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Meeting a Glance ...

December 14, 2010

Holiday Party / Holiday Party / Holiday Party

Location: Will's Northwoods Inn

3030 N. Racine

Agenda: 6:30 pm: Cocktails

7:00 pm: Food and deserts / RAFFLE

January 11,2011- Wine & cheese shop, 2900 N. Lincoln. Packaged Liquor License request

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

SLN is investigating email newsletters for those interested versus our current method of mailing. See the Article later in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please pay your dues and save us the expense of postage sending you a reminder. Membership Form in the Newsletter. Thanks to all.

Dear Neighbors,

I am not generally given to reminiscing, and not only for the reason that it does not speak well of someone my age (don't ask) and station (retired). I'd much rather look toward to the future, but a couple of ordinary events in this neighborhood have reminded me of how fragile all of life is and how blessed we are to have an organization that cares about the average citizen. The first occurred when I was getting my hair cut at this area's only traditional barber shop (sorry, but I can't see spa treatments for my remaining and graying locks). The elderly barber was in his second-to-last day cutting hair in this neighborhood, a craft he had practiced for 50 years on Blemont. He had sold his shop and looked forward to retirement cooking

meals from his native Marseilles, France where his Middle-Eastern family had fled to escape persecution. As I practiced my college French, I recalled how lucky I was to be alive. While studying in Strasbourg not quite 40 years ago, I had an emergency appendectomy. The surgeon, Dr. Laurent Feldmann, was a holocaust survivor saved by American troops, and he said he was returning the favor. I thanked him for his care by giving him my pocket French-English dictionary. It may be ironic that surgery and barbering share a common lineage (thankfully the branches diverged 200 years ago), but here on Belmont was a foreign born and trained man who had made his livelihood tending to one of our basic needs. If the measure of a society is how we welcome the stranger, in this small respect, as a neighborhood, we succeeded. That barbershop has been taken over by a much younger man, and I hope that he will have as long a career in our neighborhood as his predecessor.

The second occurred at a funeral for one of my law professors, who lost his battle with a rare blood cancer the day after turning 65 and shortly after celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary. Amidst the eulogies on a life devoted to the rule of law over the passions of men, one of his sons remarked that when it came time for him to go to

college, his father suggested that he spend some time off following a band around the country. Now as I know them, lawyers are not the most intuitive and caring types around, and a law professor is a lawyer in high-def. But here was a man with an intuitive grasp of his son's needs who cared enough that his son not feel that he had to follow in his footsteps. As president of the synagogue, which held his funeral, this law professor showed the same care by sponsoring inter-faith dialogue.

In this season of religious observances and secular celebrations, our organization will convene on Tuesday, December 14th at our traditional gathering place, Will's Northwoods Tavern, where Packers fans and Bears fans can at least be civil to each other. There will be food and drink for all, and a way to help this organization out by buying a ticket to various raffles, including for a rare bottle of 19 year old Kentucky Bourbon. Members are asked to bring canned goods and nearly new clothing for the Lakeview Pantry which promises to offer the donation to those in our neighborhood in need. And as we hustle and bustle about may we remember that it is not the Neiman Marcus catalogue, nor the latest electronic techno-gadget that makes the season, but the desire dredged from our hearts to help each other, particularly those with whom we differ.

Sincerely, David Duggan

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DECEMBER 2010 MEETING PREVIEW

HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: December 14, Tuesday

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

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

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

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

MEMBERS, family and friends are welcome.

FOOD DONATION - attendees are asked to participate in the Lakeview Pantry Food Drive. Food pantries have seen a 15% increase in clients due to the down economy and increased unemployment. SLN has arranged for all donations to go directly to the Pantry located at 1414 W, Oakdale in the lower level of St. Alphonsus for people in our neighborhood. Please bring one or more cans of nonperishable food to the Holiday Party to help those out who might be struggling during the Holiday Season. See www.lakeviewpantry.org for additional donation and volunteer opportunities.

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

1325-41 W. Belmont – Office Building Proposal and Zoning Change Request

After the 2 to 1 NO vote on the proposal at the October meeting, the Developers reworked the Project for resubmission to the membership.

The major changes from the October meeting were as follows:

New Project – the 4th floor was moved back 62ft from Belmont creating a 4th floor penthouse. The height of the Project at Belmont would be 44 ft. The Penthouse 4th floor back would remain about 60 ft. The developer indicated that the 4th floor would not be visible from the north side of Belmont street level. Due to the decreased office space, the

zoning change requested was decreased to B-3-3. The cosmetics of Belmont Ave. facade was significantly changed to create the impression that there looks to be three separate buildings and more fitting with the buildings in the surrounding area. Parking spaces were reduced from 74 to 53.

The Developer felt that the reduced zoning request and improved façade addressed concerns from the previous meeting. In addition, the Developer stressed the Project is world-class medical operation with a 15 year lease that would be brought to the area, that the Project would replace an undesirable vacant building and prevent unknown undesirable business to locate in that space with no zoning change required. The Developer stated that by having a Medical Building instead of more condominiums, the Project would stabilize the local real estate values.

The floor was opened to questions. The topics dealt primarily with the congestion that the Project will bring to the area and the lack of parking and the decrease in the number of spaces in the Reworked Project. The Developer sited traffic studies that most of the traffic would occur while residents are away at work. The Developer also believed that even with the decreased parking spaces, the Project would not send much parking to the side streets as many of the current Northwestern Medical patients are dropped-off or take public transportation. Other questions related to illuminated signage, the current inventory of vacant commercial space on Belmont, potential ambulance noise that the Urgent Care Center may bring. The vast overall comments or questions were negative and crowd was fairly emotional. SLN President David Duggan had to gavel-down some attendees that did not conduct their questioning in a manner of an appropriate Q & A.

Joe Semerling of the NDRC presented the findings of the Committee as a split vote. He then presented to the audience the reason for the No votes from the NDRC noting that the Project is still too large for the location and noting the lack of cooperation from the Developer in giving the NDRC plans and the unannounced last minute changes that the Developer engaged in. President David Duggan presented the argument in favor of the Project noting that the SLN area has seemed to be overlooked for the great developments and

that this was our area's opportunity to welcome a world-class operation.

A ballot vote was taken. Do you favor the proposed Medical Building Project? SLN members and residents within the SLN boundaries: YES=21, NO=45; Residents who live across the street from the Project: YES=0, NO= 13. In addition, 8 residents voted NO through the SLN Website. The information was forwarded to the Alderman.

Chicago Police Department – CAPS representative

Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) representative Sgt. Jason Clark gave a lively presentation to the membership. Sgt. Clark noted that in recent months, the number of car and garage burglaries have gone through the roof. Garages are broken into through old weak pedestrian doors and older automatic doors that are not updated with rolling digital codes. Car burglaries are quicky smash and opportunities, but basically, Sqt. Clarke stated if something was in sight, even a box a detergent, there is a possibility of your window being smashed.

Sgt. Clark addressed the recent early October home invasions near Barry and Southport. These crimes were crimes of opportunity. In all cases, the offenders entered through open 1st floor windows. Unless you are awake and in the room, the Sgt. recommends keeping all 1st floor and garden level windows locked. Criminals will come in at night through a window, even if you are home sleeping. These criminals have not been caught. There does not seem to be a reason that this area was picked. Forensics is still processing the data, but it is not like TV. The number of TACT officers in the area has been increased. Sgt. Clark noted that of burglaries, 1) 80% will occur when people are at work, 2) Neighbors will not call if they hear a noise. Sqt. Clark stated it is important to know your neighbors and call 911 when 1) someone is in your yard, 2) suspicious people are noted in your alley or neighborhood, or 3) cars are parked illegally with the motor running for any period of time. If the Police are called, the criminals know the neighborhood is alert.

Sgt. Clark then addressed the recent robbery of Dunkin Donuts. Those criminals were caught after

a chase. It was a team of one adult who would recruit a few teenagers to help. These criminals have been charged with 3-4 other robberies in the area.

Tagging is on the increase. It is mainly not gangrelated. Call 311 to report and the City will send out the graffiti-blasters to remove.

CAPS meetings will be reduced from monthly to quarterly due to budget cuts.

Sgt. Clark. brought several flyers that have been posted to the SLN Website at www.slneighbors.org

- 1) 21 Things a Burglar Won't Tell You
- 2) How to Safegaurd Your Residence
- 3) Safegaurd Your Garages
- 4) Car Burglary
- 5) Home Inventory sheets to document your valuables in case they are recovered.

For more information contact the 19th District Community Policing Office at 312-744-5574 or CAPS019district@chicagopolice.org.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

2011 CITY BUDGET - the City Council budget passed by a large margin. Alderman Waguespack was one of only 7 aldermen casting a NO vote due to serious structural financial problems built into the budget. The one-time parking meter funds of \$1.1billion from 2009 are virtually gone. Only \$76 million remains with 73 years to go on the meter deal. There is no plan to replenish those funds. The Civic Federation pointed out that the City has shown a 9% increase in spending (twice the rate of inflation), while revenues have only increased 6.5%. We cannot spend what we are not earning. The Alderman felt the City's deferred pension issue was not adequately addressed leaving the next mayor a massive and fast growing pension liability. The Alderman is open to sharing his budget ideas and taking ideas from concerned citizens and businesses.

Halsted Street bridge at Division will be demolished and replaced beginning November 29. The project will last approximately one year. Plan new short-cuts.

The New 23rd District Police Station at Addison west of Halsted was dedicated on November 13.

Email the Alderman's Office at info@ward32.org for his newsletter or updates.

State Representative John Fritchey

Annual Helping Hands Campaign – Donate new or slightly used hats, scarves, gloves and clothing as well as toiletries to those who need it most. Drop off donations at Rep. Fritchey's office located at 2539 N. Southport. 773-871-4000 or email at – dave@fritchey.com.

Congressman Mike Quigley

Feel free to contact Congressman Quigley at 773-267-5926 or visit his website at www.quigley.house.gov.

CAPS Meetings

CAPS Meetings are now being held quarterly. 2011 meeting dates are:

- Beat 1931: 1st Thursdays on 3/3, 6/2, 9/1 and 12/1 at 7:00 pm, Hamlin Park, 3035 N. Hoyne.
- Beat 1932: 2nd Thursdays on 3/10, 6/9, 9/8 and 12/8 @ 7:00 pm, Illinois Masonic Hospital-Clarke Auditorium, 836 W. Wellington.

CAPS Officers - Belmont District is Sgt. Jason Clark : 312-744-5983 ; email = CAPS019District@chicagopolice.org.

Community Alerts – sign up for email alerts with Lt. John Willner at email=john.willner@chicago.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

SOUTH LAKEVIEW PLAYLOT-Advisory Council

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The Advisory Council is looking for Corporate sponsors for its 2011 Summer and Halloween events. Contact Jennifer Roche at jenniferroche@yahoo.com or Carolyn Withey at witheycarolyn@yahoo.com for additional information.

Advisory Council Meetings

All interested citizens are welcome to join the Council for the 2011 season. Meetings are to be held 1/24, 2/28 and 3/21, all Mondays at 7PM at the Golden Apple Pancake House. Contact Jennifer Roche for more information

BURLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Friends of Burley

5th Annual Burley Winter Party & Auction, February 4, Friday @ 7PM at Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted. Funds from this Event are used to support academic and enrichment initiatives technology, music and gym programs, which have been affected by education budget cuts. Tickets \$50 in advance,\$60 at door includes music, dinner and drinks. See www.friendsofburley.org for info. Last month Burley held its Annual Poetry Assembly highlighting writing, reciting technology focus. The kids wowed the parents with independent thinking and maturity.

LAKEVIEW CITIZENS COUNCIL - LVCC

Holiday Party – December 16, Thursday 6:30PM to 8:30PM at Murphy's Bleachers, located at Sheffield and Waveland. Beer, wine, pop, food. Pretty much all you need for a good time. RSVP by Dec. 8

Operation Mitten – Help children in the area. Your cash donation will be used to buy mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for children in need. Police officers in the 19th and 23rd Districts will pass out while on patrol. Other items will be used for Children Holiday Parties at the Police Districts for children from financially challenged homes. Send your donation to LVCC, 3355 N. Clark, Chicago, IL. 60657

New Year's Day 5K Run & Walk – start your 2011 get in shape program on Day 1. For information go to www.chicagoevents.com.

Aldermanic Candidates Forum: 32nd Ward – January 18 7-9PM. St.Luke's, 1500 W. Belmont.

For membership information. See website www.lakeviewcitizens.org.

LAKEVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Southport Ave Holiday Activities:

Showcase & Raffle – December 10-12, Shop at participating businesses and earn a chance to win a \$1,000 gift basket.

Ice Sculptures on the Avenue – December 17-19. Between Roscoe & Irving Park. View 4ft. high ice sculptures.

Shopping Ideas: visit the Chamber Website to learn about business discounts, deals and gift ideas all within walking distance.

Lakeview Area Master Plan (LAMP). LAMP is progressing. LAMP had two events to solicit ideas from the neighborhood. To view the progress of LAMP and find out about other activities at www.ThislsLakeview.com.

WELLINGTON'S TAVERN

As previously reported, at the September 23 Mediation Meeting, the owners agreed to 1) met with a sound consultant, 2) install signage reducing the number of outside smokers, 3) install weather stripping on exterior windows, 4) hold last call one hour earlier and 5) disconnect speakers in front of the business.

At the November 9 Mediation Meeting, residents reported that there was some improvement with the bar, but some neighbors are not satisfied because patrons were still being obnoxious when leaving the bar. The owners agreed they would have the security person walk around the bar in order to encourage people to keep moving. The owners also agreed to reduce the number of smokers outside the bar from 8 to 4.

The next Mediation Meeting is scheduled for January 10 at 10AM. It his highly suggested that residents affected by this issue attend these meetings. Contact Elizabeth Gomez at Alderman Waguespack's office for time information. Email = elizabeth@ward32.org.

ST. ALPHONSUS

For a change in your Christmas celebration consider the German Mass 9:15AM on Christmas morning. Pastor Father Hurlbert speaks fluent German and presides over the Mass. The German Choir appears for this special Mass. For the newcomers to the neighborhood, Lincoln-Belmont - Ashland was the center of Chicago's German community starting in the late 1800's until the early 1980's. St. Alphonsus has continued that tradition.

ARTICLES AND ACCOUNCEMENTS

Individuals, Community Groups, Schools, Churches or Business can submit announcements or informative information for the newsletter to Bill Haderlein at email = chicagolanddeck@rcn.com.

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SLN - WEBSITE = www.slneighbors.org

Visit the site. Links to Community Resources. 1) 32nd Ward links to Alderman Waguespack's website. 2) City Service Requests. 3) CPD Crime Stats – view maps showing up to date crime information. 4) Deleterious Impact Ordinance – trouble with a business or bar. Learn how this Ordinance works. 5) Everyblock for SLN – gathers information (permits, business openings, licenses, and crime data) for every block in Chicago.

EMAIL SLN NEWSLETTER – work in progress

We are still working on the presentation of the ad format for the electronic newsletter. If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter by EMAIL, go to the SLN website at www.slneighbors.org. Click on the link on the right side of the page under "Subscribe to our newsletter." And follow the prompts. SLN's biggest expense is the production of the monthly newsletter. Switching to the email version will reduce our future costs. Hard copy newsletters will be sent until we finalize a format that does justice to our fine advertisers.

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2011 SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

January 2011 – Wine & Cheese Shop, 2900 N. Lincoln Ave. – Request for Packaged Liquor License, Retail Food License and possibly a Public Place of Amusement License for Private Parties.

February 2011 – Aldermanic Candidate Forum

RESTAURANT REVIEW by Joni G. Café Orchid, 1746 W. Addison, 773-327-3808

Go hungry! You will receive plenty of good food at a very fair price and it is BYOB making this Turkish delicacy restaurant an even more appealing place to dine. Café Orchid is located in the strip mall adjacent to the florist and down the street from St. Andrew's Church and School.

Upon entering the enclosed and more than amply heated outdoor seating area, you are greeted by your hostess/waitress and allowed to "tour" both dining areas to decide where you would prefer to The rooms are accented with Turkish touches and provide approximately 20+ tables for two. Regulars are heard ordering without looking at the menu and there was a constant flow of customers the evening we dined at Café Orchid. Service was impeccable and the tables were nicely adorned with fresh flowers and candles. My only issues were the flimsy paper napkins. They were not ample for my eating habits and the wine bucket was placed on the floor. Interestingly, there is no music played so you hear all the noise of traffic and trains from that busy intersection; however, conversations can be carried on just fine.

There are only good things to report on the food that we tried, which was not "the usual favorites" that the regulars had. We began with both cold and hot appetizers. The Lentil Fingers were served shaped like big thumbs of red lentils mixed with cracked wheat (staples of Turkey) over a bed of romaine lettuce. The menu described them as mildly spicy, which to my taste were not, but very good and good for you. Next we very much enjoyed the fried mussels served warm. I have only had steamed mussels prior. I would eat these like popcorn if I didn't care about my consumption of fried foods.

Our entrees were presented quite handsomely. The Iskender, (named after Alexander the Great who enjoyed eating this dish before it was named for him) consisted of doner kebab served on panfried bread with yogurt and tomato sauce. Doner is a common Turkish blend of beef and lamb, usually on a spit or in kebab style. Grilled veggies and spices were mixed into this stew-like dish. It was my dining partner's favorite, which he took the leftovers for lunch the next day! Uskudar was the second entree (named after a town in Turkey). This was my favorite. Lamb cubes sautéed with

onion, tomatoes, mushroom, red and green peppers wrapped with sliced eggplant and served with bulgur, which is healthier than rice.

I look forward to returning to Café Orchid to try the "favorites" that the regulars were ordering and several other dishes that are described as being tasty and healthy too. Thank goodness they also

have delivery and carry out, because I plan to stop by to pick up or order a dinner for our table at home. I promise dining at Café Orchid will fill you up and definitely a healthy experience. Oh yeah, free parking. You can't beat that while dining out in Chicago these days, although it is close enough to walk to.

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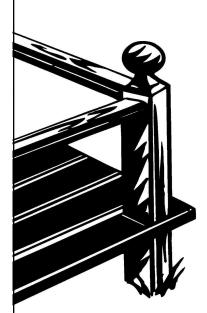
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