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## Reminder

**The *Old Irving Park News* is not published in January. We'll be back in production for February 2018.**

*Cover photo: Christmas tree at the Hutchins' house, 4146 N. Keeler, 1920*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*This holiday season,*  
**look for joy.**

– Lynn Ankney, President

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Is it just me or has it been a rough year? I can barely watch the news within earshot of my kids. As we enter the thick of the holiday season, I'm going to choose to focus on joy despite feeling as if there's some unstated competition of bad behavior between Mother Nature and Human Kind.

Join me in turning off the TV, not scanning your Twitter feed, and pulling on some rose-colored glasses, if only for a bit. If one looks, there is still so much good and beauty in the world and so much kindness right here in our community. Here are some things I'm looking forward to this holiday season:

**Decorations.** I love to see garland, wreaths, and lights pop up around the neighborhood (ahem, preferably \*after\* Thanksgiving, but I'm focusing on joy, so I'll leave that one alone).

**Music.** Each year, the day after Thanksgiving (yes, I'm consistent), I begin a month-long all holiday music all the time music fest. It happens in the living room, kitchen and car. I drive my kids and husband a bit towards the edge of sanity, but I think they secretly like it.

**Holiday cards.** I love receiving cards, photos, and letters with updates from friends I don't regularly see or visit with throughout the year. Every day when I get the mail, I eagerly flip through the mail and place the cards in a separate stack. I wait to open them after the day is through, and I can sit down with a glass of wine and read the cards.

**Cookies!** I love baking and sending a bag of homemade cookies along with our holiday card to our immediate neighbors. We are the happy recipients of many a plate of cookies in return.

**Tradition.** Our family will celebrate our 8th year of the of Christmas Eve, Eve dinner (aka 12/23) at Sabatino's, followed by a drive through Candy Cane Lane (google it!) to admire the over-the-top Christmas and Hanukkah decorations.

Here's wishing everyone a holiday season filled with many moments of joy, be they big or small, new experiences or those steeped in tradition.



# Celebrate the Season at St. John's

**Advent I, II, III** Sundays, December 3, 10, 17

Worship at 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 A.M.

**Advent IV** Sunday, December 24

Worship at 10:00 A.M.

**Christmas Eve** Sunday, December 24

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

10:00 P.M. *Prelude and Carol Sing before*

*Candlelight service, Holy Eucharist with choir*

**Christmas Day** Monday, December 25

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

*Cookies and hot chocolate follows*

**First Sunday after Christmas** Sunday, December 31

Worship at 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.



## A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 9

5:00 P.M. *Worship*

6:00 P.M. *Festive Dinner in Parish Hall*

Presented by the St. John's Choir and Children's Choir, our annual celebration of A Festival of Lessons and Carols will also celebrate our history and our new beginning.

The front vestibule of the church has been completely rebuilt and now includes a lift providing accessibility to our Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

Childcare provided. Shhh! St. Nicholas may pay a visit!

Free parking is available on the street. Drop off for accessible access will be reserved at the front entrance on Byron Street.



# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT



## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on November 13, 2017 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

**Attendees:** Lynn Ankney, Howard Silver, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, Anna Sobor, and Bart Goldberg

**The Board meeting commenced at about 8:25 p.m.**

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's Reports for the month of October were unanimously approved.

**Membership:** The membership numbers picked up nicely this month, with more members remembering to pay their dues. There was some discussion of looking into ways that we could automate renewal in future years.

**Website:** Some new content for the website was noted, including asking IPHS for another year of housewalk information. We also discussed ways to publicize our business sponsors.

**Miscellaneous:** We discussed other issues including meetings with Hands to Help, and about Cook County Towing, etc.

**The meeting adjourned at about 9:05 p.m.**



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# Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on November 13, 2017 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

## Attendance:

Once again, the attendance was good, with about 30 of us there. Most of us were again eating the cookies from Fannie's Bakery. I can get used to this. There were a couple of new attendees to welcome at this meeting: **Beata Sieczka**, who resides in the 3300 block of Kildare and **Jennifer O'Brien** from the 3900 block of Lowell. Thanks for coming and we hope you liked it. President Ankney commenced the meeting at 7:03 PM.

## Committee Reports & Announcements:

**President Ankney** decided to largely skip over this part of the meeting to allow more time to our feature presentation (!) which was...

## City Living 101:

My wife was excited that I was going to be attending this meeting as we both thought it would be quite useful. After all, excluding behavioral tendencies, I am now a lot closer to the age of 101 than I am to the age of one. I thought that I could learn some good strategies to deal with the urban problems that are particularly trying for the centenarian crowd. My wife hoped that I could learn how to take advantage of my age to get some really cool free stuff. As the panel was introduced, I realized that we were both to be disappointed. Instead, we were all going to learn solutions to the types of problems that are intrinsic to life in the big city. Fortunately, no one else appeared to have been confused.

The esteemed panel was composed of five local experts. They included two aldermanic aides: **Bryan Robbin** from

the 39th Ward (Alderman Laurino's office) and **Tiffany Liner** from the 45th Ward (Alderman Arena's office): along with two police officers from the 17th District, those being **Sergeant Iza** and **Officer Askar**; and **Nel Rhodes** from the Independence Park Advisory Council. President Ankney took questions from the guests, and the following is a description of some of the discussion.

**Abandoned cars and motorcycles:** The advice was that if the vehicle has been parked in the same place for over two weeks you should call both your Alderman and 311. The 311 call will result in them coming out to mark the car, and then it can be towed if it is still there in another week.

**Leaves:** Raking (or blowing) your leaves into the street is not permitted. A person can be ticketed for this if caught by a ward superintendent. Leaves are to be put into brown bags, and then you should call the Alderman or 311 to arrange a special pickup. The streets are swept from April to mid-November generally. The above discussions segued into some complaints about where Streets and San leaves emptied garbage cans.

**311 vs. 911:** Officer Askar wanted to help us understand when a call to 911 is appropriate. The answer was essentially whenever a crime was in progress, or when there was a threat to life, physical injury or property damage in the commission of a crime. For example, 911 was appropriate if you are observing a drug deal in the alley right then. You should then call with as much information as you can provide. Somewhat surprisingly it would also be appropriate if you needed assistance in removing a homeless person from your property. In all other situations you call 311.

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# OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



*Continued from page 6*

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**Trees:** The trees in the parkways are removed by the City only if they are dead or dying. You can also call the Alderman's office to have parkway trees trimmed. There is presently about a 3 to 6 week backlog. You would also call them to replace dead trees. ComEd should be called if a tree is near a power line.

There were many more questions wanting to be asked,

but President Ankney took pity on the panel (and we thank each of them for attending) and the meeting then adjourned at about 8:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next time we will meet will be for the annual Holiday Dinner. It is on December 10, 2017 at 5 p.m. This should really be a treat because it will be at La Villa in the neighborhood-renowned La Strada Dining Room. It may not have made the Michelin Guide (what does a tire company know about good eating anyway), it has a lot more ambience than the basement at the Church. Because there is limited seating in the room we ask that you make a reservation with us. There will be great La Villa food, a cash bar, and unrestrained merriment. If you can, bring a toy for the kids, and we also are taking small donations to help cover the additional cost for having it there (such as gratuities for the staff). Ho, ho, ho!

## Next Members Meeting

**Holiday Party**  
**December 10, 2017 at 5 PM.**

**La Villa Restaurant**  
**in the La Strada Dining Room**

As always, we will be collecting new, unwrapped gifts for the Irving Park Food Pantry holiday toy drive.

This event is free to current OIPA members. Space will be limited to 80, so please RSVP by December 1st to [oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com](mailto:oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com) with the # of adults, kids (ages 6 – 12) and wee ones (5 and under).





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Oct 31, 2017**

*Submitted by Howard Silver*

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<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Newsletter Advertising	\$1,099.35	\$5,863.20
Web Advertising	\$600.00	\$600.00
Dues	\$2,521.39	\$9,232.80
Interest	\$3.54	\$13.62
Banners	\$959.00	\$959.00
Parents Committee		
Ice Cream Social		
Century House Program		\$100.00
Donations	\$400.00	\$1,465.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$5,583.28</b>	<b>\$18,233.62</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Newsletter-Print	\$919.00	\$3,301.00
Newsletter-Design	\$819.50	\$2,384.00
Postage and Envelopes	\$235.44	\$235.44
Hall Rental	\$200.00	\$200.00
Web Site		\$425.00
Banner Program		
Donations Professional Services		
Directors' and Officers' Insurance		
Mural Projects		
Misc Board Expenses	\$59.35	\$328.15
Parents' Committee		
Holiday Party		
Federal and State Annual Reports		\$25.00
Membership	\$179.83	\$179.83
Ice Cream Social		
Planters		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,413.12</b>	<b>\$7,078.42</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCES</b>	<b>\$66,253.86</b>	
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
Kolmar Park	\$270.97	
Parents Committee	\$348.64	
Historical Committee	\$13,616.27	
	\$14,235.88	
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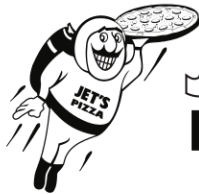
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*January 1918 blizzard, view of 4100 block of Keeler*



We see children starting at Age 2

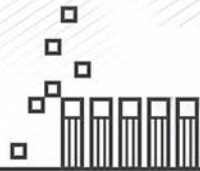


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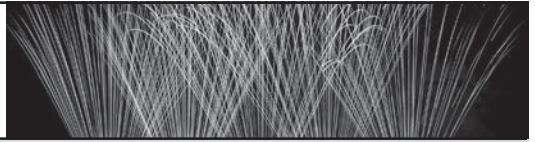


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- 03 Marion & Daniel Leavy
- 06 Linda Townsend & Michael Polzin
- 11 Gayle Christensen & Michael O'Brien
- 13 John Markovic & Premjit Anupawan
- 20 Beth Valukus & Peter Barash
- 28 Katherine Meints & James Natoli
- 29 Andrew & Carol Finkenstadt
- 29 Thomas & Kim Danahy
- 30 Colleen & Richard Kenny
- 30 Marge & John Luczak
- 31 Anne Bennison & Carlos Eguis-Aguila
- 31 Stephen Stockley & Brian Pearson

## December Birthdays

- 01 Demian Christiansen
- 01 Gerald Gierke
- 01 Janice Hopper
- 01 Shoshana Friedman
- 02 Rob Starmann
- 03 Dana Moran
- 04 Mark Yoest
- 05 Erin Sarris
- 05 Paul Gibson
- 06 Jessica Grossnickle
- 06 Patrick Ginnan
- 06 Warren Abrahamson
- 07 Scott Gustafson
- 09 Bertha Magana
- 09 Brian Beaugureau
- 12 Steve Cohn
- 13 Carol Szalacha
- 14 Linda Higham
- 15 Tais Torres
- 16 Chris Chan
- 16 Mary Sussman
- 16 Victor Lewis
- 17 Deborah Cook
- 17 Lucy Diaz
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- 21 Patricia Gustafson
- 21 Sabrina Cimo
- 22 Sean Elliott
- 23 Allison Mutlu
- 23 Laura Marie Sanchez
- 24 Mike Innocenzi
- 24 Nate Tovo
- 25 Jeanette Schrader
- 26 Dave Melzer
- 26 Ellen Contoy
- 27 Tiffany Owen
- 29 Ann McHale
- 30 Barbara Cohn



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**Visit Six Corners Association Facebook Events page to purchase tickets. Or search on Eventbrite.**

**Online:** Adults: \$15 + ticket fees / Children (under 12): \$10 + ticket fees

**At Door:** Adults: \$20 / Children (under 12): \$15

Admission is offered for the full event and covers any or all of the movies you'd like to see. Attendees will be given wristbands and may attend as they choose. Concessions will be offered. Films subject to change based on availability. Times are approximate.

11:00am: A Charlie Brown Christmas

11:30am: Frosty the Snowman

12:00pm: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

1:00pm: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

3:00pm: It's a Wonderful Life

5:30pm: A Christmas Story

7:20pm: Home Alone

9:20pm Elf



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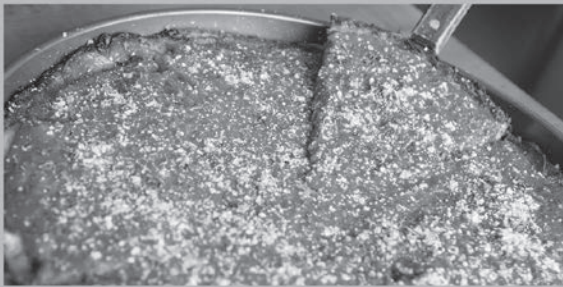
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A few ideas:

- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
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**Santa's Workshop from 2–4 p.m.**

The Bazaar features Mass, breakfast, craft and bake sale, music, dance, children's activities and visit from Santa Claus. Mass is celebrated in the Auditorium with music by the Irish Heritage Singers. A traditional Irish breakfast follows in the Erin Room, featuring live Irish music and dance. The Fifth Province Pub opens at noon and the fun continues with live music, food and drink for purchase.

There is no charge to browse and shop the craft and bake sale. The Gift Shop is open all day. Santa Claus visits from 1–3 p.m. in the Library and parents can snap a pics. Santa's Workshop for kids, 2–4 p.m. in the Library for Christmas-themed arts and crafts. Bring a canned good for the IAHC's Holiday Food Drive for Greater Chicago Food Depository. For info: [irish-american.org/event](http://irish-american.org/event)

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Admission to the concert is free of charge, although donations are gladly welcomed. A special holiday reception with the artists follows the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. Bring the family!

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## CICS Celebrates World Kindness Day

CICS celebrated World Kindness Day on Monday, November 13th, as our entire student body participated in acts of kindness. Our fifth graders, for example, hosted a fundraiser to collect socks. Did you know that socks are the most needed and most under-donated item to homeless shelters? We are also collecting and donating travel-sized toiletries. All items will be donated to La Casa Norte shelters that help homeless teens and families in our community. We hope that this small act of kindness will make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Later this month, CICS Irving Park will host Innovation Night, where parents and students can visit our newly designed learning studios, see what our enrichment teams have been working on, and interact with the various technology used in our classrooms every day. This great event is always a fantastic opportunity to see our CICS Irving Park community in action.

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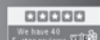
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## The Polar Express is Coming to Old Irving Park!

Schurz has launched a monthly Family Movie Night series, and all are welcome!

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Get in the Polar Express spirit with Friends of Schurz and bring your kids in PJs! We'll bring the hot cocoa and have crafts for the kids before the show starts.

Plenty of parking is available on Milwaukee Avenue.

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### Holiday Family Day & Concert

**On Tuesday, December 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**, Schurz will open its doors to the community and area students for a holiday family day.

This free event includes:

- Free morning and evening concerts
- Tours of the school
- Crafts and gifts to make yourself
- A craft bazaar with gifts for purchase
- A holiday picture booth

Bring an item to donate to Schurz' food, toy, and clothing drive!

### Career Day Success

Thank you to the many Old Irving residents who participated in the two November Career Days at Schurz. Both were mornings well spent, with community members sharing their knowledge and Schurz students making connections to help them shape their futures.

### Caring for Our Community

Schurz students are working hard to give back to their community. In November, **Schurz BuildOn** students helped the **Irving Park Community Food Pantry** distribute food and other items to more than 630 neighbors during the week before Thanksgiving, and spent a Saturday learning how they can stand up to oppose racism. Schurz students also spent a day at the **Copernicus Regional Senior Center**, where they managed a Bingo game, helped serve lunch, and assisted volunteers at the center's food market. Schurz students also had the opportunity to participate in a series of animal advocacy education events, where students to learn how they can advocate for neglected and abused pets. To keep up with how these Bulldogs are busy in our communities, follow @CarlSchurzHS on Facebook and Twitter.



Career Day event participants engage in conversation.

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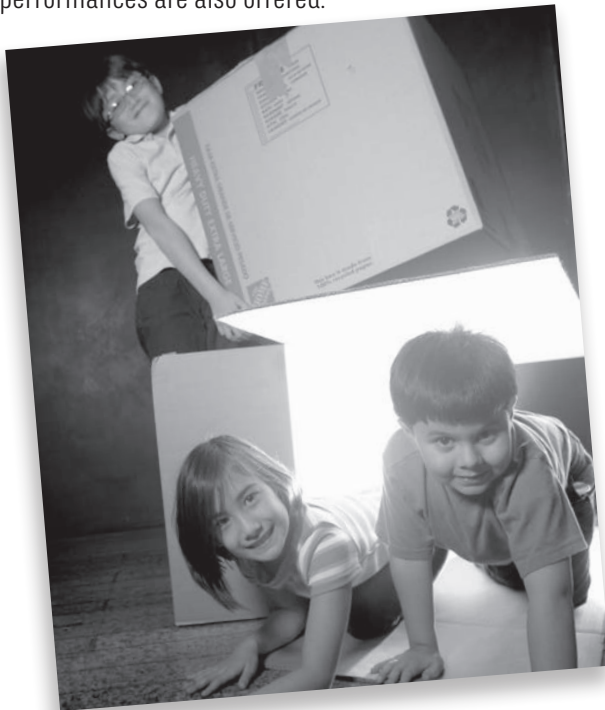
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## *The Filament Holiday Special, The Van Gogh Cafe, and FORTS! at Filament Theatre*

Filament Theatre's 2018 season will have the whole family playing along with its immersive and adventurous productions for young and family audiences!

The season opens with **"FORTS! Build Your Own Adventure"** (Jan. 6 - Feb. 11), a self-directed creative play experience for children and parents. "FORTS!" uses theatrical design elements to inspire the imagination and get families playing together. General performances are targeted for families with children ages 5 and up. "Tuesday Toddler Takeover" and "Grown-ups Only" performances are also offered.



*"FORTS! Build Your Own Adventure" a creative family experience (Jan 6 - Feb 11) Photo: Audia, Inc.*

In January, Filament's 2016 world premiere production of **"The Van Gogh Cafe - A Story in 5 Courses"** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 4) based on award winning author Cynthia Rylant's book, returns to Fannie's Cafe & Bakery for 6 performances only! This unique family dining experience puts audiences right in the middle of the magical 'Van Gogh Cafe' as they enjoy a five course meal served throughout the performance by the characters.

Plus, don't miss the **6th Annual Filament Holiday Special coming up on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 2pm & 5pm.** Filament screens **"A Charlie Brown Christmas"** and **"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** featuring live jazz accompaniment from the Slap Happy Jazz Trio and live voice actors! With holiday treats and cheer it's a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday with friends and family.

Filament's 2018 season also includes the world premiere of Michelle Cuevas and Erin E. Stead's award winning picture book **"The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles,"** (Apr. 21 - June 3) and the return of their 2014 hit, "The Snow Queen." Ticket packages and single tickets are now available online. Packages of three or more productions are discounted at 25% and start as low as \$21.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.FilamentTheatre.org](http://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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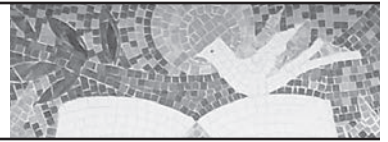


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## Viator Vibrations — Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen

### *We Believe in Developing the Mind, Body, and Soul*

The St. Viator Elementary School grounds were transformed into a bona fide winter wonderland the first weekend of December. The annual Winterfest event featured the Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair, an outdoor ice skating rink, wreath and tree sales, the ever-popular Snowflake Café and Hot Cocoa Bar and an endless stream of joyful photos with Santa.

Students dug in got their hands dirty during myriad activities at St Viator's STEAM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Art / Math) Night. Students from St. Patrick High School's STEAM Club taught them how to make a zoetrope with animation, construct a hurricane-proof structure, create a barometer, mix up some oobleck, and engage in marbling and chromatography. Students walked away a little messier, a little smarter, and had a lot of fun.

We wish a healthy and happy holiday season to all!

Viator students of all ages experiment with their ooblecks (otherwise known as non-Newtonian fluids) during STEAM Night.

*Photo courtesy of St. Viator*



Stay tuned for upcoming events at [stviatorchicago.org](http://stviatorchicago.org) or on our Facebook page.

### Upcoming Events

All events at the St. Viator Rec Center are open to the Community:

**Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup – Nov. 2 and 16, Dec. 7 and Jan. 7, 9–10:30 a.m.** – This fun and FREE playgroup is for children in the community (ages newborn-4) and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, hula-hoops and so much more!

**Primary Gym – Dec. 9, 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, parachutes and more. Open to children ages 3 to 3rd grade. \$20 per family for the year.

**Catholic Schools Week Open House – Jan. 27, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** – Come and see all that St. Viator has to offer!

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### Join our growing community!

St. Viator Elementary School and Parish is a diverse and thriving community, and we invite you to learn more by attending our events or taking a tour of the school. For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or email Marge Tiritilli at [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org).



# Goals for 2018

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Submitted by Cosette Bergin  
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## 5th Grade Girls Team — NWCC Champions!

The St. Edward Big Red Nation is proud to announce our 5th grade girls team as NWCC Champions! Congratulations to the team and the coaches!

### Please join St. Edward School for Tour Tuesday!

On December 12, registration begins at 8:30AM and the campus tour begins at 9:00AM. 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 and tour classrooms while school is in session.

Questions or to RSVP please email [rsvp@stedwardschool.com](mailto:rsvp@stedwardschool.com) If interested in scheduling a shadow day please call the school office 773-736-9133.



### Blue Ribbon Honor

Principal Sister Marie Michelle and Ms. Tracey Mortimer traveled to Washington D.C. this November to receive St. Edward School's Recognition as a Blue Ribbon School. The Blue Ribbon award recognized exemplary education.

## Upcoming Event

Time to embrace the holidays! Join us for the annual cookie walk, Santa's Breakfast and the Christmas Tree Sale all in Buckley Hall on Sunday, December 3 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



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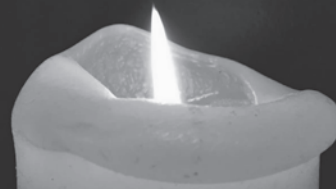
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## The Buzz at Belding — Lisa Owens, 4th Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher

### Cross Country

The 25 members of Belding's cross country team set personal records throughout the season. The 5th-8th-grade girls and boys ran at the Bunker Hill and Horner Park meets. Two runners qualified and placed at the City Championship Meet. **Nethan G.**, 6th grade, finished 9th, and **Angel M.**, 8th grade, finished 15th. The runners' motivation and team spirit were amazing this year. Congratulations, Bulldog Cross Country!

### Math Maniacs

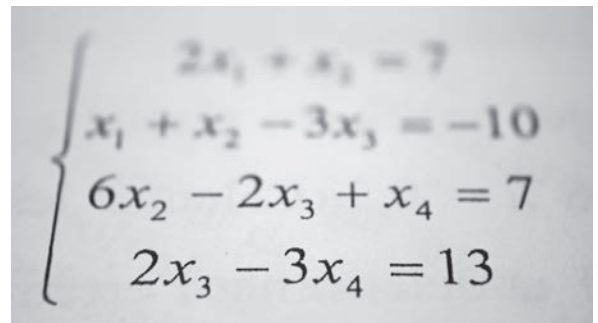
On October 14th Belding students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade participated in the Chicago Junior Math League competition at Lane Tech high school. They competed against students across the city. Students competed in an individual round where they were given a limited time to solve problems on their own. They then worked on a problem together as a 6th-7th-8th team. Belding is very proud of their competitors: **Mehdi T., Adam E.O., Jack D., Ilderina A., James W., Ethan A., Annabelle S., Destiney C., Cecelia E., Genesis J., Belal B., Sofia V., and Ahmed E. A.** They will attend their next competition December 16th.



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## Carlson Programs Win Big at Trivia Night

Thanks to everyone who participated in Carlson Community Services' November Trivia Night to benefit Carlson's programs. Eighteen teams battled for the \$200 cash prize and bragging rights in the organization's 11th contest. From players to sponsors to raffle and beverage donors, we are grateful for your support!

A team led by Old Irving Park resident **Rod Zech** won the 8-round competition, leading the scoring for much of the night. Good competitors and good sports, their team donated their \$200 in prize winnings back to Carlson Community Services. It should be noted this was Zech's fourth Trivia Night win!

The evening netted over \$10,000 for Carlson's programs — The Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series.

Thanks to the following Round Sponsors and Raffle Prize donors who helped make the evening a financial success: Round Sponsors were **Dorie Westmeyer, Charles Rutenberg Realty, Wintrust Bank, Alderman John Arena, Wendy's, Clarity Partners** and **Carlson Community Services Board & Committees**. Raffle and silent auction donors were **Bruce Anderson, Windy City Playhouse, Hearth & Crust, Mike & Dorene Jordan** and **Friends of Carlson**. Special thanks to **Lagunitas Brewing Company, Mark & Helen Lira, Laurie Gardner** and **Capones Liquor** for beer and wine donations. Appetizers were provided by **The Picnic Basket** and **Seafood City**. A shout goes out to our many volunteers and to our host, **Irving Park Lutheran Church** for their help in making the event a success. Another fun night in the neighborhood for a great cause!



The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee (IPFAC) will present a free holiday concert featuring An Octave Above on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2 p.m. **An Octave Above**, one of the hottest *cappella* vocal groups in Chicago, is comprised of eight professional singers who combine their vocal talent with a love of a cappella harmonies. They will perform holiday favorites along with doo-wop, jazz and pop standards.

The concert will be held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue. Admission to the concert is free of charge, although donations are welcome. A special holiday reception with the artists follows the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. Bring the family!

The 2017/2018 season is dedicated to the memory of **Nancy and Gordon Johnson**, the Irving Park Lutheran Church members who founded the series in 1994, along with artistic director **Roger Bingaman**. Future concerts in the series include a saxophone quartet on January 28 and a string quartet on March 25. All performances are at 2 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church.

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For more information about Carlson Community Services and its programs, visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766. Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Carlson-Community-Services](http://www.facebook.com/Carlson-Community-Services).



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# Pantry Celebrates Holidays December 20th

**T**he Irving Park Community Food Pantry will hold its annual holiday distribution for clients on Wednesday, December 20th. 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.

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.

**Volunteers (like this group in 2016) are needed to help set-up our Toy Room prior to the event on December 15th and to help clients select gifts on Wednesday, December 20th. For more information, contact Sara Youest at [sara.youest74@gmail.com](mailto:sara.youest74@gmail.com).**

*Photo by Vicci Rodgers.*

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 Pantry hours (9 to noon on Wednesdays and 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th). Additional drop-off points will be announced on our Facebook page.

**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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*Wishing Everyone a Joyous and Relaxing Holiday Season.*

While we're gathered with friends and family enjoying warm meals and holiday libations, let's all take a moment to express our gratitude for one another and for the blessings we have.

While you're out shopping for gifts, consider patronizing one of the many options we have in our community. Among old favorites such as Sabatino's (4441 W. Irving Park) and Edible Arrangements (4333 W. Irving Park), the Old Irving Park and Independence Park area recently welcomed Back Lot Coffee (3982 N. Avondale) and Hearth and Crust (3608 W. Irving

Park) to the area. Fischman's Bottle Shop (4054 N. Milwaukee) and Distinct Bath and Body (4046 N. Milwaukee) also hosted grand openings in the Six Corners Shopping District in November.

The ever-expanding options in our community create an opportunity to give unique, local gifts this holiday season. When you shop in our community, your money stays in our community. Shopping locally helps support small businesses and increases the vibrancy of our neighborhoods.

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## SEEN & NOTED IN OLD IRVING



SPOTTED: Rod Zech (third from left) led his team to a fourth victory at Carlson Trivia Night. Team "Just Waiting for Indictments" donated their \$200 prize winnings back to Carlson Community Services.



SPOTTED (RIGHT): Carlson Board members Patty Whitehouse (left) and Melanie Zech take a break from tending bar at Carlson Trivia Night.



SPOTTED (LEFT): John and Jill Arena put their heads together with Sue Geisler (center) at Carlson Trivia Night.  
*Photos provided by Carlson Community*



SPOTTED: Katrina Smith-Jones, Renee Linnemeyer and Rose Rivers coordinated the annual Coat Drive for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry in October.  
*Photo by Craig Shutt.*

## SEEN & NOTED IN OLD IRVING



**SPOTTED:**  
Betty Ryan and Bette Reetzke at the Irving Park Garden Club's October meeting. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*

Elizabeth Basile and Trudy Moore at the Irving Park Garden Club's October meeting. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*

Betsy and Mark McKelvey at the Irving Park Garden Club's October meeting. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*



**SPOTTED (LEFT):** Maria Lagos, Rev Kara Wagner Sherer (center) and Jackie Will enjoy a reception following a concert by the Chicago Recorder Quarter for the St. John's Concert Series.

(Right) Dee Barrett and Jeff Collins at the reception.  
*Photos by Mark McKelvey.*



# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

For complete event details, go to the organization's feature page.

**OIPA NEWS  
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SUBMISSION  
DEADLINE**

**Advertising &  
Editorial  
BOTH DUE  
January 9  
(SECOND TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH)  
BY 5 p.m.**

## December

- 
- 1-3 St. Viator Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair**
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- 4 WineAsana Yoga at Bread & Wine, 7-9pm** | A one hour all-level vinyasa flow class taught by Debby Fries, Yoga Shop, following a wine & cheese tasting. Lisa Kelly will start with a sparkling, followed by 2 whites then 2 reds paired with cheeses. \$40. BYOM (bring your own Mat) Please register at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/wineasana-yoga-with-wine-cheese-tasting-tickets-38775716211](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/wineasana-yoga-with-wine-cheese-tasting-tickets-38775716211)
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- 8 Schurz High School | Family Movie Night *The Polar Express***  
doors open at 5:30 p.m., showtime 6 p.m.
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- 9 A Festival of Lessons and Carols** | 5 p.m. Followed by a festive dinner in Parish Hall. com St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N Kostner, [stjohnschicago.com](http://stjohnschicago.com)
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- 10 Holiday Concert | Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents**  
An Octave Above 2 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church | 4100 N. Harding Ave.  
Free Admission – Reception follows the concert
- 
- 16 The 6th Annual Filament Holiday Special** | 2pm & 5pm
- 
- 19 Schurz Holiday Family Event** | 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## January

- 
- 6 Filament Theatre** | FORTS! opens
- 
- 20 Filament Theatre** | *The Van Gogh Cafe* by Filament Theatre  
at Fannie's Cafe & Bakery
- 
- 28 Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents**  
**Nois Saxophone Quarte** 2 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church | 4100 N. Harding Ave. Free Admission – Reception follows the concert





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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 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.

**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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