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## Let The Festivals Begin!

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## ANNUAL CHICAGO'S GREEKFEST AT ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH

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### Chicago's 58th Annual Air & Water Show August 20th & 21st



*Charles Tillman will Tandem Jump with the U.S. Army Golden Knights at the 58th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show on Saturday, August 20.*  
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### Public Transportation Offers Best Travel Option for Summer Events

Summer fun is just a short ride away and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is reminding riders that public transportation offers a fast and convenient way to get around the region. Take a bus or train to avoid sitting in traffic and paying for parking to meet friends and family or just enjoy our region.

Riders can use the RTA's Trip Planner to plan travel and select routes with ADA accessible services, when necessary. It is the only online site in the region that provides a variety of options for getting around by using transit, walking, bicycling and driving. For more information about how the RTA Trip Planner can help you plan your next trip, visit [www.RTAChicago.org](http://www.RTAChicago.org).

### Millennium Park Summer Celebration Through September

The Millennium Park Summer Celebration will feature hundreds of FREE events and exhibitions including an expanded Downtown Sound concert series, the first-ever Chicago Mariachi and Folklórico Festival and the 81st season of the Grant Park Music Festival; plus indie rock, electronic, jazz, classical and world music; the Summer Film Series on an outdoor, 40-foot LED screen; the Family Fun Festival; Summer Workouts; nature programs in the Lurie Garden; tours and more. More info at [millenniumpark.org](http://millenniumpark.org).

## JIM DELMEDICO FEST PARADE

IN MEMORY OF JIM DELMEDICO  
SATURDAY, AUG. 20, 11AM

The 2016 Jim DelMedico Fest Parade is on Saturday, August 20th at 11:00am. The parade steps off from Ebinger School on W. Pratt and continues south on Oketo to Northwest Hwy, northwest to Overhill, south on Overhill.

Turn to page 3 for details of the Edison Park Fest.

See Page 3 For More

**FREE EVENT!**

## West Ridge FUN FEST

**SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2016**  
**11 AM - 3 PM**

Great food!  
Great shopping!  
Lots of family-friendly fun!

Games • Prizes • Face Painting • Art Projects • Music

Republic Bank, 2720 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago

Questions? Contact the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce at [info@westridgechamber.org](mailto:info@westridgechamber.org) or 773-743-6022

[www.westridgechamber.org](http://www.westridgechamber.org)    [www.facebook.com/westridgechamber](https://www.facebook.com/westridgechamber)



### Model Railroad Open House

Our model railroad club will be having an open house during Edison Park Fest on August 20th from 9 am to 1 pm. The club is on the second floor of the Edison Park field house, 6755 N. Northwest highway in Chicago. Thanks for your consideration, Bob Southworth

### Visit Chicago Brauhaus During the Summer Concert Series in Lincoln Square

The annual Summer Concert Series, Lincoln Square's favorite free summer event, will begin soon! The series will occur every Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 9:00pm in Kempf Plaza (across from Chicago Brauhaus) through September 1st.

Join us for brats, beer, music and fun! 4732 North Lincoln Avenue



### 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.

**Required four-part training at the Skokie Campus:**  
Thursday, September 1, 5:30 - 9:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 - 9:15 p.m.  
Saturday, October 1, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 15, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Call 847.635.1426 for an interview or to request information about summer ESL and Literacy classes.



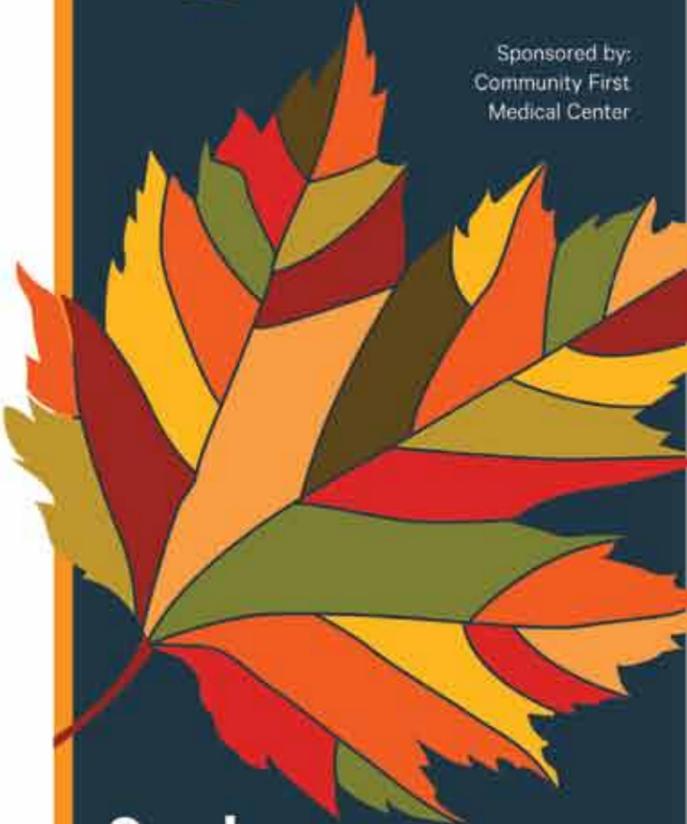
**Oakton Community College**    7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

# Fall into Fitness

# 5k

run/walk

Sponsored by:  
Community First  
Medical Center



**Sunday,  
September 25, 2016**

**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 773-794-7648  
On-Line: [www.signmeup.com/115740](http://www.signmeup.com/115740)**



**Community First  
Medical Center**

## Community First Medical Center August Health Events



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

**Thursday, August 11: Family Wellness & Back to School Fair, Avondale / Logandale School, 3212 W. George** – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hosted by Senator Iris Y. Martinez. Community First Medical Center will be providing free blood pressure screening. The Community First Medical Center Volunteer Steering Committee will be donating school bags/supplies.

**August 11 and August 25: Thinking about Joint Replacement** – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Community First Medical Center, Community Education Room, 2nd Floor. These free sessions will be conducted by Carleen Nunez, R.N., B.S.N., O.N.C., along with staff from rehabilitation services. Attendees will receive educational materials, get questions answered, learn what to expect from surgery and meet some professional staff. To register, please call 773-794-4640.

**Friday, August 12: Free Healthy Aging Program** - 1:00 -2:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor. This program is for individuals aged 55 and older and consists of social time, health topics and guests lectures. Mary Schlitter, RN, Community First Medical Center will discuss low key exercises. Registration not required.

**Friday, August 12: Health Bones: Osteoporosis – The Facts on Prevention & Treatment – Mather's More than a Café on Higgins, 7134 W. Higgins, Chicago** - 1:00 p.m. Presented by Carrie Stale, PT, DPT, physical therapist from Community First Medical Center. This program will focus on prevention and treatment for people living with or at risk for osteoporosis. Please wear loose fitting clothing as exercise will be spotlighted during this lecture. To register, please call 773-774-4804.

**Saturday, August 13: Alderman Milly Santiago, County Commissioner Luis Arroyo, Jr. State Representative Will Guzzardi present their 2nd Annual Back-to-School Fair** – Kelyvn Park High School, 4343 W. Wrightwood Ave, Chicago, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Community First Medical Center will be providing free blood pressure screenings.

**Tuesday, August 16, August 23 and August 30 - Community First Medical Center Walking Club** - 9:00 a.m. Portage Park (Meet at the Senior Center). This is a supervised program for independent seniors looking to improve their overall fitness, which includes educational and walking sessions.

**Tuesday, August 16, August 23 and August 30: Learning Interventions Family Education (LIFE)** – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Café Conference Room, Ground Floor. A Compassionate Recovery Education curriculum specializing in “Helping Family and Individuals Navigate the Recovery System”. This free training will provide education to family members to help them improve their personal understanding of the recovery process. To register, please call 708-536-8775.

**Tuesday, August 23: Toastmaster International** – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Community First Medical Center, Sr. Jerome Conference Room, 7th Floor. Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. Toastmasters International empowers individuals become more effective communicators and leaders. Registration not required, guests are welcome anytime. [www.toastmasters.org/about/who-we-are](http://www.toastmasters.org/about/who-we-are).

**Thursday, August 25: Arthritis Support Group** – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room C, 7th Floor. This free support group aims to provide ways to manage your arthritis. Registration is not required.

**Thursday, August 25: Heartland Blood Drive** – 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Community First Medical Center, Conference Room A, 7th Floor. Community First Medical Center will be holding a blood drive; every donor will receive a Heartland Blood Center t-shirt. Appointment preferred; walk-in welcome. To register visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call 1-800-786-4483 to schedule your appointment. Please remember to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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## BELMONT-CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**Friday, August 19th at 9:00 am • Indian Boundary Golf Course  
8600 W. Forest Preserve Drive, Chicago, IL 60634**

- \$110 per person (includes continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf and golf cart)
- \$125 Hole sponsorship
- \$475 Package for Foursome and Golf Hole Sponsorship
- \$30 for Dinner only

The Dinner will be held at: Edelweiss German American Cuisine  
7650 W. Irving Park Rd., Norridge, IL 60706

RSVP by July 31st

For more information, or to RSVP, click here, or contact the BCCC office at 773-647-1644. Co-sponsored with the Northwest Connection Chamber of Commerce

## Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

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# Festivals & Fun Around Town!



## Family Fun Fest 2016—West Ridge Launches New Event Two Miles of Shopping & Fall Fun

Much more than a traditional neighborhood sidewalk sale, the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Devon Avenue SSA #43 present the inaugural West Ridge Fun Fest as an end-of-summer community festival. Held on August 28th from 11am to 3pm, this renowned neighborhood celebrates with FREE live entertainment, art projects, games, face painting, magicians and fabulous family fun for every age group!

Clear the calendar and join friends and neighbors for a huge day of camaraderie, sidewalk sales, restaurant specials, great music and tons of activities for the kids. This is a FREE event.

**WHAT:** North Side family-friendly event in the historic West Ridge neighborhood that highlights sales and specials at local businesses along Devon Avenue, as well as refreshments, live music for adults and children, and quality family entertainment.

More information is available at [www.westridgechamber.org](http://www.westridgechamber.org)

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 28, 2016, 11 am - 3 pm

**WHERE:** West Ridge Fun Fest is located at 2720 W. Devon Ave. in the Republic Bank parking lot. Sidewalk sales take place at participating businesses along Devon from Kedzie to Leavitt, as well as on nearby Western Avenue.

**WHY:** West Ridge Fun Fest is one of the Chamber's many community events meant to provide community goodwill and establish union between local businesses and residents.

**WHO:** The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)6, with a growing membership of businesses, schools, nonprofits and residents. The historic West Ridge neighborhood hosts a population of more than 65,000 residents, speaking more than 40 languages. With 1000 businesses, 300 restaurants and 25 bakeries, there's plenty to do and see. The West Ridge Chamber provides technical assistance to businesses, including access to City of Chicago services, workshops, classes, marketing, and events like the West Ridge Fun Fest.

## Chicago Air and Water Show August 20-21 ~ North Avenue Beach

The 58th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show, presented by Shell and the City of Chicago, soars across the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak Street, 10am to 3pm daily. Strong in tradition and one of the largest free admission events of its kind, the show headliners include the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights, with the U. S. Air Force F-35 taking part for the first time this year.

Check out the full schedule at [www.chicagoairandwatershow.us](http://www.chicagoairandwatershow.us).



## Edison Park Fest August 19th thru 21st



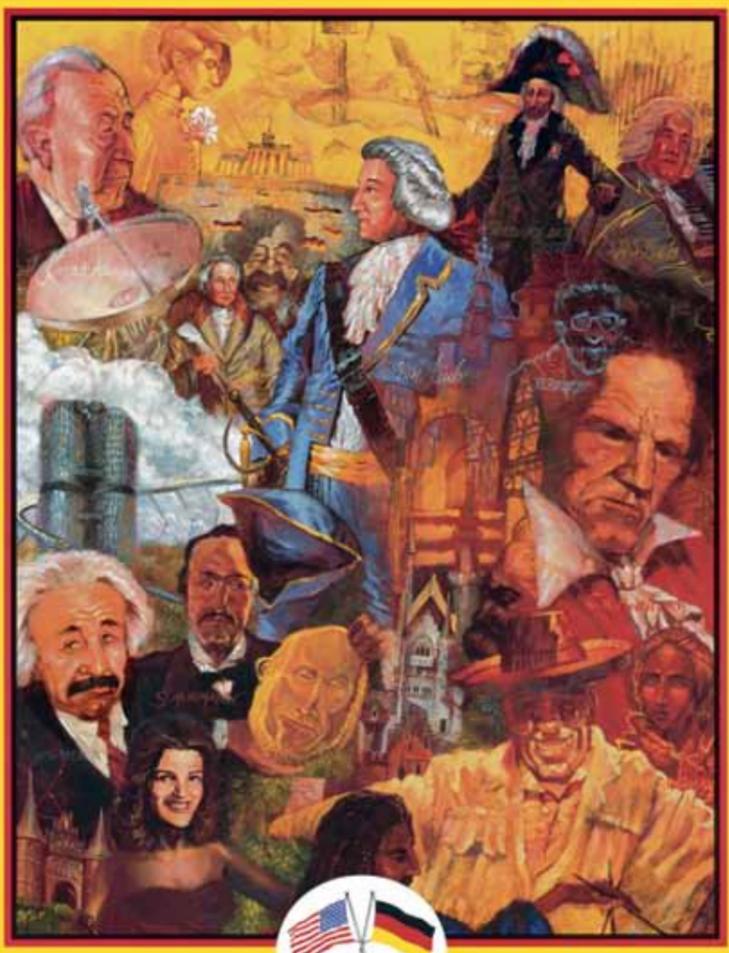
**AT THE CORNER OF NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND OLIPHANT ON CHICAGO'S FAR NORTHWEST SIDE**

Edison Park Fest, our neighborhood fundraiser, is just days away! Fest goers will notice some changes this year as we have recognized the different needs of the community. If you have questions or concerns about our neighborhood fest, please feel free to contact the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce at 773.631.0063 or email us at [info@edisonpark.com](mailto:info@edisonpark.com).

## Interested in becoming a Sponsor or Vendor for FALL FEST 2016?

NORWOOD PARK CHAMBER **JOIN US**  
September 16 & 17  
**Fall Fest in the Park**  
Norwood Park Train Station (Centennial Park) 6088 N. Northwest Hwy

Visit our website [www.norwoodpark.org](http://www.norwoodpark.org):  
SAVE THE DATE! We are also looking for Local BANDS please forward any suggestions to [ATriptow@Norwoodpark.org](mailto:ATriptow@Norwoodpark.org)



## German-American Fest September 9-10-11, 2016



FRIDAY — 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
8:00 PM OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY  
SATURDAY — NOON to 11:00 PM  
SUNDAY — NOON to 10:00 PM  
11:00AM GERMAN MASS AND SERVICE  
ADMISSION IS FREE



GOOD FOOD, DANCING, WINE, ENTERTAINMENT AND GERMAN GEMÜTLICHKEIT IN TWO LARGE TENTS AT LINCOLN AND LELAND AVENUES.

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF GREATER CHICAGO THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF MAYOR RAHM EMMANUEL, ALD. ANETA PASAR AND LINCOLN SQUARE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**51st ANNUAL STEUBEN PARADE - SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2016**

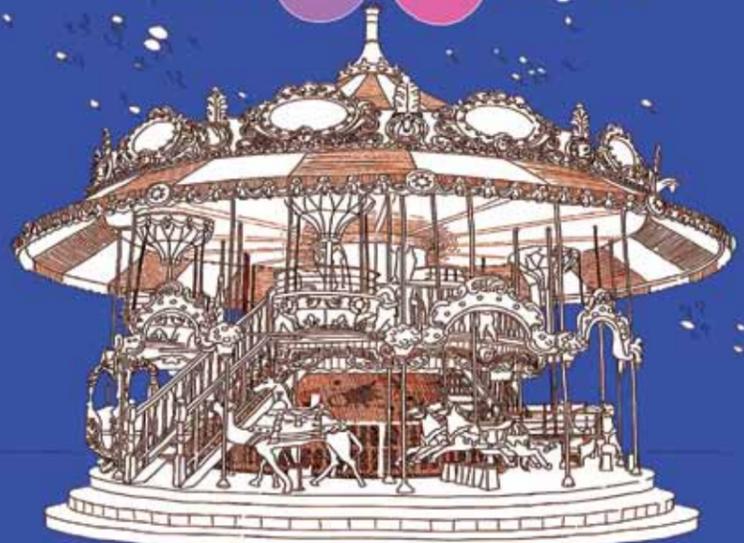
2:00 PM LINCOLN AVE & IRVING PARK

German Commemoration Day - St. Benedicts Church  
SUNDAY OCT. 2ND AT 2:30PM, 2215 W. IRVING PARK RD. CHICAGO

## ST. HYACINTH BASILICA PARISH CARNIVAL



August 18-21, 2016  
Wolfram / Lawndale • Chicago, IL



**YOU ARE ALL INVITED!**

CARNIVAL HOURS

Thursday | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Friday | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Saturday | 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Sunday | 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## Statement From Mayor Emmanuel

There are 12,500 men and women who wake up every day, put on a uniform, hug their families, and leave their houses to spend their day protecting our families and our neighborhoods. Our city asks officers to step into harm's way to protect us and our communities. We need to support them, work with them, and never forget their dedication to doing an incredibly dangerous job and doing it well. We can have a reasonable conversation about the need for police accountability reform, but the idea that a bunch of gang members would threaten violence against the men and women every Chicagoan relies on for their own safety is absolutely unacceptable.

## Honor Flight Chicago – “Operation Locate A Hero” - 2016 Season Planning Underway

Honor Flight Chicago (HFC), part of the National Honor Flight Network, was founded to recognize our Veterans – most specifically our WWII Veterans with a day of Honor, Remembrance, and Celebration from a proud and grateful Nation. HFC is currently working on the 2016 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

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

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

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



## Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion



Edison Park Post 541 of the American Legion will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Edison Park Field House, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. and is open to all Veterans who served in any branch of the United States military services during the armed conflicts listed below.

We are also forming a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. The requirement for becoming a member is:

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such males descendants of veterans who died in service during WWI - WWII - Korean War - the Vietnam War - Lebanon Grenada - Panama and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article 1 of the National Constitution of the The American Legion or who died subsequent to their Honorable Discharge from such Service shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion.

Visit our website at <http://amerlegion541.wix.com/americanlegion541>

## 16th Annual Epilepsy Foundation Of Greater Chicago

Golfers from across the Chicagoland area are taking part in the Sixteenth Annual Tee Off for Camp Blackhawk Golf Outing, hosted by the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago. The event will take place at Kemper Lakes Golf Club in Kildeer, Illinois on Monday, August 22, 2016.

Participants are playing to support two weeklong adventure camps for kids, ages 6-17, who are living with epilepsy. Each summer, the Epilepsy Foundation's Camp Blackhawk gives its young participants the chance to experience all the fun activities and experiences that come with a trip to camp, while leaving behind the various challenges epilepsy brings to their daily lives while still in a medically monitored setting. For one week, the challenges they face with epilepsy do not matter. Fishing, boating, sports, and zip-lining are just some of the exciting activities the campers partake in and the friendships they form will last a lifetime. This is all provided at no charge to the campers!

Tee time is at 12:00 pm for 18 holes of scramble format golf, and participant check-in will start at 11:00 am with a Box Lunch.

Participants will have a chance to win a New Toyota Rav4 and \$100,000! The day will conclude with a cocktail reception at 5:30 pm and dinner with program, awards and auction, at 6:00 pm. The registration fee is \$275 for an individual golfer or \$1000 for a foursome. Guest may also attend just the cocktail reception and dinner for \$65 per person.

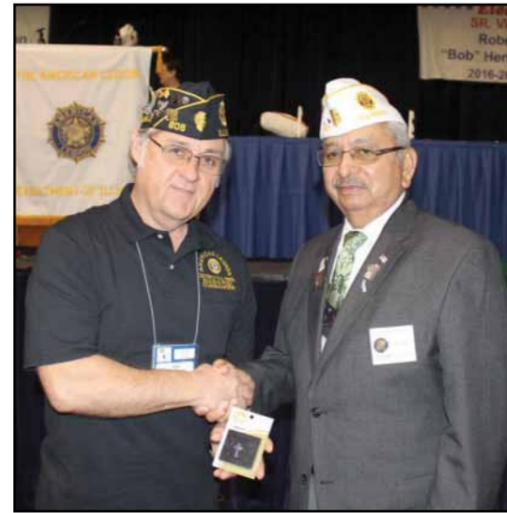
Golfers may register for the tournament online by visiting the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago's web site at [www.Epilepsy-Chicago.org](http://www.Epilepsy-Chicago.org) and clicking on the "Tee Off for Camp Blackhawk" link. For more information, please contact the Foundation's Director of Special Events and Development, Gayle Deja-Schultz at (312) 939-8622 x209 or [gdeja-schultz@epilepsy-chicago.org](mailto:gdeja-schultz@epilepsy-chicago.org).

The Epilepsy Foundation leads the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy. For more information regarding the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, please contact the Foundation's Director of Communications and Awareness, Morgan Murphy at (312) 939-8622 x204 or [mmurphy@epilepsy-chicago.org](mailto:mmurphy@epilepsy-chicago.org).

## Norwood Crossing Chaplain Dale Tippett Receives American Legion Chaplain's Cross

Norwood Crossing Chaplain Dale Tippett (left) is presented with the American Legion Chaplain's Cross in special Memorial Service ceremonies at the organization's recently completed 98th Annual State Convention in Springfield, IL. Making the presentation is Virgil

Oikion, Department Chaplain. Tippett is chaplain of American Legion Billy Caldwell Post 806 in Chicago's Portage Park community. He was chosen for the honor by the 9th District Commander for outstanding service last year in assisting needy veterans and their families in cooperation with the 9th District Service Officer. This is the 26th year the award has been presented.



## US Army Vet To Talk About “Honor Flight” At Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Cong.

Michael Lichtenstein, an Army radio teletype operator who served during the Korean War, will narrate a Powerpoint program on his experiences during a recent “Honor Flight” to Washington DC.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be held Monday,

August 15, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish

Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie.

“It was a trip of a lifetime,” says Lichtenstein, as he describes what he and other veterans of World War II and Korea experienced. “It was amazing to receive the country's thanks for our military service.”

For further information, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141 or go to [EHNT.org](http://EHNT.org)

## Lincolnwood Celebrates Diversity Month – August 15, 2016

The Human Relations Commission and Lincolnwood Library are partnering to celebrate Diversity Month in Lincolnwood on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Proessel Park Shelter at 6915 N. Kostner Avenue in Lincolnwood.

Performances by international dance groups will include:

Chicago Cossacks – A song and dance ensemble representing Russian and Ukrainian

traditions.

Dukati and Biseri Folklore Ensemble – A performing ensemble representing Serbian and Macedonian folklore.

Natraj Dance Academy – Folk and classical dance styles from India namely Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and Mohiniattam.

Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening celebrating Lincolnwood's many cultures. Complimentary treats will be served.

## EPFF Golf Extravaganza Fundraiser 8/22

Support Evanston's first responders by attending the Evanston Police and Fire Foundation's Golf Extravaganza on Mon., Aug. 22 at Canal Shores Golf Course. Individual tickets are \$150 and include a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, dinner and an after party.

Join the in the fun and support Evanston's 1st responders at Canal Shores Golf Course in Evanston IL. Start the day at 10:00 with a continental breakfast- shotgun start at 11:00. 18 holes of golf followed by dinner at 5:00 and party with Music and raffle prizes. If you don't have time for golf join us for the office party 6-9 (\$30)

18 holes of golf includes- Continental breakfast, dinner, golf cart, goodie bag-drink tickets, party

After party for non-golfers includes h'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks -music, dancing and raffle 6:00-9:00

Advertise your business 2 ways- 1. Sign

with your name \$100 or 2. Enjoy the day by being present on the hole with your materials and give away. \$300

Evanston Police and Fire Foundation is 501c3 non profit organization-tickets and donation are tax deductible as permitted by law.

When: Monday, August 22, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM (CDT) - Add to Calendar

Where: Canal Shores Golf Course - 1030 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201 - View Map

For complete information to purchase tickets, please call 773/307-3455 or visit their website [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org) or [www.evenbrite.com/e/evanston-police-fire-foundation-golf-extravaganza-at-canal-shores-in-evanston-tickets](http://www.evenbrite.com/e/evanston-police-fire-foundation-golf-extravaganza-at-canal-shores-in-evanston-tickets).





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# AN INVITATION TO AN INCREDIBLE WEEKEND THE BEST IN GREEK CUISINE, STAR STUDDED ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

**By Anastasia E. Weaver**

It seemed like only yesterday that we concluded our work for the successful 2015 Chicago's Greek Fest in our community. It was late October when we had finally written our reports and closed the books for our Festival 2015. The telephone call from one of the chairs on our team was like a wakeup call to duty. Since that call back in May 2016 we have been planning for several months by this writing as to how we would include the best of what we have already presented and what we would like to offer our guests this year. Just think about planning a wedding for a loved daughter or son – couple hundred guests, pre-nuptial parties, the wedding ceremony and then the reception. Let us now think about a three-day party where thousands come through our doors each of the three days to enjoy the food, entertainment, games, marketplace, rides, clowns and more with family and friends and all of us. We have a mammoth job in front of us and such a short time in which to put it all together. That is why the four of us chair people Zach Bazianos, Dr. John Laftsidis, Chris Tsiones and myself Anastasia Weaver have taken a portion of the Festival preparation and have worked to improve each one of the areas of our responsibility. We also listen to our guests as they come through the doors and we add the comments to our "To Do Lists". Thank you for your past suggestions and comments as well as compliments. Our goal each year is to provide our guests with an awesome weekend with lots of memories and also prepare and share some of the best of our Greek Cuisine and also arranged for a star-studded entertainment program for the whole family. We have perfected some of our plans and ideas hoping to please each guest that comes through our doors. Join us at St. Demetrios Church as we are about to celebrate the 88th anniversary of our parish in the community. We extend an invitation to all! Bring your family, friends, neighbors and business associates and enjoy this incredible three-day escape weekend August 19, 20, 21, 2016. See you there.



**Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
AUGUST 19, 20, 21**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
AT CHICAGO'S GREEKFEST!**

Friday, August 19 ~ 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 20 ~ 3:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Sunday, August 21 ~ Noon - 11:00 p.m.

*The Best in Greek Food, Pastries  
& Loukoumades (Puff Pastries)*

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Throughout the 3 Evenings**

2727 West Winona Street - Chicago  
773-561-5992  
[www.StDemetriosGreekFest.com](http://www.StDemetriosGreekFest.com)

## OUR HISTORY

Since the mid-1990's into the present decade St. Demetrios Church under the spiritual guidance and leadership of our Priest Father Apostolos N. Georgiamentis and assistant Father Christos R. Mihalopoulos, continue to make improvements to the aging structure and bring more of the Orthodox Iconography into the interior. They are continuously establishing many spiritually enriching programs and activities for the parishioners and the children of the St. Demetrios community. The parish council following in the footsteps of the original founders continues to strive to find ways to assist the parish clergy in funding the many improvements required in the aging structure. In addition, the women of our community and the members of the philanthropic arm of the church, the Philoptochos, work with the clergy and the parish council to minister to those in need, the orphans, and the homeless in the community and worldwide, and through their work in the community bring about comfort to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Our mission at St. Demetrios has



not changed. The St. Demetrios community being a living entity continues to grow in spirit and in beauty. The church continues to serve faithfully the thousands who enter its doors every year and provides the sacraments to its faithful as part of – the Metropolis of Chicago, which comprises six Midwestern states: Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois, under the spiritual guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos. We all recognize that our nation is still not out of difficult budgetary and economic times that has also affected many of our own faithful and community and has at times delayed in fact some of our dreams for improving our church facility for the time being. One thing is for sure, the spirit of our founders back in 1927 still runs very deep in our community and everyone clergy, parish council members, church staff, parishioners young and not-so-young, friends of St. Demetrios and everyone surrounding this large family of St. Demetrios is pitching in to help whether it is with monetary donations or volunteering to serve in whatever is needed. The love within this community is still shining ever so brightly onto the path of our future generations. We welcome you all with open arms to our CHICAGO'S GREEKFEST 2016 AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for sharing in our proud heritage. We look forward to offering our hospitality on August 19, 20 and 21 to all who join us. Note: you may also like to know that our Patron Saint is St. Demetrios of Thessaloniki – also known as Salonika; a port city in the northern Macedonian region of Greece. In the "Myrovlitis" Book Store of our St. Demetrios Church, which will have a display of Icons and books at the Festival you will find a book entitled "Oh God of Demetrios" which tells the story of St. Demetrios a Saint revered by our church and our faithful. He is our inspiration for he had everything that young people seek today, education, wealth, position, respect, athletic abilities, good looks, strength, popularity but most of all he was courageous, committed to the Lord and faithful to God. Stop by and see if you might not want to read about our Patron Saint.



*Father Christos Mihalopoulos, Assistant Priest and his Presvytera\* Antonia greeting guests of our Festival as they go through the crowds. \*Presvytera is the official title of a clergyman's spouse.*



*Our youth pitch in to help in all areas.*



*John and Nick - smiling still after a long hard haul to get it all put together.*



*Our ladies serving pasties Outside - and the officers take a break.*



*Food court serving of our Greek cuisine.*



## OUR INCOMPARABLE GREEK CUISINE



Come and join us on August 19, 20, 21 for an incredible weekend of the best in Greek Cuisine. On our menu you will find some of the best Greek food around and some of the tastiest mouth watering pastries and Loukoumades.

Our Greek Cuisine is a labor of love and although sometimes our recipes seem awfully long and time consuming, Greeks also consider their cuisine an art. It is not meant to be a fast food type cuisine but one that

requires time and energy to prepare and the best in flavorful ingredients and seasonings with a touch of our personal love and enthusiasm.

Just like the French start their meals whether large or small with the words Bon Appetite so the Greeks have always cared about the nutritional value of their food and love to cook so they use the words "Kali Orexi"...Good Appetite. Of course, you would not traditionally hear any of us Greeks say Good Appetite in America but the Greeks in America continue to say "Kali Orexi" as we do when we are sitting down to a meal. So we take this opportunity to wish all of you who venture to our Festival on August 19, 20, 21. "Kali Orexi". When you are ready for dinner, and who wouldn't be ready with all the wonderful aroma you will

encounter, walk over to our FOOD TENT for a wonderful assortment of authentically prepared Greek dishes, which we create using the freshest and finest ingredients we can obtain and prepare right here in our church kitchen. We have a number of Chefs extraordinaire in our parish who have long experience as restaurant Entrepreneurs and enjoy cooking up a storm. You may want to enjoy our GRECIAN CHICKEN



*Greg - grilling our famous Souvlakia.*

Traditionally the roasting of lamb was always a man's job and still is today. You will find that the men of the household always are ready and proud to handle this job as they do here at St. Demetrios. Having eaten here so many times one realizes how well these chefs at St. Demetrios cook that is why it is fitting to call them CHEFS EXTRA ORDINAIRE. Why not also try our GREEK FRIES... sprinkled with Feta. You will not be able to stop eating them. Perhaps it is PASTITSIO that will hit the spot ... a macaroni and ground beef seasoned with salt and pepper, cinnamon, red wine and tomato sauce which is then topped with a rich cream sauce of eggs and milk and baked to perfection. We will also serve TYROPITA ... home made Greek style Cheese pie in crispy filo in the Food Tent all weekend. There is no doubt about it this is truly comfort food and awesome eating.

IN OUR GREEK TAVERNA – you can satisfy your taste buds with our GYROS SANDWICH – delicious and carved fresh – it is not packaged but freshly made throughout the day. We will also be serving TARAMOSALATA (Greek Cavier),

GREEK LAMB SLIDERS... Yummy and exotic OCTOPUS marinated and grilled... gourmet treat. This year our GREEK TAVERNA with some of our specialty items will be located in the Center of our Church Grounds at the bottom of three flag poles.

Since the Greek Mediterranean Cuisine is abundant with fresh vegetables - try our GREEK SALAD if you wish, which we prepare with all freshly tossed salad greens seasoned with our Greek dressing of olive oil, wine vinegar sprinkled with oregano and garnished with feta cheese and Greek olives and anchovies. A meal in itself. You can enjoy this wonderful meal under the Beg Tent or in the air conditioned Miller Center.

No Greek meal stops with the food alone. A must have at our Festival are the plethora of home made pastries which are all hand made right here in our kitchens. Visit our PASTRY TENTS where you will find the best Greek Pastries made with recipes that have been prized by our families. You will find pastries both on the grounds and in the MILLER CENTER. The choices are innumerable. All our Pastries are prepared by hand right here at St. Demetrios and Yes we make our own BAKLAVA and more. All pastries like our food is made from scratch. You can also take a box home to enjoy the next day while you reminisce about the wonderful weekend of fun you have had with us. Also don't forget our now famous LOUKOUMADES (puff

### Happy Anniversary St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church *88 Years in the Service of the Lord*

pastry) made from scratch, sprinkled with honey and cinnamon and served warm continuously throughout the three days.

When you pick up your mouth-watering pastries why not walk over to our KAFENIO (Coffee House)...ask Soula or Sophia our charming hostesses to make you a cup of GREEK COFFEE perhaps Metrio...and enjoy for the first time the ambrosia of this wonderful cup of coffee. New research is floating around indicating that drinking GREEK COFFEE may be related to longevity. If you don't feel adventurous then plain American Coffee is available for you. My favorite is always the FRAPPE! If you have never tried this coffee do so. It is unforgettable! Nothing like it especially on a hot humid night, which may be the case for us on August 19, 20, 21. The Kafenio also serves Milk Shakes, Lemonade, Ice Cream, Bottled Water and Watermelon.

Last but not least in our preparation for this GREAT FESTIVAL, you will want to stop by our BEVERAGE BARS - one is located on the grounds (Carmen Avenue Side) and one in our air-conditioned MILLER CENTER. There you will find most every beverage that might suit your taste for the evenings you are with us...cokes, water, wine, or any other beverage your taste buds call for. The two beverage bars are manned by the esteemed members of our Parish Council as well as other volunteers from our community. JUST ASK FOR DINO or TONY and they or any one of their helpers will help you with a smile and perhaps a joke or two very much like our founders back in 1927. We seem to follow in each others foot steps here at St. Demetrios....which is not too bad a thing to do. We have so much fun doing it.



*Greek Salad*



*Souvlaki*



*Roast Greek Leg of Lamb*



*Chris, John and Nick grilling delicious Greek Style chickens.*



*Ladies of our community preparing the salads - continuously for three days. They make the best!!*



# STAR STUDDED MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

One thing I may have forgotten to mention, we also have a passion for good music and dance – please take notice that we have planned continuous musical entertainment with some of the best in the musical world. We continue to seek the best for our guests so we are pleased to have back on stage at our Chicago’s Greek Fest the very popular and exciting NORTHSIDE. We are also excited to introduce for the first time the best in dancing music the popular RYTHMOS. For sure you must bring along your dancing shoes and join in the dancing!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 – THE DOORS OF OUR Chicago’s Greek Fest WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. FOR AN AWESOME THREE-DAY WEEKEND. A GREEK EXPERIENCE THAT MAY BE EQUAL TO ANY TRIP TO THE BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS OF Greece. With the exception of the weather, of course, because who knows what it will be like on August 19, 20, 21 in Chicago. While we can not give you a guarantee on the weather conditions, except to say this year it will be hot, and possibly humid and we can not guarantee whether we will have sunny skies or a rain drop or two as it often quickly changes in Chicago, or even a few thunderstorms, we can guarantee to provide the best in our Greek cuisine and the greatest in entertainment for the entire family. Most of all we will offer our warm hospitality as we greet each of our guests no matter what comes our way. Remember we have a large air-conditioned facility that is always prepared in the event of any major change in our weather conditions. An alternative plan can be put in action for



our guests’ comfort. Come and enjoy the exciting music of the NORTHSIDE –Rock ‘n roll group that grew up and got their start right here at St. Demetrios’ Miler Center (then known as the Grand Hall) back in the 80’s. On Stage Chris Stamos/Drums, Bob Spilios/Bass, Louie Kritikos/Lead Guitar, George Skoubis/Guitar and Keyboards and Rebecca Bolluyt Pressas/Vocals and keyboards. They will be joined again by CADENCE as well as OPENING DOORS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 we will open the doors at 3:00 p.m. to give families an opportunity to have the same fun and great food that is available each evening at St. Demetrios during this Festival week-end to remember. SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 – our Festival doors will open at Noon and close at 11:00 p.m. for your enjoyment and entertainment. We are excited to present for the first time at our Chicago’s Greek Fest this year the best band for live music and dancing in our town – the now famous and popular RYTHMOS will perform Saturday from 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 3:00 p.m. to closing at 11:00 p.m. Join us for this unforgettable weekend. Our very own SOLON GREEK SCHOOL DANCERS in authentic Greek dress, will also perform on Sunday evening, August 21 at 8:30 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Diamando Siomos. You will be thrilled with the performances.



Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
**AUGUST 19, 20, 21**

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Sunday, August 21 ~ Noon-11:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19...** The popular NORTHSIDE - a Rock ‘n Roll Band covering music from the 1970’s through the present day with Chris Stamos on drums, Bob Spilios, bass, Louie Kritikos lead guitar, George Skoubis, guitar and keyboards, and Rebecca Bolluyt Pressas, vocals and keyboard. In a return performance they will be joined by their offspring, who are also talented youth of our church community following in their father’s foot steps on stage with the NORTHSIDE.

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An exciting shopping experience in our AGORA (Marketplace) and kids activities throughout Saturday and Sunday... clowns, puppet performances, rides and our now well known Kid’s Craft Classroom

**Join us for a fun and unforgettable weekend!**



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## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



During this entire weekend you will also have an opportunity to TOUR OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, with host and tour guide Father Christos Mihalopoulos, Assistant Priest, and enjoy the treasure of our Byzantine Iconography throughout the Church. Tour hours will be posted in the Church. We are also presenting our GREEK MARKETPLACE (AGORA) just like it was in Ancient Athens at the Foot of the Acropolis...but our Marketplace is in air-conditioned comfort in the Miller Center (Grand

Hall) ..enjoy hand created toys, wooden plaques created in Greek and English , jewelry, USA Honey from nearby Indiana, interesting toys and gadgets, mineral stone jewelry hand crafted, our own "Myrovlitis" Book store with religious items, books and Icons, St. John Chrysostomos Monastery with items created by the adelphes (sisters) of the monastery in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, watercolor paintings and stationery, scarves, handbags, bees wax candles and meet the author of a new book WEST OF HALSTED STREET and learn more about our Greek heritage as our forefathers who migrated into the City of Chicago. All kids will have an opportunity to enjoy our now popular and fun Kid's Craft Classroom plus kids can enjoy Clown, Puppet shows, rides, games and much more. Did I mention we love children and we make sure they enjoy the days as much as all of us enjoy putting together. Last but not least visit our Loukoumades Booth in the Miller Center. If the line is long please be patient – the wait is worthwhile. Delicious!!! In the Miller Center and under the Tent outside you will also find a plethora of Greek pastries from our treasured recipes made right here at St. Demetrios in our kitchens. Not to be remiss visit the inside Refreshment Bar and the Outside Refreshment bar under the Tent located on the Northside of the church property. The men and ladies of our community are ready to serve you. Perhaps Dino or Tony will also greet you with a joke or two – it will be worth the visit. Enjoy our hospitality.

KALOS ORISATE – WELCOME to our CHURCH FESTIVAL and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes OPA! For further information you may also call the church office at 773-561-5992 or visit our website [www.stdemetriosgreekfest.com](http://www.stdemetriosgreekfest.com) SEE YOU THERE!



*Kid's activities in our air-conditioned community center - clown shows, puppets - craft classroom and more.*



*Father Apostolos working in the Food Court*

# TRADITIONAL GREEK RECIPE

## ROAST LEG OF LAMB

Leg of Lamb has to be my very favorite of the red meats. It is served in different ways for different occasions. For a general small family or friends gathering, purchase a leg of lamb weighing about 5 to 6 pounds. When I serve it for Easter (Pascha) dinner or larger family gatherings of 12 or more, I purchase a leg of lamb weighing about 10 pounds. From my experience, I always make sure that I purchase USA lamb from Colorado as opposed to imported lamb. I like the taste much better. *Serves Six:*

- 1 Leg of Lamb 5 to 6 pounds
- Salt and pepper
- 5 garlic cloves, slivered.
- 1 or 2 tablespoons of Oregano
- 1 teaspoon of thyme
- juice of 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup of olive oil
- White Wine
- 1/2 cup melted unsalted butter
- Potatoes - I use about 7 or 8 Yukon Gold Potatoes

Wash and pat dry the leg of lamb and place in a roasting pan. Sliver the garlic. There are two methods of using the garlic with the lamb. You can rub crushed garlic onto the entire leg of lamb or make small slits with a knife and insert the slivered pieces of garlic into the lamb. I usually insert the slivered pieces of garlic in the leg of lamb. Mix the oregano and thyme and rub over all sides of the



of lamb. In a bowl or mixing cup mix the juice from 1 lemon, the wine and the olive oil and pour over the lamb making sure the lamb is completely covered.

Cover with foil wrap and place in the refrigerator to marinate the lamb for several hours. Roast lamb at 350 degrees for about 1-1/2 hours if you like pink meat and about 2 hours if you prefer well done. Most Greeks prefer the well done meat.

While roasting baste frequently with a mixture of 1/2cup white wine and the melted butter and pour some hot water(about 1 cup) into the pan. An hour before the roast is done peel and cut each potato into four lengthwise pieces and surround the lamb with the potatoes. Sprinkle the potatoes with pepper, oregano and a little salt as well as lemon juice. Continue to baste after the potatoes have been put in the roasting pan and turn the potatoes to make sure they brown on all sides. Complete your meal with zucchini or green beans sauteed with onions in tomato sauce, a Greek salad of tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, feta cheese and Kalamata olives and sprinkle with oregano and a dressing of extra virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar. Of course, if it is available to you, leg of lamb is absolutely delicious when roasted on a spit over charcoal. You may also ask your butcher to have the leg of lamb boned and rolled, it is easier to slice and handle after roasting in the oven. **KALI OREXI! (Bon Appetit) Enjoy!**





## Official Broadway Tour Visits Skokie

**By Wayne Mell, Artistic Director**  
I know we talk about this a lot, but it's a big deal. The official, 25th anniversary Broadway touring production of *Defending the Caveman* is going to visit our own Skokie Theatre. Rob Becker's historic comedy is going to perform in beautiful downtown Skokie for four performances August 19 – 21.

This is big for two reasons. First of all, this isn't a local production from someone who saw the original and wanted to give it a try. This is the official national tour that's been created and sanctioned by the original producers. In fact, actor Ben Tedder was hand-picked by Rob Becker to continue on with the torch.

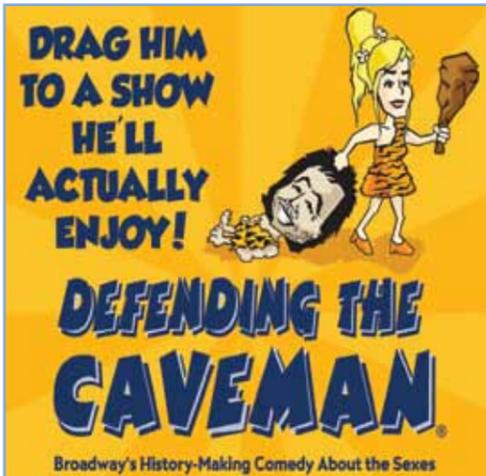
Secondly, the show is still in production. *Defending the Caveman* performs nightly just off the strip in Las Vegas, and touring performances are scheduled at theatres in Denver, Minnesota, Ohio, Florida, as well as in Skokie and around the world. It has not closed since making its debut 25 years ago, which makes it the longest-running solo show in Broadway history. *Caveman* has been performed in 45 different countries and been translated into more than 20 languages!

*Defending the Caveman* was written by comedian Rob Becker over a three-year period during which he made an informal study of anthropology, prehistory, psychology, sociology and mythology. It is a hilariously insightful play about the ways men and women relate, and has both sexes roaring with laughter and recognition. Affectionate nudging between audience members occurs during the performance as they recognize themselves in the stories being told on stage. It makes us laugh at ourselves about all the ways men and women fight, laugh and love. That's why people all across America and around the world are in love with *Defending the Caveman*.

The Chicago Sun-Times wrote, "DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN goes straight to the funny bone. Its affection for women and its light-hearted defense of men makes CAVEMAN a winner for both sexes."

Why should you come and see it? Well, frankly, because you can ... without leaving the suburbs or paying a dime for parking. We have always strived to bring the highest quality entertainment to the Skokie Theatre. It doesn't get much better than a hit show, by Broadway producers, that stops in your backyard for a weekend. Why would you want to miss it?

*Defending the Caveman* performs Friday, August 19 at 8:00 pm, Saturday August 20 at 5 pm and 8 pm, and Sunday August 21 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$40. Call 847-677-7761 or visit [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org) for reservations.



## "A Theater Review"

### "War Paint"

Goodman Theatre

170 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

A brand new musical, "War Paint," is having its world premiere at the Goodman Theatre before its major move to New York.

What a show! What a cast! I loved it and most critics and the audience also like it. It gets a standing ovation.

The show stars two Tony winners who are belter Patti LuPone as Helen Rubinstein and Christine Ebersole as Elizabeth Arden. Ebersole is a wonderful actress and vocalist. The two have some great duets together.

Michael Greif is the show's director and he has put together a superb cast. His direction is top-drawer. The book is by Doug Wright while the nineteen songs are by Scott Frankel and Michael Korie.

If I could find one fault with the show – it would be the two hour and thirty minute running time. It could be cut by twenty minutes. I saw no one leaving after a long first act and I was anything but bored.

The two strong male leads are John Dossett as Tommy Lewis, who is Ms. Arden's husband and chief marketing manager; and Douglas Sills, who plays Harry Fleming, the confidante and faithful ally of Madame Rubenstein. The show has eleven actors who play multiple roles and have wonderful voices. Two strong Chicagoans in the cast are Mary Ernster and David Girolmo.

Legend has it that these two women, whose cosmetic empires are world famous, had offices blocks apart in Manhattan but in all their years never met.

Both divas refused to advertise their products on television.

Songs you'll hear are "Dinosauers," "Pink," "Beauty in the World," and "A Woman's Face."

Support and see this amazing show about two fierce rivals. "War Paint" has been extended and runs until August 28th. For show days, show times and reservations call 312-443-3800. Tickets run from \$44 - \$182. The \$182 tickets are only on weekends.

-- Four Stars --



### New DCASE Opportunities Newsletter

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## Is a Health Savings Account (HSA) Right for You?



**Chester M. Przybylo**

The American health care system has gone through some significant changes in recent years.

One thing that did not change, however, is the potential to save both money and taxes by opening a Health Savings Account, or HSA. For those who qualify, an HSA allows you to save money tax-free that can be used for health care related expenses.

**Who Qualifies for a Health Savings Account?**

To qualify for an HSA you must meet all of the following criteria:

- You must be covered by a "high-deductible health plan"
- You must not be covered by another health plan
- You must not be eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return
- You must not be entitled to Medicare benefits

**What Is a High-Deductible Health Plan?**

To be eligible for a HSA you must be covered by a health insurance plan that qualifies as a "high-deductible health plan," or HDHP. As of 2016, an individual coverage HDHP must have an annual deductible of at least \$1,300 and require that annual out-of-pocket expenses paid (including co-payments and deductibles but not insurance premiums) not exceed \$6,550. If you have a family coverage plan, the limits are an annual deductible of not less than \$2,600 and the plan must require that out-of-pocket expenses not exceed \$13,100.

**Getting Started with an HSA**

Opening an HSA is relatively easy. You do not need to go through your current health insurance provider nor employer to open an HSA. An HSA is independently owned by you. It can be set up with any qualified trustee or custodian, such as your bank. Opening an HSA is much the same as opening an individual retirement account (IRA). There are, however, rules about how much you can contribute to your HSA each year. As an individual, your contributions are limited to \$3,350 per year. A family account allows for contributions up to \$6,750 per year. If you are age 55 or older, however, you may contribute an additional \$1,000 per year, increasing the maximum contributions to \$4,350 for an individual and \$7,750 for a family account. If your employer sets up your HSA, both you and your employer may make contributions. Keep in mind that the contribution limits are subject to change from year to year to adjust for inflation.

**Spending Your HSA Funds**

The purpose of an HSA is to pay for health care-related expenses that are not covered by an existing policy. You may spend your HSA funds on any "qualified medical expense" which includes medical care, prescription drugs, and payment for long-term care. Examples of expenses that would likely be covered include:

- Doctor visits • Prescriptions • X-rays • Ambulance costs
- Vision care • Lab fees • Certain premiums for health care insurance

**How Does an HSA Save Money on Taxes?**

An HSA can be likened to a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA in that they all allow you to save money for a rainy day. With a traditional IRA, however, you receive a tax deduction when you make contributions to the fund but you are then taxed when you withdraw the funds. A Roth IRA does not provide a tax deduction when you make contributions, but is also not taxed when you make withdrawals. An HSA provides you with the best of both worlds. Contributions to your HSA are tax-deductible while qualified distributions are not taxable. In essence, you are able to grow the funds held in your HSA tax-free. By way of illustration, imagine you are in a 30% tax bracket. If so, a \$1,000 contribution would really cost you \$700 after taxes. If you invested that same \$1,000 in an HSA earning 7.2% interest for 10 years, your investment would grow to \$2,000. If that \$2,000 is then used to pay for qualified medical expenses, you would effectively avoid paying any taxes on the \$1,000 earned on your investment.

**What Happens If You Never Need the Funds Held in Your HSA?**

You could be fortunate enough to never need any of the funds held in your HSA. If that occurs, you can withdraw the funds; however, distributions made for anything other than a qualified medical expense will be taxed and will incur a 20% penalty. After age 65, you can make withdrawals without incurring a penalty, though the funds will be taxed as ordinary income.

For those who qualify, an HSA is an excellent savings and tax avoidance vehicle that provides the benefits of both a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA all-in-one. Consult with an experienced estate planning attorney in your area for additional information and to help you determine if an

HSA fits into your overall estate planning goals and objectives.

*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 45 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).*

## Shore Galleries Receives a Court Ordered Building Permit for a Recreational Shooting Range

On August 3, pursuant to, and in accordance with a court order, the Village of Lincolnwood issued Shore Galleries' requested building permit for the construction of a 10-lane shooting range on the second floor of its Devon Avenue facility. Previously, in 2012 the Village denied a building permit for the same facility because the Village's Zoning Administrator and Zoning Board believed that a shooting range did not fall into any permissible use category in the Zoning Code in effect in 2012. Shore sued the Village and the Cook County Circuit Court ruled in the Village's favor, indicating that it believed a shooting range was not permissible under the Codes at the time. Shore appealed the verdict and in 2014, the Illinois Appellate Court overturned the ruling and ruled in favor of Shore, indicating that this use

was permissible under the 2012 Codes. The Village has now amended its Code to make clear that shooting ranges are not allowed as permitted uses in the Village. However the court order precludes that amendment from being made applicable to Shore's plan at its Devon location.

Following several plan reviews by the Village, Shore has now complied with all applicable Building Codes and all Zoning Code provisions in effect in 2012, which are the only regulations by which the Court has provided the Village authority to rule. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately four.

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## World Famous Tenor To Perform At Skokie Synagogue

Cantor Benjamin Warschawski, the world famous tenor who has been dubbed "this generation's Richard Tucker" will present a concert, "A Little Summer Music," at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster St., Skokie, Sunday, August 21 starting at 7:00 p.m.

"I am delighted to present a concert of light, summery and exciting music from around the world," Cantor Warschawski said. "We will go to Italy for some Neopolitan favorites, then onto Broadway for American gems. We'll do some Aaron Copeland and some music in Hebrew from Israel. I may include some operatic arias as well as some cantorial specialties.

"I make a list of some of my favorites and cull it to make sure I am performing a program that will be fun and enjoyable for everyone," he added.

Warschawski is recognized worldwide for his extraordinary talents in both operatic and cantorial realms. He has the ability to bring polished, classical style to his cantorial singing and rich, soulful emotion to the operatic stage.

He has performed all over the United States as well as in Italy, Canada, Israel, Strasbourg, Zürich, and Basel. He has sung for President Clinton in the White House and at the Russian Embassy in Washington D.C.

The tenor has thrilled audiences the world over in more than twenty leading tenor roles including Alfredo in La Traviata, the Duke of Mantua in Rigoletto, Don José in Carmen, Pinkerton in Madama Butterfly, Mario Cavaradossi in Tosca, Edgardo in Lucia di Lammermoor, Manrico in Il Trovatore, Calaf in Turandot, and the title roles in Werther, Edgar and L'amico Fritz.

Cantor Warschawski has performed with such legendary opera singers as Sherrill Milnes, Jerome Hines, Sharon Sweet, Pamela Armstrong, Mark Delavan, and William Warfield. He is a past winner of the Metropolitan

Opera Regional Auditions.

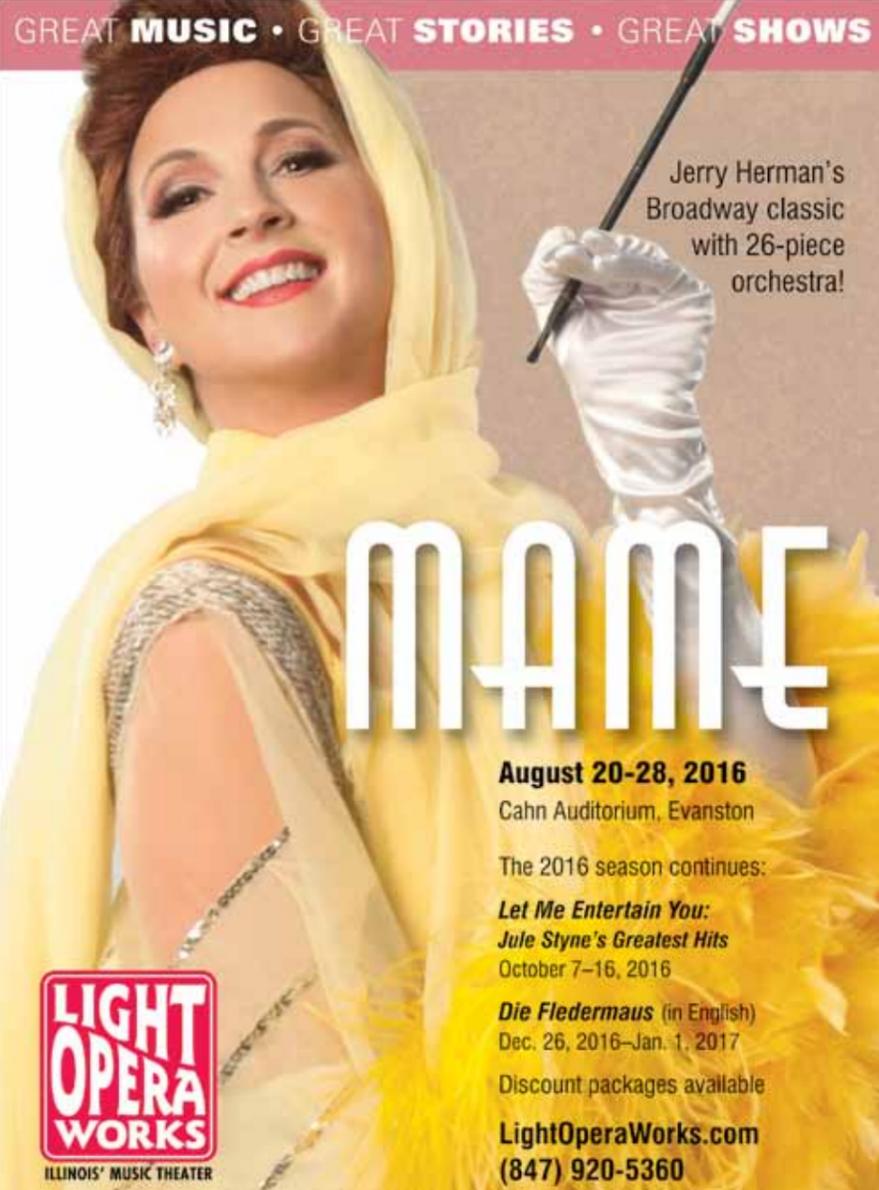
On the concert stage Cantor Warschawski recently appeared in Leonard Bernstein's Mass with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, Thomas Beveridge's YIZKOR REQUIEM with the Williamsburg Chorale and Orchestra and the Alexandria Chorale and Orchestra, and Stephen Paulus' TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. Over the past two seasons the tenor has also performed operatic and cantorial concerts in New York, Miami, Washington, DC, Chicago, Los Angeles and Israel.

The evening, which includes a dessert buffet, starts at \$40 per person. Sponsorships are available.

For further information, contact the office of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation at 847-675-4141 or go the website at [EHNT.ORG](http://EHNT.ORG)



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## "Saving Energy; Saving Money" Will Be Timely Talk At Norwood Crossing On August 17

Heat loss and efficient use of energy in the home are topics that affect everyone's pocketbook. But there are inexpensive steps that can be taken and other related ways to reduce energy costs that homeowners can correct. The Timely Talk, "Saving Energy; Saving Money," at 2:00 p.m., on Aug. 17, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, will provide you with some of the answers to making your home more energy efficient.

A representative of Franklin Energy in conjunction with Peoples Gas will make the presentation, demonstrate various items and explain other actions that homeowners can take to reduce energy consumption. This information should give any homeowner a good start on reducing energy costs. Gas utility heating bills during winter months often increase, but they might be reduced using some of the suggestions from this presentation.

A question and answer session, door prize raffle and light refreshments will follow the talk. For more information or to RSVP, please call (773) 577-5323 or email [info@norwoodcrossing.org](mailto:info@norwoodcrossing.org).

## 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.

ONGOING SERVICE PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB ARE: \*Lift tops from aluminum cans; \*Plastic bread & bagel bags, old towels and any "decent rags" for our four-legged friends; \*Plastic shopping bags for the Women's Ministry at Luther Memorial Church who weave mats for homeless people; Paper shopping bags for area food pantries; \*Outdated prescription eyeglasses; and last, but not least, \*Box Tops for Education" for the Queen of Angels School.

JULY 28 MEETING – We started our meeting with the Flag Salute, followed by the Pledges, then joined in singing "God Bless America."

Maria Bappert then read a letter received from Laura Arroyo, who was the recipient of our Club's \$500.00 Scholarship. The Bapperts represented the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood at the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's Scholarship Dinner held at the Chicago Brauhaus in May. Laura has been very active at the NBGC – she will graduate from high school this year, and then she will help out with Summer Camp as one of the group leaders for the first grade girls. We will keep in touch with her.

And speaking of the NBGC, we read in the July edition of "Alumni Chatter" that our member Bill Abplanalp was inducted into the 2016 Hall of Fame. Our good friend Betty Bauer-Crescenzi from Lake View Realty was also honored this way, as were six additional people. On October 22 of this year, the NBGC will celebrate its 85th Anniversary with a Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction. They will also honor the 25th year of the girls programming. Their motto is "For Better Men & Women." Congratulations, guys, and keep up the good work!

The Dog Days of Summer are here ... try to KEEP KOOL!

You might want to go and jump in the lake or into your pool, if you have one.

AUGUST, 2016 DATES – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 11 - Regular Meeting

August 25 – Regular Meeting followed by a Board Meeting

August Birthstone - Peridot and Flower – Gladiolus .

## When it stays HOT, you've just got to do what you've got to do to cool off!

Most of us really enjoy long, hot summer days and the longer they stay around the better we like it. Sometimes we do need to just cool off. As the hot, humid weather continues we are very thankful for air conditioning and dehumidifiers. It's pretty easy to take for granted good air conditioning and dehumidification when coming in from the heat; that is until your system just can't keep up or just breaks down. In the winter most people are ok with putting on a sweater or wrap-up in a nice comfy blanket, but in the heat and humidity of summer, it can be pretty difficult to escape the heat and humidity.

Be prepared for the high temperatures and humidity that kill hundreds of people every year. Extreme heat caused 7,415 heat related deaths in the "United States from 1999 to 2010. Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet annually many people succumb to extreme heat. Take measures to stay cool and remain hydrated. Getting too hot can make you sick. You can become ill from heat if our body can't compensate for it and properly cool off.

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## Specialty & Late Summer Camp Spaces Still Available in Many City Parks

The last day to enjoy standard day camp is right around the corner, but summer isn't over quite yet. Consider enrolling your child in one of many late summer program options that begin Monday, August 15. Activities include Adventure Camp, Art Camp, Sports Camp, Late Summer Camp Nature Camp, Toddler Camp and much more.

More than 2,300 slots are still available at 124 park camp locations across the city. Camps run through August 19 or August 26, depending upon program.

Specific offerings include Gymnastics camp, available for children ages 6-14 at Morgan Park, Ridge Park and Senka Park. Adventure camp at Sheil Park is open to ages 12-15 with activities like archery, fishing and kayaking. Early Bird camp is a morning session Day Camp program at Shedd Park and Fernwood Park, to be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Drop-in camp, focusing on arts, crafts and sports, is open to participants ages 6-13 at Douglas Park.

Specialty and late camps can be viewed online at [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com). Registration can be done in-person at your local park or online.

For more information, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call 312-742-PLAY.

## Registration Open for the Evanston Police Department's Fall 2016 Citizen Police Academy

The Evanston Police Department's Citizen Police Academy is currently accepting applications for its fall 2016 session, which begins Wednesday, August 31.

The free 12-week program gives participants the opportunity to learn about the world of law enforcement while developing a partnership with the police department. The program's interactive curriculum includes: Tour of police headquarters; CSI practices; Mock trial; Exercises in self-defense; Explanation of use-of-force decision making; And much more.

The program is open to anyone who is at least 18 years of age and lives or works in Evanston. Classes and discussions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and are limited to 30 students. The program ends with a graduation ceremony and reception.

The deadline to register is Monday, August 22. Spaces are known to fill up quickly. To register online, visit [cityofevanston.org/cpa](http://cityofevanston.org/cpa).

For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 3-1-1 in Evanston.

## Musical Shabbat Service At Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Cong. In Skokie Open To The Public

Everyone is invited to a special evening of Koleinu - "Our Voice" - Musical Shabbat, at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster, Skokie, Friday, August 19, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The evening is free and open to the public.

The lively and spirited musical Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill, spiritual leader of the synagogue and the all-star Koleinu Band!

Feel free to bring your maracas or other fun instruments to join in the merriment!

For more information, please call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141 or go to the synagogue website [EHNT.ORG](http://EHNT.ORG)

## Community Spaghetti Dinner at a Skokie Fire Station!

Residents of all ages are invited to attend one of three community spaghetti dinners at a Skokie Fire Station this fall! A casual, buffet-style meal will be served that includes spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs (on the side), bread, salad, cookies, and water or lemonade. Join us for a chance to make some new friends and celebrate the connections that make Skokie such a great community!

Registration is required as seating is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents are asked to please register for the dinner at the fire station serving

their residence. If you want to attend, but can't do so on the dinner date for your neighborhood fire station, your name will be added to a waiting list for a date you prefer at a different station. Seats will be made available to guests on the waiting list after the registration deadline for each dinner. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and the events conclude at 7 p.m. There will be no formal program or tours, just a good-old-fashioned sit down meal with neighbors and both long-time and new friends.

Please visit our website for a list of dates and locations at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Save the Date! The Skokie Police Explorer Car Wash - 8/13/16

The Skokie Police Explorers, Post 300, host their annual car wash fundraiser on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Skokie Police Headquarters parking lot, 7300 Niles Center Road. Cash donations are accepted per vehicle.

The Explorers is a division of the Boy Scouts of America and the carwash proceeds will fund the annual Scouts membership.

For more information about the Skokie Police Explorers or the carwash please contact the Crime Prevention Division at 847/982-5919.

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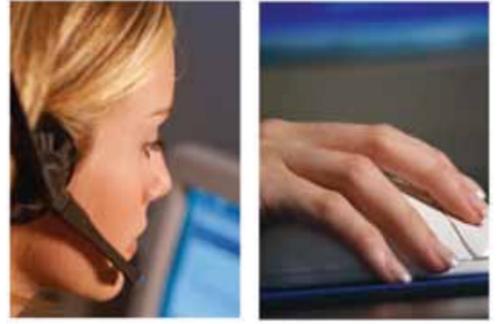
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