

As though they had a premonition, the year before Harry and Guenter had purchased Roehrich's furniture store just across Lincoln Avenue from the Kempf's Treffpunkt. They planned to remodel the building to eventually house banquets, weddings, and large events. When the fire hit, Treffpunkt was destroyed along with a lot of the area businesses.

Within 60 hours, the old Treffpunkt would become the current Chicago Brauhaus. Like a Phoenix, the Kempfs built their dream of a rendition of Munich's Hoffbrauhaus. Little by little, while still remaining open for business, they remodeled from the ground up.

The original lamps from Henrici's Restaurant still hang from the ceilings, and the bar stools from Rush Street are still in place.

Harry, who played music all the time at the Treffpunkt, now jumped in and became Chicago Brauhaus' chef. The nightly music still continued with Guenter at the helm.

Through these many years, Harry and Guenter Kempf have managed to remain an institution in Chicago. People still come from far and wide, and from just down the street, to experience the togetherness and friendly ambience of this one-of-a-kind place. The family Kempf has always stuck together, continuing with Alfred (Freddie) Kempf, Harry's son, who represents the next generation. The basic, strong work ethic, talent and perseverance nurtured by their parents and upbringing, have made them a success in every way.

Generations of Chicagoans and visitors alike have been drawn to Chicago Brauhaus which has served as an anchor to the German-American culture and traditions. Just as the extraordinary staff and musicians have been there for what seems, always, so have the families who look to this icon as a place for special celebrations and events, or to join in anytime with festivities which are constantly going on. In one visit, you will feel a part of the Chicago Brauhaus family, all ages, always welcome, enjoying the good clean fun while dining on German traditional favorites, topped off with a beer, wine or cocktail.

Live music six days a week invite dancing on the central dance floor or listening and enjoyment of German and English standards. You will see couples, children or groups dancing to German and American favorites including the chicken dance.

Seasons bring the special events which have become a tradition for the generation of families who have been enjoying Brauhaus hospitality. There is always a party going on, whether it's Oktoberfest in September/October, a 5-week long celebration of fun, music, food and drinks, or Maifest which runs for 4 weeks in April/May, or special bands and entertainers from Europe make Chicago Brauhaus a yearly stop.

In 2000, the City of Chicago honored Harry and Guenter Kempf by naming Giddings Plaza the "Kempf Plaza." The plaza, which sits directly across the street from Brauhaus, hosts band concerts in the warm weather and is a lovely spot for sitting and relaxing in front of the fountain. It is a true European setting which befits its location and deserves the respected name it so proudly bears.

A little extra note:

A friend recently returned to Chicago after being away for quite a few years. One of the very first outings she had with her Family was to Chicago Brauhaus. She remarked that it was "like truly coming home again". Everything was as she remembered; the same wonderful food, the same lively and fun entertainment and the same contagious feeling of warmth that has continued for, now generations of families, old and new.

Congratulations Harry and Guenter Kempf on the Anniversary of the Dedication of Kempf Plaza in Lincoln Square.



Chicago Brauhaus

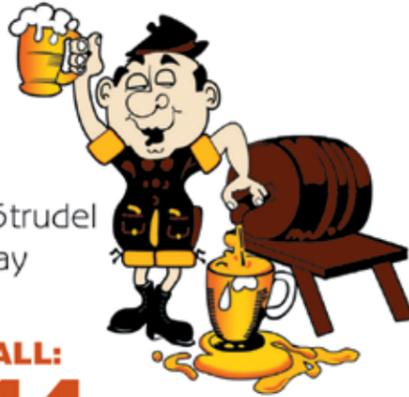
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The First Germans In America

While individual Germans had been in America as early as 1608, 1683 is rightfully celebrated as the beginning of group immigration from the German states. The first to arrive as a group were religious dissenters who landed at Philadelphia aboard the Concord in Mid-August 1683. Francis Daniel Pastorius, an agent for a land purchasing company in the city of Frankfurt am Main, organized the original party of settlers. It was a group largely made up of nonconformist sects such as the Mennonites, Amish, Moravians German Quakers, and other Protestant minorities, notably dissidents of the Reformed and Lutheran persuasion.

These settlers were from Krefeld, Frankfurt and the Palatinate. Germantown, the settlement they established near Philadelphia, became a point of entry for later waves of German immigrants to Pennsylvania. By 1689, the settlement had grown so large that it had to be incorporated. Germantown's citizens were pious, peaceful, industrious people, who quickly established southeastern Pennsylvania as a leading agricultural region.

Over the centuries, the community has continued to cling to the language and culture of its native land. Descendants of the first German immigrants are called Pennsylvania Dutch - an Anglicization of the word "deutsche" meaning "German."

The eastern counties of Pennsylvania became the center of German immigration to America during the colonial period, but there were several other important areas of settlement. One of these was New York state, including the Mohawk Valley region around Utica and the area around Schoharie. The latter area was settled by so-called Palatines, Protestant refugees from the Palatinate in southwest-central Germany. The Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia was also an important area of German settlement in colonial times. Other areas were in Georgia and the Carolinas. Salem, NC preserves many historic buildings reminding one of early German settlement there.

When the first American census was taken in 1790, Pennsylvania's German population was put at 225,000 which amounts to a third of the state's entire population. If we further count those Germans who in the course of the 18th century settled in the English colonies of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, especially those from the Palatinate, Baden and Wurttemberg, and include their children, then Americans of German origin were about 9% of the total population of the youthful United States around the close of the 18th century.

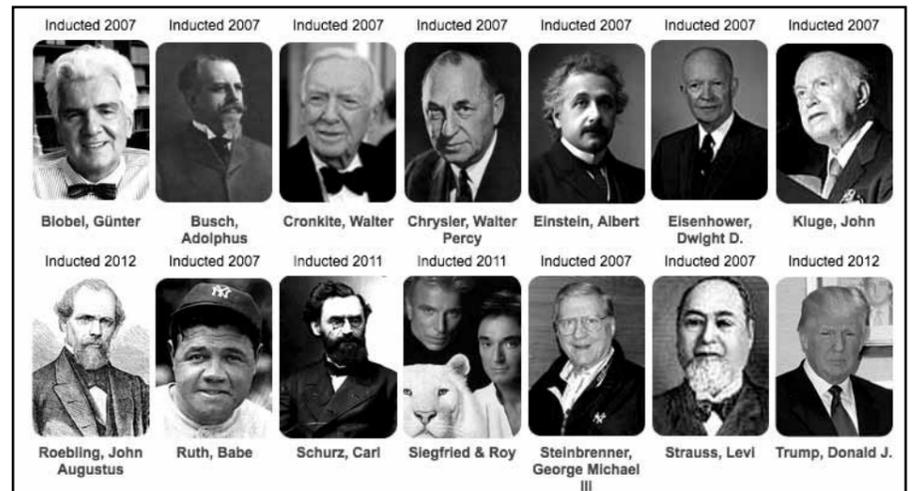
The term "German-American" refers to immigrants from German-speaking areas and their descendants. In the narrow political sense, the term "German-American" can refer to emigrants from Germany and its given geographical area in a specific historical period.

Taken in the broad ethno-linguistic and cultural sense, German-Americans also include immigrants--and their offspring--from Austria and South Tyrol, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, Germans from Russia and the Balkan countries, and

Jewish-German immigrants. In earlier centuries most of these areas were within the boundaries of "Germany."

Before the "homogenizing" processes of the 20th century, there were many more distinct differences in how people live in the various German-speaking regions. It was often possible to tell where someone came from by observing how he or she was dressed. And there were -- and still are -- numerous regional customs and traditions.

GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL OF FAME



Established in 2004 as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization registered in the State of New York, the GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL OF FAME (GAMHOF) will pay ongoing tribute to outstanding Americans of German heritage as they are inducted by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Advisory Board and other opinion leaders. Inductees will be selected from five major categories: Arts & Humanities; Business and Industry; Government & Military; the Sciences; and Athletics. Those honored are all great Americans with remarkable stories who have truly enriched our history and heritage.

The distinguished inductees pictured above have all received many awards, decorations and accolades. Yet the select few who are inducted into the German-American Hall of Fame will have achieved one of the highest honors a German-American can receive in the United States.

The German-American Hall of Fame is already the ultimate destination for the celebration and recognition of the most noteworthy German-Americans. It serves as an inspiration to supporters and visitors around the world. Visit www.gamhof.org.

Best Wishes To The 2015 German-American Fest!



Karen Feldman

My parents moved to Lincoln Square in the 1960s, from Southern Germany. I grew up in a small two flat on Hoyne St and used Winnemac Park as my play yard. It was a different time back then. Kids weren't scheduled and we ran in packs around the neighborhood, only to return home at dinner time. Bicycle helmets were probably not even invented yet and we rode three to a bike because we could. Two people on the banana seat and one in front on the U shaped handle bars. We didn't have cell phones, therefore boredom was an opportunity to develop our imaginations.

Lincoln Square was a melting pot back then but I would often hear German spoken throughout the neighborhood. We walked to a German bakery on Damen every Sunday for treats and often shopped along Lincoln Ave, especially at Kuhn's Delicatessen. My father was a chef by training and opened a few German restaurants on Lincoln Ave in the 1970s. Salzburger Hof was the name, with

their signature desserts known as the "Salzburger Knockle" or "Kaiserschmarren". A second location was further north on Lincoln Ave at the "Brown Bear". My brother and I used to walk to the restaurant every Saturday to work, after German school let out. We both dreaded German school back then, but looking back it was actually a lot of fun.

In the spirit of the German-American Fest. I have included the last 3 months of sales statistics for Lincoln Square for single family homes as well as attached homes have been sold through the MLS.

Detached homes Sold 6/1/15-8/28/15 with a price range of \$300,000-\$2,090,000. Total Volume: \$32,982,850. 41 units... 44 days average market time... \$742,500 median sold price... \$804,460 Average sold price

Attached homes sold 6/1/15-8/28/15 with a price range of \$52,549-\$594,000. Total volume: \$29,849,299. 112 units... 65 days average market time... \$246,250 median sold price... \$266,512 Average sold price.

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Village Cooking Corner

BEER CAKE

For this special edition of OUR VILLAGE for the Annual German-American Fest, also known as "Oktoberfest," I would like to share a great recipe with our readers that has BEER as one of the ingredients. Beer and Oktoberfests go well together, don't you think?

I have never had so much fun baking a cake as with this one, and the reason is the BEER! Usually when the liquid is added to the cake, it is either water, milk or juice. It just sort of blends in without too much fuss. It's fun to watch the beer bubble up before it blends in with the batter, and the fragrance which emanates is really refreshing. This recipe was given to me years ago from a friend who came to the same hair salon and she, in turn, got it from her sister in Ireland.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups flour,
- 2 cups sugar,
- 2 sticks of butter or margarine (room temperature),
- 1 tsp. each of cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg;
- 2 teaspoons baking soda,
- one 15 ounce box (2 cups) of dark raisins (use some chopped dates if you want to),
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts,
- two eggs and
- one 12 ounce can of beer.

Method: Measure dry ingredients, mix and set aside. In a small mixing bowl, cream the butter or margarine; slowly beat in sugar and eggs. Transfer mixture to the large mixing bowl. At low speed, beat in flour alternately with the beer. Lastly, fold in the raisins and chopped nuts. Grease Bundt or spring-form pan with Crisco or spray with no-stick spray. Pour in batter and bake in preheated oven at 325 degrees for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours. Test with wooden toothpick for doneness. When done, remove from oven and gently shake so that the cake loosens from all sides. (This cake has a tendency to stick to the sides because of the raisins.) Invert onto a cake plate and allow to cool completely before cutting.

Submitted by Maria P. Bappert

Talk To A Lawyer For Free On Saturday, September 19, 2015

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer program will be taking calls on Saturday, September 19th, from 9 a.m. to noon at no cost. Call (312) 554-2001 to speak with an attorney about any legal question or issue.

Callers may explain their situations to an attorney who will then, if able, suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to see their own attorney or to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) for referral to an attorney in the appropriate area of law.

The LRS has over 300 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law. Meeting the American Bar Association's Standards for Lawyer Referral, the service has some of the highest experience requirements for its member attorneys in the entire nation.

Call-A-Lawyer events are held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. The number to call is (312) 554-2001.

When contacting the LRS during normal business hours M - F, callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in over 40 different areas of law including:

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Keynote Speaker Bill Rancic:

Chicago's very own Bill Rancic was hired by Donald Trump as the winner of the first season of NBC's breakthrough program "The Apprentice". Currently, Bill is speaking to businesses and organizations around the world on motivational and business topics, developing real estate in Chicago, and producing and appearing in several television programs to talk to viewers about business and entrepreneurship. A published author of a New York Times best-selling book, Bill wrote "You're Hired: How To Succeed In Business And Life and Beyond the Lemonade Stand" to help educate and motivate young people worldwide about the value of money and how to leverage skills, talents and abilities at an early age.

Note: As a professional business event, photo and autograph requests of Bill Rancic will not be allowed.

Adult Enrichment Offerings At Resurrection

Adult Enrichment Course ~ American Literature & History ~
Tuesday Evenings In September & October

Resurrection College Prep High School is offering an adult enrichment course entitled "The Power of the Pen: American Literature and History." This course will explore the period from the late 19th Century through the early 20th Century by reading authors such as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Edith Wharton and Mark Twain. Resurrection faculty member Mr. Mike Longo will teach the course. Mike Longo is a Resurrection Religious Studies teacher

and Chamber Orchestra director who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University. The course will meet on the following Tuesday evenings, September 15 & 29 and October 13 & 27, 2015, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Resurrection. The fee for the course is \$50; to register or for more information, please contact Alisa Martorano at amartorano@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 142.



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Next To Normal

By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director

When Chris Jones, head theatre critic for the Chicago Tribune, wrote about Next to Normal he said, "It has the effect of making one determine to refocus on what really is important in life, which always is the best reason of all to find time to go to the theater." We agree, which is why it's coming to our stage from September 11 to September 27.

People love this musical, and they are touched by it in very special ways. This is surprising for a musical where the main character suffers from bi-polar disorder. People expect a "feel good" musical. Well, the New York Times called this a "feel everything musical." And you will, you'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll cheer for this family who learn to love and support each other even though their lives will never be normal. The most they can hope for is "next to normal."

Next to Normal is the winner of three Tony awards in 2009, including best musical score, plus the Pulitzer Prize in 2010. It features 30 original songs by Tomm Kitt and Brian Yorkey including "Just Another Day," "I Miss The Mountains" and "Superboy and the Invisible Girl."

Next to Normal stars Whitney Morse, Jordan Gryzbowski, Molly LeCaptain, Chris Selefski, Nick Shoda and Brian Zealand. The play is directed by Andrew Park, who directed Sweet Charity for MadKap last season, and is the Artistic Director of the Quest Theatre Ensemble in Chicago where he directed the Jeff-recommended production of Return to Neverland. Joseph Jefferson Award winner Gary Powell is the music director.

MadKap productions has partnered with Turning Point to offer Sunday afternoon talk-backs on the issues of mental health care raised in the show. For over 45 years, Turning Point has provided expert, affordable mental health care services to the Skokie community and greater Chicago area. Services In 2015, they opened expanded offices space at 8324 Skokie Boulevard in Skokie which includes 18 new therapy offices, and a beautiful and welcoming reception area. Please visit www.tpoinc.org to learn how you can invest, volunteer or advocate to help make quality mental health care accessible to all.

Next to Normal performs September 11 - 27, 2015. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm. With a matinee on Wednesday September 16 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$38 general admission, \$33 for seniors, \$28 for students. Call 847-677-7761 for tickets or visit SkokieTheatre.org.

Next to Normal is the lead production of MadKap's 2015-16 subscription season at Skokie Theatre. It is being followed by The Lion in Winter by James Goldman from November 6 - 22, 2015; Beau Jest by James Sherman from February 5 - 21, 2016; and The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Jay Presson Allen from April 22 - May 8, 2016. Subscription prices range from \$65 to \$97.

This is not the "Boy Meets Girl" musical of the 1900's. This is a modern and exciting piece of theatre that will make you glad that you came. We look forward to seeing you.



Active Trans Statement On Ashland, Western Express Bus Service

On Tuesday CTA announced the restoration of express bus service on Ashland and Western Avenues during peak hours.

The CTA ended express bus service on the #9 Ashland and #49 Western routes amid budget cuts in 2010. The #9 Ashland route is the most popular bus route in the system with 10 million boardings annually.

Active Trans released the following statement on the announcement from its Executive Director Ron Burke:

"Restoring express bus service on Ashland and Western is good news for transit riders who are forced to deal with overcrowding and slow, unpredictable trips on two of the most popular bus routes in the system. This decision should be a first step towards CTA building a true bus rapid transit (BRT) corridor on Ashland with dedicated bus lanes, improved stations, and enhanced sidewalks and medians.

"The CTA's own analysis from 2013 shows restoring express bus service will result in slightly faster trips but nowhere near the speed of BRT. Currently, the average bus speed on Ashland is less than nine miles per hour. With express service it could tick back up to just over 10 miles per hour. Buses will still be stuck in traffic during peak periods, however, and trips will remain unpredictable.

"The CTA found building a rapid transit corridor on Ashland could speed up trips to as fast as 16 miles per hour, an 83 percent increase over current speeds. The project would also result in predictability similar to a train, more efficient traffic patterns, and dozens of blocks of sidewalk and crosswalk enhancements.

"As more Chicagoans choose to ride transit every year, it's time for the city to invest in expanding the city's rapid transit network to give riders faster, more convenient options. Restoring express service is only a first step, and implementing BRT must come next."

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Wills And Trusts Are Not Interchangeable



Chester M. Przybylo

People often assume that wills and trusts are somewhat interchangeable. While both can be effective to transfer assets to loved ones after your death, they have important differences.

A will is effective to transfer property that is in your name at your death. Typically, a will must be signed and witnessed by two people. A will “speaks at death,” in other words its provisions are not effective until death. Assets which are in your name are controlled by the will, even if there is a trust in existence. However, the will can provide that your assets “pour over” into the trust.

By comparison, a trust comes into existence upon signing the document. While some states require a trust to be witnessed, the vast majority do not. A living trust holds title to the property transferred into it. If property is in a living trust, it will not be governed

by the will because it no longer is in your name—it is in the name of the trust.

The importance of this distinction is illustrated by the circumstances surrounding Gay Dawn Tamplin’s death. Gay Dawn had both a will and a living trust. Gay Dawn lived in an Alaska condominium with her life partner, Larry Daly. Five years before her death, Gay Dawn set up a living trust and funded it with her condominium, avoiding the expense and invasiveness of probate. Upon her death, the trust was to distribute the condominium to her daughter, Gayleen.

In early spring, Gay Dawn was diagnosed with a terminal illness. She had been living with Larry in her condominium for six years and decided he should have it after her death. While in the hospital, she wrote a will herself and in it said that Larry should have her condominium. The problem was that she no longer owned the condominium in her own name. She had transferred the property to her trust to avoid probate. The will was not effective to transfer an asset that she no longer owned. Nor was the will effective to amend the trust because the will did not “speak” until her death. By that time it was too late to change the trust: Living trusts become irrevocable at death. When tragedy strikes, people do not always think clearly. In order to accomplish her goal, Gay Dawn needed to amend her trust to provide that the condominium passed to Larry.

Legal documents have very unique characteristics that may not be obvious at first glance. Especially when hardship looms, do not try to go it alone. A qualified estate planning attorney can be a kind and caring shoulder to help you through the process and prepare documents that accomplish your goals.

Chester M. Przybylo is a founding member of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, a nationally acclaimed organization whose members are dedicated to the highest standards of estate planning and elder law. His Chicago-based firm, Chester M. Przybylo and Associates, has served its clients for over 45 years. Visit the firm website for helpful information on estate planning: www.PlanOurEstate.com, or call 773-631-7100 for an appointment.

“Job Search Tips For The 50-Plus” Will Be Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On Sept. 16

If you’re over 50 and looking for a job, it can be a difficult task to say the least. The entire process—finding an opening, making application and interviewing for the position can be a stressful one. The Timely Talk, “Job Search Tips for the 50-Plus,” may provide answers that will ease the process. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Sept. 16, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

Making the presentation will be Meg Behnke, corporate director of Human Resources at Norwood Life Society, and Natalie Tosti, Human Resources Coordinator, at Norwood Crossing.

They will provide insight into the online application process, explanation of work experiences, the interview process, things to consider when asking or answering questions during the interview, and other relevant issues.

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

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Happy 80th Anniversary, Social Security!

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Today, the Social Security Administration proudly celebrates its 80th anniversary. On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, landmark legislation that continues to provide hope and protection to some of the most vulnerable members of society. Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin marked Social Security’s historic birthday by reaffirming the agency’s commitment to the public.

“As Social Security celebrates its 80th anniversary, we remain the underpinning of economic security of this country, and will continue to be a strong foundation for the next 80 years and beyond,” Acting Commissioner Colvin said. “Social Security is the most successful domestic program in America’s history. Providing outstanding customer service to the public has been a cornerstone of our agency’s mission since the beginning and will continue into the future.”

Earlier this year, Social Security launched a commemorative 80th anniversary website where people can learn more about the agency’s legacy and the importance of the Social Security program. The public has used the website, www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary, to submit stories that show how Social Security has benefited them or their families. Social Security employees around the country have also expressed their enthusiasm and support through the agency’s “Why I Serve” campaign, which highlights employees telling their own stories illustrating why they enjoy giving back through public service.

Social Security will host a ceremony at the agency’s headquarters in Baltimore to commemorate the occasion. U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD) will join Acting Commissioner Colvin and Social Security employees at the event. “I am deeply honored to have longtime friend and staunch Social Security supporter Elijah Cummings join us in celebrating our 80th birthday,” Acting Commissioner Colvin said.

The agency is celebrating “America’s Favorites: Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie & SSA” Night at Major and Minor League baseball games across the country.

FAIR Coalition Accepts Seat At The Table Of O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Ad-Hoc Committee

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAIR) Coalition today sent a letter to O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Mayor Arlene Juracek to accept its seat at the table of ongoing solutions to the issue of increased plane noise and pollution since the October 2013 flight pattern changes as a result of the O’Hare Modernization Plan. The next general meeting of the ONCC is Friday, September 4th at Cafe La Cave in Des Plaines.

“The type of dialogue and forum established over the summer during the three Community Conversations mandated by House Joint Resolution 083 made it possible for citizens to engage directly with Mayor Emanuel’s Office and the Chicago Department of Aviation about the drastic and negative impacts of the current OMP. It was disappointing that the city ignored SB-636 and was unwilling to establish a re-evaluation period to further analyze our proposals in the depth and detail required,” said FAiR Leader Al Rapp. “At least Mayor Juracek stated at those meetings that there would be an opportunity, via the formation of an ONCC Ad Hoc Committee, for FAiR, SOC, CDA and the FAA to continue to explore every possible solution and take nothing off the table that would benefit the communities all around O’Hare. We will take that as a positive starting point.”

Since October 17, 2013, Areas directly east and west of O’Hare as well as areas well outside what were predicted to experience impacts have been bombarded with hundreds of flights a day at all hours of the day and night. Residents in neighborhoods as far east as Edgewater and as far west as Bloomingdale have registered noise complaints about the ongoing disruptions to their homes and neighborhoods. With the city’s proposal to eventually close both of the 14/32 diagonal runways, and with Commissioner Ginger Evans indicating that another diagonal 4L/22R could also disappear in the future, all noise and fine particle pollution would be concentrated in a band east and west of the airport running from approximately Touhy Avenue on the north to Irving Park Road on the south.

“FAiR has not changed its position that for the most balanced distribution of air traffic, noise and pollution, all runways have to be part of the solution—only then can we truly say flights are balanced north/south, east/west, city/suburb, and day/night,” said Colleen Mulcrone, FAiR Leader. “Those runways have been used for years, and safely. They continue to be used when the city has the will or need for them—and safely. To say that they are fatally flawed is not only misleading, it’s not true. The FAA would never utilize a runway that’s unsafe.

What is fatally flawed is a plan that consigns people to living with a highway of aircraft, noise and pollution over their heads when solutions already exist to prevent that. It’s a matter of money and will, and the CDA and Mayor Emanuel need to put communities before costs.”

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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.

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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.

Resurrection Arts And Craft Fair Applications Available



Applications are available for crafters who are interested in participating in the Resurrection College Prep High School Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The annual event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue. Each year, more than 2,000 patrons visit the fair to explore the wide variety of hand-crafted items at over 180 craft displays. Spaces for professional company vendors are sold out. The application for crafters is available on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by contacting

Carol Marchetti at 773.775.6616 Ext 112 or cmarchetti@reshs.org.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated almost 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.

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Seniors Stuff Bears For Veterans



Bears of Hope, a volunteer organization, held a "Stuffing Party" with senior residents at Brookdale Northbrook, on Friday, August 21. Twenty-five seniors came to the "Stuffing Party" to stuff patriotic themed bears for veterans. When completed, the patriotic bears will be given to veterans at McCormick & Schmick's "Veterans Appreciation Day" in November. Bears of Hope founder, Carolyn Reiner, said, "Patriotic bears for veterans is a special project we do every year. It's our way to thank them for their service to our country." Over 58 bears were stuffed. One resident, who is a veteran of WWII, said, "I came to stuff bears. It gave me so much satisfaction to do something for my fellow veterans."

The organization also gives bears to Rainbow Hospice Care's Veterans Hospice Program throughout the year. Chaplain, John Schumacher, who administers the program, replied, "The bears let our terminally ill and dying veterans know people care for them and want to thank them for what they did for our country. The bears bring them comfort".

In addition to bears for veterans, Bears of Hope makes bears for children and adults in crises. Social service agencies are given bears for the children and adults under their care. The agencies say, "Bears of Hope; so appropriately named! A big 'thank you' for everything you and the volunteers do to bring a ray of sunshine to so many faces."

Since the group's inception eight years ago, 1600 bears have been made and are now being loved by those needing emotional support. The bears give them comfort, hope and aid in their healing.

To continue their work, Bears of Hope depends on volunteers to make the bears and relies on financial gifts from individuals and businesses for what's needed for bears. For more information or to volunteer or make a donation, contact Bears of Hope at Bears@bearssofhope.com or 847-673-4098.

Artistic Opportunities At Mather's— More Than A Café

Marianne began showing her work when she noticed opportunities for month-long exhibits at Mather's—More Than a Café at 7134 W. Higgins Avenue. She and her husband were customers of Mather's, where people of all ages can enjoy fresh, made-to-order food, and those age 50 and better can sign up for programs and events, including computer tutorials, live music concerts, exercise classes, and informative lectures.

"My husband and I started to go to Mather's about 6 years ago, when we joined the walking club and would walk around Norwood Park three times a week," recalls Marianne. "We got to know people, and got to know Nina [Kuzniak, then manager of Mather's—More Than a Café on Higgins Avenue]. And when I realized I could show my art there, I signed up for an exhibit."

When Marianne, ever the organized accountant, showed up with her artwork framed, wired, and ready to hang, as well as with descriptive labels printed out, Nina asked her to volunteer to help with other customer art showings. "So now I help with the exhibits—with the help of other volunteers, I hang the work, type up the labels, and take down exhibits when they're over," explains Marianne. "I've gotten some of my classmates from Wright to show their work here; you can actually sell some pieces, but they have to be priced right."

Even when she's not volunteering, Marianne and her husband come to Mather's for lunch or for the occasional program. They took a yoga class for several years, learned CPR, and enjoy a learning lecture from time to time. And Murphy is thinking about signing up for a watercolor class.

Interested in trying painting—or another class? Stop in at Mather's—More Than a Café and learn about opportunities. Mather's on Higgins Avenue is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For general information on Mather's—More Than a Café, visit www.mathersmorethanacafe.com or call (888) 600.2560.



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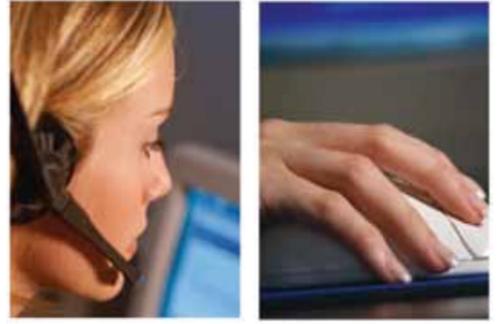
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