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MAY, 2013

Next Meeting

TUESDAY – May 14, 2013



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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

Dear Neighbors,

Thirty-some years ago, I lived about a mile south of Times Square in New York, the start of the theater district along Broadway. On my walks home from my midtown office, I would stop at the TKTS booth in Herald Square and see what was on offer at half-price for that evening. This was just as Broadway was lighting up again after a decade of somnambulance, and before it became a Disney-fied theme park with tourist-traps like the Lion King or Wicked drawing in the bus crowd from ruralandia. For 10 or 20 bucks you could see a legitimate play or musical and then do a post-theater dinner for another Jackson. Or I could catch an off-Broadway play in the Village, and cap off that experience with a slice of NY pizza and a cappuccino along Christopher Street. It was a great time to be alive in the place so nice they named it twice.

MEETING AT A GLANCE

May 14, 2013

Location: Basement - St. Alphonsus Church, 1429 W. Wellington

**Agenda : 7:00PM – Doors open
7:30 – Meeting begins**

1) Neighborhood Theater Companies

A) Athenaeum Theatre

B) Theater Wit

C) Stage 773

2) Low-line Farmer's Market at Southport

3) Election of Officers and Directors

4) Pre and Post Meeting – Beer, Wine, Pop, Pizza and Appetizers

Chicago may not now compete with New York City on the theatrical front, but for as long as I've lived in this area, it has offered decent theater for a decent price. Our neighborhood has three venues: the Athenaeum, the Wit and the 773 theater, and together they offer a variety of dramatic and dance performances which draw people from around Chicagoland. Representatives from each of these theaters will be at our May meeting to tell us what they offer the community. There will even be a special bonus for those attending.

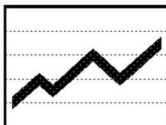
Our annual election of officers and directors will bring the curtain down for our 2012-13 year, and you should know that there will be a changing of the guard. After three years as your president, I

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will be stepping down to resume my position on the board and as a back bencher at our monthly meeting. One board member remarked that I will be known as the Franklin Roosevelt of SLN presidents, for having breached the two-term limit set by our bylaws. Hmmm, I thought, didn't FDR die in office while his daughter kept Eleanor out of the room so that Franklin could spend his last minutes with his old flame, Lucy Mercer? Not a fate that I would welcome. I'd rather be likened to Margaret Thatcher, another three-term chief who led a long and productive career after her retirement.

After our May election of officers and director, refreshments will be provided by local businesses. And our annual summer party will be held on All-Star Tuesday, July 16, at Will's Northwoods Inn. Don't worry: the festivities will be over in time to get home to watch a Cub or Sox put into the game as a late-inning replacement. I guess nothing on the baseball front has changed in my 4 years as president.

Until the 14th.

Sincerely,

David G. Duggan

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In addition to reducing SLN expenses, if you are on the email list, you can receive e-mail blasts from our Tech Dept. regarding area meetings, community alerts from the police and other timely information.

Our final newsletter wrapping up the 2012-2013 season will follow our May 14 meeting. Please go to the website at: www.slneighbors.org to sign up for the email version.

Thank You

MAY 2013 MEETING PREVIEW

THEATER CULTURE IN THE SLN NEIGHBORHOOD

Did you know that the SLN boundaries are a hot-bed for cutting-edge live theater. SLN has invited representatives from following theaters to present their Spring and Summer Theater Programs:

Athenaeum Theater – 2936 N. Southport
Wit Theater –
Stage 773

Tickets for performances at these theaters will be raffled off at the Membership Meeting. Winner must be present.

LOW-LINE MARKET at SOUTHPORT (Farmer's Market)

You wanted a local Farmer's Market in the neighborhood. You got it. Heather Way, Executive Director of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and SSS#27 will announce the inaugural summer of the Low-Line Market. The Market will be located at the Southport Brown Line stop (west side of street). Beginning June 6 (Thursday) and run every Thursday through October 17 from 4PM to 8PM.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee has slated the following candidates for election:

President – Perry Castrovillari
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Recording Secretary – Bill Haderlein
Treasurer – Ann Sychowski
Corresponding Secretary – Greg Brown

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Nominations for all offices and director positions can be made from the floor at the time of election. If you are interested in being nominated from the floor, you will have to recruit someone to nominate yourself. That shouldn't be too hard.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for volunteering their free time to work on the nominations: Bill Haderlein, Susan Radzinowicz, Sam Samatas, Joseph Semerling, Greg Brown and Ann Sychowski. Two bottles of wine, some Greek-style brownies and raw almonds for energy were consumed by the Committee during the grueling nominating process.

BEER, WINE, POP and PIZZA & APPETIZERS

All members are invited to join us starting at 7PM for some warm-up drinks and for some pizza and appetizers. Then more beer and wine that will follow the conclusion of the meeting issues and the election of the officers and directors. This is the final formal Membership Meeting for the 2012-2013 season.

The FINAL MEETING has traditionally been called, FUN NIGHT and it is. See you there.

All items are being donated by neighborhood businesses and the officers and directors. Thank you.

SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS ACTIVITIES

SERVICE PROJECT

SLN SPRING CLEAN-UP PROJECT

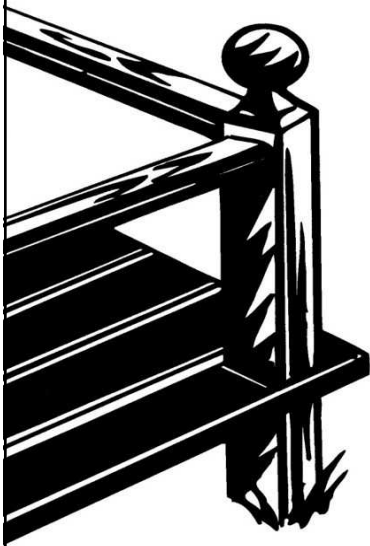
On Saturday, April 20 starting at 10AM, SLN members and other volunteers converged on the neighborhood to pick up man-made litter generally on the block where they lived. Reports from volunteers said a block took about 1-2 hours on what was a pretty cold morning with a light coat of snow on ground. Some messy blocks took up to 6 half full kitchen size garbage bags to accomplish the task. The overriding litter item was cigarette butts, mostly smoked right down to the filter (estimated date of decay is the year 2325). Other items included doorknob flyers, fast food containers, newspapers or advertising papers that missed the porch. Also picked-up were several latex medical gloves (used for what and discarded on the street for what reason, to be discussed), used condom (picked up by an anonymous SLN member) and an empty birth control container. It appears people in the neighborhood are still getting IT.

Here is a list of the volunteers:

1300 W. Fletcher-Jacqueline O'Connor and Tony & Allison Montalto.
3100 N. Lakewood – Lisa Voigt, John Dodson and Mark Anderson
3000 N. Southport – Ed & Dan Silverstein
3100 N. Southport – David Duggan and Barbara
1300 W. Barry – Greg Brown family
1200 W. Nelson – Elaine Lowenthal
1300 W. Nelson – Brigit Rameika
1500 W. Nelson – Steve & Marilyn Stern
1700 W. Nelson – Sharon Dugan
1400 W. George – Joe Semerling family
1500 W. Oakdale – KK Cleland Family, Barrett-Kayser Family and Beth Beasley
1500 W. Wellington – Bill & Jeanne Haderlein, Cindy and Marcus Kujawa
1700 W. Wellington – Nicole Mott and kids Madeleine and Andrew Zendejas
1400 W. Wolfram – Walter Bledsoe
1500 W. Wolfram – Joni Gatz Bauman and Bill Bauman

A group of people was mainly recruited by Ernie Toth to do 1600-1700 W. Barry, 3100 N. Ravenswood, 3100 N. Paulina and 1700 W. Fletcher. The West of Ashland crew consisted of:

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Kim Lero & kids

Looks like SLN covered 20-21 blocks and a couple of alleys. I hope I listed all the volunteers as the emails came rolling in from different areas.

After finishing my block, I joined Gatz-Bauman for a Bloody Mary at the Side Street Saloon. As a treat for my work, I went over to McDonald's for a Big Mac meal. By the time I made it back to 1500 W. Wellington, there was a plastic top and straw from a Coke cup greeting me in the parkway. Looks like we will be doing the same exercise next year.

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AT APRIL MEETING

SLN AREA SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Representatives from area schools gave presentations on the educational opportunities and programs at our area schools.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Agassiz Elementary School-2857 N. Seminary represented by Scott Fishman, President of the Friends of Agassiz parent association.

Agassiz has about 450 students. It is a neighborhood/lottery school meaning that students within a determined boundary are guaranteed attendance and remaining spots are given via a lottery drawing. The school has students from all

over the city, but the ratio is moving towards neighborhood kids as there is an increase in families moving into the neighborhood. Agassiz is a Performance Art Magnet School with full-time art, music and dance teachers. The school produces a Spring Musical and a Dance Show with all grades participating. The school is growing its library and resource center adding laptop computers and Ipads. After school programs include Band, Tae Kwon Do, Theater coordinated with the Children Emerald Theater on Southport. The schools world language is Arabic.

Mr. Fishman alerts the neighborhood that the schools 100th Anniversary will be on May 20 with a Silent Auction and Wine Tasting Event. Go to www.friendsofagassiz.org for more information or at 773-534-5725.

Burley Elementary School-1630 W. Barry represented by Catherine Plocher, Principal.

Ms. Plocher has been principal for one year and was Burley's assistant principal before that. Enrollment is at 580 students. It is a neighborhood/magnet cluster school focusing on Literature and Technology. They average two classes per grade ranging in size from 25 to 34 students. Ms. Plocher noted that the student population is pretty consistent with many students attending all years through 8th grade graduation. The school has a very diverse ethnic and racial make-up. Burley stresses the "love of learning" focusing on making reading a passion for the students. Burley has over 50 after-school clubs or associations for students and parents. They offer the Merit Music Program for K through 6th grade and for 7th and 8th graders who wish to pursue their music education. The Friends of Burley recently raised funds and built a new playground and track behind the school. For more information call 773-534-5479 or email Ms. Plocher at ceplocher@cps.edu.

Prescott Elementary School-1632 W. Wrightwood represented by Jennifer Lister, Chair of the Local School Council (LSC).

Ms. Lister gave the membership a quick history lesson of the schools recent history. In 2008, the LSC ousted the principal and installed current principal Erin Roche. Underperforming teachers were replaced. Nevertheless, as a school with low enrollment (190 students), in 2010, Prescott was put on the CPS Closing List. Parental support got that decision overturned and Prescott remained open. Currently the school has enrollment of around 300 students and growing. Test scores at

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the school have improved 19 points. 90% of Prescott's faculty has Masters Degrees. The school has a dedicated Reading and Writing curriculum and is supported educationally by DePaul University. Foreign language required for the students is offered in Spanish and Mandarin. The Music Program is associated with the Chicago Children's Choir. For more information contact the school at 773-534-5505.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lakeview High School-4015 N. Ashland represented by Jennifer Miyoko Sutton, Program Manager.

Many of us who grew up in the neighborhood either attended Lakeview HS or had a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle attend Lakeview HS. Lakeview is the oldest operating High School in the State of Illinois. Lakeview is also a neighborhood/lottery school.

Ms. Sutton laid out Lakeview's new education plan which started for the 2012-2013 school year. Lakeview's new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Early College Pathway Program challenges students with a rigorous and relevant STEM curriculum that will prepare the student for the opportunities of a 21st century global economy. The Pathway will ensure all students develop a strong STEM literacy to give them a competitive edge to gain admission to selective Colleges and Universities and scholarship opportunities. The student can gear their Education Partway to four main disciplines: Humanities: Science, Math and Technology; Music and Visual Arts or World Language. The STEM Program collaborates with various companies and schools including Microsoft, DePaul University and the Illinois Technology Foundation for work-based, real life learning opportunities.

Ms. Sutton closed her presentation noting that Lakeview HS has over a 90% graduation rate, has no student disciplinary issues or has ever been on any type of academic probation. Lakeview offers college and career coaching to all of its students. For more information go to: www.lakeviewhs.com, contact Ms. Sutton at email = jmsutton@cps.edu or 773-534-5449.

This four-school presentation reinforces that excellent educational opportunities are available to our children and supported by our tax dollars. Don't ditch out to the suburbs where you think the

schools are better. Suburban schools are huge and the size can sometimes eliminate educational and athletic opportunities to the student. Stay in the city for the diversity and the ability to walk 5 minutes to a store for a liter of Coke instead of having to drive 15-20 minutes out of your subdivision to the store.

Thank You to Lisa Voigt for organizing this insightful presentation.

ST. ALPHONSUS OCTOBERFEST – STREET CLOSURES

Representatives from the Octoberfest Planning Committee reappeared before the SLN Membership to clarify the plans for the 2013 events to take place the last weekend of September.

The major change is that the Party moves out to include Southport Ave. in front of the Church

The highlights of the plan are:

- 1) Oakdale Ave. will be closed from Southport to Greenvew. However, food vendors, merchants and beer booths will be on Oakdale only up to the east driveway of the the parking lot; thereby, reducing the impact on the neighbors. Beer trucks will leave every night.
- 2) Southport Ave. will be closed from Wellington Ave. to George St. The Fest will occupy the street from Wellington to the alley north of George St. (basically to the St. Al's parking lot on Southport) Traffic heading south would be diverted to Lincoln Ave. Cars heading north on Southport will be diverted west on George St to Greenvew to Wellington then back on to Southport. The Committee indicated that signs would be placed towards Diversey to alert cars that Southport will be closed. A Fire Lane will allow for emergency vehicles.
- 3) Bands: There will be stages for bands in the Church and on Southport near the George St. alley facing north, away from the residences homes.
- 4) Security-increased to 10 off-duty police officers. Placed at each entrance point, bar location with increased security later in the evening to help with crowd control.
- 5) The Church basement will be used for extra seating and for weather contingency plans.
- 6) Groupon coupons will not be used. This caused huge, uncontrollable crowds a couple of years ago.

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The Planning Committee feels this plan, though a larger footprint, will have a reduced impact on the residential neighbors, enhance the patron experience and allow St. Alphonsus to fully utilize the fundraiser element for which the event is truly designed around.

The immediate area was flyered (250 total) regarding the plans. A neighbor on 1400 Oakdale and 1400 George (now directly affected) voiced objections to the increased size and noise due the Southport Band Stage. The George St. resident noted that the stage will be right out her back window. No other comments were recorded.

A hand vote was taken. Do you support the proposed plans: In favor YES-12, against NO-8. Tepid support. A letter summarizing the vote was sent to Alderman Waguespack.

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Future meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Beat 1933 and 1924

Next meeting is May 9 at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 7PM.

Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Beat 1932 and 1935

Next meeting is May 13 at the New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM

Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Dates/times may change and you can call the office at 312-744-0064 with questions.

Burglary Workshop: attended by Sam Samatas
Here are some interesting "Takeaways"

- 1) Leave lights on with timers at night. Days leave a radio/TV playing. Burglars are afraid of someone being home. If someone is home, the crime is then a "home invasion" carrying 14-45 years versus 5-14 for burglary.
- 2) 2/3 of burglaries are done through open side garage doors, back doors or windows including 2nd and 3rd floors where the owner's ladders are used for access.
- 3) Inside alarms and dogs do not offer a great deal of protection to seasoned burglars. They are in the home 2 to 4 minutes max.
- 4) Burglars scout affluent streets looking for signs residents are not home or watch for residents leaving. They will watch for routines, obtain names and use Google

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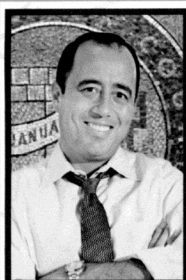
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searches or Facebook postings to help plan their entry and time.

- 5) MOST EFFECTIVE DETERENTS – outside alarms, out of the way video cameras, hardened doors, windows and locks. Also concerned and alert neighbors.

CALL 911 IF YOU SEE A SUSPICIOUS PERSON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS / INFORMATION

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Mother's Day Flower Sale

On May 11 and 12, flower bouquets will be sold after the Masses. Each bouquet is wrapped in tissue and ready to present to your mom, grandma, loving mother-in-law or even yourself because you deserve it. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland which provides supportive counseling and material assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies. For more info visit www.womens-center.org.

At the Athenaeum

The Strauss of the North – an evening of waltzes and polkas from Denmark, Poland and Austria including favorites The Blue Danube Waltz and Radesky March by Johann Strauss. Featuring Soprano Ewa Kowcz and Danish Guest Conductor Piort Gasior. Take your caveman husband or boyfriend and expose them to a little culture for a change.

Also three various stage productions running through mid to late May and 2011 Grammy Award winner Patty Griffin in Concert bringing her folk/gospel singer songwriting talents to our neighborhood. Parking is free if you walk there.

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For more information or tickets go to www.athenaeumtheatre.org.

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1409 W.Addison, 773-471-7171

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First Fridays on Southport: Join the Chamber and local businesses the 1st Friday of every month May through August for local store discounts, drinks and fun. Grab your friends for a night of shopping and dining. Southport between 3200 and 4000 north. See website for participating businesses.

CHICAGO BIKE SHARING PROGRAM – Divvy Bikes

Launching in Spring/Summer 2013 the City of Chicago will provide access to one or two way bike rentals. Users can pick up a bike from a self-service docking station and return it to any other station nearest their destination. For more details visit: www.cityofchicago.org.

BOOKS FIRST

Curb the clutter, create a library! Books First is collecting children's books to create libraries in those CPS schools without them. For more information contact: booksfirst01@gmail.com or 773-296-0950.

SOUTH LAKEVIEW PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL – a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization

www.southlakeviewpark.org

Visit the website for Summer 2013 information or Jennifer Roche for more information at jenniferroche@yahoo.com.

FACEBOOK YOUR SLN BUDDIES

If you are on Facebook, consider joining our Facebook group. Within Facebook, search for South Lakeview Neighbors – Chicago and ask to join the group to get started participating in the discussions there.

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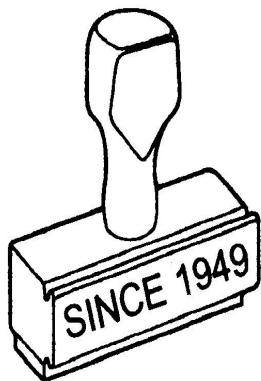
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Please use form in this newsletter or go to the website for a form to renew your membership for 2012-2013.

PAYPAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Are you interested in becoming a member of South Lakeview Neighbors, but no longer use checks? You can now pay your annual dues with a credit card via PayPal. Navigate to the South Lakeview Neighbors home page (slneighbors.org), click on Become a Member and follow the prompts.

BURLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Burley is excited to announce that it is in the process of installing a community garden!! Look for more ways to get involved and contribute at <http://www.friendsofburley.org>.

The 2013-2014 school year is closer than you think. If you're planning to register, do so as soon as possible by contacting the school directly at (773) 534-5475.

LAKEVIEW CITIZENS COUNCIL - LVCC

www.lakeviewcitizens.org.

Please renew your LVCC membership dues for the 2012-2013 membership years. Using PayPal with a major credit card or by mail to: LVCC Office, 3355 N. Clark, Chicago, IL. 60657.

LAKEVIEW PANTRY

www.lakeviewpantry.org ; 773-404-6333

Drop-off hours for donations - are Tuesday and Thursday 4:30-8:00PM and Saturday 10-1:00PM at 1414 W. Oakdale. Cash donations are preferred as the Pantry can spend the money on food that is needed at that time and have the expertise to make the donated dollar go farther. Go to their website for more information

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