



**PNA North Siders Plan Meeting**

Paul C. Odrobina, vice president of the Polish National Alliance, announces that the North Side Seniors will meet in the Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 10 a.m.

Topics for discussion will include events and speakers for the next few months and plans for the Christmas Luncheon.

All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to attend for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information about the PNA Seniors Group and their activities, call (773) 286-0500, ext. 316.

**Beat Meetings For 9th Dist. CAPS**

The 9th District Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) has scheduled Beat Meetings for September.

Beat 912 will meet at St. Pancratius Hall, 2959 W. 40th place on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 6 p.m.; Beat 913E at St. Maurice Hall, 3625 S. Hoyme on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 7 p.m.; Beat 913W at Calmecca Fine Arts Academy, 3456 W. 38th st. on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 6 p.m. and Beat 922 at McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Saturday, Sept. 10th at 10 a.m.

**Sponsor No-Alcohol Quinceanera Contest**



Fermin Saucedo, owner of Tierra Caliente Restaurant, 4070 S. Archer is promoting the Families Against Drugs Area 58 No-Alcohol Quinceanera 250 word essay contest through Sept. 23rd. Eligible contestants will turn 15 by Dec. 31st or be age 15 but have not celebrated their Quinceanera. For more details, contact Maria Diaz at (773) 414-8717.

**Timeline Theatre Offers Readings**

TimeLine Theatre Company will present two free readings of The Guys by Anne Nelson as part of its ongoing TimePieces Play Reading series, to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Sept. 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Performances will be

Sunday, Sept. 11th at 7 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. at the Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave. A post-show discussion will feature Chicago firefighters who went to Ground Zero in the aftermath of 9/11 to aid in rescue and recovery efforts.

Tickets are free, but donations will be accepted, with all proceeds to benefit Ignite the Spirit, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to Chicago's emergency responders in times of hardship.

To reserve tickets, call the Box Office at (773) 281-8463 ext. 6.

**Hispanic Heritage At Summit Library**

Summit Public Library, 6233 S. Archer road, will celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday, Sept. 17th at 1 p.m. with a free party and a performance by CE for Youth's "Watch My Feet" Dance Group.

For more information, call (708) 458-1545.

**Writing Contest For Grades 4-12**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is urging students in grades 4 to 12 to enter the 2012 "Letters About Literature" contest, a national reading and writing competition sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Illinois Center for the Book in partnership with Target.

There are three levels of participation: Level I for grades 4 to 6, Level II for grades 7 & 8 and Level III for grades 9 to 12. Prizes will be awarded on the state and national levels. Each state has its own panel of judges. State winners

**Mexican Day Parade Set**

The Mexican Civic Society of Illinois in conjunction with the City of Chicago's Mayor's Office of Special Events will sponsor the Mexican Independence Day Parade on Saturday, Sept. 10th at 12 noon along Columbus Drive from Balbo to Randolph.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Consul General Eduardo Arnal along with a number of elected officials are scheduled to attend.

The Military marching Band from the State of Durango, Mexico along with local school bands, folkloric dancers and colorful float will be featured.

For more information or to participate call (312) 857-3111.

**Help Us Fdn. Sets Dinner Dance**

The Help Us Foundation will sponsor a grand dinner dance at The Mayfield, 6072 S. Archer on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 6:30 p.m. The foundation provides counseling services to assist families to rebuild a meaningful and productive way of life.

Donation of \$75 includes dinner, open bar, dancing and entertainment by Mariachi Sol de America & Grupo Amante.

Tickets and more information are available at Supermercado La Palma, 4173 S. Archer, (773) 254-8092.

receive a \$50 Target gift card and the opportunity to advance to the National level. At a ceremony hosted by Secretary White, Illinois winners will receive their awards and read their entries.

On each competition level, a panel of national judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select six National Winners (2 per Level of Competition) and twelve National Honorable Mention Winners (4 per Level of Competition). The National Winners will receive a \$500 Target gift card and each winner will secure a \$10,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant for their community or school library.

The National Honorable Mention Winners will each receive a \$100 Target gift card and each winner will secure a \$1,000 LAL Reading Promotion Grant for their community or school library.

**Record Year For Reading Program**

The Chicago Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Program "Book Beats" broke records with more than 58,000 children reading 1.4 million books in the eight week program.

Studies have shown that children who participate in summer reading programs achieve academic and vocabulary gains, while children who don't read over their summer break experience a learning loss.

Participants between the ages of 3 and 14 years old explored the world of music through storytelling, crafts, programs and books.

Children between the ages of 3 to 8 years old earned a t-shirt after reading their first 25 books. After competing their first 10 chapter books, children 9 to 14 years old received a t-shirt. In August, all readers received a certificate declaring them a Rahm's Reader and were invited along with their families to attend a special Reader's Night celebration at Millennium Park.

**Ladies Aux. VFW State President**



D. PENCAK

Diane Pencak, a member of Rhine #2729 Ladies Auxiliary led the state delegation to the Veteran of Foreign Wars 98th National Convention held Aug. 27th to Sept. 1st at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

The convention marked the beginning of her 2011-12 term as State President and she is also serving as National Assistant Conductress.

Pencak voiced the delegates' votes during the election of National Officers and played a key role in deciding the direction of the national organization.

A highlight of the convention was the announcement of the Outstanding Department Presidents in the 11

**Latin American Stories & Crafts**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer will present Latin American Stories and Crafts on Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 6 p.m.

Children ages three to eight and their families are invited to listen to stories from Latin America and make a craft. This program will be presented in English and Spanish. For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

**Book Club At Summit Library**

The book club at Summit Public Library, 6233 S. Archer road, invites everyone to join in reading Douglas Perry's "The Girls of Murder City" (based on the two beautiful female killers who inspired the musical "Chicago") and come in for a lively discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (708) 458-1545.

**Auto Classes For Seniors**

Automotive classes for senior citizens (55 and older) will be held at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st. on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 23rd.

Registration fee of \$15 entitles seniors to bring in their cars to make sure they are ready for the upcoming Winter Driving Season. The brakes, charging system, cooling system, air-conditioning, tires, belts and computers systems will be checked out. For further information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803.

**Internet Workshop For Job Search**

Karen Williams, Employment Specialist with CEDA Southwest, will host a free one-day workshop titled "Using the Internet in your Job Search" at Summit Public Library, 6233 S. Archer road on Monday, Sept. 19th at 10 a.m.

Advance registration is requested at (708) 458-1545.

**Red Cross Seeks Blood Donations**

During the summer months, blood donations often drop to low levels. Through Sept. 14th, presenting donors (age 18 and older) can register online at redcrossracing.com to enter the Red Cross Racing "Summer Drive Sweepstakes." Enter for a chance to win a new, fuel-efficient 2012 Ford Fiesta SE. One winner will be selected by random drawing no later than Sept. 19th.

Participants also get points for activities like giving blood and recruiting blood donors. Points can be redeemed for racing-themed prizes or donated to support the Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Membership Groups at the National President's Luncheon. Awards and Resolutions to the National Bylaws were announced during Aug. 30th session.

**Mortgage Talk At Brighton Library**

Money Smart Partner Harris Bank will present a program titled, "What You Need to Know About Mortgage Refinancing" at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 6 p.m.

Participants will learn how to refinance, loan modifications and foreclosure prevention. Reservations are required at (312) 747-0666.

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