



Autism Is Often Under-Diagnosed



By Dr. R. Pletsch

little communication skills. While others are like "The Good Doctor" on a TV series, but most are between these two extremes.

Autism is characterized by communications and social difficulties or deficits. They can display repetitive behaviors, or have fear of loud noises or bright situations. The authors state that professionals believe early diagnosis is crucial and suggest screening as early as 18 months. Because of recent research, it is easier for professionals to determine. There seems to be a stigma that being a developmental disorder, it means my child is "crazy". Therefore, like some other problems, people try to ignore them. But this will not make it better or disappear.

If you think there is a problem, seek help. I suggest Autism Speaks, an organization that helps families and supports research. They will have their annual Walk for Autism at Soldier Field on May 30th. They have dozens of booths sponsored by organizations that can give you an idea of what can be done or if anything needs to be done.

Teachers can be a great help because, unlike Mom and Dad, they see many children daily and some for years and can be a good introduction to the help available through the school. Many people that do their research find wide range from severe to moderate and often find they are worried about nothing.

A study conducted by Rutgers University recently released a study in the journal Autism Research that concluded that one fourth of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder go undiagnosed. Personally knowing the prevalence of Autism, I looked into the research. The study analyzed records of 266,000 8-year olds and found 4,550 met the diagnostic criteria for Autism and that 1,135 had not been diagnosed. The Center for Disease Control in 2018 stated 1 in 59 children were estimated to be on the spectrum.

The findings suggest Black and Latino students have a higher rate of not being diagnosed. This can be partially explained by a lack of knowing the signs. All Autistic children do not have the same indicators. Some are severe and have

IHS Hockey League Skater of Month



M. ZANIN

De La Salle student-athlete Michael Zanin '23 was chosen the

Illinois High School Hockey League's Junior Varsity Division One Skater of the Month for December 2019.

The Chicago South Meteors finished the regular season with an overall record of 19-13 and took first in the Big Bear Tournament in Darien, IL.

"As a freshman, Michael is our leading scorer and first-line center," head coach Nick Holmes said. "He does not take penalties and is a class player."

Michael is enrolled in the Honors Program and is ranked in the top eight percent of the Class of 2023.

Catholic Scouting Awards Presentation At Holy Name Cathedral



The Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Committee on Scouting held their annual Religious Awards Presentation at Holy Name Cathedral on Jan 26th. Units, youth and adults can earn awards, such as the National Catholic Unit Excellence Pope Paul VI, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII and St. George. The Iroquois Trails District P.T.A.C. was represented by members of Troops 1439 and 810 with the Rev. Peter Wojcik, Director of Parish Vitality and Missions as Officiant. Any boys ages 6 to 17 who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information. Pictured in front row are Richard Mecardo (Pope Pius XII) T1439, Max Gonzalez (Ad Altare Dei) T810, Jan Niznik (Ad Altare Dei) T810, Rev. Peter Wojcik, Christen Webb (Pope Pius XII) T1439 and Jacob Gonzalez (Ad Altare Dei) T810. Middle row : Karen Mercardo (Committee Member) T1439, Sharon Cisneros (Religious Counselor) T1439, Nathaniel Rios (Ad Altare Dei) T810 and Roy Gonzalez (Committee Chairman) T810. Back row: Al Mercardo (Asst Scout Master) T1439, Joseph Mercado (O / A Ehalluchit Chapter Chief) T1439, Dan Brady (Committee Member) T1439 and Ed Melkonian (Religious Counselor) T1441.

MPCA Essay Contest Winners



State Senator Tony Munoz and the McKinley Park Civic Association sponsored an area-wide Essay contest, titled My Hero is. The winners from Evergreen Academy Middle School were presented tickets to the Awards Banquet on March 8th. Pictured are Assistant Principal Deb Polak, R. Morena, G. Rios, and Dr Pletsch of the MPCA.



Pictured from Greene School are Senator Tony Munoz, L. Cruz, Z. Martinez, Principal Shelley Lugo-Cordova and Assistant Principal Myrna Villafuerte. Not pictured is G. Torres.

High Grades For De La Salle Athletes

De La Salle Institute announces that of all the varsity sports it had been competing in the fall season, a perfect 9-of-9 received the Illinois High School Association Team All-Academic award for maintaining a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

Lauded were boys and girls cross country (head coach Eric Crosby); boys and girls golf (head coaches Vince Correa and Fred Muehleman); football (head coach Mike Boehm '92); boys soccer (head coach Francisco Martinez '98); girls swimming (head coach Roberto Rodriguez '15); girls tennis (head coach Amanda Biman) and girls volleyball (head coach Anna Marassa).

Since the 2004-05 school year, 134 De La Salle teams have been honored for academic excellence.

Family Programs At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct Toddler Time which features early literacy tips, books, fingerplay, rhymes, flannel board, stories and songs on Thursdays, Feb. 13th & 20th from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Discovery Play is open, unstructured playtime for young children and their caregivers on Thursdays, through Feb. 20th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Kids Art Cart has supplies like colored pencils, pipe cleaners and yarn for children to create their own projects on Saturdays, Feb. 22nd from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The second Monday of the month writer's group will provide feedback on various styles on Feb.

13th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Writers should bring 3-4 pages of their work for consideration.

Adults and teens may enjoy a Bubble Painting workshop on Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 2 to 3 p.m.

Family film screenings will be available on Saturdays, Feb. 15th at 2 p.m.

Adult book clubs for Polish will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with English on the 4th Wednesday.

A special story time for ages 0-6 will be held on Mondays, Feb. 24th and March 30th from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Children may attend in pajamas and enjoy music and movement.

Homework assistance is provided on Mondays and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

Applications For U.S. Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring. Recruiters will be at several Chicago Public Library locations taking applications for various census jobs which provide: \$29.50 per hour enumerator pay rate, flexible hours, weekly pay, and paid training.

Job seekers may apply locally at Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer on Monday, Feb. 24th and Wednesday, Feb. 26th from 1 to 6 p.m.; Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer and Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 4 to 6 p.m.; Chicago Lawn Branch Library, 6120 S. Kedzie on Sunday, Feb. 16th from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State, will accept applications on Sunday, Feb. 16th, to 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday: Feb. 24th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays: Feb. 18th, 25th, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday: Feb. 19th, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursdays: Feb. 20th, 27th, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Fridays, Feb. 14th, 21st, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dean's List At Trinity Christian

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College of Palos Heights, released the Dean's List for Fall 2019. Undergraduate students who attend full-time and earned a 3.5 grade-point average are recognized. Local scholars are: Nathan Alonso, Cassie Cline, Alexandra Lopez, and Laila Rodriguez.

Dean's List At Connecticut

Connecticut College announces students named to the dean's list for the 2019 fall semester. Local scholars are Marissa Domantay, 2020, Dean's High Honors, Art; Hannah Gonzalez, 2023, Dean's Honors, Undeclared; Stephanie Lopez, 2021, Dean's Honors, Behavioral Neuroscience and Kiara Rivera, 2021, Dean's Honors, Theater.

Court Of Honor For Eagle Scout



A. BISCHOFF

Adam managed 22 volunteers to paint 64 fire hydrants from the Village of Elmwood Park. He was inducted into the Order of Arrow on Sept. 10th, 2016; into Brotherhood on June 4th, 2017; and continues to be a Dan Chief for Cub Scout Pack 67 out of Rivert Forest. Adam has earned 48 BSA merit badges on the trail to Eagle, as well as the Ad Altare Del Religious Award on January 27th, 2019.

His parents Jeanine & Scott Bischoff, and sister Riley are past residents of Archer Heights.

Circuit Court Schedules Tour

The Circuit Court of Cook County will celebrate Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 11th, with a tour of the Richard J. Daley Center courthouse, 50 W. Washington st. at 10 a.m. Highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a panel of women judges and the opportunity to meet a representative of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

Participants will receive a copy of the court's guide which offers information about how the court is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of services.

Reservations are recommended at (312) 603-1927 by Friday, March 6th. The tour is aimed at persons age ten and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group.

For more information about other tours and general information, visit www.cookcountycourt.org.

Coronado Honored

Bryon Coronado was named to the Deans' List at Drake University of des Moines, Iowa.

Honorees must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2019 semester.

Dean's List At Lewis University

Just under 1,500 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2019 Fall Semester.

Honorees must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

Local scholars and their major are Matthew P. Carroll, Secondary Education and Mathematics; Tyler J. Cichy, Aviation Flight Management; Samantha Kos, Psychology and Biology; Joshua J. Kostecka, English; Konrad Kozina, Criminal Justice; Ashley A. Lopez, Accounting; Andrea J. Martinez, Biology; Jessica Martinez, Combined Special Education and Elementary Education; Melissa Martinez, Accounting; Leonardo Matera, Forensic Criminal Investigation; Cameron Mendiola, Aviation Maintenance Management; Rabah Merzoug, Air Traffic Control Management; Blanca Orozco, Criminal Justice; Megan C. Pirelli; Leah Siwinski, Psychology; Alyssa J. Streeter, Exercise and Movement Science; Kaitlyn M. Szymkiewicz, Early Childhood Special Education; Robert M. Thomsen, Radio/TV Broadcasting and Lisa M. Williams, Elementary Education

Literacy Center Needs Tutors

The Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st, needs volunteer tutors to help adult immigrants learn English during 90 minutes per week. All tutoring is in English. Opportunities are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The next tutoring workshop will be conducted Friday, March 13th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 14th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance on both days is required. For more information or to register, contact sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org (773) 927-0512.

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Special Events At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st., has scheduled family programs and events.

Café Brauer will feature Valentine's Day Dinner on Friday, Feb. 14th at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Adults will enjoy live music, unlimited drinks, candle light seating, and dinner buffet. The cost is \$70.

School Holiday Camp for grades Pre-K to 4 will be held on Monday, Feb. 17th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers will learn there are all sorts of ways animals find their mates, from deer who find their partners by showing off their antlers to male birds of paradise who perform elaborate dances to win over females. Each camp group will explore the zoo and participate in a variety of activities. The cost is \$70.

Café Brauer will present a Murder Mystery Dinner: Best Laid Plans on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20th and 21st from 7 to 10 p.m. The interactive, 1930s theme party features a live-action, Clue-style game! In addition to enjoying libations and a three-course dinner, guests will play a murder suspect or detective and answer questions as they attempt to interrogate one another. Experienced actors will assist guests in cracking

the case while costumes, accessories, and physical evidence bring the stories to life. Dress your best in evening wear. Costumes are optional, but encouraged. The cost is \$65.

A vegetarian friendly breakfast in the Small Mammals & Reptiles House will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29th from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost for ages 12 and older is \$50. Vegetarian friendly Breakfast with the Animals: Great Apes will be held on Sunday, March 22nd from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn about these remarkable primates and enjoy exclusive access to Regenstein Center during this one-of-a-kind breakfast. The cost for ages 12 & older is \$50.

Spring Break Camp from April 1st - 3rd or 6th - 10th offers exploration opportunities for animal and nature lovers in grades PreK-4th grade. Each camp day is independent and has a different theme so campers can attend one, two, or up to five days. Half-day programs are available.

Full-day programs are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; half-day option is 9-11:30 a.m. or 12:30 - 3 p.m. Full day programs are \$70 per day; half-day programs are \$35 day and after care is \$20 per day.

For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

Girls JV Basketball GCAC Champs



The girls junior-varsity basketball team won the 2020 Girls Catholic Athletic Conference White Division championship on Feb. 6th, defeating Trinity 36-28 at St. Ignatius. The Meteor JV team concluded its season with an overall record of 19-8. Pictured in front row are Jadyn Miles, Heaven Cusic and Sofia Mullen. Back row: Head JV coach Angel Brooks '10, Jordan Rhodes, Niaja William, Alexis Shetty, Sera Gonzalez, Jhordan Jinter and Assistant Coach Brian Bialczak '94

Family Programs At Brighton Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, will conduct First Thursday Story Time for ages 0-3 and their caregivers which will feature stories, songs and fun activities on Thursday, March 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Little Learner Story Time for ages 0-3 and caregivers is offered on Fridays, through March 13th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Coloring Classes will relive childhood joy on Mondays, Feb. 24th; March 9th -30th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Designs and materials will be provided.

Chess for Everyone will be offered on Tuesdays, through Feb. 25th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Instruction will be available.

Family Story Time is a program of books, stories, poems, songs and simple craft activities for families with children of all ages on Tuesdays, through Feb. 25th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Toddler Time is an early literacy program for children ages birth to 5 with storytelling, picture books, music and a craft on Wednesdays, Feb. 19th and 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cooking Club will explain techniques and ingredients on Thursday, Feb. 13th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, Aug. 13th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 8th and Nov. 12th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12 will learn how to program and control the Ozobot, a tiny robot using only paper and markers on Thursday, Feb. 20th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

A Rules of the Road Review Course for adults and seniors will be conducted on Monday, Feb. 24th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The course combines an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam.

Ages 5 to 12 will participate in arts and crafts on Thursday, Feb. 27th

from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

A Spy School: Investigating the Science of Espionage" for ages 7 to 12 will be conducted on Thursdays, March 5th through April 2nd from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

The Adult Book Club will discuss "Every Note Played" by Lisa Genova on Friday, Feb. 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Film screenings of popular and classic movies are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14th at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22nd at 2 p.m.

Obituaries



FELIPE CARDEÑAS, son of Maria Olga (nee Gutierrez) and Felipe Cardenas; brother of Maria Olga Cardenas, MD., Yolanda Cardenas, MD. and Gerardo Cardenas; grandson of the late Jose Refugio (late Margarita) Gutierrez and the late Herberto (late Enriqueta) Cardenas. Visitation was held Feb. 11th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 5088 S. Archer. Funeral services were held Feb. 12th at St. Richard Church. Inurnment was at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

STEAM Club Showcase At Evergreen Middle



Evergreen Academy Middle School recently held a STEAM Club Showcase of LEGO robotics, 3-D models, Photography, Music technology, Gardening, Rock painting, Bridge Building, Lady Tigers, Gentry, Digital Chinese art, yearbook, sticks and stones, understanding comics, art of voice over, chess, meditation, innovation lab, friendship bracelets, drama and title IV girls sports. The students that attended with a parent were able to sign up for the next semester club period. Pictured are B. Alexis and M. Alvilkar who explained 3-D models.

Public Hearing On MAT Asphalt Permit

MAT Asphalt, LLC has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a federally enforceable state operating permit regulating the air emissions from its hot mix asphalt plant at 2055 W. Pershing rd. The EPA has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that it meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.

A public hearing will be held Monday, March 23rd, 6:30 p.m. at the Horizon Science Academy, 2245 W. Pershing rd. Comments and questions from the public will be accepted prior to a final decision. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures the Permit and Closure Plans", 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by March 9th. Email comments originating on third party systems or servers - intended for submission of multiple emails of the same or nearly the same content will not be accepted without prior approval. Any questions about hearing procedures

or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Brad Frost, Re. MAT Asphalt, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276. (217) 782-7027, TDD: (866) 273-5488, epa.publichearing.com@illinois.gov.

For more information or requests about the draft permit, contact Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA at (217) 782-7027 or (217) 782-9143 TDD or brad.frost@illinois.gov.

Written comments must be received no later than midnight April 22nd at epa.publichearing.com@illinois.gov or Illinois EPA, Attn: Brad Frost, Re: MAT Asphalt, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box, 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.

A repository of documents for these permitting actions is available the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st.

St. Joseph Table At St. Bruno



REV. A. BURY, PASTOR

St. Bruno Parish will conduct a St. Joseph Table, an array of Polish, Italian and Mexican cuisine in the Parish Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Sunday, March 15th. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 4 p.m.

"We are constantly pulled in many directions, making family meals sometimes difficult," said Pastor Rev. Antoni Bury. "The St. Joseph Table is an opportunity to have a

special meal with your extended family and friends and continue building our important community. St. Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, provided well for Jesus and Mary and ensured their safety and well-being and is honored as the Patron Saint of Families."

Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children ages 7-12. Children under the age of 6 are free. There will be a cash bar and entertainment. Dinner tickets can be purchased after Mass from the ushers, at the rectory or school.

A raffle will feature more than \$2,500 in cash prizes. Tickets are \$7 ea. off per ticket or 7 for \$45.

The drawing will take place during the dinner at 5:45 p.m. Winners do not need to be present. 1st prize is \$1,000; 2nd prize \$500; 3rd & 4th \$250 each and 5th thru 10th, \$100 each.

For more information, contact the rectory at (773) 523-3467.

Pennys To Attend Indiana Tech U.



Pictured are Nina Penny, Anna Marassa and Nyiah Penny.

De La Salle Institute announces that student-athletes Nyiah and Nina Penny have signed letters-of-intent to attend Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne, Indiana and become members of the women's volleyball program.

Nyiah, an outside hitter, earned berths on the All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Red Division Team as a junior and a senior. She led De La Salle in kills this season with 224.

Nina, a setter and right-side player, also was a key contributor in the 2019 season as the Meteors finished with an overall record of 31-7 and advanced to the IHSA Class 3A Hinsdale South Supersectional.

Both are enrolled in the Honors Program.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Parish Welcomes You
(Both Churches are Handicap-Accessible)

<p>Masses at St. Barbara Bridgeport — 2859 S. Throop Saturday, 5 PM, Rosary: Sunday, 5:30 AM 6 AM & 9:30 AM Sunday Masses</p> <p>Weekday Schedule (Chapel) Tue., Thurs., & Sat. 8 AM Mass</p>	<p>Mass Schedule at St. Therese Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander Sunday Masses 8AM & 10:30AM</p> <p>Foreign Language Masses Cantonese - 1st Sunday 10:30AM Mandarin - 2nd Saturday 4PM Also 4th Sunday 12:30PM</p> <p>Weekday Schedule Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8 AM Mass</p>
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Wine & Whiskey Fest At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo will host its Winter Wine and Whiskey Fest on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, from 4 to 8 p.m. The 21-and-over-only event will feature more than 30 seasonal wines and whiskeys accompanied by complimentary small bites.

Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of products from Asbach Brandy, Broken Barrel, Casali Rum, Donegal Estates Irish Whiskey, Gilka Kaiser-Kummel Liqueur, Imported Spirits, Infuse Spirits, Jackson Morgan Southern Cream, Jeff Runquist Wines, Knockmore Irish Whiskey, Manner Neopolitan Cream, Quinta Nova, Quintessential Wines, Rogue Spirits, Scotto Cellars, SR262, Turn Me Wines, and Wein Bauer.

will be provided by the local band Spoken Four. Additionally, there will be opportunities throughout the evening for up-close experiences with several of the zoo's animal ambassadors.

Two ticket options are available, both include zoo admission and parking on Feb. 22nd (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) – so attendees can plan to arrive earlier to enjoy seeing all the animals before the fest begins.

General admission ticket of \$95 includes samplings from more than 30 wines and whiskeys, small bites, and a commemorative glass. Designated driver ticket of \$45 includes unlimited soft drinks and small bites.

Tickets are available at CZS.org/WinterWineandWhiskey.

McKinley Pk. Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will feature Nightfall Story Time with the Mad Hatters for ages 0-5 and caregivers to enjoy stories, songs and a craft on Mondays, Feb. 24th; March 9th to April 20th from 6 to 7 p.m. Pajamas are welcome.

First Thursday Story Time for ages 0-3 and caregivers will feature stories, songs and fun activities on March 5th and April 2nd from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Little Learners Story Time for ages 0-3 and caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and rhymes on Fridays, through April 3rd from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Play time will follow.

Kids 4 and up will build Lego creations based on different challenges or play freely with the bricks and their own ideas on Tuesdays, Feb. 18th; March 17th, 31st and April 14th and 28th from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Exploratorium with Robominds Robotics Team on Wednesdays,

Feb. 26th, March 25th and April 22nd from 4 to 5 p.m. Kids 6 and up will explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) concepts through challenges and experiments.

Horizon Science Academy's student robotics team, Robominds, will present their robot and an interactive Lego activity.

Creation Station for ages 3 and up will be provided materials on Thursdays, Feb. 20th, March 19th and April 16th from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

A Maker Lab for ages 10 and up will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn about electricity, conductivity, circuits and create light-up art.

Family Night for kids, pre-schoolers and toddlers on Thursdays, March 5th and April 2nd from 6 to 6:45 p.m. will feature games, crafts and building challenges.

For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

MWRD Commissioner Addresses Sertoma Club



Metropolitan Reclamation Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos (center) was guest speaker for the Hickory Hills Sertoma International Club on Feb. 4th. She explained that the award-winning special purpose government agency is responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management. Its mission is to protect the health and safety of the public, the quality of the water supply source (Lake Michigan) and protect businesses and homes from flood damages. Also shown are Sertoma vice president Matt Brik and president Gary Dingalls. Mr. Brik was a former MWRD dispatcher for 29 years.

Free Admission To Museums

Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan, offers free admission for Illinois residents Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Chicago residents under age 18 are always free.

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook rd., Glencoe, free admission.

Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st., Illinois residents receive free admission Tuesdays from 12:30 to 9 p.m. Illinois residents under 18 are always free.

Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 218 W. 26th st., free admission. Active military and children under 13 are always free.

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st., always free.

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago ave., Illinois residents receive free admission every

Tuesday. The Oriental Institute Museum, 1155 E. 58th st., free admission, but a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children is suggested.

The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore drive is offering free Museum Entry to Illinois residents on Feb. 13th, 18th-20th and 24th-27th. In addition to convenient, indoor parking garage, the Museum offers 14-acres of hands-on science exhibits and experiences that ignite curiosity in guests of all ages.

Illinois residents with a valid ID will receive free admission to the Shedd Aquarium on Feb. 13th-14th, 17th-21st, 24th-28th and June 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd. Illinois Resident Free Days include access to all animals and permanent exhibits, the aquatic presentation (subject to availability) and seasonal Stingray Touch. A \$3 per order transaction fee applies to Illinois Free Day tickets reserved online.

On Free Days, residents get free access to the entire aquarium, including all exhibits, chats, presentations and Stingray Touch (summer only). You can add the 4-D Experience to your visit for \$4.95 person.

Glessner House Offers Programs

Glessner House, 1800 S. Prairie ave., has scheduled engaging programs during February and March.

The Unsinkable Molly Brown will be featured on Saturday, Feb. 15th at 2:30 p.m. Actress Lynn Rymarz will portray Margaret Brown, the Denver socialite who survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 and gained fame by urging her lifeboat to turn around to save others from the freezing water. The story was immortalized in a 1960 Broadway musical and 1964 film adaptation. Tickets are \$25.

On Tuesday, March 10th at 7 p.m., curator William Tyre will present "A Servant's Life," staff who worked at Glessner House and other Prairie Avenue mansions. Learn about the lives and responsibilities of staff who managed daily tasks to planning large parties. The cost is \$15.

Dinner with Mattie Williamson will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12th followed by dessert and presentation at 8 p.m. Ellie of Ellie Presents will prepare short-breads using historic cooking methods. The cost is \$25.

The screening of "Gosford Park" will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Julian Fellowes won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for the 2001 movie which depicts a weekend shooting at a British country house set in 1932. A brief documentary, "The Authenticity of

Gosford Park" will follow. The cost is \$15 with free popcorn and soda.

The grand opening of the restored bedroom of Frances Glessner Lee is set for Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. Bruce Goldfarb, author of "18 Tiny Deaths: The Untold Story of Frances Glessner Lee and the Invention of Modern Forensics" will attend. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Admission is \$20.

For more information, call (312) 326-1480.

Mayor Announces Major TIF Reforms

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced sweeping reforms to the City's tax increment financing approval and oversight process. These reforms, which affect how spending occurs within existing districts, will increase transparency for future allocations while establishing new guidelines for spending, internal review and approval processes, and public disclosures.

The state-regulated economic development tool allows municipalities to allocate property tax growth within designated districts toward local needs involving economic development, public infrastructure, schools, affordable housing, and other uses.

For more information, visit Chicago.gov/TIF.

Coffee & Conversation With State Rep.



T. MAH

State Representative Theresa Mah is conducting a coffee house tour of the 2nd District on Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. Residents are invited to converse with her at Intersect Coffee, 1727 W. 18th st. on Feb. 14th; Butterdough, 3452 S. Western on Feb. 21st; Cafe Jumping Bean, 1439 W. 18th st. on Feb. 28th; Chiu Quon Bakery, 2253

Free Programs On Finances

The Resurrection Project, 1818 S. Paulina offers free financial wellness programs and individual counseling.

To learn more, sign up for a workshop, or to schedule a session, call (312) 880-1137 or email resurrectionproject.org.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, Feb. 15th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001.

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.

CAPS 815 & 821 Plans Meeting

8th District CAPS Beats 815 and 821 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, March 4th at 7 p.m.

815 is bounded by I-55, Pulaski, Cicero and 55th st. 821 is bounded by I-55, Pershing, Kedzie, 51st st. and Pulaski.

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

NLEI Offers Job Training

The National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W. Pershing rd. has a wide range of job training classes which will be starting soon.

Offerings include the Energia Project, Bilingual Medical Assistant and Medical Office Specialist.

For more information, call (773) 247-0707, ext. 200 or email education@nlei.org.

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