

Welcome to New Members

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Welcome Back

Camwood-East Condo Association

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From The New GRO President. . .

It is often said that if you want to see the “real” city of Chicago, then you must leave downtown and travel to her neighborhoods. Leave the concrete and glass canyons, the lakefront parks and beaches if you want to find the true nature of the city. Every neighborhood is like a little town, self-contained, with its own character. Yet each unique part contributes to the vitality of the whole. And it is the character of our neighborhood, the character of her citizens, that first attracted me to GRO.... Well, okay, not exactly true. Jim and Lynda Neary, who I didn't really know at the time, buttonholed me by the el stop one Saturday morning and started talking about the 7% property tax cap. They encouraged me to go to a meeting and I did. So my initial impulse was self-interest. But once I got a toe wet and went to a meeting, I really began to develop an appreciation of where I was living and an appreciation of the rewards of active participation in the community around me.

I am thrilled to be leading the newly elected group of GRO officers for 2009, faces both new and familiar. I encourage everyone reading this newsletter to actively participate in the organization: join GRO as a dues paying member, or renew your membership if it has lapsed, attend the meetings, read the newsletter, visit the website, and contact the committee chairs to lend your time, your hands, and your ideas. It is truly rewarding. I will try to bring new ideas to our organization, attract speakers to expand our horizons, and honor the efforts of our many faithful friends and neighbors who have worked so hard on GRO's behalf for these last 30 years.

We are facing hard economic times in our nation and our city. Locally, since our discount with the Galter Center has ended, our membership is down significantly. However, it seems that when times are at their worst, people are at their best. I, and the other officers of GRO, look forward to the new year with enthusiasm and encourage the participation of everyone in the neighborhood.

Tom Kosinski

WHAT TO DO...WHAT TO DO...WHAT TO DO...

Summer held on a long time, and for that we're all grateful. Even when the temperatures were still in the 80s people knew it wasn't going to last much longer, and most conversations started being about what to do when winter came for its long, long visit. I like to think we've still got a little autumn left, but just to get you thinking, here's a few ideas for getting out and about without the need for arctic protection....YET.

If you love Halloween season and want to stretch it out, the annual Day of the Dead exhibition runs through December 14 at The National Museum of Mexican Art (www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org). This year's exhibition "La Vida sin Fin," honors the 40th anniversary of the Tlatelolco massacre. Exhibition admission free. The Museum of Science and Industry is a favorite for kids and adults (www.msichicago.org) See "Fast Forward: Inventing the Future," which gives us the latest in food replicators and shirts that can transmit sensations. Also, tour the "Smart Home"—a temporary single-family home decked out with the latest in green technology.

For something outside the regular museum loop, visit the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian (www.mitchellmuseum.org). The Museum has an extensive permanent collection that includes archaeological, ethnographic and art objects of North American and Canadian tribes. See baskets, masks, ceremonial dolls, wooden carvings and other historic items that span the centuries. Kids Craft Morning Workshops: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: November 8 Dream catchers; November 22, Miniature woven rugs; December 13, Coup Sticks. The Native American Holiday Bazaar is held on December 6 and 7 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

And last, if you want to enjoy the night sky without the crazy winter wind, consider The Adler Planetarium's (www.adlerplanetarium.org) Far Out Fridays. The 1st Friday of every month you can enjoy the spectacle of the starry sky and take advantage of the many activities for children and families, telescope viewing of the night sky, unlimited shows in the historic Sky Theater and Defniti® Space Theater, and Doane Observatory tours. You can also bring with and learn how to use your new or old telescope on November 7, 4:30-10:00 p.m.; December 5, 4:30-10:00 p.m.; January 2, 4:30-10:00 p.m.

Zoe Miller-Lee

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Story Time at Sulzer Regional Library

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.

This monthly drop-in story time includes theme-based stories, books, songs and activities for young children and their families. For information, contact the Children's Librarians at 312-744-7616 ext. 3.

4455 N. Lincoln Avenue

<http://www.chipublib.org/events>

Holiday Arts and Craft Show - Queen of Angels

Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

Shop handcrafted items for your holiday gifts and homemade bakery items at this annual Arts and Craft fair.

Guild Hall

4412 N. Western Avenue

Babysitting Class

Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Learn tips and advice for 11 – 14 year olds on babysitting from RNs at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Learn about babysitting responsibilities, first aid, CPR and emergency preparedness. Fee.

Swedish Covenant Hospital

Foster & California Avenues

<http://www.swedishcovenant.org/events>

Lyric Opera Lecture Series – Porgy and Bess

Sulzer Regional Library

Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Hear Lillian Celic discuss this classic opera by George Gershwin, first performed in 1935 and part of the 2008/2009 Lyric Opera Season (November 18 – December 19).

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<http://www.chipublib.org/events>

Holiday Market and Fundraiser – Luther Memorial Church

Sunday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy holiday cheer and shopping! Merchandise will include handcrafted and fair trade gift items, cookies and other delicious baked goods plus lunch and raffle prizes.

2500 W. Wilson Ave.,

<http://www.luthermemorialchicago.org/happenings.htm>

Seeds of Change Marketplace

December 6, 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Barry United Methodist hosts their semi-annual fair trade market. Mark your calendar now to support the fair price on gifts and goods to artists and merchants.

4754 N. Leavitt Street

<http://www.berryumc.org/todo.php>

HELPING HANDS CAMPAIGN !

It's that time of year again! Representative John Fritchey is collecting NEW scarves, mittens, gloves, hats and other clothing, as well as toiletries, for those less fortunate. Drop off donations at Representative Fritchey's office at 2539 North Southport (773- 871-4000), or bring them to the December GRO meeting.

More details in the December newsletter

NEW GRO OFFICERS

Elections were held at the October meeting, and with the following slate elected, we're all winners.

President

Tom Kosinski

1st Vice President

Desi Kettler

2nd Vice President

Eric Sinclair

Secretary

Bea Tersch

Treasurers

Ron Graziano & Lois Grossman

Congratulations all!

November Calendar

- 2 Sunday, Daylight Savings Time ends; set clocks back one hour
- 3 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 4 **Tuesday, Election Day!** Polls open 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 11 Tuesday, Veterans' Day
- 11 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 15 Saturday, noon to 3:00 p.m. Cat Adoption at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 North Rockwell
- 25 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. CAPS meeting, Advocate Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose
- 27 Thursday, Thanksgiving

Gone but not forgotten . . .

*. . . in loving memory of Harriet O'Donnell
and Kenneth O'Donnell*

Martin Kutschke and Ann O'Donnell Kutschke

Memberships run from October 1 through September 30

New member ____ Renewal ____

GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Address _____

Home Tel. _____ Work Tel. _____ E-mail _____ Occupation _____

Categories (circle one): Individual \$20 Family \$30 Senior (65+) \$10 Senior Family \$15 Sustaining \$50

Business \$20 Friends of GRO \$20 (living outside GRO service area)

I'm adding \$5 \$____ for the Corner Gardens

I would like to see GRO address the following issues:

I would like to participate in the following committees (please circle):

Fundraising/Special Events Member Services/Welcome Newsletter Public Safety

Streetscape/Beautification Streetscape/Greening Urban Development