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FEBRUARY, 2010



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 we will have the opportunity to exercise our privilege and vote in a primary election and have our voices heard. We will choose candidates for a variety of positions. Some of those candidates accepted South Lakeview Neighbors' invitation to attend one of the two forums we hosted, allowing our membership to personally meet the candidates, ask questions and gain a better understanding of their positions and platforms.

I encourage everyone to take time and vote in this election. If you know of a friend or neighbor who needs assistance getting to a poll, let's offer assistance by driving them to their poll or accompanying them to their poll. I personally want to offer this to any of our members. I will get you to your poll; just call me at 773-858-1592.

Best Regards, Susan Radzinowicz

February 9, 2010

Location: Basement of St. Alphonsus Church

1429 W. Wellington

Agenda: 7:00 pm: Coffee & Cookies

7:30 pm: 1) Neighborhood bars – Public

Nuisance Ordinance presentation by Alderman Wa-

guespack office

2) Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeal

FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING PREVIEW

Neighborhood Bars-Deleterious Impact Public Nuisance Ordinance

Elizabeth Gomez, director of Business and Community Affairs for Alderman Waguespack's office will give a presentation of this ordinance that has been in effect since April 2007. The ordinance is designed to solve issues between businesses and residents through community meetings organized by the Department of Business Affairs and Licensing. The Ordinance is designed to address bars that are public nuisances, protect establishments that operate in a professional and neighborly manner and give residents and businesses a forum to work together to address community concerns.

2009 Real Estate Assessed Valuation Complaint

SLN will provide standardized forms for appealing the 2009 Assessment of our neighborhood. These forms are designed to have the Board of Review do the research for you. At the time of this newsletter, SLN is attempting to procure a representative from the Cook County Board of Review to assist in filling out the forms.

Meeting at a Glance ...

AT THE JANUARY 2009 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MEETING...

Keeping with SLN's community duty of keeping the members and neighbors informed for elections, the officers and directors voted to conduct a Special January Meeting (previously the membership voted to discontinue the January meeting) for the benefit of meeting the candidates. The membership was alerted via a mailing. 1,500 flyers were distributed announcing the event. Nevertheless, the attendance was not what we were hoping for but it was the first night of American Idol.

Here is a summary of the candidates. Only candidates who were present or were represented by an election representative are presented.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

For the office formerly held by John Fritchey. The overwhelming theme was "independence." As in, "I am independent, I do not owe any favors and I can represent the people the best." As front runner and heavily endorsed candidate DAN FARLEY ?? was not in attendance, the candidate attendees took the opportunity to run the show.

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Ed Mullen, Democratic candidate

A civil rights attorney who left private practice to become the managing attorney at a non-profit dedicated to promoting the rights of people with disabilities. Mr. Mullen has a long history of community involvement and advocacy for progressive causes. Mr. Mullen believes he will be able to change how business is done in Springfield. He intends to (1) increase government transparency, (2) pass real campaign reform limiting power of the Springfield power brokers, (3) strengthen enforcement of anticorruption laws and (4) create economic opportunity, strengthen schools, provide health care and equal rights and protections for all families. Visit Mr. Mullen at www.VoteEdMullen.com or call at 773-273-7135

Scott Tucker, Republican candidate

Born in Jackson,MI., Mr. Tucker is a decorated Gulf War Era Navy veteran. Mr. Tucker is an entrepreneur and business owner with businesses in the mortgage industry, marketing consulting and an insurance wholesaler. Mr. Tucker believes he will bring REAL reform to the State government. He is not a machine-backed candidate. Mr. Tucker believes in (1) real campaign reform, (2) fiscal conservatism, (3) no new taxes or fees, (4) school choice and (5) eliminating red light cameras and their use. Visit Mr. Tuckerker at www.tuckerforstaterep.com.

Ann Williams, Democratic candidate

An attorney in the private sector and former Assistant Attorney General with Lisa Madigan's office for over 4 years. Ms. Williams believes that her work in the Attorney General's office gives the advantage of "knowing how things work, " yet maintains that she in running as an independent and will be only answerable to the voter, not political power brokers and special interests. She is committed to (1) property tax reform, (2) protecting the environment by passing the Safe and Clean Communities Act, (3) protecting consumers rights and (4) equal protections and access to benefits regardless of sexual orientation. Visit Ms. Williams at www.annwilliams2010.com.

COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT

The position is currently held by the embattled President Todd Stroger. SLN felt this was really the main event. Unfortunately, a prior event held at 6:00PM the same night as our meeting ran late. Our meeting adjourned around 8:45PM with no candidates in site. Dorothy Brown came in as people were leaving and a representative for Toni Pre-

ckwinkle appeared to apologize that she could not appear. The other candidates did not appear. We reconvened the meeting with the remaining SLN stalwart members.

Dorothy Brown, Democratic candidate

Currently the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County which she was elected to in 2000 becoming the first African American to hold that position. The position is the keeper of all judicial matters brought to the unified Cook County Court system. She oversees a budget over \$100 million with over 2,300 employees. Ms. Brown is an attorney, a CPA and an MBA. From 1991 to 2000, Ms. Brown served as General Auditor for the CTA.

Ms. Brown intends to bring innovation, reform and fiscal responsibility to Cook County government. Ms. Brown will (1) reduce the sales tax (2) improve the management of the Cook County Hospital System, (3) reduce the number of patronage hires in government, (4) create a Small Business Administration Office to help citizens obtain federal grants and loans to help create jobs and (5) bring the technology of the Cook County government into the 21st century to save taxpayer money through effective and efficient operations. Visit Ms. Brown at www.friendsofdorothybrown.org or call 312-750-9030.

Toni Preckwinkle, Democratic candidate.

Currently the 4th Ward Alderman since the early 1990's, Ms. Preckwinkle has been a community leader for over 20 years. Ms. Preckwinkle has a Bachelors and Masters degree from The University of Chicago and was a high school history teacher before becoming Alderman. During her term, she received the IVI-IPO Best Alderman award 6 times. She is currently the member of several City Council committees.

Ms. Preckwinkle vows real reform and end to waste, fraud and abuse. She intends to (1) repeal the Todd Stroger sales tax increase, (2) conduct zero-based budgeting to identify inefficiencies and waste in the County budget, (3) ensure that all residents of Cook County have access to quality health care and (4) address the chronically overcrowded criminal justice system by fully funding more costefficient alternatives to incarceration. Visit Ms. Preckwinkle at www.tonipreckwinkle.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

Recycling Pick-up: Truck drivers are regularly pulled from their Ward duties to focus on snow plowing. During these delays, please crush boxes and seal bags until the crews catch up.

Local School Council (LSC) elections will take place on April 23. Each school consists of 6 parents and 2 community residents. Nominees can pick up a nomination packet at the Alderman's office through February or contact CPS at 773-553-1400.

Jury Duty Scam:

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks for your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER and Date of Birth so they can verify the information and **cancel the arrest warrant**. This is scam verified by the FBI. DO NOT be BULLIED and DO NOT GIVE OUT YOUR INFORMATION.

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

Annual Membership Reception – Awards Presentation and Installation of Directors. February 10 from 6:00Pm to 8:00PM at the Theatre Building Chicago 1225 W. Belmont. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. RSVP to 773-472-7171 or email at info@lakeview-chamber.com.

WOW (Women Out Working) Networking Group Friday, February 19th, 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM at the Chicago Photography Center, 3301 N. Lincoln Ave. Cindy Levitt, owner of Peace by Piece and a professional organizer working with people to transform the spaces in which they live and work, will speak about how to identify and overcome barriers that hold us back from getting organized.

For more information call 773-472-7171 or email the Chamber at 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. February 11, 7:00PM at Illinois Masonic Hospital, Clarke Auditorium, 836 W. Wellington. Beat 1931 west of Lincoln Ave. to be announced, 7:00PM at Hamlin Park

Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts (St. Alphonsus School) – Art & Soul Fundraiser

February 6, Saturday 6:30PM to midnight. Dinner, drinks, dancing, silent auction, live auction and cash raffle (\$7,000 1st prize), Tickets are \$65 if purchased before Jan. 25th or \$75 after. Contact Missy Thompson 773-404-4893 or email = missythompson@theherrons.us . A great event.

City of Chicago Property Tax Relief Program Application Form

As announced by Mayor Daley in various interviews and news conferences, the City has made funds available to assist homeowners whose real estate taxes increased from last year. The relief is based on the increase of your taxes and your income level with the relief being between \$25 to \$200. SLN will have forms available at the February meeting. You can also get a form by going the City of Chicago website at www.cityofchicago.org and click on the Property Tax Relief Program icon on the left side of the home page.

Better Business Bureau – Credit Card Identity Theft Scam Alert

The US Government passed a law 8 months ago that will allow banks to change credit card rates starting in February 2010. In the meantime, banks are raising current credit card rates. The typical scam is consumers receiving a call from an organization promising lower credit rates. To accomplish this, the callers say they need personal information (SS#, bank info). Again, consumers should never give information over the phone unless you initiate the call.

SLN – WEBSITE = www.slneighbors.org

Visit the site. It is a work in progress. Pictures and information to be added.

RESTAURANT REVIEW by Joni G. Los Moles Restaurante, 3140 N. Lincoln

Chef Geno Bahena has another wonderful Mexican dining experience for us all to enjoy. He is known for his "mole" sauces, which translates to "concoction or mixture". After spending several years as a head chef for Rick Bayless at Frontera Grill, he

opened a few Mexican restaurants of his own, all specializing in Mexican moles and some tequila.

Los Moles invites the diner to try seasonal and sustainable ingredients in all of the menu offerings of lamb in mole, ostrich, filet mignon, duck breast, sea scallops and shrimp. This is not a chips and salsa type of Mexican dining experience. Although my memories harkened back 40 years to the premises that once housed a McDonald's, I was able to immerse my senses into the excellent food. Most of the lighting and Mexican music were at enjoyable levels.

We began with Sopes Surtidos Xilonen, beautifully presented four corn masa boats each filled with a different combination. Plantain was my first bite and I thought it was very good until I tried the guacamole boat which was even better, next was a chicken in red mole, so much better, and we sailed through ending with the chorizo which was excellent. All four boats provided ample tastes of each for the two of us and was only \$17.

The second appetizer, Quesadillas Nortena was more than ample to share, for \$10. The flour quesadillas were filled with duck breast and caramelized onion that added a smidge of sweet. Our shared entrée, Mar, Cielo, y Tierra was excellent. Shrimp from the sea, Quail of the sky and Lamb from the land, each served with a different mole representing the Mexican flag, red, white and green. This is one of Los Moles' most expensive entrees and every bite was worth the \$23 and filled us both. Because we were doing a review, we felt obligated to order flan for dessert. A cheesecake-like custard, rich and creamy, went well with the freshly brewed coffee.

Los Moles is currently this reviewer's favorite Mexican Restaurant in the Lakeview neighborhood and the house margaritas aren't bad either. Let this delightful dining experience add a little heat to your winter.



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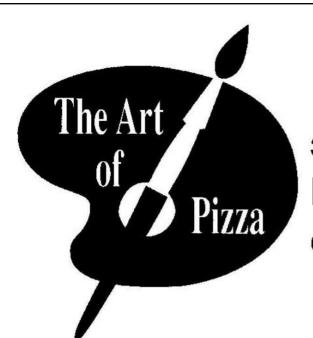
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