



South Lakeview Neighbors

Forty Years of Service

1505 West Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

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Membership Dues (per person) \$5.00 - Seniors (those over 60) \$3.00

September 1 through June 30

APRIL 2004

NEXT MEETING ... April 13, 2004



- 7:00 – Meeting Area Opens – Coffee & Cookies
- 7:30 – DeClan's Irish Pub – New Business Presentation

Morgan had graciously accepted SLN's invitation to speak at our meeting to discuss his plans for the business. Mr. Morgan has been involved in the restaurant and bar business for many years. He is the primary owner of J. Patricks bar on 1367 W. Erie and the new J. Patricks opening in Bucktown, and has been involved with the Carlucci Restaurant Group, owners of Strega Nona on Southport, among other restaurants. The immediate area will be flyered to allow the neighbors to meet the new owner.

MARCH MEETING RECAP...

(The first ten attendees at the March membership meeting received a current copy of the Lakeview Saga (published 1985) compliments of the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce. Additional copies may be available at their 1609 W Belmont office.)

✓ **Michael Hoskins – City of Chicago Zoning Commission**

Mr. Hoskins is one of a team of inspectors who respond to citizen and alderman complaints regarding ordinance violations. The Department of Zoning targets serious zoning cases such as illegal conversions, home occupations, illegal junkyards, and illegal signage. The Department of Zoning also reviews applications for a variety of licenses and permits for businesses and buildings. Mr. Hoskins encourages citizens to call him with questions at (312)744-5729 and notify him if they feel businesses or neighbors are not in compliance with zoning codes. He has also encouraged our group to use the City of Chicago web site, www.cityofchicago.org to access information about zoning. The web site can even be used to file a 311 request for service. (Click on "request a city service.") The Zoning Code is in the process of being rewritten. Mr. Hoskins encourages citizens who are dissatisfied with the current code to participate in the various hearings and have their issues addressed while the rewriting is taking place. The web site has extensive information about the changes that are occurring.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

The primaries are over. What was most interesting was how many candidates were running for the U.S. Senate position. As the dirt was flying, I often wonder why someone would subject their personal lives to the scrutiny of an election. However, I applaud those who do because choice is what democracy is about. In the same vein, closely read the article, below, relating to the Nominating Committee and Officers Wanted. You can make a difference without spending \$25,000,000 to get elected. Be ready to serve when that phone call comes in.

APRIL MEETING PREVIEW...

✓ **Declan's Irish Pub**

Recently opened on the site of The Little Bucharest Restaurant at 3001 N. Ashland, owner Declan

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✓ Garden Walk Update

So far we have not had anyone volunteer to chair this committee, so this idea/project will be on hold. There seemed to be a lot of interest from the membership so we will continue to look for a chair for this event in the future.

✓ Alderman Matlak To-Do List Update

- 1) Handicap parking permit sign on Greenview & Wellington has been removed.
- 2) St. Luke's Street Fair, 3100 block of Greenview Reverend Abrahamson has informed SLN that the Fair has been cancelled. He felt the Fair did not reflect the direction that St. Lukes wanted to go.
- 3) Open items:
 - Barry/Ashland one-way issue.
 - Lincoln/Barry/Greenview overhead stop light. A letter has been sent to Alderman Matlak.



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WANTED!!!

The SLN's officers and directors nominating committee meets in

April to identify new officers and directors for the upcoming year. There will be a few spaces vacant due to members resigning and relocating.

Attention members: ***we will need a new President as our faithful leader, Bill Haderline, will be***

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stepping down from this position. (No! Four more years, Bill, please.) Anyone interested in serving in any capacity, please call the SLN hotline at (312)409-SLN6.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

☼ ***Lakeside Bank Project / Ash Manor at the corner of Ashland and Diversey (approved by SLN at the October 2003 Meeting):*** A demolition crane was spotted and then disappeared. According to representatives of Lakeside Bank, during the "demolition craze" a few years ago, preservation groups toured the city and designated certain buildings that should be saved or might be of interest. Ash Manor was designated as a building of interest, though it has no real architectural significance (other than it's a period-type building). This designation requires a 90 day cooling-off period after a demolition permit (by the Lakeside Bank) has been applied for. This allows the City of Chicago to examine the case. So as of now, we are in the cooling off period. So, be cool.

☼ ***New city park at the development at Paulina and Wolfram*** has been proposed by the City Park District Board to be named after Chi Che Wang, a China born researcher who studied kidney disease in children.

☼ ***As the weather gets warmer,*** lets all get out and clean in front of our houses - including the streets - instead of waiting for the street sweepers.

AD SPACE

We still have ad space available for the last 3 months of this year at a prorated cost. Please supply the artwork. Call Anne at 477-8840.

MISCELLANEOUS

SAVE THE DATE - LVCC SPRING AUCTION will be held May 14th. Contact LVCC for more information.

IN SYMPATHY

Condolences to the family of Anna Hansen.

SLN E-Mail Name Requests

Keep on sending those SLN member's e-mail addresses, so that we can inform members of hot topics that may come up between our meetings and potentially cut down on printing and mailing costs. Please fill in this information on future membership renewals or feel free to email the

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Dog Poop – It’s Still Everywhere

We received many comments about this column last month. Certain individuals, who will remain

nameless, have become poop vigilantes, even, in one instance, following the poop perps and flagging down the boys in blue to write a summons. One word of advice: Lets be careful out there. Also, based on my observations during the past month, it appears that the majority of the offending caca is left by the same dogs. In other words, if we can impress on a few dog owners that they are not fulfilling their civic responsibility, our poop problems will be greatly reduced. I promise that this is the last column on this subject!



E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

No mail this month for the newsletter. Did get a ton of spam, though. I might start

publishing the best ones.

Send your messages to lettiere@rcn.com.



TIP TIME ...

(by Perry Castrovillari)

Well it’s starting to look and feel a lot like spring. The crocus’s came up 11 days later than last spring. Just in time

for smelting on the first hope the rain holds out. Time to start fertilizing the lawn and cleaning up around the outside of the house and street. Keep those drains and down spouts clear for our spring rains. Open the storms and slide down the screens; time to air out after the long winter. There were windstorms that did a lot of roof and siding damage. Be sure to have them checked out before the storms come and the roofers get booked up. Have a great Spring.

One last thing: Time to spring ahead and change the smoke detector batteries and check the carbon monoxide detectors.

GOT FISH... HOUSE OF SUSHI & NOODLES

(By Tasha Polster)



This month, our friends Tasha and Lee Polster (and their wonderful little girl, Bailey) are the guest reviewers.

If you’re looking for a reasonably priced place to have good sushi, this is your place. The House of Sushi & Noodles is conveniently located within walking distance on the corner of Belmont and Lincoln. We’ve been in a few times, and we have been pleasantly surprised at how tasty the sushi is. I have always had a pre-conceived notion that sushi had to be expensive to be good. I was wrong. This quaint restaurant has friendly staff who welcome you as soon as you walk in the door. You can watch the sushi being prepared at the sushi bar right at the entrance. My daughter always wants to eat right at the bar. I have a problem having someone watch me as I am eating, though I am sure the guy in the hat is busy working and paying no attention to me.

We were in most recently this month on a Sunday evening. My favorite day to go out because I shouldn’t have to work or cook on this day! They were unusually busy for so early that evening. We were immediately acknowledged and put on a short waiting list. We waited about 15 minutes.

Once seated at the table we looked at all the pictures on their walls of past patrons. Of course, we naturally looked for people we know, but there weren’t any since we are new to Chicago and don’t really know anyone. (Editor’s Note: other than the accomplished, handsome, and quite debonair SLN newsletter editor and restaurant critic.) But, it’s a small world and you just never know, so I always have a look anyway.

We started with the appetizer of edamame, which are steamed, salted soybean pods. Edamame is a favorite in our family, so we have to order two servings so everyone gets enough. Our daughter gets two appetizers for an entrée, Crab Ragoons and Shrimp Tempura. The Crab Ragoons are a bit too onion-y for my taste, but she likes them and as long as she eats we’re all happy. The tempura comes with an assortment of vegetables and two shrimp, which she refused to share so they must be good. My husband and I got the all-you-can-eat sushi buffet. It comes with tempura green beans, miso soup, and all the Maki rolls you can eat. When getting the buffet, you start with 2 rolls each.

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I chose the California Maki, which is cooked crab, avocado, tobiko (tiny fish eggs) and cucumber, and a Tuna Avocado Maki. Both were very tasty. My husband chose Miami Maki, which is a deep fried roll with shrimp, crab, cream cheese, avocado, cucumber and mayo (very low fat as he is watching his calories and cholesterol) and Philly Maki which is salmon, cream cheese, asparagus, tobiko and cucumber. Once you have eaten what you have ordered, you are welcome to order more. I was too full to try anything else, because everything I tried was good! They bring sliced oranges with your check along with the fortune cookie. I don't remember my fortune, so it couldn't have been too exciting this time around. The best part was we escaped for under \$40.

If you are not daring and would rather have an entrée that is cooked, they have a wide selection of dishes from the kitchen. They do not serve alcohol so if you want some Sake or wine you will need to bring your own.

House and Sushi & Noodles is located at 1610 West Belmont. Hours: Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m.- 10:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday 4-10 p.m. Phone: (773) 935-9110.



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