



Local School Councils



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Local School Council elections will be held April 18th and 19th. Now is the time to decide if you want to be a council member. Friday, March 2nd, is the final day to submit an application to become a candidate.

For those unfamiliar with the position, simply stated every Chicago Public School has an LSC that helps set the tone for the school, and, in my opinion, has three very important jobs. A. They help develop the budget. B. They develop and monitor the School Improvement Plan. and C. They help evaluate the school's principal and, when the time arises, hire someone for the position.

The Council consists of 12 members, 13 in high schools. They are six parents, two community members, two teachers, one non-teaching staff member, the principal, and in the high schools one student. There was a time when people joined the LSC to hire themselves or a relative. This is illegal. In fact, no employee of the Board can be a parent rep or community rep, or be hired for a couple years after leaving an LSC position. Parent rep candidates must have a student currently enrolled in the school. The community rep must live in the legal boundaries of that school and not have a student in that school.

My observations have been that some members stay on Councils and serve for many years. Others quit quickly. It depends on the person's

expectations. I have known several that just didn't have "the power" they expected. Some became community reps after their student had graduated. I also had a parent that won with only eight votes and at the first meeting he wanted to negate the election because no one in the school of about 1500 should win with only eight votes. Think about that one. He only had eight votes and thought he had the power to overturn and negate a legal election. An odd note to this was that the Board of Education (I won't mention who it was, but most would know the name) called me to congratulate me. The idea was so few votes meant my parents and community were content. They worried more about the schools with large voter turnouts because someone there was dissatisfied.

Consider running for these significant positions in the community. The window is short, and remember to vote April 18th for elementary schools and April 19th for high schools. If you need more information then I have given in this short article, CPS has produced a 49 page booklet you can print off the internet at cps.edu/LSCelections

Completes Basic



A/M G. GARFIAS

U.S. Air Force Airman Gabriel Garfias graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The intensive, eight-week program included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

A 2017 graduate of Benito Juarez Community Academy, he is the son of Jose G. Garfias and Nancy Ramirez.

Academy Awards Viewing Party

SAG-AFTRA members are planning a reception and live viewing of the 90th Academy Awards hosted by the Davis Theater and Carbon Arc Bar & Board, 4620 N. Lincoln ave on Sunday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m. The viewing party will raise money for the groups Longest Day team as part of their commitment to ALZ Alliance, the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter Engagement Program.

The event is open to the public, tickets are \$25 person and includes hors d'oeuvres and one glass of Champagne. For more information about the event and to buy tickets, visit davis theater.com/Oscars. To learn how you can support ALZ Alliance contact Tara Pink at (847) 779-6976.

Dance Company At Mariachi Vargas



The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago will perform during the Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan Show at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence ave. on Saturday, March 31st. For ticket information, call (708) 407-0800.

Make Festival At Science Museum

On Friday, March 9th, the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, 5700 S. Lake Shore drive will introduce Spring Make Festival, a four-week celebration designed to unleash guest creativity. Daily activities and special events are designed to help guests see themselves as designers, makers and tinkers.

Select experiences and events require an additional ticket purchase.

Make Shop, additional timed-entry ticket purchase required (\$12 adults, \$9 children 6-11). Guests progress through vinyl cutting, 3-D printing, and building an LED light circuit to create a personalized memento.

Live Science Experiences, included with Museum Entry. Live science experiences invite guests to explore like engineers, including two new cart activities and interactive show in the Rotunda.

Designing on the Fly cart activity encourages guests to create, test and modify an object that can float at a specific height. Deconstructed, also a cart activity, asks guests to figure out how an everyday item works by taking it apart and discussing ways to make it better.

Failure is an Option! is a 20-minute live stage show that challenges guests to engineer, test and modify a skyscraper so it remains standing while it undergoes wind tests. Guests can work individually or in groups to create improvements, all while learning the basics of the engineering design process.

Dream It, Design It, Fab It!, additional timed-entry ticket purchase required (\$12 adults, \$9 children 6-11). This digital fabrication laboratory features a workshop for computer-based innovation, design and fabrication. Guests can dream up, design and make almost anything using cutting-edge software and equipment, like 3-D printers and laser cutters. Fab Lab users engage in problem-based learning and hands-on fabrication, becoming innovators of new projects and prototypes.

Engineer Your Future, Saturday, March 17th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., included with Museum Entry. Guests can test their problem-solving skills through activities and experiences that showcase eight types of engineering.

MSI After Hours: Science on Tap, Friday, March 23rd, 7 to 10 p.m. Ticket purchase required (Adults-only event, \$30). This 21-and-older event, invites guests to explore the chemistry of brewing. Guests will be challenged to play trivia on the Main Floor, and are welcome to explore MSI's exhibits after it closes to the public. Tickets will be available on msichicago.org/afterhours and include one free drink and parking in the underground garage.

Hebocon, Saturday, March 24th, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Included with Museum Entry, registration is required (space is limited). Builders of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels are invited to spend a day making a robot from random parts, then putting its skills to the test in a robot battle. Hebocon participation is limited, but everyone can watch the fun unfold live on a giant screen all day, as the emcee interviews builders, facilitates robot battles, and showcases some of MSI's awesome robots.

MSI Chicago Mini Maker Faire (Museum hours extended to 9 p.m.) Saturday, March 31st, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. included with Museum Entry. Engineers, artists, scientists and crafters will celebrate local maker culture. Learn how to become an innovator yourself by speaking one-on-one with makers, and leave inspired and ready to invent.

Robot Block Party April 7th-8th and 14th-15th, included with Museum Entry. Hand-built bots from Chicago-area university, after-school and hobbyist robotics teams will crawl, walk, and roll through the Main Floor. Talk to the robot creators and learn the different techniques and design methods that are used to make each robot.

Digital Canvas, Thursday, April 12th, 8 to 11 p.m. Ticket purchased required (Adults-only event, \$45). The interactive art experience explores the intersection of technology, innovation and creative expression. Interact with new media artist Dreambait in a collaborative, digital art mural and party to the beats of a DJ under a live liquid light show performance. Tickets also include access to the exhibits and free parking. Food and drink available for purchase. Tickets will be available on March 12th at msichicago.org.

March Programs At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th St., has scheduled interesting programs for March.

Chess games will be played on Thursday, March 1st and Wednesday, March 7th at 5 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

A computer workshop for beginners will be held on Thursday, March 8th at 2:30 p.m. Basics will cover the start-up and operation of the mouse and keyboard. Registration is required at (312) 747-6082.

Games Day for all ages will be conducted on Saturdays, March 3rd and 10th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Showcase At Conservatory



The Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave., will present its Spring Flower Show through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th. Hours are Thursdays through Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free. The show house is filled with fragrant spring trees, hanging baskets, azaleas, tulips, freesia, African daisy, geraniums, ranunculus, stock, snapdragons, Marguerite daisy, weeping cherry and flowering almond.

Need Bilingual Poll Workers

Cook County Clerk David Orr is looking for bilingual poll workers - especially those who speak Spanish and English - to work the March 20th. gubernatorial Primary Election in suburban Cook County.

Election Judges receive \$190 for complete a 3-hour training session and working on Election Day, from 5 a.m. until the votes are transmitted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

Equipment Managers have more duties and responsibilities, have to take part in additional training and must set up voting equipment on the day before Election Day. They are paid \$340.

More information on becoming a poll worker can be found at cookcountyclerk.com/judges.

Dean's List At Trinity Christian

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College of Palos Heights released the college's Dean's List for Fall 2017. Traditional undergraduate students who attend full-time and earned a 3.5 grade point average earn this honor are Stephen Gerena, 60638 and Ebenezer Munoz, 60632.

Mrozek Honored

Jessica Mrozek has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University of Harrisonburg, Virginia for the fall 2017 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. She is majoring in Communication Studies.

Prospective poll workers must be a registered voter and live in Cook County.

Those interested in serving on Election Day must complete an online application or call (312) 603-0970.

CAPS Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District CAPS Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, March 14th at 7 p.m.

The area is roughly bounded by 31st st., Pershing road, Western ave. and the south branch of the Chicago River (Bubbly Creek).

Problem and crime conditions will be discussed.

PNA Sponsors Annual Contest

The Polish National Alliance will present its Annual Song and Dance contest at Lane Tech High School Auditorium, 2501 W. Addison ave. on Sunday, March 11th at 1 p.m.

More than 15 ensembles from the greater Chicago area will perform. Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$13 for children and seniors 65+ at (773) 286-0500, ext. 312.

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Pulaski Day At Polish Museum

The Polish Museum of America will celebrate Casimir Pulaski Day in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee ave. on Monday, March 5th at 10 a.m. The program includes the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at Stanislaw Batowski's painting of Pulaski at Savannah.

General Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski (b. Warsaw, Poland, March 6, 1745 - d. near Savannah, Georgia, October 9-10, 1779) 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.

At Brandywine, in 1777, he distinguished himself by leading 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, South Carolina, from British occupation in 1779.

In October of 1779, at the age of 34, General Pulaski paid the ultimate



GEN. PULASKI

price for freedom: he died from mortal wounds received while leading a cavalry charge in Savannah, Georgia.

The General's mortal remains were ceremoniously reinterred at the Pulaski Monument at Monterrey Square in Savannah, GA in October of 2001. Posthumous honorary U.S. citizenship was granted to General Pulaski in 2009.

In 1977, Illinois made Casimir Pulaski Day an official state holiday, the only state in the union that has done so.

Admission and parking are free.

Additional information may be found on the PMA website: www.PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org.

Eagle Scout Project



A. McELROY

Anthony McElroy a Life rank scout from Boy Troop 671 sponsored by St. Jane de Chantal Holy Name Society will be conducting his Eagle Scout Project by collecting snack items to support deployed Illinois soldiers.

Anthony will be working in conjunction with "Jacky's Soldiers" a Military support organization, to collect items such as Gum, Twizzlers and Granola bars.

Drop off locations for

CAPS Beat 821 Plans Meeting

8th District CAPS Beat 821 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, March 7th at 7 p.m.

Residents are urged to meet with beat officers and express their concerns.

Beat Meeting For 911 & 921

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 912 will meet at David School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, March 7th at 7 p.m.

Beat 911 is roughly bounded by Western ave., Central Park ave., Stevenson Expressway and Pershing rd.

Beat 921 is bounded by Western ave., Kedzie ave., Pershing rd. and 43rd st.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

Seminar For Property Tax

Angie Sandoval, Democratic candidate for Cook County Commissioner will conduct a Property Tax Seminar at McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing road on Saturday, March 3rd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents should bring their real estate tax bills and questions. For more information or to RSVP, call (773) 453-4452 or email angie-sandoval.com.

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Summer Camps At Adler Planetarium

The Adler Planetarium has a variety of unique summer day camp experiences for kids entering pre-school through 10th grade June 18th through Aug. 19th. Registration for the general public is open at summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org.

Young scientists camps for (preschoolers) ages 3-4 will learn about the skills of science exploration through participation in this integrate circle time, hands-on investigations, free exploration, snack, art and literacy connections. Snack is provided.

Older preschool-age children ages 4 to 5 will acquire new skills and knowledge through participation in this project-based learning summer camp. Children will investigate and respond to a challenge or problem by using resources in the museum such as exhibits, artifacts, and floor programs. Designed activities will help explore a topic in-depth so they may communicate their learning by creating artifacts or representations. Snack is provided.

Astro Juniors/Explorers/Investigators (entering grades K-4) will explore the Universe's most extreme environments and uncover some extreme life right here on Earth! During this two-day adventure, campers will discover what's needed to sustain life and compare Earth environments to those on other planets. They'll also see a show in one of our state-of-the-art theaters, spend time playing and doing science outside on Mu-

seum Campus, and exploring the Adler's exhibits.

Robotics (entering grades 4-7) will enjoy telescope viewing, lunch by Lake Michigan and sky shows. Based on age and ability, campers will participate in the process of designing, building, testing and redesigning as they use multiple types of robotics to overcome escalating challenges. Campers will be exposed to creative design, documentation and presentation skills through video recording, and editing.

Sky Show (entering grades 6-7) will work in teams to create shows, from storyboarding through presenting on the dome of the Grainger Sky Theater. Campers will work with Adler's visualization, show production, and theater experts to create their one-of-a-kind show.

Mission Near-Space: A Team Experience to the Edge of Space! (Entering grades 6-10). A team of engineers and astronomers whose goal is to prepare, launch, track, and retrieve a scientific payload sent to the stratosphere aboard a high-altitude balloon. The week concludes with a showcase in which participants get to present their mission results to family members.

Dean's List At Univ. of Iowa

The University of Iowa has named Angel Alcega (60638) and Melissa Ortiz (60608) to the fall 2017 Dean's List.

Art Projection On TheMart



Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and theMART to propose *Art on TheMart*, a permanent large-scale lighting installation on the southern facing facade of theMART, the building formerly known as The Merchandise Mart. The Installation project, privately funded by Vornado Realty Trust, is slated for a fall 2018 completion. *Art on TheMART* marks the first time projection of its size and scope will be completely dedicated to art rojection with no branding, sponsorship credits, or messaging allowed. It will be a curated, ongoing series of ever-changing installations that will begin after dusk for pedestrians and residents to enjoy. The City and theMART will be working in partnership in the management and ongoing curation of the projected art work.

Public Hearing On Jobless Youth

With 190,901 youth and young adults in Illinois (16 to 24 years old) out-of-school and jobless in 2015, the General Assembly created the Statewide Task Force on Developing Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults Who Are Jobless and Out-of-School in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services. A similar task force 11 years ago resulted in legislation

that boosted opportunities for young people to re-enroll in school.

The state must identify solutions for idle young people who are instrumental for future economic stimulus and growth.

The first in a series of public hearings with youth, legislators and business will be held at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd. on Friday, March 2nd from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, visit www.ILTFYouth.org.

Maker Lab Offers Classes

Chicago's free and publicly accessible maker space, features introductory workshops and open shop for ages 14 & up at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

No reservations are required. Enrollment is first come, first served until capacity is reached and begins 15 minutes before the stated start time.

For more information visit chipublib.org/makerlab.

CAPS Beat 922 Plans Meeting

9th District Beat 92 will meet at Shields Middle School, 2611 W. 48th St. on Tuesday, March 27th at 6 p.m.

The area is bounded by 43rd St., 49th St., Kedzie Ave. and Western Ave.

Residents will meet with beat officers to discuss problems.

Applications For After School Matters

After School Matters® is accepting teen applications for its Spring 2018 program session. More than 400 programs in the arts, communications and leadership, sports and STEM will be offered at nearly 150 Chicago public high schools, as well as Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community organization locations throughout the city. Programs will continue to be offered downtown at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. Teens can search and apply for spring programs online at afterschoolmatters.org.

More than 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities will be available with stipends of up to \$425 (depending on the program level), and interns can earn up to \$10.50 per hour.

The programs offer teens an opportunity to develop their current skills while incorporating 21st Century skills like collaboration, problem solving, social awareness and more.

A few of the exciting programs offered include:

Kelvyn Park Bikes - Sports. Location: Kelvyn Park High School, Hermosa. This program offers teens the opportunity to explore the biking industry. Teens will develop hands-on mechanic skills, organize community events and participate in weekly field trips. Upon successful completion of the program, teens are eligible for summer employment with the Chicago Park District and West Town Bikes.

Museum 44 - STEM.

Location: National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, Pullman. Using pop culture, various media and professional mentors, teens will produce a television show in this program. Teens will learn about music production, film production, marketing, promotions and media from industry professionals while working on a film that can improve their communities.

Teatro Americano - Arts. Location: OPEN Center for the Arts, South Lawndale. In this program, teens explore different aspects of theater production and performance including acting, movement, voice, improvisation, writing, marketing, costuming, and stage management. At the conclusion of the program, teens present a full-length play in a professional theater setting.

Teen Arts Council - Arts. Location: University of Chicago Arts Incubator, Washington Park. The Teen Arts Council collaborates with the University of Chicago Arts + Public Life initiative to develop

skills in arts administration, community engagement and event planning, while providing opportunities for other teens to engage with the arts. The Council members work with university staff and local partners to develop projects and public events for various audiences.

Territory Urban Design Team - Communications & Leadership. Location: Roosevelt High School, Albany Park. In this program, teens will work in art, architecture, urban planning, entrepreneurship, community organizing and public health. Teens will have the opportunity to research, design and implement ideas to activate public spaces.

Urban Hardball and Softball - Sports. Location: Columbus Park, Austin. Teens in this program will train to become umpires and coaches by learning the rules of baseball and softball and developing their leadership and communication skills. Teens are able to practice what they learn with little league programs.

Windy City Harvest Youth Farm - STEM. Location: Neighborhood Housing Services, North Lawndale. In the Windy City Harvest Youth Farm North Lawndale program, teens learn what it takes to grow healthy food in the urban environment. Participants grow, harvest, sell and cook more than 40 varieties of fruits and vegetables and showcase their work at a community farmer's market.

Teens can search and apply for Spring 2018 programs at afterschoolmatters.org. Programs are free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and are high school students. Application features include an interactive map to help teens search for programs and a full Spanish translation on a mobile-friendly platform. For questions about programs and applications, call 312-742-4182 or email applications@afterschoolmatters.org.

Free Training For Trades

National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W. Pershing road provides free STEM training for trades.

Participants will receive Skills Training, CDL Training and Field Experience with companies in range of industries, including Transportation, Construction and Energy Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Requirements: 18 years old, high school diploma/GED, valid driver's license, must be laid-off, or collection unemployment to qualify.

For more information call (773) 247-0707, ext. 218.

Swim Show At Curie Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Swim Show at Curie Park, 4949 S. Archer on Wednesday, March 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Students will demonstrate the skills they have learned.

Parks Register Spring Programs

The Chicago Park District is accepting on-line and in person registration for spring and summer programs.

For more information, call (312) 742-7529 or visit chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Maple Tree Tapping At North Park



North Park Village Nature Center Park, 5801 N. Pulaski rd. will conduct a Family Fun Nature Event on Tuesday, March 6th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants will collect sap from a maple tree, see how it becomes syrup, and even get a tasty sample. Registration is required at (312) 744-5472.

"Endless Summer" At Art Museum

The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago ave., is displaying *Endless Summer* through Aug. 5th which features works of art influenced by the culture and climate of Southern California in the 1960s, from the surf in-

dustry to custom car culture.

The show offers a snapshot of Minimalist, and Light and Space works by artists such as Larry Bell, Judy Chicago, Robert Irwin, John McCracken, and Ed Ruscha.

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Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service which has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law.

The CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides access to attorneys 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling (312) 554-2001.

Renaissance Court Welcomes Seniors

Renaissance Court, an award-winning senior center at 78 E. Washington st. will provide a variety of enjoyable cultural, educational, health, and fitness programs for adults age 55 and older.

Regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Membership is free and entitles you to program participation, a participation card, brochures and other mailings.

To register for programs, you may sign up for a participant card at the center during business hours. For more information, call (312) 747-4550.

"Animal Secrets" At Children's Museum



Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview announces the return of the popular exhibit "Animal Secrets." March 20th through Aug. 26th. Families will explore the hidden habitats and secret lives of forest animals. Using imaginative role-play and hands-on activities, children will discover nature from an animal's point of view in naturalistic environments, including a meadow, woodland, cave and naturalists' tent.

The program is designed for children ages birth to 8, preschool to third grade school groups, and has English and Spanish-language text panels.

Visitors can explore a woodland clearing, crawl through a tree's roots, play in a chipmunk's den, investigate a raccoon's log and curl up in an eagle's nest.

Illustrated murals, including images of wildflowers, blue heron, butterflies and a rabbit, transport visitors to a grassy meadow. Visitors can follow four winding sets of animal tracks and listen to specific animal sounds to locate the animals. Visitors can create their own butterfly wing patterns using multicolored mosaic tiles.

Children can explore the secret world of a woodland cave using

tethered lights to search its outcroppings and niches, and assemble a three-dimensional, larger-than-life ant.

Visitors can role-play working as a naturalist in a canvas tent outfitted with real field equipment and environmental elements. They can examine, compare and contrast the characteristics of five animal skulls, sort a variety of natural artifacts to display a museum collection, and match animal tracks using paw-like puzzle pieces.

The Museum can be reached by public transportation, including Pace bus and Metra trains.

For more information, visit www.kcmgc.org or call (847) 832-6600. The Museum is open on Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for children and adults and \$11 for senior citizens. Children under 1-year-old are free.

Family Concert

Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will present a family concert by the Dziadonki Folk Band on Saturday, March 24th at 3 p.m.

Polar Plunge To Benefit Special Olympics

The 18th annual Chicago Polar Plunge will offer cold weather champions the opportunity to brave the icy waters of Lake Michigan on Sunday, March 4th to benefit the Special Olympics Chicago program.

Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$200. Prizes will be awarded to the top three individual fund-raisers; best three individual costumes; best team costumes; and largest team.

Participants will receive free parking at Lincoln Park Zoo, or a free bus for groups of 20 or more; a souvenir t-shirt; warm towel when exiting the water; free photo downloads; and complimentary food at the "Melt Down Party."

The Special Olympics Chicago program has over 7500 athletes who compete and train in 22 sports for 122 Chicago Public Schools and in 23 parks through the Park District.

This summer, Chicago will be the epicenter of a nearly week-long celebration from July 17th-21st, in honor of the organization's 50th anniversary. Activities include the first-ever unified cup tournament, a star-studded concert, and dedication of a Special Olympics Eternal Flame at Soldier Field.

For more information, call (312) 527-3743 or email polarplunge@sochicago.org

Easter Egg Hunt At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo will celebrate Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 31st from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a breakfast menu, photos with the Easter bunny, egg hunts for different age groups, free rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure, music and crafts.

Admission is \$25 for ages 13 and older and \$35 for children ages 1-12. Ages 12 months and under are free.

The Easter bunny will remain on zoo grounds for photos from 1-4 p.m. Photo packages will be available for purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lpzoo.org/easter.

Obituaries



BOZENA KISIELEWSKA, (nee Kochanowski); passed away on Feb. 19th at the age of 61. She was the wife of Jan; mother of Marcin (Antoinette Lona) Kisielewski; sister of Wojciech (Katarzyna) Kochanowski, Wieslaw Kochanowski, Halina (Marek) Wozniowski, and late Jan Kochanowski; sister-in-law of Szczepan (Krysztyna) Kisielewski and Anna Kisielewska. Funeral services were held Feb. 23rd from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer to St. Camillus Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery



MONICA M. VENKUS, (nee Stoga) of Oak Lawn and Lake Cora, Michigan. She was the wife of Dr. Carl Venkus of 62 years, mother of Laura (Jim) Rossiter, Julia (Bert Carstens), Joseph, David (Laura), Diana (Scott) Schwefel, John, Sara (Joe) Cirelli, and late Carla Marie; grandmother of 15 and sister of Stan (Kathleen) Stoga. She attended Lourdes High School, graduated from Chicago Teachers College, and taught in the Chicago Public Schools, followed by a second career as a cook in Quaker Oats test kitchens. Dr. Venkus maintained an office near 43rd and Richmond for many years. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



KENNETH J. PHILLIPS, 51, son of Nancy (nee Wilson) and the late Jim Phillips; brother of Kevin Phillips; grandson of late Jack (late Helen) Wilson; nephew of Judith Beckett; cousin of Christy (Mike) Davis and John Beckett. Ken was a Director of Operations for Trails Entertainment for 16 years. Chapel services were held Feb. 26th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs.

Feast Day Dinner At Rhine VFW

Rhine VFW Post 2729 at 5858 S. Archer will celebrate St. Joseph and St. Patrick Feast Day dinner on Saturday, March 10th from 6 to 9 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in the canteen on Monday and Thursday after 7 p.m.

Menu includes corn beef and cabbage, polish sausage with kraut, potatoes, coffee and cake, soda and beer. Parking is available on west end of lot across Archer ave.

For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

St. Laurence Seeks Sophomore Girls

St. Laurence High School is gauging interest from families who have daughters who will be sophomores during the 2018-19 school year for potential admission.

Families can fill out an interest form at www.stlaurence.com/2021girls. An information night on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 7 p.m. will share details about the transfer process, coed transition and background on the school. Families will be expected to submit unofficial transcripts and a registration fee and partial tuition payment by Friday, March 2nd.

Based on the number of families who apply and qualify, a decision will be made the week of March 12. If the school decides not to accept the class, the fee will be refunded. The fee will be non-refundable after the date of announcement.

St. Laurence opened its doors to female sophomore to senior students for the first time in the 2017-18 school year.

Families with questions about the transfer process can contact Director of Admissions Joe Spano at jspano@stlaurence.com or (708) 458-6900, ext. 252.

Noble Network Registers Voters

Noble Network of Charter Schools delivered 1,421 students' new voter registration forms to the Cook County Board of Elections on Feb. 20th.

"Our goal is to prepare students with the scholarship, discipline, and honor to live exemplary lives," said Emily Mason, principal of Muchin College Prep in the Loop. "Part of living an exemplary life is civic engagement and the opportunity to improve one's community through the democratic process."

Some Noble campuses had high registration rates: Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy with 80% of eligible students, Muchin College Prep with 82% and Noble Street College Prep with over 88%.

Application For Namaste School

Namaste Charter School, 3737 S. Paulina, is accepting applications for students in kindergarten through 8th grade for the 2018-19 school year until 4 p.m. on March 2nd.

A lottery drawing of applicants will be held on Tuesday, March 27th. The school day operates Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Curriculum features literacy, math, science, social studies, physical education, breakfast and lunch menus, morning and afternoon recess.

For more information, visit the school office or call (773) 715-9558 or visit www.namastecharter-school.org.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

A Mass praying for the beatification of Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be celebrated in the St. Casimir Center Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette road on Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

The Feast of St. Casimir will also be commemorated. The Rev. Lukas Lanlauskas, S.J., will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will follow. All are invited. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

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