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## Fourth in A Series: Meet Our Board

**Howard Silver, Treasurer, Board Member**

### **Where did you grow up?**

I have lived in Chicago my entire life, except for my college years in Madison, Wisconsin and two years in Skokie when our daughter was in high school. I grew up in South Shore until senior year of high school, when my family moved to 4250 N Marine Drive. I lived in several lakefront neighborhoods before moving to Old Irving Park.

### **How long have you lived in OIP, and who is in your household?**

My wife Judy and I moved to OIP 21 years ago, when our daughter Shana was six. We followed our Lakeview neighborhood friends Katie and David, who relocated 'so far away' to Old Irving Park first. A few years later we joined them, and then other Lakeview friends moved 'so far away' to Old Irving a year later. That's how Old Irving grows – we all bring our friends who initially think it's too far away!

We moved to OIP because we needed more space than what we had and it is a beautiful neighborhood. And because of the el, METRA, and access to the highway, we have always had just one car. Growing up my family never owned a home, and I love working on our house, tending our garden and fighting with our lawn each summer.

### **Work/Time outside of OIPA?**

I have an MBA from the University of Chicago, and for 26 years I traded commodity futures at a division of the Board of Trade. Since retiring in 2001, I have



*Howard and his wife Judy  
Photo by Howard Silver*

prepared personal taxes for H&R Block from January to April 15 every year. Once upon a time, I bicycled 30-50 miles each Sunday for many years when the weather was good. I met my wife Judy while a non-singing supernumerary (extra) for Lyric Opera, as a waiter, soldier, flag-bearer, towns-person, etc, etc, etc.

### **Favorite local business.**

It's close between Jeff's Red Hots, Roma's Italian Beef, and Smoque BBQ. Do you see a pattern here?

### **My history with OIPA.**

I have been on the OIPA Board of Directors for about 18 years, first elected after cooking scores of hot dogs at the now-defunct OIPA Labor Day BBQ and working on the neighborhood down-zoning effort. I have served as a Board member, President for two years, and have been Treasurer since 2009.

### **Favorite part of serving on the OIPA Board:**

Working on the zoning and development issues that come before the Association.

**Hope for the future of OIPA:** I would like to see OIPA shepherd the creation of a business district/chamber of commerce on Irving Park Road.

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## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

May 21, 2018 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

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

The Board meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m. Our thanks to Howard Silver for hosting.

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's Report for March and April were both unanimously approved. Our ace Treasurer, Howard Silver, even commented that he was pleased that we now seem to be on more solid footing in terms of our budget. That is in no small part due to the increased revenues we have generated through the sale of advertising space, banners, and the small increase in dues.

**Advertising and Banners:** Colleen reported on the status of advertising, both in the newsletter and on our website, and Adrienne updated us on the banner program. The news was good on all fronts.

### All-Star Membership Special Perks

Renew your OIPA membership for next year at the "Neighborhood All-Star" level (\$150) by June 30, 2018 (this fiscal year), and you will receive an invitation to the All-Stars Cocktail Party on September 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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**Tote Bags and OIPA All-Star Party:** Colleen brought samples of the tote bags that she helped order for us that will be given to newsletter distributors and people who joined OIPA at the higher contribution levels. They really turned out nice. The All-Star Party for those that joined at the Neighborhood All-Star level of membership will be on Friday, September 7, 2018. It will be a fancy affair. For anyone who wants there is still time to upgrade your membership and come to this party.

**Business Development:** Several recent developments were discussed including a new pizza restaurant called "Burt's Place" that will be located at 4202-4204 W. Irving Park. This is exciting as its owner, Jerry Petrow, has been involved previously with Burt's Place in Morton Grove.

**Miscellaneous:** We were updated on some recent meetings that involved OIPA, including the meeting regarding the Point, and a very encouraging meeting that President Ankney attended with Representative Andrade, Owen Brugh from Alderman Arena's office and individuals affiliated with the Green Star Movement. While discussions are in an early stage, it is hoped that the result will be a bricolage mural on Irving Park Road under the blue line. We also discussed our intention to develop a policy concerning the storing of OIPA documents in a more organized fashion.

**Future Board Elections:** There will be elections for hopefully two new members of our Board in October. Don't worry that you are pushing anyone out as we have room for more, and could really use more help!

### Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting, *Continued from page 4*

One of the advantages of running for the Board is that there will probably be no opponents so you get a guaranteed win. I can tell you from personal experience that winning elections is a lot more fun than losing, so be a "winner" and contact us if you are interested in serving as you will need to submit an application.

**Future General Meetings:** Our next meeting will be the Ice Cream Social on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the normal location at Irving Park Baptist Church. There is no meeting in July or August. In September we

hope to invite our local aldermen to speak with us. For October, in addition to the elections, we intend to feature a program on Ghost Stories and Legends. We will encourage people to talk about any that they have heard of in OIP. For November, we are thinking of having a meeting on How to Give Back which will include participation by several local charities. Of course, December will be the Holiday Party. We will keep you updated on all of these

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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## Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on May 14, 2018 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary



**Weather Data:** Temperature: 86 degrees Fahrenheit

**Barometric Pressure:** I don't think so (but I am not sure what it is)

**Wind:** You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.

**Humidity:** I was a little sticky

I report on the weather due to its relevance for what is sometimes referred to as our "Spring" meeting. As we are taught in school, there are supposed to be four seasons, but in Chicago we get shortchanged on this one. We only have three. This year the dreaded winter was pretty mild, but it stayed cold through March and April and with few exceptions right up until the date of our meeting. But on this day it was spring-like, albeit a very wet one.

**Attendance:** It was looking bleak due to the rather severe thunderstorms through the late afternoon, but in the last half hour before the meeting, the clouds miraculously parted and people started springing into the meeting hall. There were probably about twenty people, including some new attendees that should certainly be welcomed: **Mary Kuhn** of the 3900 block

of Lowell, **Gina Illiopoulos** of Keeler Gardens in the 3600 block of Keeler, and **Alma Kreuser**, who is the VP of the Hermosa Neighborhood Association. Thanks for coming and we hope you liked it. President Ankney commenced the meeting at 7:08 PM.

**Committee Reports and Announcements:** President Ankney brought us up to date on several matters of interest to the community. Most importantly, she reported on the meeting that she had attended with the 45th Ward concerning the stalled development at Six Corners known as The Point. Unfortunately, there was little that was "concrete" to report. The closing of Sears and efforts being made towards development there were also mentioned. She discussed that the Green Space Adoption Program which was so successful last year is starting again. So anyone wishing to "adopt" one of the 17 in-ground planters or the 7 or 8 fiberglass planters with murals on them should contact her. She reported that **Dan Williams** had collected over \$2,500 in initial funding for his project and was already conducting some deep trash cleaning in the neighborhood. (Nice work Dan).

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### Main Speakers

While the reality is that we have at best a fleeting spring in Chicago, we are an optimistic bunch, so we still have our Spring Meeting to honor the hope of the season. This year we had three particularly interesting speakers to mark the occasion. Thanks so much to all of them.



Amy Bobel, residential outreach for Peoples Gas and ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, outlines the various ways that the program can assess your home and help you save energy.  
*Photo by Anna Sobor.*

#### Amy Bobel – Peoples Gas and ComEd Outreach

**Program:** Spring has sprung and that means that some of the more disgustingly proactive amongst us are already thinking about home improvements to lower their heating bills next year. This is where Amy can help. She presented information about the Energy Efficiency Program that they are offering. It is available by appointment for single family homes and two flats. An energy consultant will come out and go over energy issues in your home with you. They will not only make recommendations, but they will give you a lot of free (no typo there) stuff, such as programmable thermostats, LED bulbs, advanced power strips, and

pipe insulation. They also offer the Ecobee smart thermostats at a considerable discount (they seem to be similar to the popular Nest system with Alexa added). Why are the utility companies helping us to buy less in utility services for free? Because a state law passed in 2009 requires them to offer energy efficiency programs. Since as a taxpayer you are effectively paying for this, it makes a lot of sense to take advantage of the program. You can call (844)367-5867 if you want to schedule.

#### Renee Costanzo – Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse:

Renee told us all about this amazing place one block south of OIP where it is spring the year round. The Greenhouse was built in 1936 and was established as a teaching space by the Chicago Park District in 1996. Their mission is to "advance environmental stewardship in the community by connecting people to nature, teaching sustainable gardening practices, and promoting fresh and healthy food to people of all ages through garden based programming". It was very apparent listening to Renee that she lives this mission. Very inspiring stuff as it loftier than what is often my goal, which is to get to my next meal. They offer a lot of programs which can be explored at the CPD website. For example, there is an ecology program for children on Saturdays which



Renee Costanzo, director of Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, shows off her sign for the upcoming plant sale.  
*Photo by Anna Sobor.*



## OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



Claudia Hine, president, Irving Park Garden Club, explains how youngsters can get involved. Accompanied by their parent, of course. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*

includes survival skills, camping techniques, and birds. You can also visit the Friends of Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse website for more information on what they are doing there. You just missed their annual plant sale, which is their one fundraising event a year.

**Claudia Hine and Laura Marie Sanchez – OIP Garden Club:** Now we are really talking spring. These two put on a multimedia presentation where Claudia handled the speech and Laura Marie the slide show. They must have really practiced, as it was seamless, with no need for Claudia to ever resort to one of her patented Hine's Catch-Ups. The Garden Club was formed in the 1980's and they have over 70 members. OIPA is particularly appreciative for their efforts each year in maintaining our square urn planters with beautiful vegetation. The club meets regularly at St. John's Episcopal Church. They have many speakers and recent topics have included: Butterfly Habitats, Succulents, Mosaic Stones, and a tour of the Villa. The future schedule looks like this: The Mid-Summer Stroll

in July, Flower Arranging in August, Cooking with Herbs in September, and Sustainable Gardens in October. Their biggest event of the year is coming up before any of these. It is the Annual Garden Walk which will be on June 23, 2018. It will start at 3631 N. Keeler and costs only \$10.

**Next Meeting:** The next time we will meet will be for the annual Ice Cream Social. It is on June 11th at 6:30 in the basement of the Irving Park Baptist Church at 4401 W. Irving Park Road. Please note the starting time, because if you don't arrive until 7 p.m. you risk missing your favorite topping. By then it will certainly be summer.



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*Submitted by Howard Silver*

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<b>BEGINNING BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 70,056.72</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Newsletter Advertising	\$826.61	\$16,218.78
Web Advertising	\$299.74	\$1,799.48
Dues	\$161.68	\$11,837.31
Interest	\$3.43	\$33.68
Banner Program	\$2,299.55	\$7,558.55
Parents Committee		
Ice Cream Social		
Century House Program		\$375.00
Donations		\$2,090.00
Historical Committee		\$90.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,591.01</b>	<b>\$40,002.80</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Newsletter-Print	\$1,137.00	\$8,902.00
Newsletter-Design	\$818.50	\$6,628.50
Postage and Envelopes		\$715.24
Hall Rental		\$500.00
Web Site		\$475.00
Banner Program		\$400.00
Donations	\$500.00	\$4,100.00
Professional Services		
Directors' and Officers' Insurance	\$1,060.00	\$1,060.00
Mural Projects		
Misc Board Expenses		\$482.66
Parents' Committee		
Holiday Party		\$1,501.00
Federal and State Annual Reports		\$25.00
Membership		\$179.83
Ice Cream Social		
Planters		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,515.50</b>	<b>\$24,969.23</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 70,132.23</b>	
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 14,325.88</b>	
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- 8 Richard & Rosemary Knight  
9 Dana & Paul Moran  
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10 Kelly & Joe Ferenc  
Mike Manier & Tony Mallerdino  
Missy & Bart Goldberg  
Stephanie & Jon Epstein  
12 Kara & John Wagner-Sherer  
Mary & Jerry Czarnowski  
13 Charlene & John Adamski  
Lindsay Hunter & Ben Lyon  
15 Christine & Phil Vertucci  
16 Janine & Kyle Kostelnay  
21 Louise & Craig Chan  
Natasha & Brian O'Donnell  
Terry McGuire & Sharon Graham  
23 Jaclyn Nash & John Gells  
24 Julia & Steve Poskus  
25 Kris & Dave Cloud  
Marjorie & Brian Monaghan  
26 Hannah Lehman & Sinisa Rasberger  
Nina & Sean Elliott  
Rachel & Peter O'Mara  
27 Alison Weston &  
John & Theresa Mueller  
28 Scott & Heather Legan  
30 Hillary & Tom McNally  
Mike King & Andrea Montgomery

## June Birthdays

- 1 Carolyn Morehouse  
1 Debby Fries  
1 Ross Courtright  
2 Sally Frau  
3 Alan Allmen  
3 Brian Cooley  
3 Murray Mark  
4 Jessica Kelly  
4 Sharon Baker-Johnson  
5 Terrie Carpenter  
6 Corinne Brichetto  
6 Howard Silver  
6 Mary Lou Agronomoff  
6 Prutha Davis  
8 Bill Dearhammer  
9 Charles Southwick  
9 Fred Lundgren  
9 Hillary McNally  
10 Betsy McKelvey  
11 Chad Owen  
11 Cindy Grimaldi  
11 Mary Pat Serpone  
12 Bear Oliver  
12 Brady Oliver  
12 Guinevere Moore  
12 Jen Knox  
12 Mary Dette Verdaguer  
12 Tim Menard  
13 Jim Lynch  
13 Mike Lindauer  
13 Sharon DeBates  
14 Bob Liebich  
15 George Halka  
15 Jana Hwang  
16 William Lachman

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## IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

# Garden Walk

June 23

The Irving Park Garden Club will hold its annual garden walk/ride on Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a self-guided tour, free to members, and just \$10 for nonmembers to attend.

Join us for the opportunity to commune with nature and peek into the backyards of some of our neighborhood's loveliest gardens. If it rains, grab an umbrella and come anyway! Gardeners love the rain.

Tickets are only available on the day of the walk at the starting point, 3631 N. Keeler Ave., which is the garden of **Gina Iliopoulos** and **Ed Caplan**. Tickets may be purchased by cash or check only. Checks should be payable to Irving Park Garden Club.

We are grateful to Garden Walk Coordinator **Mike Basile** for organizing this event for our club members and neighbors. Thank you, Mike.

- Claudia Hine



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Bette Reetzke is thrilled with her haul, a shopping cart overflowing with plants from Sunrise Greenhouse, which she visited on the Irving Park Garden Club's field trip in May. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

### Midsummer Night Stroll

On July 19, the club will hold its popular Midsummer Night Stroll, an excuse to party on a Thursday night. This wine and cheese social will be held in the backyards of two members, **Mary Foster** and **Tom Starck**, who live close to each other on Kenneth Ave.

We'll have an opportunity to socialize and see what's growing in their gardens.

### Containers Got Their Makeovers in May

Several volunteers gathered at the Tripp Garden on May 19 to collect plants the Old Irving Park Assn. purchased from Farmers Market Garden Center (FMGC) to fill our square concrete containers along Irving Park Rd. These volunteers then proceeded to their adopted planters to fill them with the flowers FMGC's **Jennifer** and **Nicole Paravola** chose for us this year. Thank you, OIPA and FMGC, for collaborating with us again this year on this project.

The members who adopted our planters this year are **Mike Basile**, **Ed Caplan**, **Carolyn Frazier**, **Sue Geisler**, **Sharon Graham**, **Claudia Hine**, **Lisa Hopper**, **Gina Iliopoulos**, **Peggy Krischer**, **Pam Rock**, **Madelyn Ryan**, **Eileen Stern**, **Carol Szalacha**, **Karen Wehrle**, and **Bill and Karen Whitehead**.

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## Schurz Students Learn Through Technology and Community Engagement

### Tech Talk

Schurz hosted more than 1,000 teachers and administrators from all over Chicago for CPS Tech Talk in April. This annual professional development event for administrators, clerks, librarians, teachers and technology coordinators offers an opportunity to collaborate around how to best leverage educational technology to support the overall mission of Chicago Public Schools. The school's Fifthstar Makerspace, STEM Grow Lab, and robotics and digital media programs were on proud display!

### Mini Maker Faire

Schurz hosted the 7th Annual Chicago Northside Mini Maker Faire in May, bringing hundreds of people from all over Chicago to Old Irving for a day of learning and invention. Thank you to the many neighbors and students who volunteered to make the day a success, as well as the dozens of students and professionals who shared their knowledge and talents as makers!

### Digital Media

Digital Media students are teaming up with neighboring Bia's Cafe Mariana to create new ads for the Cuban cafe using augmented reality.

### Community

Students from Carl Schurz High School joined residents at the Kilpatrick Renaissance in May to plant a community garden. Through BuildOn, students have an opportunity to participate in a community service project nearly every week of the school year.

Student group Estudiantes Sin Fronteras (Students Without Borders) was featured on the front page of the Chicago Tribune for their work to educate business owners and immigrant residents about their rights.

### The Learning Garden is back!

Stop by a visit the Schurz Learning Garden on the front lawn as it returns to life! The garlic planted by students at the Learning Garden's ribbon cutting in the fall has sprouted, and Schurz botany students are transplanting the starter planters from their incubation room in the STEM Schurz Grow Lab.

### COMING UP

#### **June 23: Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon at Schurz**

Schurz is a site for the Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon, and Old Irving neighbors are invited to join in the event as community ambassadors. Email: [friendsofschurz@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofschurz@gmail.com) for more information.



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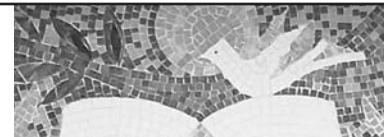
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## Viator Vibrations

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### Exciting Musical Adventure!

May was a busy month at St. Viator, with students in every grade enjoying field trips. 4th – 8th graders went downtown for a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar – what an exciting adventure! 1st – 3rd graders visited The Grove, pre-K four students visited Lincoln Park Zoo, pre-K three students went to Wagner Farm, and Kindergartners spent a day “camping out” in the gym (complete with hot dogs and s'mores).

### Teacher Appreciation Day

We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day on May 8th by spoiling our amazing faculty and staff all week long. On Monday, teachers were greeted with beautiful chalk art at each entrance and found the teacher’s lounge decorated in a summer picnic theme with a breakfast buffet. Tuesday featured a catered summer lunch, there was a lemonade and tart stand on Wednesday, and summer sweets and treats on Thursday and Friday. Everyone also received flowers, thank you cards and a “survival basket” filled with granola bars, mints, hand cream, pens, post-it notes and other essentials. Thank you to our teachers and staff who work so hard all year long, and to the parents who helped to make this week special for them!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the 2nd graders at St. Viator School and Parish who made their First Communion on May 19th, and to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27th! Many blessings to all!

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

### Upcoming Events

## Old Irving Park Chicago Beer & BBQ Challenge

Saturday, August 4, 1 – 5 p.m.

St. Viator Parking Lot (3644 N. Kedvale).

Now in its fifth year, the Beer & BBQ Challenge has become one of the best summer events in the city. Twenty local cook teams put their unique spin on BBQ, thoughtfully paired with a craft beer tasting from the team's partner brewery. Each brewery will also be pouring a special “bonus beer,” for a total of 40 craft beers in a variety of styles. YOU vote for Best Beer, Best BBQ, and Best Pairing. All proceeds benefit St. Viator Elementary School and Parish. Tickets and more info at [www.beerbbqchallenge.com](http://www.beerbbqchallenge.com).



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

### International Festival

Belding Elementary invites the Old Irving Park community to the **5th Annual International Festival** on June 15th from 3–6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the beauty of diversity through music, dance, and cultural food! This year's party will have professional performances of mariachi, Irish Dance, and Debbka. Activities include bouncy house inflatables, student performances of music and dance, as well as cultural demonstrations and activities. Food and henna art are also available for purchase. Admission is \$10 for ages 5 and up and 5 for ages 3 and 4.

### Kindergarten Registration

Come learn more about Belding Elementary School during one of our monthly tours. Please join us one of the following dates at 8:00 am.

**June 5 and June 12**

Registration packets will be available and we encourage you to come prepared to register. You will need a birth certificate (all incoming kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1st). You must also have two forms of proof of residency. You may also call the school to make an appointment to register.

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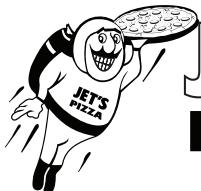
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## Judy & Liza Gala Benefits Carlson Neighborhood Programs

**P**rofessional singers **Nancy Hays** and **Alexa Castelvecchi** performed as Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli in an event on May 12th to benefit Carlson Community Services. Elegantly set in the Irish American Heritage Center's Erin Room, Hays and Castelvecchi re-created the one night in 1964 that Judy and Liza performed together in London. The mother/daughter duo performed 90 minutes of music, accompanied by the Robert Ollis Trio, captivating tan audience of 160 people in a special Mother's Day weekend celebration.

Irving Park Fine Arts artistic director **Roger Bingaman** served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Now in its 24th season, the Fine Arts classical music concert series is one of Carlson's three programs.

Carlson would like to thank **Wintrust Bank Mayfair** for its sponsorship of the event and **The Winebow Group** for donated wine. The following donors contributed wonderful silent auction items: **Bruce Anderson**, **Christopher Richard & Roger Bingaman**, **Erin & Tim Bouman**, **Kirsten Gettings**, **Lori Johnson**, **Dorene & Michael Jordan**, **Helen Lira**, **Music Theatre Works**, **Jen O'Grady**, **Old Irving Brewing**, **Community Tavern**, **Hearth & Crust**, **Turquoise Cafe**, **Distinct Bath** and **Cat's Meow Beauty**.

### Evening with Frieda Lee

**An Evening with Frieda Lee** raised \$6,000 for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, Carlson has three programs, the Irving Park Fine Arts Series, The Magic After-School Place after-school program and Three Brother Community Garden. For more information visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.

### Exercise Your Right to Garden at Three Brothers Garden!

Spring is here and Three Brothers Garden is waiting for you! The garden is a "pantry" garden, which means all vegetables grown in the garden are donated to Irving Park Food Pantry. Last year, 526 lbs. of vegetables were harvested for the food pantry. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. If you're a novice, we'll show you how to plant, maintain and harvest. Students in need of service hours find working in the garden with other teens fun and rewarding.

The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Tuesday night harvests will begin in mid-to-late June. To be added to the list to receive announcements about our harvest and work days, e-mail Liz Mills at [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org), or visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org). Join us and get growing!



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## Global Citizenship Program Coming This Summer

This summer Irving Park United Methodist Church will host the fourth annual Global Citizenship Program. The program combines service, experiential learning, faith formation, and fun. Each full day experience is like a mini retreat and provides the opportunity for deep thinking and learning as well as group bonding and faith exploration.

This year's theme is "Peace." Topics for consideration are racism, violence, religion, and more. We will visit different exhibits and museums. Youth will have an opportunity to engage in conversations with others

and explore they ways in which we can live in peace as global citizens.

The Global Citizenship Program is designed for 4th–12th graders. the program will be on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting June 20 and ending on July 25 (program will not be held on July 4). The cost is \$10 to \$15 per day depending on the activities and participants will need to pack their own lunch and snacks. Youth are welcome to participate one or all of the days. Register by contacting Pastor Hope Chernich at [irvingparkumc@comcast.net](mailto:irvingparkumc@comcast.net) or calling 773-283-262.

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## Seven Chicago Clergy Rotated Pulpits to Enhance Connection

This Spring Irving Park United Methodist Church Participated in the CTA Circuit Rider Series. Young clergy traveled around the city of Chicago, many riding the "L," to a different church on Sundays from April 8 to May 20 for a pulpit sharing series they've created together titled, "CTA Circuit Riders Sermon Series."

The cluster of seven pastors in the city had been meeting for less than a year when they decided to create the sermon series about "What It Means to be United Methodist."

"As a pastor of an urban church, I have found resonance with my colleagues as we face similar challenges and a desire to respond to the needs of the city," said Pastor April Gutierrez of Berry UMC in Lincoln Square. "We can support each other in ministry and invite our congregations to connect with other churches in the city through pulpit sharing."

In early North American Methodism, John Wesley, the founder of what has become The United Methodist

Church, created a plan of multiple meeting places, called circuits. A circuit was made up of two or more local churches, and a bishop would appoint a clergyperson for each circuit. Every Sunday morning, these pastors would travel for miles to visit each church, often by horseback. Eventually, these traveling preachers became known as Circuit Riders.

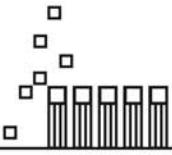
This series hopes to connect folks to their heritage and inspire connections throughout the city as faith communities which are inclusive, relevant and rooted in hope. The following are the faith leaders and churches participated in the pulpit exchange:

Sabrina Bermingham, (Rev. Lindsey Joyce) United Church of Rogers Park; Rev. Krista Paradiso, Elston Ave UMC; Rev. Juyeon Jeon, Epworth UMC; Rev. April Gutierrez, Berry UMC; Rev. Hope Chernich, Irving Park UMC; Rev. Kelli Beard, Holy Covenant UMC; Rev. Mark Schol, Grace Logan Square

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



## Pantry Herb Garden

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is starting up its Herb Garden for the year at the Irving Park United Methodist Church in the space adjacent to the Pantry entrance just off Keeler Avenue alongside the Serenity and Prayer Garden. We are seeking donations to help continue to provide clients with fresh herbs every week throughout the summer and fall.

The garden is a collaboration with Three Brothers Garden, which operates its garden for the Pantry, and IPUMC. The herbs that we grow, comprising basil, oregano, cilantro, thyme, parsley, mint, rosemary, and sage, are harvested early Wednesday mornings and distributed to clients later that day. Volunteer **Jeri Winkels** coordinates the tending of the weekly herbs with a variety of volunteers.

The garden allows us to provide more than 50 bags of herbs each week to clients. We are now looking for donations to increase production, such as organic soils, garden tools (trowels, weeders, spades, rakes, and aerators), garden gloves, small baggies and herb plants. We also need volunteers to help tend the garden during the week or sponsors who will "adopt" one of the herb beds and tend it. We also are looking for tried-and-true recipes that will maximize the use of the herbs that we can use in classes for our clients.

For more information on the program or to arrange a donation, please contact Sandra Schwarzbeck at [schwarzbeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schwarzbeck@sbcglobal.net).



### PANTRY AT THE FARMERS MARKET

Volunteers (l-r) Craig O'Connor, Carol Schultz and Gina Hubberts are among the volunteers who staff the Food Pantry's booth at GIPNA's Farmers Market. Photo by Craig Shutt

Visit us at the GIPNA Farmers Market in Independence Park on Sunday, June 10th, and 24th. Volunteers will be staffing our booth to answer questions, accept donations and sell (for a donation) merchandise such as lunch bags and water bottles.

### Back-to-school Supplies

Keep us in mind as you (shudder) shop for back-to-school supplies later this summer to keep us in mind. We will once again be providing our clients' children with supplies in August. Items include loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers, #2 pencils, crayons (24 pack), markers, colored pencils, and pens. We do not want backpacks. Watch for details on our Facebook page.

**Thank you to everyone who donates their time, effort and money to help us continue our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in Old Irving Park!**

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

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Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., Coletti's Restaurant (5707 N. Central) at the corner of Central and Elston. Hosted by Representative John D'Amico and Alderman Laurino, this event will allow you to safely and securely shred and recycle your sensitive documents! Limit of two boxes per person. Please do not leave the boxes at the site. Please remember to remove all staples and paper clips before bringing in your documents. This event is for residents only, NO BUSINESSES.



### Operation Help-a-Hero

Alderman Laurino is proud to announce that the 39th Ward office is a drop off location for Operation Help-a-Hero. We are accepting donations of household items for homeless veterans until July 5. Items can be dropped off at my office during business hours. All materials will be collected by Military Outreach USA and the American Red Cross to be delivered to the United States' Department of Veterans' Affairs. **Only new, store bought items will be accepted.**

### Get the Latest News and Updates

If you'd like to receive the latest news and updates from the 39th Ward, please consider registering for my e-newsletter on the Alderman Laurino's 39th Ward website, [www.AldermanLaurino.com](http://www.AldermanLaurino.com) or send us an email to [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org). We will be happy to add you to the list. Your information will remain private and will never be shared. As always, please feel free to contact the office at 773-736-5594 or send an email to [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org) with your questions or concerns.



## FROM THE WARDS | 39th & 45th Wards



### 45th Ward – Alderman John Arena

45th Ward Public Service Office, 4754 N. Milwaukee Ave.

#### Kid Safety & Pedestrians the Right of Way

The last day of school at CPS is June 19. With school letting out and the weather warming up, more children will be playing outside. Please make sure to keep your eyes on the road and be on the lookout for pedestrians and objects entering the street. It is illegal to text and drive, so make sure your phone is in a place where it won't distract you while you're driving. Finally, Illinois state law gives pedestrians the right of way. If you approach a crosswalk and see a pedestrian is waiting to cross, make sure you stop to let them do so. When drivers are cognizant of their surroundings and adhere to traffic laws, it makes our streets safer for all users.

### Passion for plants? Definitely. Knows Old Irving Park? Absolutely.



With a deep-rooted love of gardens and more than 20 years in business in the neighborhood, woman-owned Anne Roberts Gardens is ready to dig in to summer. Whether you're dreaming of a custom designed **eco-friendly, low-water garden**, a **stone or paver patio**, a **low-maintenance garden**, or even **storm water management**, let Anne and her team get to work – so you can make the most of this summer in your garden.

**Get in touch today** – mention this ad to receive your initial design at no cost. See all of the possibilities at **AnneRobertsGardens.com**, or call **773.777.7064**.

4414 N. Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60630



# CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

**OIPA NEWS**  
**AUGUST 2018**  
**SUBMISSION**  
**DEADLINE**  
**Advertising &**  
**Editorial**  
**BOTH DUE**  
**JULY 10**  
(SECOND TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH)  
BY 5 p.m.

## June

- 11      **OIPA Member Meeting** | 6:30 p.m. | Irving Park Baptist Church
- 23      **Irving Park Garden Club | Garden Walk** | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Starting point, 3631 N. Keeler Ave. | Free for members & \$10 nonmembers. Payment by cash or check.
- 23      **Schurz High School | Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon** | Email: friendsofschurz@gmail.com for more information.

## July

- 12      **Garden Party Benefit for Filament Theatre** | 6 – 8:30 p.m. | Groszek Law Firm, 3601 N. Pulaski Road | For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or more information go to: filamenttheatre.org/GardenParty

## June OIPA Member Meeting

6:30 p.m. | Monday, June 11  
Irving Park Baptist Church  
Ice Cream Social

*Please note: There is no meeting in July or August.*



## Seen & Noted



**Jesus Garcia and Dalia Chin performed classics for flute and piano at the St. John's Episcopal Church's Concert Series in May.**

*Photo provided by Mark McKelvey*



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This is a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

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

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

E-MAIL 2

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

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

### MEMBERSHIP DUES (per household)

**Membership Benefits:** Monthly meetings, hand delivered paper newsletter, member/spouse birthday and anniversary published in newsletter, ice-cream social, holiday dinner

- \$25/year Standard – \$15/year Standard Seniors (age 65+)
- \$75 Good Neighbor: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter and an OIPA Tote Bag
- \$150 Neighborhood All-star: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter, an OIPA Tote Bag, and admission for two to an exclusive OIPA party.  
*See page 4 for details.*
- Add \$17/year for OIPA NEWSLETTER deliveries out of boundaries. (Boundaries: South of Montrose, North of Addison, West of Pulaski & East of Milwaukee District North railroad tracks adjacent to Kilbourn/Kolmar )

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

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

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE:** Old Irving Park Association **OR** join/renew online: [oldirvingpark.com/join-us](http://oldirvingpark.com/join-us)

## From the Editor: SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

**Note:** Ten newsletters are produced annually (Newsletters are not published in the months of January and 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 deadline:  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

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. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable. Send your contributions to: Kathleen Kearns at [k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com](mailto: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.**

The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Information printed in the newsletter may be reproduced with Old Irving Park Association cited as the source. Opinions in this publication do not necessary reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

**AD SPACE Purchase and upload your ad at:**  
[www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad)

**AD SIZES:** Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"

Half Page: 6.25" X 3.75"

Quarter Page: 3" X 3.75"

**ACCEPTABLE AD FILES:** High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) grayscale; jpg, PDF, or eps.

**Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.**

## Call for Contributions to the OIPA News



While we receive most of our content from organizations, we welcome individual article submissions!

A few ideas:

- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
- Did you recently visit a new business or restaurant? Then share your great experience.
- Write a fun story about our neighborhood or a fond memory.
- Share your knowledge on a topic.

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

# Stephanie Cutter



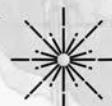
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**Summer Break  
for the *OIPA NEWS*.**

No newsletter in July.

Watch for the next  
issue in August.

