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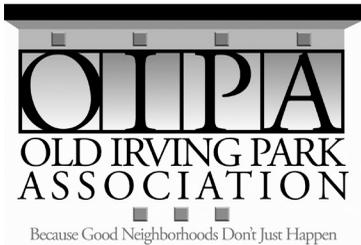
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Second in A Series: Meet Our Board



Adrienne Chan, Board Member

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, which is located on the West side of the Mississippi River, right across from the Illinois/Wisconsin border. We made at least annual visits to Chicago during my childhood. From the first time I stepped foot into the holiday bustle of State Street and the grandeur of Marshall Fields, I was in love with Chicago.

Photo of Adrienne and her family courtesy of Adrienne Chan.

How long have you lived in Old Irving Park and who is in your household? My husband, Chris, and I moved from the Roscoe Village neighborhood to the 4100 block of Kilbourn in July 2009, with our son Andrew (then 2, now 10), daughter Catherine (then three weeks, now 8), and dog, Elsie (2003-2016). We love dogs, especially Golden Retrievers, and have promised that we will welcome another one into our family soon.

Work outside of OIPA? I have degrees in finance and law from the University of Iowa. Go Hawkeyes! I am part of a small law firm, Stevens & Chan, that focuses on private equity, mergers, and acquisitions, entity strategy, and structure, contract negotiations, commercial real estate and general business matters. In addition to OIPA, I also frequently volunteer at St. Edward Parish and School and have previously served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Chicago.

Favorite local business: One of our family's favorite businesses in Old Irving Park is the YMCA. We have been going there since we moved to the neighborhood. My member card is so old; my picture features not only me but also the top of my daughter's head poking out the top of her Baby Bjorn carrier. We use the fitness center, take classes to improve our skills in a number of sports, attend summer camps and the occasional day off school program, as well as many of their fun community events like the Halloween Haunted House. We always run into neighbors there—it is a bit of a neighborhood hub.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Breakfast drink of choice: Coffee with milk.

Interests/Hobbies: Running, yoga, reading, cooking, gardening, volunteering, and shuttling my kids around (I'm not sure that this counts – but it consumes a good chunk of my “free” time).

Favorite things to do outside: Almost anything, if it is sunny or warm. I especially like running on the North Branch Trail, working or playing in the yard with the kids, or enjoying a cool beverage on the patio (or at a Front Yard Friday with my neighbors). A good summer weekend involves all of those – and probably a little league game.

Profession you would have if given a “do over”:

I haven't figured that out yet.

Last book you read: *Nine Women, One Dress* (light) by Jane L. Rosen and *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens (not as light). I'm currently reading *Wonder* with Andrew and Catherine. I am a pretty strict follower of reading the book before watching the movie. Needless to say, that prevents us from seeing quite a few shows at the movie theater.

Craziest thing you've ever done: The craziest thing I've ever done (crazy in the context of “what were we thinking?”) was living in our 100+-year-old home throughout a major 9-month renovation. Despite the dust, noise, makeshift kitchen, and more dust, it was really interesting to see the progress and transformation up close on a daily/weekly basis.

History with OIPA: I've attended OIPA meetings and helped with Parents Committee activities from time to time since we moved to the neighborhood. I joined the Board of Directors in 2016 after a few of my other volunteer commitments had run their course. I currently serve as the Vice-President.

Favorite part of serving on the OIPA board: I would have to echo Lynn, and say that my favorite part is working with neighbors who care about our community.

Hope for the future of OIPA: I would love to see even more residents join and engage with OIPA. I think a vibrant neighborhood requires a lot of collaboration by its residents. Everyone has something unique they can contribute to maintaining our strong, well-organized community. It would be wonderful to bring more friendly faces, new ideas, and helping hands to our neighborhood endeavors.



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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on February 12, 2018 — Anna Sobor for Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Membership updates: OIPA currently has 530 member households (so multiply that number by 2—4; can we count the pets, too?). Our website is being reconfigured to allow people to select recurring (automatic) renewal when paying online. Plans are underway to order OIPA tote bags.

Outdoor banners: We have received some response from mailing; board will hit the pavement to ask in person once weather gets nicer.

Business development: Gidley Management Group is preparing to launch a survey aimed at local businesses using OIPA and GIPNA social media. They are conducting this project pro bono. Thank you!

Update about 13 Pins, 4202 W. Irving Park, closing and eviction: Ald. Arena informs us that eviction proceedings are underway. Entire building is being purchased by an established pizza restaurant operator from the Chicago suburbs. They're planning on rehabbing and opening a restaurant.

Donations: In addition to the \$500 donations approved in January to several local public schools and groups, it was agreed to donate \$100 to Block Club Chicago, a newly launched online news site. It is led by former *DNAinfo.com* Chicago editors. Old Irving received comprehensive coverage from DNAinfo, so we value this effort to focus on local news. If you'd like to donate/subscribe, they've launched a Kickstarter campaign. Here's more info: <https://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2018/02/08/dnainfo-alumni-launch-new-hyperlocal-website>

March OIPA Meeting: The March member meeting will be held on March 12, 7 p.m. at Lower Level of the Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W Irving Park Rd.

Our April meeting will be held at the newly opened Eris Brewery and Cider House, 4240 W Irving Park (at Tripp). Topic: Details to come. We will keep you posted via email and Facebook.



March OIPA Member Meeting

March 12 | 7 p.m.

Lower Level of Irving Park Baptist Church

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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on February 12, 2018 — Lynn Ankney, President, filling in for Bart Goldberg, Secretary

We planned to mix things up for our February meeting by making it less structured, with a dessert potluck and social gathering to brainstorm future meeting topics, locations, and guest speakers as well as newsletter columns. What I hadn't anticipated when I arrived to prepare for the meeting was a room full of "extras" from the television show "Chicago PD." As many OIP residents know, our neighborhood is a frequent filming location for the various "Chicago" series, and it turns out the church basement was serving as a catering location. There were no celebrity sightings, and our meeting began after the crew packed up their chairs and tables.

We had two first-time attendees: **Sonia Seifert** and **Jennifer Wade**. These ladies, along with a third partner, recently opened Bluebird Wellness, located on the east side of Pulaski at Avondale (across from City Smiles and Smoque). Bluebird offers acupuncture, bodywork, herbal therapy, nutritional counseling and tai chi classes. Services are in English and Spanish and provided on a sliding scale.



Pastry: Homemade and store bought pastries provided a fitting kick off to Mardi Gras.

We had four banquet tables filled with members socializing, eating various baked goods, drinking coffee, and contemplating the survey questions posed on a half sheet of paper given to them upon arrival.

Here are some highlights:

Suggested Meeting "field trips":

- Ballgame outing/fundraiser
- Visit garden club members' gardens/yards
- Meeting on the Schurz lawn with chairs
- Walking tour of the neighborhood (with or without scavenger hunt to "shop local")
- Irving Park Historical Society archives/files
- School tour at Belding or Disney 2 including history, art or science fair presentation
- "Live" Meeting on Facebook
- Working meeting to beautification the community



Orange sign: Our meeting space was plastered with directional signs for Chicago P.D. extras.

OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



Suggested Guest Speakers Ideas:

- New CPD Commander of the 17th District
- ComEd regarding money-saving energy
- A speaker from City Hall regarding beneficial city programs
- Personal safety seminars
- 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino
- Six Corners future/master plan
- Seniors club w/ information about how to get involved and access services

Suggested Newsletter Article Topics:

- More history of Old Irving
- (New) business and restaurant reviews
- Plans OIPA has or would like to have
- "Fact or fiction" stories (myths, legends, rumors)
- "Ask the handyman" (professional craftsman who can offer older home maintenance tips)
- Interview someone whose house has been filmed for "Chicago PD" or "Chicago Fire."
- Bring back the "Crime Watch" column

If you have any additional ideas or want to volunteer to help make any of the above a reality, shoot us an e-mail at oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com



Congressman: Cong. Mike Quigley talked about his many interesting experiences while serving in Washington, D.C. He is on the House Intelligence, Transportation and Appropriations Committees.



Towards the end of the meeting, Congressman Mike Quigley addressed our audience. He began his remarks noting that while his experience serving in the United States Congress has felt very different under the current administration in comparison to the previous one, his goal is always to provide services. Congressman Quigley reminded the audience that his office is available to assist citizens with issues around Medicare, Medicaid, hiring interns, military appointments, and tours in Washington D.C. The Congressman also noted that his job required efforts he wants to do in addition to regular standard services and indicated he is most passionate about infrastructure, gun control, and climate change.

While that is what he "wants to do" he wrapped up his thoughts by offering insight into what he "has to do," such as participating in the current Russia investigation, and he also voiced his confidence in Special Investigator Robert Mueller. The Congressman concluded his time by taking a couple of questions from the audience and thanked us for letting him attend our meeting and represent us in Washington.

(L-R) Jennifer Wade and Sonya Seifert, two of the owners of Bluebird Wellness, 3817 N Pulaski, introduced themselves and their new business.

OIP REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY



Prepared by Tom Brandt

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Submitted by Howard Silver

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RECEIPTS			
Newsletter Advertising	\$2,997.23	\$9,263.20	\$12,260.43
Web Advertising		\$900.00	\$900.00
Dues	\$119.85	\$10,744.02	\$10,863.87
Interest	\$3.44	\$20.38	\$23.82
Banner Program		\$959.00	\$959.00
Parents Committee			
Ice Cream Social			
Century House Program		\$300.00	\$300.00
Donations		\$2,090.00	\$2,090.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,120.52	\$24,276.60	\$27,397.12
DISBURSEMENTS			
Newsletter-Print		\$5,442.00	\$5,442.00
Newsletter-Design	\$818.50	\$4,097.50	\$4,916.00
Postage and Envelopes		\$479.59	\$479.59
Hall Rental		\$300.00	\$300.00
Web Site		\$475.00	\$475.00
Banner Program		\$400.00	\$400.00
Donations	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Professional Services			
Directors' and Officers' Insurance			
Mural Projects			
Misc Board Expenses		\$357.66	\$357.72
Parents' Committee			
Holiday Party	\$300.00	\$1,201.00	\$1,501.00
Federal and State Annual Reports		\$25.00	\$25.00
Membership		\$179.83	\$179.83
Ice Cream Social			
Planters			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,618.50	\$12,957.58	\$17,576.14
ENDING BALANCES	\$ 64,919.64		
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Kolmar Park	\$270.97		
Parents Committee	\$348.64		
Historical Committee	\$13,616.27		
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March Anniversaries

- 6 Cindy & Karl Kuhn
- 10 Patricia & Scott Gustafson
- 15 Lily & Jimmy O'Shea
- 17 Amanda & Andrew Meindl
- 21 Michael & Cynthia Brick
- 23 Jen & Shane Knox
- 24 Kim & Rob Starmann
- 28 Denise & Curtis Giszczynski
- 29 John & Deborah Cook
- 31 Steve Thomas & Jennika Gold Thomas

March Birthdays

- 1 Anne Gruber
- 1 Kathleen Held
- 2 Karen Fitzgerald
- 5 Charlene Adamski
- 5 Phuong Johnston
- 8 Carlos Eguis-Aguila
- 9 Frank Nagorka
- 9 Valerie Ginnan
- 13 Richard Slosarski
- 14 Roger Essex
- 15 Tonna Koehler
- 18 Barry Bebart
- 18 Beth Valukus

- 19 Maria Czyzewski
- 19 Robert Lopez
- 20 Charles Graff
- 20 Eileen Stern
- 20 Goeff Reu
- 20 Steve Sonberg
- 21 Olivier Lopez
- 22 John Mueller
- 22 Martha MacMorris
- 22 Raymond Wachala
- 23 Karl Kuhn
- 24 Josh Davis
- 24 Vilmar Arias
- 25 Cindy Kuhn
- 25 Janine Kostelny
- 25 Jim Mindak
- 25 John Buss
- 27 Steve Poskus
- 28 Tom Jezuit
- 29 Alisun Liu
- 29 Roseanne Cherepski
- 29 Randy West
- 30 Christine Levy
- 30 Dan Jacobs
- 30 Vicki Ross
- 31 Phoebe Craig
- 31 Vanessa Reu

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Get In on the 'Ground' Floor — Claudia Hine

As plants begin to emerge from the ground, the March 17 meeting of the Irving Park Garden Club will cover spring gardening tips.

Photo by Claudia Hine.



Were you intrigued by the Irving Park Garden Club's programs and events as detailed in this newsletter last year? Is this the year you want to spruce up your yard, plant a vegetable garden, or dress up your porch with containers of beautiful flowers?

Did you enjoy the club's annual garden walk last summer? Do you kill every houseplant that you bring home? Is your yard filled with more creeping Charlie than grass? Are you intimidated by "master" gardeners?

Well, have I've got a deal for you. The Irving Park Garden Club is kicking off its 2018 season on Saturday, March 17, at 10 a.m. We meet at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Membership is just \$20/household, and now is your chance to get in on the ground floor and enjoy all the programs we have planned for 2018.

Along the way you'll discover that, although our members are serious about gardening, we don't take ourselves too seriously. Our motto is: We like to dine, drink, and dig.

Our March speaker is **Irene Flebbe**, assistant director, Trailside Museum of Natural History, part of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. She's going to give us some tips for spring gardening activities—what to do and when to do it—including lower-maintenance and pesticide-free gardening practices.

So join us on March 17. Pay your 20 bucks, cash or check, and see how becoming a member of the Irving Park Garden Club will inspire you to get your hands dirty.

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IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of Luella Yoder

By Vern Yoder (edited for space)

Luella Faye Yoder died Dec. 16, 2017, after succumbing to complications from the West Nile Virus. She was born Feb. 2, 1934, to Orval and Lena Smucker. She was the third of seven children and grew up on a farm outside of Harrisburg, OR.

Luella grew up with a very conservative Mennonite church. She would recall how the church was so conservative that it required members to paint chrome bumpers black. She loved education and music, but did not have opportunity to pursue either beyond 8th grade because of the practice of the Mennonite Church. But the family work ethic and Christian values built a fortress in her heart that she stood on for the rest of her life.

At the age of 18, Luella married Martin Yoder Jr. on Christmas Day 1952. They settled on a dairy farm near Lookingglass, Oregon, with a population less than 50. Before she turned 30, she lived through the burning down of her house, a failed dairy farm that plunged the family into debt, and six kids! The family ended up in a small house in the mountains where the three oldest children had to sleep in the barn.

In 1969, Martin visited the church in Los Angeles at Elden Hall and was caught by a vision of the church. He called Luella and told her the family was moving to L.A. Tears flowed at the thought of leaving the beautiful Oregon countryside and family and friends to move to a big city for an unfamiliar church life. But she packed up six kids, animals, and belongings and drove the family in a VW van 800 miles south. A church family with four kids took in the Yoders for several months. The sleeping arrangements for the three oldest children were upgraded to a garage. Soon the



family settled a few blocks from Hollywood. The family had chickens, a monkey, an alligator, cats, dogs, and so on—kind of like the Beverly Hillbillies, except for the oil.

In the summer of 1969, tragedy hit. The two teenage sons had gone back to Oregon to help with the harvest on her father's farm. The oldest, Donald, while trying to unjam his combine, got caught in the throes of the blades. By the time he was found, his body had been torn up from the chest to his feet, which had to be amputated. After months of rehab, including learning to walk on prosthetic legs, he lived a rather normal life. Don passed away of pancreatic cancer in 2009.

In the summer of 1970, Luella and family migrated to Chicago to propagate the same church they had experienced in Los Angeles. The families came with no jobs and no place to live. After staying in the YMCA for several months, the family settled in an apartment building with other church families. The older sons sleeping arrangements were now upgraded to a corner of a basement separated by paneling.

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Stephanie Cutter



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IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of Luella Yoder | *Continued from page 16*

Martin became a union plumber with a steady job and the family bought a large house with bedrooms for everyone to sleep in. Luella and few others founded a "Sisters' Tea," which is still thriving today.

But more turmoil soon followed. In the summer of 1978, Luella was left to raise four teenage children on her own. She hadn't had a job outside of the home. She decided to do what she did best—care for children. She started a home-based day care and worked tirelessly to support her four teenage children, pay the mortgage, and daily necessities. She never broke down. She never gave up. Her Christian faith

only increased. When served with divorce papers, she refused to sign them, even with the realization that an uncontested divorce had dire financial consequences. In her mind, she had married for life and so kept her wedding ring on her finger until the end.

Louella's house was always a place of hospitality. She hosted thousands of dinners with her special cooking and baked delicacies. She welcomed people from all walks of life, including high school kids who needed a temporary residence, youth groups, Christians from Africa, and more. Years later, one of those kids became her daughter-in-law.

In her children's minds, she was terrible at business. She would, at times, babysit for parents that could not pay. She would sell 10-20 of her homemade loaves of bread every week and bake and decorate cakes for weddings and birthdays for little profit. In 1987, she joined a hurricane relief effort in Taiwan.

Luella loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She never forgot a birthday or wedding anniversary. Thanksgiving was special to her. There was always a traditional feast, including warm rolls from the oven and her raspberry jam (from her bushes in the back yard). At Christmas she would make peanut brittle, toffee, fudge, cookies, and more. She played the piano and she looked forward to singing in the Messiah downtown.

Luella's life was extraordinarily difficult in several ways, but she also experienced blessings from the Lord. She will be sorely missed by us remaining on earth.

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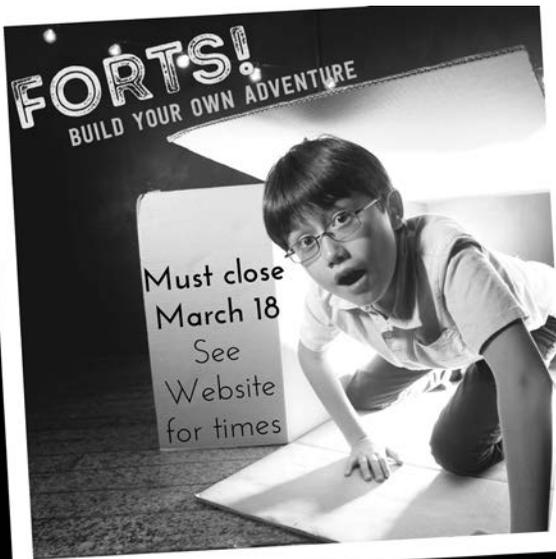
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- Write a fun story about our neighborhood or a fond memory.
- Share your knowledge on a topic.

Deadline for editorial submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. to k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include "OIPA submission" in the subject line of the email. See page 40 for full details on submission requirements.

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Irving Park Fine Arts
Committee Presents

Ling Classical Strings

Noted professional violinist and Mayfair resident John Ling will bring his string quartet to the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's final concert of the 2017/2018 season. The concert will be held Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

Members of the quartet are John Ling, first violin, John Eckhardt, second violin, Daniel Golden, viola and Mark Anderson, cello. The concert will feature Mozart's String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465. Nicknamed the "Dissonance Quartet" it is perhaps Mozart's most famous and is the last of six quartets he dedicated to Joseph Haydn.

A reception with the artists follows the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. The concerts are relaxed and casual, lasting about an hour. Perfect for families!

The 2017/2018 Fine Arts season is dedicated to the memory of Nancy and Gordon Johnson, the Irving Park Lutheran Church members who with Artistic Director Roger Bingaman founded the series in 1994. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. To learn more, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.



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TIP FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

Gardeners: Resist the Urge!

— Maureen Taylor

After a long, cold, snowy winter like we've just had in Chicago, we gardeners are more than eager to get out and get to work clearing and cleaning, but I urge you to hold off a bit...for now anyway.

You should resist the urge to clean up your beds too early. Even though we are all anxious to see what is starting to grow, it is better to wait it out a bit. Hopefully, you kept the leaves from last fall in your flower beds. These leaves help regulate the temperature of the soil. Removing this organic cover too soon will expose the tender shoots to our unpredictable spring weather. The old leaves will decompose on their own and give essential nutrients back into the soil.

As consistently warmer weather arrives, (around mid-March or later) you can start to remove some the leaves to expose the crowns of the plants, but do not put the leaves in the trash can. Leave this material around the roots of the plants instead.

If you can live with the look of the decomposing leaves for a few extra weeks until the plant fully leafs out, your garden will thank you for it by being more productive!

Winter and early spring in the garden is a series of freeze and thaw cycles. These cycles create tiny air spaces called "pores" in the soil which are essential for healthy plants. Soil is a living organism and as



Photos by Christian Joudrey (top) and Scott Webb on Unsplash

such needs, oxygen to exist. Without adequate oxygen, it becomes waterlogged, and roots of plants will rot.

If you dig or even walk on your garden beds too early when the soil is wet, you will do a lot of damage to your soil by eliminating these air spaces. If you must walk in your garden, lay down a plank of wood and walk on that instead.

Maureen Taylor is a Master Gardener, Landscape Designer, past president of the Irving Park Garden Club and owner of Taylor Made Landscape Design www.taylormld.com • 773 255 2789



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Award Winning Children's Book Sets World Premier Adaptation at Filament Theatre

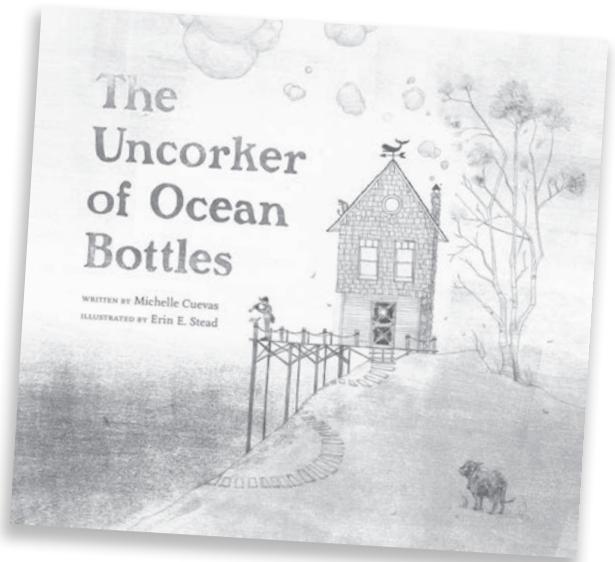
Penguin Books has awarded Filament Theatre the right to develop the world premiere of Michelle Cuevas & Erin E. Stead's award winning book, *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles*. This "captivating" picture book full of "quirky charm" (*School Library Journal*) was recognized as one of the top children's books of 2016 by *TIME*, *People's Magazine*, *School Library Journal*, and the *Boston Globe*.

Filament has brought together the team from their hit theatrical dining experience, The Van Gogh Cafe, to develop *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles* into an all new theatrical experience. With opportunities to play and engage with the story, Filament will have the whole family living the production in new and unique ways.

Performances begin April 21st. Preview tickets start at \$12. Show your support of Filament Theatre by purchasing your tickets in advance. (Tickets can be exchanged anytime up until 60 minutes prior to your scheduled performance.) To schedule a birthday party at *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles*, please call: 773.270.1660.

FORTS! Build Your Own Adventure has been extended!

Performances and party bookings will continue through March 18th. Don't wait to purchase tickets. Performances have been filling up!



The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles by Michelle Cuevas & illustrated by Erin E. Stead.

Classes and Summer Camps

In addition to offering immersive and adventurous theatre for young and family audiences, Filament is offering classes and summer camps for young people ages 6–12 where they create a play from soup to nuts! Check out our spring class associated with *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles* (April 23 – May 21: Mondays from 4:45 – 6pm) as well as our creative youth summer camps! (Sessions 1: July 9 – 20; Session 2: July 23–August 3; Session 3: August 6–10).

For more information or to register for classes, visit www.FilamentTheatre.org or call (773) 270-1660. Filament Theatre is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60641. See you at Filament Theatre, where families come to play!

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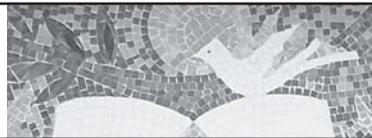
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We Believe in Providing a Rigorous Curriculum for Every Student

St. Viator's new Director of Curriculum & Instruction, **Mrs. Nilma Osiecki**, has established the Continuous Instructional Leadership Team (CILT) to enhance school-wide teaching and learning practices. At the outset, the team engaged in discussions around school needs, standardized testing, goal setting, teacher leaders and teamwork. The CILT will implement the academic aspects of the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and advance the professional development of faculty members.



Photo: St. Viator's Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Nilma Osiecki, holds 3rd grader Sam Gonzalez's undivided attention

Annual Spring Soirée

The annual Spring Soirée is always a good time. For the first time, it was held at the Klairmont Collections, a showplace for classic cars. The evening of dining, dancing, games and bidding on silent-auction items helps support St. Viator's facility upgrades, classroom improvements and scholarships.

2018-2019 Applications

Plans are in full swing for the 2018-2019 school year, and we invite you to join our community. Acceptance letters will be mailed in mid-March. We accept applications on a rolling basis, space permitting.

Upcoming Events

All events are held at the St. Viator Rec Center, 3644 N. Kedvale and are open to the community.

Primary Gym – March 3 and 17, 8:30 to 10 a.m. – A relaxed yet active environment where children and parents can participate in basketball, baseball, scooters, floor hockey and parachute.

Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup – March 8 and 22, 9 to 10:30 a.m. – Fun and FREE playgroup for children in the community (ages newborn-4) and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, hula-hoops!

Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – March 25, 8 a.m. to Noon

Open House – March 14, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tour the school while classes are in session to see all that St. Viator has to offer. Or call the office to set up a tour date/time that works for your schedule.

For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or email Marge Tiritilli at mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org.



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St. Edward Gym, Buckley Hall 12–5 p.m.

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Submitted by Cosette Bergin, St. Edward School Communications Volunteer.



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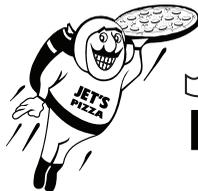
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The Buzz at Belding

— Lisa Owens, 4th Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher

Belding is a City Leader in Social Emotional Learning

Did you know that Belding School earned an “exemplary” rating for how the school cultivates the social and emotional skills of our students? Belding was one of a handful of schools which demonstrated a strong commitment to social and emotional learning (SEL). Belding also has in place robust systems that ensure a supportive learning environment for all students. The school is implementing a variety of best practices which promote SEL for all students, and the environment is highly consistent with all areas of the CPS School Climate Standards. Almost every Belding teacher has received in-depth training in Responsive Classroom or Developmental Designs, two programs designed that empowered our teachers to create calm, joyful classrooms where students feel connected to each other and staff. These classroom routines also help us to explicitly teach social skills, using the Second Step program, a nationally recognized and research-based school program.

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Dancing the Day Away

On January 25 and 26, students in grades K-8 proudly displayed the amazing techniques they have been studying during their weekly dance class. Led by Belding’s fantastic instructor, **Kelly Schroeder**, each grade performed a piece showcasing the various genres they have learned during the first semester of the school year. Highlights of the show include Broadway, ballet, hip-hop, and modern dance with the spotlight being the Belding 7th-grade students showing off impressive tap dancing skills.



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Belding Geography Bee

You may have watched the **National Geographic Geography Bee** on TV in May each year, hosted by Alex Trebek. The road to that final national competition begins in schools like Belding across the country each winter. Students in each 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade classrooms competed in December to determine two finalists per room. From those 12 finalists, the ten highest scorers competed in the Belding finals. The Belding winner, 7th grader Emre Esmesz, then took a written test to determine whether he advances to the Illinois state competition.

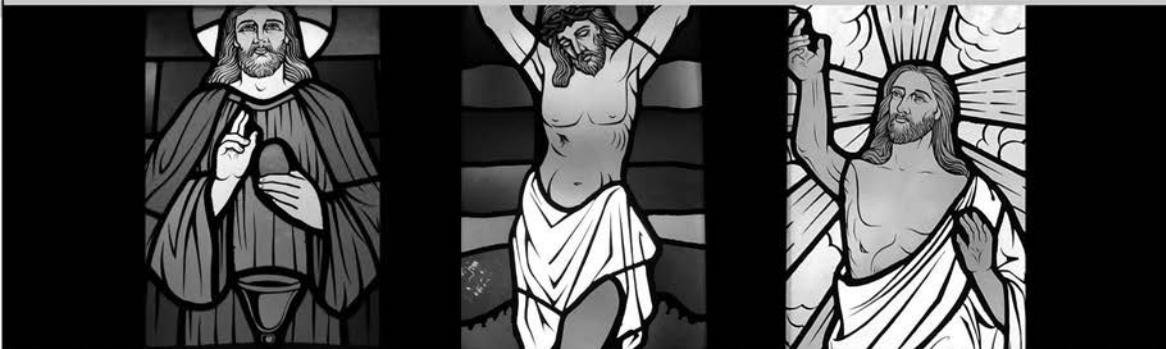
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Are you curious to see what Belding Elementary has to offer your child?

Each month Principal Heather Yutzy offers school tours for prospective parents. The tours are a great opportunity to see Belding teachers and students in action and to learn more about our school. Upcoming tour dates include February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15. Tours begin at 8:00 a.m. in the school office.

Holy Week and Easter

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Good Friday March 30, 12:00 and 7:30 P.M.

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 31, 7:30 P.M.

Easter Sunday April 1, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 A.M.

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FDC Renews Major Pantry Grant

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the FDC Foundation has provided us with a grant of \$30,500. The money will fund our nutrition programs and our client resources coordinator position during the year. We are grateful to John Doyle, Susan Patke and the entire board of FDC for their continued support. Thanks also to volunteer Cathy Foster for preparing our proposal.

We Appreciate Your Support

Thank you to **Community Savings Bank** for their donation of \$2,000 and to Hoyme Federal Savings for their donation of \$250 and for undertaking a food drive to benefit the Pantry. We also are grateful to Red Rover for their continued support of the Pet Food Pantry through a \$2,000 grant. And we continue to receive \$600 in monthly GCFD food credits through the City of Chicago's grant program.

Thank you to **Potbelly's** for hosting a "Feed Your Smile" fundraiser for the Pantry in December, which raised \$125. Thanks also to Josie's Frozen Yogurt Café, which donates the proceeds from its gumball machine, which to date has raised \$378.00. Owner Barbara Murphy also is providing our clients with coupons for a free To-Go container of yogurt.

These programs and the efforts and donations of so many in our community help us to continue our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

Easter Baskets
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The Pantry will give out Easter baskets to our clients' children up to 8 years old during March (prior to Easter on April 1st). We are happy to accept items to fill these baskets (including the baskets) and pre-filled baskets. We use medium-sized baskets with grass and fun items from the dollar store:

- Plastic eggs filled with jelly beans or change.
- Snacks such as juice pouches, crackers, breakfast bars, and microwave popcorn.
- Wrapped candy.
- Bubbles, Nerf balls, Yo-Yos, pinwheels, etc.
- Easter pencils, erasers, toys.
- Small stuffed animals.
- Stickers, crayons, markers.
- Little books and activity pads.
- Baskets: Please use plastic or fabric baskets that stack easily.

If you have any questions, email Megan Tormey at megan.tormey@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteer Audra Nelson and friends are shown preparing baskets for the 2017 distribution. Photo by Craig Shutt

*Article submitted by Craig Shutt. John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
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On February 2, 2018 Six Corners Association transformed Filament Theatre into a honky tonk hub of fried chicken, craft beer, and dancing in an effort to raise money for the organization's economic development efforts in Chicago's Portage Park community. Nearly 300 people joined the festivities that featured live music by FOLK YEAH, a bluegrass band showcasing top radio hits, country-style cuisine from ten local restaurants, and a beer-tasting from twelve local craft breweries.

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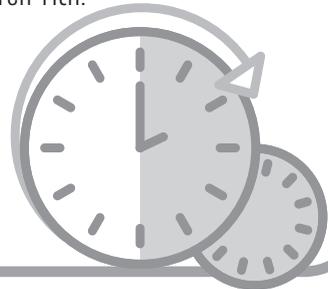
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Spring Forward for
Daylight Saving Time!

With Spring just around the corner, it's time to adjust your clocks for Daylight Saving Time.

Remember to set the time forward one hour on Sunday, March 11th.





Dear Old Irving Park Residents,
I am happy to announce that I recently attended the groundbreaking for the Independence Library and Independence Apartment at 4024 N. Elston Avenue. The new Library will not only provide a permanent home for the Independence branch library but will also provide senior housing. The library and apartments will be opened at the end of 2018.

Sincerely,
Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Chicago Park District Online Registration for Summer 2018 Programs

The Chicago Park District Online Registration for Summer 2018 programs at parks located West of California Avenue will begin on Monday, March 23, 2018, at 9 a.m. and In-Person Registration will begin on Saturday, March 28 at 9 a.m. Please contact Gompers Park (4222 W. Foster Avenue, 773-685-3270) Peterson Park (5801 North Pulaski Road, Building J, 312-742-7584), or the Chicago Park District website (www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) for further information.

March 20 Primary Election

For the March 20 Primary Election, Chicago voters and residents will be able to use Early Voting & Registration through March 19 at North Park Village Administration Building (5801 N. Pulaski). Ballots cast in Early Voting are final. Those who need absentee ballots can get the applications from my office. To register to vote, or for additional information, please go to www.ChicagoElections.com.



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Daylight Savings Time

Despite the snowfall we've had, spring is just around the corner! Daylight Savings Time helps us make better use of daylight during the warmer months. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 11 at 2 a.m.

Winter Overnight Parking Restrictions

Winter Overnight Parking Restrictions are in effect until April 1. Seasonal restriction signs are permanently posted. Vehicles Parked on critical arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be towed, as well as ticketed, between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. whether or not snow is on the ground.

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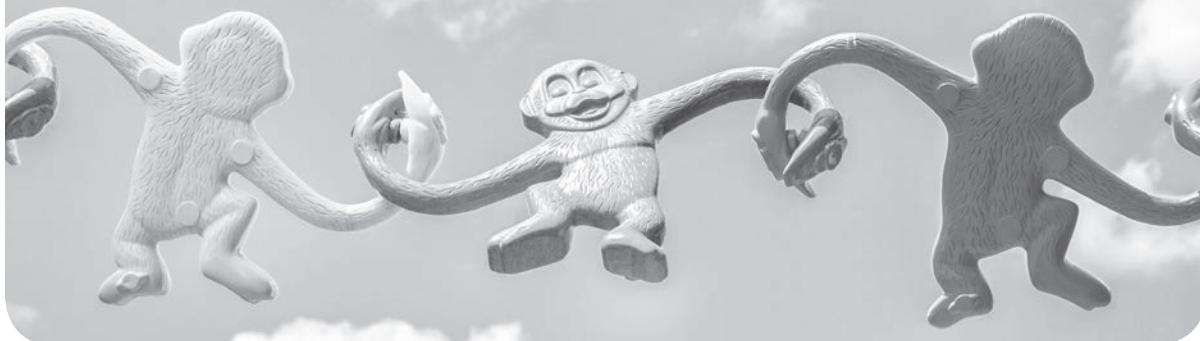
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4100 N. Harding Ave. Free Admission – Reception follows the concert
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- 12** **OIPA Member Meeting**
7 p.m. | Lower Level of Irving Park Baptist Church
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- 17** **Irving Park Garden Club
Spring Garden Tips** | 10 a.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church | 3857 N. Kostner Ave.
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- 25** **St. Viator Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**
8 a.m. to Noon | St. Viator Gym, 3644 N. Kedvale.

Be a Connector — Spread the News!

Please consider passing this newsletter on to a neighbor as a gentle reminder to renew his/her household membership or, better yet, to someone on your block who is either a new resident or not familiar with OIPA.





2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us If you don't have access to our online membership form, please complete the form below.

This is a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership

We like to celebrate our members in our newsletter. Birthday and anniversary information is optional. If you wish to be included on the birthday and anniversary page in the newsletter, **you must provide the information annually** to be included (adults members and spouses/partners only).

NAME (FIRST/LAST) BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST) BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS expire August 31 and are due by September 1.

Membership dues received after May 1 will be applied to the following year membership.

MEMBERSHIP DUES (per household)

- Membership Benefits:** Monthly meetings, hand delivered paper newsletter, member/spouse birthday and anniversary published in newsletter, ice-cream social, holiday dinner
- \$25/year Standard - \$15/year Standard Seniors (age 65+)
 - \$75 Good Neighbor: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter and an OIPA Tote Bag
 - \$150 Neighborhood All-star: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter, an OIPA Tote Bag, and admission for two to an exclusive OIPA party
 - Add \$17/year for OIPA NEWSLETTER deliveries out of boundaries. (Boundaries: South of Montrose, North of Addison, West of Pulaski & East of Milwaukee District North railroad tracks adjacent to Kilbourn/Kolmar)

GIFT MEMBERSHIP: Simply complete the form above or the online form with your neighbor's name(s) and address. You may not know their birthday/anniversary info. That's okay – we'll follow up with them. **If purchasing online:** Please indicate this is a gift subscription in the final box titled, "Special Instructions."

SEND FORM & PAYMENT TO: Old Irving Park Association, c/o Meredith O'Sullivan, OIPA Director / Membership, 4061 W. Warwick Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: Old Irving Park Association **OR** join/renew online: oldirvingpark.com/join-us

From the Editor: SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

Note: Ten newsletters are produced annually (Newsletters are not published in the months of January and June). A heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

**Submission
deadline:
2nd Tuesday
of the month.**

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, articles (440 words maximum without photos, 300 with photos) for publication. Please send content as a Word document or in an email. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable. Send your contributions to: Kathleen Kearns at k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include **"OIPA submission"** in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting — advertisement, article or event for community calendar, etc.

Photos should be accompanied with a caption(s) and photo credit. If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wetransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using [wetransfer](https://wetransfer.com).

Deadline for advertising AND editorial submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. Materials SUBMITTED AFTER this date will be held over to the next month's issue.

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Half Page: 6.25" X 3.75"
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