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Julia Henriques

Why did you start this volunteer gig and how long have you been doing it? I don't remember when I started, but I volunteered because I wanted to do something to support our community. Oh, and because my lovely neighbor Barbara Chadwick asked me and I couldn't possibly say no to her!

What block do you deliver newsletters? I cover two blocks from 4000 to 4200 N Kilbourn.

How long does it take you to deliver to your route and do you do anything else while making deliveries?

It only takes me about 10 minutes - not really long enough to need entertainment or company while I walk. My dogs stand in the yard and watch me intently though! I've occasionally taken them with me, but I discovered they're not very good delivery assistants—they think I'm walking up and down steps for no reason and after a couple of houses the dogs make it quite clear they'd rather wait for me at the bottom of the steps at each house!

Photo (above) provided by Julia Henriques (Per Julia: "Photo was taken on vacation in New Mexico in 2018 — dogs posing under protest!")

Do you have any funny stories or observations you've made while delivering newsletters? My neighbors are used to seeing me out and about with my dogs, and sometimes I think they don't recognize me when I'm by myself! On a more serious note, though, I've gained a new admiration for our mail carriers—what they do is quite strenuous work, and they have many more homes to deliver to (and steps to climb) than I do! We're lucky to have wonderful dedicated and hard-working mail carriers in our neighborhood.

Is there anything you would like newsletter recipients to know that would make your job easier? No, it's an easy couple of blocks, and there are no difficulties on my short route.

Three words to describe Old Irving Park?

If I have to pick just three words...warm, generous and caring. We have an amazing community of kind-hearted friends and neighbors. I found out just how true that is last year when I had some serious health problems. I was bowled over by all the help and support I received—not just from close friends but even from people I didn't really know well. I'm so grateful to live in a neighborhood where people really care—and show it!



OIPA | Meet Your Volunteer Delivery Team



Photo provided by Mark McKelvey

Mark McKelvey

How long have you been doing it? I've been delivering since the early 1990s except when we were gone for eight years and John and Jan Soule kindly covered for us.

To which blocks do you deliver newsletters? 4200 & 4300 blocks of Keeler

How long does it take you to deliver to your route? Do you have any observations? Is there anything you would like newsletter recipients to know? It takes about 20 minutes to deliver and I wish it took longer. MORE PEOPLE SHOULD BELONG TO OIPA! We give a membership as a welcome-to-the-neighborhood for new neighbors and they mostly all renew on their own.* Save your issues and share them with others on your block and encourage them to join. Help build the community! We all benefit in so many ways.

*Lynn Ankney and her family were gifted an OIPA membership from the McKelvey family as a welcome to the neighborhood. Lynn shared, "That's how my family found out about OIPA 14+ years ago!"

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"UNCONVENTIONAL" OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT



OIPA Board on Reconnaissance Mission

April 17, 2019 – Lynn Ankney, President & Treasurer

On Sunday, April 7th, the OIPA Board of Directors took a field trip about 15 minutes up the Edens for the express purpose of eating pizza at **Burt's Place**. Why may you ask? Because we wanted to meet the owner, **Jerry Petrow**, and grab a sneak peek of the legendary pizza he's bringing to Old Irving Park. Loyal readers might recognize Jerry's name as the person we previously identified as the new owner of the 4202-4204 West Irving Park building. Jerry has big plans to completely transform the double storefront into a second location of Burt's Place, including two stories and a roof deck.

Our crew of 8 (plus Meredith's very wise husband, Tim O'Sullivan) dined on cheese curds, deep fried pickle slices, and two XL pizzas. We opted for the "Burt's blend" of sausage for one and ordered a veggie medley for the other. Everything was delicious, and we look forward to welcoming Jerry and his OIP Burt's Place team to the neighborhood!

We're pleased to report we accomplished some business while conducting this very *tough* reconnaissance mission, including making plans for our May meeting. Mark your calendars for May 13th at 7:30 p.m., where our general meeting will tentatively include speakers from the Garden Club, and OIPA will roll out a new and improved adopt-a-greenspace program, complete with contest and prize award components!



Pictured, top: *front row left to right:* Annie Swingen, Adrienne Chan, Anna Sobor. *Back row:* Scott Legan, Colleen Kenny, Jerry Petrow, Bart Goldberg, Lynn Ankney, Meredith O'Sullivan, Tim O'Sullivan

Picture above: Veggie pizza half way into being demolished

Photo credit: (per Lynn Ankney) was our server at Burt's, but it was my camera!



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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

April 8, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Announcements: On a fine spring evening President Ankney commenced the meeting at 7:34 p.m. in front of a crowd of about thirty OIPers. Before we could get to our full slate of interesting guests that attended for our “This Old Irving Park Home” meeting, the Prez first brought us up to date on a multitude of issues including the following:

- **Several of our Board members had attended a meeting held in the Villa that featured the Commander and other officers from the 17th**

District Police Department. Some of the recent incidents of serious violence had been the reason for the meeting. It was announced that ten new police officers are going to be deployed in the 17th in the very near future. Furthermore, the District has a Strategic Command Center that operates 24/7 and includes about 85 cameras in the District and that the number of cameras was also going to soon be increased by ten.

- **Several of our Board members attended a meeting with Jim Gardiner, the newly elected Alderman for the 45th Ward.** It was a great chance for us to get to meet one another, and we really look forward to working with him in the future. There will be a similar meeting in the near future with **Samantha Nugent** who was just elected in the 39th Ward.
- **Anna Sobor reported that there were about fifteen people at the most recent meeting of the Friends of Independence Park Library, and that their next meeting will be on May 9, 2019 (all are welcomed).** She said that a big concern is that while nearly 75% of the books had been lost in the fire, the budget for new books at this library will be no different than at other existing libraries. As a result, there may be a Go Fund Me effort for that purpose in the near future.
- **Several Board members also attended the meeting at Schurz High School where the future of the field project was discussed. Waveland Avenue should reopen to allow traffic in one direction by the end of June.** The decisions have not yet been made

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concerning the improvements being made in the neighborhood space at the field, but will be soon.

- **The Board issued a letter of support** in favor of the special use permit that was required in order to split the space presently occupied by McNamara's into a bar and a restaurant, as was described to the community in our March General Meeting.
- **Cathey Curley updated us on the efforts to landmark the home at 3916 N. Tripp.** She reports that it has now passed the first several hurdles. The Commission has preliminarily designated it as a landmark, which is only advisory. The owner now has the option to consent within 45 days, and if not, there will be a public hearing prior to final determination.

- **This is where the meeting went a little off the rails for me.** President Ankney informed us that she and Anna Sobor had recently visited the Sulzer Regional Library located at 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue and that they felt that this library would be the best location to house our historical archives. Then an eight year old boy, Ellis Swingen (son of Board member Annie Swingen) raised his hand and asked "What is an archive"? The room was instantly awash in love for this young man. You would have thought everyone was watching a video of a puppy playing with a kitten. He was so cute, so inquisitive, and he had the confidence to ask this question in

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a room full of adults. President Ankney did not miss a beat. She smiled sweetly and said "That is a REALLY good question." She then proceeded to explain, but I did not hear another word. Why? My wife says "That's a really good question" to me several times a day and I had always found it a bit annoying. Now I knew it was because she treats me like an eight year old, and so I started to pout... but I digress.

Main Speakers

(Since there were so many, I must keep these summaries brief)

Dan Zolkowski: Our first speaker was this very accomplished local builder who (not coincidentally) is the brother of Anna Sobor (though after seeing his laid-back demeanor I have some questions about that). He was a delightful speaker (as were all of speakers tonight) and could have easily filled over an hour himself. He first discussed the many things that a homeowner should do with the changes of the seasons, such as changing filters or cleaning dryer vents. He brought a slide show that provided us with pictures of many of the pitfalls he has encountered in old homes, and the possible improvements that can be made, and took many questions from our audience along the way.

Amy Bobel (Outreach Coordinator, Peoples Gas Energy Efficiency Program and the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program): This was a return visit for Amy, so if you want even more detail you can check the minutes from our May of 2018 meeting from your personal

archive (ask Ellis if you need a definition) of past Newsletters. Briefly, you can call Peoples Gas at 844-367-5867 or visit Comed.com/Assessment or peoplesgasrebates.com and schedule a free energy assessment. They will then send out a consultant who will spend an hour or two examining your home to advise you of the many ways that you could take steps to make your home more energy efficient, and thereby lower your energy bills. They will give you an amazing amount of free stuff as well, such as power strips, showerheads and hot water pipe insulation. This is why we invited her back so soon!

Laura Marie Sanchez (from the Irving Park Historical Society): We have had Laura Marie at many meetings as well as she is probably the foremost present authority on the history of OIP. Tonight she was there to just briefly plug the Century House Program. The program exists to celebrate the fact that our community has a lot of really cool old houses. She said that there are about 800 homes in OIP that are over 100 years old. So long as she can verify the age of the home, you will receive a great plaque to display on your home. It does not matter if the house has been completely remodeled since that time. She emphasize that these are completely honorific and that it does not preclude future modifications to your home. The cost is just \$25 so long as you're a member of OIPA and you can find an application on our website or at any meeting.

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Ward Miller from Preservation Chicago: Ward was glowingly introduced by our own Cathey Curley. In the process of this introduction, she described how she is now spending her every Saturday at the Chicago History Museum doing research to compile a database of the homes in OIP. Very impressive! She would appreciate any assistance from volunteers. But speaking of impressive, Ward is the Executive Director of Preservation Chicago, and speaks with vast knowledge and passion about the history of Chicago architecture and the value of preserving it. I have just now quickly viewed their website and would really recommend it to the curious. It is very informative, and I was glad to see that they are not afraid to take somewhat controversial positions such as placing the Thompson Center (which Gov Pritzker is putting up for sale) on its Seven Most Endangered List. He spoke briefly about the landmarking process for individual homes (such as is now happening with 3916 Tripp). He would clearly prefer something more expansive, which would be to declare Old Irving Park (or some part of it) a landmark district. However, while there are

benefits from that, such a designation would prohibit homeowners from making major renovations to the front facades of their homes (but they would be free to modify the rest of it). The process would require approval of the City Council and would take at least a year or two, and by presenting this speaker the OIPA Board was simply providing information for consideration and was in no way indicating its support.

This super-sized meeting ended at 8:57 PM.

Future Meeting: It will be on May 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal. Keeping with our spring theme it will include speakers from the Irving Park Garden Club. See you then!

Special Offer: Buried in the text of the above minutes is the title of a song by the Rolling Stones. The first adult who correctly identifies the title will receive one free drink of beer or wine at our next meeting (although we don't charge anyone) along with a front row seat.

OIPA GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2019

7:30 p.m. (Please note start time)

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May Anniversaries

- 8 Annette & Tim Huizenga
- 10 Ed Caplan & Gina Iliopoulos
- 11 Henry & Susan Strozewski
- 11 Lindsey & Josh Evans
- 11 Tom & Therese Jezuit
- 13 Gerald Pitzen & Jean Pitzen (deceased)
- 14 Kathryn Janicek-Wright & Ted Wright
- 15 Lowell & Peggy Krischer
- 15 Mary Pat & Frank Serpone
- 19 Carlos & Yolanda Touza
- 24 Cathie Van Wert & Tim Menard
- 24 Kelly & Jeremiah Kaye
- 24 Reetu & Will Sanders
- 28 Kristie & Chris Hein
- 30 Chris Weil & Patel Nimi
- 31 Alice & David Sheets
- 31 Barry & Karen Bebart
- 31 Leslie & Bob Becksted

May Birthdays

- 1 Jose Frau
- 4 Estela Sanchez
- 4 Michael Kirk
- 5 Hector Fundora
- 6 Kara Wagner Sherer
- 6 Rosemary Knight
- 7 Elizabeth Basile
- 7 Steve Baumhart
- 9 Allison Young
- 9 James Gabriel
- 9 Mike Manier
- 9 Sarah Royston
- 10 Juan Torres
- 10 Megan Stalder
- 13 Mona Garcia
- 13 Sinisa Rasberger
- 14 Katherine Heinrich
- 14 Ted Wright
- 15 Joe Simz
- 15 Mark McKelvey
- 16 Jimmy O'Shea
- 16 Patel Nimi
- 17 Lauren Lopez
- 18 Burke Leshner
- 18 Theresa Lechowski
- 20 Christine Stypka
- 20 Kate Roche
- 20 Larry Takaki
- 21 Carolyn Jensen
- 21 Cindy Malin
- 21 Phil Timberman
- 21 Theresa Mueller
- 21 Tim O'Sullivan
- 22 Amy Isadore
- 22 Craig Shutt
- 22 Hannah Lehman
- 22 Shaun Quinn
- 23 Adeline Krohmer
- 26 David Kozisek
- 28 Janet Sayre
- 29 Kevin Krakora
- 30 Kathryn Janicek-Wright
- 31 Wendy Lundgren

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list?

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Commission of Landmarks Meeting

SPOTTED (Right): OIPA members attending April 4 meeting of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in support of the John Nuveen House, 3916 N. Tripp. Pictured are (front row from left) Cathey Curley, Irene Flaherty, Laura Marie Sanchez, and Eileen Stern. Back row: Ellen Ruschhaupt, Maureen Taylor, Claudia Hine, and Jen Rood. *Photo by Mary Lu Siedel*



SPOTTED (Below) at the Chicago Creative Coalition Gallery Show at Oggi Gallery: OIPA members Laura Marie Sanchez, Claudia Hine and Kaitlyn Keely. Sanchez and Keely were featured artists in the show. *Photo by Kathleen Kearns*



SPOTTED (Above): Claudia and T. J. Hine, with their good friend the Easter Bunny at Fannie's on Montrose. *Photo by Warren Perlstein.*



SPOTTED: Schurz High School hosted its annual DREAMERS Conference. Their mission is to provide a safe space for students and inform the community on issues regarding immigration. *Photo courtesy of Schurz High School.*

See more information on Schurz High School on page 30.

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Divide and Conquer — Claudia Hine

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Competition can be fierce as the gardeners scout the selection table and hope for a low number in the draw. **Ed Caplan** described last year's event as a "plant draft," and he managed to walk away with the high performing Bluestar Amsonia he had his eye on for **Keeler Gardens**.

This event is free for members; it's just \$20 to join. For more information and location, email claudiahine@icloud.com.

Tripp Garden Worker Bees

On April 6, several club members met at the Tripp Garden for a 20-minute spring clean up. They cut back woody stems and grasses, pruned shrubs, and picked up one thousand cigarette butts, which may be an exaggeration, or not. Thanks to **Sue Geisler, Claudia Hine, Laird Larsen, Katie Orozco, Karen Wehrle, and Natasha Wyatt** for helping out. We were done in no time.



IPGC member Joan Jones has adopted "Spencer," one of 15 planters that will receive a makeover in May. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

Community Planting Day

Prior to "the draft," club members who volunteered to adopt one of IPGC's square concrete planters along Irving Park Rd. will have already picked up their flowers from the distribution point at Tripp Garden and installed them.

The designers at **Farmers Market Garden Center** on Elston Ave. provided the plants and planting scheme, and the Old Irving Park Assn. funded the purchase. Thank you to FMGC, OIPA, and IPGC members for making this Community Planting Day a success.



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Garden Walk Set for June

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 22, when the Irving Park Garden Club will hold its annual garden walk. Coordinator **Mike Basile** has lined up a number of beautiful gardens for you to tour, and tickets are just \$10 for nonmembers. Watch this space for more details or visit our Facebook page for announcements.

We're the Irving Park Garden Club. We like to dine, drink, and dig. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub) or contact me at claudiahine@icloud.com.

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I want you to know that as I transition out of office, my love for our community won't diminish. I continue to remain inspired and hopeful for the future of our ward. I will continue to stay involved and will join you in your advocacy for resources for our community. Together, we have already accomplished a great deal.

We have seen over 100 businesses make the 45th Ward their home; laying the foundation to become a destination for Chicagoans once again. Three corners of Six Corners Shopping District will be welcoming transformational new development this year. We also welcomed a new state-of-the-art Independence Branch Library with 44-units of affordable senior housing units earlier this year.

We have fought for increased transparency and oversight at City Hall. We have fought for fiscal reform for how the city accrues its debt and for how they enter privatization deals. We have fought for an elected school board and for TIF reform. I trust the progressive leadership that will enter the Mayor's office in May, as well as from other wards throughout the city, will continue to carry the torch in fighting for a city we all deserve.

And while I am disappointed with February's returns, I want you to remember that this office and this campaign was never about one individual. This was always about creating community in the part of the city we love.

I hope you will continue our fight for a more just and equitable city; one that is welcoming to people from all walks of life. A city that will fight on behalf of our veterans, persons with disabilities, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, women, men, and those of all different religious backgrounds.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve two terms as your alderman.

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— Eileen Schnepff, Communications Liaison

Create You...a Reader

Congratulations to Disney II elementary Battle of the Books students for becoming Network 14 finalists! They will advance to the next round of the Battle of the Books competition coming soon.

Create You...an Artist

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Disney II Magnet High School Visual Arts students who were selected to be a part of the All City High School Visual Arts Exhibition in April: Abelardo Guerra, Alexander Hartman, Ashlyn Tadeja, Bryanna Cooke, Christopher Lopez, Cody Villalon, Ella Pollock, Eneyda Salcedo, Enrique Sanchez, Ethan Baum, Jucxinia Morris, Kayla Trinidad, Lizbeth Mendez, Nelson Ramirez, Sabrina Correa, and Tais Torres. We are so proud of your amazing work!

Create You...a Scholar

We are so proud of Disney II high school students Mia Roman and Eileen Deane who recently presented at the IST Coalition Student Research Showcase. Mia and Eileen attended the event with their AP Capstone teacher, Mr. Eli Pupovac. AP Capstone is a diploma program developed by the College Board, which consists of two courses: the AP Seminar and AP Research. Students who successfully complete the program receive an AP Capstone Diploma upon graduation. Disney II was the first non-selective enrollment high school in CPS to offer the AP Capstone diploma.

Create You... a Disney II Titan

Disney II Magnet High School will be accepting 10th & 11th grade transfer students for the 2019-20 school year. The transfer student application opens May 1, 2019. If your student is interested, please email jcardenas28@CPS.edu or call 773-534-5010.

Learn More

Learn more about how students can "Create You @ Disney II." Disney II Magnet School is an excellent a K-12 choice for your child, visit our website disneyiimagnet.org or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @DisneyIIMagnet.



SAVE THE DATE

Disney II Titan Art Fair – Block Party

Friday, May 31st from 4–6 p.m.

Disney II's Lawndale Campus, 3900 N. Lawndale. This event is open to the entire Disney II community of families and neighbors. Hope to see you there!

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The Buzz at Belding — Lisa Owens, 4th Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher

Exciting things are happening at Belding School

We are a candidate school for International Baccalaureate and will have this program in place by 2021. With the IB program, Chicago is planning to invest in capital improvements to provide more space and handicap accessibility at our school.

The planned construction project will add an elevator inside the north end of the school and other increased accessibility improvements. The construction will also provide six additional classrooms built in two “nooks” along the east side of our building. The construction project at Belding is happening now. Classroom construction will be completed in August with the elevator completed in the fall after school is back in session.

International Festival

Belding Elementary invites the Old Irving Park community to the 5th annual International Festival on June 14th from 3–6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the beauty of diversity through music, dance, and cultural food! Classes have teamed up to learn about various countries this year and will demonstrate their knowledge in fun and creative ways. Participants can visit each country’s tent and buy crafts, sample foods, and participate in hands-on activities. Tickets are \$5 per person with food and craft tickets for purchase.

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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. This is a great opportunity to see Belding teachers and students in action and to learn more about our school. Upcoming tour dates include May 21, May 28, June 4, and June 11. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the school office.



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Disney Musical: *The Lion King*

We are excited to share that the African savanna will be coming to Scammon where we will meet Simba, Nala, Timon, Pumba, and the rest of the characters from the beloved adventure, *The Lion King*. In partnership with the Goodman Theater, our students will bring this story to life through the art of storytelling, song, and dance. This will be a night to remember! Scammon will have school performances on May 8th, 9th, and 10th. Our students are excited for this musical performance!

Spring Sports Competition

Spring is in the air, and so are our hopes for this season's athletes! Scammon is lucky to have a devoted coaching staff who take charge in preparing our Huskies for local and regional competitions. This season we offer cheerleading, flag football, track and field, and girls soccer.

Plan to attend games, cheer on our talented Huskies, and represent Scammon's spirit of unity!

PreSchool and Kindergarten Enrollment

The enrollment process opens for Scammon's preschool and kindergarten program. As a Level 1+ CPS neighborhood school we are excited to accept applications. Please reach out to us at 773-534-3475 for more information or to schedule a school tour.

Interested in learning more about Scammon Elementary?

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New Family Night and Open House

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Track is off and running!

At a recent meet at Loyola Academy, Ryan D. placed first and Basant D. third in the JV 100 meter dash. In the 200 meter run, Ryan placed 2nd and Basant 5th. Taylor B. was 2nd in the JV shot put. For the boys' varsity shot put, Emmet R. placed 2nd and Charlie M. 3rd. Girls The JV girls' javelin throw had Calleigh placing 5th and Valentina placing 6th. We dominated in the boys' JV high jump with Ryan D. placing 1st, Teddy M. Placing 3rd, Eddie I. placing 5th and Oliver S. placing 6th. Way to go team!



Congrats to Our Volleyball Players

Our 6th Grade Girls' team had an undefeated season and won the league championship. Our Boys' Varsity was also the 1st place finisher in the league, unfortunately losing in the championship game.

BIG RED RUN

Get ready for the 5th annual BIG RED RUN featuring a 5K and 1 Mile fun run/walk on Chicago's NW Side. Made for runners of all speeds, including our always-motoring kids, this race is all about having a good time. Join us again or for the first time. After the run, stay for games, activities and celebratory food & drink. REGISTRATION OPEN: www.stedsbigredrun.com/registration.

Welcome Wednesday Held May 8.

Join us for coffee and a tour of classrooms while school is in session. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with a campus tour at 9a.m. Tours are open to all prospective parents with children entering school or older students that might want to transfer. We will have parents available to answer questions. Questions or to RSVP please email rsvp@stedwardschool.com. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow day, please call the school office 773.736.9133.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Our seniors will graduate on May 30th. We wish them the best of luck with their future and look forward to watching their high school accomplishments.

Registration is open

for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms are available online at www.stedwardschool.com/admissions/forms/

We are a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon and are located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue. We welcome students in grades PK3 – 8th grade. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133.



St. Edward School is a nationally-acclaimed elementary school offering classes from three-year-old preschool through eighth grade. Testing amongst the top 15% in the nation, St. Edward School was presented with the prestigious and coveted National Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Stay tuned for upcoming events at stviatorchicago.org or on our Facebook page.

Arts & Academics

At our Art Zone Show and Academic Fair, current and prospective families visited St. Viator to admire student artwork and meet our teachers. In its 22nd year, Art Zone is the parent-led fine arts program. This year we studied the jungles of Henri Rousseau, Magical and Mystical Creatures, Keith Haring's gesture paintings, pattern collages by Yayoi Kusama and the iconic characters of Chicago-born graffiti artist Hebru Brantley. Students then created their own works of art, such as superhero self-portraits, based on each artist's style.

Volleyball Tournament Success

Our annual co-ed intramural volleyball tournament for grades 3–8 was a rousing success. The students played their hearts out all weekend long, and it closed with exhibition matches pitting alumni versus coaches and 8th graders versus their parents.



Eighth graders celebrate their final intramural volleyball tournament weekend – a favorite St. Viator tradition.
Photo by Huguette De Alba Cogan

In Action

- The entire St. Viator faculty attended the **National Catholic Educational Association Convention and Expo** (“NCEA 2019”) on April 23-25. The conference brought together religious educators from across the U.S., Canada, and other countries to exchange ideas and debut cutting-edge research and technologies.
- St. Viator took part in the **Dollar for Dreams Lenten** program to benefit the Archdiocese of Nsukka in Nigeria. Donations will be used to help build a model school, purchase new medical supplies and equipment, and fund professional development centers for Nigerian teachers.

Upcoming Events

- **Prospective Family Open House** – May 15, 9–10:30 a.m.
Tour our school while class is in session!
- **Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge** – On Aug. 3, 1–5 p.m., local pitmasters will team up with local craft brewers in this annual competition where attendees vote for the winners. Visit www.beerbbqchallenge.com for information and tickets.
- **The Class of 1969's 50 Year Reunion is Sept. 14, 2019.**

Join Our Community!

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are still welcome. Please contact the office to find out about capacity in your child's grade.

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Students Bring Home 1st Place at the Great Lakes Midwest Regional Sea Perch Competition!



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Congrats to the Señor Bulldogs and Schurz engineering teacher Pete Schoedel for their 1st place finish! The Sea Perch Program provides students with the opportunity to learn about robotics, engineering, science, and mathematics (STEM) while building an underwater ROV as part of a science and engineering technology curriculum. Stay tuned to learn if we qualify for Nationals in Washington D.C.!

New Performing Arts Training Program (PACT) Coming This Fall!

This fall, Schurz HS and the The Chicago Ballet Center will launch the Performing Arts Career Training (PACT) program. This early-dismissal ballet-focused program will provide rigorous training for students seeking careers in dance while, at the same time, preparing them for the many career paths that support the arts. For more information about this program, please visit <http://bit.ly/2NV6ZZN>. 2nd round GoCPS high school applications close May 6th so make sure to apply and schedule your audition!

Keep up on the latest happenings at Carl Schurz High School Visit us at www.schurzhs.org , or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CarlSchurzHS. Questions or concerns? Kudos and compliments? Contact Dee Barrett at dibarrett@cps.edu.

Schurz Family Movie Night

Join us on Friday, May 31st for Family Movie Night brought to you by Schurz HS, The Logan Square Association & Friends of Schurz. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** Doors open at 5:30 p.m., showtime at 6:30 p.m. Concessions available for purchase. Family Movie Night is held on the last Friday of the month!

Dreamers Conference

On April 6th, Schurz High School hosted its annual DREAMERS Conference to inform undocumented students and their families about college access and affordability. Thank you to our “dreamer friendly” universities Northern Illinois, Northeastern Illinois, Dominican University, National Louis University, and Wright College for attending the event to discuss admissions processes and scholarships available to undocumented or DACAmented students.

JROTC Celebrates 100 Years at Schurz!

On April 5th, Schurz High School celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of its JROTC program. Over 300 cadets, alumni, faculty and school administrators attended the Military Ball at Poretta’s Banquets. Thank you to keynote speaker Schurz Principal Dr. Anthony Rodriguez, Senior Army Instructor 1SG Christopher Thompson, Alderman-elect Jim Gardiner and Director of Military Instructions, COL D. Baggio for helping us celebrate this momentous occasion!



Dueling Pianos for Carlson May 10th



Dan Gillogly will bring his dueling pianos to the IPLC gym.

Carlson Community Services is thrilled to present All American Dueling Pianos on Friday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Dan Gillogly, local legend and pianist extraordinaire will match wits and trade tunes with the equally talented Ted Oliver

Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Carlson operates three programs – an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Why travel downtown or to the suburbs to see the best dueling pianos show? Here's your chance to see Dan perform in the neighborhood, for a great cause! For more information, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

You can expect a rousing evening of comedy, sing-alongs, dancing and all-around amazing entertainment. Dan is a resident of the Villa with over 30 years of experience as an entertainer. He is a former music director at Second City and has performed at Howl at the Moon, The Redhead Piano Bar and on stages across the world.

The event is a fundraiser for neighborhood non-profit Carlson Community Services and will be held at Irving

TICKETS

Tickets for the show are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door for general admission, which includes light appetizers and a cash bar. VIP tickets are \$50 and include premium reserved seating, appetizers and two drinks. Tickets can be purchased at www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Left: Mariachi Monumental de Mexico closed out the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's 25th season with a jubilant performance on March 24th. The concert series is sponsored by Carlson Community Services.

Right: Mayfair resident and Mariachi John Ling visits with neighbors at the reception.

Photos provided by Liz Mills.



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that helps at-risk kids succeed with The Magic After-School Place (MAP), provides vegetables to people in need and beautifies our neighborhood with Three Brothers Garden and makes fine arts affordable and accessible through the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org



Walk with the Pantry on May 18th



Supporters from all walks of life are invited to take part in the Pantry's 2nd annual Neighborhood Walk on May 18th.

Photo by Craig Shutt



Join your friends for a short walk through the Old Irving Park neighborhood on Saturday, May 18th as the Irving Park Community Food Pantry holds its second annual Neighborhood Walk! The walk will kick off at 9 a.m. (we'll start gathering at 8:30 a.m.), and it will cover 1.7 miles around the Pantry's base at 3801 N. Keeler Ave.

Our goal is to raise awareness about food insecurity in our neighborhood, which includes the 60641 and western half of 60618 zipcodes. We ask walkers and friends to consider donating or bring donations items, especially men's white crew socks, toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and razors) or shelf-stable food such as peanut butter, mac & cheese, tuna, energy bars, etc.

We encourage school and church groups to walk together. Students can earn two hours of service time. For information, contact John Psiharis at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

On the Look Out for a New Home

With the upcoming sale of the Irving Park United Methodist Church building that has served as our home for 35 years, the Pantry is looking at a potential location in our service area that will be convenient to our clients. Our intent to move by the fall. More plans and a specific address will be announced once the move is underway.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jim Byrne**, the Pantry's operation manager, who is retiring from the Pantry after volunteering for 25 years. Jim joined upon his work retirement to drive the delivery truck, and little by little got talked into more duties until he was helping to place our food order, organizing deliveries, allotting weekly food disbursements and generally running everything! We wish him the best in his second retirement and thank him and his wife, Nora, for all their years of service and dedication to the Pantry.

*Article submitted by Craig Shutt. John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
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With Gratitude

Thank you to co-owner **Mike Barrett** of Liberty Tax Service (4900 West Irving Park Rd), who ran programs for the Pantry during February and March tied to the company's services. The total donation was more than \$1,600! We appreciate his help and everyone in Old Irving Park who helps us meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

Pictured at Left: Mike Barrett of Liberty Tax Service delivers a check to Irving Park Food Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis, the result of promotions run in February and March to support the Pantry. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

Pantry Easter Prep 2019



Volunteers (l-r:) Aaron Pendleton, Jessica Hartkopf, Sharon Spellman, and Emil DeJulio handed out Easter baskets for clients' children up to 12 years old during the Irving Park Food Pantry's program in April. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



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- 10 Carlson Community Services Presents All American Dueling Pianos | Doors open at 7 p.m., Showtime 7:30 p.m.** | Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym | 4057 N. Harding Ave., Tickets at carlsoncommunityservices.org
- 13 OIPA Member Meeting | 7:30 p.m.** | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner
- 15 Irving Park Garden Club | 7 p.m.** | Front Gardens: Putting Your Best Foot Forward with Shirley Remes | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Free for members; \$20 to join.
- 18 34th Annual West Walker Civic Assoc. Garage Sale | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** | westwalker.org
- til 26 The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane | Filament Theatre**, 4041 N Milwaukee Ave. | Based on Newbery Award winner Kate DiCamillo's best selling book. Tickets are available at filamenttheatre.org/edward.

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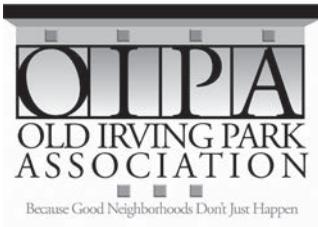
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From the Editor: SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

Note: Ten newsletters are produced annually (Newsletters are not published in the months of January and July). 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
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All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, articles (400 words maximum without photos, 300 with photos) for publication. Please send content as a Word document or in an email. We cannot use photos that are embedded in a Word document, you must provide images as separate files. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable as content submission.

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.

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

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