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Meeting a Glance ...

February 8, 2010

Location: Basement of St. Alphonsus Church

1429 W. Wellington

Agenda: 7:00 pm: Coffee & Cookies

7:30 pm: Meeting

1) Aldermanic Forum – all candidates scheduled

to appear.

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.

Dear Neighbors,

Lately I've been reading a book that chronicles the contributions of Illinoisans to the World War II effort. This is no scholarly tome, long on anecdotes with a bibliography of Popular Mechanics, but it does give a you-are-there account of our state's commitment to the cause. There, on page 152 it mentions how our little neighborhood donated the \$80,000 cost of a P-38 fighter plane to the Air Corps, and the plane was named the Spirit of St. Al's. One Ray Hartman of our neighborhood was the pilot. I don't believe I've ever met Ray (or even know if he survived: some 17,500 Illinoisans did not). But this I can say: unless Chicago keeps pace with the demands of the educated world, we will slip below the surface, without a shot having been fired.

When I was growing up from the vantage point of the suburbs, Chicago's schools were regarded as among the best (if not the best) of the big-city school systems. This was likely midwestern chauvinism (or parochialism, its flipside), but there may have been some truth to it. Without a dedicated and striving minority that could attend merit-selection high schools (can you say Bronx Science and Stuyvesant High in NYC), Chicago, nevertheless, managed to produce such luminaries as Adm. Hyman Rickover (the father of the US nuclear submarine program), James Watson (codiscoverer of DNA), and sports and media personalities too numerous to note (one of my favorites is Marv Levy, coach of the Buffalo Bills, who lost four straight Super Bowls; I'd say he learned to accept defeat as a Cubs fan, but he went to South Shore). Now, whom can we extol? Freddie Rodriguez? Sarah Silverman? Puh-leeze.

In three weeks our city will elect a new mayor. For 80% of my sentient years, a Daley has occupied the fifth floor of City Hall, and those years just happen to coincide with the decline of Chicago's public schools. Perhaps no mayor could have reversed the tide, but when you send your own kids to non-public schools, it sends the homecookin'-ain't-good-enough-for-me message to the plebeians in the 'hoods. Then, when you appoint



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your former chief of staff to be school superintendent, and pay him \$200K+ while firing teachers left and right, it tells you that the mayor is so out-of-touch with reality that he needs to retire to get his brain cells back in sync.

Lost in the rhetoric over who should lead this city and whether the police superintendent should be fired is who should run the schools. During our next meeting on February 8, SLN is hosting a forum for the 32nd Ward aldermanic candidates and our neighbors should take this opportunity to learn what their plans are for improving our schools.

'Cuz if our schools are sub par, it won't matter how beautiful Millennium Park is, or how the Bears do in the playoffs (I'm writing this before the Packers game), or whether the Cubs will ever win another World Series. All that will matter is who will turn off the lights after everyone else has left.

Sincerely, David Duggan

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FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING PREVIEW

SLN will be holding its 4th Aldermanic Forum. SLN has been providing this opportunity back when Aldermanic elections were won by the appointment of the Ward Committeeman. Things are different now and the 32nd Ward has proven to be an independent force in City politics.

The Forum will be presented as follows:

- 1) The candidates will begin with a short statement.
- 2) All candidates will be asked 10-20 predetermined questions. The candidates will be on a clock, so the answers must be short and concise. These questions will be chosen from questions submitted by SLN members.
- 3) A closing statement will be allowed for all candidates.

There will be time to interact with the candidates before and after the meeting.

Submit your questions by Friday, February 4 by email to President David Duggan at email = president@slneighbors.org. See Candidate recaps later in the newsletter.

AT THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

Held Will's Northwoods Inn, we have learned that with SLN members, fashionably late is not in fashion. A hoard arrived at 6:30:01PM to fill up the tables, bar stools and areas of the bar that provided great sight lines for the handsome crowd. As it is an election year, Aldermanic candidates and their election staff attended and engaged the members in spirited conversation. Our new State Rep Ann Williams was in attendance and we hope to invite her to a meeting in the near future. The program moved quickly from cocktails to eating. President David Duggan gave another one of his great off the cuff speeches thanking Will's, the food donors and the members that put the party together. The party moved to the liquor basket and gift certificate raffle ending with the tense crowd holding their tickets for the split the pot raffle won by long-time NDRC committee person, Mike Lisec. An early Merry Christmas.

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2539 N. Southport Ave ♦ Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 871-4000 ♦ MyStateRep@aol.com www.fritchey.com We had a great and lively crowd, big as I can remember. The members came through with a huge donation of food to The Lakeview Pantry. Thank you Marge Fahrenbach for organizing this drive.

The following is a list of all the food donators. Thank you all very much:
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Thank you to all the SLN Officers and Directors for donations to the liquor baskets and of gift certificates.

A Special Thanks to Will's Northwoods Inn, Kevin Kruse, general manager, John Bunge, owner and the friendly bartenders for the great set-up and all the donated drinks. In addition, it should be known that Will's cancelled its normal Tuesday Trivia Night to help the SLN Party move more smoothly.

Thank you all again and belated Happy New Year to all.

1325-41 W. BELMONT – MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING – SPECIAL ALDERMAN WAGUESPACK MEETING – December 21.

Alderman Waguespack enlisted SLN to help get the word out for the 3rd proposal of this Project. The meeting was held at St. Lukes on Belmont by the Alderman and conducted by Chief of Staff Paul Sajovec. The Developer's 3rd revision lowers the building to a 3 story Project. The height reduction eliminates the need for a zoning change and allows the Developer to build "as of right". The Project still lacks the required parking spaces for its size. The Developer will request a variance from the Zoning Commission on parking. It was not determined if the Urgent Care Center will still be a part of this Project. It appears that after 2 rejections at SLN meetings, this scaled-down version will be moving forward, but it still has some issues to resolve. Go to the Alderman's Website at www.ward32.org for additional information.

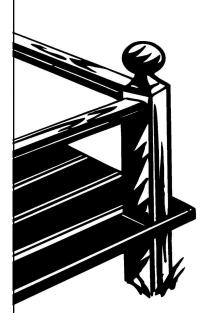
ALDERMAN FORUM - THE CANDIDATES

Brian Gorman

Brian graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Providence College in Providence, RI. Brian and his wife Catherine were born and raised in central Connecticut and chose to make Chicago their home and have lived in the 32nd Ward since 1998. He is a resident of the Roscoe Village neighborhood and is currently serving as President Obama's grassroots political organizer in the 32nd Ward. Prior to his involvement in politics, Gorman served as Assistant/Pitching Coach at Roberto Clemente High School from 2002-2006. He has worked in various capacities in the Chicago's Food Service and Beverage Industry from 1997-2007. He voluntarily serves on the Board of Directors of the Lakefront Progressive Network as well as volunteering with the Roscoe Village Neighbors. As Alderman, he would 1) put an end to the dozens of hidden property tax increases passed by City Council in recent years, 2) fight for the resources needed to repair our potholed streets and crumbling infrastructure and 3) provide an Aldermanic office that is accessible and will respond quickly to the needs of the residents.

Bryan P. Lynch

Bryan has resided in the 32nd Ward since 1998 and currently lives in the Wicker Park neighborhood. He is an attorney in private practice concentrating in helping property owners impacted by government's exercise of its eminent domain power. Bryan began his legal career with the City of Chicago holding various positions as a lawyer for the City of Chicago, Department of Law, and as an Assistant Commissioner in the Department of Buildings. He believes that pension reform must be implemented. Bryan wants to work with residents and business owners to partner with the police to deter crime and keep people informed and safe and will fight against the redistribution of police from the 32nd Ward to other areas. In terms of Education, Bryan believes that our current system in not educating our children to their maximum potential and changes need to be made now, i.e., extending the school year and the school day, holding principals accountable for the academic



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progress of the schools. Finally, not all 32nd Ward residents have Blue Carts and wants each resident to be able to participate in this program and engage in environmentally sound practices.

David Pavlik

David Grew up in the Wicker Park/Bucktown community. He attended and graduated from St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral School, St. Ignatius College Prep and University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Finance. Dave's family has owned and operated businesses in the City of Chicago his entire life, including Roscoe Village Pub. His priorities are: 1) Community First, 2) Surviving the Economy and 3) a Strategy for SMART Growth. Community First - David pledges that he and his staff will be courteous, responsive and will work diligently to resolve constituent service requests whenever possible. Surviving the Economy - David plans on making his office a resource to those trying to make ends meet, including free job fairs and an online Job Bank, Foreclosure Prevention Events, Credit Counseling Seminars, Supplemental Job Training Events and Small Business Expos. A Strategy for SMART Growth - By cultivating communication among local businesses, civic/neighborhood organizations and the citizens of our ward, his office will maximize the value we all receive from living in the 32nd Ward.

Scott Waguespack

Scott and his family have called Wicker Park-Bucktown for many generations. After college Scott served as a volunteer in the U.S. Peace Corps in Kenya. He came back to Chicago, worked at the Kirkland & Ellis law firm and later obtained a law degree at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Upon graduation, he helped create and implement Global Chicago to foster global collaboration with Chicago's many economic. cultural. intellectual institutions. Scott also worked with the Dean of Chicago-Kent on projects involving the U.S. State Dept. In 2005, he managed Berwyn mayoral candidate Michael O'Connor's campaign. The new Berwyn Mayor then asked Scott to assist in the transition to a new administration. As the current 32nd Ward Alderman, Scott sits on five City Council Committees: Committees, Rules and Ethics: Education and Child Development: Housing and Real Estate: Human Relations: and Special Events and Cultural Affairs. Since being elected Alderman in 2007, Scott has consistently fought government waste and corruption and will continue this battle. He was one of five Alderman who voted against the privatization of parking meters. He has voted against recent budgets and believes in the need for an audit. Scott also sees the need for property tax reform and more transparency and accountability of TIFs. During his current term, Scott has implemented fair, simple zoning and development guidelines for the 32nd Ward and does not accept donations from developers. Scott will also demand that the 32nd Ward be a part of the new "source-separated" recycling program that will replace the ineffective Blue Bag program.

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

Election Day Opportunity – Please consider being an election judge in Ward 32. You would be paid \$120 for the day, plus \$50 if you go through an optional, 3-hour training before that day. To sign up as a judge, call Julie Figueroa at the Board of Elections, or go to her office. Her phone number is 312-269-0265; her office address is 69 W. Washington, 6th floor.

Street Cafes - Businesses that had street cafes last year have to apply every year with the Alderman. Unless there are complaints about their operations, the Alderman will approve the café for the current year. If you have any complaints or concerns about current cafes, contact the Alderman's office at 777-248-1330 or email the Alderman's Office at info@ward32.org. You can use the same email to sign up for his newsletter or updates.

Congressman Mike Quigley

Dear Friends,

On January 8th, our nation experienced a grave tragedy in Tucson, and we still grieve for the victims. I hope and pray for the well being of my friend and colleague, Gabrielle Giffords, and offer my deepest condolences to those who did not survive. My heart goes out to the families and loved ones of all involved.

The unthinkable tragedy occurred at a Congress on Your Corner, an event I hold throughout the District as regularly as I can. I believe in action. Representative Giffords, her

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staff, and everyone attending were doing what this country is built on: participating in a conversation between an elected official and the people she represents.

As sadness gives way to reflection, I hope we remain committed to that ideal. I want you to know that I will continue to hold events in the community, visit my constituents, and make myself available to those I serve. Our representative government depends on it.

I look forward to seeing you, and hearing your thoughts, concerns, and ideas as we grieve, recover, and move forward as a District and a country.

It is an honor to serve you in the United States Congress.

Mike Quigley Member of Congress

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

CRIME UPDATE - 1300 Barry Attack

December 21 sexual assault and beating on 1300 Barry. According to a January 17 article in the Chicago Sun-Times, suspect Tyrone Maxwell was arrested and is being held with no bond. The County Judge determined the suspect to pose a threat to the community. DNA evidence linked the suspect to the crime. When asked by the Judge if he had anything to say, the suspect said "No" and walked out of the courtroom, laughing, as he was led back to jail.

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.w illner@chicago.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

SOUTH LAKEVIEW PLAYLOT-Advisory Council Advisory Council Meetings

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

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LAKEVIEW CITIZENS COUNCIL - LVCC

Thanks to all those who contributed to "Operation Mitten". We were able to donate over 200 hats and mittens to the 23rd District. Hats and gloves were also provided to the 19th District and the House of Good Shepherd. LVCC and many of the LVCC Branches also collected food and money, which were donated to the Lake View Food Pantry this holiday season. For membership information. See website www.lakeviewcitizens.org.

WELLINGTON'S TAVERN

A 4th meeting was held at the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (DBACP) on Jan. 20th to continue addressing concerns about the deleterious impact of Wellington's Tavern. Present at the meeting were a number of residents, the bar owners, the 19th Police District and the Alderman's office. It was reported that overall the business was in better shape but concerns about rowdy patrons still existed. There were five calls for service made since the last meeting at the beginning of November. One of those calls was made by the bar to notify the police of a disturbance issue.

After discussion and updates about the status about the process, the DBACP recommended that the owners of the bar, along with the lawyer, write





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out a plan of operation. This plan will state all the things the bar has done to try to resolve the issues with the residents thus far, such as: calling last call an hour earlier, cleaning up trash and cigarette butts and having security present in the front of the business. Once drafted, the plan of operation will be conditional to keep the liquor license. If the owners do not comply with the plan, then it can be a license revoking offense.

It was also agreed that there would be another meeting in the spring to truly see the effects of the plan of operation. The winter usually drives less traffic and not so many people stand outside. That meeting is currently scheduled for May 24th. If you have any concerns with this establishment or any others in the SLVN area, please feel free to contact the Alderman's office.

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S & G RESTAURANT

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RESTAURANT REVIEW by Joni G. Bakin' & Eggs, 3120 N. Lincoln, 773-525-7005

This has been my second visit to this huge venue for breakfast fare. I am almost certain that my first visit must have been a weekday, late morning. Wow, what a difference. Where do all these people live that want to eat their first meal of Saturday at Bakin' & Eggs? There were mass amounts of people eating, waiting to eat or waiting to pay for eating!

After what was 30 minutes to be seated, we were placed in probably one of the quietest corners. To carry on a conversation with someone at the far end of a table for 6 or more would be a challenge. Many seated groups and waiting to be seated were that size and greater, so the cacophony of shouting was accentuated by sound bouncing off of the high tin ceiling.

Speaking of which, the portions are more than ample with prices fairly reasonable (\$8-\$11 per breakfast entrée). You are able to choose from 2 different rashers of bacon; pork or chicken-apple. One of the daily specials tempted our taste buds: smoked salmon, greens, tomato and red onion on multi-grain bread with chives and cream cheese. On this visit we tried a couple of mainstays from the menu. The best was the frittata of caramelized onion, bacon, blue cheese and balsamic dressing. The roasted veggie frittata was loaded with a variety of what is good for you, however the eggs were dry. The best taste we experienced was the house potatoes with cheese. Definitely get them with cheese if you can afford the extra calories. Unfortunately the jam tray was brought with a bevy of fruit flies. Once we cleared it from our table, eating could happily resume.

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Bakin' & Eggs has very good food and portions, complemented by fair prices and the occasional fruit fly. There is a small espresso bar for sipping and/or eating. The minimalist lunch menu appeared interesting too. All in all, this place is kid and large group friendly. The little ones receive a chalkboard placemat with a piece of chalk. Saturday and Sunday brunch has a special clothes pin attached to your bill. When you pay, you may have won a free pastry, which looks and tastes marvelous. This reviewer says do not miss. Visit on a weekday to spare yourself the extra helping of loud.



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