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Cover photo: Irving Park Garden Club members, Laura Marie Sanchez, Mike Basile and Claudia Hine take a pause to pose after planting flowers in the concrete containers in front of the Chicago Fire Dept Engine Company 69 house on Tripp.

Photo by Kathleen Kearns



The End of One Journey and The Beginning of Another

– Annie Swingen, OIPA Board Member

How can it be graduation season again? What do they say? The days are long, but the years are short. With an eighth-grade graduate snoozing away the days in the room next to ours, I find myself a blubbering mess more often than not, but also so incredibly excited about what is to come. I suppose that is the whole point of this parenting/care-giving role; we prepare them for independence the minute they are born.

When OIPA started our annual 'Celebration of Graduates' project, we were four months into the COVID lockdown, and our kiddos (and the rest of us) were doing the best they could in unprecedented times. Thankfully, the world re-opened, and we continue to toast graduating OIPers who are challenging themselves in various academic pursuits. Hats off to you all for navigating life with aplomb! Graduates, we are thrilled to join together in recognizing your accomplishments and cannot wait to see what more you bring to this world.

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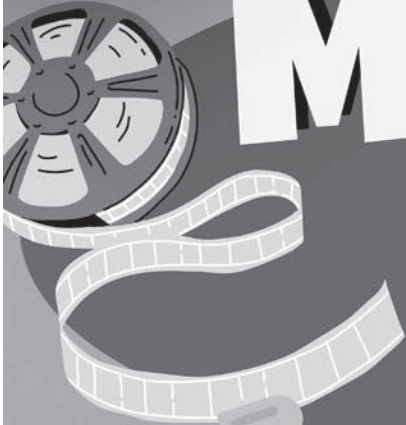
She drank from a bottle called DRINK ME
And she grew so tall,
She ate from a plate called TASTE ME
And down she shrank so small.
And so she changed, while other folks
Never tried nothin' at all.

– Shel Silverstein,
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Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on May 6, 2024 — Submitted by Annie Swingen, Board Member

Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. via Zoom

Meet started at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees: Annie Swingen, David Ryan, Colleen Kenny, Lynn Ankney, Michael Cannon, Adrienne Chan, Meredith O'Sullivan and Scott Legan.

Financial Report

Lynn Ankney presented the April 2024 Treasurer's Report. April saw increased funds receipts from standard and premium dues and advertising revenue. The only expenses were for newsletter publication and general meeting refreshments. The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

Leadership Report

- Annual elections for OIPA's Board of Director members are slated for the September 2024 general meeting. Consider how we might bring others on in the fall. Candidate statements are due July 5 for inclusion in the August newsletter.
- The Board is also considering the expansion of OIPA committees to engage community members further. Stay tuned!

Communication Report

OIPA continues to enjoy a broad, solid social media reach, with 9,027 followers and 8,100 plus *Likes*. That's not bad for a neighborhood-based community group!

Newsletter Planning

The Board discussed:

- Finalized the May Message from the Board
- Voted to revive the "corny jokes" section back to the newsletter. Submit your jokes to hello@oldirvingpark.com to submit your article before the publication deadline.
- Discussed neighborhood businesses to be featured in upcoming newsletter issues

Contributions to the OIPA Newsletter are welcome. The submission guidelines and deadlines can be found on page 44.

Beautification Report

Keep OIPA Clean, facilitating the power-washing of the viaducts on Irving Park Road and Pulaski Avenue at the end of April.

Parents Committee

Upcoming events:

- End of School Party - Friday, June 7 at Disney II field, 6 p.m.
- Late August - Back to School Party
- Late October - Halloween Parade & Party
- Early December - Holiday Activity

Keep OIPA Clean Fall Fundraiser

Keep your eyes peeled for news of an exciting fundraiser to support Keep OIPA Clean while chatting with neighbors and supporting a local, beloved business!



OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

Century Plaque Program

OIPA still has about 25 Century Plaques from the original purchase of bronze plaques. This program was originally started to designate homes 100 years old (or more) and located within the Old Irving Park neighborhood boundaries. The Board needs to decide if we will wind down this program or make another order, including an adjustment in the pricing of the plaques.



The Century House Program

Dates to Remember

June

- 3 (Monday) – OIPA Board Meeting
- 9 (Sunday) – OIPA General Meeting and Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m., St. John’s Garden, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.

July – No meetings

August – No meetings

September

- 9 (Monday) – OIPA General Meeting and Board Member elections

The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.



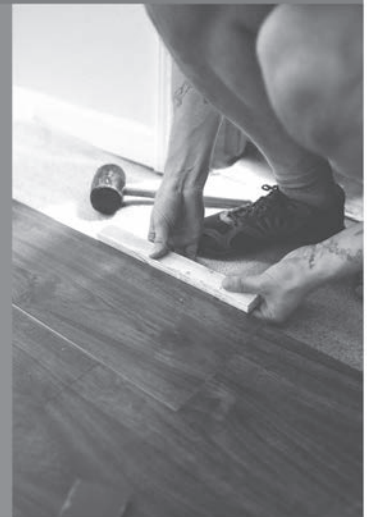
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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on May 13, 2024, 7 p.m.

– Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

OIPA Director **Adrienne Chan** called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. She introduced herself and the other Board members in attendance, including Dan William, David Ryan, Jake Berger, Lynn Ankney, Nicholas Plagman-Frank, and Scott Legan. The small gathering, which included 15 people, did not include any new attendees.

Adrienne welcomed **Kara Wagner Sherer**, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, to share. Kara is in her final days at St. John's after accepting the position of Bishop at the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, New York.

Kara thanked OIPA for being a good neighbor and supporter of St. John's over the years by meeting in their space and advocating for the community. She also recognized the OIPA members present and thanked us for being involved community members and for being part of the reason that Old Irving Park is such a great place to live.

Next, Adrienne welcomed **Debbie Mahr**, President of the Irving Park Garden Club (IPGC), to give an update.

Debbie read IPGC's description and purpose statement and invited attendees to the next Garden Club meeting on Saturday, May 18. She went on to highlight the IPGC's activities, including their monthly meetings from March through November, two annual field trips, a spring plant exchange, the summer garden walk, and the Midsummer Night's Stroll, an IPGC member-exclusive event. The garden club meeting scheduled this Saturday features the annual plant exchange. Debbie shared other upcoming events, including a

Tripp Garden cleanup on June 1 at 9:00 a.m. and the Old Irving Park garden walk on June 22.

Lynn Ankney interjected the benefit of the monthly Irving Park Garden Club newsletter, which highlights club activities and recaps presentations from speakers at monthly IPGC meetings. Lynn recounted this as a great benefit for members who cannot attend monthly meetings.

A question was asked about the raised planters maintained by IPGC on Irving Park Road regarding the possibility of moving them to more prominent, visible spots, cleaning, and painting them. There was much discussion about the history of these planters and the progression that has led them to where they sit today. OIPA director Dan William of Keep OIP Clean expressed willingness to assist with the planters' cleanup (and possible repainting) and moving.

Dan William followed Debbie's presentation and shared with the group that he and fellow OIPA director **Jake Berger** plan to conduct a neighborhood walk on Friday, May 17. The walk will aim to survey and identify local businesses and empty storefronts within the OIP neighborhood boundaries and note who's there, what's vacant, and what's available. One goal following the walk will be to promote shopping locally, encouraging OIPA members and neighbors to patronize OIP businesses. Another will be to connect local businesses to help plant the seeds for a robust Chamber of Commerce in our neighborhood one day.

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OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on May 13, 2024

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Much discussion was also had about getting more and new businesses to move to OIP and past efforts, including one spearheaded by OIPA, to recruit locally owned businesses found elsewhere in the city to our neighborhood. The discussion also covered OIP's professional services and trades and highlighted some of our neighborhood businesses that advertise in the OIPA newsletter. Two new advertisers reported increased calls and traffic after purchasing ad space in the OIPA newsletter.

Vice President **Scott Legan** curated and led the last part of the meeting. Scott gave attendees a few

minutes to sign into trivia hosted on the Kahoot online platform and refresh their drinks. After trivia began, Scott led players through a series of Chicago-centric questions to test their knowledge of our Great City.

In the end, on the podium and taking home OIPA swag were:

- Third place: Vivian
- Second place: Laura Marie
- First place: Nick

The meeting ended at 7:48 p.m.

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Check Out the New Business that Pampers Your Pets!

— Anna Zolkowski Sobor

After reading rave reviews on a neighborhood Facebook page, I took my golden doodle Ziggy to Old Irving Park's new grooming salon, Kay's Pooches & Smooches, at 4320 West Irving Park. The best part? We got to enjoy a leisurely walk to the salon and back! Owner Kay Reyes, a Logan Square resident, chose to open her new business in Old Irving because she observed how many pets are in our area; the location is close to where she lives and to the highway and other transportation, making it a convenient choice for all of us.

Kay has been a groomer for four years and always wanted to work with animals. She loves the people and fur baby relationships she's able to build through her work. Her salon serves cats and dogs, offering everything from basic nail trims to baths to full grooming. Her specialty is "poodles, doodles, and poodles." Well, she certainly landed in the right neighborhood!

Kay's Pooches & Smooches, located at 4320 W Irving Park Rd, is open Tuesday through Saturday. Making an appointment is a breeze. You can find a link on their Facebook page, or drop them an email at kayspoochesmooches@gmail.com or call at 312-826-8794. They're ready to welcome you and your furry friend!

Photos by Anna Zolkowski Sobor





Remembering Mrs. J — Laura Marie Sanchez

“The character of a neighborhood is not solely written in its buildings, but is personified through the lives and spirits of its inhabitants throughout time – in that way, then, the neighborhood character is The Neighborhood Character.”

— IPHS Review, Vol 16, No. 1, Spring 2004

Through the 150+ years of its existence, Old Irving Park has had its share of “Neighborhood Characters.”

Wherever any of us has lived, there have always been people and places we recall fondly— that person’s shop, a teacher, the music at church, the nearby restaurant, the scariest Halloween house or who offered the best candy treat. In short, the characters of the neighborhood that created long-lasting impressions through example, influence, contribution, or friendship. A combination of some or all of these brings us to Mrs. Jensen

Our neighbor **Carolyn Jensen** —“Mrs J” to many— was 85 when she died on April 2.

She held the distinction of being the longest-serving Officer/ Board member of the Irving Park Historical Society. In late 1983, what was called the OIPA Research Committee became the Irving Park Historical Society (IPHS), and Mrs. J joined the fun.

Over time, in addition to being a director since the inception of IPHS, she served as secretary through 2008, was president during the late 1990s, and was the Housewalk chairperson during many of these years. She worked tirelessly in many additional capacities,

like typing [on a typewriter] column contributions for neighbors who could not type but wished to share a memory or two or creating the “Society Page,” the monthly IPHS mailing that informed members of meeting times and dates and other historical information. She facilitated cards or flowers for elderly hospitalized members.

She helped organize and document the ongoing accessions of the IPHS archives, as they moved from home to home for storage. When IPHS was fortunate enough to gain the use of the landmarked Whistle Stop building from 2001-2005 for its archives and museum, Mrs. J and her husband, Mr. J (Carolyn and Don to some readers), went to work dealing with many of the unforeseen necessary repairs within that building and made the museum a safe and welcoming spot for visitors. She took charge of hospitality for IPHS monthly meetings, ensuring coffee, tea, and baked goods for all. Her hospitality was one of the things for which she was so highly regarded, as she graciously opened her home for committee or Board meetings and holiday events and shared delicious culinary treats and so many charming decorations she had collected and assembled. Her own house, a beautiful bungalow on Tripp, was featured on the IPHS Housewalk in 1986 and then again in 1993 after an addition made it one of the warmest and most welcoming spots in the neighborhood to gather and see the goings-on of the community (at least the historic ones).

Mrs J knew history, especially insofar as how we learn from it and apply it to the future. She knew continuity and consistency, yet knew change too. She brought a sense of manners and social graces to often chaotic times in our little world. She was kind and generous,





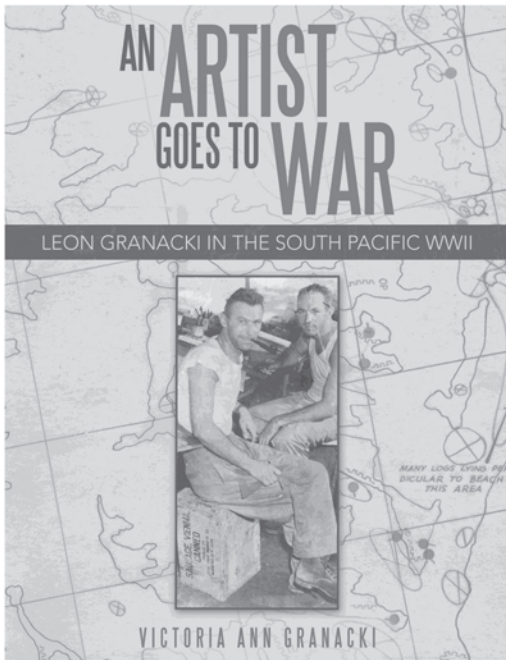
IN REMEMBRANCE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

organized and practical and yes, okay, downright formidable. Mrs J is one “Neighborhood Character” who will be very much missed. We can definitely say that we learned a lot from Mrs J, and it is only fitting that we give her the last word. The following is an excerpt from her ‘Presidents Page’ in the IPHS *Irving Park Review*, during the summer of 1999:

“...I love being able to go to the Jewel, the cleaners or a neighborhood restaurant and see neighbors and know them well enough to talk to them. Not just a smile, but an actual conversation. I found that by living in my community instead of just living in my house, helps me re-live fond childhood memories. I see people I’ve met through being active in the Historical Society,

the Garden Club, OIPA, and my church. I know there is more to life than joining neighborhood organizations. Not everyone can be active in all things, but you can stay informed. Not every program will pique your interest, but at least you will know of the ones that do. By joining and coming to meetings, you’ll see the neighbor down the block or the parents of one of your children’s friends, and pretty soon, you’ll have that real neighborhood feeling where you, too, can share a smile and a hello. Believe me, you won’t regret knowing and caring where you live.”

Thank you, Mrs. J, for being one of our beloved “Neighborhood Characters” and showing us that it is in the giving we receive.



An illustrated biography of a former OIPA resident recounts how one soldier used his art skills to survive World War II.

Original maps, jungle watercolors, journal illustrations, scrapbook photos, and over 200 letters home to Leon’s extended Polish American family in Chicago reveal his longing for family, shared holidays, fishing, and a woman to love. They tell what it felt like on a very personal level to be part of a raging war in the South Pacific.

Leon Granacki was a 40-year resident of Old Irving Park and St. Viator Parish. His home at 3736 N. Keeler, which has been in the Granacki family since 1953, is an OIPA Century Home.

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 4236 N. Kedvale, G4 \$202,500
 4322 N. Kedvale, D \$211,000 (F)
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Alexia Kulwicz
William Lachman
Larry LaPiana
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Richard Liu
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Susan Lulich
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Mark Murray
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Michael Polzin
Sheila Quinn
Lynn Randall
Betsy Ries
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Zach Schmitz
Connie Schneider
Robert Seibel
Jeremy Sermersheim
Mary Pat Serpone
Howard Silver
Charles Southwick
Amy Srubas
Mark Stiglitz
Mary Dette Verdagner
George Witchek

June Anniversaries

Aaron & Allison Baker
Elizabeth & Scott Beslow
Emily & James Coakley
Allison Clark Young & Matt Young
David & Cris Evaskus
Sharon Graham & Terry McGuire
Robert & Darci Grum
Lindsay Hunter & Ben Lyon
Matthew Kohnhorst & Sarah Mertz
Scott & Heather Legan
Hannah Lehman & Sinisa Rasberger
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Michael & Deborah Maron
Marjorie & Brian Monaghan
Dana & Paul Moran
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Rachel & Peter O'Mara
Annie & Lee Swingen
Melanie Szymanski & Kevin Newman
Marisa & Bob Tell
Brad & Megan Toth
Kara Wagner Sherer & John Sherer
Sherra and Mike Vehlewald
Urban Wellness
Bill & Karen Whitehead

June Kid & Pet Birthdays

KID BIRTHDAYS

Louis Cox
Pela Dierdorff
Justin Hackleman
Peter Navin
June Schultz

PET BIRTHDAYS

Boo McKasson
Bill Rood





July Birthdays

Russell Adams	Clara Guerrero
Xiomara Aguilera	Jaime Guerrero
Fred Alsen	Vishal Gupta
Cynthia Andrews	James Higham
Bruce Bailey	Lindsay Horeis
Aaron Baker	Pete Horvath
Karen Bebart	Jennifer Hulett
Fraya Black	Donald Jensen
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Barbara Chadwick	Annette Kan
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 Kelly & Dan Jacobs
 Robert & Kathy Liebich
 Lindsey Liese & Robert Sadlier
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 Colbie Toth

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Where Paint & Plants Come Together

— Claudia Hine



The Irving Park Garden Club will hold its Art & the Garden Walk on Saturday, June 22. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

Save the Date:

On June 22, the Irving Park Garden Club will host its annual Art & the Garden Walk, an opportunity to see beyond the front gates and into the backyards of several members' homes. Since last year's event featured gardens north of Irving Park Rd., this year we'll be on the south side of our neighborhood. We hope that by keeping the gardens to just one area, it will make the walk more accessible.

Paired with each garden will be an artist-member showcasing their considerable talents in a number of disciplines. They include paintings, fused glass, jewelry, photography, mosaics, natural-dyed silks, and more. New this year: a group exhibit featuring junior artists on display at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.

IPGC invites OIPA members and our community at large to join us for this event. Tickets are just \$10.00/person. This is a self-guided tour, and tickets/maps

will be available on the day of the walk at the starting point, which will be announced through OIPA's email blasts and on IPGC's Facebook page.

In the tough urban environment that is the city of Chicago, we are so fortunate to live in a neighborhood known for its green space and wide lots. Come out to celebrate our local artists and the gardeners doing their best to make Old Irving Park a beautiful place to live.



Sandra Schwarzbeck will display fused glass items at the 2024 Art & the Garden Walk. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB



After: Carolyn Aronson, Kathleen Kearns, Laura Marie Sanchez, and Kate Roche with just one of many cars filled with plants that made the trip down to Sunrise. *Photo by Debbie Maher.*



Taking a lunch break before making the drive home from Sunrise are David Antos, Jon Ruschhaupt, Laird Larsen, and Chris Omiotek. *Photo by Laura Marie Sanchez.*

The Merry Month of May

A group of IPGC members made the journey down to Grant Park, IL, on May 4 to visit Sunrise Greenhouse, which spans 11 acres, making it well worth the 60-mile trip. After shopping lists were fulfilled, the group headed to Mayberry Junction in Manteno for lunch and a chance to recuperate from the frenzy of activity.

On May 13, President Debbie Maher was a featured speaker at the OIPA General Meeting, providing updates to the community on our club's mission and plans for the 2024 season.

Also in May, the club held its annual Plant Exchange, where members had the chance to share their seeds and divided perennials and take home free plants. Added bonus: lunch was provided!

Are we having fun? Yes, we are! Want to join us? Shoot us an email at irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com and we'll get you signed up. Annual dues are just \$25.00/household and will get you into the garden walk for free.



Claudia Hine delights in welcoming little Aster Jade to the April garden club meeting, along with her parents, Emily Plagman-Frank and OIPA Secretary Nick Plagman-Frank. *Photo by Laura Marie Sanchez.*

2024 Meeting Dates

- Saturday, June 22
- Thursday, July 18
- Saturday, August 17
- Thursday, September 19
- Saturday, October 19
- Thursday, November 21



Fine Arts Concert Series Concludes 30th Season

— Sara Yoest, Executive Director, Carlson Community Services



Thank you to everyone who attended one of our concerts during the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series' 30th season. Through our concerts this year, we traveled the world— enjoying Jazz music influenced by African rhythms, Mariachi brought to us from Mexico, a trip to jolly old England listening to works by English composers, and finally, enjoying German composers Brahms and Beethoven through the sounds of the Matthew Beck Trio in May.

We are grateful to Fine Arts Committee founder & artistic director Roger Bingman for his tireless efforts to bring some of Chicago's most talented professional musicians to the Irving Park neighborhood and the entire Fine Arts Committee for their input and assistance with concerts. If you are interested in learning more about the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series or would like to be a part of the committee, please reach out to Carlson's Executive Director, Sara Yoest sarayoest@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Planning will soon begin for the 2024-2025 season!

Three Brothers Garden – “Growing On”

If you have been by the Three Brother's Garden at 4107 N. Pulaski lately, you've noticed our growing season has begun! We've got tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, lettuces, radishes, onions, a variety of herbs, and much more in our garden beds this year. All produce grown in the garden is donated to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry for distribution to clients.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with garden harvests on Tuesday evenings throughout the growing season and with weeding and maintenance throughout the summer. This is a great summertime activity for all ages and a wonderful opportunity to learn about vegetable gardening in an urban setting. Contact Sara Yoest at sarayoest@carlsoncommunityservices.org if you would like to be notified of garden workdays or events.



Have a garden in your own backyard? The Three Brothers Garden invites home gardeners to participate in the *Plant a Row for the Hungry* program. Simply dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for donation to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Starting in late June, drop off your donation on Tuesdays before 6 p.m. at the Three Brothers Garden, next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church at 4107 N. Pulaski (Pulaski & Belle Plaine). Your donation will be brought to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry on Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Pantry clients.

Carlson Community Services connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Sara Yoest, Executive Director, at sarayoest@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletters at carlsoncommunityservices.org.



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AFS International Exchange Students — Vicci Rodgers

Longtime Old Irving Park resident Vicci Rodgers went to the Philippines as an exchange student in 1974. She remains closely connected to this remarkable international exchange program. This year, she is hosting David from Germany, who attends Whitney Young Magnet High School. Three of the 2023-24 scholarship students recently shared stories about their home country and experiences during their time in Chicago as ambassadors of Germany, South Africa, and Lebanon. AFS Intercultural Programs is currently seeking host families for students who will study here during the 2024-25 high school year. Spots are available within our schools, but families who are ready to welcome a new son or daughter into their homes are needed. AFS is also looking for USA students who want to study abroad; scholarships are available!



David, an AFS Exchange Student shares insights about his homeland, Germany.



Elie from Lebanon (L) and Faith from South Africa (R) also presented as ambassadors of their respective countries.



Rev. Martin Deppe poses with exchange student attendees of the Operation Breadbasket program.

All photos provided by Vicci Rodgers.

AFS Intercultural Programs has been fostering exchanges for nearly 80 years. Faith from Johannesburg, South Africa, and David from Freiberg, Germany, had the privilege of attending a presentation on Operation Breadbasket by Rev. Martin Deppe. Rev. Deppe, a former pastor at Irving Park United Methodist Church and a Chicago Civil Rights activist who worked alongside Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960s, shared his experiences and insights on the challenges we continue to face in Chicago and around the world. This is the kind of transformative exchange that AFS Intercultural Programs has been facilitating since its inception.

Want to know more about the AFS International Exchange Program? Check online: www.afsusa.org or reach out to viccirogersafs@gmail.com

The students pictured at left are part of a group of more than 30 AFS Intercultural Exchange students in the Chicagoland area who are here as Ambassadors with scholarships through our Department of State and their home country. The students attended Operation Breadbasket, which took place at Renewed Hope United Methodist Church, located at 3100 W. Wilson. Renewed Hope UMC is the newly formed congregation from the vital merger of Irving Park UMC and Berry UMC of Lincoln Square.



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Hayden Barrett

Lane Tech College Preparatory
High School, 2024
University of Glasgow, 2028
Majors: Politics & Economics



Lucia Rose Fries

DePaul College Preparatory
High School, 2024

*National Honor Society, Writer and
Sports Editor for The Ram Page,
Varsity softball player*

Syracuse University, Newhouse School
of Journalism, 2024

*Beautiful soul, passionate, vibrant,
talented, goofy and on to amazing
things. Love Mom and Dad*



Helena Cannon

Oscar Mayer Magnet School, 2024
DePaul College Preparatory
High School, 2028

*Congratulations Helena! We are so
proud of you and know you
will do great things as a DePaul
College Prep Ram!
Love, Mom, Dad and Chris*



Emma Clemen

Lane Tech College Preparatory
High School, 2024
University of Illinois - Chicago, 2028
Majors: Criminology, Justice and Law



Gwenna Clemen

Lake View High School, 2024
University of Illinois - Chicago, 2028
Major: Biology



2024 Graduates



Peter Piper Huizenga

Schurz High School/
Wright College, 2024
Lake Forest College, 2028
Major: Archeology

They are graduating homeschool a couple years early, transferring from Wright College, and leaving Carl Schurz. Accomplishments include: Field Museum volunteer, Young Chicago Authors poetry finalist and semifinalist, Theatre tech, French Honor Society, Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awardee, Uniting Voices Presto singer, and Presidential Merit Scholarship awardee.



Lauren Krakora

Loyola Academy, 2024
Chapman University, 2028



Sam O'Mara

Jones College Preparatory
High School, 2024
Indiana University, 2028
Kelley School of Business



Maeve McGeehan

Jones College Preparatory High
School, 2024

*Still deciding between Oberlin
College and University of Illinois
(Champaign Urbana)*

Major: Biology



Henry Nicewick

Walter Payton College
Preparatory High School, 2024
University of Pennsylvania, 2028



Leo Neurauter

St. Viator Elementary School, 2024
DePaul College Preparatory
High School, 2028

*Congratulations, Leo!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Sam*

Congratulations



Sinead O'Sullivan

Jones College Preparatory
High School, 2024
Wellesley College, 2028
Major: International Relations



Katie Ploger

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, 2024
Master of Arts in Public History /
Archival Studies
*Granddaughter of OIPA Members
Robert & Kathryn Kleisch*



Traolach O'Sullivan

Dual degrees from SciencesPo
& Columbia University, 2024
Major: Political Science/
International Relations
Major: History

*Traolach plans to return to
Chicago and start his career
with nonprofit work on transit
and housing policies*



Nicole Rose

Alumni of St. Viator Elementary School
DePaul College Preparatory High School, 2024
Indiana University, 2028
Major: Bachelor's of Science, Nursing
*National Honors Society, Spanish Honors,
Honors with Distinction, Service with
Distinction*

*We love you very much, and are so very proud
of you Nicole! Love - Mom, Dad and Matthew*



Adam Pietraszek

Belding Elementary, 2024
Jones College Preparatory
High School, 2028
*Congratulations on your
brilliant success and
achievement. Keep up the
good work and many more
great accomplishments will
keep coming your way. We are
so proud of you!*

2024 Graduates



Lillian Stalder

Taft Academic Center, 2024
Amundsen High School, 2028



Ellis Swingen

Taft Academic Center, 2024
Jones College Preparatory High
School, 2028

*We so love and appreciate your
sense of humor and curiosity.
XOX Mom & Dad*



Fiona Stiglitz

Hawthorne Scholastic
Academy, 2024
Northside College Preparatory
High School, 2028



Gavin Stiglitz

Northside College Preparatory
High School, 2024
Grinnell College, 2028
Majors: Political Science and English

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Max Wanger

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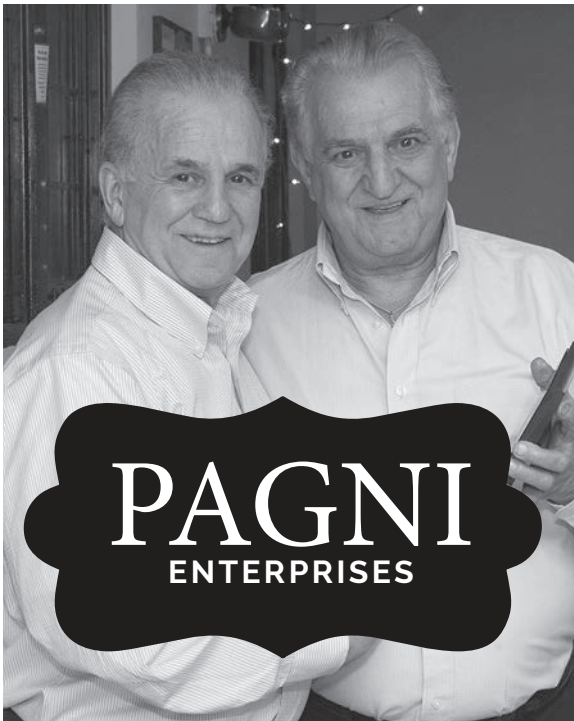
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Q: What is brown, hairy, and wears sunglasses?

A: A coconut on vacation!

Q: How can you tell that the ocean is friendly?

A: It waves!

Q: Why did the robot go on summer vacation?

A: To recharge his batteries!

Q: Why do fish swim in saltwater?

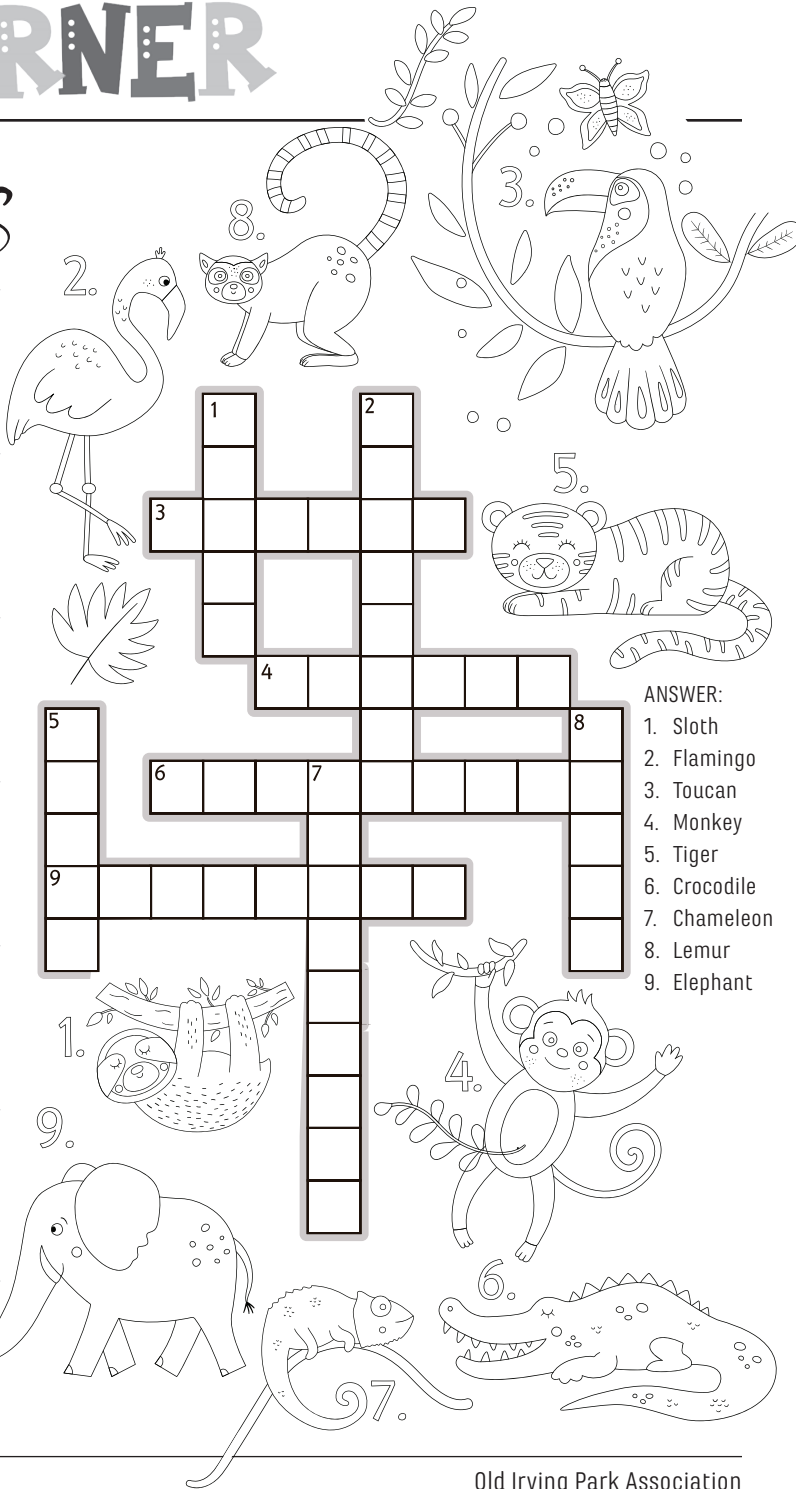
A: Because pepper water would make them sneeze!

Q: Why does ice cream always get invited to the pool party?

A: Because it's so COOL!

Q: What do you call a golden retriever at the beach?

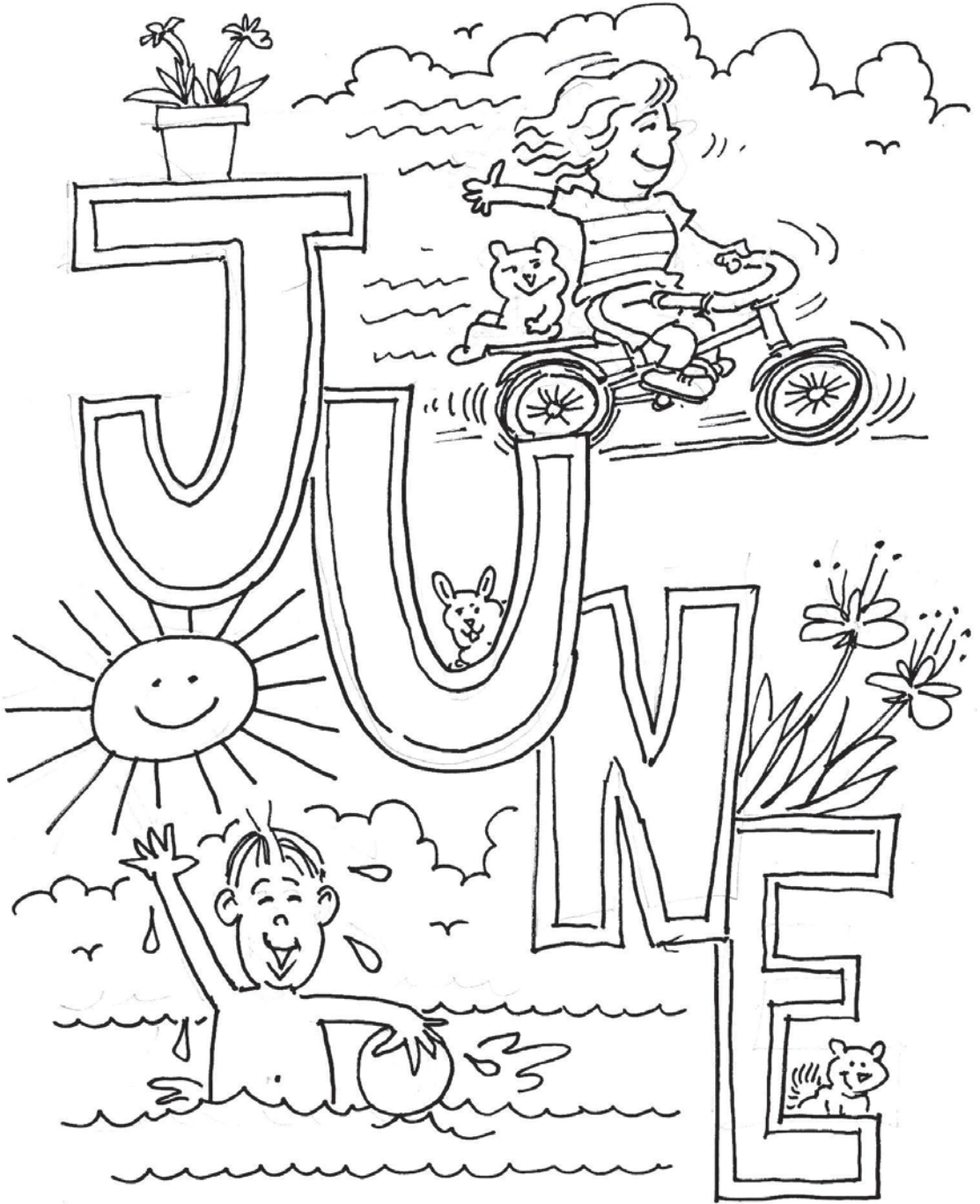
A: A hot dog!



ANSWER:

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6. Crocodile
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State Rep Lindsey LaPointe's office is partnering with Senator Martwick's office and local nonprofit Irish Community Services to host a Housing and Services Resources Fair. With a specific interest in supporting our new arrivals and unhoused neighbors, we want to offer Northwest side residents the opportunity to connect to as many resources as possible at the city, state, and federal levels. We will have representatives from Congresspeople Quigley and Ramirez's offices, the Secretary of State's Office, the Social Security Administration, various social services agencies, and so much more! If you have questions or concerns about social security benefits, public state benefits, affordable housing, immigration, and other issues, please stop by! We hope to see you there!

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May Offerings at the Y — Ron Anderson, Executive Director

Senior Wellness Event a Success

Senior Wellness Event Recap on Thursday, April 11, we welcomed 22 community partners and over 100 attendees to our first-ever senior health and wellness event! We know the information obtained from this event will allow our seniors to thrive in their wellness journey and daily lives! We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future and are very grateful to have such dedicated community partners alongside us.



Kids Night Out

The Irving Park Y is thrilled to have restarted this program for kids! We had our first outing in April, with 30 participants attending. The program allows parents/guardians to drop their kids (ages 5-12) at the Y and enjoy a Friday night out. Watch for the August edition for the Fall Kids Night Out dates.



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Improvements for Our Residents

Resident Cooling Center Earlier this year, the resident common room areas underwent renovations, highlighted by the addition of a laundry room and kitchenette area. Currently, 175 residents live at Irving Park Y. Securing state funding through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to carry out this project was a huge win. We hope to share more information on a few upcoming projects on our housing side later this year.

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Pantry Open Herb Garden

— Craig Shutt, Publicity & Special Events Coordinator

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has started its herb garden for the year. The garden offers clients a range of fresh herbs each week, including sage, basil, cilantro, parsley, mint, chives, thyme, and oregano. Volunteers harvest the herbs each week and offer them to clients immediately.

We are interested in receiving plants to grow peppers and herbs. If you have any left from your garden, take plants to the Big Helpers store at 4184 N. Elston Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the front porch at 3912 N. Kenneth Ave. any time.

If you would like to donate to the garden's upkeep and expansion, please use the PayPal link at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or mail a check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618 marked for "Garden."



Lisa Hendricks harvested herbs from the Pantry's garden in 2023. Photo by Craig Shutt

Stop by the Independence Park Farmers Market

Pantry volunteers will staff a booth at the Independence Park Farmers Market, sponsored by the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association, on the last Sunday of each month this summer (June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, and October 27). Stop by to say hi, ask questions, learn about volunteering, or donate.



Members of 33rd Ward Alderwoman Rossana Rodriguez's Sage Brigade picked up groceries for their monthly visit to seniors in need in April. Photo by Craig Shutt

Article submitted by Craig Shutt (773-282-3627; craigshutt@ameritech.net). John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Email: info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org, | www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Thank You to Our Donors, We Appreciate the Support

- We are pleased to say the Pantry has received a \$5,000 grant from **GBU Financial Life** in Pittsburgh through its GBU Life program. It offered matching funds for our biggest fundraiser of the year up to a maximum of \$5,000. We received far more donations to our annual holiday appeal; we received the maximum amount.
- Special thanks to board members **Corey Friedman, Eleanor Kepp, Liz Mills, Marcy Sherrill, and Sara Yost** for forming a *Give Back Group* to apply for the GBU grant. Grant money will be used to purchase additional food for our clients, the number of whom continues to grow each week.
- Thank you to **Irving Park Lutheran Church**, which regularly delivers monetary donations to us from its generous congregation. In May, the total came to more than \$5,200.
- Thank you to our friends at **Templestowe Pub** for donating more than \$550 from Bingo Card sales and 20% of the proceeds from their Bingo Night fundraiser in April to the Pantry.
- Thanks to **Buona Terra Ristorante**, which held a Dine & Donate event for the Pantry on May 15. Ten percent of dine-in or takeout sales were donated.
- Thank you to long-time supporter **Dominic Maino**, who donated the profits from the images he sold at the Fat Cat Gallery opening on May 18 to the Pantry. The exhibition runs through June 12. For more information, contact the gallery at fatcatartgallery@gmail.com



Kerry Brown Hasbrook and Nancy Brown from Radical Generosity delivered 40 birthday kits they helped put together for Pantry clients. The kits include the makings of a child's birthday party. **Photo by Craig Shutt**



Irving Park Lutheran Church member (and Pantry bookkeeper) Eleanor Kepp presents Executive Director John Psiharis with a church congregation donation. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



Boy Scouts Troop 904 members present Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis with food they collected during their April drive. *Photo by Karen Valentine*



The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

Statewide Essay Winner

Congratulations to Belding 8th grader Allison Banegas, who took one of the top prizes for the statewide essay competition associated with the Illinois Stock Market Game. Each year, IB Math teacher Hannah Schlecht dedicates a unit to financial literacy. Students learn various lessons about stocks, investment diversity, and financial responsibility. They also play a stock market simulation game and invest fake money to create a diverse portfolio. The 8th graders then had to interview adults at Belding about their financial goals and provided a financial coaching session to recommend an investment portfolio. Finally, they had to write an essay to demonstrate their financial knowledge. In addition to having Allison win the state-level essay, one of the 8th-grade team's investment portfolios performed exceptionally well. They placed 4th out of 600+ teams in Illinois.



Belding Bash

The Belding Parent Group hosted its 6th annual Belding Bash fundraiser. Historically, this event has raised tens of thousands of dollars to bring exciting improvements to the school. Bids were placed on everything from extra recess and being principal for a day, to sports tickets and a private cruise on Lake Michigan. Thanks to the amazing generosity of parents, community members, and Belding staff, this event exceeded their goal and raised enough money to fund STEAM initiatives for all students at Belding!

Springfield Trip

The Class of 2024 embarked on an unforgettable overnight trip to Springfield, marking the beginning of their graduation festivities. The students had the opportunity to visit a myriad of landmarks, including the Illinois State Capital, the WWII, Vietnam, Korean War Memorials, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. These visits not only enriched their knowledge but also fostered a deeper appreciation for our nation's history. The trip concluded with a fun-filled roller skating session, filled with laughter and the creation of memories that will last a lifetime. We are proud of our students for their exemplary behavior and their eagerness to learn and explore! *(Photo of students provided by Belding School)*



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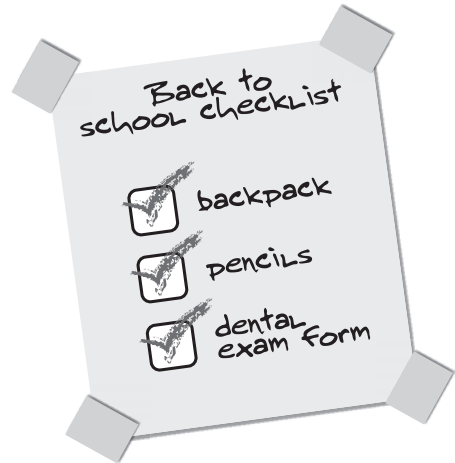
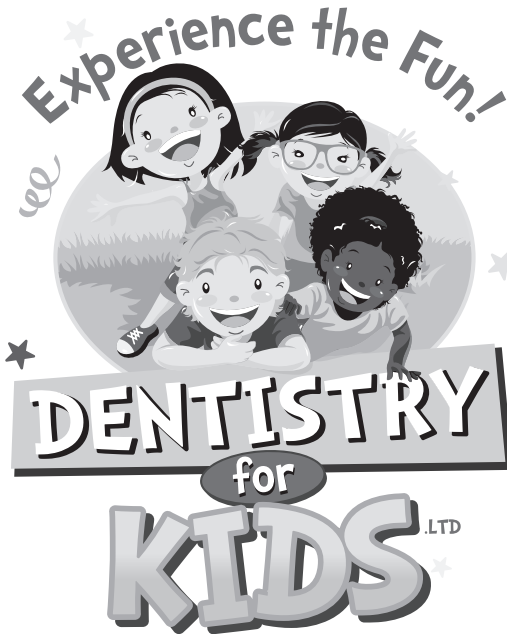
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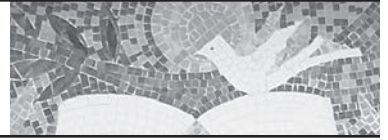
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Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest



Photo by Sara Yoest.

Let's celebrate the achievements of the St. Viator Class of 2024! We're thrilled to announce that a majority of our graduates have been accepted into their top choices of private and public high schools in the Chicago area. These include DePaul College Prep, Lane Tech College Prep, Notre Dame College Prep, Niles West High School, Amundsen High School, Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center, James Island Charter High School (SC), Lakeview High School, St. Patrick High School, and Chicago High School for the Arts. We're proud of you all and wish you the very best. Remember, you'll always be a part of the St. Viator Eagle family!

Preschool Play Date

St. Viator is excited to host the annual preschool playdate on Saturday, June 1, from 9–11 a.m. at the school playground. This event is a great opportunity for preschool and kindergarten families registered for the 2024-25 school year to connect with classmates and parents. In case of bad weather, the playdate will be moved to the Rec Center gymnasium.

Register for the 2024-2025 Season

St. Viator is still actively enrolling students for the 2024-2025 school year and will continue to do so throughout the summer as classroom capacity permits. Contact William in the school office at wteep@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173 regarding admission for the 2024-25 school year.

We wish the Old Irving Park community a joyous, healthy, and safe summer!

Summer hours for the St. Viator office are Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The first school day for the 2024-25 school year is Monday, August 19.

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Clean and Green Event

In partnership with the 30th Ward, we spent Earth Day beautifying our school grounds and surrounding neighborhood streets. Way to go Huskies!



Interested in Scammon School?

Visit our website at www.scammon.cps.edu to learn about our school and all that Scammon has to offer.



Contribute to the *OIPA News*

We welcome individual article submissions for the OIPA newsletter!

Here are a few ideas:

- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
- Did you recently visit a local business or restaurant? Then share your experience.
- Write a fun story about our neighborhood or a fond memory.
- Share your knowledge on a topic.
- Attend an event? Share a photo (please include photo credit).

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CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Advertising:
First Tuesday
of the month

**General Editorial
Submissions:**
First Thursday
of the month

June

Note: OIPA General Meetings are not held in July and August. Have a great Summer.

- 7 OIPA Parent Committee's, End of School Party | 6 p.m. | Disney II field
(see page 3 for details)

- 9 OIPA General Meeting and Ice Cream Social (Sunday event), 3 p.m. | St. John's garden,
3857 N. Kostner Ave.(weather permitting), if it rains the event will be held parish hall
(lower level)

- 22 Irving Park Garden Club | Art & The Garden Walk | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Tickets for
nonmembers are \$10 and only available at the starting point (TBA) on the day of the walk
| Rain date is June 23 | www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub

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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).

This is a: New Membership Renewal Gift Membership

NAME (FIRST/LAST)	BIRTH MONTH		
SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)	BIRTH MONTH		
ANNIVERSARY MONTH			
CHILD OR PET NAME (FIRST), BIRTHDAY MONTH (LAST NAME OPTIONAL)			
CHILD OR PET NAME (FIRST), BIRTHDAY MONTH (LAST NAME OPTIONAL)			
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Standard	\$35	\$60	Monthly meetings, newsletter delivery, member/ spouse and anniversary published in newsletter, ice cream social event, holiday event
Senior (Age 65+)	\$20	\$45	Same as Standard membership
Good Neighbor	\$95	\$120	Standard + kid/pet birthdays in newsletter and OIPA tote bag
Neighborhood All-Star	\$195	\$220	Good Neighbor + admission for two to an exclusive OIPA cocktail party

* Dues + postage for mailed newsletter

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 a gift membership 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 Lynn Ankney, OIPA Treasurer, 4313 N Keeler Ave, Chicago, IL 60641.

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

Contribute to the OIPA News | SUBMISSION GUIDELINES for Advertising and Content

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, and articles for publication. Ten newsletters are produced annually (newsletters are not published in the months of January and July. We extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles, photos and purchases ad space for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you, send submissions to hello@oldirvingpark.com.

General Submissions

Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document or in an email or Google doc. Include the author's name, company or organization (if applicable), and contact information in the document. If you have an event for inclusion in the calendar (regardless of whether or not you mention it in your article submission), please specifically note it when submitting your article. If submitting images, please include photo captions and photographer credit.
- 400 words maximum without photos, 300/325 with photos and captions.
- Submissions as Links to websites or Facebook are NOT accepted.
- Articles should be information-based and should not contain advertorial content. Bylined articles should be written in third-person, unless the submission is an opinion piece or a personal story. Byline includes the author's name, business name and contact info. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE DOCUMENT.**
- **Photos and images should be provided as separate files. We cannot use photos or images that are embedded or placed in a Word document. We need the original image file.**
- Photos should be accompanied with photographer credit and a caption(s). If submitting photos for an article, please include captions and photo credits in the same document as your article.
- If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wettransfer.com> or Dropbox Transfer. You can send several files at a time using either platform.
- 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.

2024 SUBMISSION DATES	*Due to holidays	
NO JANUARY OR JULY ISSUES.		
Publication Month	Advertising	General
No July issue		
August	7/2	F-7/5*
September	8/6	8/8
October	9/3	9/5
November	10/1	10/3
December*	11/5	11/7

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

Submission Deadlines

- **Advertising:** First Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **General Submissions:** First Thursday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **Materials SUBMITTED AFTER** the deadline date will be held over to the next month's issue.
- **Send your contributions to:** Kathleen Kearns at k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. If sending a large file(s), please use a file transfer method such as WeTransfer. Please include "**OIPA submission**" in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting—advertisement, article or community calendar.



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