



MPCA Announces Educators of Year

The McKinley Park Civic Association has selected the following as Educators of the Year: Janet Allen, Kelly High School; Heydi Calderon, Blessed Sacrament Religious Ed; Stephanie Garibay, Namaste Charter School; Sister Josita Krzeminski, DeLaSalle Institute, Lourdes Hall Campus; Daniel Mugaero, N. Greene School; Richard Sawicki, Evergreen Academy Middle School and Elizabeth Schar, Everett School. This will be the 22nd consecutive year that the Association has honored outstanding educators who are nominated by PTA, LSC, principals or members.

Toms Community Service Award which has been given since 1973 in honor of one of the founders of the association.

All of these winners will be recognized at the annual Banquet on March 8th, at Polonia Banquets. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$16 for children ages 4 - 11 if purchased by Feb. 17th. Children age 3 and under are free. Tickets purchased from Feb. 18th to 27th are \$3 more per ticket.

A community meeting is scheduled at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Suzanne Pletsch will receive the William H. G.

Kelly High School Honors Students of Quarter 2014-15



Kelly High School announces its Student of the Quarter award winners for the first quarter of the 2014-15 school year. All freshman, sophomore and junior students were eligible. Teachers from each core area chose students based on achievements, individual accomplishments, and how well they fit the Kelly learner profile. Pictured in first row are James Coughlin, Kelly High School Principal; Jocelyn Aguirre, Fine Arts; Lai Keng Ng Duarte, Social Studies; Ming Chen, Science; Shelby Canchola, Mathematics and Ms. Bucciarelli-Carlos; Kelly High School Assistant Principal. Second row: Mayra Villa, English/Language Arts; Rocio Chavez, Physical Education; Melissa Huerta, World Languages; Raya Sun, Career & Technical Education (CTE); Ramon Mancines, Reading; Jacob Tijerina, Special Education and Jackson Santander, Avid. Not pictured is Maximiliano Vazquez, Bilingual (ELL).

Rep. Lipinski Receives Humanitarian Award



Congressman Dan Lipinski (left) received the Bridgeview Lions Club's Humanitarian Award from Past District Governor Ray Jachim on Jan. 18th. Bridgeview Lions Club was chartered in 1975, and will celebrate their 40th Anniversary on May 6th.

Angulano Completes Basic Training

Army Pvt. Oscar Angulano, son of Leticia Angulano has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

During the nine-week training period, he received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Computer Workshop At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., offers introduction to computer workshops on Thursday, Feb. 5th and Saturday, Feb. 21st 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.

Davila Honored

Jacqueline A. Davila has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England of Springfield, Massachusetts for the fall semester of 2014. She is working towards a degree in Forensic Chemistry. Honorees must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

On Dean's List

The University of Dayton has honored the following local students for achieving a minimum 3.5 g.p.a. for the 2014 fall semester. Madeline Ecklund and Robert Popp of 60609; Matthew Houlahan, Megan O'Kane and Michaella Videka of 60638.

Free Tax Prep At Kelly High

The Center for Economic Progress, in collaboration with the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, will be providing free tax preparation at Kelly High School, 4136 S. California, on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Services are provided with funding from the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

Taxes will be prepared on a first come, first serve basis to people who meet the income guidelines: Families with less than \$50,000 year and individuals with less than \$25,000 year. For more information, call (312) 252-0280.

HNS Installation At Five Holy Martyrs



Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name inducted newly elected officers on Sunday, Jan. 11th during 9 a.m. Mass which was celebrated by Pastor Tomasz Sielicki. Pictured are: Rich Maciuszek, delegate; Tom Gronck, delegate; Tracedillo Flaminia, marshal; Howard Sanders, marshal; Joseph Preston, secretary; Alan Mercado, treasurer; Christian Galka, vice president; Ted Jankowski, president and Pastor Sielicki. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass. For more information, contact Jim Koziel at (773) 575-0207.

Prayer Service For Respect Life

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Respect Life Committee will host a Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 3528 S. Hermitage on Thursday, Jan. 22nd at 7 p.m.

This is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade decision. All are welcome to attend.

Servin Honored

Diana Servin has been named to the first semester, 2014-15 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The list includes 354 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

On Dean's List

The University of Dubuque has been named Brenda Nava to the fall semester 2014 Academic Dean's List. Honorees must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

Dean's List At Marquette Univ.

Marquette University of Milwaukee, Wisconsin announces students who attained the fall 2014 Dean's List. Honorees are Janelli Barrow, Nursing; Connor Cacciottolo, Digital Media; Caitlyn Degnan, Business Administration; Bernadette Heitschmidt, Advertising; Victoria Lei, Biomedical Sciences; Stephanie Ramirez, Public Relations; Jackson Stone, Social Welfare and Justice; Sarah West, Nursing and Michael Woods, Middle/Secondary Education.

Guan Awarded Posse Scholarship



J. GUAN

of 10 students matched to a partner university after a rigorous nomination and 3-part interview process.

Guan was nominated by Kelly High School and the Chinese American Service League and was selected for his "extraordinary academic and leadership potential."

A hard worker, Guan moved to the United States from China in 2013 and became fluent in English after only a few months. He works after school and on weekends and volunteers at Kelly and with the Chinese American Service League and maintains a 3.9 GPA.

Professor Onli At H-W Library

The Chicago Public Library will welcome Professor Turtel Onli to the 7th floor Chicago Authors Room at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Saturday, Jan. 24th at 2 p.m.

He will share his experience in bringing graphic novels as a medium to the classroom to aid in learning and conflict resolution.

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To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

Ice Skating At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, will operate an outdoor ice skating rink through March 1st.

The schedule includes, Sundays - Open Skate from 12 to 6 p.m.; Hockey from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Rat Hockey from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays - Open Skate from 1:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays - Stick & Puck from 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Pond Hockey from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.; Learn to Skate from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Open Skate from 1 to 5 p.m.; Family Skate from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cartoon Skate will be held on Sundays, through Feb. 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fee for all ages is \$3. Open skate will be available with favorite cartoon characters.

Rink admission for adults is \$3; children and students with valid ID free; seniors and military discount \$1. Skate rental: \$6 for all ages. Special - adult admission with skate rental \$7. Special - Family Skate Fridays 6:30 to 9 p.m. at \$10 per family (includes skate rental).

For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

Open House At PJPII School

Pope John Paul II Catholic School, 4325 S. Richmond will observe Catholic Schools week with an open house on Sunday, Jan. 25th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The school offers grades kindergarten through 8 and full and half day pre-school for 3 and 4 year olds.

For more information, call (773) 523-6161.

MSI Offers Free Entry For Kids

The Museum of Science and Industry Chicago, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive will offer free museum entry to two kids ages 3-11 with purchase of one paying adult Feb. 1st to 28th.

Visitors may check out the new permanent exhibit, Number in

Nature and get lost in a mirror maze while discovering mathematical patterns are everywhere. Run in a human-sized hamster wheel. See lightning strike - indoors. Manipulate a tornado. Hear your heart beat 13-feet tall. Climb inside a historic locomotive. See baby chicks peck out of their shells.

Free kids museum day entry tickets must be obtained onsite at the ticket counter, they cannot be acquired online. For more information, visit msichicago.org.

Additional experiences, including the WOW! Tour, Omnimax films, U-505 Submarine on-board tour, Future Energy Chicago, Coal Mine and special tours are not included in Museum Entry. They require additional, timed-entry tickets. Parking is not included.

Beat Meetings For 9th District CAPS

The 9th District Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy has scheduled Beat meetings for February.

Beats 911 and 921 will meet at Davis School, 3050 W. 39th place on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 6 p.m.

Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 7 p.m.

Dean's List At Belmont Univ.

The following students from zip code 60638 achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University of Nashville, Tennessee for the fall 2014 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Honorees are: Alyssa Bednarck, Ashley Bednarck, Alexis Buglio and Alexa Dietsch-Jones.

Parent Workshops At Curie High

Curie High School, 4959 S. Archer, invites parents, students and the community to attend a series of parent workshops conducted by psychologist Ferny Ramirez Hernandez. A professor of psychology and education at the Universidad San Buenaventura in Colombia, he currently coordinates training programs for adolescents and parents in the Chicago Public Schools and is the author of 11 published books on adolescents.

Workshops begin at 6 p.m. and will be conducted in Spanish. The topic on Feb. 3rd is "How to Avoid Academic Failure from the House." The topic on Feb. 17th is "How to Teach Adolescents for Success." The workshops will provide practical advice that will promote positive communication between parents and children.

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Paid Positions For After School

After School Matters is accepting applications for its Spring program cycle. Programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of Feb. 2nd at Chicago public high schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community-based organization locations across the city.

Approximately 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities in more than 300 programs will be available to high school teens. Spring programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 10 weeks. Participants will be eligible to earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level). Interns can earn \$8.25 per hour.

Teen Center At Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament Teen Center, 3530 S. Hermitage, is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 6:30-7 p.m. and some Sundays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. ACT preparation is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

An appeal has been issued for couches, lazy boys, ping-pong table, pool sticks, Wii games and handyman help. Teenagers who require service hours may complete them at the youth center.

For more information, contact Jim Kozy at (773) 415-7193. The website address is www.bspteencenter.com.

Polar Plunge At North Ave. Beach



The 15th annual Chicago Polar Plunge will be staged at North Avenue Beach on Sunday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Last year's plunge featured Mayor Rahm Emanuel, "The Tonight Show" host, Jimmy Fallon, celebrities, VIP's and 3,400 plungers in the cold waters of Lake Michigan for the athletes of Special Olympics Chicago. More than one million dollars was raised to help fund the events, activities, transportation and sports equipment enjoyed by over 5000 athletes.

Registration is open by visiting www.chicagopolarplunge.org and will close once 4000 participants have committed. At the website, plungers will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to help jumpstart their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$175. Prizes will be awarded to the top three individual fundraisers; best three individual costumes; best team costumes; and largest team.

An all-new "Club" will

be featured, offering plungers the opportunity to head to the front of the line during designated start times. Club members will also receive a VIP Chicago Polar Plunge Bathrobe. For VIP Club status, plungers are asked to donate an additional \$40.

Supporters will have the chance to get involved without leaving their homes by taking part in the "Virtual Polar Plunge." Participants are encouraged to fill an ice tub and jump in their own cold "lake" for Special Olympics Chicago. Once they have completed their plunge and raised \$175, those who share their photo or video on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag "#virtualplunge!" will receive an official t-shirt and towel.

Plungers 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" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is free and participants will receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available.

The Westin Michigan Ave. will be offering a \$129/night room rate for this year's event. For reservations, call (888) 627-8385.

For more information on the Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, call (312) 527-3743.

Sox vs. Cubs At Library Center

Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars will be on display on the 9th floor of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. through Feb. 8th. This fun exhibit features each team's historical development, statistical information, photographs, memorabilia, souvenirs and other materials.

CPS Issues Three RFPs For Schools & Programs

Chicago Public Schools issued three Requests for Proposals (RFP) for potential charter and contract schools and alternative programs and schools to open in the fall of 2016.

The RFPs include the annual request for new schools that is mandated by Illinois Charter School Law, along with requests for options schools and the first-ever middle grades and early high school intervention programs.

The annual RFP process allows the District to conduct a streamlined and strategic process for evaluating the expansion of academic options in partnership with the Chicago Board of Education.

As part of the New Schools RFP, CPS will again form Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NAC) in communities where CPS receives proposals to open new schools.

NACs will review proposals for new schools in their communities and provide a recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer and Chicago Board of Education. CPS encourages parents and community members to volunteer to participate in a local NAC and contribute their perspective and expertise to the proposal review process.

NAC members will have the opportunity to review proposals, interact with the applicants, engage the broader community in the review process, and make a recommendation. For more information on the NAC community engagement process and instructions for submitting an interest form to join a NAC, please visit cps.edu/2014NAC.

As part of the Education Options Request for Proposal (RFP), applicants will be required to offer a community forum that will be hosted within the communities they plan to serve. To serve the specific educational needs of more than 10,000 CPS middle grade students and freshmen, CPS is releasing its inaugural Middle Grades and High School Early Intervention RFP. This RFP seeks to establish Alternative Learning Opportunity Programs (ALOP) to help struggling students graduate high school.

The programs will serve students who are not accessing or responding to the additional intervention and support offered in their current school and would benefit from more intensive supports that are fully integrated into the school design and offered to all students.

CPS encourages administrators, national education management organizations and non-profit organizations with strong records of accelerating academic outcomes for similar student populations to respond. CPS anticipates that each site will serve up to 250 students for the Middle Grades program and up to 400 students for the High School program.

The RFP seeks experts with experience serving middle grades students at risk of not completing high school based on several key indicators of academic outcomes (grades, attendance, promotion history) and school engagement (attendance, enrollment status) while in middle school. Based on 2013-14 end-of-school-year data, there are 8,948 middle grades students who would benefit from an intensive intervention program to help prepare them for success in high school.

The RFP will also seek providers who are familiar with educating students who are aging out of elementary school at 15 years of age but not yet prepared for the demands of high school without intentional and intensive support. An estimated 1,986 of these students will not meet 8th grade promotion criteria and will enter high school with a significantly greater risk of being off-track or dropping out of high school. New school and program operators will have almost a year to incubate and prepare for school opening, ensuring they are ready to provide rigorous, well-rounded instruction for students in a safe and secure environment on day one.

CPS families will also benefit from this timeline, as it better aligns with CPS' existing application and enrollment processes, helping ensure that families can consider all school options for the fall of 2016.

Chicago Public Schools serves 396,000 students in 664 schools. It is the nation's third-largest school district.

Arbor Foundation Invites Members

Residents of Illinois can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2015.

New members will receive two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns and three white flowering dogwoods.

These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and will provide food and habitat for songbirds.

The trees will be shipped post paid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1st and May 31st with instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundations bi monthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 or joinonline at arbor-day.org/January.

Winter Break At Jones Prep.

Young Chicagoans 4-24 (and families) are invited to drop in on Destination: Chicago - Winter Break, a free festival of doing and making, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, between 11am and 4pm, at Jones College Prep, 700 S. State St. Partygoers can sample programs offered by dozens of youth-serving organizations. This Maker Party will feature hands-on activities and workshops to fulfill many interests, including robotics, nature, fashion, art, music, architecture, science, digital media, coding and more.

Chicago City of Learning is a year-round program that sees all of

Chicago as a classroom, with opportunities to learn new skills, discover passions and build pathways to further education and careers. Digital badges offered through CCOL recognize learning across programs in the initiative - whether at a park, museum, library, or online course - giving learners a digital portfolio that communicates the skills they have developed.

IDPH Launches Updated Website

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck launched IDPH's updated website at www.dph.illinois.gov.

The updated website allows people to easily access health information such as immunization schedules or how to get a copy of your birth certificate. It also allows health care professionals to find how to report information to IDPH, or how licensed professionals, like plumbers and EMTs, can find license renewal information.

Kelly 1965 Class Plans Reunion

The June 1965 graduating class of Kelly High School are planning a 50 year anniversary at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer on Friday, Sept. 18th at 6 p.m.

For reservations, contact Walter Krieger at (219) 922-0110 or email wckrieger@hotmail.com.

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State Promotes Flu Vaccination

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck is encouraging everyone 6 months and older to get a flu vaccine.

Flu activity doesn't usually peak until January or February, and the season can last as late as May.

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, but it is not typically associated with respiratory flu.

Antiviral drugs can make illness milder, shorten the length of illness and may prevent serious complications which can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions.

Pregnant women, young children, people 65 years and older, and anyone with underlying health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system are at greater risk of complications from infection.

23rd Ward Seniors Extend Invitation

The 23rd Ward Seniors Club invites everyone to attend out meetings which are held at Rhine Post VFW, 5858 S. Archer on the third and fourth Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Parking is available at the west end of the parking lot across the street.

Admittance charge is \$2. Lunch is served at first meeting along with cake and coffee at no extra cost. Guest speakers provide pertinent information important to seniors. Games and raffles are played.

Obituaries

LORRAINE M. KOWATCH, (nee Bulski) passed away on Jan. 18th at the age of 84. She was the wife of Fred J. for 61 years; mother of Laura (Joe) Palermo and Cara (LeRoy) Schnayer Jr.; grandmother of Charlie, Livvy, Vinny and Victor and sister of late Dorothy Schumacher. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 23rd from 2-8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 8999 S. Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9:15 a.m. to St. Symphorosa Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

DAVID MACKVITCH, U.S. Navy Veteran. He was the son of late Walter & late Julia (nee Kosiek); brother of Christine (late Glenn) Kasik, Raymond (Patricia) Mackvitch, Edward Mackvitch, Leonard (Diane) Mackvitch and Maria (James) Kubik. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 22nd at 10:30 a.m. from Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, 4901 S. Archer to St. Bruno Church for 11 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

ROSALIO A. QUEVEDO, JR., U.S. Navy Veteran of Korean War. He was the husband of Leonida (nee Barba); father of Michael (Danna); grandfather of Charles, Lynelle, Michelle and Vincent; brother-in-law of Mohammad and Amancia Pothiwala. Member of the Town of Lake VFW Post 5216, St. Richard Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. Funeral services were held Jan. 17th from Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, 4901 S. Archer to St. Richard Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

ALBERT F.J. RUCINASKY, lifelong resident of McKinley Park, age 76, U.S. Army Veteran. He was the father of Gail McCulloch and Holly (Jeff) Ronald; grandfather of David Hardin Jr., Melissa Hardin and Joseph McCulloch. Great-grandfather of Angel Thomas, Jordan Thomas, Logan Hardin, Emily Rose Thomas and Hunter Hardin; brother of Virginia Avery. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 23rd from 2-9 p.m. at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne. Funeral services will be held Saturday with prayer at 9:30 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. Mass at St. Maurice Church. Interment will be at Resurrection.

JOSEPH A. SIEKNKO, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. He was the husband of Josephine (nee Filar); father of Richard J. Sienko and Janice (Joseph) Cernik; grandfather of Caitlin and Kyle Cernik; brother-in-law of John and Sophia Dawiec. Predeceased by six brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held Jan. 20th from Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, 4901 S. Archer to St. Bruno Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

MARIA TURSKA (nee Wojcik) of Archer Heights passed away on Jan. 15th at the age of 86. She was the wife of late Fryderyk Turcki; mother of Zofia (late Alfred) Dziabala, Janina (Tadeusz) Drobot, Jozef (Danuta) and late Wieslaw (Marzena) Turcki; great-grandmother of many. She was pre-deceased by siblings Ludwika (Leokadia) Wojcik; Wladyslawa (Wladyslaw), Jozefa, Stanislaw (Mieczyslaw) Stanislaw and Franciszek (Helena). Funeral services were held Jan. 20th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels to St. Bruno Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

FRANK ALGIS ZAILSKAS age 86. He was the husband of Danute (nee Totoraitis); father of Rimas (Mary) and Daila Zailskas; brother of Arunas Zailskas. Frank was a long-time usher at Immaculate Conception Church and an officer of the Lithuanian Homeowners Association in Brighton Park. Funeral services were held Jan. 20th at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

The next monthly Mass for the beatification of Venerable Maria Kopus will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette rd. The celebrant will be Rev. Joseph Broudou.

Light refreshments will be served, all are invited. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

Art Exhibit At Prospectus Gallery



"Heroes on the Big Screen" by Hernandez and "The Addict" by Ruiz.

Prospectus Art Gallery, 1210 W. 18th st., will present "Urban Flashback," the work of Alfonso Piloto Nieves Ruiz and Ricardo Santos Hernandez, through March 1st.

Mr. Piloto is a self-taught artist from Queretaro, Mexico living in Chicago since 1997. He has been sharing his knowledge through workshops in community centers, parks and schools since 2004.

Mr. Santos Hernandez

Service Awards For Volunteers

The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is accepting nominations for the sixth annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. For-profit businesses that support service will also be recognized.

Individual awards will be presented to one youth (18 years and under), one adult (19-54 years old) and one retiree/senior (55 years and older) in each of the Commission's five service regions.

National Service Awards will be presented to one AmeriCorps and one Senior Corps member in each of the five regions. One award will be given to a for-profit business in each of the five service regions.

Within each category, applications will be given special priority based on the areas: economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, disaster preparedness/response, health, and veterans and military families.

Nominations are due by Jan. 30th. Visit www.serve.illinois.gov for the nomination forms and more information. Recipients will be selected and notified by March 30th. The Serve Illinois Commission will host a ceremony to honor recipients on April 20th, at the Executive Mansion in Springfield.

Nominations For Red Cross Heroes

The American Red Cross is accepting nominations to honor community members who have demonstrated heroism through extraordinary acts of courage or kindness on or after Jan. 1st, 2014. To nominate a hero, call (312) 729-6388 by Jan. 30th.

Honorees will receive a Red Cross medal of honor during the 13th annual event Tuesday, April 21st at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water.

The nomination categories include: Adult Good Samaritan, Blood Services, Citizenship, Community Impact, Disaster Relief, Emergency Medical Assistance, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Military, Nurse and Youth Good Samaritan.

Application For Health Coverage

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer provides free application assistance for Medicaid, Ride Free and License Plate Discount and Get Covered Illinois on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. through Feb. 9th. Appointments are required at (312) 743-0493.

Grammy Camp At DePaul U.

34 female high school students received free, expert training in Songwriting, Electronic Music Production or Audio Engineering during the Best Buy Grammy Camp at DePaul University Loop Campus on Dec. 13th.

Approximately 50 other applicants were chosen from high schools citywide, as well as after school programs, such as those offered by the Best Buy Teen Tech Center at Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy and other Chicago City of Learning partner organizations like YOUmedia, Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, GlobalGirl Media, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and After School Matters.

Participants earned a digital badge, which shows the skills they achieved and is stored at ChicagoCityofLearning.org in portfolios that can be shared with teachers or prospective employers.

The participants of this camp will have the chance to apply for a full scholarship to the summer residential Grammy Camp Program. Anyone interested in an immersive music industry summer experience is encouraged to apply to www.grammyintheschools.com before March 31st. For more information, call (312) 822-0505.

Teen Programs At Library Ctr.

The Chicago Public Library will challenge teens with interesting programs at the YOUmedia Center of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

Fuse for Teen Techs will be offered on Monday, Jan. 26th at 4 p.m. Participants will explore hands-on challenges in technology and design. Try to complete challenges in operating solar panel cars, basics to Arduino programming, 3D design, 3D printing, and Android app development.

Rock U For Teens will be held on Wednesdays, through Jan. 28th at 4 p.m. Participants who want to play in a band but can't play an instrument will utilize an iPad to automate technical knowledge.

Reservations are recommended at (312) 603-1927 or (312) 603-3587 by Jan. 28th.

WBDC Schedules Free Webinar

The Women's Business Development Centre will conduct a free webinar titled, "Mentoring: Learning Appropriate Expectations" on Tuesday, Jan. 27th from noon to 1 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 853-3477.

Picnic Permits Now Available

The Cook County Forest Preserve has begun selling picnic permits. Online sale is available at fpdcc.com/permits.

In person sale will be conducted at 536 N. Harlem, River Forest. Basic permits cost \$47 to \$115.

Stair Climb For Lung Association

The American Lung Association in Greater Chicago will sponsor its Fight For Air Stair Climb at the Presidential Towers on Sunday, March 8th.

For more information, visit www.fightforairclimb.org.

Free Course For GED and ESL

National Latino Education Institute has open enrollment for free GED and English as a Second Language courses.

The GED course has morning and afternoon start times and the ESL course is offered at four locations on the South Side. Information sessions are conducted three times a week. To register, call (773) 247-0707.

Cultural Center Schedules Exhibits

This fall and winter, the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, will host new free exhibitions, showcasing several Chicago-based artists—including internationally renowned sculptor Richard Hunt—and one artist currently working and living in Berlin. Exhibitions at Expo 72 (72 E. Randolph Street) and City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower (806 N. Michigan Avenue) will include a celebration of the Chicago International Film Festival's 50th Anniversary and the first in an occasional series of Social Practice exhibitions and programming.

Chicago Cultural Center Exhibitions: A six-decade survey devoted to the work of celebrated Chicago sculptor Richard Hunt will be on display through March 8, 2015 in Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor North, at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Hunt is one of the country's most prolific artists, with over 100 commissioned works installed in public buildings, parks, university campuses and urban plazas.

This survey will be drawn largely from the artist's own collection and will include sculptures dating from the mid-1950s, when he was a student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, to the present and will feature studies for major commissions on which he is presently at work. The exhibition will focus on the variety of Hunt's approaches to his work and his working methods, and examine the essential qualities of lyricism, movement and physicality in his oeuvre.

All exhibitions at the Chicago Cultural Center are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday - Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (1st Floor galleries open at 9 a.m. Monday - Saturdays); closed holidays. Admission is FREE. For more information, visit chicagoculturalcenter.org; like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @ChiCulturCenter.

Expo 72 (72 E. Randolph Street) will host Rolled, Stoned & Inked: 25 Years of the Chicago Printmakers Collabora-

tive, through Feb. 28th. All sorts of inksters have pulled etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, monotypes and screen prints at the CPC, Chicago's longest-running independent print shop.

The exhibition will include prints by Carlos Cortez, Tony Fitzpatrick, David Driesbach, Michael Goro and John Himmel-farb, among others. Live printmaking demonstrations will occur in the gallery on a weekly basis (schedule TBD). For more information about the Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, visit chicagoprintmakers.com.

All exhibitions at Expo 72 are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; closed holidays. Admission is FREE. For information, visit cityofchicago.org/dcse, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @ChicagoDCASE.

The City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower, 806 N. Michigan Avenue, will host an exhibit which restores vitality to marginalized areas, partnering with residents and exploring the resilient power of plants and natural systems within the urban environment are among their mutual concerns. The exhibition includes a functioning aquaponics system and a demonstration mushroom bioremediation habitat.

All exhibitions at City Gallery are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). Gallery hours are Daily, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is FREE. For information, visit cityofchicago.org/dcse, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @ChicagoDCASE.

Credit Workshop At Library Ctr.

The Chicago Bar Association will conduct a program on Cleaning Up Your Credit at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Monday, Jan. 26th at 12:15 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow.

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