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*Have a Very Merry Christmas,  
A Happy and Prosperous  
New Year  
From Village Publications*



## Pappas Shows Holiday Trees and Displays for 10<sup>th</sup> Year

For the 10th year, holiday trees and cultural displays decorated and mounted by religious and ethnic groups will be on display through the holiday season in the office of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.



The display of "Holiday Trees from Around the World," an annual tradition in Pappas' office begun in 2003, will be available for public viewing from Wednesday, November 27, through January 6, 2014, in Room 112 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago.

Sponsoring groups and individuals all start with three-foot-high trees which they decorate to reflect their own cultural traditions. When all the trees and other displays – from African American, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim traditions and a Christian Nativity scene – are completed, they stand lighted on counters through the Treasurer's Office, showing familiar ornaments and tinsel, but also animals, flowers, fruit, balls, candles, plates, boats, stars and flags.

"We see Cook County's amazing population diversity in these trees and displays, each celebrating a different heritage but all creating a special beauty together," said Pappas, thanking all who have decorated trees and provided displays. The nearly 90 countries and communities represented this year include:

African American, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Assyrian, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Carpatho-Rusyn, China, Colombia, Cornwall, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Moravian, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala.

Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Native American, Netherlands, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Wales.

# Winter

**BEGINS**  
December 21st

**The Austrian Mixed Chorus Delights Crowds During "Christmas Around The World" An Annual Event At The Museum Of Science & Industry in Chicago.**

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Christmas Eve Worship Services December 24

Holy Communion at all Services

5:00PM - Family Candlelight Service

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11:00PM Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Worship

**December 25**

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### Christmas Eve

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3:45 pm Singing

Christmas Carols

4:00 pm Family Mass

11:30 pm Singing

Christmas Carols

Christmas night Mass  
in English to follow



### Christmas Day

December 25

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Solemn Christmas  
Morning Mass (in English)

11:45 am Mass in Polish

**December 26 -  
Feast of St. Stephen**

Holy Mass – 8:30 a.m

## RESURRECTION ENTRANCE EXAM AND SHADOW DAYS

Resurrection College Prep High School invites eighth grade girls to take the Class of 2018 Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm. No pre-registration is necessary - students should bring #2 pencils, a \$25 testing fee (cash or check made payable to Resurrection College Prep) and a calculator. Lunch will be provided following the exam. If a student needs limited accommodations on Exam Day, parents may contact Debbie Gillespie at [dgillespie@reshs.org](mailto:dgillespie@reshs.org) or 773.775.6616 Ext 129. Parents are welcome to attend an optional Parent Information Session in the Resurrection Library at 8 am on the day of the Entrance Exam. Parents can learn about the curriculum and programs at Resurrection, including technology, block scheduling, the Practicum Program, the Learning Assistance Program and work/study tuition assistance opportunities.

Shadow Days are available for girls to spend the day at Resurrection to experience the school first-hand. Eighth grade girls may shadow on select days and seventh grade girls are invited to a special Shadow Day on Friday, February 14, 2014. Shadow registration and additional information about the upcoming Entrance Exam is available on the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by contacting Debbie Gillespie at [dgillespie@reshs.org](mailto:dgillespie@reshs.org) or 773.775.6616 Ext 129.

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## MAYOR EMANUEL ASKS RESIDENTS TO SUGGEST LOCATIONS FOR NEW DIVVY STATIONS

### 175 Additional Stations to be Added to System in 2014

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Divvy, Chicago's bike-share system, launched a new website today to solicit suggestions and feedback from Chicagoans on the locations for the 175 new Divvy stations scheduled to be added to the system in 2014.

On the website [suggest.divvybikes.com](http://suggest.divvybikes.com), Chicagoans can make suggestions for locations and provide feedback on site suggestions others have made.

"Divvy has been a great success, and with the help of residents, we are going to expand its reach across Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "With new stations to be added in 2014, Divvy will expand north, south and west into new neighborhoods as well as fill in gaps in the current service area."

There are currently 300 Divvy stations located across Chicago, and funding has been secured to add 175 more in neighborhoods across Chicago next year. At 475 stations, Chicago would have the largest number of bike share stations than any other city in North America.

Since launching this summer, the bike share system has provided more than 725,000 trips to Chicago residents and visitors who have collectively ridden more than 1.7 million miles. Divvy has sold more than 130,000 daily passes and 11,500 annual memberships.

Chicagoans can find out more about the system at [www.DivvyBikes.com](http://www.DivvyBikes.com) or through social media on Twitter at @DivvyBikes and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DivvyBikes](http://www.facebook.com/DivvyBikes).



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## CHICAGO STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP LEARNING WITH THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING THE WINTER BREAK

In order to keep Chicago's students learning over the Winter Break, the Chicago Public Library (CPL) encourages children to continue reading, discovering and creating by joining the Winter Learning Challenge: Neighborhood Nature. Open to anyone between the ages of 3 and 17, the Winter Learning Challenge encourages students to explore the world around them through a fun and engaging self-paced learning challenge available on the Library's website from December 16, 2013, through January 5, 2014.

"The Winter Learning Challenge keeps Chicago students and children actively engaged in reading and creative opportunities even while outside of the classroom," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "By offering stimulating educational avenues for children, from Rahm's Readers to the Winter Learning Challenge, the Chicago Public Library is continuing Chicago's commitment to the importance of life-long learning."

Participation is easy. Following the theme Neighborhood Nature, kids are invited to look at nature in their community using one or more of the five topics: humans, pets, pigeons, squirrels and trees. To see a list of books, online resources and other activities, visit the Winter Learning Challenge page on [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org). Complete the activities log using the suggested Read, Discover and Create activities listed or enter their own theme-related activities. Logs are available online or at all CPL locations.

Suggested activities include reading a book, magazine or website for 20 minutes a day for at least five days, discovering new information about nature in the city by doing an activity, and creating at least one story, poem, or piece of art inspired by the theme. Families are also invited to visit a special hands-on exhibit at the Harold Washington Library Center to support interactive learning during the Winter Learning Challenge. Each participant who completes a log and returns it to their neighborhood library by Friday, January 10, will be entered into a raffle to win an electronic eReader, generously provided through the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

The Chicago Public Library continues to encourage lifelong learning by welcoming all people and offering equal access to information, entertainment and knowledge through materials, programs and cutting-edge technology. Through its 80 locations, the Library provides free access to a rich collection of materials, both physical and digital, and presents the highest quality author discussions, exhibits and programs for children, teens and adults. The Winter Learning Challenge extends the Library's year-long family literacy programs including Hop Into Reading and the Summer Learning Challenge. For more information, visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org), or call (312) 747-4780

## Skokie and SWANCC Provide a Holiday Light Recycling Program

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Elgin Recycling and the Village of Skokie are offering a free Holiday Light Recycling Program.

All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Skokie Public Works Department, 9050 Gross Point Road, December 2, 2013 through January 31, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Elgin Recycling is processing the material, [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com).

Remember to remove holiday decorations and lighting early in the New Year. In accordance with the Village of Skokie adopted 2008 National Electric Code section 590.3 (B), temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes. Exterior holiday decorative lighting is a festive way to enjoy the holiday season. For more information, please contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8224.

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

## EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD TO HOST "GAMES DAY AFTERNOON"

What do you play? Mah Jongg? Rummy Q? Bridge? Gin Rummy? Scrabble?

Bring your cards, your game boards or your mah jongg sets and your group of friends to the "Games Day Afternoon," hosted by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, Wednesday, January 8, 2014, starting with lunch at 12:00 noon. The synagogue is located at 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

Cost for the event is \$12 for Sisterhood members with reservations paid by Friday, January 3. Non-members and "at the door" pay \$15.

For further information, please call the synagogue at 847-675-4141.

*Happy Holidays to All*

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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS at RESURRECTION

Resurrection College Prep High School hosted a Home for the Holidays event on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 6 to 9 pm at the Sisters of the Resurrection Provincial Home at 7432 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The evening featured hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet, raffles, and the opportunity to view a collection of over one hundred Nativity Scenes from around the world. The Sisters' collection of Madonna statues was also displayed and music was provided by the Resurrection College Prep High School Women's Choir.

The Sisters of the Resurrection Provincial Home is the former site of Resurrection High School and Resurrection alumnae were welcome to come back to their former school for the holidays, visit with former classmates and tour the former school. Community members were also welcome and approximately 60 people enjoyed the evening. Tours of the former school were a highlight of the evening - including a tour into the tunnel that connects the former school to the current school - a tunnel that was used by students during certain times during the 1970s and 1980s when the school enrollment was so large that both classes were held in both buildings. Approximately \$1,500 was raised to benefit the Sr. Mary Monica Hope Scholarship, which provides scholarship to Resurrection students and their families.

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## Saint Patrick High School Embraces "Season of Giving"

Kicking off the holiday season, the Saint Patrick student body collected 2,000 pounds of food plus 8 turkeys during the month of November to provide Thanksgiving meals for the St. Vincent DePaul Parish food pantry. This was Saint Patrick's largest donation ever made to the DePaul Annual Food Drive.

In early November, the Shamrocks donated blood through the Sixth Annual Fall Blood Drive for LifeSource, Chicagoland's most respected blood center. In six years, St. Pat's faculty and students have donated 1,700 units of blood helping to save more than 5,000 individuals. In addition to helping save lives, a check of \$2,500 was presented to Dr. Joseph Schmidt and coordinator Rachel Kern recognizing St. Pat's outstanding blood drives.

Finally, the Shamrocks participated in the Veteran Holiday Gift Donation Drive sponsored by the Walter & Connie Payton Foundation and coordinated by Head Football Coach Dan Galante. This year the students collected toiletries and essentials such as soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, combs, socks, slippers and other personal items that will be given to U.S. veterans for the holiday season who reside at the Concord Assisted Living Facility in Northlake, IL. At this facility, an entire floor (including two day rooms and 35 suites) has been remodeled to provide homeless veterans with a warm, safe place to live.

In addition to the collection of items, Coach Galante teamed up with Saint Patrick alumnus and trustee Mark Doyle '75 who is the CEO of Rags of Honor. Rags of Honor, a company that pays unemployed veterans a living wage and offers training and benefits to better their lives, produced special Veteran's holiday drive t-shirts (made in the U.S.A.) which the school sold as a fundraiser. A portion of the \$1,000 raised from the t-shirt sales will go towards purchasing gifts cards for the veterans at the Concord Living Facility and another portion will be donated back to "Rags of Honor" to also help veterans during the holiday season. "When it comes to giving back, our guys have always been generous," Coach Dan Galante said. "It's so great that our donations will benefit veterans who have given so much to our country."

Saint Patrick High School is the oldest all-male high school in the city of Chicago, and every week throughout the school year holds a Mission Collection to help St. Paul school in Marsabit, Kenya. So far this school year, more than \$2,000 has been raised for this fellow-Christian Brothers school in Africa.



## PNA ASSISTS NEEDY CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS WITH TOY DRIVE

The Polish National Alliance held their annual toy drive for needy children from the end of November through the first week of December. A large decorated carton stood in the lobby of the PNA Building for donations that would be given by PNA Employees and guests who enter the building. The PNA affiliates, the two PNA Bank locations (Niles and South Pulaski Avenue in Chicago) and the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiazkowy) also participated in the toy drive with drop off boxes in their buildings.

PNA President Frank Spula appointed Vice President Paul Odrobina to oversee the collections. Mr. Odrobina's Administrative Assistant Joan Oskorep and Robert Jadach assisted in the organizing of the drive. Many of the Employees donated cash or brought items in as well. Monetary donations were also used to purchase toys from area stores.

On Tuesday, December 11, 2013, the seven large boxes containing over 200 donated toys were delivered to the Shriner's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. The donation coordinator Mary McCauley from the Shriner's Hospital was so grateful to all the people who donated toys to their children at Christmas.

*Story and Photos by: Robert M. Jadach*



Polish National Alliance Officers with donated toys for the Shriner's Hospital - (from l-r) Vice President Teresa Abick, Treasurer Marian Grabowski, Vice President Paul C. Odrobina and President Frank J. Spula.

## Do You Know About the Skokie TeenLink Program?

The Skokie TeenLink program is a database collection of Skokie teens who are available to do outside yard work, including snow shoveling, which is provided to Skokie residents upon request. Many residents who request the TeenLink list are unable to do physical work themselves, unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor on a regular basis or only need assistance during one season. The TeenLink list provides contact information for Skokie teens including the name and address of the teen, days of availability, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

Do you know someone who may benefit from the TeenLink list?

Please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 for more information. Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to download an application.

## Immaculate Conception Reaches Out to Help Guiuan Disaster Victims in the Philippines

Immaculate Conception Parish in Norwood Park through Pastor Fr Thomas Srenn has joined efforts to provide relief to Hurricane Haiyan (Typhoon Yolanda) for the town of Guiuan in eastern Samar, Philippines.

Guiuan (pronounced gi-whan), the hometown of IC Business Manager Rose Hegarty, was one of the first towns hit by the hurricane suffering massive damage. The isolated fishing town was first reached via a C-130 flight after the storm and received aid with US Navy helicopters dropping water and food to the community. The coastal town is located about 500 miles south of Manila. It is also the site of interestingly, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, one of the oldest in the country.

Hurricane Haiyan (Yolanda) damaged and flattened nearly all structures in the town. It also destroyed the centuries-old church which has been declared a national cultural treasure. Guiuan is now a picture of debris-strewn roads and shattered infrastructure including schools leveled by the storm.

Donations to help the town of Guiuan are being accepted at IC c/o Rose Hegarty. Direct assistance will be given to re-build schools to help the children who need each other and be together in their classroom setting after the trauma. IC also aims to help reconstruct its namesake church for the people of Guiuan whose faith keep them strong amidst the devastation.

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## WILLKOMMEN 2014 in a BLAZE OF sequins, Guitars AND FLAMING PUNCH!

Ring in the new year accompanied by The Polkaholics has become a tradition on New Years Eve at DANK Haus.

The Polkaholics' repertoire is filled with songs that are all about FUN! Their glittery outfits and wild showmanship create an unforgettable party atmosphere. The songs are a collision of polka and punk and will make you sing along to tunes while dancing your shoes off.

And what would be a New Years Eve party at the DANK without the traditional Feuerzangenbowle. Arrive early and you will see a tasting of a sugar cone soaked in rum, lit on fire and melted over a spice wine. Did anybody say vorglühen?

Welcoming 2014 at DANK Haus will also not break your bank and we are selling bottles of German bubbly (750 ml bottle) for only \$30.

Moment mal, there's more! Each entrance includes raffle ticket to win an Epi- phone guitar from The Polkaholics!

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All tickets at the door are \$25.

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773.561.9181 [www.dankhaus.com](http://www.dankhaus.com)



## Chicago's Very Own Christkind:

### Carrying on a German Tradition at the Christkindlmarket Chicago

German American Services, Inc. is happy to announce that the Christkindlmarket Chicago will be introducing its very own Christkind for the first time in 2013.

While the Christkind from Nuremberg, Germany has visited the Chicago market in previous years during the first weekend of the market, this is the first year in which she will be an original Chicago Christkind. She will be present throughout the entire duration of the market from November 26th – December 24th for the 18th Annual Christkindlmarket Chicago on Daley Plaza.

### History of the Christkind

The Christkind, a fairy-like being, dressed in gold and white robes with a crown upon her golden locks, is the namesake of the Christkindlmarket Chicago. Christkind folklore dates back to the 1500s and stems from traditional customs: parades during the holiday season were guided by one "grand" angel, the Christkind. Since then, and still today, she is the bearer of gifts to most children in German speaking countries, much like Santa Claus is in the United States. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged December 24th and delivered by the Christkind, who leaves gifts under the Christmas tree and disappears before the children can catch a glimpse of her.

The 18th annual Christkindlmarket Chicago is located on Daley Plaza, 50 W Washington, between Washington, Clark and Dearborn Streets. It is open daily from November 26 until December 24: Sunday-Thursday 11am-8pm, Fridays and Saturdays 11am-9pm. Admission is always free! For further information on the Christkindlmarket and the Christkind herself, please visit the official Christkindlmarket website at [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com) or call us at (312) 494-2175.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM THE EVANSTON/SKOKIE VALLEY METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES - GIVING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIES

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## WAITING or PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

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

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

This followed with cyber Monday sales.

Is this the season to SHOP for CHRISTMAS?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Step, Salsa and Tango in the New Year at Winter-Dance 2014 at the Chicago Cultural Center

Heat up 2014 at Chicago WinterDance, January 3-5 in the Yates Gallery located on the 4th floor of the Chicago Cultural Center. Winter's version of SummerDance, Chicago WinterDance will bring people of all ages and skill levels together with free, introductory one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors followed by music and dancing. The diverse musical lineup showcases popular dance styles.

Friday, January 3. 7:10-9pm - DJ Mellow Khris (Chicago Steppin') 6-7pm - Dawud Shareef & Lura Satterfield (Chicago Steppin')

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Visit [www.chicagoculturalcenter.org](http://www.chicagoculturalcenter.org) for more information on this and future events

*The Kiwanis of Ravenswood Wishes Everyone A Happy Holiday Season*

Wishing you the gift of faith, The blessing of hope and the Peace of God's love at Christmas and always.

**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

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

## Hidden Treasures - Handcrafted Imports from Poland

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

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

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

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

Poland's adherence to traditional art forms is one of the most valued link to their past of all of the European countries. While the rest of the world was becoming industrialized with high tech manufacturing taking over from the individual artisans' hands, Poland remained somewhat isolated and as a result is one of the few countries which still do hand painting on surfaces such as wooden and ceramic pieces.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Austrian Mixed Chorus performs for "Christmas around the World" at the Museum of Science and Industry

As in many previous years, the Austrian Mixed Chorus again participated in the Annual "Christmas around the World" program at the Museum of Science and Industry. Chorus members were on the Holiday Stage at 12:45 on Sunday, December 8. The ladies wore their long red dirndls, white blouses and grey aprons, and the gentlemen wore black pants, grey jackets accented with black collars, white shirts and dark red ties. As you may know, red-white-red are the colors of the Austrian flag, and of course, red is also a big color for the Christmas season.

The program began with Lisa Taylor and Lee Shirer demonstrating their very unique instruments, the alphorns. Mr. Shirer stated that the instrument originated in the Swiss Alps many years ago and was used to communicate between the villages, as well as to call the cows home from the alps before the snow started. There are only a few artists in the Chicago area who can play this instrument. The AMC was directed by David Crane, who is well known in the Austrian and German-American Communities. AMC Secretary Trudy Nika welcomed the audience and introduced the alphorn players and chorus director. For the benefit of those who did not understand the Austrian dialect or German language, Ms. Nika gave a brief translation of the texts of the songs. The program began with "Wo I geh, wo I steh," ("Where I go, where I stand, I always think of you," followed by "Da Summa is umma" ("The summer is over"), both of which songs conclude with a yodeler. Then came the traditional Christmas songs. The Chorus has made it a practice to include one or two numbers in English, and at this occasion it was the "Carol of the Bells" and the African-American Spiritual "Go, Tell it on the Mountain." The final number was "Silent Night, Holy Night," where the Chorus sang three verses in German and Ms. Nika then invited everyone to sing the first verse in their own language. On behalf of the AMC, she also wished everyone a Blessed Christmas and Health, Happiness and Peace in the New Year.

Maria P. Bappert

## Kaiser Wilhelm I Portrait and Frame return to Public view

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center has completed a nearly year long restoration of both a large scale oil painting from the late 1800's as well as its elaborate frame. During the restoration process, it was discovered that the frame was actually original to the painting, created in Berlin by the royal frame builders, Georg and Otto Alberty. The painting was completed in 1877 by artist Paul Bulow. Paul Bulow, born in Berlin, was the Imperial court painter, and most likely secured many official commissions, although his works rarely appear on the market. His short career ended when he died at the age of 47. The piece was in the collection of the Germania Club in Chicago.

The work will be on permanent display and visitors may enjoy the work during regular hours or by appointment.

The permanent collection of the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center serves as an educational resource for the preservation of German American culture for the general public.

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## Safeguarding Originals Is Critical



Chester M. Przybylo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*-Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at [www.PlanOurEstate.com](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*

## Extreme Cold Notice from the Village of Skokie

With temperatures ranging between -5 degrees F to 5 degrees F, the Village of Skokie reminds residents of the importance of staying warm and safe in the extreme cold temperatures to which they may be exposed over the next few days. Exposure to cold temperatures, whether indoors or outdoors, can be dangerous to anyone, but particularly to the elderly, infants and young children, persons with disabilities and people on medication.

Additionally, the Village reminds residents that several local facilities and the Skokie Public Library are available as warming centers during regular hours of operation:

### What constitutes extreme cold?

A cold emergency is in effect when the national weather service issues a wind-chill advisory. The criteria for a wind chill advisory is wind chill equivalent -30° Fahrenheit or colder.

**Dressing for the cold** - If you need to be outside, the following suggestions will help keep you warm and protect your body from excessive heat loss.

- Wear several layers of lightweight clothing, rather than one or two layers of heavy garments. The air between the layers of clothing acts as insulation to keep you warmer.
- Cover your head. You lose as much as 50 percent of your body heat through your head.
- Wear mittens rather than fingered gloves.
- Wear warm leg coverings and heavy socks or two pairs of lightweight socks.
- Wear waterproof boots or sturdy shoes that give you maximum traction.
- Cover your ears and the lower part of your face. The ears, nose, chin and forehead are most susceptible to frostbite. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect the lungs from directly inhaling extremely cold air.

**Shoveling** - Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on your heart. Know your limits when shoveling snow, especially if you do not exercise regularly. If you have a history of heart trouble or any chronic health concerns, talk to your health care provider before shoveling snow. You should rest frequently and pace yourself when shoveling. Remember to lift the snow with your legs, not your back. If you use a snow blower, never use your hands to unclog the machine. If you become breathless, stop, go indoors and warm up before continuing. If you experience chest or arm pain or numbness, stop immediately and go indoors; you may need to call 9-1-1. Overexertion can cause sore muscles, falls and heart attacks.

**Heating Safety** - For people still needing to use alternative sources of heat, keep in mind:

- Any heater that uses wood, coal, natural gas or kerosene produces carbon monoxide (CO), so adequate ventilation is essential.
- Never use a generator indoors, even with open doors or windows.
- Do not use charcoal or gas grills indoors.
- Do not use a gas oven to heat your home.

You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide (CO), but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Symptoms of mild to moderate CO poisoning include headaches, dizziness, nausea and lethargy. Higher levels of CO exposure can cause fainting, confusion and collapse and if exposure continues, death can result.

### Extreme cold may result in:

• **Hypothermia** - the most serious cold-related illness. Hypothermia is the result of prolonged exposure to cold. When a person experiences hypothermia, his body temperature is so low that it affects the brain, making the person unable to think clearly or move well. The warning signs for adults are shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling of hands, memory loss, slurred speech and drowsiness. Warning signs for infants are bright red colored skin and very low energy.

### What to do if you experience hypothermia:

- If body temperature is below 95° Fahrenheit, seek medical attention immediately.
- If medical attention is not available, get to a warm room or shelter, remove any wet clothing, begin warming the body from the center of the body out, drink warm beverages and keep the body dry.

• **Frostbite** - a milder cold-related illness is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas, most often the face and extremities. Frostbite can severely damage the body and lead to amputation. The warning signs of frostbite are white or grayish-yellow skin areas, skin that feels unusually firm or waxy, and numbness.

### What to do if you experience frostbite:

- If you think you have symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care.
- If medical attention is not available and there no signs of hypothermia:
  - Get to a warm room or shelter.
  - Do not walk on frostbitten areas.
  - Immerse the affected area in warm (not hot) water
  - Warm the affected area using body heat
  - Do not rub the area
  - Do not use a heating pad, lamp or other heat-producing electrical devices to warm the areas with possible frostbite

### How to prevent cold related illnesses:

- Conserve heat within the home by avoiding extra ventilation
- Monitor your body temperature
- Keep a water supply
- Eat and drink wisely by consuming well-balanced meals. Avoid alcoholic or caffeinated beverages
- Dress warmly and stay dry
- Avoid exertion
- Understand wind-chill
- Be cautious about travel
- Have an emergency supply kit for both your home and car.

### In the kit include:

- Blankets
- Matches
- Standard first-aid kit
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Snow shovel
- Booster cables
- Mobile phone
- Compass
- Tool kit
- Brightly colored cloth

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### Veterinarians Provide Winter Safety Tips for Pets

As what is projected to be another potentially record-breaking winter approaches, doctors from BluePearl Veterinary Partners recommend taking certain precautions to ensure your pet doesn't suffer from cold-temperature related injuries.

"Weather related injuries are among the easiest to prevent," said Dr. Juliet Gladden, a board-certified emergency and critical care specialist with BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Chicago. "By following these tips, people can help ensure their furry friends will remain a little safer this winter."

- Similar to when it is hot outside, never leave your pet alone in a car during cold weather either. In the winter, a car holds in the cold like a refrigerator and your pet could potentially freeze to death.
- Dogs and cats get frostbite! Any dog or cat who is exposed to very cold temperatures for more than brief periods of time can develop frostbite. If pets begin to shiver or their ears, tail, and feet show signs of frostbite such as redness in the early stages and pale, white or patches in more advanced cases of frostbite, bring them inside immediately.
- Antifreeze is highly toxic to people and animals. Cats and dogs are attracted to its sweet smell and taste, and will often sample some if left out in a container or spilled on the garage floor. If you suspect that your pet has come into contact with antifreeze, contact your veterinarian immediately. The success of treatment to antifreeze exposure depends on quick action.
- Much like humans, damp and cold weather can aggravate symptoms associated with arthritis in dogs and cats. If your pet is having trouble getting up or laying down, walking the stairs, or has started to cry when being picked up, a visit to the veterinarian is in order. Never medicate your dog or cat with human prescriptions or over-the-counter medications without consulting your veterinarian first. Most of them are toxic for pets; numerous arthritis treatments are available for them. Also, your dog or cat deserves a comfortable bed. Several pet and feed stores carry safe heated floor mats or non-electric warm bedding.
- Pets need to have fresh water at all times. If you leave water outside for your pets, be sure it does not freeze.
- Outdoors on cold days, animals may seek shelter near something warm like a car engine. If an animal is near the engine when the car is started, serious injury can occur.
- Starting a car to warm it up in a garage will trap carbon monoxide. It can only take a few minutes for a small pet to die in a sealed garage with a car running.
- During winter months, rodents are often attracted to the warmth of homes. Make sure poisons and rodenticides are out of reach of pets.

## Village Cooking Corner

### Holiday Baking

*from the kitchen of Maria Bappert*

One of my favorite cookie recipes is from my sister-in-law Elisabeth. Baking cookies for the Holidays is a great passion with her. She and my brother Mike host the family's Christmas Eve dinner every year. It's always a real treat for the old taste buds. For dessert she brings out large platters of assorted cookies, along with freshly brewed coffee and tea. At the end of the evening, we all get a box of the cookies to take home. I like this particular recipe because it's easy to make, does not require you to use the rolling pin or pastry board, and they keep very well. Also, they look attractive, especially if you fill the centers with different flavors (and colors) of marmalade. You will also note that it calls for only ¾ of a cup of sugar. So many of our cookie and cake recipes are overloaded with sugar. No wonder so many people come down with diabetes. A box of these cookies will make a welcome gift anytime.

#### CINNAMON NUT BALLS

<b>Ingredients:</b>	2 egg yolks (or one whole egg)
¾ lb. butter	4 cups sifted flour
¾ cup sugar	2 tsp. vanilla

**Preparation:** Cut butter into flour and add the rest of the ingredients. Form the dough into little balls, flatten slightly, and roll in a mixture of ground nuts, sugar and cinnamon. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. With a clean thimble, press a hole in the middle of each cookie. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 15 minutes, or until slightly browned. Remove the cookies from the baking sheet and place on cooling racks. Fill the centers with apricot, raspberry or strawberry marmalade. Allow to cool completely before storing. Enjoy! File: Cookies

#### ROCK COOKIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Raisins, dates, nuts and spices such as cinnamon and cloves are classic ingredients in Holiday baking, along with brown sugar. These drop cookies will become one of your favorites, and with ingredients such as raisins, dates and nuts, they are not just delicious, but healthy as well. You can substitute dried cranberries if you want to.

<b>Ingredients:</b>	1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in a little warm water
1 cup brown sugar	1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
2 cups flour	2/3 cup butter, 2 eggs
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon	½ tsp. cloves
8 oz. each raisins and dates	

**Method:** Cream butter with sugar and eggs until fluffy. Slowly beat in flour which has been sifted with the cinnamon and cloves. Add the dissolved baking soda. Stir in chopped nuts, raisins and diced dates. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 375 degrees.

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### Free Ice Skating in Millennium Park

The McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park will open on Friday, November 15, 2013 and will remain open through Sunday, March 9, 2014, weather permitting.

For more than a decade, the rink has drawn more than 100,000 skaters annually and is free and open to the public. New this year are Winter Workouts presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. On Fridays-Sundays, one hour before the rink opens, free ice skating lessons will be offered. Each Thursday will feature ice sports skills and drills for Noodle Hockey, curling and speed. Grant support was provided by McDonald's Active Lifestyles Endowment, managed by Millennium Park Foundation. The rink, located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets, will offer skate rental for only \$10.

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

For more information about events in Millennium Park during the winter months, visit [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org) or call 312.744-3316, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @Millennium\_Park.



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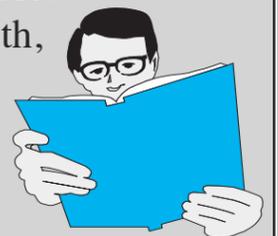
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