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DON'T FORGET TO **Vote** ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Battles continue on as to who is winning and who is losing in the political wars of today. It's gone on now for at least two years, and perhaps much longer than we can even remember. Are we going to have another two years of campaigning only, or are we going

to have the people we elect to represent us, who have taken a pledge to do just that, do their jobs. We hope that all sides of the aisle will fulfill the duties they have been hired for, and for which they are richly paid. They do still work for us, right?
The Editor



Statement From The Mayor On Matt Nagy Being Named NFL Coach Of The Year

In just one year, Matt Nagy took the Bears from worst to first and endeared himself to Chicago football fans. I join all Bears fans on congratulating Coach Nagy on this well-earned honor as we all look forward to many more successful seasons with him at the helm.

ROMAN LENT BEGINS MARCH 6TH
ORTHODOX LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 11TH
(Our Annual Lenten Recipes Will Begin In Our Next Edition)



Valentine's Day Extended!
Turn To Page 4 For A Special Treat!!

Hanging From The Street Poles Along Wabash Ave. Between Washington And Randolph Streets

DCASE, in partnership with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) artscape program, installed 45 Flying Creatures on street poles along Wabash Avenue between Washington and Randolph streets on Tuesday, July 24. Many more Flying Creatures sculptures will eventually be installed up and down Wabash Avenue.



Mayor Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events have designated 2018 as the Year of Creative Youth – a citywide celebration of Chicago's young artists and the mentors who inspire them. As part of the "Year of Creative Youth," Chicago's new Creative Youth Festival on Saturday, September 22, in Millennium Park will showcase young artists in dance, theatre, music, spoken word, the visual arts and more. Admission to the festival is free, and a full schedule with complete details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Presented by Allstate Insurance Company, the Year of Creative Youth will also feature young artists and their work at City of Chicago festivals, exhibitions and events throughout the year. Additionally, the Year of Creative Youth is aligned with "Art Design Chicago," a citywide initiative of the Terra Foundation for American Art—featuring over 25 exhibitions and hundreds of public programs in 2018. Arts education and youth engagement are important components of the overall program, including art making workshops and field trips. Additional grant support for the Year of Creative Youth provided by The Chicago Community Trust.



PACZKI DAY!

Every year, the Polish American Association (PAA) leverages its love of paczki with our compassion for those, who because of poverty or illness, are not able to share in the sweetness of life. This year there are two ways you can feast on fresh, delectable paczki and support the PAA's efforts to serve our community's most vulnerable members.

PRE-ORDER YOUR PACZKI ONLINE at www.polish.org/paczki2019 and pick them up at any of the Oak Mill Bakery's "5" locations, or the Polish American Association office at 3834 N. Cicero, Chicago on "Paczki Day - Fat Thursday", February 28th. A portion of each sale of one dozen paczki will be donated to the PAA!

Polish American Association (PAA), 3834 N. Cicero, Chicago

Casimir Pulaski Day — Monday, March 4th

Casimir Pulaski Day is a holiday observed in Illinois on the first Monday of every March in memory of Casimir Pulaski (March 6, 1745 – October 11, 1779), a Revolutionary War cavalry officer born in Poland as Kazimierz Pułaski. He is praised for his contributions to the U.S. military in the American Revolution and known as "the father of the American cavalry".



The day is celebrated mainly in areas that have large Polish populations, such as Chicago and Bloomington. The focus of official commemorations of Casimir Pulaski Day in Chicago is at the Polish Museum of America where various city and state officials congregate to pay tribute to Chicago's Polish Community.

This is a separate holiday from the federal observance, General Pulaski Memorial Day, which commemorates Pulaski's death from wounds suffered at the Siege of Savannah on October 9, 1779.

Illinois enacted a law on September 13, 1977, to celebrate the birthday of Casimir Pulaski and held the first official Pulaski Day celebrations in 1978. The bill was introduced by State Senator Norbert A. Kosinski, a Democrat from Chicago, and signed by Thomas Hynes, President of the Senate, on June 26, 1977. Cook County government offices, the Chicago Public Library, Springfield Public Schools, and state-wide public and private schools are closed on this holiday.

Wisconsin public schools also observe Casimir Pulaski Day. Banks in Illinois may close for the holiday.

Section 118.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that, "...when school is held or, if the day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, on a school day immediately preceding or following the respective day, the day shall be appropriately observed...." The use of "shall" denotes this as a mandatory requirement. Each public school in Wisconsin must observe Casimir Pulaski Day on March 4. How the day is observed – "appropriately" – allows for some discretion among the schools.

Buffalo, New York also acknowledges a "Pulaski Day," which is held in the middle of July, and is celebrated with an annual parade.

On November 6, 2009, President Barack Obama signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives making Pulaski an honorary American citizen, 230 years after his death. He is one of eight people to be granted honorary United States citizenship.

Grand Rapids, Michigan hosts a "Pulaski Days" celebration annually on the first full weekend of October in recognition of General Pulaski and the Polish culture in general.

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Beer Tasting & Trivia Fundraiser

To benefit Community Animal Rescue Effort



TICKETS INCLUDE:
TEN NINETY BREWS,
GREAT FOOD, TRIVIA
& GREAT PRIZES!



Sunday, March 3
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ten Ninety Brewery
1025 N. Waukegan, Glenview, IL

BUY TICKETS ONLINE CAREnorthshore.org/trivia
\$75 INDIVIDUAL TICKET &
REDUCED PRICING FOR TEAM TABLE TICKETS

SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE
Tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Trivia Teams consist of no more than 6 players. Must be 21.



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IC Holy Name Men's Club presents
Immaculate Conception ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
Sat. March 9th @ 6PM
Live Music:
The Road Taken (feat Tom Losik and Joe Shevlin)
The McShane's (Joe and Declan) Shannon Rovers Pipe Band
Mullane Godley Irish Dance Academy
Food: Homemade Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Chips, Desserts
Open Bar: Mixed Drinks, Beer, Wine, Pop, Water and Coffee
Tickets: \$40 (60+), \$45 (Prepaid by March 2nd), \$50 (at Door)- Tables of 10 can be Reserved
Contact:
Pat Gallagher 773-251-2271 Amy Gallagher 708-955-6203
Sean Fennessy 773-269-9778 Jack Murphy 773-860-1092
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Thank You For Your Kindness

It is with deep sorrow that I have to report the passing of my beloved husband, FRANK BAPPERT. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's and a swallowing problem for more than a dozen years. He could only eat pureed food, and the liquids had to be honey-thick nectar, which also had to be spoon-fed to him. He suffered a stroke above his left ear, which paralyzed him from his shoulder to his toes on the right side and caused him a lot of pain. Because he couldn't eat or drink much, he lost a lot of weight and was nothing but skin and bones when he left this world on January 13 at age 88. He is now in peace, resting in the arms of our Lord. MANY THANKS to all who extended their condolences.

Maria P. Bappert

Kiwanis Of Ravenswood



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF RAVENSWOOD meets at the Barba Gianni Grecian Taverna, 4761 N. Lincoln Avenue, just south of Lawrence. Arrangements have been made for FREE PARKING in the mb Financial parking lot. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 as the restaurant needs to know for how many people to set the table. Thank you.

SERVICE PROJECTS - Our Club continues to collect aluminum pull tabs, paper and plastic shopping bags, as well as Box Tops for Education. We are grateful to our Club members as well as members of the Austrian Mixed Chorus and the Greater Rockwell Organization who join us in these efforts. "Together we can," as they say.

Renewal Applications Mailed for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Persons Exemptions

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announced that his office has mailed thousands of renewal applications for the disabled persons and disabled veterans exemptions.

These two exemptions were designed to provide additional property tax relief to veterans with service connected disabilities and non-veterans with disabilities. The application deadlines are March 6, 2019.

The Disabled Veterans Exemption reduces the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) on which property taxes are computed. Recent changes in the law expanded eligibility and increased exemption amounts.

"The disabled veterans exemption is a way in which we can recognize the extraordinary sacrifices made by our nation's veterans," Assessor Kaegi said. "Veterans injured in the line of duty can take advantage of this exemption and get assistance from our office to learn more about the application and eligibility."

To qualify for the disabled veterans exemption (for the previous tax year 2018) taxpayers must:

- be an Illinois resident who served as a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty or state active duty, a member of the Illinois National Guard or U.S. Reserve Forces and have been honorably discharged
- own and occupy the property as the primary residence in 2018
- have a primary residence with an EAV of less than \$250,000, excluding the EAV of property used for commercial purposes or rented for more than six months and
- have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Applicants must provide a disability certification letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as well as Form DD 214 or a Certification of Military Service Form.

Disabled Veterans Exemption applications may also be downloaded from the Assessor's website using the following link: <http://sub.cookcountyassessor.com/assets/forms/DisabledVeteransEx.pdf>

The Disabled Persons Exemption provides disabled persons with an annual \$2000 reduction in the EAV of the property.

To qualify for the Disabled Persons Exemption this year (tax year 2018) taxpayers must be:

- disabled or become disabled during 2018
- own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property or a leasehold interest in a single-family residence,
- occupy the property as the principal residence on January 1, 2018, and
- be liable for payment of property taxes.

If a person's home previously received the exemption and he or she now resides in a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act, his or her home is still eligible to receive the exemption provided the property is occupied by that person's spouse, or the property remains unoccupied.

To download a form, taxpayers can follow this link to the application.

www.cookcountyassessor.com/assets/forms/DisabledPersonsEx.pdf

"Our office will work throughout the year to reach Cook County taxpayers through our community outreach programs to make them aware of exemptions our office administers and also help them with the application process," Assessor Kaegi said. "We want to ensure that no taxpayer pays more than his or her fair share of property taxes."

Three Chicago Hotels Being Named Among the Top Ten in the Nation

U.S. News & World Report today released its 2019 Best Hotel Rankings with The Peninsula Chicago and Four Seasons Hotel being named among the top five in the country.

"Chicago is welcoming a record number of tourists to our city, creating a record number of jobs in the hospitality industry, and earning national and global acclaim for all we have to offer. The fact that two of the top five hotels in America, and three of the top ten, are here in Chicago is another shot in the arm for Chicago tourism. We congratulate the teams

at the hotels and look forward to continuing to welcome visitors from across the country and around the world to experience what Chicago has to offer."

The rankings evaluate more than 30,000 luxury hotels and resorts across the U.S., Europe, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. Three Chicago hotels earned spots among the top ten hotels in the U.S., including the Peninsula Chicago (#2), the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago (#5) and the Langham Chicago (#7).

Cook County Assessor's Office Releases Exemption Booklets

Booklets Mailed to Homeowners As Part of Public Awareness Campaign

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announced today that taxpayer exemption booklets were mailed today to 110,000 homeowners – those whose properties sold in 2017 and those who did not receive an exemption on their properties for the previous two years.

"This exemption booklet guides homeowners through the application process saving them a trip to our office and time on the phone," Assessor Kaegi said. "The mailing is intended to make taxpayers aware of the exemptions available through this office."

The exemption application deadline is March 6, 2019.

The three exemptions that Cook County homeowners may apply for using the exemption booklet include:

- Homeowner Exemption – This exemption is available to all homeowners whose properties were occupied by the homeowner or the previous homeowner and used as a primary residence as of January 1, 2018.

- Senior Citizen Exemption – This exemption is available to all Cook County homeowners who were born prior to, or in, the year 1953 and use their home as their primary residence. This exemption entitles a senior to a reduction in the value of his or her property. Taxpayers receiving the Senior Exemption will automatically receive the Homeowner Exemption.

- Senior Freeze Exemption is available to all homeowners who were born prior to, or in, the year 1953 and have total household incomes of \$65,000 a year or less for the income tax year 2017. Requirements also state that eligible seniors must have used their home as their primary residence and resided there January 1st of 2017 and 2018. This valuable exemption protects limited-income senior citizen homeowners from increases in the value of their property.

The Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze Exemptions must be applied for annually. Homeowners who received the Homeowner Exemption last year and did not sell their homes in 2017 do not need to reapply and will continue to receive the exemption each year.

Taxpayers who wish to apply for any of the exemptions for the first time may download the taxpayer exemption application from the Assessor's website at cookcountyassessor.com or contact the Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550 to have an application mailed to them.

Pappas: 1,000 Senior Citizen Homes Being Offered At Tax Sale

About 1,000 homeowners in Cook County who have not paid last year's taxes could avoid the Annual Tax Sale by reapplying for senior citizen property tax exemptions they did not receive last year, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Lists of all properties with delinquent taxes, broken down by Chicago ward and suburb, are posted daily to cookcountytreasurer.com. The Treasurer's Office also is sending lists of these senior citizens to elected officials countywide, asking the officials to encourage their constituents to apply for the missing exemptions to avoid the Tax Sale.

To see if your taxes are delinquent—and to make a payment—go to cookcountytreasurer.com and follow these steps:

- Select "Avoid the Tax Sale"
- Search by address or by Property Index Number (PIN)

Delinquent taxes for Tax Year 2017 (which were due in 2018) will be offered for sale to investors at the Annual Tax Sale that starts May 3, 2019.

Niles Food Pantry' Campaign Unveiled to Identify Specific Needs for Niles Township Food Pantry in 2019

A new year brings new challenges to more than a thousand families living right here in our community. Thankfully, the Niles Township Food Pantry is able to offer support in the way of food and toiletries to ensure that no township resident goes hungry or their children to school without food in their bellies.

The Food Pantry Foundation, Niles Township's 501(c)(3) nonprofit, works feverishly throughout the year to raise not only awareness for the food pantry, but also the much-needed funds in order to supplement daily deliveries by the Greater Chicago Food Pantry and the three-times-a-week emergency deliveries that come from local restaurants and bakeries.

The Food Pantry Foundation has unveiled a program entitled "Fill the Pantry," an all-out Township initiative encouraging residents, schools, governments, businesses, and clubs to donate items that are in critical need. While monetary donations continue to make the greatest impact, the foundation has put together a monthly wish list:

February: Peanut Butter and Jelly

March: Rice and Pasta

"The food pantry and its staff work tirelessly to ensure that the needs of the community are met, providing food, toiletries, and other assistance to more than 1,000 families living right here in Niles Township every month."

said Food Pantry Foundation Chairman Charles Levy. "In 2018 alone, we distributed 1.2 million pounds of food to residents living right here in the township."

Serving Food with Dignity

Redesigned in early 2018, the Niles Township Food Pantry allows for up to 20 shoppers at a time making for a smooth and easy experience. There are over 30 racks lined with baked goods and canned food items, grocery store-style refrigerators filled with eggs and dairy, and an abundance of fresh produce too. Clients are empowered by the opportunity to self-select their food, complementing the pantry's motto to "Serve with Dignity."

There are also portable shelves on wheels, allowing the pantry to be easily and quickly restocked with the shipments from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Three times a week, the pantry participates in a program called Food Rescue, where trucks visit grocery stores around the area, filling their trucks with meat, baked goods, produce and much more.

Located at 8341 Lockwood Ave. in Skokie, the Niles Township Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 through 3:30 p.m. with extended hours on Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Food and monetary donations are always welcomed.

Phone For Legal Advice At No Cost

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

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

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

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10th Annual 'Coming Together' Celebrates Polish Culture Thru April

Coming Together celebrated a grand opening gala on Sunday, January 27, for its programs for 2019 celebrating the Polish Culture. Polish delicacies, colorful dancing, musical performances took center stage. ABC7's Alan Krashesky served as Master of Ceremonies. The pageantry of all things Polish and celebrating the Polish Culture took center stage, with the kickoff festivities for the 10th annual 'Coming Together' celebration throughout Niles Township.

Coming Together brings life to the cultural diversity of Niles Township by celebrating a different culture every year. Supported by institutions throughout Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove and Lincolnwood, which are among the most diverse communities in the country, the local group Coming Together has celebrated the multitude of cultures that call these communities home.

Coinciding with the 2018 centennial of Poland's independence and also marking 30 years since the collapse of communism in Poland, Coming Together is celebrating the Polish culture this year.

Marking the beginning of a three-month arts and educational program that will feature more than 60 free events around Lincolnwood, Skokie, Morton Grove and Niles, the kickoff featured tastings of Polish delicacies, an array of artwork depicting Poland's rich history, colorful performances by area professional performance groups including the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra, Polonia Ensemble, Whispers Center for Artistic Expression, Niles West High School Master Singers, Paderewski Symphony Orchestra and the Warsztaty Teatralne "Little Stars" performers.

The American and Polish National anthems were rendered by Ellie Evens of Lincoln Hall Middle School, Lincolnwood, and Natalia Kowalec of Holy Trinity Polish School. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, State Senator Ram Villalobos, Mayors George Vandusen (Skokie), Mayor Andrew Przybylo (Niles), Mayor Barry Bass (Lincolnwood) and Mayor Dan DiMaria (Morton Grove) were all present to show their support, as was Polish Consul General Piotr Janicki.

Youssef el Yakine, just 12 years old and a student of Paderewski school of music in Chicago, performed two beautiful pieces, a Paderewski Minuet and a Mazurek by Chopin.

K. F. Jacques, a Chicagoan who is making waves with a new music genre he calls Operatronic, which infuses hip-hop beats with electronic, classical and rock music with ethnic influences entertained the over 1,000 plus audience with his amazing Operatronic Medley of Polish Classics.

Past cultures that have been celebrated by Coming Together include Asian Indian, Filipino, Assyrian, Greek, Korean, "Voices of Race," Latino/Hispanic, Chinese, and Muslim-American. Representatives from all prior cultures were present at the opening ceremony.

An important educational component that Coming Together focuses on is literacy, with a variety of books selected each year to help develop a deeper understanding of the featured culture.

For a complete list of programs, events, activities, and for information on the books which will be featured for Coming Together 2019, please visit www.comingtogether.in.

Polish National Alliance "Song & Dance Concert – 2019"

More than 15 Polish-American Song and Dance Ensembles from the greater Chicago area will perform on stage at the Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center.

Polish National Alliance proudly supports dozens of Polish Song and Dance Ensembles and Choral Groups. It is one of many ways in which PNA fulfills its mission to support and promote Polish culture in the USA.

The annual Concert is a perfect opportunity to meet up-close with rich Polish folklore and culture. Professionally choreographed dances, in stunning, colorful, hand-crafted costumes resembling diversity of various regions of Poland.

Tickets are available for purchase through the dance groups participating in the concert. \$23 – adults. \$13 children and seniors 65+. Space is limited, please get your tickets early. All seats require a ticket.

For more information about the Song and Dance Ensembles Concert 2019, please contact Mary Srodon at: 773-286-0500, Ext. 312 or mary.srodon@pna-znp.org

The Lira Ensemble presents music celebrating

Niepodległość Polski Polish Independence

100th anniversary of the Rebirth of Poland
30th anniversary of the end of communism in Poland

The Board of Directors of the Lira Ensemble Invite You to Attend an Evening of Music Celebrating Polish Independence Featuring the Lira Singers Quartet
Thursday, February 28, 2019 - 5:30pm at the Consulate General of Poland
1530 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago
Cocktail and Canape Reception - 5:30pm • Program - 6:30pm
Polish Buffet Supper - 7:15pm • Tickets \$100
Please call Lira at (773) 508-7040 for tickets and information.
This event benefits The Lira Ensemble, a federally recognized charity.
The Lira Ensemble is artist-in-residence at Loyola University Chicago.

TAFT NIGHT OUT!

FEATURING - **second hand soul band**

Taft Night Out 2019
Biagio—4242 North Central Ave.
March 8, 2019 from 6-11pm

All Parents, Teachers, Staff, Alumni & Community Members (21 & Over) Invited!

- Over 100 Silent Auction items including: front row graduation seats, prom packages, teacher experiences, Cubs, Sox and Hawks tickets, theater tickets, liquor baskets, spa and salon gifts—something for everyone!
- Dancing all night to live music from the Second Hand Soul Band and DJ!
- Dinner, dessert table, cash bar, raffles, wine & dine table and more!

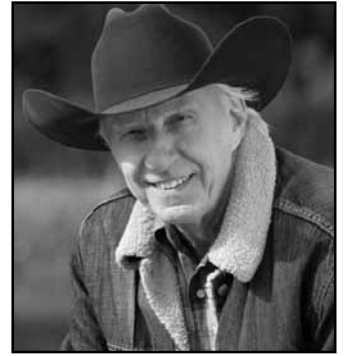
Mix and mingle with parents, staff, teachers and alumni while supporting Taft academic and extra-curricular programs!

Tickets are \$40 and include great food, live music and a cash bar. A portion of bar profits go back to Taft. Go to bidpal.net/taftnightout2019 for more details, to purchase tickets, or to register to bid on auction items—even if you can't attend!

To donate, sponsor, volunteer or ask a question, contact taftnightout@gmail.com

Roadside History of Illinois

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



Naval Air Station Glenview

Thirty years after the village of Glenview was incorporated in 1899, Curtiss Flying Service opened a large airfield, Curtiss-Reynolds Field, southwest of town. The 400-plus acre airfield was originally intended as an alternative to Chicago's Midway Airport, but when the stock market crashed in 1929, those plans were shelved and the half-finished facility was used as a flight-training school. Air races were held there in 1930 and again in 1933, the latter in conjunction with the Chicago Century of Progress. Shortly after that, Curtiss Flying Service merged with Wright Aeronautical to become the Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

In 1937 the U.S. Navy, in need of more space, leased part of the Curtiss-Wright facility, calling their half the Naval Reserve Aviation Base Glenview. During World War II, the Navy purchased the entire airfield and expanded it extensively. Renamed Naval Air Station Glenview, the base became the primary training facility for aircraft-carrier pilots, including Ens. George H. W. Bush, later to become the 41st president of the United States. Bush was stationed there for three days in 1943 while he completed the Carrier Qualification Training Unit program, which included ground school the first day, practice landings in nearby fields on the second day and finally exhibiting training proficiency by successfully completing eight successful carrier takeoffs and landings on the USS Sable or USS Wolverine. Both ships were Great Lakes side-wheel paddle steamers that were converted into mock aircraft carriers. The planes flew from Glenview out over Lake

Michigan for the final day of training. With training successfully completed, Bush was assigned to Torpedo Squadron 51 aboard the independence-class light aircraft carrier USS San Jacinto and flew a Grumman TBM Avenger bomber during World War II.

Other prominent individuals assigned to the Naval Air Station at various times were: former President Gerald R. Ford, who served on a surface ship during World War II, but was stationed at Naval Air Station Glenview from April 1945 – January 1946; astronaut Neil Armstrong, first man to set foot on the moon; Lt. Cmdr. Edward H. "Butch" O'Hare, the navy's first World War II ace and a Medal of Honor recipient for whom O'Hare International Airport is named; and Rear Adm. Dan Gallery, who led a task group to capture the German submarine U-505, currently displayed at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Naval Air Station Glenview was later used by the Army and Navy Reserves and the Coast Guard. The final air show at the base took place in 1993. After the base was closed in 1995, the village of Glenview oversaw the property's redevelopment into homes, golf courses, public parks, offices, and commercial space. The revamped 1.5 square-mile district was dubbed The Glen, which also included Hangar One. It includes the control tower that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. Naval Air Station Museum Glenview originally occupied space at The Glen, but moved into a new building nearby in 2006 at 2040 Lehigh Avenue in Glenview.

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

Garfield Park Conservatory Agave Plant Flourishes Around-the-clock

A Plant Hailing From Desert Like Regions That Exceed 100°F Thrives In Chicago's Temperature Controlled Shangri-La

The Garfield Park Conservatory, located at 300 N. Central Park Ave., is home to 12 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens and over 2,000 varieties of plants, one of which has been growing insatiably for the last week. The Agave Americana plant, which normally grows 6 feet tall and up to 8 feet wide, is sending up a flower stalk that is nearly 2 feet tall.

In over a period of three weeks, the stalk (or quite) has grown impressively. Over the weekend, the stalk grew 11 inches, and Conservatory staff set-up a camera only to record how it flourished an additional 7 inches in just 24 hours. Since then the agave plant has continued to reach upward.

This is not normal for this species, especially outside of its native Mexico and in such a restricted space. Conservatory horticulturalists can only speculate what may have contributed to the plant's sudden boost in vitality. It is fairly unusual for this species to reach maturity and flower in captivity.

"A few slightly longer, warmer and sunny days, or it also could be entirely the plant's own 'decision,' genetic disposition to start growing," said Garfield Park Conservatory horticulturalist, Ray Jorgensen. "Quite possibly it was a combination of the two elements. Agave Americanas are not picky about their soil and as long as it has good drainage, they can take a bit of frost, but not below freezing temperatures for a prolonged period of time."

What is more astounding is that the species, native to some of the most hot and arid areas of the world, has been maturing voraciously despite the arctic temperatures gripping Chicago. The agave plant's sudden burst of energy occurred as mounds of snow piled up and ice crystals formed on the window panes of the greenhouse last week. In their natural habitat, this plant species normally flowers from summer into late fall. It is even more surprising to witness this sudden growth spurt a week after Chicago's recent bout with subzero temperatures and subsequent bone chilling rain and ice.

There are over 100 different agave species and varieties. The oversized succulent on display at the West Side greenhouse is of the Agave Americana kind and is the first agave to be discovered and named in May 1, 1753.

The plant came to Chicago and has been growing in the Conservatory's Desert House for over 50 years. In the wild, these plants reach maturity in approximately 15 to 25 years. This is just one of 25 agave species that the Conservatory maintains as part of its vast collection of exotic plants that thrive in its Desert House. This plant usually flowers once and then slowly dies because the amount of energy necessary to produce its inflorescence depletes all of its energy.

The long leaf succulent plant produces a flower spire with panicles (branches) topped with flowers that extend outward and contain a sap that is fermented into a drink called pulque. This substance is then distilled to make the spirit mezcal. Mezcal is not the only liquor produced from this plant; tequila is made exclusively from blue agave, one of the many varieties of this plant.



Theatre At The Center Announces Cast For Million Dollar Quartet

Director Daryl Brooks has cast Zack Sorrow as Elvis Presley, Michael Kurowski as Jerry Lee Lewis, Tommy Malouf as Johnny Cash, Zachary Stevenson as Carl Perkins, Sean Fortunato as record producer Sam Phillips and Aerial Williams as singer Dyanne in Theatre at the Center's production of Million Dollar Quartet. Additional cast members include musicians Michael Sinclair as Jay and Nick Anderson as Fluke. Previews begin February 14 with Opening Night on February 17 and a continued run through March 31. This production is sponsored by Pat Binkley.

Million Dollar Quartet is the hit musical with a book by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux based on the true events of a night in rock 'n' roll history. It dramatizes an actual recording session on Dec. 4, 1956 at the Sun Records recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee when Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley assembled for an impromptu jam session. The story explains Perkins was there to record songs with a new performer, Jerry Lee Lewis. Elvis happened to visit the studio with his girlfriend at the time, just as Johnny Cash stopped in to speak with recording impresario Sam Phillips, who is eager to re-sign Cash to a new contract, unaware he has already signed with Columbia Records.

Zach Sorrow returns to TATC after his performance in last year's production of Big River. This is his second time playing Elvis, after understudying in the Chicago premiere of Heartbreak Hotel. Sorrow played Rolf in The Sound of Music at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. His regional credits include Lucas in The Addams Family at the New Theatre Restaurant and Doody in Grease for Royal Caribbean cruise line.

Michael Kurowski is making his Theatre at the Center debut. He recently appeared as Tootles in Peter Pan: A Musical Adventure at Chicago Shakespeare and he won a Jeff Award for Best Ensemble in Posh at Steep Theater. His onscreen credits include Gran Torino, The Armed Boy and Chicago Fire.

Also new to the TATC stage is Zachary Stevenson, a rock 'n' roll guitarist and singer who made his Chicago debut in Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story and received a Jeff Award for his performance. Select credits include Hank Williams, the Show He Never Gave, Ring of Fire, Hair, Urinetown, Assassins. Stevenson also served as musical director for Million Dollar Quartet at Arts Club Theatre and Ring of Fire at Chemainus Theatre Festival.

Chemainus Theatre Festival.

Tommy Malouf is also making his TATC debut as Johnny Cash. He previously played "Man in Black" Cash in Ring of Fire at Metropolitan Performing Arts Center. Other credits include Heartbreak Hotel at Broadway Playhouse, The Light Fantastic at Jackalope and Great Expectations at Remy Bumpo/Silk Road Rising.

Sean Fortunato returns to TATC where he appeared as the Emcee in Cabaret, Lancelot in Spamlot, Franz in The Producers and Max in Lend Me a Tenor. Other credits include Malvolio in Twelfth Night, The Dairy of Anne Frank and Hedda Gabler at Writers Theatre, Book of Joseph and King Charles III at Chicago Shakespeare Theater and Measure for Measure at Goodman Theatre. He has received six Jeff Award nominations and an After Dark award.

Aerial Williams makes her debut at TATC in the role of Elvis' gal pal Dyanne. Last May, she starred in Porchlight Music Theatre's run of Memphis, which like Million Dollar Quartet, is also inspired by actual events. Her other favorite roles include hit productions of The Color Purple, Dreamgirls and Seven Guitars along with credits on popular television shows like The Chi and Empire.

Director Daryl Brooks is making his debut at TATC. In 2018, he directed Memphis at Porchlight Music Theater and received a Jeff Award nomination. His playwright credits include Sammy: A Tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr. and Black Pearl: A Tribute to Josephine Baker, both in 2017, both of which he also directed at Black Ensemble Theater in Chicago as well as Men of Soul, which he also wrote and directed there in 2015.

Linda Fortunato is in her fourth season as TATC Artistic Director where her recent credits include directing and choreographing Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical, Ghost: The Musical and Steel Magnolias, as well as Cabaret and Big River. Linda Fortunato has been nominated for five Jeff Awards for her work as choreographer and director and received both Equity and Non-Equity Jeff Awards for Outstanding Choreography in 2013-14, receiving TATC's first Jeff Award for choreography of 42nd Street.

The creative team for Million Dollar Quartet includes Scenic Designer Ann Davis, Lighting Designer Denise Karczewski, Sound Designer Barry G. Funderburg, Costume Designer Caitlin Dalton, Wig Designer Kevin Barthel and Properties Designer Emily Hartig. Stage Manager is Jessica Banaszak. William Underwood is Music Director. Linda Fortunato is teamed with TATC General Manager Richard Friedman and Ann Davis, TATC Head of Production.

Founded in 1991, the 410-seat TATC is a year-round professional theater at its home: The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana. TATC is an accessible venue with plenty of free parking and is located off I-80/94, just 35 minutes from downtown Chicago.

Performances are 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. In addition to the regular run schedule, Theatre at the Center has added the following performances during the final seventh week of the run: Wednesday, March 27 at 2 p.m., Thursday March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 31 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Individual ticket prices range from \$42 - \$46. To purchase individual tickets, call the Box Office at 219-836-3255 or Tickets.com at 800-511-1532. Group discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Student tickets are \$20 and gift certificates are also available. For more information on Theatre at the Center, visit www.TheatreAtTheCenter.com.

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Charity Event at Irish Center

Debbie and Dan Helfenbein with Mary and Mark Leipold who were all at the Irish-American Heritage Center (IAHC) several times for special events in the past few weeks, including the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and a Johnny Cash-inspired fundraiser. Producer Stephen Davern says his annual "Cash For Kids" charity event raised almost \$20,000 this year for the Illinois Chapter of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation - and he thanks everyone for their money and/or their time.



C.A.R.E. To Host 'Beer Tasting & Trivia' Fundraiser

Beer Tasting & Trivia Fundraiser on Sunday, March 3, 2019, from 3 pm to 7 pm, at Ten Ninety Brewing Co., 1025 Waukegan Rd., Glenview. This event features great food, all-you-can-taste Ten Ninety beers, two hours of trivia competition from Pub Trivia USA, a Silent Auction and a 50/50 Raffle.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The ticket price includes:
- All-you-can-taste Ten Ninety brews from 3 pm – 6 pm;
 - cash bar from 6 pm – 7 pm
 - Pizza, snacks and dessert



- Two-hour Trivia Game from 4 pm – 6 pm. The game, hosted by Pub Trivia USA, will be general-knowledge format.
- Trivia Prizes: Six White Sox Tickets + more
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle

Attendees can bid on some remarkable Silent Auction items, including Ten Ninety 'Brewer For a Day,' (\$500 value); Tito's Vodka Gift Basket (\$100 value); a Sanders Fine Portraits auction certificate, valid for one 14" commissioned canvas fine art portrait with hand artistry (\$2,000 value); and a pair of Chicago Bulls Tickets donated by NBC Sports Chicago (\$180 value). Other items include Music Man theater tickets, San Francisco Orchestra tickets, a Tito's Acoustic Guitar and guitar lessons package and other amazing gift baskets.

The winning Trivia team will be rewarded with six White Sox Tickets. As a bonus, Ten Ninety will provide bottled beer for winning team members to enjoy at home.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event. (Last year, this event sold out.) Ticket options include \$75 for individuals and \$400 for a six-person Team Table. Attendees must be 21 or older. No tickets will be sold at the door.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Funds raised by the Beer Tasting & Trivia fundraiser will help pay for the care of the dogs, cats, kittens and puppies being rescued and rehomed by C.A.R.E. volunteers.

Resurrection Trivia Night

Resurrection College Prep High School is hosting Trivia Night on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Resurrection, 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the trivia contest will begin at 7:00 pm. The entry fee is \$25 per person and there will be 8 players per team. Participants may bring their own snacks and appetizers. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit the Resurrection Athletic Program. Reservations may be made on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org and questions may be directed to Mr. Eddie Kane at 773.775.6616 Ext 134 or ekane@reshs.org.



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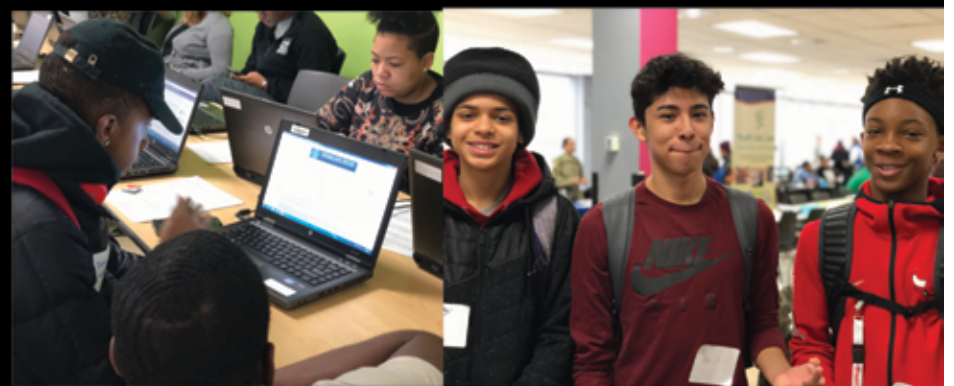
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Midway: A Lecture by Paul D'Amato

Paul D'Amato's series, Midway, is a project that explores the twilight zones of urbanity which exist between neighborhoods that are geographically, ethnically and socio-economically distinct. The heart of it is Chicago's Midway Airport, one of the few airports in the United States that is embedded within a residential area of a city. It is a rock thrown into the middle of a pond of humanity, with economic and cultural ripples extending for miles in every direction.

Though working class, the Midway community is difficult to define and routinely ignored by everyone going to the airport in order to fly to places that are far more exotic. Just about every ethnic group in the city lives there against a backdrop of strip malls, fast food restaurants, light industry, shipping firms and transportation companies. Most of the residents are midway between poverty and middle class. Very few have flown on the jets that make their dishes rattle every ten minutes. It is hard to conceive of anywhere that is less romantic. The challenge that D'Amato faced while shooting this project was to weave all these incoherent pieces together into a body of work that could be from anywhere in the United States; because, it is emphatically midway and distinctly nowhere.

Paul D'Amato (American, 1956-) was born in Boston where he attended Boston Latin School at the height of racial unrest, civil rights and busing. He moved to Oregon to attend Reed College and claims to have learned as much from traveling cross-country four times a year – often by hitch-hiking and hopping freight trains – as he did in class. After receiving an MFA from Yale School of Art, he moved to Chicago where he discovered the communities of Pilsen and Little Village. The pictures and writing D'Amato produced there over the next fourteen years were made into the book, "Barrio." His most recent book of images made in the African-American community on the West Side, entitled "Here/Still/Now," was awarded the Lucie Foundation Book Prize in 2018. He has been awarded numerous grants and fellowships including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Pollock-Krasner Grant and a Rockefeller Foundation Grant to Bellagio, Italy. His work is in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Art Institute of Chicago among many others.

Mayor Emanuel Announces A Record 57.6 Million Visitors To Chicago In 2018

Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently announced Chicago welcomed over 57.6 million visitors in 2018 - a growth of 4.3% over the previous year, resulting in a new tourism record.

"When it comes to attracting tourists and business travelers, Chicago can go toe-to-toe with any city in the world," Mayor Emanuel said. "By continuing to set new tourism records and bring millions more people to Chicago every year, we are creating jobs and economic opportunities that reach every neighborhood."

The annual visitor projections released by Choose Chicago today were fueled by a growth of 4.4% in domestic visitors and an increase of 2.9% in overseas visitors.

Growth was also achieved in convention sales in 2018 as Choose Chicago and its partners at McCormick Place and participating host hotels announced that 59 additional new major conventions have committed to meet in Chicago in future years, that's in addition to 2,301 smaller meetings welcoming more than 1 million delegates committing to meet in partner hotels. In all, more than 2.6 million future room-nights are projected to be generated from an additional 4 million delegates.

The increases in 2018 were also reflected in major meetings and trade shows hosted in Chicago. Of the 50 largest events convening at McCormick Place in 2018, 40% (20 conventions) broke either attendance for exhibitor participation records, with 15 of these meetings setting new all-time attendance records, including 11 setting new exhibition space sales records and 8 that reported record-breaking number of exhibitors.

"The diversity of our visitors continues to grow as we welcome more and more people both from around the US and increasingly around the world," noted Whitaker. "Diverse customers help match and fulfill the incredible diversity of experiences, venues, flavors and performances found here. A great city to visit is borne out of a city that is a great place to live, work and play."

Adler Planetarium Invites Kids to Explore the Universe Together This Summer with Hands-on Space Science and Technology Camps Registration Opens February 7 at 10 am

Your campers won't ride any horses or capture any flags at the Adler, but they will have the whole Universe at their fingertips. With tools like telescopes, programmable robots, and high-altitude balloons—and new friends around every corner—Adler summer campers share adventures of cosmic proportions.

The Adler Planetarium offers a variety of unique summer day-camp experiences for campers entering preschool through 10th grade. Young space and technology enthusiasts can use their imaginations, get creative, and explore their Universe together just like scientists do.

Camps run from June 17 through August 2. Registration for the general public will open on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 10 am. Members and previous campers will be able to register 24 hours before the general public, beginning at 10 am on Wednesday, Feb. 6. For more information on Adler Planetarium summer camps visit <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/> or email summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org.

Adler Family Plus-level members and above receive a discount.

Camp Overview

NASA's Apollo missions inspired generations of scientists, engineers, authors, and filmmakers. This year, as we celebrate five decades since the Apollo missions put human footprints on the Moon, campers will explore Earth's cosmic companion and the technology, ingenuity, and imagination that made it possible.

About the Adler: The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, nearly 570,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.

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Adult Enrichment Course At Resurrection College Prep High School

The Way of the Cross for Modern Times An Adult Lenten Spirituality Course
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm ~ March 5, 19 & April 2, 2019 ~ Course Fee \$50

All community members are welcome to participate in an Adult Lenten Spirituality course entitled The Way of the Cross for Modern Times.

Classes will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School on the following Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm: March 5, 19 & April 2, 2019.

The cost is \$50 - to register for the course, please contact Alisa Martorano at 773.775.6616 Ext 142 or amartorano@reshs.org.

The Stations of the Cross have been a popular prayer form going back to the Middle Ages and the course will explore the Stations of the Cross as a Lenten reflection on personal, societal and economic choices. The course will study how this prayer form can help us address both spiritual and social issues facing the Christian community in our world today. Along with the Stations of the Cross, course participants will use Catholic social teaching to help explore the walk with Jesus and experience our lived faith in our world today. A book of meditations on the Stations of the Cross by Pope Francis will be provided to each participant. Below are the books and resources that will be utilized in the course.

Participants will explore Catholic social teaching on the corporal works of mercy as we live out these works we bring healing to ourselves and to our world. The books for the course include the following: The Way of the Cross with Pope Francis by Pope Francis; Stations of the Cross - A Resource by Catholic Relief Services; and Resurrecting Easter: How the West Lost and the East Kept the Original Easter Vision by John Dominic Crossan & Sexton Crossan

The course will be taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo, Religious Studies teacher and Chamber Orchestra director, who holds a Master's degree in Music and Humanities from DePaul University and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University.



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Edison Park Post 541 Of The American Legion

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



Honor Flight Chicago - "Operation Locate A Hero"- 2019 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 2019 season flight schedule - with projected monthly flights from Chicago Midway to Washington, DC to visit their WWII Memorial. The trip is provided at (no) cost to the Veteran.

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

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

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



Cell Phones For Soldiers

Representative D'Amico has partnered with Cell Phones For Soldiers, a nonprofit serving troops and veterans, to collect gently used cell phones for members of our military. Donated phones will be used to provide free communication services to military members so they can connect with their loved ones. Donations will be accepted in Representative D'Amico's public service office located at 4404 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Office hours are 9 AM to 4:30 PM.



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St. Thecla Seniors Meetings

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

Norwood Park Seniors Club

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

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Help Birds Create a Nest in Your Yard

Now is the time to start thinking about nesting boxes for birds. Many cavity nesting birds scout out and select nest sites starting in late February through May. It is time to begin making preparations. Register your yard or garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat®, and you'll be entered to win a hanging nest box for your yard. Check out these tips for nest box success.

Choose your tenant. Different bird species have different nesting needs, so it is important to tailor the nest box to the species you want.

Location is key. Place your box so that birds have a clear flight path to the entrance and avoid placing your box in direct sunlight, the best position provides morning sunlight and shade in the afternoon. Different species prefer nest boxes at different heights, but make sure that it is at least 6 feet above ground to deter predators.

Provide security. Predators like raccoons, snakes, domestic cats, or non-native birds can destroy your nest. To prevent this, don't include a perch on your box which allows predators a place to grab onto to, choose a nest box with the right sized entry hole for the species you're attracting, and use a predator guard around the entrance hole or around the mounting post.

Don't forget to clean! Removing old nesting material can help minimize a build-up of nest parasites in the box.

By providing food, water, cover and places for wildlife to raise their young you are eligible to have your yard recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. When you certify, you'll join over 225,000 gardeners across America who provide safe places for wildlife like birds to thrive. Creating a wildlife habitat garden not only helps wildlife, it gives you a beautiful place to experience nature every day.

Thank you for all you do for wildlife. Call 800-822-9919 for information.

Winter Farmers Market in Jefferson Park

April 7, 2019, May 5, 2019.
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Brunch available - Cash Bar. Also see www.
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Maxwell Street Market will Offer New Hours and Programming this Winter

Beginning in 2019, the historic Maxwell Street Market will have new hours of operation, open every Sunday from 9am until 3pm. This January and February, shoppers will also enjoy a convenient winter layout with all vendors located on Desplaines St. between Polk St. and Taylor St. as well as a free parking lot (enter on Polk St.).

Recently, the Maxwell Street Market - the year-round Chicago tradition of bargains and bargaining with an international flavor - received an "Our Town" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding will be used to support creative entrepreneurship, to enliven the street with performances and public art works and to improve the design, function and sustainability of the market in the South Loop community.

Visit the Evanston Indoor Farmers' Market this Winter!

The Ecology Center Indoor Farmers' Market returns for the season with a variety of vendors selling wintertime goods! The market will be at the Ecology Center every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, until the end of April. Free parking is available in the lot at Bridge Street and McCormick Boulevard.



Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association

The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association, JPNA, will meet on Feb. 27, Wed., at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, lower level, 5320 W. Giddings at 7P.M. Meetings are Free and open to the public.

Federal Representative Quigley assisted in making arrangements for a member of the U.S. Postal Service to speak about services in this area. There will be a question and answer period. There will be light refreshments and free parking at the Hoyne Bank on Milwaukee Ave. For more information call 1-773-282-3879.

Calling All Seniors

Join the Senior Polka Association North. Yearly membership \$10.00. Meets at the Lone Tree Manor: 7730 North Milwaukee, Niles, IL on the first Tuesday of the month. Live Polka music from 5-6pm. There is a short meeting at 6pm followed by cake, coffee, and bingo. Join us for an enjoyable evening. Call Richard 847-209-1385.



Young At Heart Ballroom Dancing



Young at Heart Ballroom dancing for dancers of all ages. We are a not for profit organization and have been in existence for 18 years. Dance Friday nights from 7:30pm - 10:30pm at the American Legion, 9757 W. Pacific, Franklin Park, Illinois. Doors open at 6:30. Admission - members \$10, guests \$12 - Cash Bar. Dances every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. We are a friendly group, large dance floor, plenty of free parking. For more information or directions please call Char at 773-203-2053.

GOLDEN NUGGETS

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C. S. Lewis



A few years back, when our Grandmother had already passed on, but our Mother and Aunts (her daughters) were still the foundation of our Family traditions, we Sisters, along with our Cousins, contributed recipes we had collected from our Mom's kitchen. As we began putting them in some sort of order, since we all shared so many of the same ones, the beautiful pattern of our growing up was forming.

The recipes themselves were, of course, cherished, but more so were the memories they awoke as we relived those years of celebrating and just plain sitting down to dinner each night with our nuclear Families. So many of our Grandmother's recipes called for a "little bit of this, and a dash of that". "You just have to learn the feel", she would say. "That comes by doing, and trying again and again until it comes out just right!!"

We compiled them into a Family Recipe book, which led to a second and perhaps sometime in the future, our offspring will do another. The richness that we all have gained is of a value that can't be duplicated by wealth and the common elements of these memories have strengthened what binds us together as we age.

Our "elderly advice" to the younger generations is to guard against letting your heritage disappear. We are connected always through the love we share as we shared those meals. Think about how you can solidify YOUR personal Family story.

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BEEF ROLLADEN

This is one of the most well-known and great favorite beef dishes of Germany. Each cook adds his or her own touches, and this method of preparation comes from Hildegard Christophers of DeBary, Florida, and from Richard Bappert of Deltona, Florida, who worked for years at Nick's Meat Market in Chicago.

Use thinly-sliced sirloin tip (from full tip) or London broil cuts of beef about 8" x 4" or 6" x 4". Have the butcher slice it real thin or cut it with the meat slicer when meat is frozen. You can also pound the slices with a meat mallet, which will tenderize the meat even more. Spread with a brown mustard. Place a slice or two of lean bacon and thinly sliced onions lengthwise on the meat. You can also use 4" long slices of celery or carrot, both cut in half lengthwise, and a quarter of gherkin the same width as the meat. Roll up tightly lengthwise and secure with two toothpicks. Dust with flour on all sides and brown a few at a time in olive oil. Set aside.

Oven method: After all pieces of rolladen are browned, place them side-by-side in an oven-proof baking dish and add any leftover celery, carrots and onion.

Stovetop method: Place rolladen in a pan with tight fitting cover. Add vegetables as above. Deglaze frying pan with water, add one or two beef bouillon cubes for flavoring or some brown Maggi seasoning, and add to rolladen. Cover tightly and simmer or bake in a 350 degree Fahrenheit oven for about half an hour. Turn rolladen, cover pan again, and simmer or bake for another half hour. To prepare the gravy, remove rolladen from pan so that only the juices and extra cooked vegetables remain. Dissolve some corn starch in cold water, slowly add to the pan juices and stir and heat until the gravy is nice and smooth.

Favorite side dishes to serve with Beef Rolladen are bread dumplings, homemade spaetzle, or cooked store-bought noodles, along with your favorite vegetable or salad. Bon appetit!

Your "Tante Mitzi" Bappert

SPAETZLE

Ingredients: 2 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, 1-1/2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, 2-3 tbsp. butter

Fill large pot 2/3 full with water and add about 1 tsp. salt, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low or medium so you have a gentle boil. Beat eggs and milk with a fork. Combine flour and salt and add to egg-milk mixture; stir with a wooden spoon until flour is blended

in and dough is smooth. With a tablespoon, spoon almost-sized portions into the water by first dipping the spoon into the water and then taking dough from the edge of the bowl. Dip spoon into the water with each spaetzle. This will help them to fall off the spoon easily. Cook until spaetzle rise to the top of the pot. Test a large one by cutting it in half to be sure the center is not raw. Pour into colander and drain thoroughly, then quickly rinse with cold water and shake as dry as possible. Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the spaetzle and fry until lightly browned. Use a spatula or wooden spoon to stir. If you have a spaetzle press, use a heavy stainless steel or cast aluminum pan to place the press on the edge. Fill the press with dough, and when the water is boiling, press the dough into it. Since the noodles are thinner than when made by hand, when they hit the boiling water they bounce back up almost immediately, that's how quickly they cook, but test one for doneness.

This recipe is from Maria Kreiling from a cookbook published by the Women's Club of the Danube Swabian Society of Chicago with the title, "Our Daily Bread."

BAVARIAN RED CABBAGE

Ingredients: 4 slices of bacon; 1 medium onion (1/2 cup), chopped; 4 cups shredded red cabbage; 1 tart apple, pared, quartered and chopped; 1 tbsp. sugar; 1/2 tsp. salt; 1/8 tsp. pepper; 1/4 tsp. caraway seeds and 3 tbsp. cider vinegar.

Fry bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving 2 tbsp. of the drippings. Saute onion in the drippings until soft. Add the cabbage, apple, sugar, salt, pepper and caraway seeds. Stir, cover and cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Add vinegar and cook for 15 more minutes.

This recipe is from Marianne Schroeder from the "Our Daily Bread" Cookbook published by the Women's Club of the Danube Swabian Society of Chicago. Copies of this book can be bought for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Send your check to Annerose Goerge, 7113 N. Keeler Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

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