

SOUTH LAKEVIEW NEIGHBOTZS

### November 2016 Newsletter

# No November Meeting due to the Presidential Election

## HOLIDAY PARTY - Tuesday, December 13 @ 6:30PM

Mark your calendar for the SLN Holiday Party to be held at Will's Northwoods Inn. Food prepared by Will's kitchen and open bar. Free for all SLN members and family. Liquor raffle and split the pot raffle.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW

Members: please renew your membership. You can print and mail in a form on the SLN website or go to SLN's website at www.slneighbors.org and renew using PayPal. We want to update our records ASAP for all upcoming voting issues.

The membership year runs from September to June. Thank You.

#### A few words from our President:

Musings from Barry Avenue

Let me say this upfront - THERE IS NO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH ON NOVEMBER 8TH due to the conflict with Election Day and night. We will have a meeting on January 10th, 2017 instead. Also mark your calendars or smart phones for Tuesday December 13th for our annual Holiday Party at Will's Northwoods Inn, Racine/Nelson. More details will follow.

As mentioned, Nov 8th is Election Day and everyone should exercise their right and privilege to vote. Full disclosure, our board of directors has taken the position that we should be a "neutral arbiter" so this writing may read like an equal opportunity offender. This year we have two candidates, each with ratings of about 55% unfavorable and about 62% for untrustworthiness. Whoever wins will be the most unfavorable and untrusted president in our 240 year history. I am not going to relitigate this ugly divisive vitriolic campaign but here are a few basic truths:

Donald J Trump is considered by many to be inexperienced, crude, indecent, immoral, ill tempered, a liar and prone to excessive self promotion making him unfit for the oval office. What he does know how to do is set large meaningful objectives, develop

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effective strategic and tactical plans, marshal the appropriate resources and complete the projects early and below budget. Hillary reflected in their 3rd debate that he had "an impressive family and that says something about the man." He has been in the public eye for over 40yrs and is not a racist, not pro Putin or has anything against legal immigrants. He is definitively against sanctuary cities and criminal undocumented immigrants. Under a Trump presidency the country would probably stay near to center-right regardless who controls the senate.

Hillary R Clinton has been in public service and politics in various forms for over 40ys public defender, 1st Lady of Arkansas, Ist Lady U.S., US Senator New York and Secretary of State. She is very familiar with the inner workings of Washington and the corridors of power. She is the consummate insider with vast experience and policy knowledge which generally yields good judgment. Unfortunately she has very little in the way of major successes. Many consider her highly secretive, dishonest, unethical, short tempered, a congenital liar and possibly corrupt relative to selling access and brokering lucrative deals. 16 years after Bill Clinton's presidency which they left almost broke, the Clintons have a net worth of about \$170 Million. This is without starting a business and creating value or selling a valid product or service, all which has raised and will continue to raise serious ethical guestions. However, Hillary [and Bill] is very smart and pragmatic. They have the

ability to see two – three moves into the future in a changing world of complex 3 dimensional chess. Stripping away all the political hyperbole, with the changing demographics of the country a Clinton presidency would probably move the country toward center –left depending on congressional makeup. She is currently in the lead with electoral votes.

That's the choice we have – see you at the polls.

The other important and more reverent date approaching is Friday Nov 11th - Veterans Day. This is a day of remembrance for those who serve and for those who have served and sacrificed in our armed services. We should all be thankful and proud of own SLN people such as WWII vets Rudy Karrall who fought in the Pacific Marshall Islands campaign and the late Len Sychowski who was one of the first to land in Anzio Italy. To our other Veterans Day and Memorial Day always have me thinking about my late father, Nick Samatas. His lifelong friend told me a story at his wake 15 years ago. In 1941 they were recently arrived young asylum immigrants from a Greek mountain village that became part of Marxist Albania. They were standing in a line thinking they could get a job in an army motor pool. Neither had ever been in a car before. A man in uniform saw my father who was thin and underweight and asked if he would like to make \$25 more a month? Nick did not speak English and did not understand what the man said but he did comprehend \$25.





He nodded yes and was shuffled away with a few others and found himself in the 82nd Airborne Division. After training for 1 ½ years he fought in Italy, Normandy day before D-Day, Holland and Belgium during Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, Silver Star and Medal for Valor. Like many others from the greatest generation, including Rudy and Len, he was very hesitant to talk about his experiences. We should be respectful, grateful and honor all of those who served whenever we can.

#### As always, feel free to let me know what you are thinking. Look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party Dec 13th.

Thanks. Sam

#### AT THE OCTOBER 2016 MEETING

#### **CONGRESSMAN MIKE QUIGLEY**

Congressman Quigley gave an informative one hour presentation on local and national issues to the membership in attendance that were willing to miss the first few innings of the Cubs wild card playoff game and attend the monthly SLN meeting.

Mr. Quigley remarked that he has been attending SLN meetings for 34 years. First as an assistant to the 43rd Ward alderman (SLN used to be in the 43rd Ward), then as Cook County Commissioner and now as U.S. Congressman. He started out with an anecdote describing an incident where he met President Obama on the tarmac at O'Hare Airport and the President offered Mr. Quigley a ride to downtown Chicago on the Marine 1 Presidential helicopter. The Congressman accepted despite the fact he had no reason to go downtown and then had to commute back to northwest side offices. Though not being his first helicopter ride, as he has toured Kandahar, Afghanistan, various Middle East countries, Haiti and Guantanamo, among other regions for his congressional committee duties, he could not pass up the ride from the President.

Mr. Quigley urged the SLN members to feel free to contact his office with any Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security issues. He also invited all to contact him when you are in Washington D.C. and you will receive the finest tour of the Capitol you will ever get.

Mr. Quigley noted that as a 58 year old Congressman, he is about 20 years younger than the ranking Congressmen on the Appropriations Committee. Upon their retirements, he will be the ranking member and that will be a great opportunity for funds to be appropriated to the 5th District.

As member of the Transportation and Housing Committees, he has been able to steer money to the CTA for newer trains. He admitted that tax money has to be prioritized to where it will benefit the most. He noted that the CTA carries more passengers daily than all of Amtrak nationwide. Nevertheless, the CTA's 100 year old infrastructure needs to be updated.

Mr. Quigley also serves as the only Democrat





on the House Select Committee on Intelligence also known as Homeland Security. He challenged his fellow congressmen "across the aisle" for their cut tax mentality at all costs, when those government services provide for police, 911, FBI, CIA and national security. He believes the US government needs to know what is important to fund and to be efficient with our tax dollars at the same time.

On National Security, Mr. Quigley noted that huge amounts of funds are being used fighting the old Cold War that is no longer germane, like nukes in North Dakota sitting there doing nothing. He believes we are in greater danger from a Russian cyber attack, not a nuclear one. However, the mandatory across-the-board Sequestration Cuts established to limit the deficit have reduced funding to more modern national security areas by over 50% in the last five years. The FBI is down 2,000 in personnel and is now hiring and training like wild to catch up with its' needs. Mr. Quigley related a massive bomb threat that was thwarted near a Wrigley Field Dave Matthews concert that is indicative of the type of police work that is needed

In order to keep us safe. It is this type of war that will never be over.

Mr. Quigley is on a newly formed Transparency Committee. He is attempting to put cameras into the Supreme Court so citizens can see discussions on how the nine Supreme Court members rule on issues that affect all Americans. That is currently being opposed by the Supreme Court.

#### **Questions and Answers:**

Q: What is your opinion on the Sequestration (mandatory across the board cuts in order to accomplish deficit reduction)?

A: Against it. Not responsible. Like your own life, if you are short on funds, you need to prioritize what needs to be cut back on.

#### Q: Conditions in the Middle East

A: These are problems seeded for over 100 years that were kept in check by strongarmed dictators. When the dictators were disposed, the religious aspects were natural to rise to the surface. There are huge swathes of unprotected borders. Unless the U.S. is willing to put a ton of troops back on the ground, the situation is not going to get precipitously better. The U.S. needs to protect ourselves and our Middle East allies.

#### Q: Guantanamo

A: Republicans will not allow it to close as long as they are in the majority.

#### Q: Cameras for police

A: Funds are only available to fund certain police forces, mainly in the large cities. There has to be dialogue about gun control and Immigration Reform, but for all the news that these issues get, there has never been a vote on these issues.





Q: TPP-Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement

A: In favor. If the U.S. does not enter into this agreement, then China will step in. At that point, how will the U.S. police that trade deal?

If we get the countries going into this Agreement to start talking about fishing limits, workers' wages or our trading and work morals, it will be a better world. It is not perfect, but he feels the U.S. economy can grow, especially in agriculture exports. The U.S. is not in any trade deals with China, a country with horrible worker abuses.

## 1333 W. WOLFRAM - Up Zoning request

The owner/developer withdrew his zoning upgrade request at this time. No discussion or vote was held at the meeting.

#### **OTHER SLN INFORMATION:**

Block Captain Program - members needed for the 2016-2017 season. Volunteer now.

The block captains get the word out for the monthly membership meetings to nonmembers the old-fashioned way, by putting flyers in mailboxes. Some also use email to reach their immediate neighbors. This has worked in recruiting new SLN members. A flyer in a pdf form will be emailed to the block captain that can be printed off and distributed. Seven membership meetings per year (Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb. Mar, April & May). We currently have 14 block captains covering about 50% of the SLN territory.

Contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email address = info@slneighbors.org. If you are interested in becoming a block captain

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### FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & CAPS

#### **CAPS Meetings**

SLN is looking for members to attend CAPS meetings and report to the membership either through the newsletter or at the membership meetings.

Contact Bill Haderlein, editor at <u>chicagolanddeck@rcn.com</u> if you think you will be a regular CAPS meeting attendee.

CAPS meetings will now take place every two months and each meeting will have a specific theme as well as continuing arrest data review and strategies to address identified problems. The topic for the November meetings is seasonal crime trends.

Community Relations Strategy (previously called CAPS)

Beat 1933 - east of Lincoln Ave and west of Racine, Belmont to Diversey

Next meeting is Thursday, November 10th at Illinois Masonic Hospital, 836 W. Wellington, 7th floor auditorium at 6:30pm.

Beat 1932 - east of Ashland and west of Lincoln, from Belmont to Fullerton

Next meeting is Monday, November 14th at the New Life Church, 1110 W. Lill at 7:00pm.

Beat 1931 - west of Ashland, between Belmont and Fullerton, to the Chicago River.



Next meeting is Wednesday, November 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.

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#### State Representative - Ann Williams.

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Illinois EPA Closing Emission Testing Centers

You may have seen in the newspaper recently that the Illinois EPA in a money saving move is closing two vehicle emissions testing centers at 1850 W. Webster and 6959 W. Forest Preserve Drive. The closures are to take effect Nov. 1, 2016. The nearest facility for the test will now be in Skokie.

Contact State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz at 773-296-4141 or sara@staterepsara.com or State Rep. Ann Williams at colleen@repannwilliams.com or 773-880-9082 to let them know if you are opposed to the facilities being closed.

#### Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News

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1) Property Tax Rebate Program - to be eligible, you must: 1) be a Chicago homeowner, receiving the Homeowner Exemption, 2) have a household income of \$75,000 or less, 3) have received an increase in the City portion on your last property tax bill and 4) be current on your property tax payments. Applications accepted October 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016. To learn more visit:

www.cityofchicago.org/ChicagoPropertyTaxRe bate.

2) Yard Waste Pick-Up this Fall

As part of the citywide effort to clean up leaves before winter, the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) is coordinating dedicated bagged leaf and other yard waste collection trucks this fall to assist residents in clearing their yards, parkways and storm drains of leaf debris

Residents can call 311 to request separate bagged leaf collection from Oct. 17th through Nov. 30th. Leaves and other yard waste should be left in the alley or at the curb (wherever your garbage pickup is) for collection, and bagged separately from garbage in the black carts and separately from recycling in the blue cards. A DSS truck



will collect the bags based on 311 requests and take it to be composted.

DSS will continue street sweeping throughout the fall to capture leaf debris in city streets and help prevent draining issues during the winter. Residents are also encouraged to clear curb lanes and areas around storm drains in order to prevent the sewers from becoming clogged. DO NOT SWEEP LEAVES INTO THE STREET.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/INFORMATION

#### Urban Observations - The 606 Bike Trail, by Bill Haderlein

Finally got out to ride the new bike/walking trail built on the abandoned railroad tracks at Bloomingdale (1800 north). The path goes from Ashland to Lawndale (3700 west), which is 21 blocks or 2.6 miles or 5 miles plus back and forth. I rode on a windy Saturday October morning, leaving my house at 9AM.

You can enter the trail starting at Ashland just south of Cortland. On/off ramps are at least every half mile on smooth circular ramps. No carrying your bike up any stairs. To my surprise, the trail is not flat. The trail elevates at the viaducts, which creates a gentle up and down terrain. The trail is nicely, if not overly, landscaped in my opinion. I am sure things were more crowed during the summer weather, but on this fairly temperate Fall morning, the trail was being used mainly by female runners or walkers, male hipster bike riders and dog walkers, that I presume allow their dogs to pee and poo on the trail. I did see a woman picking berries, the non-dog urine treated type. This was post Chicago Marathon, but still the women were running, running, running. Usain Bolt, 3-time 100 meter gold medal winner and current fastest man in the world, claims to never have run more than a mile in his life. Sounds like good advice to me. The view from the trail is mainly of the back of rehabbed factory condo buildings or new upscale single family houses. However, there are seats for viewing when you go over the main street thoroughfares. At the west end of the trail there is an Exelon viewing circular path. The viewing area is marked by Summer and Winter Solstice brick inlays. At the top of the viewing area, where several people were stretching or taking selfies, there was a stainless steel retaining wall. This wall was starting to be gratified mostly by people acclaiming their love for each other or just denoting name and date of the graffiti. There was one swastika and smaller gang tag claiming "we own this s\*\*\*." Hello Chicago. But overall, trail is really clean.

Students from the CPS Marine Leadership Academy High School, which is located just west of the Trail, in their USMC fatigues, were picking up litter on the trail for their Saturday morning detention work off. They were very polite wishing me "good morning sir." I liked



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being addressed as "Sir" except by young women.

There have been robberies of late night bike riders and joggers and Community Alerts have been issued. The trail is secluded and you are trapped on the trail if not near an exit. The bad people are always looking for an edge and they recognize the crime potential and difficulty in the police answering a 911 call. Hopefully some publicized arrests and/or patrolling will deter further robberies. The 606 Trail cannot be locked at nighttime. But due to the usage during the day, this trail is very safe.

All and all, the trail is a great diversion from grinding up and down the lakefront. It's amazing how fast you can cover the distance in the City with no stop lights, signs or car traffic. Combine the bike ride or a walk with a stop off lunch in Bucktown or Humbolt Park and make an afternoon of it.

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2) Tree Pits & Tree Planting on Lincoln Ave.

The SSA is planning to complete the final phase of the Lincoln Ave. Placemaking Project this November. Working with the Bureau of Forestry, the Chamber has identified approximately 20 locations for new trees on Lincoln Ave. between Wellington and Barry. The Bureau's contractor will dig out new tree pits in the sidewalks and plant trees along this block.

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1712 W Diversey, #?	\$377,000	6
2943 N Lincoln, #201	\$437,000	19
2850 N Lakewood, #4	\$459,000	28
1712 W Diversey, #1	\$515,000	10
2842 N Racine, #2	\$529,000	8
1632 W Diversey, #1W	\$752,500	6



# Restaurant Review by Susan R.

#### Fahlstrom's Fish Market at 1258 W. Belmont

Fahlstrom's Fish Market is probably the best seafood restaurant in Lakeview. I have eaten both lunch and dinner, and purchased fish from their market three times, and was delighted each time.

At lunch I ordered the New England clam chowder that had bits of bacon that was fantastic. Perhaps not healthy but worth the calories and fat content. I followed that with fresh calamari that was accompanied with a spicy peanut sauce. I did not like the dipping sauce and asked for a traditional cocktail sauce with lemon wedges that was quickly brought to the table. My lunch companion had the smoked sturgeon BLT club that was delightful.

My experience at dinner with a different dining companion was also pleasant. My companion had Arctic Char that was pan seared with a lemon butter sauce. It was delicious. I had the Sea Bass with garlic lemon butter and steamed veggies of the day. It was wonderful and rather healthy. The fresh fish I purchased to cook on my own grill a few times was always fresh and of excellent quality.

Breakfast is also served daily. This is a gem in our neighborhood. Somewhat expensive, but worth every penny. I enjoyed it every visit.

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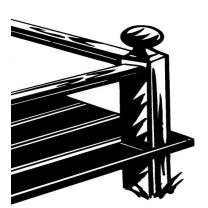
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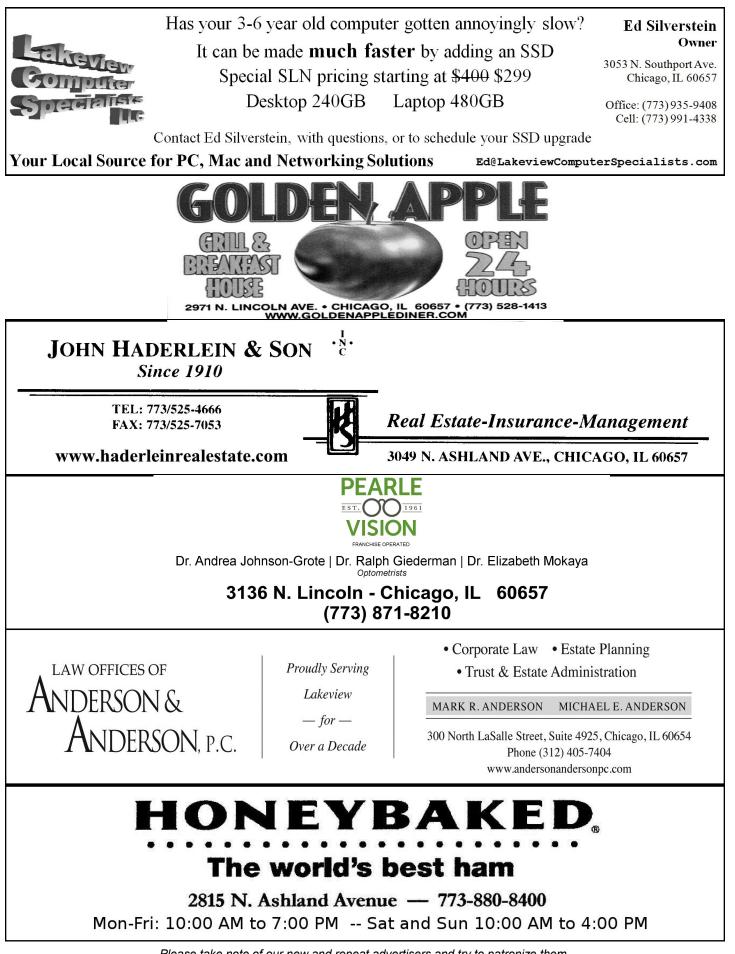
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