

State Scholars At Lourdes Hall



De La Salle Institute announces that four students from the Lourdes Hall Campus for Young Women have been honored as Illinois State Scholars for the 2013-14 school year: Elena Vera, Samantha Tobias, Monica Goga and Angelica Parrilli. Parrilli (Clearing) ranks No. 1 in the 107-member Class of 2014 at the Lourdes Hall Campus with a 4.825 grade-point average. Tobias (Bridgeport) is No. 2 with a 4.780 GPA. Vera (Garfield Ridge) is No. 4 with a 4.725 GPA and Goga (Canaryville) is No. 5 with a 4.683 GPA. Since 2001, De La Salle has had 186 students honored as Illinois State Scholars.

Circuit Court Schedules Tours

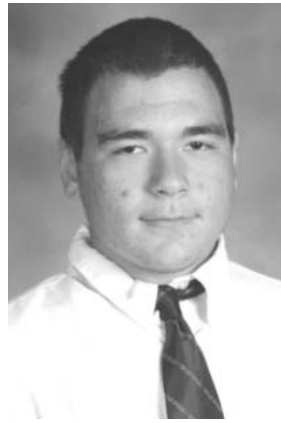
The Circuit Court of Cook County will celebrate Women's History Month with tours of the Richard J. Daley Center Courthouse, 50 W. Washington st. on Thursday, March 27th at 10 a.m.

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 with representatives of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, co-sponsors of the tour.

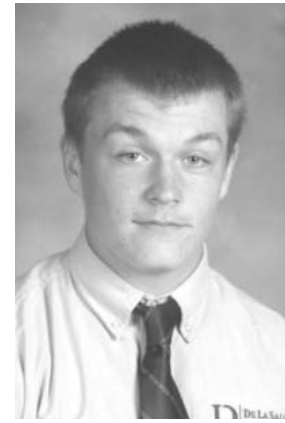
Tour participants will receive a guide which offers helpful information.

Reservations are recommended with Milissa Pacelli of the Public Affairs Office at (312) 603-1927 by Monday, March 24th. The tours are aimed at persons age ten and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group.

State Scholars At DeLaSalle Institute



G. LAPINSKI



J. VAN DYKE



A. SIEGEL



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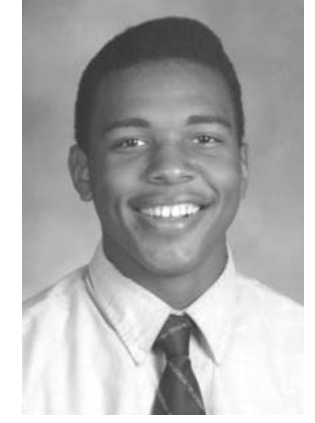
A. BAHENA



S. SPENCE



M. MANGAN



A. PIERCE

De La Salle Institute announces that eight students from its Institute Campus for Young Men have been chosen Illinois State Scholars for the 2013-14 school year. Honored for their academic excellence were Andrew Bahena (Pilsen); Grant Lapinski (Archer Heights); Michael Mangan (Canaryville); Anthony Pierce (Greater Grand Crossing); Jeremy Siegel (South Loop); Shelby Spence (South Loop); Eric Tremore (Canaryville) and Jeffery Van Dyke (Clearing).

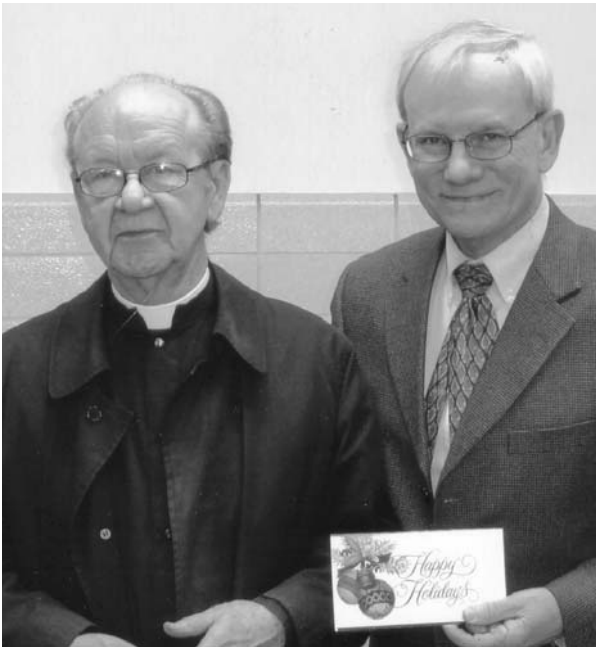
Lapinski ranks No. 1 in the 147-member Class of 2014 with a 4.951

grade-point average. 4.825 GPA); VanDyke (No. 2, 4.900 GPA); Siegel (No. 3, 4.875 GPA); Tremore (No. 4,

4.825 GPA); Bahena (No. 6, 4.650 GPA); Spence (No. 9, 4.638 GPA); Mangan (No. 11, 4.619 GPA) and Pierce (No. 15,

4.409 GPA). Since 2001, De La Salle has had 194 students honored as Illinois State Scholars.

NHS Benefits Five Holy Martyrs



Jerry Skowronski (right) president of the Holy Name of Jesus Society presented a check for \$2,000, their annual gift to Five Holy Martyrs Church on March 9th. Making the acceptance was Pastor, Father Wojciech Baryski.

Cruz Attains Eagle Scout Rank



A.M. CRUZ

Alexander Cruz, a member of St. Bruno Boy Scout Troop 42 received the National Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Rank on August 16th, 2013 and had his recognition ceremony on March 8th, 2014. The 15 year old son of Wilfredo & Laura (DiazDeLeon) Cruz of Archer Heights, he is the grandson of Henry & late Mary DiazDeLeon of Brighton Park and late Domingo & Carmen Cruz of Bucktown.

This is the first Eagle Scout rank for Troop 42 which is headed by Scoutmaster Robert Alanis.

Alexander started Scouting at the age of 6 with St. Turibius Pack 3406. While advancing from Tiger Scout to Webelos, he earned 18 beads, 23 belt loops, 16 pins, the Parvuli Dei religious award and the highest award, the Arrow of Light. At the age of 10, after the Blue and Gold ceremony, he joined Boy Scout Troop 406 at St. Turibius Parish.

During 2008-2010, he earned 14 merit badges, the ranks of Scout and Tenderfoot and served as Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader.

Alex transferred to St. Bruno School and Parish Troop 42 at the age of 12. During the years 2010 to present, he earned 18 additional merit badges, earned the ranks of Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle Scout. While serving as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

In July of 2012, Alexander acted as a Crew Leader for the troop through a life changing summer trek navigating

Speed Cameras Near Curie High

Speeding tickets are being issued from Automated Speed Enforcement cameras in the Children Safety Zones near Curie High Schools at 4929 and 5030 S. Pulaski Road and 4965 S. Archer.

Fines for violations are \$35 for vehicles traveling 6 to 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit while in a safety zone and \$100 for vehicles traveling 11 or more miles over the posted speed limit.

The enforcement hours will be limited from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in safety zones around schools on school days (Monday through Friday); 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 20 mph speed limit when children are present; 30 mph speed limit when no children are present 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The enforcement hours around parks will be limited to only those hours parks are open (typically 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., 7 days a week) with a 30 mph speed limit.

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PNA South Srs. Plan Meeting

Paul C. Odobina, vice president of the Polish National Alliance announces that the South Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer.

All seniors ages 55 and over (PNA members and non-members) are encouraged to attend for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is ample parking available in the lot of the Mayfield.

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

Auto Classes For Seniors

The Chicago Park District will conduct automotive classes for seniors citizens age 60 and older at West Lawn Park Auto Garage, 4232 W. 66th st. on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., beginning April 4th. Registration fee is \$15.

Registered seniors may bring in their cars for a check up for the brakes, charging system, cooling system, air-conditioning, heater, tires, belts and computer system.

For further information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803, weekdays after 1 p.m.

Story Week Festival At Library Center

During March, the Chicago Public Library will host several notable authors for fascinating discussions as part of its monthly Authors at the Library series. The conversations will continue with several Columbia College Chicago Story Week Festival of Writers events as well. All programs, unless otherwise noted, take place at the Harold Washington

Library Center, 400 S. State st.

On Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m., Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Ira Berkow will discuss his recent book, Wrigley Field: An Oral and Narrative History of the Home of the Chicago Cubs. Coinciding with the 100th anniversary of Wrigley Field, the book documents the stadium's entire career through a decade-by-decade account including historical photographs, memorabilia and first-person reminiscences.

On Thursday, March 27th at 12:15 p.m., author Donna Skeels Cygan, CFP®, MBA, will discuss her book The Joy of Financial Security, covering topics such as increasing your net worth, wise investment strategies, minimizing taxes, preparing for retirement.

On Thursday, March 27th at 6 p.m., the program features discussions by Ruben Martinez, author of The New Americans: Seven Families Journey to Another Country, and Chris Abani, author of Grace-land, The Virgin of Flames and The Secret History of Las Vegas.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct a general meeting in the auditorium of the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Realtor John Kmiecik will discuss the areas current housing market. Refreshments will be served. New neighborhood residents are invited to attend.

Easter Events At Area Parks

The Chicago Park District will sponsor a Flashlight Egg Hunt at Donovan Park, 3620 S. Lituanica on Friday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 and at 8:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 8. Admission is \$3; adults must accompany children and bring a flashlight and basket.

Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st., will conduct lunch with the Bunny on Thursday, April 17th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$12 for children (activities and lunch) and \$7 for adults (lunch only). For reservations, call (773) 229-1032.

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, will conduct a free Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th for toddlers from 10 to 11 a.m. and for ages 6 to 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Debate Honors For Kelly High



The Kelly High School Debate team were crowned conference champions after defeating over 30 teams from 14 other schools on Feb. 21st and 22nd at Lindblom Academy. The tournament ended with Kelly teams placing in both the first and second place positions. The partnership of Kimberly Hernandez and Isabel Temosihue claimed the championship trophy, while the team of Taylor Sheehan and Juan Chavez finished with a finalist trophy. Based on the conference championship results, both partnerships listed above received invitations to compete in the prestigious McDermott, Will, and Emery Urban Debate Invitational, March 21st - 22nd. In addition, the Kelly Debate Team qualified nine partnerships to compete for the City Championship Title against 70 other Chicago Public Schools at Northwestern University on March 28th and 29th. Pictured are Kimberly Hernandez, Isabel Temosihue, Taylor Sheehan and Juan Chavez.

MPCA Honors DeLaSalle Teacher

De La Salle Institute announces that longtime faculty member Linda Matonich has been selected by the McKinley Park Civic Association as one of its Educators of the Year.

A faculty member since 1991, she teaches Advanced Placement Studio Art, Advanced Art, Studio Art, Introduction to Art, Illustration and Public Speaking. Matonich also served as the Director of De La Salle's Theatre 100 program.



L. MATONICH

Braille Program At Lighthouse

The National Federation of the Blind will offer its Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning Program at The Chicago Lighthouse, 1850 W. Roosevelt road, June 16th to 27th on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday Times from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Participants will explore and learn new Braille and blindness skills. As a group, field trips will be taken twice a week to utilize and improve mobility skills. Apply at: <https://nfb.org/bell-program>.

Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will conduct a general meeting at the fieldhouse, 41st and California on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Election of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will be held.

Resource Fair For Veterans

A free Veterans Resource Fair will be held at Armour Square Park, 3309 S. Shields on Saturday, April 12th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Military veterans and their families will be connected with benefits such as disabilities, education, employment, family and children services, housing, legal and mental health services. A copy of the DD214 is required. For more information, call (312) 745-1958.

Civic Meeting At Vittum Park

The Vittum Park Civic League will conduct a general meeting at the Fieldhouse, 5010 W. 50th st. on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7 p.m.

A representative from the Southwest Home Equity Program will explain the new method of appraising homes which are for sale through them. All are welcome.

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Shields Students Of Month



Mrs. Susan Daly Rodriguez (background), principal of Shields Elementary School, announces Students of the Month for February. Pictured in front row are: Delila Gonzalez, 1st grade and Lizbeth Rodriguez, pre school. 2nd row: Isai Perez, kindergarten; Lia Castrejon, preschool and Kimberly Ramirez, kindergarten. 3rd row: Aaliyah Covarrubias, 3rd grade; Liliana Arteaga, 2nd grade; Yahaira Nevarez, 2nd grade and Diego Castelan, 1st grade. 4th row: Nicolas Lopez, 3rd grade; Jenni Hernandez, 4th grade; Marcela Nunez, 4th grade and Vanessa Martinez, 3rd grade.

B-K Baseball Seeks Volunteers

Brighton Kelly Baseball is looking for volunteers to participate as managers, coaches and umpires for the 2014

baseball season. For more information, contact Coach Rick Barrera at (773) 485-1077.

PNA Concert At Lane Tech

Teresa N. Abick, vice president of the Polish National Alliance announces that the Education Department will host the Annual Song and Dance Concert 2014 at Lane Tech High School Auditorium, 2501 W. Addison st. on Sunday, April 6th at 1 p.m.

Over 400 children and young adult students of Polish Dance groups will perform a variety of music and folk dances from various regions in Poland.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased from the Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero or call (773) 286-0500, ext. 312.

Auto Classes At West Lawn Park

West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th st., will offer Auto Repair Classes beginning the week of March 31st.

The schedule includes Automotive Technology and Systems on Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The activity is geared toward drivers who want to have a better understanding of what modern technology offers in cars. The fee is \$37.

Auto Repairs - Basics on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 - 9:45 p.m. Participants will learn the basic skills to perform routine maintenance on a car. A variety of topics are covered such as brakes, sparkplug replacement, and oil and filter change. This activity is for a person who has little or no auto mechanic skills. The fee is \$57.

Auto Repair - Fuel Injection & On-Board Computers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Designed for individuals who know something about cars and want to expand their knowledge. This activity focuses on fuel injection and on-board computers. The fee is \$57.

Automotive - Drivability Programs on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will gain in-depth knowledge about drivability problems in this course, what are typical problems, what causes them and how they are repaired. The fee is \$30.

Open Auto Shop on Tuesdays - Thursdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 7 to 9:45 p.m. This is a free activity for registered students.

Book Discussions At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, conducts an Adult Book Discussion Club on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The book selections include: March 26th - The Paris Wife by Paula McLain; April 23rd - Cod by Mark Kurlansky; May 28th - The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling and June 25th - Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Auto Classes At West Lawn Park

All students will have the opportunity to bring in their car. Seniors age 60 and over receive a 50% discount on all activities.

For more information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803 weekdays after 1 p.m.

Egg-Stravaganza At Soldier Field

More than 4,000 adults and children are expected at the 11th anniversary of the Spring Egg-Stravaganza, the largest free candy grab in Chicago, at Soldier Field Stadium, 1410 S. Museum Campus dr. on Saturday, April 12th. A ticketed breakfast will be held at the United Club from 8:30-10 a.m. The admission-free festival begins at 9 a.m. featuring the candy grab on the field at 10 a.m.

Children ages 10 years and younger are welcome to participate. The fun will be broadcast on the stadium's two super-sized 23' x 82' video screens for parents to cheer from the sidelines.

Before the candy grab, children will have the opportunity to have breakfast with the bunny and take photos at United Club from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Admission to the breakfast is \$19 for adults, \$13 for children under age 10, and free for children under age 3 with a paying adult. Reservations are required by Wednesday, April 9th by calling (312) 235-7063.

The South Courtyard will host a spring festival featuring large inflatable for all ages, face painters, a balloon artist, the Radio Disney Road Crew Show and much more from 9-11:30 a.m.

Guests are asked to park in the Waldron Garage at a discounted rate and to enter the stadium on the south end at Gate 0. For more information, call 312-235-7000.

Candy Fundraiser For Misericordia

Misericordia Heart of Mercy will conduct its Jelly Belly Candy Days on April 25th & 26th. A fundraising goal of \$14 million has been set for 2014 to cover the gap of caring for over 600 children and adults in addition to funds provided by the State.

Volunteers who wish to participate may contact Tessa at (773) 273-2768.

Walk+Run For Blood Cancers

Chicago will host its first Be The Match Walk+Run at Montrose Harbor on Saturday, April 12th. The fundraising event supports marrow transplant research, helps patients with uninsured treatment cost.

With a 5K, 1K and Tot Trot, the Walk+Run is perfect for the entire family and for people of all fitness levels. Visit BeTheMatchWalkRun.org to register, fundraise and volunteer.

CBA Law Programs At H-W Library

The Chicago Bar Association will present program on "Buying and Selling a Home" on Monday, March 24th at 12:15 p.m. in the Chicago Authors Room of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

A question and answer period will follow.

St. Bruno Kdg. Soccer Honors



The kindergarten soccer team from St. Bruno School took 2nd place in a tournament at St. Mary Star of the Sea on March 8th. Team members in front row are Aaron Martinez, Joshua Montano, Alonzo Martinez, Noah Yezpe and Mateo Sanchez. Top row: Julian Corral, Cole Esquivel, Jose Rodriguez, Orlando Vazquez, Josephine Rodriguez and AnnaBella Arevalos.

Card & Bunco Social Scheduled

The Argo Summit American Legion Auxiliary United #65 will hold a Card & Bunco Social at 6050 S. Harlem to benefit the Veterans and Military at Hines Medical Center, Nurses Scholarship program and Children & Youth Program on Saturday, March 29th from noon to 4 p.m. Entrance donation of \$3.50 includes free coffee and sweet treats. There will be table raffle prizes and cash raffle. Lunch will be available at a nominal fee. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fun and games.

Egg Decorating At Lith Museum

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski, will conduct an Easter Egg Decorating Workshop on Saturday, April 5th at 10 a.m.

Participants must bring six hard boiled dyed eggs. The cost of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under age 5 includes an instruction sheet, pattern sheet, etching knife and museum admission. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and reservations, call (773) 582-6500.

LSC Election At Davis School

Nathan S. Davis School, 3014 W. 39th place, has announced the timeline for the 2014 Local School Council election.

The candidate forum and ballot position lottery will be conducted in room 40 on Friday, March 21st at 1 p.m.

Election will be held in the annex building on Monday, April 7th from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Certification of results will be announced in room 40 on Friday, April 11th at 1 p.m.

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

Ruiz Honored

Eunice Ruiz was named to the Dean's List of Emory College, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia for the 2013 fall semester.

Students must be in the top 20 percent or have approximately a 3.85 grade point average or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

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Soccer Title For St. Bruno 2nd Gr.



The 2nd grade soccer team from St. Bruno School took 1st place in the St. Richard School League with a 2-0 victory over St. Jane on March 9th. Team members in front row are: Jesus Rangel, Nico Diaz, James Villanueva, Arturo Garcia and Gabriel Jackson. Top row: coach Jorge Flores, Diego Caban, Nathan Flores, Gabriel Rangel, Ivan Cortes, Fernando Fernandez and coach James Villanueva.

Washington Fed. Hosts Food Drive

Washington Federal Bank, 2869 S. Archer and 1410 W. Taylor, will host a food drive to support

Info Session On Health Care Act

A representative of the Illinois Public Interest Research Group will conduct an information session on the Affordable Care Act at the Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer on Monday, March 24th at 6 p.m.

Benton House's mission to provide a community food pantry in the Bridgeport neighborhood through April 16th. Every week Benton House distributes over 1,500 lbs. of food to 60 to 120 families.

Some of the recommended items are: canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, chili, jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice, soup, stew and tuna.

For more information, call (773) 254-3422.

Alumni Memorial At St. Laurence

St. Laurence High School and the Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual solemn mass of remembrance, honoring deceased alumni on Saturday, April 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Father Norm Trela, from St. Symphorosa Parish and the school's Chaplain, will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection.

A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Following the liturgy, snacks and refreshments will be served.

Family, friends, and relatives of deceased alumni are welcome to attend. Reservations can be made with Ed Kozak in the Office of Alumni Relations at (708) 458-6900, ext. 244.

Baritone Concert At H-W Library

Baritone Richard Stillwell will present *Pelleas et Melisande*, a performance and lecture about the only opera ever completed by composer Claude Debussy in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Friday, March 21st at 12:15 p.m.

Stillwell is an instructor of vocal disciplines at the Chicago College of Performing Arts and VOX3.

Rules of Road Review Course

Secretary of State Jesse White is offering a free Rules of the Road Review Course at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer on Tuesday, March 25th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The course prepares applicants for the general written and road examinations and provides information on the vision screening.

Local School Councils

BY: DR. R. PLETSCCH

Here is a question, which of the following were quotes by people running for Local School Council in schools at which I was a principal? A. It is time to get rid of the principal, the old time teachers don't like him. B. I want my son to become the new security officer. C. We need to stay open later, teachers should stay or find another school. D. I want to have a Spanish speaking principal. The answer: all four. Yes, that's right.

LSC members must take training and they find none of these are within the parameters of the State Law. They have no voice over teachers, no relative of an LSC member can be hired, no one can run for LSC if they have a relative working in the school, and LSC members themselves (parents and community members) cannot be hired at any CPS school until one year after their final date as an LSC member.

The LSC member has some very important duties. They vote to approve the School Improvement Plan, the yearly budget, and evaluate the principal. They also vote on the retention of the principal when the contract is coming to an end.

Over the last few years, it has been hard to

find candidates for all the open positions. The candidates realize it is a difficult job with many state laws to be taken into consideration and much credit should be given to such members who consider the entire school, not just the class their child may be in.

The elementary school LSC consists of 12 voting members: the principal, six parent representatives, two community representatives, two teachers and one staff member. The high schools have 13 members, the additional member is a student representative. All over 18 may vote in this election, elementary schools on April 7th and high schools on April 8th. You are eligible to vote at any and all schools in which a student in your area is attending or could attend. My suggestion is to vote for someone you trust and does not appear to have an agenda. There are many forums run by the schools and other community organizations and most have candidate statements available on bulletin boards in their respective schools. Out of fairness to people who have served on LSCs at my schools, those four quotes in the beginning of this article were rare. That's why I remember them. The average LSC member is above reproach.

Teen Center At Blessed Sacrament



The Blessed Sacrament Parish Teen Center celebrated Mardi Gras and Paczkis. During the past few weeks, the teen center has been averaging 34 teens per day for basketball, pool tournaments, watch TV, do homework, ACT test preparation, get help finding jobs, life issues, counseling, referrals and receive letters of recommendation from the staff. Families and teens are provided options for high school and college. Senior citizens and parishioners requests for assistance are answered. The 47th Annual Association of Chicago Priests Ministry Awards recognized Jim Kozy (right) for his dedication to the youth program at Blessed Sacrament Parish. A free ACT prep class is conducted every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The Teen Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Sundays after 6 p.m. Mass from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays close at 6 p.m. For more information visit bspyouth.blogspot.com.

Sport-A-Palooza At Gaelic Park

The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation will hold its Fifth Annual Treasuring Our Kids Sport-A-Palooza at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th st on Saturday, April 5th from 6 to 10 p.m. The Orland Park-based, non-profit organization provides comfort from painful procedures to children and teens diagnosed with cancer by providing a toy or gift card in 46 hospitals nationwide.

Every year, approximately 13,500 children and teens are diagnosed with cancer nationwide and cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of 15 in the United States.

Auctions will begin at 6 p.m. with featured prizes including four Walt Disney World one-day park hopper passes and a Gibson Les Paul guitar

5K Run & Walk For Brain Cancer

Voices Against Brain Cancer will host its Annual 5k Run/Walk in Diversey Harbor of Lincoln Park on Sunday, May 4th at 8:15 a.m. The organization was founded 10 years ago by Mario Lichtenstein in honor of his son, Gary who lost his battle with brain cancer on Oct. 1st, 2003.

The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information, visit www.jointhevoiceschicago.org.

valued at \$3,200. A buffet dinner at 7 p.m. will be followed by a festive night of music during which guests can showcase their dancing skills while enjoying an open bar.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet baseball legends Dan Pasqua, a former member of the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox, and Milt Pappas, who pitched for 17 years for four major league teams including the Chicago Cubs. The evening will be emceed by Fox32 Chicago sports personality Dionne Miller.

Individuals and businesses are asked to donate an auction or raffle prize. To arrange for a pickup, call (708) 687-8697.

Easter Egg Event At Lincoln Park

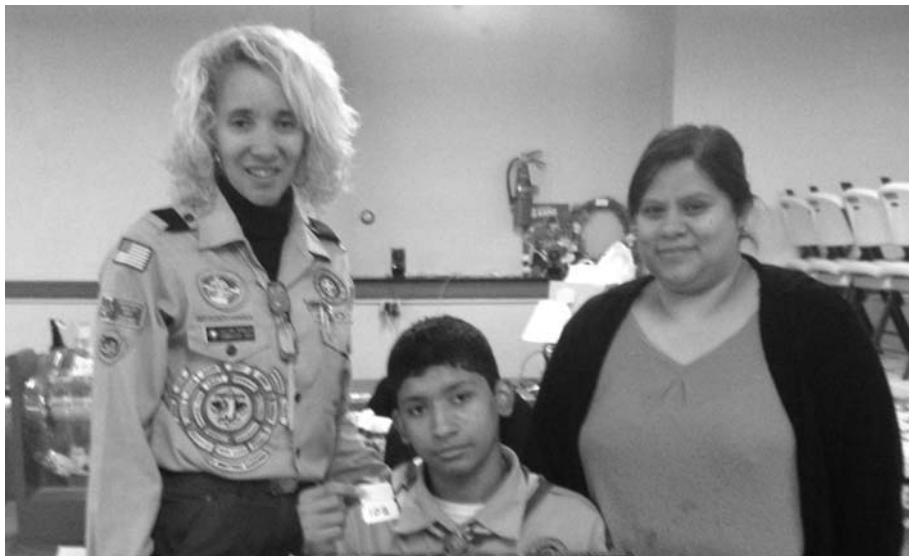
Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, April 19th from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Attendees will enjoy tasty treats with the Easter Bunny before searching for eggs, making crafts and viewing zoo animals. Free train rides (weather permitting) and Carousel rides will be available.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$40 for children ages 2 to 12. Reservations are required by April 11th.

For more information, call (312) 742-2056.

Scouts Name Grand Prize Winner



St. Gall Boy Scout Troop 897 and Cub Scout Pack 3697 sponsored their annual fundraising Pancake Breakfast on March 2nd. Josue Gonzalez (Senior Patrol Leader) was the grand prize winner of a Cannon printer. Also shown are Lillian Robles (Scout Master) and Maria Alvarez (Prize Table Chairman). Any boys ages 7 to 17 interested in scouting, can contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825.

Obituaries

HELEN G. BINOTTI, (nee Gale), age 96. She was the wife of late Emil; mother of Donna (late Jim) Mattini and John (Jennifer) Binotti; sister of late Ann Lecker; late John, and Casimir Gale; grandmother of Bobbie Jo Aldana and Donald Arocho; great grandmother of Louis Arocho and Isiah Aldana; aunt of late Virginia (late Stephen) Crowley and late Joan (late Timothy) Daly. Helen was a member of the St. Maurice Seniors and former member of the McKinley Park Civic Organization and a retired crossing guard. Funeral services were held March 14th from Wollschlager Funeral Home to St. Maurice Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.

JEAN S. LISS (nee Dawiec) of Archer Heights passed away on March 14 at the age of 85. She was the wife of late Harry; sister of Antonette (late Walter) Kuras, late Steve (Helen) Dawiec, late Helen Spohr and late John Dawiec. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 22nd at 8:15 a.m. from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 5088 S. Archer to St. Bruno Church for 9 a.m. Mass Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday, March 21st from 3-9 p.m.

PJPII Students In St. Pat's Parade



Many students from Pope John Paul II marched with the Big Shoulders Fund in the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade. They were joined by students from other Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. Pictured are Jonathon Francisco and Yeshua Coss.

Chamber Concert At Little Village

The Chicago Chamber Musicians: Quintet Attacca will present a performance of "Romance For Winds" at the Little Village Branch Library, 2311 S. Kedzie on Thursday, March 27th at 6 p.m. The program features music written by George Gersh-

win, Astor Piazzolla and Arturo Marquez.

A question and answer period with the musicians will follow: Jennifer Clippert, flute; Erica Anderson, oboe; Barbara Drapco, clarinet; Collin Anderson, bassoon and Jeremiah Frederick, horn.

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