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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To South Lakeview Neighbors,

Happy March,

Spring is just around the corner. Temperatures have gone from 0 to 50 degrees in a week. Hopefully, we'll stay temperate, as snow melts and greenery takes bloom. Do take good care of yourself. Covid is still present and there have been outbreaks of norovirus and the flu. I contracted the flu, gave it to my wife and now, into its 4th week, we are starting to improve. Stay healthy, wash your hands frequently and, if you are with others, consider wearing a mask for your protection and that of others.

As we undergo rapid changes and decreases in government services, be aware! Stay informed! We may all be impacted by such changes and possible reductions in services we have depended upon for years. We can all agree that there is waste in government, but just cutting without a careful

MEETING INFORMATION

TUESDAY- MARCH 11, 2025

7:00PM SHARP
Doors open at 6:30PM
At the

BOOK CLUB

(formerly The Elbo Room)

2871 N. Lincoln

Agenda:

- 1) BookClub Music Venue new owners of the Elbo Room
- 2) Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen
- 3) State Senator Sara Feigenholtz

analysis of where such waste exists can be harmful to all of us.

Our city government continues to be somewhat unstable, as well. At this time, the mayor's request to borrow \$830 million for infrastructure, (which is needed) is on hold, since the cost would be \$2 billion, paid for by our grandchildren, not a sound

fiscal practice. In addition, the public schools are still in a state of flux with no contract settlement between CPS and the Teachers Union, combined with the lame-duck status of the CPS CEO. Hopefully, reasonable parties will come to an agreement.

Last week, Gov. Pritzker gave a speech, outlining the state budget and then focused on principals of our democracy, stressing respect for each other, no matter how different we are from one another. Respect others, do something nice for someone else and continue to make South Lakeview one of the most desirable neighborhoods anywhere.

FYI..Alderman Scott Waguespack is holding a fundraiser on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 at Southport Bettys. Call his office for details.

Stay well, Bob Blitstein Co-president South Lakeview Neighbors

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MARCH 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PREVIEW

BookClub Music Venue – new owners of the Elbo Room

BookClub is Chicago's New Genre Music Venue. This is a fully licensed music venue and bar designed for multiple generations of people to enjoy. The owners also own the Building. BookClub has been open since January 9. Music shows are generally Wednesday through Saturday nights. However, the business has some different venues such as BookClub, Clubhouse Café and Upstairsville throughout the Building that are open most evenings during the week. The Owners have graciously offered their space to make a Business Presentation the neighborhood.

BookClub will have the cash bar open before and during the meeting. Come early (and stay late?) to see the inside operations and for some neighbor socializing.

Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen

Our long-time Commissioner will give the membership an update on the County's 2025 plans and Cook County's balanced budget.

State Senator Sara Feigenholtz

300 new laws went into effect on January 1 in the State of Illinois. State Senator Sara will highlight the major new laws and discuss the recently revealed 2025 Budget presented by Governor Pritzker.

AT the FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING

Yoni Pizar – Community Liaison from Democratic Congressman Quigley's Office

Mr. Pizar has been Democratic Congressman Quigley's Community Liaison for several years now and has previously appeared before the SLN membership with full policy presentations and also occasional updates. Here is a synopsis of his presentation which was slanted toward the

Democratic Party viewpoint, but that would be pretty obvious

Please note that this meeting occurred on February 11, 2025.

Yoni started out with a greeting from Congressman Quigley who was in Washington D.C. dealing with President Trump's Executive Order onslaught. He noted that through February 11 date of the SLN meeting, it had been a "shocking" three weeks since President Trump's inauguration. Yoni noted that elections have consequences and now things are happening at a very fast pace. He assured the SLN members in attendance that Congressman Quigley has our back and is doing everything in his power to minimize the President Trump damage. Yoni stated that the Congressman is still in great position to help the 5th District by being on the Appropriations, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Committees.

Some general observations and comments by Mr. Pizar and answers to questions from the room:

- The clawing back of trillions on dollars already appropriated is unconstitutional and will be decided in the Courts. This type of random slashing by the President could put a project like the Red Line extension and improvements to the 606 bike trail on hold.
- Gaza Peace Proposal the Congressman is appalled by the Trump solution. It is not a viable solution and could jeopardize the current cease fire agreement
- 3) Tariffs against Canada, Mexico and the European Union (EU). The Congressman feels these are unconscionable and does not understand why the U.S. is targeting our long-time friends and allies. Canada and Mexico have been abiding by the NAFTA Agreement passed in Trump #1 term. So why the need for tariffs which are just a tax on the consumer.
- 4) United States Agency for International Development - USAID: Elon Musk's first department dismantling. Again, an unconstitutional use of Presidential powers that will be decided in the Courts. Yoni noted that the largest aid recipients of USAID are U.S. farmers, many of which are in Red States.
- 5) Elon Musk and his Dept. of Government Efficiency DOGE Musk has so many

- conflicts of interest with Space X, Tesla and all the government contracts he has. He appears to targeting U.S. agencies that hurt his pocket-book. It is still unclear what type of personal information his DOGE workers are getting into
- 6) Steel Tariffs China makes more steel than the world combined. However, the U.S. gets most of its' steel from Canada and Mexico. This tariff will hurt the Housing and Auto industries.
- Department of Education Trump is looking to dismantle this agency; however, this agency mainly funds schools in rural Red State areas.

Is there a Constitutional Crisis?

Yoni stated that the Republicans in the House and Senate have basically abdicated their responsibility to govern and are just getting in line for President Trump policies and future support. Will there come a time that some Republicans will think the President has gone too far and join the Democrats in some votes? Unknown at this time.

Yoni described President Trump's tactics as "flooding the zone." Things like buying Greenland, making Canada a state and renaming the Gulf of Mexico are just distractions to stay in the media's eye. The Democratic defense against Trump is coming mainly from the Courts of States with Democratic Governors. He noted that the President has commented that he will abide by the Courts as he prepares his counter-arguments.

In closing, Yoni stressed a "take it day by day" strategy.

He is concerned about President Trump's vendetta against the State of Illinois and Chicago.

He is concerned about the President controlling the Press.

Business Presentations

Olive Mountain Grill - 2960 N. Lincoln Ave.

This restaurant has been open since late Fall. The owner Faraj and manager Umama were in attendance with Umana giving the presentation. The restaurant features fresh and healthy Mediterranean cuisine and they provided a delicious and aromatic sample spread to the

attendees including falafel (deep-fried chickpeas and spices), baba ghanouj, beef shawerma and chicken kabab. Faraj has been in the restaurant business in Chicago for over 20 years and is also the owner of Hala In Restaurant at 4624 W. Lawrence. The Mountain Olive Grill on Lincoln Ave. is mainly a pick-up, delivery and catering but does have a few tables for dining in. They are open 7 days a week from 11AM to 9PM. Mountain Olive also donated 10 gift certificates to the SLN Holiday Party. SLN thanks the Olive Mountain Grill for their generous samples and good luck for a long-time future.

LillyBrows at Metro Salons – 3055 N. Lincoln Ave.

Metro Salons Suites is an intimate, boutique salon suite environment, providing luxurious, spacious suites to independent beauty professionals. The owner Lilly of LillyBrows introduced her new business to the SLN members. She has been working in the beauty industry for years and specializes in brow waxing and lifts. She is open Tuesday to Saturday mainly by appointment. Go to her InstaGram site for more information. Good luck Lilly.

Neighborhood Development & Review Committee (NDRC) updates

3036 N. Lincoln Ave.- formally Wrightwood Furniture Co.

The Developers provided a tour to the SLN Board and presented to the SLN membership in February 2024. The front of the building is now boarded-up and a Building Permit has been posted. The permits call for the renovation of the existing four story building to convert to 16 residential apartments on floors 2-4, a roof deck, basement parking for 7 cars and 16 bikes and ground floor commercial

This Project is being built under the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) guidelines which allows for increased unit density and decreased onsite parking.

Other Projects under Construction

The Project across the street on Lincoln Ave. that is currently being constructed, is being built "as is" under the current zoning. However, the Developers still made a presentation at the April 2024 SLN meeting.

The Project being built on the 3000 block of Southport just north of the old Herdegen Funeral Building was also a NDRC approved project from before the COVID-19 Pandemic that had been hold.

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Website = <u>www.19thdistrictcouncil.com</u>

Next meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 @ 6:30PM at Lane Tech College Prep H.S., 2501 W. Addison TOPIC – Take Action to Expand CARE (Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement Program)

Your District Council is: Maurilio Garcia Jenny Shaffer Sam Schoenburg

The Council is required to hold monthly Community meetings. These meeting include:

- 1) Updates on the work the Council has been doing.
- 2) 19th Police District public safety updates.
- Guest speakers on issues impacting public safety like mental health response, community violence intervention, homelessness and more.
- 4) A public comment period of up to 20 minutes limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

The meetings are very informative, well run, and end by 8PM and are held in a variety of 19th District locations.

Go to 19th District Police Council website for detailed information of the past monthly meetings or to view a recording of previous meetings and see a schedule for future meetings.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY MEETING 19th District CAPS Meetings:

NOTE: MEETINGS from JANUARY TO MARCH 2025 will be on ZOOM.

1931 (Roscoe Village/Lincoln Park - Cornelia to Fullerton, Western to Ashland) - Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm at the Gantz Boys & Girls Club at 2915 N. Leavitt

1932 (South Lakeview/Lincoln Park- Lincoln to Ashland, Belmont to Fullerton) – Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 pm at New Life Church at 1110 W. Lill

1933 (South Lakeview - Racine to Lincoln, Belmont to Diversey) - Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm at Illinois Masonic, 836 W, Wellington

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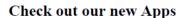
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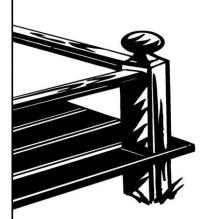
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