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DECEMBER, 2009



Meeting at a Glance ...

December 8,2009 HOLIDAY PARTY / HOLIDAY

Location: Will's Northwoods Inn

3030 N.Racine

Agenda: 6:30 pm: Cocktails

7:00 pm: Food and deserts

8:00pm: Raffles

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

Hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party on December 8.

It has been a busy year for SLN; however, we should feel good about our accomplishments. We continue to respond to the needs of our members and neighbors, we maintain a good relationship with our Alderman and we are financially solvent to continue with our mission. I personally want to thank all who have contributed in these efforts. I remain grateful to our Board, officers, members, advertisers and all who have contributed to SLN.

The New Year presents us with some challenges that I believe we can successfully address. I look forward to the January meeting, which is a candidates' forum. Details will be in the newsletter. I am waiting to hear from those invited candidates at this time.

Best Regards, Susan Radzinowicz

DECEMBER 2009 MEETING PREVIEW

SLN HOLIDAY PARTY -

DATE: December 8, Tuesday

PLACE: Will's Northwoods Inn - 6:30PM

FREE food, appetizers and deserts (donated by area restaurants).

FREE pop, Draft Miller Lite and Leinenkugels and house wine (thank you Will's Northwoods). If you want a mixed drink or other brand it will be a cash bar

RAFFLES – World Famous Liquor Raffle, gift food and present raffles. NEW 50/50 split the pot cash raffle. Time 8:00PM. Winner must be present.

TABLES and seating – expanded seating. Come and be comfortable.

MEMBERS, family and friends are welcome.

AT THE NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING...

It is primary election time. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Voting and knowing whom you are voting for is part of the process. Don't vote, don't complain. The Internet has made information and cross-checking of information easier than ever.

An onslaught of candidates and handlers converged on the SLN meeting. These candidates

are the early birds, needing to get their name in front of the public to gain some steam before higher financed candidates start spending their advertising dollars. Some SLN members noted that the handlers often answered more questions than the candidates. It was a highly contested meeting, which should become harder fought as we approach the February 2010 primary.

United States Congress - 5th District

Vacated by Rahm Emmanual serving as President Obama's Chief of Staff. Currently occupied by Mike Quigley who won the special election.

Matt Reichel – Green Party: 28 years old, a career activist offering an alternative to issues facing the country. Believes that funding of all the Middle East Wars should cease. Combat troops should return from Iraq and Afghanistan and U.S. should be committed to turning 100% sovereignty over to the Iraq and Afghan parliaments. Health Care – single payer health care and Medicare for all. No health care will work unless the insurance companies are thrown into the dustbin. Green Technology requires serious investment in alternative energy production and revitalize Amtrak and municipal transit. Website = www.mattreichel.us.

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Rosanna Pulido – Republican: Republican candidate in the April 2009 election. "Save the

American Worker". Illegal Immigration: every business must be required to use E-verfify to check if an job applicant is an illegal alien. Illegal immigration hurts all American workers and legal immigrants. Ms. Pulido supports Amendment to bear arms and believes that crime issues need to be addressed with more police, not Pulido is troops overseas. Ms. Pro-life. Website=www.rosannapulido2010.com.

David Ratowitz - Republican : Army veteran and principal attorney of Ratowitz Law Firm. Free market advocate acknowledging that the current government policies of excessive borrowing will fail in the future and affect the job economy. Health care by the government will not work. What is needed is an individualized, decentralized system that competes across state-lines with less government restrictions. The current military philosophy runs counter to the U.S. mission of protecting the U.S. Shores. Website ratowitzforcongress.com.

Ashvin Lad - Republican : experienced in the health-care and financial services industry developing life saving products and delivering costeffective products to 80 million financially underserved. Congress has lost its ability to solve problems. Supports tax relief for individuals and small business owners, that account for the majority of the workforce. Health care - not in favor of universal health-care. Overlooked is support research for new medicines and Supporting innovative medical ideas that will complement governments goal of promoting the general welfare. Enhance the status of trade and technical schools and community colleges to develop individual Website skill sets. www.ashvinforcongress.com.

Cook County Board President

Currently held by embattled President Todd Stroger.

Roger Keats – Republican. Illinois State Senator from 1976-1992, retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserves and currently in the financial services industry. Platform includes 1) Taxes: Repeal sales tax increase and reduce spending with a line item review, 2) Property Taxes: reform System to implement a rational, understandable system to determine property values, 3) Jobs: streamline regulations to encourage private sector job growth, 4) Health Care: expand clinic system to provide faster, local access to health care services

and reduce the use of emergency rooms for nonemergency care.

Website = www.KeatsforCook.com.

John Garrido – Republican. 18 years with the Chicago Police Department currently working as a tactical lieutenant, also a practicing attorney for with Northwest Legal Service since 2006. 1) Bureaucracy: Eliminate top heavy government but consolidating upper management instead of laying off workers, 2) Taxes: roll back sales tax increase to make the county competitive and reduce loss of border sales, 3) Hiring: end political patronage and hire only qualified candidates, 4) Health Care: decentralize primary care facilities and focus resources to Cook County residents first. Website = www.garrido2010.com.

Lieutenant Governor

Currently vacant due to the elevation of Pat Quinn to Governor.

Scott Lee Cohen - Democrat, Business owner of family green cleaning supply company and commercial and residential real estate properties. Will use his business experience to bring new ideas to the Lieutenant Governor position. The legal responsibility of this position, other than succeeding the Governor, involves policies impacting rural communities. Mr. Cohen believes we can preserve the rural way of life and economic vibrancy in small towns by creating new jobs through Main Street Programs and Job Training Initiatives to train workers to fill new positions. Mr. Cohen plans to fight crime in small towns, coordinate several agencies to build new bio-energy refineries, improve technical resources to rural communities and recruit doctors to rural areas to improve health care. Website = www.scottleecohen.com

Illinois Secretary of State

Currently held by Jesse White.

Robert Enriquez – Republican. Former US Marine officer with an MBA in International Marketing who has worked in transnational marketing, distribution and manufacturing projects for Fortune 500 firms. Mr. Enriquez feels it is time to get serious about running a transparent government in Illinois. He will 1) audit and publish the budget for complete transparency, 2) publish organizational names and salaries in response to questions of patronage and 3) reduce waste/costs and fees to Illinois drivers. Website = www.enriquez2010.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

Public Safety: During the holidays, do not give money or open your doors to any men or women asking for money for injured or sick family members. This is an increasing scam operation.

Public Libraries: Starting January 2, 2010, branch libraries will open Monday-Saturday, 8 hours per day on alternating schedules. Regional libraries remain open on Sunday.

Call the Alderman's office at 773-248-1330 or email his office at <u>32ndWard@gmail.com</u> to get his newsletter emailed directly to you.

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

Southport Holiday Stroll – Friday December 4 5PM to 9PM. 14th annual with carolers, horse-drawn sleigh rides and great shopping.

14th Annual Breakfast with Santa – Saturday December 5,9AM-12Noon at St. Luke Church 1500 W. Belmont. Complimentary pancake breakfast and goody bag, with a visit form Santa, balloon artistry and face painting. Bring one can of food for donation to the Lakeview Pantry. For more information call or email the Chamber at 773-472-7171 or email = info@lakeviewchamber.com.

Lake View Citizens Council - LVCC

Membership – a reminder to all SLN members. You should join LVCC to get a broader sense of what is happening in Lakeview community. See the website for an application = www.lakeviewcitizens.org

CAPS Meetings – by Sam Samatas

CAPS Meetings: Beat 1932 east of Lincoln Ave. December 10, 7:00PM at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington. Beat 1931 west of Lincoln Ave. to be announced, 7:00PM at Hamlin Park

Beat 1932 – a community alert was issued for recent rash of burglaries. They have occurred during night hours when the residents are inside their homes! Access is made through unsecured windows and doors. Generally items easily carried away as cash, cell phones, jewelry and laptops are taken. Recent arrests have occurred on 1300-1400 Barry, 3000-3100 Racine, 1200 Wellington, 1200 Fletcher and 1500 Belmont. Call 911 with any suspicious activity.

Wellington Tap – Kitchen expansion (UPDATE)

reported the results of the October membership meeting of the highly contentious proposal and current operations to Alderman Waguespack. In addition. several meeting attendees wrote letters or emails to the Alderman. 11/17/09-The Alderman's office called a meeting between the Wellington owners and managers and the immediate residents (15 in attendance) to discuss the issues. The residents gave information and examples of noise, crowd control and garbage issues. The owners responded that 1) garbage collection is increased to 3 times a week, 2) One extra security person was added to keep crowds in designated smoking areas, 3) the last call time was made earlier to move the crowd out, 4) arrangements have been made with a cab company to put some attention near the bar at closing. The Alderman suggested the following also be done: 1) have employees BASSET trained, 2) provide security with jackets or shirts denoted as such, 3) determine appropriate decibel level for music to reduce outside noise, 4) leave temporary outside door on all year to reduce noise, 5) keep all windows closed, 6) shovel sidewalks and 7) provide contact information for owners/managers to address any problems. The Alderman's office made it clear, that if these volunteered solutions do not address the issues of the neighbors, the neighbors can enact the Deleterious Impact Ordinance that could lead to the business losing the liquor license.

The Alderman forwarded a letter to the ZBA regarding the kitchen expansion stating based on neighborhood input and change in volume and demographics of the clientele, the bar has become incompatible with the residential area and he does not support the application for the kitchen expansion.

11/20/09 – ZBA meeting for kitchen expansion. Several neighbors and an attorney for Wellington's attended this meeting. The attorney was handed letters written by neighbors and the Alderman opposing the expansion. Wellington's attorney asked for and was granted a continuance. The ZBA let the neighbors in attendance know that their attendance at the meeting was very impressive.

Continuance meeting – Friday, December 18 at 2:00PM sharp at 121 N. LaSalle St. Room 905. Any community member who has concerns about the expansion should seriously consider testifying at

the hearing. If you cannot attend and would like to send a letter, please forward the letter to the Alderman's office and they will forward it to the appropriate persons. Send your letter to Paul Sajovec-Chief of Staff. Email = psajovec@gamil.com or FAX to 773-248-1360. Phone number is 773-248-1330.

SLN - WEBSITE = www.slneighbors.org

The website has been reinstituted. The newsletters are being posted. We are still working on some of the informational guts. Thanks to member Steven Stern for his help on getting things going.

SCHEDULING NOTICE

A January 2010 meeting will occur in order to accommodate the timing of bringing candidates in to the membership before the February 2010 primary election.

CONDOLENCES

Len Sychowski – November 2009

Husband to Ann Sychowski and a life-long resident of South Lakeview passed away recently. Len was involved with SLN since its' inception in the early 1960's. Len was Ann's right-hand man helping her gather everything needed for the monthly meetings, Holiday parties, Fun nights and fund raisers often driving all over the city to save some money for SLN and always getting there early to set things up. He frequently bartended at the SLN events. Len had been slowed in recent years due to illness and was not able to attend the SLN meetings, but he embodied the definition of volunteerism and SLN owes a great deal to him for all the time he spent helping out for the benefit of others. Len was a WWII veteran who saw battle in Europe. Our condolences to Ann and the Sychowski family.

To Carol Brown on the passing of her mother in lowa.





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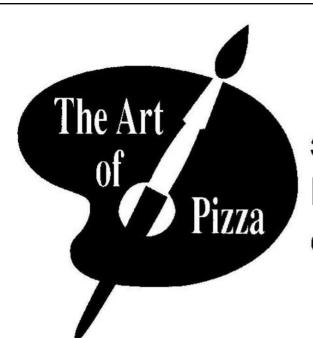
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