



Shields Students of Month



Shields Elementary school celebrated their January student of the month on Feb. 10th. These students displayed exemplary behavior towards their academics, teachers and peers. Pictured with Principal Susan Daly Rodriguez are, front row: Isabel Zacarias Kinder, pre-k; Alexa Ruiz, pre-k; Camilia Vasquez, 1st grade; Yamile Nevaraz Kinder and Peter Figueroa, pre-k. 2nd row: Jonathan Sanchez, 3rd grade; Leonardo Hernandez, 4th grade; Jacqueline Garcia, 3rd grade and Brandon Jacobo, 2nd grader.

Judicial Candidate For Circuit Court

Pat Heneghan, a practicing attorney for 31 years is a Democratic Candidate for judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the March 15th Primary Election.

His legal experience includes a wide range of commercial litigation cases in Chicago and courts all over the country. For the past five years, he has been selected as one of the "Top 100" lawyers in Illinois by SuperLawyers and as a



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"Leading Lawyer" every year since 2004.

The Chicago Bar Association, Chicago Council of Lawyers, and Illinois State Bar Association have rated him "Highly Qualified" and "Highly Recommended". Endorsements have been awarded by The Cook County Democratic Party, Chicago Federation of Labor, and several federal, state, and local elected officials.

He is an active volunteer with several charitable organizations including St. Martin dePorros House of Hope in the Lawndale neighborhood and the Boy Scouts of America.

An Eagle Scout, Pat has mentored hundreds of youth through the program, which focuses on training for the safe enjoyment of high adventure outdoor activities.

Pat was born and raised in the West Lawn neighborhood. He and his wife of 28 years have three children and now live in Glenview.

To view his bar ratings and for more information, visit www.heneghanforjudge.com.

Family Programs At Yards Library

The Back of the Yards Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st. has scheduled a wide variety of programs for children, teens, adults and the family.

Programs for Teens ages 12-18 includes YOUmedia on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. A quiet place to study is also available after school.

Programs for ages 18 and over will feature computer assistance on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon and open office space on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call (312) 747-9595.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Volunteers at Aquinas Literacy Center, 3540 S. Hermitage, spent the morning of President's Day learning practical ways to help their adult students success in learning English. The presenter, Filtod Walker explained ways to identify whether a student has a learning disability, such as dyslexia. He also taught the tutors practical strategies to help their students learn in individual and small group settings. The tutors then worked in pairs to practice a new way of sounding out longer words as well as other techniques they learned from the presentation.

Since 1996, Aquinas Literacy Center has served the immigrant community by offering free individualized instruction in the English language.

The next tutor training workshops will be held on 3 consecutive Thursday evenings: March 3rd, 10th and 17th from 6 to 9 p.m. as well as on Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th. For more information, or to become a volunteer tutor, contact Kristen Dempsey Pasyk at (773) 927-0512.

Good Friday At Oak Hill Chapel

Beverly, Lincoln, and Oak Hill Cemeteries will host their Annual Good Friday Service on Friday, March 25th at 12 noon in Oak Hill Cemetery Chapel, 11900 S. Kedzie.

The service of Renewal, Hope, Healing & Sharing is free and open to the public.

For additional information, call (708) 385-0132.

LSC Election At Davis School

Nathan S. Davis School, 3014 W. 39th place, has announced the timeline for the 2016 Local School Council Election. The candidate forum and ballot position lottery will be conducted in the Main Building Auditorium on Wednesday, March 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

The election will be held on report card pick-up day in the Annex Building on April 13th from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Certification of results date will be announced at a later date.

For more information, call (773) 535-4540.

Pulaski Day At Polish Museum

The public is invited to celebrate the Official State of Illinois Pulaski Day Celebrations on Monday, March 7th, at 10 a.m. in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee ave. The program will elected officials and will conclude with an official wreath laying ceremony at Stanislaw Batowski's painting of Pulaski at Savannah. Admission is free.

General Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski is recognized as the "Father of the American Cavalry." He offered his services as an experienced military leader to the American Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. Before he was officially commissioned by Congress, Pulaski joined the American Army as a volunteer. At Brandywine, in 1777, he led a daring attack against the British, thereby saving the retreating American Army.

At the insistence of General George Washington, Pulaski was made a Brigadier General and the first Commander of the American Cavalry. He established the Pulaski Legion, a corps of Frenchmen, German Hessians, and Poles, who were instrumental in saving the city of Charleston, SC, from British occupation in 1779. In October of 1779, at the age of 34, General Pulaski died from mortal wounds received while leading a cavalry charge in Savannah, GA. His remains were reinterred at the Pulaski Monument at Monterrey Square in Savannah, GA in October of 2005. Posthumous honorary US citizenship was granted in 2009. Parking will be free.

Library Observes Women's History

The Chicago Public Library is celebrating Women's History Month with lectures, documentary film screenings, teen events and workshops.

A Working Women's Empowerment Workshop will be conducted at the Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer on Thursday, March 17th at 6 p.m. and the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Wednesday, March 30th at 6 p.m. Registration is required at (312) 747-6094 for Garfield Ridge or vsy@chipublib.org.

The Richard J. Daley Branch Library, 3400 S. Halsted will conduct an Introduction to Self Defense Workshops on Saturday, March 19th at 1 p.m. This 90 minute presentation by IMPACT Chicago will cover risks of violence and prevention, confidence and awareness, safe distance, strengths of a defender's body and more. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and clothes. For more information, call (312) 747-8990.

The Harold Washington Library Center will feature Women in Architecture on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6 p.m. Architect Susan van der Meulen will discuss Sophia Hayden Bennett and Marion Mahony Griffin who were active in Chicago architecture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

Boy Scouts In Food Drive

The Boy Scouts of America are collecting food for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Residents are asked to place donations in a bag and leave it outside their front door on Saturday, March 5th before 9 a.m.

Most needed items are chili, tuna, soup, pasta sauce, fruit, vegetables, peanut butter and jelly in cans or plastic jars.

For more information, call (312) 421-8800.

ComEd Benefits Burroughs School



30 tablets were recently stolen from Burroughs Elementary which were used in a 4th grade class to support reading and math programming. When State Senator Munoz and Senator Sandoval heard about this tragedy, they were able to secure a \$10,000 donation from ComEd to purchase new tablets. Pictured with the students at the presentation in background are Joe Garcia, Sandoval's chief of staff; Patrick Brosnan, executive director of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council; Senator Munoz; Burroughs principal Dr. Morris and Senator Sandoval.

Lenten Mission at Five Holy Martyrs



Fr. Larry Zurek, OFM

Five Holy Martyrs Parish, 4301 S. Richmond announces that this year's Lenten Mission will be held Saturday, March 19th through Tuesday, March 22nd, and will be led by Fr. Larry Zurek, OFM, Vocation Director for the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A son of the parish, he graduated from Five Holy Martyrs School in 1967 and Quigley Preparatory Seminary South in 1971 and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI and a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

Last year, Fr. Zurek marked the 35th anniversary of his investiture and first profession of vows as a Friar Minor, and 30 years as an ordained priest while ministering in parishes throughout Indiana, Michigan, Kansas, Texas and Illinois.

Most recently, Fr. Zurek traveled to Rome to be commissioned by Pope Francis, to serve the Church in a unique way during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. As two of 100 priests in the United States and 800 worldwide named Missionaries of Mercy, he has been asked to be "a living sign of the Father's welcome to all those in search of His forgiveness," according to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization.

The Lenten Mission schedule includes:

Saturday, March 19th, 3:00-3:45 pm Confessions and 4:00 pm Mass with homily/presentation.

Sunday, March 20th, (Palm Sunday) 8:30 am Confessions and 9:00 am

Singles Salon At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, will present a Singles Salon for age over 40 on the first Saturday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m.

Participants will mingle while discussing books, movies and music. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Mass with homily/presentation

Monday, March 21st, 11 am Mass with homily/presentation.

Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:30 am Confessions and 8:00 am Mass with homily/presentation followed by the Way of the Cross devotion and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for all day adoration.

Author Series At Library Center

The Chicago Public Library will continue its One Book, One Chicago programs with interesting and noteworthy events as part of its monthly Authors @ the Library series at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. A group of best-selling authors will offer readings and discussions about their work.

On Wednesday, March 9th at 6 p.m. skateboard legend Tony Hawk will share the story of what inspired him to give back and what public skate parks mean to communities.

On Tuesday, March 15th at 6 p.m., an evening of readings from Chicago Noir, accompanied by live music will feature Stuart Dybek, Sara Paretsky, Randy Albers, Joe Meno, and Booklist Editor Donna Seaman. Hosted by Chicago Tribune columnist/WGN Radio Host Rick Kogan.

On Tuesday, March 22nd at 6 p.m., Kiva co-founder Jessica Jackley, author of Clay, Water, Brick will share her personal story co-creating this tool for social change.

On Wednesday, March 23rd at 4 p.m., a film screening of "Mask You Live In" follows young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's definition of masculinity. For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

U of Iowa Dean's List

Crystal Gurrola (60638), Cristina Lopez (60632), Krista Miloslavich (60609) and Enrique Rodriguez (60608) have been named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List for the 2015 fall semesters.

Science Fair At Brookfield Zoo



Evangeline Aguilera, an eighth grader at Christopher School, won second place in her age category with her project, "It's a Miracle."

Elementary through high school students from nearly 20 Chicago Public Schools displayed their science and engineering projects during the annual science fair at Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center on Feb. 11th.

More than 100 students presented their projects to a panel of judges comprised of Chicago Zoological Society staff and top corporate executives.

The science projects were judged on criteria such as overall display, oral presentation, level of creativity, and how their conclusions relate to the "bigger picture."

The all-new engineering-focused rubric judged students and their projects on engineering components such as identification of a problem, background and research, design plan and materials, prototype and testing, and real world connections.

First, second, and third place winners were selected in each age group. First place winners received a Brookfield Zoo family membership; second place winners were awarded a family 4-pack of tickets plus all attractions; and third place winners received a family 4-pack of admission tickets plus passes to

The Carousel and Dolphins-In-Action.

BP America awarded Future Scientist Awards to select students who demonstrate promising futures in the science and engineering fields.

Arbor Foundation Invites Members

Residents who join the Arbor Day Foundation during March will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees. Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds during winter.

The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced free of charge.

Foundation members receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by March 31st. Or join online at arborday.org/march.

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MWRD Program At Science Museum



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from Benjamin Mays Elementary Academy had the opportunity to interact with scientists and African American STEM professionals.

District speakers included Commissioner Kari Steele, Senior Civil Engineer Raphael Frost, Senior Environmental Microbiologist Toni Glymph-Martin and Assistant Environmental Chemist Tiffany Poole, who explained the water treatment process. Maintenance and Operations workers Tony Quintanilla, Jim Landmichl and David Robertson assembled a miniature model water treatment process for display.

Assistance For Utility Bills

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer is accepting Li-heap applications for utility assistance for income - eligible households. Documents are social security cards of all household members, proof of current 30-days gross income for all household members and recent utility bills. Applications for ComEd Hardship, Share the Warmth and Weatherization are accepted weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call (773) 710-7023.

Evergreen Academy "School to Watch"



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The community has been notified on the electronic bulletin board outside of Evergreen Academy Middle School that the school was redesignated as a "School to Watch". This distinction has been bestowed for the third consecutive three-year term. This is an honor not received by many schools.

The vision of the National Forum to accelerate Middle Grades Reform has been organized to help schools prepare their students, not only for those going to college, but for those who will be joining the workforce after high school and help all the students become good citizens.

The school and staff continue bringing Evergreen Academy to provide efficient and effective programs to its students. It works with other groups like the Alumni Association of Williams College in Mas-

sachusetts, Loyola University, and The Teen Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel, among others.

This February 16th, educators representing the "Schools To Watch" program visited Evergreen Academy and interviewed parents, students and staff to conclude the process. This group agreed that Evergreen's programs are academically excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable.

The odd thing about the sign outside the school stating a School to Watch is that at one time brought questions from the neighbors. Five or six years ago, I had numerous neighbors ask "what was the problem, they should watch for?" The news and other info about CPS schools is often negative. They did not expect it to be positive. But please be assured that the title the school received is definitely a positive that we can all be proud of.

ISAC Promotes FAFSA Filing

As part of Financial Aid Awareness Month, students are reminded to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—the form that determines a student's eligibility for most federal, state, and college financial aid programs. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the state agency that works with students and families to increase college access, is offering free workshops and other assistance to assist students in completing the form.

Although this year's MAP funding has been held up in the budget delay, don't assume that MAP won't be available for 2016-17. The program has consistently enjoyed bi-partisan support, and while there isn't yet a final appropriation for the current school year, the governor and legislators from both parties have expressed their interest in funding the program. You won't be eligible if you don't apply—and filing is free.

The FAFSA is also used to help determine your eligibility for other financial aid, including institutional aid and federal student aid such as the Pell Grant. While MAP is an important source of financial aid for low income students, even after MAP funding runs out, federal financial aid like Pell remains available by filing a FAFSA, and Pell can cover the full cost of tuition and fees at a community college.

Personalized assistance is also available via text messaging, by signing up for ISAC College Q&A, a new free service for students to get their questions answered about college planning and financial aid, and receive information about the FAFSA, college planning events and deadlines. Additional online resources, including tools to locate potential scholarship dollars, manage money and student loan debt, and career and job resources, are available through the new ISAC Student Portal. Assistance is also available at 1-800-899-4722.

Spelling Bee Champ At Shields School



Shields Elementary School conducted its annual Spelling Bee which was organized by Ms. Tamayo on Jan. 15th. Braulio Leon attained his second consecutive win. Pictured with the winner are Principal Susan Daly Rodriguez and his mother Daisy Garcia.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago participated in the Jr. Science Café in celebration of Black Creativity 2016 that strives to expose youth to careers, education pathways and other opportunities in science, technology, engineering, medicine, and mathematics fields.

Quiet Study At McKinley Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., offers quiet study night on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Laptops and beverages are allowed, no cell phones. Registration is required at the front desk.

Easter Egg Decorating Class

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski, will conduct a traditional Easter Egg decorating workshop on Saturday, March 5th at 10 a.m.

The fee of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12 includes instruction sheet, pattern sheet, etching knife and admission to the museum. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (773) 582-6500.

New Initiative For Radon Gas

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the American Lung Association in Illinois announced the statewide launch of an initiative to encourage home builders to install activated radon mitigation systems in new homes. The systems reduce levels of radon, a radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer overall.

Elevated levels of the radioactive gas have been found in all 102 Illinois counties. IEMA estimates nearly 1,200 Illinois citizens die from radon-related lung cancer each year.

For more information, visit www.radon.illinois.gov.

Queen of Peace Welcomes Cupich

The Queen of Peace community will recognize 800 years of the Dominican tradition with a special Mass on Friday, March 4th at 1 p.m. with the Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, as the celebrant. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. Those wishing to attend are invited to reserve their seat by contacting Teresa Diaz at (708) 496-4755 at diazt@queenofpeacechs.org.

Feast Day At Rhine VFW

Rhine VFW Post No. 2729 will celebrate St. Joseph and St. Patrick holidays with a Feast Day Dinner at the Post Hall, 5858 S. Archer on Saturday, March 12th from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in the canteen on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Parking is available on the west end of the lot across Archer. For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

The next monthly Mass for the beatification of Venerable Maria Kupa, founder of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held on Saturday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Motherhouse Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette rd. This Mass will also commemorate the Feast of St. Casimir with Fr. Paul Whittington, OP as celebrant.

All are invited. For more information, call (773) 349-8064.

Easter Breakfast At Rhine VFW

Rhine VFW Post 2729 will conduct Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Post Hall, 5858 S. Archer on Sunday, March 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

There will be gifts for children and raffles. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for ages 3 to 10. Children under age 3 are free.

Parking is available at the west end of the lot across Archer. For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

Blood Drive At VFW Post 5220

Johnson Phelps VFW Post #5220, will behold their annual Blood Drive at the Post home, 9514 S. 52nd ave., Oak Lawn on Saturday, March 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, contact: LifeSource at (877) 543-3768 or online at lifesource.org. Use the Group Code vfw-sOr30, or search by location - VFW - Johnson Phelps.

All donors will receive a breakfast made by the VFW Auxiliary.

Story Time At McKinley Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will host two story time series through March. Nightfall Story Time will be held on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. for children ages newborn to five. Song and Story Time will be held on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. for children ages newborn to three.

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St. Richard Teacher Honored



14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke officially honored St. Richard School teacher Frank Trapani with a City Council resolution to recognize his actions in coming to the assistance of a student who was choking in the school lunchroom. Pictured are: Principal John W. Poineau, Alderman Burke, Mr. Trapani and Assistant Principal Michelle Augustyn. Mr. Trapani serves as a Social Studies and Religion teacher for grades six through eight and is a longtime faculty member.

Lenten Program At St. Richard

Fr. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A., will present a spiritual reflection on "LENT: 40 Days of Misery or 40 Days of Opportunities to Encounter Jesus? Which will you choose?" at St. Richard Church, 5000 S. Kostner on Sunday, March 13th at 1:30 p.m.

An Augustinian friar, he currently serves as Director of Augustinian Vocations for the Midwest and Eastern Provinces.

For more information, contact the parish office at (773) 585-1221. This event is sponsored by the St. Richard Council of Catholic Women.

Prepaid Tuition Plan For College Illinois

It's Financial Aid Awareness Month, and students are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine their eligibility for federal, state and institutional aid for college. The College Illinois! 529 Prepaid Tuition Plan, can help students graduate from college with little or no loan debt. The plan offers a way to prepay the cost of college tuition for a child or grandchild, so their college education is covered at a school within their plan no matter how much financial aid is available and how high tuition in-

creases by the time they are ready to attend. Currently, about 70% of students in bachelor degree programs in Illinois graduate with student loan debt. Flexible programs cover tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois community colleges, Illinois four-year public universities, and at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. The value of plan benefits can also be used at most private institutions in Illinois and at most out of state schools. If a student receives a scholarship or grant and there are unused College Illinois! benefits, they can be held for future use, transferred to another family member, or refunded up to the amount of the scholarship. Take part in the program's online Scavenger Hunt via Facebook and receive a chance to win a \$1,000 visa gift card. Simply like the College Illinois! Facebook page and be sure to complete the three questions to win an entry into the drawing. There is no purchase necessary and all entries must be submitted by midnight on March 14th. The contest rules are at <http://bit.ly/1PpoAnl>. More information on plan options and benefits, as well as a complete description of terms and conditions associated with the purchase of a plan, is available at www.collegeillinois.org.

City Promotes Home Ownership

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced the Home Buyer Assistance Program will help make homeownership possible for families and individuals by providing support for down payment and closing costs.

Qualified buyers may receive a grant for up to 5 percent of the loan amount based on income. Depending on whether they select an FHA-insured loan or a loan insured by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, home buyers can have annual incomes of up to 160 percent of the area median income - approximately \$121,000.

The typical home in Chicago is sold for \$250,000, meaning a family could receive a grant of more than \$12,000 to help cover down payment and closing costs.

The program is open to families or individuals who are buying a home; and first-time buyers must complete a home-buyer education course. The program can be used for the purchase of single-family homes, town homes, condominiums and owner-occupied properties containing up to four units. It may also be used to refinance an existing mortgage.

The city will provide an initial \$1 million to launch program, which will become self-sustaining over time. The program will be administered by the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, which will work in conjunction with authorized lending institutions responsible for accepting and processing applications.

The city will work with aldermen and not-for-profit partners to conduct workshops to provide interested residents with information about the program.

The city also offers the Choose To Own program through the Chicago Housing Authority. The program provides eligible public housing and housing choice voucher recipients the option of homeownership by using their rental voucher to pay a portion of their monthly mortgage for up to 15 years (up to 30 years for the elderly or people with disabilities). For more information visit www.thecha.org/cto.

Greene School Offers Tours

Greene School, 35th & Honore will conduct tours on the first Wednesday of every month. All community members are welcome to receive an overview of the unique programs offered, visits to classrooms, and opportunity to hear from students and teachers, and speak with parents. For more information, visit ngreenschool.com.

Chess Games At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will host chess games on the second Wednesday of every month from 3 to 6 p.m. for ages 14 and up. Participants bring their own chess set or use one provided by the library.

Arrow Of Light Ceremony



On Feb 27th, members of St. Jane de Chantal Cub Scout Pack 4466 along with members of the Gete Manitu chapter of the Order of the Arrow conducted a ceremony for four Webelos Scouts who attained the highest Cub Scout award the Arrow of Light. The award can be transferred and worn on a Boy Scout or Scout leader's uniform. The recipients were escorted to a cross over bridging to be received by their new Scout Master and Boy Scout Troop 671. Arrow Of Light Recipients in front row are: Henry Alvarez, Vincent Krettek, George McElroy and John Glazar. 2nd row: family members of honorees. Back row: members of the Get Manitu Chapter Order of the Arrow Ceremony Team. Any boy ages 7 to 17 who are interested in Scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 315-5825.

Family Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway, has scheduled family programs through April.

Learn, Explore and Play for ages 2 to 3 and an adult will be conducted on Wednesdays, through March 9th or Thursdays, through March 10th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will explore the natural world by meeting animals, building, drawing, climbing and making music. The cost is \$126 per child for a nine-class series.

Café Brauer will feature a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, March 11th from 7 to 10 p.m.

Guests will play a murder suspect or a detective, discovering clues left at the crime scene and interrogating each other. The reading of the Last Will is followed by additional crimes that eventually unmask the perpetrator. Experienced and trained mystery/comedy actors will assist guests in solving the case with costumes, accessories and physical evidence. The cost is \$65 for ages 16 and over.

An Easter Egg-Stravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The celebration will include pancake breakfast, an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, animal

viewing, complimentary rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure. For more information, visit www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar.

Animal Enrichment Workshops are scheduled for March 19th (St. Patrick's Day themed) or April 9th (Earth Day themed) or May 7th or 8th (Cinco de Mayo themed) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Adults and kids of all ages can make edible piñatas and other creative enrichment items for the animals. The cost is \$5 person or \$18 for family of 4 to 6.

Computer Workshop At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computer workshop on Thursday, March 3rd & 10th at 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is especially for seniors, but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.

MPCA Sponsors Annual Banquet

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct its annual banquet at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer on Sunday, March 13th.

Doug Semenske, pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church will receive the Community Service Award.

Community educators to be honored include The Adrian Dominican Sisters of Aquinas Literacy Center; Dave Ouimet of Bethany Baptist; Carlos Nunez of De La Salle Institute; Susana Tapia of Everett School; Patricia Stevens of Evergreen Academy Middle School; Keith Van Rhein of Kelly High School; and Ivan Gonzalez of Velma Thomas Pre-K. Contact Roy or Sue

Pletsch (773) 847-0261 for tickets which are \$26 for adults and \$19 for children ages 4 to 11.

Penny Social At Rhine Post VFW

The Auxiliary to Rhine Post VFW #2729 will conduct their annual Penny Social at the Post Hall, 5858 S. Archer on Sunday, March 6th at 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit many Veterans programs here and abroad. Highlights are nickel, dime and quarter tables of unusual items; a raffle with many fine prizes and refreshments. Parking is available on west end of lot across Archer ave.

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Skating Ribbon At M. Daley Park

The Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon, 337 E. Randolph offers free admission Monday to Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday from noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Skate rental is \$12 and lockers are \$2. The quarter mile loop can accommodate 700 skaters. For more information, call (312) 552-3000.

Maker Lab At Library Center

The Maker Lab at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st., offers free introductory workshops and open shop for ages 14 and up.

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Children 10-14 may attend with an adult, but no more than two children per adult may register. For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

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