

Welcome to New Members

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**HELLO . . . . .**

Hi Neighbors-

My name is Joetta King, and I am your new president of the Greater Rockwell Organization (GRO). I'd like to begin by thanking outgoing President Tom Kosinski for his unparalleled service over multiple terms. Tom has shown himself to be a champion of our neighborhood group and someone who truly cares about his community. His knowledge of local politics and local history has been invaluable and inspirational. I will certainly be leaning on Tom a great deal as I settle into my new role. I speak for all of us when I say, "Thank you, Tom. Job well done."

So, let me tell you a little about myself: my husband Bill and I moved to the neighborhood back in the spring of '04, and I can't imagine a better place to live in Chicago. We've been GRO members since our arrival, but became truly active in the last 3-4 years - attending the monthly meetings and helping in whatever capacity we could. In doing so I've had the opportunity to meet many of my wonderful neighbors and participate in the planning of various GRO events, my favorite being the Summer Street Party. I am deeply honored that I was nominated by the GRO officers to be their next president. I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors through the coming year and sharing ideas on how we can make our little corner of the world even better. Please feel free to

contact me at [president@greaterrockwell.org](mailto:president@greaterrockwell.org) with your thoughts and suggestions. I'm eager to get started.

Thank you,

*Joetta King*

**. . . . .and GOODBYE**

I have served as president of GRO for the past three years. This was my second stint serving as president. Since it is customary for the out-going president to deliver a sort of valedictory note for the newsletter, I went back into my files to see what I could crib from my last passing of the baton. In that note I congratulated Eric Sinclair who was starting his own adventure. Now it is my turn to congratulate Joetta King, our new president. And I do congratulate her! I know her to be a resourceful and energetic person and I predict she will be an excellent leader of GRO, the best yet!

Last time I thanked the many people in GRO who have been dedicated and tireless supporters over these many years. Though there are people who have moved on to sunnier climes, I would be remiss if I did not particularly thank Sara Spitz, Bea Tersch, Lucinda Dieker, Maria Bappert and Shonagh Merits for their exemplary dedication and service over the years.

In that last valedictory, I also mentioned Congressman Mike Quigley for his willingness to spend time with us, his constituents. He has been conspicuous in his attention as has 40<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Pat O'Connor. This is not a political plug. I am simply stating an observation based on my experience, independent of political likes or dislikes. I have found these two officials particularly generous with their time.

In that previous valedictory I also spoke about pride of place, about how GRO embodied a tradition of civic participation going back close to forty years. But I must, this time around, point out to anyone and everyone within earshot (or eyesight) of this note that we are entering perilous times. Organizations such as ours are dependent, not so much on money, which is important, but on participation. And when I talk about participation I'm not talking just about social media, not tweets or postings, but actual, in the flesh, participation. **We need participants.** The word participant comes from Latin and literally means "sharing in". This is what we need: people to share the duties of the corner gardens, and the garage sales and the civic events like the TOD forum. But mostly, we need, we seek, people who want to share ideas and insights, who are willing to put up with the tedium of a monthly meeting in order to promote a shared vision of our community and of the marvelous possibilities in our unique corner of the city.

Thanks for a great run! I'm looking forward to the next chapter!

Tom Kosinski

## November 25: Celebrate Small Business Saturday

Each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce transforms the business community into a Holiday wonderland with festive decorations, carolers, ice sculptures, and a tree lighting ceremony. Businesses throughout the area offer shoppers great promotions and discounts on this special day, while restaurants showcase their best offerings. Come out and celebrate what makes Shopping Small (and local) so important!

## Fall Leaf Pickup and Cleanup

Leaves and other yard waste should not be raked or blown into the street, but bagged separately and put beside the black garbage cart. A Streets and Sanitation truck DSS truck will collect the bags based on 311 requests and take bags to be composted.

Residents can call 311 to request separate bagged leaf collection from **October 16 through November 30.**

## NOVEMBER Calendar

- 5 Sunday. Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set your clock back (*Spring Forward, Fall back*)
- 6 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 7 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 21 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 CAPS Meeting, Sulzer Library, Lincoln & Sunnyside.
- 23 Thursday. Thanksgiving

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