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#### **SUMMER, 2012**



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**SUMMER SOCIAL** 

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SUMMER SOCIAL
July 10: 6:30PM – 8:30PM
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In the Beer Garden

Dear Neighbors,

I don't deal with the heat that well, and I'm not a big fan of air conditioning which has put me in a pickle this summer so far. I have a theory that your preferred season has to do with when (and I suppose where) you are born: if your first experiences out of the womb are in the dead of winter, you'll handle the cold pretty well. Being a late fall baby, I don't mind the cold that much. Setting my thermostat for 64 degrees is no hardship in the heating season. But of course I could never afford to keep the temperature there during the summer, so I struggle along at 80-82. Air conditioning buzz has however softened

the blow of the new construction happening next door. While I am happy to welcome new neighbors and development to our neighborhood, the drilling, pounding, jackhammering, and beeping from backing-up construction equipment has exacted its toll on my psyche, and I have felt that my head has been in an echo chamber. Forgive me if I have seemed cranky.

Although one of the three sites has been completed, the City has stopped work on the midblock rehab project of 3100 Southport. building has been an eyesore and public health hazard for years: rats, pigeons and other vermin had long-term leases after the former owner decided he'd had enough with violation notices and simply boarded it up. The new owner has stretched the limits of the building and zoning codes by surreptitiously trying to increase the building's size. In zoning parlance, the building is a "legal non-conforming use", meaning that it was a multi-family dwelling before single-family zoning went into effect. Under certain notions of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, the City can't make you reduce the number of units in your



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For reasons that I cannot explain, at our May meeting I was re-elected your president for another year. I'm not sure if this is because nobody else wants the job or some people think I've been doing OK. I can understand either hypothesis.

We will once again be hosting our annual summer get-together on All-Star game Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Will's Northwoods Inn, Racine and Nelson. Since we've already presented the Len and Ann Sychowski Good Citizenship Award, we'll have to dream up some entertainment for the occasion. Maybe I'll do an imitation of a crazy man because

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of all the noise I've had to put up with. No wait, that would be too much like reality TV. See you on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

David G. Duggan

#### 4th ANNUAL JULY SUMMER SOCIAL

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All free drinks will end promptly at 8:30PM Central Daylight Savings Time.

#### AT THE MAY 2012 MEETING

Len and Ann Sychowski Good Neighbor Award – Father James Hurlbert.

The new copper cross has been placed on the top of St. Alphonsus' magnificent steeple and with removal of the scaffolding, so ends the pastorship of Father James Hurlbert started in 1999.

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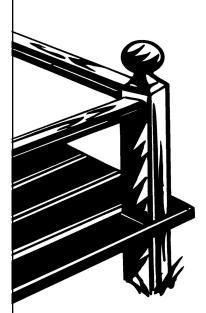
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SLN honored Father Hurlbert at the May meeting with the Len and Ann Sychowski Good Neighbor Award for his work at St. Alphonsus over the last 12 year. Father Hurlbert arrived at St. Alphonsus, to find a school of severe declining enrollment, in peril of closing due to low enrollment, parish membership down and many of the buildings in disrepair. In addition, the relationship between St. Alphonsus and the immediate neighborhood was somewhat strained. Father Hurlbert rolled-up his sleeves, became the interim principal of the school and went to work.

In 12 years, enrollment in the school tripled. The pre-school program is one of the most highly-regarded programs on the northside of Chicago, with a long waiting list for those who wish to attend.

Father Hurlbert spearheaded the \$2 million plus renovation of the Church, restoring it to its former glory. The building is still an often photographed Chicago building.

Father Hurlbert kept the traditions of the Spanish German masses while adding reestablishment of father and mothers clubs, and the creation of new social clubs. St. Alphonsus' Octoberfest and Silent Auction are now big events on the neighborhood calendar. Recently, St. Alphonsus took over the operations of the Athenaeum Theatre. Father Hurlbert was also a very accommodating landlord to SLN and realized the importance of the SLN mission. Though a very busy man, he was often seen in the seats listening to the SLN meetings and speakers. Father Hurlbert graciously thanked SLN for the first award he has ever received. He noted, that when he looks back on his career, he will probably remember this as his coolest assignment.

Father' short-term plans start with a 6 month sabbatical. After that, he is assigned to work as a chaplain for Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos, a mission in Guatemala that strives to provide a permanent family for orphaned, abandoned and other at-risk children who live in conditions of extreme poverty. To make a donation, visit St. Alphonsus's website at <a href="https://www.stalphonsuschgo.org">www.stalphonsuschgo.org</a>. or for more information on the mission visit <a href="https://www.nph.org">www.nph.org</a>.

The finest of Father Hurlbert's musings that have appeared in the Church bulletin have been made into a book. They are available at the Rectory while supplies last or through Amazon.com

SLN wishes Father Hurlbert good luck in his next endeavor. Many of SLN's older members have been educated at St. Alphonsus and feel proud about the comeback that the school and church has made.

#### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Every year a slate is presented to the membership for election. Candidates must be recruited and accept the responsibilities of Officers and Directors as described in SLN's by-laws. Nominations are also taken from the floor. The following slate was presented and unanimously accepted by the general membership.

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Good luck and good health to the officers and directors for 2012-2013. Now get to work.

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# State Representative Ann M. Williams Office located- 1726 W. Belmont, 773-880-9082 Email –www.repannwilliams.com

Medicaid Cuts – the State has \$2.7 million shortfall. The General Assembly took unprecedented steps to reduce the shortfall through utilization controls, rate cuts to providers and the elimination of certain programs. Ms. Williams fought to maximize funding for the most critical services, seniors, mental health and HIV/AIDS funding. A \$1 cigarette tax was passed.

Public Employee Pensions – nothing has passed, but Ms. Williams believes any proposal must be (1) constitutional, (2) fair to employees who have paid into the systems year after year, (3) provides for future fundings and (4) must address the current liability.

Legislative Scholarships – this program has been abolished. Ms. Williams did not participate in this program and is glad to see the elimination of this unnecessary and costly program.

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

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On May 10, 2012, Mr. Fritchey announced an initiative to create a strategic plan for the County to resume cemetery operations for the burying of the indigent, unclaimed and unknown decedents.

Mr. Fritchey's proposal calls the creation of a cemetery on about 5 acres of land adjacent to the cemetery owned and operated by Cook County decades ago. By doing this, the County could have a permanent burial site for the next 100 years, while saving taxpayers nearly \$180 million over the usefulness of the property. See Mr. Fritchey's website for a history of Cook County's Indigent Burial Program.

U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley
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In May, Mr. Quigley introduced the Jobs Originating through Launching Travel (JOLT) Act, a bipartisan initiative to spur the economy, increase national security and modernize the VISA Waiver Program. The JOLT Act would support over 100,000 jobs, while increasing revenue.

Offered and amendment to the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act mandating stronger consideration of environmental impact and protection before drilling for oil and gas in the outer Continental Shelf.

Mr. Quigley is trying to get the US fiscal house in order. Mr. Quigley has proposed cutting the failing V-22 Osprey Program which has resulted in 36 accidental Armed Forces deaths. Cutting this program would save \$1.3 billion now and over \$10 billion for the Department of Defense.

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All shows take place in the South Lakeview Park at 1300 W. Wolfram. Start time for all shows is 6:00 PM. Pack your children and picnic dinner and join the fun. Questions – contact Jennifer Roche by email at <a href="mailto:jenniferroche@yahoo.com">jenniferroche@yahoo.com</a>

Halloween Party – The Advisory Council is looking for volunteers to chair this popular children's Fall event normally held in early October. Anyone interested contact SLPAC President Jennifer Roche at the above email address.

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