A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings South Lakeview Neighbors,

Well so much for in like a lion and out like a lamb for the month of March. Guess we will just have to go to April showers bring May flowers or maybe June this year! Either way it will be fun to go smelting on April 1st. Good thing I still have my long johns out.

We had a very short meeting last month with our two speakers being sick. John McDermott from Logan Square Neighborhood Association talking on the Lathrop deal and Paulie Raganano talking on the concealed carry law. Everyone is better and will be at our April meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on March 11th!

Perry J. Castrovillari Sr.
President - South Lakeview Neighbors

Next Meeting
TUESDAY - APRIL 8, 2014

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS.
GET INVOLVED in your NEIGHBORHOOD

Basement, St. Alphsus Church
1429 W. Wellington
7:00PM - Doors open
7:30PM - Meeting begins

AGENDA:
1. Lathrop Homes development plan update and SLN vote on issues
2. Concealed Gun Carry Law - what are the facts

APRIL 2014 - MEETING PREVIEW
This month's meeting is like recording a TV program that you must see and waiting for a month before your viewing. Two of the Featured Speakers for the March Meeting were sick and have rescheduled for this Month.

LATHROP HOMES - PLAN UPDATE and SLN VOTE on the ISSUES
Mr. John McDermott, Housing and Land Use Director of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association will present the latest version to the membership. Mr. McDermott previously met with SLN's NDRC and spent several hours discussing the current plan. The NDRC is in unanimous support of the plan. Alderman Waguespack also supports this proposal.

The purpose of this presentation is a member vote to determine if the neighborhood supports the plan. Issues to be voted on are:
1. need for a high rise building
2. percentage of preservation of the historic structures
3. mix of affordable/market rate housing.

All paid SLN members are eligible to vote. In addition, all residents in the SLN bound
aries will be eligible to vote for this issue. Proof of membership or residency will be verified. The results of this vote will be forwarded to the Alderman's office.

CONCEALED GUN CARRY LAW
Mr. Paul Ragano, chief instructor at Diversified Professionals is an NRA-certified hand gun instructor. He will go over the new law and the educational and training requirements to qualify to carry a concealed weapon.

AT THE MARCH MEETING
404 WINE BAR
Street cafe (2852 N. Southport)
Owner representatives of the DIAG, Ryan Marks and Erik Baylis addressed the SLN membership for the 3rd consecutive membership meeting. A new SLN record. In November 2013 and February 2014, the DIAG Bar was at issue. For the March meeting, Mr. Marks and Baylis were presenting an application for a street cafe at DIAG's smaller subsidiary, The 404 Wine Bar. The owners tried to establish that even though there is only one liquor license and restaurant, the 404 Wine Bar is run like a separate entity.

The 404 Wine has been reconfigured. You can enter 404 directly from Southport or through DIAG via a steel door that is always closed and keeps the entities separate. 404 has mostly tables for two for daters, some larger tables and a couch fireplace area. 404 is designed for conversation. There are no TV's and only light music is played. Though 404 patrons could walk through DIAG to get to DIAG's beer garden, the owners felt the patrons would enjoy a Southport street cafe dedicated to the 404 Wine Bar.

The application called for 4 tables of 4 seats. At the membership meeting, the owners noted the application closing time of 10PM would be revised to closing at sundown. Upon further questioning, the owners confirmed that regardless of the time of year, the street cafe would close at sundown.

Street cafes require patrons to eat food. The owners confirmed that DIAG drinkers would not be allowed in the street cafe.

The floor was open for discussion. Joseph Semerling, chairman of SLN's Neighborhood Development & Review Committee (NDRC) noted that this proposal had been previously turned down for the prior owners on the basis that one outside venue per establishment is enough.

SLN Member #1 on 1400 block of George noted that though the noise issues of DIAG have improved, it is still Winter and the DIAG/404 people should go through a whole beer garden season before a new street cafe is allowed. Two neighbors across the street on Southport and George noted that the cold Winter has kept the overall attendance and noise down and to wait for the Summer. They also noted, that on their side of the street, there are still empty beer bottles and DIAG vomit. The neighbors noted the increase in outside security; nevertheless, people are still screaming outside at 1AM in the morning and trash is not being picked-up. A new member from the middle of block on Southport, noted that Bentley's and Que Rico both had street cafes. The across-the-street neighbors retorted that those are restaurants and DIAG/404 is really a bar.

SLN member #2 across the street on George St. described a recent DIAG ski party event that had such loud screaming and whooping it up, that he had to call and visit DIAG to complain. The DIAG/404 own-

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ers noted that money was raised for a charity at that event. The neighbor replied that is not an excuse for excessive noise that disrupts the neighborhood. That neighbor noted that the value of their property is decreased as a result of its location near DIAG. The Southport neighbors summarized their comments stating that DIAG/404 is trying to run a Rush Street bar on a Northside side street.

Joni G., SLN restaurant reviewer, spoke in favor of the street cafe noting that since her prior review, the operations of the 404 Wine Bar have improved dramatically and 404 is one of her favorite neighborhood destinations.

A ballot vote was taken. Please note that SLN put out 100 flyers announcing the topic in the immediate area. The vote was 19-YES, 21-NO. The vote was forwarded to Alderman Waguespack’s office. The Alderman informed SLN that he is not approving the street cafe application.

**DIAG wants SLN and the NEIGHBORHOOD to KNOW THEY CAN BE CONTACTED if YOU HAVE a COMPLAINT.**

For immediate issues with DIAG call the location at 773-404-8400. That number will always be answered. The Manager Tim McCauley can be reached at (c)773-807-3267 or Tim@DiagChicago.com.

For follow-up issues, contact Erik Baylis at 484-410-1444 or erik@bigoniontavern-group.com.

**AS LONG as WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD BARS**

Cody’s Bar at 1658 W. Barry
Voted one of the 13 Best Dive Bars in Chicago by [Best of Chicagoist](#)

Described as pretty cool hangout with a beer list that is actually quite nice, a pool table without a wait and a patio that will remind you of that backyard you wish you had.

**SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBORS ACTIVITIES**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE and Election of Officers and Directors**

The SLN bylaws require a slate to be presented at the May membership meeting. Any member interested in serving on this committee or recommending a member can contact the Nominating Committee Chairman Sam Samatas at ssamatas@gmail.com.

**Volunteers for Officer or Director 2014-2015**

If you wish to get more directly involved in the neighborhood issues, feel free to volunteer to serve on the SLN Board. The SLN Board is mainly responsible for setting the membership meeting agendas. However, normal monthly Board meetings can involve discussions and decisions on zoning and development issues, crime issues, political issues and general life improvement issues of the neighborhood that do not get to the general membership meeting. The SLN Board is the direct liaison and sounding board of our elected official and their staffs including the Alderman, State Rep and Senator, U.S. Congress and many times in the past, the Mayor of Chicago. If you wish to get more involved with a group that has been functioning for over 40 years, contact Nominating Committee Chairman Sam Samatas at ssamatas@gmail.com

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Being on the SLN Board is the best way to get to know your SLN members. I have been mostly on the Board in some capacity (president for 3 years) since 1986, when I moved into the neighborhood on the 1500 block of Wellington. I have met many dedicated citizens and have made many lifetime friends while serving on SLN's Board.

Bill Haderlein - Newsletter Editor & Recording Secretary

Block Captain Program

SLN is recruiting members to deliver an emailed monthly membership announcement to mail boxes on your block. The idea is to get the message out to our non-member neighbors that meetings are open and all can attend and eventually join SLN. At this time, 17 members have volunteered. Contact Bill Haderlein at info@slneighbors.org.

Articles or Announcements

Submit articles or announcements to Bill Haderlein at least 2 weeks before the monthly meeting at info@slneighbors.org.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

CAPS Meetings: Commander Voulgaris

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 8th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 7:00PM.

Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln. Next meeting is Monday, April 14th at New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7PM.

Beat 1931 - east of Ravenswood & west of Ashland. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 16th at the 2452 W. Belmont Police Auditorium at 7:00PM.

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

Commander Voulgaris wants all to know that he can be contacted directly on his email and he will return your message. Email him at elias.voulgaris@chicagopolice.org.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS & INFORMATION

LAKEVIEW CHAMBER of COMMERCE
409 W.Addison, 773-471-7171,
info@lakeviewchamber.com

Hop Around the Shops
April 12, Saturday
11AM - 2PM

The shops along Southport Avenue are teaming up with local dog rescues to help homeless dogs find homes, while encouraging the public to walk the streets to discover and enjoy your neighborhood. Discounts, coupons, free samples or complimentary candy hiding in plastic eggs are each participating business and at multiple street locations.

ST. ALPHONSUS - Fish Fry : Last Chance on Friday 4/11
Old Fashion Friday Lenten Fish Fry - Date #2
Date : Friday, April 11
Location : St. Alphonsus Church Basement
Time : 6:00PM to 9:00PM

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Fare : Fried fish, chips, mac & cheese and cole slaw
Beverages : Free water or lemonade. Bar will be open to purchase additional beverages or BYOB.
Dessert : available for additional purchase
Price : $10 adults / $6 under 12 for the standard meal
Theme : A Latin flair (and I don't mean like the Latin mass).

Sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus

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SOUTH LAKEVIEW PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL - a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization
http://www.southlakeviewpark.org

Looking for volunteers for the 2014 summer season. For more information contact jenniferroche@yahoo.com.

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ATHENAEUM THEATRE - world class within walking distance

Jeff DeLong, theatre director, produced a glossy flyer at the March membership that was distributed to the neighborhood announcing the Spring season line-up of plays and performances.

This Spring season includes:
- The Tempest, a puppetry Shakespeare production,
- Ruined, winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize Award for Drama about the civil war in Congo
- and over 10 other dance, music and stage productions.

773-935-6875 or boxoffice@athenaeumtheatre.org

SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBOR AUTHOR - David Duggan

David will be having a reading/signing of his book “Glimpses of Grace, Reflections of a Life in Christ” on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16th, the day after tax day, at Heritage Cycles on Lincoln Ave. at 8 pm. Books and refreshments will be provided.

RESTAURANT REVIEW by Joni G

Red Hot Ranch
3055 N. Ashland

The visit to this new fast food eatery was well within senior meal dining times and not during the ample late night hours that may get much more traffic for those with early morning munchies. As a matter of fact, the only other customers present during my first and probably last visit, were an elderly couple. Unfortunately the Ranch does not offer any senior discounts. However, that is not the reason why I may never return.

Let's face it, hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries are food that is just plain bad for you. I know someone had to dive on this sword for the review of our newest food spot in the South Lakeview Neighborhood, so I took my usual partner and his 90 year old father to check it out. Fortunately, since our dining experience, none of us has yet had any health issues due to our food consumption at the Red Hot Ranch. By that I mean, no hardening of the arteries, only extra pounds that will take a bit to work off.

So we ate one of everything they have on their menu. That is cheeseburger and fries, hot dog and fries and fried shrimp. Out of the three, the shrimp and accompanying cocktail sauce was the agreed winner. My hot dog with the works came in second place. It truly was a Vienna Beef hotdog, Chicago's favorite and also was at one time, the only hot dog offered at Wrigley Field. The last place cheeseburger was much and the bun dry. Thank goodness for the fresh cut fries. They were the best. These truly fresh cut fries were too easy to inhale and, therefore, should be deemed illegal to purchase, or at least taxed higher. Maybe the city can make some money on unhealthy eating establishments and their customers (hm-mmm?).

If I were quite a bit younger, still stayed out imbibing until closing time and had not a care of what I put in my stomach, maybe I would be comforted to have a place close to home as the Red Hot Ranch. It is after all open until 3:00 am on week nights and Sundays and open until 4:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays. The entire space is so minimally designed (same as the menu board) and has two very large screen TVs, please take note of our new and repeat advertisers and try to patronize them. Tell them you saw their ad in the South Lakeview Neighbors Newsletter.
which had basketball games rerunning during our visit. I had images of the crew at the Ranch hosing the place down after the worse of early morning customers have left. Glad that I will never have to experience that.

**Patronize our SLN Advertising Restaurants**

There must be some great pent up consumerism ready to explode when this weather breaks. Keep your money in the neighborhood:

The Art of Pizza - great 2 page ad supporting SLN. Great daily specials. Voted #1 Deep Dish Pizza. 25 years and Art still looks great.

Chicago's Pizza & Pasta - not just for delivery until 5AM. Go to the sit down restaurant and get some good pasta.

HoneyBaked Ham - the Editor recommends you go here for lunch. Even my wife liked it (very picky eater).

Golden Apple - open 24 hours. When is the last time you had a 4 Deuces? You don't have to be drunk like it's 1979 to get a good meal.

S&G Restaurant - treat yourself to a mid-week breakfast. I highly recommend the LaBamba skillet. Owners Johnny and Fran-nie will brighten up your day.

Jim Noodle & Rice - Thai cuisine recently receiving a "thumbs up" from SLN restaurant reviewer Joni G.

The Temple Bar - traditional Irish fun and fare with brunch on the weekends.

Las Tables - South American Steak House. "Exotic Cuisine to Tempt Your Soul."

**MAY MEETING PREVIEW**

**U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley**

Congressman Quigley is almost always in session in Washington D.C. during the 2nd week on the month.

Congress is not in session during this May. The Congressman has committed to spend an evening with the SLN membership. Tuesday, May 13.

U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley
Office @ 1057 W. Belmont, 773-267-5926.
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Lakeview Book is Out

“Lake View,” a book chronicling the history of our neighborhood through old photos, will go on sale at Barnes & Noble and local businesses in February, 2014. All are invited to a launch party at Dinkel’s Bakery at 3PM Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014.
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