



South Lakeview Neighbors

Thirty-Eight Years of Service

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BOUNDARIES: DIVERSEY TO BELMONT - RAVENSWOOD TO RACINE

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

October 1 through June 30

Meetings held at St. Alphonsus School Basement, 1429 West Wellington on the second Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. (Coffee at 7:00 p.m.)

DECEMBER, 2002

HOLIDAY PARTY!
December 10, 2002



6:30 - Cocktails
7:00 - Dinner is Served

have passed, I have tried to get to meet the attendees at the monthly meetings as best I can considering we are generally setting-up, working on issues that will be presented that night or getting our plan of action for the evening together. Most interestingly, the members that I have been able to meet and talk to are now starting to be the members that are volunteering for (among other things) newsletter articles, monthly mailing assistance and other activities that take the pressure off the officers.

Personally, over the years, people I have met through SLN have performed remodeling of my house and various services for my business. If not for SLN, I would have had to go the "stranger danger" route for services. SLN is not only the monthly meeting and the newsletter. It is a valuable networking opportunity for members, long-time and new. The vast majority of the advertisers in our newsletter are either officers, former officers or general members.

The name tags will be handed out at the door and I will personally try to greet all attendees. I hope that all who attend the party use it to get to know the members they have been seeing at the meetings, but just don't know who they are or what their names might be. Jingle, Mingle then Dringle.

The officers and directors of SLN sincerely wish all the members and advertisers a belated Happy Thanksgiving and a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

The annual Holiday Party! I have attended as an officer, just as a member and last year and this as the president of South Lakeview Members. As always, no neighborhood business will be conducted during this party.

Alderman Matlak has informed me that SLN is the only neighborhood association in his ward that has a holiday party. This has been going on for 38 years. Why am I telling you this? Because attendance is important.

For a neighborhood group to work well, it helps if you actually know the people attending the monthly meetings. As the last year and a half

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HOLIDAY PARTY ...

Just like the retailers, SLN starts planning for the for the holiday season after Halloween This year, as always our party will be held at the regular December meeting dinner will be served at 7:00. Eating, boozing, a little singing, a lot of Holiday schmozing, our exciting raffle, and last but not least a visit by that big guy from up North **Santa Claus**, all add up to one great evening. This year's menu includes:

Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Cole Slaw –Veggies – Relishes

Rolls – Some spectacular food

from local restaurants,

And, our renowned, scrumptious sweet table

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATIONS...

Are due **ASAP-ASAP-ASAP**. We need an accurate count. Members are free, and guests pay \$5.00. Also, if you are bringing children please let us know their name, gender, and age (there is a suggested age limit of 12) so that Santa and his elves can build them the correct gift.

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FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING ...

- **1744-48 W. Wellington - Zoning Change** - Seth Harris an independent developer presented his proposal for developing the property at 1744-48 W. Wellington. Since this issue has come up before there were concerns and some questions from the floor. Steve Routberg from the NDRC informed us that they studied this plan and gave it their approval. A vote was taken and the results were: 35 YES and & NO.
- **311 Non-emergency & Service Requests**- Mr. Gene Lee – Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Daley gave a brief presentation on how the non-emergency 311 program works. Mr. Lee answered questions from the floor relating to when to call 311 as opposed to 911 and when to call 311 or the Alderman's office. He told us that all calls are treated equally.
- **State Representative John Fritchey** – We want to thank John for attending our November meeting. More on John later.
- **SLAPP Insurance** - Bill Haderlein stressed the need for coverage to protect us from lawsuits filed by disgruntled developers. It was approved by a hand vote.

SWEET TABLE...

Finally if you would like to show-off one of your favorite recipes this is the place to do it. Or you can just buy something. Phone the Suzy Snowflake hotline at 773-477-8840. Suzy will be happy to give suggestions as to what we need.

CLEAN UP...

We also need volunteers to help on the day of the party, from set up to clean up. We promise not to work you too hard; it's kinda fun like a pre-party party.

GET WELL WISHES ...

To Sophie Wechselberger – hope you're feeling better soon.

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STATE REP JOHN FRITCHEY HAS SPOKEN
State Rep. John Fritchey graciously spoke at the November meeting and touched on several topics. Here are the highlights. Recent legislation:

1) Telemarketing: A law was recently signed and will be effective some time after January 2003. The logistics have not quite been figured out, but a telephone customer can have their name removed from telemarketing lists for a nominal monthly fee (unknown at this time). The companies who do the telemarketing are required to adhere to the "no call" rule. This does not mean that all telemarketing calls will cease (because some companies may not follow the law), but they will be diminished significantly. Rep. Fritchey stated that over 800,000 are signed up in a similar program in the State of Indiana.

2) State Inspector Misconduct Act: After four years of trying, this bill will be effective January 2003. In a nutshell, it prohibits State Inspectors from soliciting political contributions or other fund raising contributions from businesses that the inspectors regulate. Though this seems rather obvious, this is still a common practice. This did not necessarily come out of the "license for bribes" scandal as basically every business in the State of Illinois is somehow regulated and needs to be inspected (Day Care Centers, Beauty Salons, etc.)

3) ATM fees: Rep. Fritchey has been trying to pass a bill that prohibits the double surcharge when using an ATM. The bank where you used the ATM and your own bank charge you every time you use an ATM. This is a big money-maker for banks and a burden for the ATM user.

Rep. Fritchey also touched on the real estate tax vs. state income tax dilemma on how our real estate are abnormally high in order to fund our schools and other services versus how low the state income tax is (47th lowest in the US). He stated this is not a problem that is going to be solved without a lot of controversy.

Regarding the impending "budget deficit" facing Governor elect Rod Blagojevich, Rep. Fritchey acknowledged it is real and they are

investigating ways to address it. He also mentioned that now that the Democrats have control of the House and Senate (in Illinois) and the governorship for the first time since the 1970's there is plenty of positive energy coming from Springfield.

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Call or visit any time to find out what programs the State may have that you might benefit from.

HELPING HAND CAMPAIGN

State Rep. John Fritchey has developed this campaign for the holidays. Very simply, he requests that people contribute new (or basically new) winter hats, gloves, scarves, socks and other outerwear to the homeless. In addition, hygiene items (because the homeless may shower, but cannot afford hygiene products) such as soap, shampoo, razors and feminine hygiene products are also welcome. There will be a collection box at the SLN Holiday Party and other donations can be brought to Rep. Fritchey's office.

PEE WEE PUMPKIN FEAST...

This years Halloween party at the Lakewood-Wolfram playlot was a huge success. About 200 hundred people attended, and had a great time. The Park District did a fabulous job. We couldn't have pulled it off without the hard work of the volunteers who generously gave their time.

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS ...

We are urgently seeking volunteers to join the South Lakeview Playlot Committee. This committee assists with programming and fundraising activities for the playground located on Wolfram and Lakewood. Please call (especially you parents) Lisa Lettiere at 773-868-4964.

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METRO CLUB becomes LENNOX LOUNGE
The Lennox Lounge located at 3032 N. Lincoln Ave. has opened for business. As you may remember, this is the former site of the Metro Club. In January 2002, the South Lakeview Neighbors voted at our monthly meeting and approved the transfer of the liquor license from the Metro Club to the current owners. Now you can see the end result of our decision. Hours are seven days a week from 5:00PM to 2:00AM. Our spys have informed us that at this time, drinks are being served but the kitchen is not quite up and running. Of course, the liquor license is based on it being a restaurant establishment, so we will keep our eyes peeled on the situation.



TIP TIME ...

(by Perry Castrovillari)

Well it's that time again - Cold and Colder!

- Time to check your car battery for a full charge, antifreeze level, windshield washer fluid, oil and tire pressure. It's a good idea to keep a bag of rock salt, a small shovel, a pair of warm gloves and a blanket in your trunk. Be prepared and be spared!
- Also, with the holiday shopping starting, the crooks are looking for easy targets. Don't be one!
- With the snow and cold, garage doors may have problems closing. Be sure to wait for your door to close before driving away.
- Don't leave gifts and packages in your car in clear sight. Put them in the trunk.
- Watch out for scam artists. There are a lot of them around using the story of trying to get to the hospital because their wife is having a baby and they only need \$20 for a cab. I had a guy in a suit tell me he was a pro basketball player and a hooker had stolen all his money and he had to get to O'Hare and get to a game. If I would only give him \$100 he would send me back \$1,000. They come up with the best stories. Don't believe it! If someone really has these problems they can call the Police. Be smart and be safe.

Enjoy your holidays – Perry.



TAKE A TRIP TO COLUMBIA *(by Richard Lettiere)*

What exactly is Colombian food? That was my first thought when my friends Anna and Rick suggested that we try "las tables Steak House" on 2965 North Lincoln Avenue, (773) 871-2414. Considering that Anna grew up in Columbia, I gave her the benefit of the doubt and off we went. Thankfully, my ignorance was soon answered with a delightful meal, filled with tasty bites of authentic Colombian cuisine.

We arrived on a Friday night, four adults and two children, at 6:00. By 6:30, there was a line of people waiting for tables. Why? Perhaps for the two appetizer dishes that we ordered. The first, Empanadas, is a corn puff fillet filled with a mixture of ground meat, potato, rice and egg. I would recommend dipping this wonderful treat into the home made aji sauce, which will add a little bit of spice to your evening. We also had the Yuca Chorriada, which is a sautéed yucca with cheese and a tasty criolla sauce (consisting of onion and tomato). Even my daughter Allison, who is only three, loved this dish.

For the main course, we shared a traditional Colombian dish, Bandeja Paisa. This offering consists of various Colombian treats, such as char-grilled steak, fried pork, small pieces of rib, and plantain. The serving was very generous, and extremely tasty. We also feasted on the Churrasco, which is a char-grilled New York strip served with plantain, fried yucca, and other wonderful treats. I highly recommend this dish.

I should note that las tables is BYOB. They do serve authentic Colombian pop, as well as fruit drinks which, in the Colombian tradition, one should order with milk. The ambiance is casual, excellent for friends and family, and the bill won't set you back too much. Pay a visit, and find out what authentic Colombian food is all about.

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