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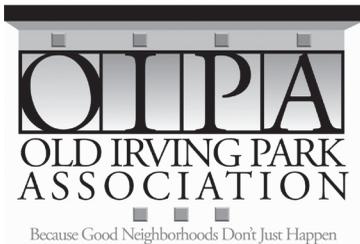
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When you've had just too much holiday fun...

– Lynn Ankney, President



The holidays are here, whether we like it or not. Yes, it's a joyful time, full of thanksgiving, charity, reconnecting with old friends, and the optimism and hope a new year brings. But before we get to 2017, there are holiday cards to buy, address, and mail; gifts to purchase, wrap and ship; cookies to bake and exchange; school parties, work parties, neighborhood parties...so many parties! And while all these activities make for a joyous holiday season (they do, right?), there's a lot of planning, shopping, cleaning, cooking and just plain old WORK associated with all of this supposed fun.

So when the holiday season's activities deliver as much "fun" as you can stand, I encourage you to embrace a concept my family holds dear: PAJAMA DAY. Year-round, we have one of these PJ days just out of sheer necessity to unplug from work, volunteer, and school responsibilities. In the winter, however, it feels like we hibernate a little more frequently and PJ Day is also known as Sunday. It looks something like this: no alarm clocks, a big "carbastic" breakfast with lots of coffee (for parents, not kids), music filling the kitchen (for parents and kids), unmade beds (this is me relax-

ing, really, ask my kids), lots of couch time catching up on family TV shows, maybe some board games, more cooking and eating, and if we're feeling particularly motivated, we may go in the back yard. Under no circumstances, however, does anyone even think about getting out of pajamas. Some of us actually brush our teeth and may start PJ day the night before with a shower and clean pajamas in anticipation of the next 24 hours. In short, it's not how you do Pajama Day, so long as you **do** the Pajama Day.

Whether or not the team that puts together this publication will adopt one, two, or twelve PAJAMA DAYS during the holiday season, I do not know. I can tell you, however, that the next issue of this newsletter, the Old Irving Park News, will be delivered in early February and our next OIPA meeting will be held on Monday February 13th. While having no January OIPA newsletter to read or meeting to attend may not seem like reason enough to institute a PJ Day, do you really need one?

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season, with at least one PJ Day this season.



Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on November 21, 2016 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Howard Silver, Anna Sobor, Meredith O'Sullivan, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, and Bart Goldberg

The Board meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m.

Treasurer's Reports: The Treasurer's Report for the prior month was approved unanimously by the Board pending audit.

Membership: Meredith reported that there are presently 426 dues-paying members. She also updated us on the number of people that have not renewed from last year (many of whom have moved) and we discussed how we can reach out to them.

4300 W. Berteau: The demolition of this distressed six unit building (that has been reported on many times previously is now finally occurring.

Schurz Field Proposal: We have been advised that Alderman Arena's office is working on an intra-governmental policy arrangement relating to the field, which has to be in place before they can obtain TIF funds for the field project. They would then draft the Plan of Operation that we still want to review.

Newsletter Financials: The Board reviewed the revenues and expenses that are being incurred with the new newsletter, and considered efforts to bring revenues up to the level of the expenses. Advertising rates in both the newsletter and the website will all be addressed in the future, along with the amount of the annual dues. Plans were made to try to obtain initial advertisers for the website at a discounted rate.

Holiday Dinner: Final decisions were made regarding the organization of the Holiday Dinner (see the General Meeting Minutes for details), including the times, entertainment, food and decorations, etc.

Other Matters: Some of the other matters discussed included: (1) ideas for building decorative screens under the Irving Park viaducts in the continuing efforts to address the homeless problem; (2) correspondence from the Garden Club requesting assistance with some of the planter beautification work that they perform; (3) 4301 W. Montrose (where President Ankney attended the community meeting being held by Alderman Laurino to address the problems there); and (4) new damage to some of the banners and our offer to the sponsors in response.

Meeting with Police Superintendent Johnson: The Board was recently notified that our Superintendent of Police, Eddie Johnson, will be appearing at the Independence Park Field House located at 3945 N. Springfield Ave, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM. We encourage anyone remotely interested to attend to let him know that we are concerned about policing issues, and to bring questions to ask.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.



Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on November 14, 2016 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

President Ankney commenced the meeting at approximately 7:00 PM. The attendance was very good, with at least 50 people there to eat popcorn and watch the flick about the history of our neighborhood. There were many new attendees so I cannot note them all. However, your lazy reporter did get the names of a few that were sitting next to me. They were Lauren Lopez of the 3700 block of Pulaski, and Braydon and Amber Thompson of the 4000 block of Waveland. I then traipsed all the way across the room to have the pleasure of meeting Patricia Lohenry of the 4300 block of Kildare. Patricia's home was built in 1896 and she is just the third owner of the home. She has lived in OIP since 1966 and this was the first OIPA meeting that she had attended. She said that she enjoyed the meeting and seemed to be open to a return visit. I did not think it polite to press her for a commitment (since her schedule may not allow it), but if she is planning to attend more frequently she will need to visit us again before the year 2066.

Committee Reports & Announcements

Neighborhood Projects

President Ankney updated the membership on several of the ongoing projects in the neighborhood. The biggest news was the recent announcement concerning a new public library. Our neighborhood had lost its local library when the prior facility in the 3500 block of Irving Park Road had been destroyed in a fire almost a year ago. A brand new library (which is in itself a first for our area) is going to be built at 4024 N. Elston Avenue which is the where the Hollerbach Funeral Home was previously located. Completion is probably two or three years away. This is really quite a

couple for the neighborhood, and we are very appreciative of the work that was done on its behalf by the Friends of the Independence Library, the local alderman, and members of our own Board.

Main Speaker – Irving Park Historical Society (IPHS)

Matthew Krecun spoke to us prior to the presentation about the Irving Park Historical Society. IPHS was formed in 1984, and was merged into OIPA about a year ago and is now a committee. The Historical Society is the keeper of a significant amount of the memorabilia and historical artifacts regarding OIP. which is stored at Schurz. Items are available for viewing during school hours upon advance appointment with the Historical Society. They are in the process of trying to better organize and hopefully digitize a good deal of it.

Matt also spoke to us about two of the best known activities of the IPHS, namely the Century Plaque Program and the Housewalk. Both of these programs have been recently suspended due to changes in leadership in the IPHS (meaning a lack of volunteers), but they hope to reinstate both in the near future. There are two levels of designation in the Century Plaque Program. A house or building within OIP that is over 100 years old can qualify for Tier I certification. Upon application and verification (and the payment of a small fee of approximately \$25) a home is awarded a numbered plaque that can be displayed on the home. It is believed that there are approximately 800 homes in OIP that would presently qualify for this honor. Tier II status has been awarded in the past to only a few homes a year. This is by invitation out of the Tier I homes, and involves research being done on the home under a research grant program administered by IPHS.

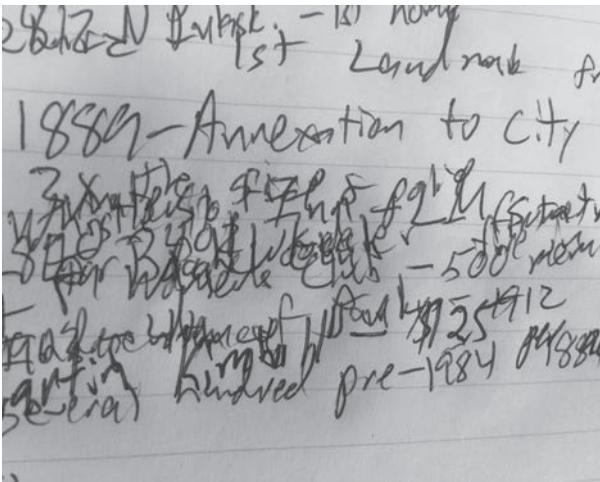


OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The Housewalk was a very popular activity that used to take place every other year. Approximately five or six homes of interest would be selected and tickets were sold to the public to view these homes. The last Housewalk occurred about three years ago. It had more than 650 attendees. The planning is quite involved and many volunteers are needed. Matt made it very clear that the IPHS would appreciate new energy to get involved in their organization. Please contact them at iphsCenturyHouse@gmail.com if you want to volunteer.

Main Event – Screening of the Movie

The lights dimmed, and then there was a screening of a boffo movie entitled “The History of Old Irving Park”. This movie was made in 2001 under the auspices of the IPHS. It really was quite interesting. I had intended to report on some of the many interesting facts I had learned such as that land here had at one time sold for \$25 an acre, or that we were a suburb of Chicago until being annexed in 1890 which tripled the size of Chicago. But when the lights came up, and I looked at my notes...



Evidently I had a false sense that I was moving my hand down the page when in fact I kept scribbling in the same place. I now have even more admiration for Siskel and Ebert. In my defense, it has been year since I attended secretarial school, and I do not recall a single lesson taught there about how to take notes in nonexistent lighting conditions (In truth, I mainly went to the school in a failed effort to meet the ladies). But despair not Dear Reader, OIPA has a new and greatly improved website, and if you go to that website you will be able to read the history of our neighborhood (written by Laura Marie Sanchez).

After the movie, Laura Marie and Terry McGuire both answered questions from the audience. They each have a vast knowledge of our community. Laura Marie had a great tip for anyone wanting to learn more about their home, and that is to Google “Your House Has a History”, and you will find an informative document put out by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks that contains a treasure trove of information that will get you started.

🌸 HOLIDAY DINNER 🌸

Instead of a regular meeting next month there will be the annual Holiday Dinner. The Schurz Jazz Band will provide the entertainment. Excellent food will be provided including entrees from LaVilla. People can bring desserts to be shared. People are encouraged to bring unwrapped presents for children aged 0 to 12 that are being distributed by the Irving Park Food Pantry. The doors will open at 4:45 p.m. on December 14, 2016 in the basement of the Irving Park Baptist Church at 4401 W. Irving Park Road. The band will start at about 5 p.m. and the food will be served at about 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP with # of adults and # of kids to oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



December Anniversaries

- 6 Michael Polzin & Linda Townsend
- 11 Michael O'Brien & Gayle Christensen
- 20 Peter Barash & Beth Valukus
- 30 Richard & Colleen Kenny
- 30 Brendan & Siobhan McKinney
- 30 Sean O'Connor & Patt Timlin
- 31 Carlos Eguis-Aguila & Anne Bennison
- 31 Ryan & Alissa Carlson
- 31 Brian Pearson & Stephen Stockley

January Anniversaries

- 25 Jeremy & Emily Sermersheim

December Birthdays

- 1 Shoshana Friedman
- 1 Gerald Gierke
- 3 Dana Moran
- 4 Mark Yoest
- 6 Warren Abrahamson
- 7 Scott Gustafson
- 10 Kenneth Little
- 11 Maria Nyholm
- 12 Timothy Byrnes
- 12 Steve Cohn
- 12 Shawn LaFleur
- 13 Carol Szalacha
- 14 Judy Escallier
- 15 Terry Fallen
- 15 Maggie Gebien
- 16 Chris Chan
- 16 Victor Lewis
- 16 Mary Sussman
- 17 Elpitha Betondo
- 17 Debbie Cook
- 17 Lucy Diaz
- 18 Demetri Lambros
- 20 Robert Szalacha
- 21 Patricia Gustafson
- 22 Sean Elliott
- 23 Allison Mutlu
- 23 Laura Marie Sanchez
- 24 Mike Innocenzi
- 24 Nate Tovo
- 25 Jeanette Schrader
- 26 Dave Melzer
- 27 Tiffany Owen
- 30 Barbara Cohn
- 30 Jeff Slepian
- 31 Bruce Gebien
- 31 Ewa Ryan

January Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Cesar
- 1 Sharon Graham
- 1 Kim Starmann
- 1 Angela Yorath
- 2 Lynn Ankney
- 2 Joanne Krakora
- 2 Rick Pollock
- 3 Esther Massick
- 5 Matt O'Brien
- 7 Emily Sermersheim
- 9 Michael O'Brien
- 9 Kim Samford
- 13 Annette Huizenga
- 13 David Miska
- 13 Denise Sonberg
- 14 Abby Ernst
- 14 John Newlin
- 15 Kelly Kaye
- 16 Bob Laskowski
- 17 Mete Mutlu
- 18 Peter Barash
- 18 Jason Isadore
- 18 Sean O'Connor
- 19 Rachel Allmen
- 20 Conor Kennedy
- 21 Audre McGinnis
- 21 Vince Samford
- 22 Anne Morrissy
- 22 Sydney Richardson
- 23 Diane Ehrhart
- 24 Mike Klein
- 25 Katherine Liebich
- 26 Richard Bauman
- 27 Kathryn Kleisch
- 27 Renee Linnemeyer
- 29 Joan Bychowski
- 31 Mike Lee

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3802 N. Kildare.....	\$935,000
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OIPA's History Team

We hope you are enjoying our ongoing series *IPHS Housewalk - 30 Years of History*. We'll continue to feature these in a year-by-year basis within the pages of this newsletter. For those of us who did not attend these early Walks, it's a great chance to learn about the homes that make our area a visual treat, as well as the residents who shared in our collective neighborhood experience over the years. Look for the next installation in early 2017!

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The Irving Park Historical Society has a mission:

We are dedicated to raising awareness and appreciation for the special character of Old Irving Park and preserving its rich architectural heritage.

Our efforts to achieve this are a direct result of the time, talents and commitment of Irving Park residents past and present, neighbors and friends who submit interesting articles, information and photography, and help in a hundred different ways. Through our current and future projects, we will support this mission:

We will continue to market our Century House Plaque Program, to identify all neighborhood houses over 100 years old.

We would like to re-establish the tradition of the popular IPHS Housewalk, and make our IPHS Architectural Walking Tour again available.

We will continue to communicate IPHS history utilizing email, web, social networking, and at presentations at OIPA meetings.

We will work to ensure availability of our valuable archives for future generations.

We want to expand our team membership and capitalize on volunteering opportunities for the organization.

We want to make this neighborhood's history exciting, more interesting and relevant to all. Your participation and interest continue to be inspirational and add to the ongoing history that is Old Irving Park.

Like every endeavor, the IPHS team needs your help to continue its commitment to respect, protect and preserve the very best of Old Irving Park. So if you like architecture, restoration, history or preservation...if you want to become better connected with the area...if you'd like to be part of and help make this a strong, dynamic organization..then please join our team today.

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After the recent “History of Old Irving Park” presentation at November’s OIPA meeting, some of you may be wondering who “Bacmeister” is, whose photography formed the backbone of the IPHS archives — something few Chicago neighborhoods are fortunate to have.

Dr. Theodore Bacmeister was a practicing physician on the staffs of Illinois Masonic, Ravenswood and the old Belmont hospitals. He was born May 15, 1878 in Stark County, Illinois (near Peoria) and came to Chicago to practice medicine around the turn of the century. His hobby was photography, and he was able to record a history of the Irving Park community dating back to 1868, through his own photographs as well as documenting photographs loaned him by his patients and neighbors. He would periodically be asked to give talks and show these lantern slides (below) to neighborhood groups. He was active in the neighborhood, serving as a member of the Board of the Irving Park Methodist church and also as a charter member of the Irving Park YMCA. He and wife Elizabeth lived at 4041 N. Keeler (one of the houses demolished for the Kennedy expressway). When he passed away on May 17, 1941, this kind and generous man was mourned by the entire neighborhood. The public service award given by the Irving Park Historical Society is named in his honor.



Dr. Theodore Bacmeister



Dr. Bacmeister shoveling snow at his home, 1918



Dr. and Mrs. Bacmeister gardening in their yard, 1904

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NIFTY NEIGHBOR

Meet Scott Gustafsonz

Illustrator and author Scott Gustafson lives in Old Irving with wife Patty, son Karl, dog Winnie and cat Cairo.

Where else have you lived and how did you wind up in Chicago?

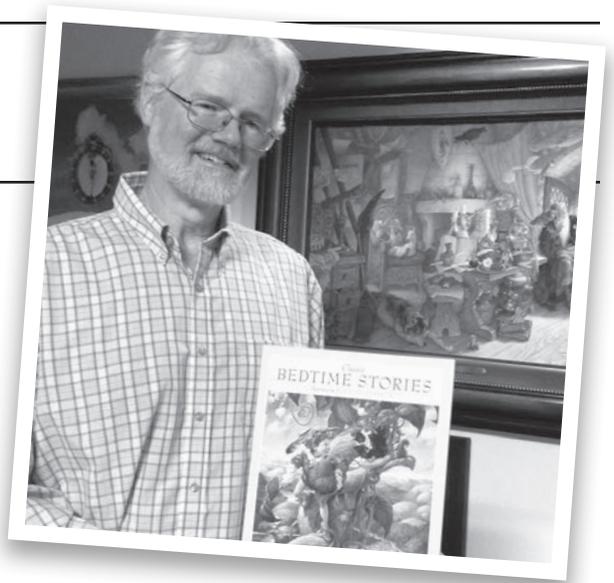
I grew up in Marengo in McHenry County. Both sets of my grandparents were dairy farmers. I moved here in mid 1970's to study animation at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.

Why did you choose Old Irving?

We were looking for a house with studio space. We were living in Andersonville for awhile, and dear friends who live in Independence Park suggested we include the area in our search. We found a house with a studio, the previous owners had converted the entire second floor into one huge workout room. The space had great light and enough space for both Patty and I to work from home.

What do you do, and what is the path that led you there?

I illustrate children's books, primarily classic fairy tales and nursery rhymes. I create the illustration as oil on canvas paintings, which then get scanned for print. My images are also used on collector's plates. In addition to being used for limited edition prints. Although I initially started in animation, as I continued studies at Columbia College and I found that most freelance work, at the time, was in illustration, so I pivoted. I have worked on six books published by Workman Publishing. Our son Karl is also an illustrator—creating images for *The Onion*.



What are some of your favorite things in OIP?

How "neighborhood-y" it is. We live on a block with several self-employed architects, graphic designers, lawyers, and entrepreneurs, so we have a commonality with our neighbors. It is intellectually interesting. Our flexible work schedules allow us to connect with people. There is a dog walking community; easy transportation everywhere and #1 Chop Suey and Lou Malnati's. And we enjoy bike riding around the community.

If you had one wish, what would you change here?

Decrease cut through traffic down our street from businesses and nearby manufacturing. We bought our house in 1992, when Kennedy expressway was under construction. At that time our street very quiet. That changed when highway reopened.

To learn more about Scott: www.scottgustafson.com

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A History of Mulling Spices

By David Beets
Co-founder, Dell Cove Spice Co.



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There is nothing better to warm up — and share the holiday cheer with friends, employees and customers — during this time of year than with a cup of mulled wine or mulled cider. The cocktail definition of “mulling” is to slowly heat a beverage with a variety of warming spices — typically cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and clove — in a simmering pot on the stove, which has the added benefit of filling the room with a delicious scent.

The history of mulled beverages is steeped in tradition. In medieval England, people served a variety of mulled apple cider called wassail. Mulled wine was more widespread through the centuries, thanks in part to the Romans: They were drinking back in the second century AD, and brought the recipe with them as the Roman Empire expanded.

To make Mulled Wine: 4 cups apple cider; 1 (750-ml) bottle red wine, such as Cabernet Sauvignon; 1/4 cup honey; 2 whole cinnamon sticks; 2 oranges, zested (or 1/2 cup dried orange peel); 4 whole cloves; 3 star anise; 4 whole allspice

Directions: Combine all ingredients – spices can be put into a cheesecloth pouch – into a pan and heat to a simmer over medium heat. Simmer for 45 minutes, or until the cinnamon sticks begin to unravel. Remove from heat and let it sit over night for maximum flavor. Strain out solids, or remove bag of cheesecloth.

A few thoughts: If you’re missing a spice ingredient other than cinnamon, it’s not the end of the world – just adjust to taste. Whole spices are best. The longer your batch simmers, the more intense the spice flavor will be.

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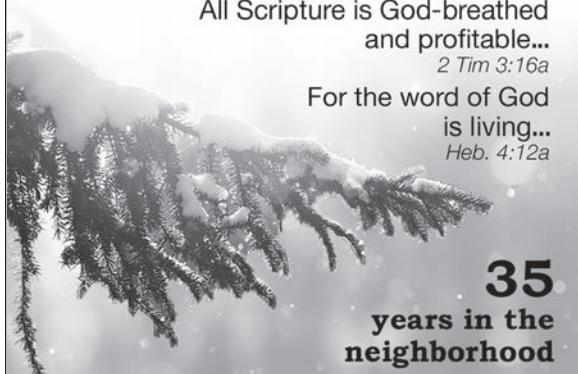


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Mon., Dec. 19 Charlie Kirchen Trio & Paul Bedal Quartet

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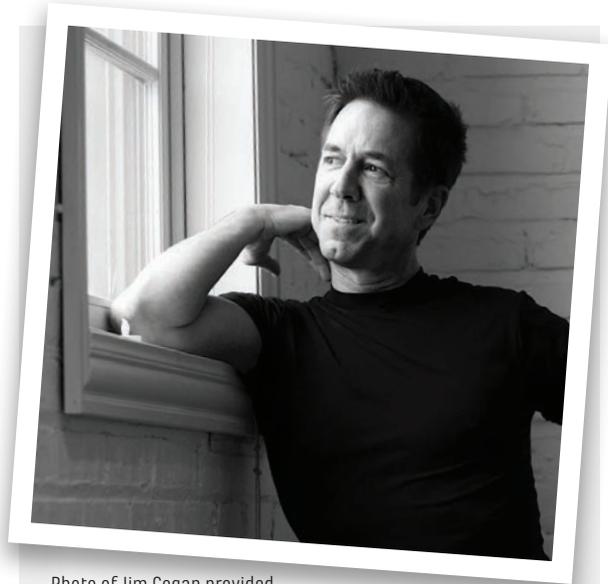


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The Buzz at Belding

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

Cross Country

Congratulations to Emilio Razo who qualified for the Cross Country City Championships held Saturday, October 28 in Washington Park. Emilio competed against top runners from all over the city. He placed 70th overall against over 300 runners. Well done, Emilio!

Science Minors

Belding is once again partnering with the Museum of Science and Industry as part of the Science Minors After School programming. Under the leadership of teacher Katy Stillwell, students in fourth and fifth grades are exploring the science of toys. While investigating and creating different toys, students are discovering the various scientific processes by which they work. Families will visit the Museum in addition to this after school science class.

Prospective Belding Families

For parents who wish to enroll their children at Belding, but who do not live in our Belding attendance boundaries, visit cps.edu/accessandenrollment to complete an application. The window for Options for Knowledge applications is December 9. If you know of a potential Belding family, please share this information with them.

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: December 20, January 10, February 21 and March 21. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the school office.

Girls On The Run

Twelve girls from 3rd to 5th grade represented Belding in Grant Park on Saturday, November 19. After training all fall, the girls demonstrated their positive attitudes, healthy self-esteem, and fitness by running a 5k with other girls from all over the Chicago area. Girls On The Run is a program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Girls On The Run envisions a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Way to go, girls!



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Viator Vibrations — Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen

St. Viator cheered on the Chicago Cubs throughout this historic season. During the playoffs, WGN-TV visited to interview faculty and students, resulting in this uplifting news segment, "Chicago Catholic students pray for a Cubs win": <http://wgntv.com/2016/10/21/chicago-catholic-students-pray-for-a-cubs-win>

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education plays a starring role in St. Viator's pursuit of academic excellence. On Nov. 10, the St. Patrick's High School STEM Club hosted our second annual STEM Night, with activities that brought to-life the fields of optics, circuitry and civil and mechanical engineering.

The 6th grade Girl Scout troop launched a "Kindness Rocks!" project for which they painted river rocks with inspirational messages. At a time when the world is full of unrest, the girls hope their tokens of inspiration and motivation will spread some kindness and good cheer to others across our community. Check out the project at Josi's Frozen Yogurt on Milwaukee Ave.

We wish a healthy and happy holiday season to all!



6th Grade Girl Scouts photo submitted by Stacey Stevens



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winterfest! December 2, 3 and 4

Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair, outdoor ice skating rink, wreath and tree sales, Snowflake Café and Hot Cocoa Bar, Winter Cocktail Bar, photos with Santa and much more! Check the St. Viator website for complete schedule of events. Vendor applications for the Mistletoe Market are also available on the website.

Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup • FREE Dec. 8, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

This fun playgroup is for children in the community (ages 0-4) and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, hula-hoops and so much more! St. Viator Gym, 3644 N. Kedvale

Primary Gym | Dec. 17, 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Primary gym offers a relaxed yet active environment where children and parents can participate in basketball, baseball, scooters, floor hockey and parachute. St. Viator Gym, 3644 N. Kedvale.

Catholic Schools Week Open House –

Jan. 28, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Come and see all that St. Viator has to offer!

Join our growing community!

Admission applications are available online and in the school office. For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or email [Marge Tiritilli at mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:Marge.Tiritilli@stviatorchicago.org).



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Elementary School



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Christmas Tree Sale & Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Our annual Christmas Tree sale with trees, wreaths, garland and other holiday decorations provided by The Farmer's Market Garden Center. There will be a special craft for the kids. Our cookie Annual Cookie Walk will be held in the gym at the same time. Purchase holiday cookies-by-the pound and browse our vendor fair. All profits benefit from both events benefit St. Edward School.

Open House

Registration and Open House Sunday, January 29th

10:45 to 1:30 p.m., We invite you to visit our school, meet our amazing faculty, see our state-of-the art science lab, and talk with our fabulous families! Tours begin in the gym, 4447 N. Lowell. Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m.; we invite all families to meet our parish community.

Congratulations to 8th grader Amelia Hutchinson who placed 1st at the Guerin Prep math competition and to 7th grader Frank Schotanus who placed 3rd. Way to go!

We wish you a happy and prosperous 2017!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Christmas Program, Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell

Saturday, January 7, 2017 Times TBD

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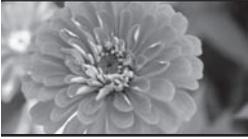
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Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Free Holiday Concert December 11th

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present "An Americana Christmas" featuring Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel. The Fine Arts Committee's annual holiday concert will take place on Sunday, December 11th at 2 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church. Anna Fermin and her band will play holiday favorites and alt-country original songs of Americana.

Recently interviewed by Chicago Tribune critic Greg Kot, Fermin is described as "a singer with a striking voice and a songwriter with a feel for the indelible image." Read the full interview at www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/music/kot/ct-ott-1111-anna-fermin-20161108-column.html

The Filipino-born singer immigrated to the United States with her family at a young age and grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Classically trained in piano, voice, and violin, she picked up the acoustic guitar when she moved to Chicago. After graduating from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Fermin was working as graphic artist when she made the life-changing discovery of songwriting. She explains, "My musical career began more as a love story than anything else. A guy I fell in love with serenaded me with a Steve Earle song called "Down the Road." I was incredibly moved by this gesture. I needed to learn how to do that. So, I borrowed my aunt's guitar, asked her to show me how to play a couple of chords, and within a few days, I had written my first song "August Moon."



Fermin has opened for many notable artists including the late great Johnny Cash, David Crosby, and Neko Case, among others. And, Fermin had the honor of opening for the artist who inspired her career, Steve Earle, where she serenaded the audience with her version of "Down the Road." The band has toured internationally and has released five albums. After an eight-year hiatus, the band is working on a new album titled "You Belong Here."

A special holiday reception prepared by the Fine Arts Committee follows the concert. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcome.

The mission of Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills, Executive Director at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Follow us on Facebook for photos and info about our programs and events!

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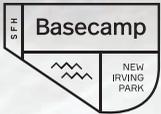


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Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 P.M.

The English holiday tradition of scripture, anthems and hymns featuring the St. John's Choir and our new St. John's Children's Choir. A festive dinner follows.

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24

4:00 P.M. *Holy Eucharist with carols, child-friendly*

10:00 P.M. *Carol Sing*

10:30 P.M. *Holy Eucharist, candlelight worship with choir*

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25

10:00 A.M. *Holy Eucharist with carols*

Cookies and hot chocolate follows

Preparing for the Season

Saturday, December 3

Advent Retreat

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a quiet retreat entitled *Immanuel: God Disguised as Your Life* for guided meditation, collage, silent prayer and reflection, journaling and optional sharing.

Beer Brewing Class

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12 Hours of Christmas Movie Marathon

4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., December 11

Join the Six Corners Association at the Portage Theatre for a 12 hour marathon of our most favorite holiday movies! Six Corners Association is hosting Twelve Hours of Christmas: Movie Marathon! Join us for the most jolly and wonderful time of year to share in the magic of classic holiday favorites. Spread your holiday spirit cozied in with those you love. Don your favorite holiday-themed pajamas or your best ugly Christmas sweater. You're even invited to bring your favorite holiday blanket! There will be a sing along and crafts in the lobby.

Films will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 11th and continue until 10 p.m., located at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Avenue in the heart of Portage Park. Pre-sale tickets are now available for \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. Tickets at the door will be \$20 per adult and \$15 per child. Metered parking is available on Milwaukee Avenue and in the LaPorte Parking lot located one block west of the theater. There will be concessions for purchase.

Slingshots 2016 Banquet

4242 N. Central Ave., December 6

Join Slingshots on December 6th at 6:30 p.m. for their annual banquet. Learn about how Slingshots is making a difference in the lives of teens in the Portage Park neighborhood. There will be food, special performances from Slingshots teens and the Schurz High School Cheer team. To RSVP email Bob at slingshotschicago@gmail.com.

Community Tavern Sparkling Wine Dinner

4038 N. Milwaukee Ave., December 14

Sparkle the night away with a delicious 4 course meal with Sparkling Wine pairings at Community Tavern. Dinner is \$50 per guest and doors open at 6:30pm.

Vaudeville at Six Corners

4041 N. Milwaukee Ave., December 16 & 17

Hop on over for the Vaudeville at Six Corners by Art Side Out Mask Studio! The show features unique and fun acts that are family friendly. Enjoy masks, puppets, juggling, magic, music, and dance. The December 16 show starts at 7pm, and December 17 starts at 3pm.

Special Needs Day at Josi's

4032 N. Milwaukee Ave., December 18

Josi's Frozen Yogurt Cafe will host their beloved monthly No-Apologies event. This is a private event for special needs families. In order to participate, at least one child in the family must be diagnosed with a physical or mental disability. The shop will be closed to the public. They will have doors locked for those "runners" and lighting turned down for those with sensory processing issues. Enjoy an hour of pure, anxiety-free fun with no reason to apologize!

– Submitted by Jessica Vazquez, SSA 28 Program Manager, Six Corners Association



Preparing for Winter

With winter quickly approaching, I want to remind residents that city ordinance requires you to shovel your sidewalks in a timely manner. With La Niña expected to bring cold temperatures and snowy weather, shoveling your sidewalks is the neighborly thing to do. Also, please be aware that failing to clear sidewalks of snow could result in a fine.

Finally, motorists are asked to be cognizant of snow route signs indicating no parking where there are more than two inches of snow fall.

Though Chicago winters are long and grueling, taking extra steps to keep paths clear of snow and ready for snow removal can make the slightest difference in enduring them."

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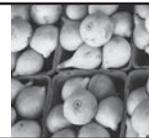
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Pantry Celebrates Holidays December 21st – Craig Shutt

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry will hold its annual holiday distribution for clients on Wednesday, December 21st. At this event each year, we close the Pantry to our typical Wednesday operation and provide our qualified clients with the makings of a holiday dinner. We also allow clients with children up to 12 years old to “shop” our Toy Room for a gift and a book for each child.

To fill these needs, we are especially in need of stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Jell-O and canned pumpkin. Monetary donations to help buy these items are especially appreciated, as we often can leverage our volume and sources to buy at greatly reduced prices.



Maria (Jen) Murphy worked the Pantry's special Thanksgiving station during November, which provided client households with the makings for a holiday dinner, including meat, stuffing, potatoes and vegetables. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

We typically give out about 400 toys. Your donations help even more this year, as we will not receive support from Toys for Tots due to the personal information they now require about each recipient.

We especially need gifts for older children (age 10 to 12). Books always are gone early for all ages. We're also collecting stocking stuffers for all ages. Hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and other personal items also are encouraged.

Unwrapped new toys and food donations can be brought to the Pantry at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler Ave.) during office hours (please call 773/283-6262 to check on times, as they vary). Donations can be left at the base of the stairs inside the Grace Street entrance. They also can be brought to the church from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays during Pantry operating hours.

Volunteers are needed to collect toys, set up the toy room Tuesday night and help with the toy distribution on December 16. For information or to volunteer, contact Sara Yoest at sara.yoest74@gmail.com.

Please remember to use the Amazon Smile feature at Amazon when you shop for the holidays at that site. If you use that bookmark (which doesn't change how you access the site) and designate the Pantry as the recipient, we will receive 0.5% of the price of all purchases made all year long. It adds up!

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Come Home for Christmas!

Irving Park United Methodist Church is an open and affirming, diverse and welcoming congregation where all people are invited to gather around the table to eat together, to worship, and to build up community that values each person. This holiday season we will be offering several opportunities for healing and celebration. Please know that you are welcome at each one.

Soup & Prayer on Mondays at 11:30 am beginning November 28.

Everyone is welcome to this brief space providing time to pause to remember the sacred in the midst of this busy season of advent. Prayer begins at 11:30, followed by a simple lunch of soup and bread. Begins November 28, and the last one is December 19.

Inter-Denominational Blue Christmas Worship Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 pm.

The holiday season is a painful time for those who find themselves out of sync with the festive holiday mood of the culture. Grief, pain, sadness and despair all become highlighted. This cooperative inter-denominational service will be lead by a variety of neighborhood clergy to offer healing and perhaps some peace. Everyone is welcome.

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Musical Celebration of Cultural Diversity with Stann Champion and the Roots Rock Society

Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m. All ages will enjoy this fun mix of musical and cultural styles with more than a concert — it is an interactive experience! (Playing and dancing encouraged!) Families may want to attend together — or parents may want to bring their children to enjoy the experience and give themselves a few hours' break.

Roots Rock Society formed in late 1986 by founder and guitarist Stann Champion to keep his culture and heritage alive through music. Roots music helps bridge racial /gender differences in all age groups. The workshop discusses the foundation of roots rhythms from the African Diaspora (Afro-Cuban, Afro-Brazilian, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-American) with voice, drum, guitar, dance and songs.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m. and Christmas Day Worship at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve worship includes an impromptu drama with our children choosing their parts as well as musical favorites and the candles that are the signature closing of the service. Christmas Day worship will focus on Lessons & Carols with scriptures that tell the narrative of God's love for us and hymns that lift up our hearts. All people are welcome and affirmed in our worship.



Give the Gift of Home this Holiday Season

As all of us at Hands to Help Ministries celebrate the holiday season and get ready for 2017, we thank you for partnering with us to support our neighbors on the brink of losing their homes and those who are experiencing homelessness. With your hands and funds, we helped one hundred neighbors stay in their homes and find housing this year.

Hands to Help Ministries works in our local community of Old Irving and Portage Park. We serve neighbors such as Al who works full time as a manager at a local coffee shop. Over the summer, while he was experiencing homelessness, he was referred to Hands to Help. Our Outreach Worker helped him create a budget and connected him with the Irving Park YMCA. In September, with a grant from our Client Assistance Fund, he moved off the street and into his own home.

For many neighbors, \$400 or less is the difference between living on the streets and having a stable home. By, living paycheck to paycheck, without a rainy day, they do not have a safety net to fall back on in times of crisis. In these situations, a drop of just a few hours or an unplanned medical expense can be disastrous.

Your donations throughout the year and particularly at this critical time, help neighbors like Al continue to work and obtain housing. Hands to Help is a small grassroots organization run and supported by



individuals and families who believe in supporting our neighbors and local community. Many worship with you and share your love of the Old Irving and Portage Park community. Together we identify neighbors before they are evicted and work with neighbors living on the street. Your financial support makes a huge impact on our work. Please visit our website at www.handstohelpministries.org and Thank you!

*Gayle Nelson, Executive Director
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Are you planning a Christmas celebration?

Please support Hands to Help's critical services by inviting our carolers to your event. For more information, please contact Gayle at hthexecdirector@gmail.com.



Angel Team Christmas Gift and Wrapping Event for the Homeless

Saturday, December 10 • 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the IPLC Gym

This annual event is coordinated by friend of Irving Park Lutheran Church Terri Santiago, who invites any and all to participate. Come whenever and for however long you can, bring donations of gifts, and wrapping paper, tape and scissors. There will be a raffle, silent auction and potluck lunch. All proceeds go to the homeless. Purchase and donate as many new items of warmth, toiletries, and fun for adults and/or children as you are able and bring them to the gym that day. For more information, including a list of items to donate, contact Terri at 773-322-7723 or AliveandJoyful37@aol.com.

Sunday School Christmas Play

Sunday December 18, 10:30 a.m.

Advent & Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols

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Irving Park Community Food Pantry Toy Drive and Food Donation
See page 36 for details.

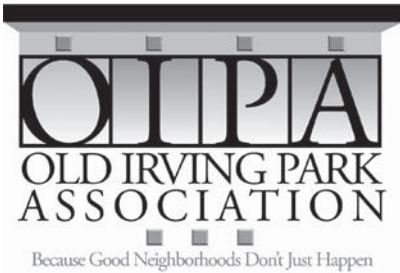
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- 2, 3 & 4 St. Viator Winterfest!**
Visit stviatorchicago.org for more details.
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- 4 OIPA MEMBER Holiday Dinner**
4:45 p.m. | Lower Level of Irving Park Baptist Church.
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- 4 St. Edward's Christmas Tree Sale**
8 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Pick out a great Christmas tree, Play Lot, 44447 N. Lowell
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- 6 GIPNA (Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association)**
7 p.m. | Will host Chicago Police Superintendent, Eddie Johnson, Independence Park Field House
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- 11 Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Free Holiday Concert**
2 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave., "An Americana Christmas" featuring Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel. Free Admission.
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- 18 Musical Celebration of Cultural Diversity with Stann Champion & the Roots Rock Society**
3 p.m. | Irving Park United Methodist Church, 3801 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, IL
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- 18 Belding Elementary Open Houses**
8 a.m. | December 20, January 10, February 21 and March 21. Tours begins at school office.
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- 25 Christmas**
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- 25 Chanukah/Hanukkah (first day)**
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- 26 Kwanzaa (until Jan 1)**

JANUARY

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- 28 St. Viator School /Catholic Schools Week Open House**
2:30 to 4:30 p.m. | Come & see all that St. Viator has to offer!
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- 29 St. Edward Open House**
10:35 a.m. – 1:30 a.m. | Tours begin in the gym, 4447 N. Lowell. Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m.; Please call 773-736-9133 or email RSVP@stedwardschool.com for information.

FEBRUARY

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- 12 Carlson Community Services Soup & Bread**
5 – 7 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Please complete the form below. If renewing, please use this form to let us know about any changes.

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

This is a: New Membership Renewal Gift Membership

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
are due September 1
and expire August 31**

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Make checks payable to:

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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. Please indicate this is a gift subscription in the final box titled, "Special Instructions."

THE SOCIAL NETWORK | OIP Members Out and About

“Neighbors Night Out” event hosted by Old Irving Brewing Company on 11/7/16.

The NNO is a quarterly social gathering organized by OIPA, PPNA (Portage Park Neighbors Association), and JPF (Jeff Park Forward) meant to foster community building and networking of residents across our three neighborhoods/organizations and support local business.



SPOTTED: Harry Nyholm (Longtime OIP resident and co-owner of The Cabin at Old Irving)
Brendan Quinn (Jefferson Park resident)



SPOTTED: John Arena (45th Ward Alderman)
Marian Hass (PPNA board member)
Grace Kwon (PPNA board member)



SPOTTED: Meredith O'Sullivan (OIPA Director)
Dana Schindele (new OIP resident and OIPA member)



SPOTTED: Renee Linnemeyer (OIB Inc owner)
Ryan Richter (JPF President)
Rolando Rodriguez (JPF Vice President)
Philip Schwartz (PPNA Board Member)



OIPA MEMBERS

We have four meetings between now and the June Ice Cream Social. Do you have a topic of conversation you would like covered or an idea for a guest speaker?

Let us know by e-mailing
oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com.

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