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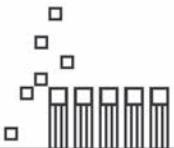


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– Heather Debby Legan

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Gratitude

– Adrienne Chan

As you are reading this message, Thanksgiving will be behind us, and holiday preparations, gatherings, and cheer will be in full swing. But, as I'm writing this in early November and still looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with family, thankfulness and gratitude are topics on my mind. I'm thankful for so many things in my life, big and small: family (especially my husband, Chris, our children, Andrew and Catherine; and our energetic dog, Rey); friends, and good health. And the fact that the sun was shining for my daughter's last soccer game of the fall season. There are also many things I'm thankful for in and around Old Irving Park: great

neighbors, the dedicated OIPA Board, new restaurants, and the CDOT work that suggests that the horrible potholes around Koch Foods and the Kostner underpass will be repaired in this decade.

I think the OIPA slogan—"Because Good Neighborhoods Don't Just Happen"—has never been truer. It takes a lot of collective effort to maintain the qualities that make OIP such a fabulous place to live. Many residents have taken their appreciation and passion for OIP and put it to work in our community. Such as the individuals who support and promote various drives for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. The neighbors who stepped in to keep the Annual Egg Hunt tradition alive in 2019. Everyone who has actively supported development at Six Corners. And, all of our Green Space sponsors who helped beautify the neighborhood (through their labor and donation of plants). These residents and countless others have taken action to make a difference on issues that are important to them, rather than just waiting for someone else to do something. Giving back is the way to bring thankfulness full circle.

As you are basking in the glow of holidays and thinking about resolutions for the year to come, take some time to consider what you are thankful for in life (and OIP in particular) and express your gratitude by giving it back to our community. Volunteer to serve on the OIPA Board or lead one of our committees or activities.

“**Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.**”

– Henri Frederic Amiel



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Support one of our local non-profits that serves the area (including the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Irving Park YMCA, Lydia Home, Carlson Community Services, and Hands to Help Ministries). Other suggestions: donate books to the new Independence Park Library; pick up trash in one of the pedestrian ways on Irving Park, Keeler, and Kostner (or anywhere else you see it); organize a Front Yard Friday, or reach out to a neighbor in need. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work." If everyone pitches in, our Good Neighborhood can be even better!

We wish you Happy Holidays and the year 2020 filled with gratitude!

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS!

If you are interested in a topic, chances are others will be too.

- »»» Do you have any fun meeting topics or desired guest speaker requests?
- »»» What will pull you away from home on a Monday night?
- »»» A couple of topics to consider are "cool stuff you found during a renovation," "bullet journaling in the digital age," and "urban farming, composting and chicken keeping."

Send your ideas to oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com.

We've been serving folks in our community for a generation.

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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

November 19, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendees: Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Scott Legan, Meredith O'Sullivan, Anna Sobor, Annie Swingen, Merry Marwig and Bart Goldberg

Commencement: Amidst possibly too much pre-meeting frivolity **President Chan** soberly took the reins, and the Board meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m. Thanks to Anna Sobor for hosting and as always she did a fantastic job.

Appointment of New Board Member: Our Board was delighted when we were contacted a few months ago by **Merry Marwig** who was interested in joining the Board. She is clearly a very talented individual with much experience in both the business world and the political world. I am no longer the only member of the Board that has previously run for State office. She has considerable technological and computer expertise that will come in very handy. The vote to appoint her to the Board was unanimous. With her appointment, we have an unusually involved Board consisting of nine members (including officers). We may need to get some bigger tables. Welcome Merry!

Treasurer's Report: **Lynn Ankney** presented her Treasurer's Report for October. The financials looked very strong even though total assets were down about \$2,000 from the prior month. As explained last month this was expected and was a timing issue. It related to payments that were made this month for the remaining planters in the Greenspace project, and the payments that were made for the All-Star party. However, the premium donations this year have exceeded the cost of the party by a wide margin. Interestingly, the Board also received a \$1,000 contribution from a donor that wishes to remain anonymous, which will be reflected in the future financials. Many thanks to Mr/Ms Anonymous! The

financial report was unanimously approved by the Board. It was also decided that we would designate Lynn as the registered agent of our NFP since she is the Treasurer.

Membership: **Meredith O'Sullivan** reported on our current membership figures. We presently have 501 members that receive newsletters, which is primarily our due's-paying members, but it also includes advertisers and a few people who receive a complimentary membership due to past service. Last year we had 467 such members at the end of the year, so we are already 34 ahead of that with over a month to go. About 90 people have not renewed from last year, which is also a figure that is better than last year. We had a discussion of ways to increase membership, and in the short term we will continue to distribute renewal flyers.

Reports on Board Projects: **Scott Legan** updated us on his progress with the registration of the murals and the clock repair. Lynn had informed us today by email about the possibility that there may be City funding available for us to have four metal signs constructed on light poles on Irving Park Road. The funding would expire at the end of the year and is not guaranteed, and we have to move quickly if we want to pursue it. This was discussed along with some potential designs that have already been obtained. Discussions were also had about moving our Newsgroup from Yahoo to a Google Group. Merry is going to take the lead on exploring this to see if it would be a reasonably easy transition. Similarly, we are going to explore changing the email system for the Board to a Google Group. This is somewhat important as with our present email address, the emails often get lost for hours before eventually appearing in our mailboxes.



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New Businesses/Developments: We have received the updated drawings we had requested for the proposed apartment building at 4524 W. Irving Park Road (next to Chicago Pizza) along with some information on the developer's prior developments. Anna agreed to visit one or more of them to perform additional due diligence for the Board. An update was discussed regarding Burt's Pizza (that they are going to need a zoning amendment). There was no additional news on the former sites of either Sabatinos or McNamaras. The forthcoming Mexican restaurant on Milwaukee Ave (Mesa Urbana) was exciting news, but on the downside Pork and Mindy's (they were to open next to Starbucks) filed for bankruptcy protection.

Tragedy During Our Meeting: Unfortunately, this is not a joke. First we heard helicopters and then we learned of the shooting that had just occurred on

Irving Park Road. We would later learn that it was at the conclusion of a police chase that commenced with a bank robbery and carjacking in the suburb of DesPlaines. The criminal died, the police officer was seriously wounded, and a student at Lane Tech who was interning at UpBeat Music & Arts was also seriously wounded. Many of the students there had to be traumatized. An incredibly sad and scary event happening right here in our neighborhood. Nothing more of substance was accomplished at the meeting after we learned of this news. Our hearts go out to all of the victims.

Future Meetings: Our next General Meeting will be on February 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Johns. Please check your e-blasts and our Facebook page for more details about the subject matter.

This meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on

November 11, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendance, Weather, and Treats: This was our most poorly attended meeting in quite some time, which was an absolute shame as it was informative, tasty, and pleasantly brief. It was also the first meeting presided over by our new President, **Adrienne Chan**. While some have speculated that Ex-President **Lynn Ankney** may have worked through nefarious outside channels to depress attendance at this meeting (in order to further burnish her reputation) I have absolutely no evidence to corroborate this theory. The far more likely explanation is that people stayed away because the weather was awful, as we had fallen victim that day to unseasonable cold as well as a snowfall that resulted in icy conditions. In addition to a very interesting speaker people missed out on a lot of good sweets, as we had a dessert potluck. I can assure you that I sampled them all (at least once) and I want to personally thank everyone who brought something. Since I cannot in good conscience fail to report the attendance I will let you know that it was actually 1,111 (which is very appropriate for a meeting on 11-11) when expressed in base 2 notation. However, seven of those people (expressed in base 10) were members of our Board.

Announcements: President Chan commenced the meeting at 7:37 p.m. After providing an introduction for our speaker she brought people up to date on several issues such as the status of the water main replacement project, and our forthcoming Holiday Party on December 8th from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eris (if you are a member please make sure you have a reservation as their a limited number we can bring). She reminded people that the party is our December meeting,

and that we take January off to recuperate, making February our next general meeting. One attendee who identified herself at the meeting was **Maire Dempsey** who lives in the 4300 block of Keeler and is working to get on the ballot to run for Judge in the 10th sub-circuit.

Featured Speaker — Ivy Ellis:

Ivy is the personable Executive Director of a fascinating organization known as the **Northwest Home Equity Assurance Program (NWHEAP)**. This organization was created by state legislation in 1989, and sadly (in my opinion) it was born largely to deter “white-flight” from some neighborhoods. However, out of this NW Heap (it’s their acronym, remember) a beautiful thing was born that many of us may want to take advantage. There are two programs that they offer, and they are financed from our real estate tax bills, so everyone should feel entitled to their benefits. Specifically, embedded into the real estate tax bills in our area is a \$7 per year charge that goes to fund this government agency. Since very little has been spent from this fund in the over 30 years of its existence, it now has assets of nearly Ten Million Dollars!

Before getting into the details of the two programs that this governmental program offers I want to point out that the programs do not include all of Old Irving Park. Vice President **Annie Swingen** (who was somehow aware that I was not really paying attention right then – She would make a great schoolteacher) directed me to note this and to look into it further.

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Celebrate the Season at St. John's

Advent Sundays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22

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

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

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

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Candlelight service, Holy Eucharist with choir

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25

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

Cookies and hot chocolate follows

First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 29

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

Epiphany Do-It-Yourself Pageant Sunday, January 5

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



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Saturday, December 7

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

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I have since viewed the map of the areas included in the program, and happily the great majority of OIP lies within the geographic scope of the program. Any part of OIP that is south of Irving Park Road is included. As to the northern section, there is a sliver that is not included. If you live in the area bordered by Irving Park Road, Bertheau Avenue, Kedvale Avenue, and Pulaski Road, you should check the map as most of that area (but not all of it) is excluded.

Home Equity Assurance Program: This was the initial program and the reason that the State enacted the legislation back in 1989. The idea was to provide people with essentially a type of insurance to protect

their investment in their home (it also includes apartment buildings up to six-flats) from localized losses in value. When I say from a localized loss in value, I am not talking about losses from disrepair or poor maintenance, or hazards such as fire. Losses from a recession or economic downturn that are wider in scope than just our area are also not covered. But if values should go down on your block or in the OIP neighborhood in general, and you are participating in this program for at least five years, then you can get paid. This is a type of insurance that you can't buy at State Farm and it is very affordable!

Here are some of the details. To participate in the program you contact Ivy or NWHEAP to apply. You pay a \$150 application fee (slightly more for apartment buildings) and they have an appraisal done to establish a fair market value for your property. They do not share this information with the Assessor's Office, so do not worry that it will affect your real estate taxes. Once the certificate is issued, you have protection under the program after five years has elapsed. If you make improvements or due just to appreciation you want to get certified at a higher valuation, you can do this at any time by reapplying. However, there is a drawback to doing this in that the clock starts to run again before you are covered on a subsequent loss.

Somewhat amazingly there is no cap on the amount of the recovery that you can make. Therefore, if you have a home that is worth \$500,000 (for example), and then due to a price downturn in OIP (maybe scientists determine that living so close to the expressway is ultra hazardous) or just a downturn on your block (maybe it is caused by boarded up buildings nearby) you could possibly collect big bucks from this fund if you ultimately have to sell for under that earlier value and you have been in the program for at least five years. I say possibly and not positively because:



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(1) you have to file for it and properly get through the hoops; (2) they could someday run out of their 9.6 million dollars from paying other claims; and (3) I am not giving you a legal opinion here [I include that last disclaimer just to make my malpractice carrier happy]. Ivy confirmed that in the entire history of the program the fund has only paid out on five claims. This is understandable as values in OIP have gone up tremendously since 1989, and while there have sometimes been downturns in real estate values they were due to larger trends and not a localized issue.

In summary, your humble Secretary finds the existence of this program to be mind-blowing. If you are planning to live here for at least another five years (a subsequent Buyer is not protected under your certificate, but your heirs are for two years after your death) you may want to consider "investing" in this program to obtain a type of protection that is not otherwise available.

Home Improvement Loan Program: This is the very new Program on the block. It was created as a way to put the large sums being held in the fund to some socially productive use (since very few claims were being paid on the initial program). This program provides VERY low interest rate loans for home improvement projects. To take advantage of it you must first be a member, which means that you have applied for the first program above. The loan amounts range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 and the interest rates range from 0% (on loans up to \$10,000) up to 4% on the larger loans. The repayment period is five years on the smaller loans and seven years on bigger ones. The loans are for the purpose of financing new improvements but they are not for new construction projects.

The loans are made and serviced through participating financial institutions that have been approved by the

NWHEAP, such as Marquette Bank. An application fee is paid to the lender and you have to qualify for the loan, but Ivy stressed that they are very flexible when it comes to verifying income. You must have 20% equity in your property (this also can be up to a six-flat apartment). Quite a deal!

If you are interested in either of these programs you can contact Ivy Ellis at NWHEAP at (773)622-0700 or email her at ellis@nwheap.com. To read more about the programs their website is at www.nwheap.com.

Conclusion: We thanked Ivy for her presentation. The meeting ended at 8:12 p.m. so we could get back to eating more dessert. We hope to see everyone at our next meeting which is the Holiday Party. If not, Happy New Year to All!

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- 16 Mary & Pat Danahy
- 20 Beth Valukas & Peter Barash
- 28 James Natoli & Kate Meints
- 28 Kate & Jeff Cain
- 29 Kim & Tom Danahy
- 30 Colleen & Rich Kenny
- 31 Anne Bennison & Carlos Eguis-Aguila
- 31 Steve Stockley & Brian Pearson

December Birthdays

- 1 Gerald Gierke
- 1 Helen McDowell
- 1 Demian Christiansen
- 1 Shoshana Friedman
- 3 Dana Moran
- 4 John Dowd
- 4 Mark Yoest
- 5 Erin Sarris
- 5 Richard Knight
- 6 Molly Clayton
- 6 Warren Abrahamson
- 6 Jessica Grossnickle
- 6 Patrick Ginnan
- 7 Scott Gustafson
- 9 Brian Beaugureau
- 12 Rolando Rivero
- 12 Stephan Cohn
- 13 Carol Szalacha
- 13 Gina Oderda
- 14 Linda Higham
- 15 Terry Fallen
- 15 Robert Tataryn
- 16 Mary Sussman
- 16 Chris Chan
- 16 Laura Boggioni
- 17 Lucy Diaz
- 17 Debbie Cook
- 17 Frank Lynch
- 19 Susan Strong-Dowd
- 20 Robert Szalacha
- 21 Patricia Gustafson
- 21 Sabrina Cimo
- 21 Julian Arias
- 22 Sean Elliot
- 23 Allison Mutlu
- 23 Laura Marie Sanchez
- 23 Nicholas Farrar
- 24 Michael Innocenzi
- 24 Vertucci Yes
- 24 Nate Tovo
- 25 Laura Ozog
- 25 Jeanette Schrader
- 26 David Melzer
- 26 Peggy Brockhaus Shearer
- 29 Ann McHale
- 30 Barbara Cohn
- 31 Ewa Ryan

PET BIRTHDAY

- 1 Roscoe

January Anniversaries

- 14 Gareth & Jessica Grossnickle
- 17 Leanne & Jack Neurauter
- 23 Bryan Pitts & Jocelyn Zolna-Pitts
- 25 Emily & Jeremy Sermersheim

January Birthdays

- 1 Angie Yorath
- 1 Sharon Graham
- 1 Wendy Jo Harmston
- 1 Parker Lyon
- 1 Seamus Greene
- 2 Lynn Ankney
- 2 Joanne Krakora
- 3 Dean Wolf
- 4 Jonathan Calfee
- 5 Matt O'Brien
- 7 Emily Sermersheim
- 9 Michael O'Brien
- 11 Alberto Ilustre
- 11 Joy Westendorf
- 13 Dee McDonough
- 15 Kelly Kaye
- 16 Nova Lundgren
- 17 Daniel Degnan
- 17 Patricia Hinkes
- 17 Mete Mutlu
- 18 Jason Isadore
- 18 Peter Barash
- 19 Rachel Allmen
- 19 Addison Lundgren
- 19 Clark Lundgren
- 21 Audre McGinnis
- 21 Lia Orellano
- 22 Anne Morrissy
- 22 Susan Gidley
- 23 Diane Ehrhart
- 24 Bob Jones
- 24 Michael King
- 25 Emily Coakley
- 25 Kathy Liebich
- 25 Traolach O'Sullivan
- 26 Richard Bauman
- 27 Renée Linnemeyer
- 27 Tom Starck
- 27 Kathryn Kleisch
- 28 Gareth Grossnickle
- 29 Talula Kay Quinlan
- 31 Michael Lee

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Not sure if you provided your info in your renewal form? If so, please contact Meredith O'Sullivan at meredithosullivan@gmail.com or 773-551-4533, so she can add your name and dates to the list.

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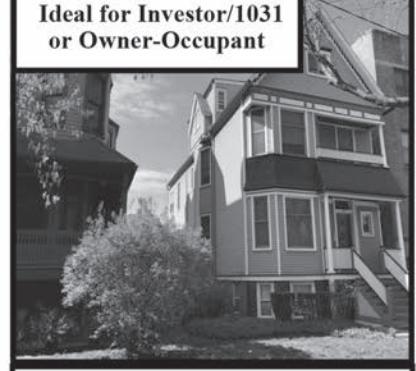
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Local Hero, Mary Chapman — Heather Debby Legan

This article is based on an interview with Professor Emilie Lucchesi, author of *This is Really War: The Incredible True Story of a Navy Nurse POW in the Occupied Philippines*.

Mary Chapman pictured at right. Photo provided courtesy of Emilie Lucchesi.



In 1936, a local woman named Mary Chapman enlisted in the United States Navy. Raised a few blocks outside of Old Irving Park (on Central Park Avenue) by her chemist father and stepmother, Mary knew that typical nursing jobs of the time offered minimal benefits; in contrast, her Naval enlistment allowed her job stability, higher wages, and the opportunity to travel.

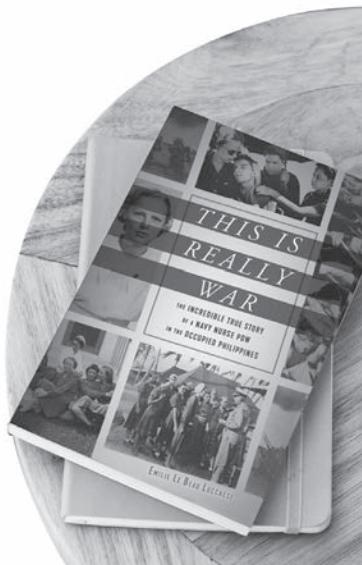
While in the Navy, Mary met her fiance, William Hays. They hid their engagement as the Navy did not allow engaged women to serve, and Mary continued to extend her stay in the Philippines to be close to her future husband. In a cruel twist, her fiance was injured and sent home before her. Mary began to plan the conclusions of her service, sending her belongings home to Chicago, and securing a boat ticket. Unfortunately, in early 1942, Mary, ten other Naval nurses, and 1 Filipino nurse were taken prisoner by the Japanese. Over the next three years, these women would become known as the Twelve Anchors for their bravery in nursing their fellow prisoners despite the hardships of life in POW camps.

From January 2, 1942, through February 23, 1945, Mary and her fellow nurses continued to care for the prisoners in the POW camps despite also being prisoners themselves. Throughout her three years as a prisoner, Mary experienced an incredible amount of hardship. In March 1942, the nurses were separated from their naval officers and relocated to a civilian prison camp. Without them, there would have been no medical care at the camp. They were transported to the second camp in unventilated boxcars on a stifling 90-degree day.

In the camp, Mary nursed civilians after they received beatings from the low-level prison guards. All of the prisoners, including the nurses, were slowly

This is Really War: The Incredible True Story of a Navy Nurse POW in the Occupied Philippines
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Nurses being greeted by the admiral, shortly after liberation. Chief Nurse Laura Cobb (woman in the middle wearing the turban) is addressing the admiral. Mary is the brunette directly to the right of Laura Cobb. Author note: The woman in the chair, Dorothy Still, passed out from exhaustion. *Photo provided courtesy of Emilie Lucchesi.*

starved to death by the sadistic warrant officer. Mary subsisted on approximately 500 calories every other day, bringing her weight down to less than 100 pounds. As the war came to an end, Mary and her fellow nurses had little left to offer dying patients besides comfort, and yet they continued to work 12-hour shifts. The nurses truly became the anchors of the camp.

Throughout her ordeal, the Chicago papers ran stories about Mary. They knew she was a POW, but they could not confirm that she was still alive until a prisoner exchange in 1943 allowed the camp physician to return home. He had known the 12 Anchors at the camp and confirmed they were still alive. The newspaper continued to cover Mary when she returned home, coming to Chicago Airfield (now Midway) when her parents greeted her and even snapping her as she reentered her parents' house for the first time.

After she returned home, Mary married William Hays, who had waited for her since his war injury had sent

him back. Mary and the other nurses also received Bronze Stars and POW Medals for their heroism and contributions during their imprisonment in the Philippines. She passed away in the 1970s.

Despite their heroism, the Twelve Anchors are relatively unknown. Much of this stems from the media of the 1940s. Newspapers wrote about the twelve women as if they were witnesses to the atrocities of the POW camps rather than victims. Reporters did not always recognize the heroic contributions the women had made. The Twelve Anchors not only nursed their fellow prisoners back to health, but they also provided stability and hope. Their commitment to heal and help their fellow prisoners despite the atrocities occurring all around them should cement their place in history as heroes.

As Old Irving Park residents, we should know the name, Mary Chapman. A young woman who grew up just outside of our boundaries but went on to make an incredible difference on the other side of the world.



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Tier I Plaque, Size 5.5" Wide X 5.5" Tall

Update on the Nuveen House Landmark Designation

At the November 7 regular meeting of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, the report from the Public Hearing (Oct 16) and Final Landmark recommendation was made for the **John Nuveen House** at 3916 North Tripp Avenue. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend the house for landmark designation. The CCL's recommendation will be referred to the City Council's Zoning, Landmarking and Building Standards Committee, which then votes to recommend it to the full City Council for Designation.

About the Nuveen House. This Chicago Queen Anne was originally built in the late 1800's by John Nuveen Sr. who was one of the originators of municipal bonds. Though the house is named after John Nuveen he only lived there for three years. His mother and sister made it their home for more than twenty years. Among other residents were the Olsen family and the Karpinski family, who bought the house and stayed for over 30 years. The house was featured during the 1989 Irving Park Historical Society's Housewalk.

Photos by Ward Miller, Preservation Chicago



Slide presentation during the Public Hearing.



OIP residents, Claudia Hine and Laura Marie Sanchez express joy that the commission voted to recommend the proposed landmark designation to the city council.



OLD IRVING PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Old Irving Park Association recognizes the increasing value of these historic resources and their impact and contribution to the community. As a way to promote the rich past, recognize the investments made to preserve the historical heritage, and provide for a standard way to mark residential properties, the Irving Park Historical Society—OIPA's history team—created the Century House Plaque program. The program recognizes homes within the confines of Old Irving Park that are over a century old with a bronze plaque. The plaques provided to OIPA members for \$25 / non-OIPA member homeowners for \$50 (of which half goes towards OIPA membership fee).

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Application forms are posted on the OIPA website (www.oldirvingpark.com/house_history/) under the Old Irving Park/Home History and Resources & Info Section, or you contact Matt Krecun at Karycun@gmail.com and request an application emailed to you.

These sturdy bronze plaques make great gifts for proud homeowners in the neighborhood. Consider purchasing one for the holidays.

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IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB



Garden Club END-OF-YEAR LUNCHEON

SPOTTED: Door prize winner Chris Omiotek at the Irving Park Garden Club's October meeting. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*



SPOTTED: Irving Park Garden Club members enjoying the last meeting of the 2019 season. Seated from left: Susie Smith, Roberta Dozio, Manuel Forero Rueda, and Hilegard Brodersen. Standing: Matt Ferguson, Leslie Stentz, and Heinz Brodersen. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*



SPOTTED: Anna Sobor, Mary Lou Agronomoff, Manuel Forero Rueda, and Jen O'Brien with baby Simone checking out the taco bar at the Irving Park Garden Club's annual luncheon, catered by Chicago Taco Authority. *Photo by T. J. Hine.*





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

Noche De Familia/Family Night

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Belding celebrated Noche de Familia or Family Night on November 1 to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos/ Day of the Dead/ All Souls Day. Belding parent volunteers developed an evening full of family fun activities, including crafts, a movie, and a photo booth. Culture and heritage were celebrated as part of our incredibly diverse school. Families at Belding come from more than 70 different countries. More than 20 different languages are spoken by the children and families at Belding. We are culturally diverse, and we celebrate how this environment is a great place for our children to grow and learn!



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2019 Excellence in Gardening Award — Maureen Taylor



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The Old Irving Park neighborhood was well represented in the recent 2019 Excellence in Gardening Award ceremony that was held on October 12 at the Chicago Park District Austin Town Hall auditorium. Radio show host Mike Nowak was the Master of Ceremonies as friends and families were on hand to cheer on their favorite gardener. In 2019 gardens and gardeners from 43 wards and 76 neighborhoods entered the competition. Sixty-eight awards and 31 honorable mentions were presented to some of the finest gardens in the city.

OIP Winners

- Keeler Gardens; Maureen Taylor
- Gina Iliopoulos and Ed Caplan Karen Wehrle
- Peggy Krisher Dr. Martin Yorath

Look for the nifty green signs in your neighborhood designating that—an excellent gardener lives there. Congratulations to all the winners!



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Gifts of the Season

It is with open arms we welcome back our Scammon Family. We consider every student, teacher, and staff member a gift to our school. This time of year is filled with family, food, and fun. We appreciate all those that partner with us throughout the year. We never want to lose sight of the blessings we have here at Scammon!



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Bee Prepared

This year, Scammon will host its second annual school-wide Spelling Bee. This academic event allows students to showcase their spelling skills in a friendly competition. The process started in November with fierce Classroom Bee competitions. The top spellers of the Classroom Bees will advance to the school-wide competition in December. May the best speller win!

Storytelling Through Song

Our 4th-grade students enjoyed the Lyric Opera's performance of Earth to Kenzie at Schurz High School. This performance exposed our students to the magic of opera by the art of storytelling through song. We hope that this exposure will continue to increase our students' interest in the fine arts.

Blackhawks G.O.A.L

Scammon School was the recipient of a grant from the Chicago Blackhawks in which two lucky classrooms got to spend time learning how to play floor hockey from the Blackhawks G.O.A.L team. Get Out And Learn (G.O.A.L.) emphasizes the importance of exercise and healthy living while providing elementary schools with the equipment to teach hockey in P.E. Through sports like hockey, youth learn many skills such as teamwork, focus, the value of hard work, and perseverance. These skills will benefit them in school today, in college tomorrow and throughout their lives.

School Tours

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Tending to Old Irving Green Spaces

You might have noticed something different when you walk or drive by the three parkways on the north side of Irving Park Rd., just east of the overpass. What used to be a weed and trash infested mess has been transformed into three clean, newly planted, and mulched butterfly gardens. OIPA hired locally owned **Taylor Made Landscape Design, Inc.** to design and plant up these three large parkways. It took the crew of two 4 days total just to clean the weeds and debris out of the gardens. They filled the

Some of the plants they planted are:

- Echinacea (coneflowers) *
- Russian Sage *
- Amsonia
- Coreopsis *
- Allium *
- Nepeta (catmint) *
- Astilbe
- Hemerocallis (day lilies) *
- Little Bluestem grass*
- Achillea *
- Leucanthemum (daisies)
- Lavender *
- Perennials geranium
- Baptisia
- Asclepias (butterfly weed) *
- Buddleia (butterfly bush) *
- Tall Phlox *
- Calamintha nepeta
- Tall ornamental grasses *
- Spirea Tor (shrub)
- Ninebark (shrub)

*Bee and butterfly attracting

Before and after photos of one of three parkways.
Photos provided by Adrienne Chan and Maureen Taylor



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pickup truck twice with the debris. They found some interesting items while cleaning. Typically found in public spaces are beer and liquor containers, and they found a few of those. They also found a used syringe and curiously several pairs of men's underwear as well as a full change of clothing from the outer jacket, shirt, and shorts and included underwear.

Once the beds were clean of weeds and debris, rototilled and raked smoothed, the crew planted a wide assortment of shrubs, grasses, and perennials, most of them native to our area. **Maureen Taylor** had been collecting grasses, shrubs, and perennials that they had removed from customers' yards to re-purpose in these gardens. This saved quite a bit of money and also gave these otherwise discarded plants a new life on Irving Park Road. They even replanted some hostas

and milkweed that was there already. All are low maintenance, and many are bee and butterfly attracting.

Future Upkeep

We asked Maureen what we need to know regarding the upkeep of this garden. She told us that for the first two years, we will have to be diligent about removing the weeds. As the garden matures and fills in the bare spots will be fewer, and weed management will be easier, but these first two years are crucial. There appears to be an irrigation system installed, but we don't know how it is functioning or if it is appropriately programmed. If it is not functional, Maureen has a fire hydrant key available to use until the plants get established.

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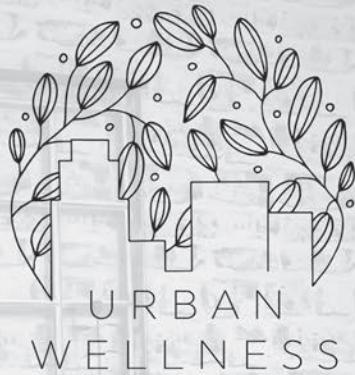
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Intramural Basketball Tradition Carries On!

Many parents fondly remember fall intramural tournaments back when they were St. Viator students, and we had blockbuster-level participation among the 3rd–8th graders at this year's tourney November 8–9. In the fall, the boys play basketball and the girls root them on in cheer squads, and the genders are reversed in the spring.



Students cheer on their classmates during the fall intramurals.
Photo by Huguette De Alba Cogan.

Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week Open House | Sat., Jan. 25, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup | Dec. 12, Jan 9 & 23, 9–10:30 a.m. This fun and FREE playgroup is for children newborn to 4 and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, climbers, hula-hoops, and more.

Primary Gym | Dec. 21, Jan. 18, 8:30–10 a.m. Primary gym offers a relaxed yet active environment where children and parents can participate in basketball, scooters, floor hockey, parachutes, and more. Open to children ages 3 to 3rd grade. \$20 per family for the year.

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Holiday Traditions Abound

Holiday traditions, too: In addition to the annual Christmas Program, the students love to shop at "Santa's Workshop." The Parents' Club collects items all year to curate a wonderful in-school market where the students thoughtfully pick out special items for their family members.

We wish you a healthy and happy holiday season to all!

Winterfest Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair

Shop, sip, and celebrate the season with us at Winterfest! December 6–8, in the St. Viator gym and parking lot. Enjoy the Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair, wreath and tree sales, Snowflake Café, Hot Cocoa Bar, Winter Cocktail Bar, indoor bounce house, ice skating, and other outdoor activities, kids crafts, cookie decorating, photos with Santa and more! Check the St. Viator website and FB page for the complete schedule of events. Thank you to all the volunteers who make the Winterfest a success.



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Trivia Night Big Success for Carlson Program



Helen Lira and team "Not Here to Make Friends" were the victors in Carlson Community Services' Trivia Night. The team generously donated their \$200 winnings back to Carlson.

Photo by Liz Mills.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Carlson Community Services' November Trivia Night to benefit Carlson's programs. In our 13th contest, a crowd of 150 players battled for \$200 in prize money and bragging rights!

A team led by Carlson volunteer **Helen Lira** broke a three way-tie to win the nine-round competition. The team generously donated their \$200 in prize winnings back to Carlson Community Services. 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 donors who helped make the evening a financial success:

Round Sponsors were **Dorie Westmeyer, Charles Rutenberg Realty, Wintrust Bank Mayfair Branch, Alderman Samantha Nugent, 39th Ward, and Carlson Community Services Board & Committees.** Raffle and silent auction donors were **Bruce Anderson, Rod & Melanie Zech, Hearth & Crust, Thalia Hall, and Glenn Kotche.** Wine and beer were donated by **Kevin and Wanda McDonald, Revolution Brewing, and Bill Sherlock.** Master of Ceremonies **Patrick McKee** did a masterful job of overseeing the quiz and raising funds for the organization. A shout out goes 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!

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Carlson Community Services



Luciano Antonio, Brazilian guitarist and vocalist, will lead a program of Latin-influenced Christmas songs on December 8th at Irving Park Lutheran Church. *Photo provided by Liz Mills.*



Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Latin Jazz Christmas Show

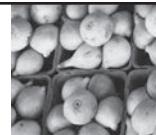
The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is excited to present a Brazilian trio in a program titled "A Latin Jazz Christmas" on Sunday, December 8th. The trio, led by vocalist and guitarist Luciano Antonio, will perform a Latin-influenced Christmas program as well as Brazilian and Latin standards. Fans of samba, bossa nova, and world music won't want to miss this concert! A festive reception with the artists will follow the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts committee.

In celebration of the series' 25th anniversary, Anne Marie Lewis will perform a program titled Women in Song accompanied by pianist Celia Villacres on February 23rd. Anne Marie was featured in the Fine Arts Committee's first concert in 1994. The final concert of the season will be held on April 26th with Drums of Africa performing an interactive demonstration.

All concerts are at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concerts are free of charge, but donations are gladly welcomed. Dates and programs are subject to change.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is a program of Carlson Community Services, a non-profit serving the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. Visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 for information.

The Fine Arts concert on December 8th will feature a festive reception following the performance. *Photo by Liz Mills.*



Pantry Celebrates Holidays December 18

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry will hold its annual holiday distribution for clients on Wednesday, December 18. At this event, we close the Pantry to our typical operation and provide 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.

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 appreciated, as we often can leverage our volume and sources to buy at significantly reduced prices. A letter explaining our needs and how you can help was mailed to supporters in mid-November.

We typically give out about 350 toys. This year we expect to give out more, as we've picked up many new clients since our move to 4256 N. Ridgeway. We especially need gifts for older children (ages 10 to 12). Books for all ages are a favorite. We're also collecting stocking stuffers, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets.



Sara Yoest (at right in Pantry t-shirt) & Debby Fries (second from left, front row) prepare the volunteer team to help clients select a gift from the Pantry's Toy Room in 2018. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

Three locations to drop off donations*

Unwrapped *new* toys and food donations can be brought to the Pantry at **Emanuel United Methodist Church** (4256 N. Ridgeway) on • Wednesday mornings (8:30 a.m. to noon)
• Tuesday evening, November 12 (6 to 7:30 p.m.).

New, unwrapped toys only can be dropped off at **Old Irving Brewing Co.** (4419 W. Montrose Ave.) or the **Irving Park YMCA** (4251 W. Irving Park Rd.).

* Other local businesses will have drop-off boxes, too; please check our Facebook page.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

The deadline for donating toys is **Wednesday, December 11**. Volunteers are needed to collect toys, stock the layout on December 16 and 17, and help distribute them on December 18. To help, contact Sara Yoest at sara.yoest74@gmail.com.

We appreciate everyone's effort, time, and money to help brighten our clients' holiday season and allow us to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Don't forget: Please use the Smile program at Amazon when you shop for the holidays. When you sign up, Amazon donates 0.5% of your payment to the Pantry. It adds up!



Volunteers at the Irving Park Food Pantry's coat drive in October included (l-r): Julie Tye, Sara Yoest, Cade Linnemeyer, Renee Linnemeyer, Vivian Thomas and Megan Stalder. The program continued into November due to the high number of coats donated. Photo by Craig Shutt



Start spreading the news...

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

OIPA NEWS
February 2020
**SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**
**Advertising &
Editorial**
BOTH DUE
Jan. 14
(SECOND TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH)
BY 5 p.m.

December

- 8 OIPA Holiday Party | 5–8 p.m. | Eris Brewery & Cider, 4240 W. Irving Park Rd. |
RSVP: oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com
- 8 Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents A Latin Jazz Christmas | 2:00 p.m. | Irving Park
Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave., Free Admission, Reception Follows
- 12 Schurz High School | 6 p.m. | Holiday Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert
- 13 Schurz High School | 5–8 p.m. | Winter Wonderland Holiday Market
- 13 Schurz High School | 6:30 p.m. | Friends of Schurz presents *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

January

Happy New Year! The General OIPA Meeting is not held in January. See you in February.

OIPA MEMBERS
Holiday Party
Sunday, December 8
5 – 8 p.m.
Eris Brewery & Cider • 4240 W. Irving Park

In lieu of a December meeting, we invite current OIPA members to join us for
"Holiday appetizers & sweets." Food provided by OIPA. Cash bar is available.

R&V P

Space is limited to 80, please RSVP by December 1st to
oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com with the number of
adults, kids (ages 6 – 12) and wee ones (5 and under).

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



This is a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership

JOIN TODAY!

2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

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 — name(s) and birthday(s) of your child(ren) and/or pet in newsletter, and an OIPA Tote Bag.
- \$150 **Neighborhood All-Star:** Good Neighbor membership plus — admission for two to an exclusive cocktail OIPA party.
- Add \$17/year for OIPA NEWSLETTER deliveries out of boundaries. (Boundaries: South of Montrose, North of Addison, West of Pulaski & East of Milwaukee District North railroad tracks adjacent to Kilbourn/Kolmar)

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

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

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

From the Editor: SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE NEWSLETTER

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. We cannot use photos that are embedded in a Word document, you must provide images as separate files. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable as content submission.

Send your contributions to: Kathleen Kearns at k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include "**OIPA submission**" in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting — advertisement, article or event for community calendar.

Photos should be accompanied with a caption(s) and photo credit. If your files are too large to email, please use <https://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 the deadline 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

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) gray scale; 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 and photo 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.
- Share photos of OIPA members at an event (provide names and photo credit to the photographer).

Deadline for editorial and photo submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. to k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include "OIPA submission" in the subject line of the email.



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