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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR GRO MEMBERSHIP!

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Invest in Something Solid!

Given current events in the financial markets, investing in your neighborhood might be something to consider. As GRO, your neighborhood organization, begins a new year in October, we hope that you will join with us as we continue the work of those who have been investing their time and energy to improve our community for nearly 30 years.

GRO was started in the early 80's in response to serious problems in the neighborhood including gangs, drug dealing and prostitution. After those issues subsided, GRO members turned their energies to other concerns, such as greening and cleaning the neighborhood, supporting local businesses and keeping development in check.

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With Regards

Serving as your president over the past two years has brought me immense pleasure. Bringing Karl Raack's mural to the side of Beans and Bagels, sending out E-GRO e-mail alerts, helping our community through the Brown Line renovations, working on homeowner property tax caps, and the continued success of our corner gardens, block parties and the closeness of our community have all contributed to the great satisfaction of working with GRO.

We look forward now to change with the election of new officers in October. I encourage you to come to the October 7th meeting and cast your vote for a new slate of excellent candidates. Along with changes come challenges. We've seen neighbors come and go – and have had to rely on new initiatives to increase membership. With that in mind, I encourage all residents in the GRO area – whether you rent or own, or have a business here - to renew or consider becoming a member this year. Your annual contribution helps beautify your community, produces the monthly newsletter, and provides the resources for our community volunteers to make your neighborhood a better one.

Along with pleasure comes great pride, in our community and all that you do.

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STAINLESS IS PEERLESS

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The coolest dining gem in the neighborhood is so stealthy, so hidden in plain view, that I'm reluctant to give away the secret. Every few weeks at Beans and Bagels (at Leland and Rockwell), a small sign goes up in the window stating that the Stainless Chef will be on that Friday at 6:30 p.m., and stating a food or cuisine type, such as chicken, vegetarian, coffee or Italian. B & B has three fine cooks who like to try out new ideas, so periodically they have the Stainless Chef competition. Antonio, Rick and Italo each prepare an appetizer, a main course and a dessert, all based on the theme food. They get to try out ideas with an audience. We get nine food items for \$20.00 per person, and a chance to vote on each course, scoring for Plating, Originality and Taste.

A recent evening's theme was shrimp. One chef offered shrimp egg rolls, shrimp pancit and coconut shrimp; another bloody mary shrimp ceviche, tamarindoshrimp tacos and shrimp and lychee cups; the third, ceviche, shrimp nigri and maki roll and pacific funnel cake. Most of them were rated at least an 8 (1 to 10 scale) by this bloated reviewer

It's BYOB, with outdoor dining when weather permits. Our group of 12 brought several bottles and made an evening of it. Elegant dining, reasonable prices, and you can watch the neighborhood stroll by while you indulge. But it's a secret, so don't tell anybody.

Abbey Botkin

The charm of 'the crossing', as the area by the Rockwell el stop is referred to, might not be what it is today if GRO had not fought to keep first floor retail on that block. GRO also worked with the alderman's office to downzone the neighborhood to prevent the construction of over-sized, poorly constructed condo developments that you see in other neighborhoods. Our corner gardens are maintained by hard-working GRO volunteers, who also sweep and pick up litter on City Green and Clean days.

Join GRO for the first time or renew your membership AND COME TO A MEETING! You'll be able to connect with your neighbors and find out what is happening in the community. Maybe you can't change the world, but you can work to change your corner of it. It's low-risk with potential of high returns!

Patti Huetteman

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Coming Up

Used Books Sale & Coffeehouse

Friday, October 10, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mysteries, travel, children's books, science fiction, biographies, cookbooks, romance & more. Enjoy coffee, snacks and live music.

Berry United Methodist Church

4754 N. Leavitt St.

DANK Haus

Sunday, Oct 12, 3:00 p.m.

The Bach & Beyond ensemble ushers in the fall season with Bach's Kantate BWV 78 and Mozart's Piano Concerto K107 Nr 2. The afternoon's selection feature the newly restored DANK Kimball Concert grand piano and Bach's Zuckerman harpsichord. A catered post performance dinner will be served at no additional charge.

4740 N. Western

dank@dankhaus.com for information on tickets

Flea Market and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Find some treasures and enjoy fresh baked goods in this special event benefiting Rose Heverin.

Luther Memorial Church

2500 W. Wilson Ave

Halloween Happenings

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.

Get into your costume and trick or treat in Lincoln Square at participating businesses. Enjoy free activities and support our local businesses.

Knitting 101

Wednesday, October 29 – November 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Now is the time to learn to knit so you can give out scarves for the holidays.

Lovely materials included with registration. Preregistration is required and space is limited.

Bloom Yoga Studio

4663 N. Rockwell St.

www.bloomyogastudio.com

FOR KIDS

Waters Elementary Tour and Tot Thursdays

Wednesday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Learn about the educational programs, faculty, staff and facilities at Waters Elementary School. Meet in the school library.

Waters also hosts "Tot Thursdays" at 10:00 am, a free program for preschool aged kids with art, music and playing.

www.watertoday.org

A Place to Play

FUNDamentals Playroom has returned for the fall. The playroom operates a formal program September through May, with events and informal playgroups updated on the website throughout the year. Executive Director, Misti Peppler is an Occupational Therapist who designed the playroom to enable children to learn through play.

2500 W. Wilson Avenue, info@playroom.org

www.funplayroom.com

Queen of Angels Playgroup

Wednesdays 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

For ages 3 and up. For more information call 773-769-4211

queenofangelsacademy.org

