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### **MARCH, 2012**



### A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

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### Dear Neighbors,

Like it or not, we have an elected judiciary in Cook County and throughout the Land of Lincoln. While most states have gone away from such a system of selecting judges, Illinois remains an outpost of judicial populism. Or does it? How many judges do you know? Faced with a primary ballot showing 100 candidates vying for 20 judicial slots, how do you choose? (not to mention the ridiculous "retention ballot" in the general election where upwards of 100 judges are listed: to oust a sitting judge 40% of those voting in that contest must vote no. In my 26 years of voting in Cook County and

### MEETING AT A GLANCE MARCH 13, 2012

Location: Basement – St. Alphonsus Church

1429 W. Wellington

Agenda: 7:00 PM : Coffee & Cookies

7:30PM: Meeting

1) Meet Judicial Candidates for the upcoming

March elections

watching the judicial system, this has happened exactly once.)

Our former mayor, Richard M. Daley, received his first political education (after twice flunking the bar exam) as a delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention. His father, King Richard I, gave him one instruction: "Preserve elected judges". Richard I obviously knew where the bodies were buried, and who buried them, and the answer all too often is in the Cook County judiciary. What was once a way to reward the party faithful and the second-stringers in the governmental (State's agencies Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Public Defender) has become a way to extract "donations" to the party in exchange for the privilege of being slated by Messrs. Burke and Madigan. Certainly I cannot be the only one who remembers Greylord, Coffee Klatsch and Gambat, federal sting operations that bagged any number of judges for being less than honorable. Back when I was a practicing attorney, addressing any judge of Cook County as "Your Honor" turned my stomach.



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The authors of the Federalist Papers referred to the judiciary as "the least dangerous branch". Yet as a society, we expect our judges to draw our districts for elected officials (because they draw them solely to preserve their seats), run our prisons (because wardens cram prisoners three to a cell), and decide who gets on the ballot (because ambitious politicians want to be able to come and go from the state like a jet-setting corporate mogul. On a small-bore basis, we ask our judges fairly to decide our divorces, interpret our real estate contracts and sentence those who violate our But with the way that our judges are selected, is it any wonder that Illinois is the all-time wrongful convictions, confessions and judicial corruption.

Judges should be the monastics of the profession (without the chastity), scholarly devoting themselves to law's intricacies. There is something unseemly about judges shilling for But for our March meeting, that our members may be fully informed, we have invited those candidates in the 8th judicial subcircuit to a forum so that we can find out who these people are, what they believe in, and why we should vote for them over anyone else with a law degree. You can send questions that you would like these candidates to answer to our website (president@slneighbors.org); because candidates are not supposed to say how they would rule in a particular case, I reserve the right to screen or revise these questions.

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Some cynic said that we get the government-and judiciary-we deserve. I prefer to believe that we should get a judiciary we can be proud of. Help make this belief a reality by coming to our March meeting and finding out who we have asked to decide the important issues of our day.

Sincerely,

David G. Duggan

#### **MARCH 2012 MEETING PREVIEW**

#### JUDICIAL CANDIDATES for MARCH ELECTION

"I don't vote for the Judges because I do not know who they are." Now is your chance to weigh in. As of the newspaper deadline, the following candidates have committed to appear.

The judicial position is for the 8<sup>th</sup> Subcircuit. For vacancy of Melvin Cole: Brad Trowbridge, John Ehrlich, Helaine Berger and Ellis Levin. For Thomas Chiola vacancy: Thomas Osran and Celia Gamrath. For Maureen Roy vacancy Deborah Gubin.

In addition, Diane Marsalek, SLN member, often president of the Lakeview Citizens Council and St. Alphonsus graduate will attend. She is running for Circuit Court of Cook County.

Forward questions to President David Duggan at email = president@slneighbors.org.

#### AT THE FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING

Ali vs. Frazier. King Kong vs. Godzilla. Fritchey vs. Waguespack. The St. Alphonsus basement was abuzz, anticipating the fireworks for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward Democratic Committeeman debate between incumbent John Fritchey and challenger Alderman Scott Waguespack. Esteemed reporter Pat Butler was in attendance at an SLN meeting for the first time in years. Extra chairs were set-up. 5:00PM that evening – John Fritchey withdrew from the election citing a disconnect with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward due

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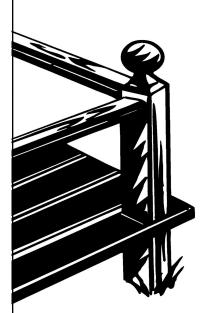
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to the redistricting which moved his residence out of the Ward and putting his long-time Southport office barely in the boundaries.

But the meeting went on. First to speak was Republican Committeeman John Curry. Mr. Curry acknowledged that he was looking forward to tearing into his Democratic rivals and he did not disappoint. Stating that Democrats have long warned people to not vote for Republican candidates because they will "tear down the ball fields" or other evil Republican acts, he described President Obama as the worst president in recent history still dealing in the Chicago Way and categorized the former Mayor Daley's final years in office as one of the worst administrations ever. He then related that when Mr. Fritchey retired from the State legislature, he could have allowed the Rep elect (Ann Williams) to sit in the legislature, but instead, Mr. Fritchey appointed a temp to sit-in for the legislature that passed the 5% Illinois tax rate in a lame-duck session. Mr. Curry blamed the Democratic Mike Madigan run State government for the State's debt, bad economic environment and high unemployment He noted that the 32nd Ward is one of the strongest Republican wards in the city. Mr. Curry finished by saying that anyone who pulls a Democratic ballot in the upcoming primary is crazy.

Alderman Waguespack gave a more subdued presentation. The apparent new Democratic Committeeman wants to be more involved in searching for the new proto-type Democratic candidates for county, state and national positions. He feels that superior candidates will pressure incumbents to do more for the voters. Mr. Waguespack will attempt to bring transparency in the selection process. The Alderman will also try to bring young voters, especially college students into the political process as he was a member of the Young Democratic Party at Colorado State University.

OTHER STUFF: The Alderman addressed some additional issues. CRIME: A member questioned about reports of crime moving into the area. The Alderman stated that with the closing of the 19<sup>th</sup> District and restructuring, there are actually 15-16 more day officers on the street in our area. SPEED CAMERAS – he noted, to the dismay of the members, that the red light cameras also have the technology to act as speed cameras. The

Alderman is trying to give alternatives to the Mayor's speed camera program, such as speed bumps, cut-outs and longer yellows. WARD REMAPPING – he was one of eight Alderman that voted against all remaps. He acknowledged that the current Map favors incumbents and retains African-American wards that have lost a large of amounts of their population. The Alderman was pushing for a reduction in the number of Wards to 35. CONCERTS at WRIGLEY - the Cubs do donate \$10,000-\$15,000 total allocated neighborhood schools. NATO G8 SUMMIT scheduled for May 19-22 to be held at the McCormick Place. 5,000 delegates from NATO are attending. Protest groups are requesting permits to protest at the site, the Daley Center and banks. Recommendations are to avoid these areas during the summit. The Cubs and Sox play that same weekend. Look-out Chicago.

### FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

Alderman Waguespack 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward News Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330 www.ward32.org, email = info@ward32.org

CPS Local School Council Election 2012 – The next Local School Council elections will be held on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for elementary schools and Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for high schools. Parents and community members interested in serving on elected LSCs may obtain and file nomination forms in the schools where they seek to serve.

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### Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey Office @ 2539 N. Southport, 773-871-4000 Email=bridget@fritchey.com

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Commissioner Fritchey will be holding a series of workshops around the 12<sup>th</sup> District to give seniors assistance with your SENIOR EXEMPTION applications. You must RE-APPLY EVERY YEAR

Workshop details are as follows:

Commissioner Fritchey's District Office When: Tuesday, March 6, 10am-1pm Where: 2539 N. Southport Ave.

Congressman Mike Quigley's District Office

When: Friday, March 9, 1-4pm Where: 3742 W. Irving Park

47<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar's Office When: Wednesday, March 14, 10am-1pm

Where: 4243 N. Lincoln Ave.

Bring a copy of your most recent property tax bill, your 2010 Federal 1040 Income Tax form, a valid state-issued ID as well as a copy of your 2010 senior exemption applications (when applicable). At these workshops, your completed forms will be notarized and turned into the Assessor's office.

### U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley Office @ 1057 W. Belmont, 773-267-5926.

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Spurred by a request from Congressman's Quigley's office, the Department of Homeland Security(DHS) investigation found the Cook County's Project Shield program mismanaged \$45 million in federal grants intended to support first responders efforts during acts of terrorism or other disasters.

Mr. Quigley spent 5 days on a congressional trip to Poland. Discussions included national security issues and Poland's aspirations for inclusion in the Visa Waiver Program which would make it easier for Polish tourists to visit the USA. This would benefit the numerous Polish-American families in our district.

State of the Union Address: Mr. Quigley sat in a bipartisanship working group during the speech. Two themes stood out to the Congressman 1) in tough economic times, we must be smart about how we direct funds and resources and 2) in a technology driven world. our education opportunities and resources must keep pace. To that end, the Congressman helped the Chicago Public Schools receive 2,000 computers and printers through a federal program called Computers for Learning, that donates leftover government equipment to organizations in need.

#### **CAPS MEETINGS**

CAPS Meetings are now being held quarterly. 2012 meeting dates are:

- Beat 1931: Hamlin Park, 3035 N. Hoyne, next meeting TBD
- Beat 1932: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays on 3/8/12 & 6/14/12 @ 7:00 pm, Illinois Masonic Hospital-Clarke Auditorium, 836 W. Wellington.
- Beat 1933: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, quarterly, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm, New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill

Sites will remain the same until further notice.

### CAPS Meeting Beat 1931, March 1, 2012 (reported by Joni Gatz)

Officer Michael Kuzniar and two other beat officers conducted the meeting. First announcement was regarding the change in the 19<sup>th</sup> District headquarters moving to the formerly called 23<sup>rd</sup> District Town Hall building on Addison Ave. As of March 4<sup>th</sup>, the new "Town Hall" building will be known as 19 Town Hall. With the beat map changes, South Lakeview Neighbors which once had two beats now has three beats. Beat 1931 is now west of Ashland, Beat 1932 is east of Ashland and west of Lincoln and Beat 1933 is east of Lincoln and west of Halsted.

Asked about how the G-8 Summit would impact our police service in this area, the police officers





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response was that they will be assigned to the G-8 Summit area and that response time would be longer due to less officers servicing our district. However, most uniform officers will be working 12 hour days to be able to overlap coverage for the neighborhoods not in the key area for the week encompassing the protestors arrival and the conclusion of the meeting.

Lt. Willner has been moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> District and our community officer is now Michael Kuzniar and his phone number is 312-744-4247.

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Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Guest Speaker Andy Shaw, Executive Director of the Better Government Association(BGA) as attended by Bill Haderlein, Chicagoland Deck Cleaning & Sealing.

The Chamber held a breakfast meeting at Wishbone. I did not really know anyone and there was no booze, so I activated my social skills by downing several cups of coffee in very quick succession. The old "hi, I'm Bill H. from Chicagoland blah,blah,blah...worked and I was able to engage George Rimmel from the Lakeview Newspaper, a sign company rep who has been bugging me with emails, two babes from the East Lakeview Chamber and some well-dressed bankers in some casual business conversation. The food line started and man the plates were the size of my family's Thanksgiving food platters. I ate everything and only needed 3 peanuts for lunch that day. At my table were the owners of long-time Lakeview business, Ballin Pharmacy at 3330 N. Lincoln, an attorney who owned the She One Boutique at 3402 N. Southport, a rep from the Chicago Photography Center in the triangle Brundidge Building at Lincoln and Marshfield and a founded 1893

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The guest speaker was Andy Shaw. Retired as ABC Channel 7's political reporter, Mr. Shaw was asked to become the Executive Director of the BGA. Mr. Shaw admitted he was in for a challenge when he discovered the current BGA to have a few employees and a \$300,000 budget. Since Mr. Shaw came on, he has raised over \$1,000,000 to get the BGA back in shape. Founded in 1923, the BGA uses its in-depth investigations to shine light on bad government and to lay the foundation for mobilizing citizens in campaigns to affect change in government. Mr. Shaw was on a membership mission. He explained that the BGA independent, accepts no money from elected officials, candidates or political parties. The BGA is committed to giving citizens the tools to affect government in an active and responsible way. As a BGA member, you would receive information to be an aware and active citizen, be able to submit a tip to aid an investigation, train to be a watchdog and respond to BGA action alerts. For more information or to join, visit their website at www.bettergov.org. or call 312-427-8330

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The music being played on this Tuesday evening was a heavy metal radio station, which delightfully was at a pleasant conversation level. working the counter and kitchen were young and happy to provide good service, although only a minimum is required. Once you place your order at the counter, you receive a number to display on your table and your food arrives. We were surprised that our order came out so quickly and I began to eat the soup. In a minute, we realized that it wasn't our order and called this to the attention of the order taker who was also our server. So I received a complimentary bowl of chowder. The place is BYOB and was busy with others who brought a six pack of beer for a table of four and tables with wine. You pick up your own plastic cups and utensils. There is a large cooler of "free" water available for self-refills. This saves on their overhead, affording the customer some great prices for good seafood meals. Not so great for the environment, however the soup cups said they are made from plant material. Cleanliness at the New England Seafood Company Fish Market is impeccable.

The food is good, and some dishes are very good. The fresh-made potato chips are a big YUM and a must have! These come free with any seafood roll. The Crabmeat Roll was nothing special, however worth ordering for the chips. We asked for and received some fresh lemon to squeeze on the pan



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seared scallops, which were excellent. Both the Clam Chowder and Lobster Bisque rocked with a little pinch of pepper, which we obtained from the utensil areas in little paper packets, along with salt. Roasted veggies and rice are available as sides, some a la carte, others come with entrees.

The price is right for an easy seafood meal for two; only \$40 for all the fresh tasting food we ate. The fish market will definitely receive revisits often from this reviewer, especially during Lent. I also plan to purchase fresh, reasonably priced fish (all USA and most wild) on the way home from work. For a simple seafood shack experience, stop by New England Seafood Company Fish Market with an empty stomach. The focus is on the ingredients as opposed to the ambience.

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