



South Lakeview Neighbors

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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.)

FEBRUARY, 2003

**NEXT MEETING ...
February 11, 2003**



**7:00 - Cookies and Coffee
7:30 - Meeting Begins**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

The February meeting is an aldermanic forum featuring the two candidates for the 32nd Ward position, incumbent Alderman Ted Matlak and candidate Jay Stone. See the article for the forum for details on the candidates.

We started working on this forum in November in order to line-up the candidates for the February meeting assuring the availability of the candidates. By the time the meeting occurs on February 11, the officers and directors will have summarized information about the candidates, processed our monthly newsletter which goes out to over 450 residents and businesses, contacted bordering neighborhood groups inviting them to attend, contacted several local newspapers to publish information in their articles and lastly flyered over 1,000 households in our SLN boundaries with information about the forum. We are excited about hosting this event and sincerely hope that you will attend the forum.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The February meeting will be an opportunity for members to meet and hear the candidates for

aldermanic election of the 32nd Ward. Here is some preview information on the candidates:

Ted Matlak

Education:

Bachelor Degree from DePaul University – Accounting

United States Congressional Page School

Years of residence in 32nd Ward:

34 years

Work History:

Alderman 32nd Ward since 1999, Administrative Assistant to 32nd Ward Alderman Gabinski

Plans for Key Issues:

Promote "Smart Growth" through more green space and controlled development, a safer community, improved education and business development.

Jay Stone

Education:

Doctorate from American Institute of Hypnotherapy

MBA from Loyola University

Bachelor Degree from University of Nevada

Years of residence in 32nd Ward:

6 Years

Work History:

Hypnotherapist

Chicago Water Department

Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation

Plans for Key Issues:

Goal is to run a more pro-active, visionary and ethical alderman's office.

Format for Forum:

- 1) Candidates will give a 5 minute introductory speech with the right of rebuttal.
- 2) Candidates will answer a variety of predetermined questions.
- 3) The candidates will answer questions from the audience. Questions can be asked directly at

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the Forum or can be written in advance (if you are too nervous about speaking in public) and will be read to the candidates.

- 4) Candidate's final comments.
- 5) There will be some time allotted to talk to the candidates after the Forum is complete.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM. Coffee, cookies and other treats will be served.

FORUM BEGINS AT 7:30 PM. Please try to be in your seats by this time so as not to interrupt the proceedings.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

BARRY AND ASHLAND UPDATE ...

The three businesses in the little shopping center at the corner of Barry and Ashland are having their patrons sign a petition to keep the 125 foot section on the south side of Barry going east a two-way. SLN and concerned neighbors have been opposed to this from the beginning feeling that this is dangerous. Going south on Ashland Ave. there is a left turning lane where you can turn and have access to their parking lot. This two-way section is not needed. For well over 20 years The Lakeview Fruit Market was at that location. They did a great business, and they didn't have the left turn lane off of Ashland. SLN has sent a letter to the Alderman stating our position. Also the CAPS office may pay special attention to that corner. We will keep you updated.

AT THE JANUARY MEETING ...

Officer Ray Ranne from the Crime Prevention Program gave a very informative presentation on street safety and robbery prevention. His presentation covered things like, how to carry your purse, how to be aware of pickpockets, and how to walk down the street and not look like a potential victim. He answered questions from the floor and gave some very important tips on home safety, such as home bugler alarms, a well lit house, keeping hedges trimmed and having dogs. They don't need to be big dogs; little ones are just as effective because they alert the owner. Basic things like locking your doors, and being aware of what goes on in your neighborhood were discussed. "We need to look out for each other".

Also, if there is a tree on the parkway in front of your house that is blocking a streetlight, you can call the Bureau of Forestry and tell them that you need a "high cut" and they will come out and trim around the light. He left us with these words: "A thief will take the path of least resistance; it's up to you to be safe and smart."

Officer Ranne said he would like to come back and talk about identity theft. A subject that we all need to be informed about.

MY MEETING WITH MAYOR DALEY

(January 6, 2003) *(by Bill Haderlein)*

In early January, Alderman Matlak's office invited me (Bill Haderlein-President of SLN) to a small coffee and sweet roll meeting with Mayor Daley. The Mayor is using these informal meetings a form of campaigning and to meet face-to-face with the people and to hear their concerns.

The event proceeded with little fanfare. Mayor Daley arrived and quietly shook hands with all in attendance and then asked us to stand and say who we were and where we were from. He proceeded to speak (uninterrupted) on a variety of topics, and then he fielded questions from the group. Lastly, we all had a photo-op with the Mayor. He was a fast talker and touched on many subjects, so here is my summary of the subjects:

EDUCATION: Number #1 concern. Funding for schools has been provided on a system based on poverty, not academic accomplishment. The poorer the students, the greater funding from the government. That system has been changed and funding is based more on academics. The Mayor

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believes that the "rebirth of the city" will occur when all citizens, in every neighborhood, can feel their children will receive a quality education in the Chicago Public School System. As many of us have seen, the Mayor is proud of the structural improvements made to the schools over the last few years including new windows, heating systems and sandblasting of the exteriors of the buildings.

ZONING CODE REFORM: Written in 1956-57, the Mayor informed us that Chicago is the only major U.S. city that is updating and changing its' building and zoning code. Using a "common sense" approach, the code is being rewritten so any citizen can understand it. No lawyers or developers are on this committee (hey, my Dad is lawyer). The information will eventually be on the Internet, so people can access information from their home and eventually apply for permits without going downtown (think of fun we will miss out on).

LAKE MICHIGAN and the CHICAGO RIVER: The Mayor feels our access to fresh water is one of our most precious commodities. As the population continues to move to undeveloped areas, the demand for fresh water will lead to "Water Wars" (without bullets). Committees are in place to protect the Great Lakes system for usage and pollution and to determine how the water is allocated to other States. The Mayor sees the Chicago River becoming a recreation use type river (canoeing, kayaking and eventually even fishing). The city is studying ways to trap fresh rainwater for a variety of uses so it just isn't commingled with other water in the sewer system and flushed down the Sanitary and Ship Canal. The continuous water fountain system of the Park District is being examined in addition to repairing water main leaks more quickly.

MASS TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING: The problem is not that there is a shortage of parking spaces but too many cars. People have to change their transportation mentality to consider mass transit alternatives when appropriate (going downtown, out to dinner, to the mall). The Mayor feels that a form of "trolley system" (transporting people from the mass transit destination to the specified area they want to go e.g. - train to Clybourn shopping area then get on a trolley to Target) is the way to utilize the current structure and enhance it down the road. As you all probably know, funding to expand the capacity of the Brown (Ravenswood) L line is already in the works.

Some parking solutions may be underground parking for larger developments and additional diagonal parking on streets.

CONSERVATION: The city is still trying to educate the population on the blue bag recycling program. Some areas of the city are just not cooperating. Landfills are limited.

The Mayor has a big initiative to promote "roof top" gardens similar to the one on City Hall. This is very popular in Europe. Larger commercial and residential buildings could use this method to reduce air-conditioning costs and improve winter-time insulation and reduce heating costs. As the demand for energy is decreased, the pollution to generate that energy decreases. In addition, the gardens will eat-up CO2 and expel oxygen (simple grammar school science for those who paid attention in class).

SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE: As the "big box" stores are becoming more prevalent, smaller businesses are being forced out due to competition and higher rents. The Mayor supports a TIF (Tax Incentive Something?) for landlords to rent to small business owners.



TIP TIME ...
(by Perry Castrovillari)

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN COLD WEATHER:

10. Cover all exposed skin! If you're not wearing head covering you really will be brain dead.
9. Layers, layers and more layers, and don't worry about what you look like...your mission is to stay warm.
8. Let your dog or cat sleep with you.
7. Warm up the car before driving off.
6. It is worth the investment to shell out \$15.00 for wool socks. Wool retains its insulation properties, even after getting wet. Cotton once it gets wet will conduct the heat away.
5. Moisturizer and chapstick.
4. Don't dwell on the cold. You can't change it. Enjoy sledding, skating, cocoa, lattes, tag in the snow, or a brisk walk. Make the most of it.
3. Drink plenty of hot toddies and Grand Moms Moonshine.
2. Drink lots of hot soup and remember to rehydrate.
1. Go to an island and walk around with flip flops and shorts and watch the weather on channel 9.

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**TASTY FOOD ...
AND BELLYDANCERS**
(by Richard Lettiere)



The ethnic diversity of the restaurants in our area continues to amaze and delight me, and is reason number 154 that we will never move to the suburbs. Continuing to tap into the heritage of our friends, we accompanied another couple on a Saturday night to Ala Turka, at 3134 North Lincoln Avenue, (773) 935-6101. One of our friends has spent considerable time in the Middle East, and her father was born in Lebanon. She served as our tour guide through this wonderful dining experience.

Lamb, beef, eggplant and Turkish spices are the staples to Turkish food. We started with a vegetarian platter, which included humus, eggplant salad, haydari (thick homemade yogurt with chopped walnuts, garlic, carrots, dill and dried mint), ezme (roasted bell peppers crushed with tomatoes, onions, walnuts and spices), and stuffed grape leaves. The bread which accompanied our appetizers was delicious – very warm and fresh. We also had a Turkish eggplant salad. Most of the appetizers were priced at about \$6, which is a true bargain, considering the quality of the food. There are also a number of warm appetizers offered.

For the main course, I would recommend ordering "from the grill". Tasty is an understatement, and nothing from my grill has ever been so mouth watering. I had the mixed grill platter, which is a large amount of food, and includes a mixed grill of chicken, lamb shish kabob, adana (ground beef and lamb with tomatoes) kabob, baby lamb chop, kofta (ground beef / lamb patties seasoned with spices) kabob, and lamb gyros. This dish can easily serve two people (unless I am one of them, necessitating my wife to order another dish). In addition to the grill, I would recommend the Turkish stew, which is a beef stew served in a clay pot.

Leave room for dessert, and have the baklava, rice pudding, and Turkish flam. If you feel like staying awake for a week or two, order some Turkish coffee. Ala Turka also offers a moderately priced wine list, and last but not least, authentic belly dancers (after 9 PM). Ala Turka, another gem in our backyard.

GET WELL WISHES...

To Teresa Suktus, we hope you feel better soon.

SOME USELESS TRIVIA ...

There are various accounts as to whom St. Valentine was. It is said that there were two St. Valentine's, both died at the same time and are buried virtually in the same place at the Flaminian Way. Both are said to be the saint associated with the Patron Saint of Lovers. The first of the Saints was considered to be a Roman Priest or Bishop of the Christian faith, who was also a physician. Legend has it that he cured the sick of ailments, by giving them special medicines and ointments. He did this out of the goodness of his heart refusing any payment - maybe accepting a loaf of bread or what could be spared by the sick. One day the jailer brought his daughter to Valentine to see if her sight could be regained. Valentine rubbed some of his ointment on her eyes and told the jailer to bring her back once a week for an ointment rub. He was arrested for his beliefs, but the jailer could not help him. The jailer went to see Valentine moments before he was executed at which point Valentine asked for pen and paper and supposedly wrote "from your Valentine" and inside the paper was a blossom that is said to have given the girl her sight.

The second Saint was also a priest who would secretly perform marriages for young lovers which under the Emperor Claudius II's laws was forbidden. The reason being that Claudius did not want the men marrying because they must be able to concentrate on war and not on loved ones.

Whichever story is true we celebrate St. Valentine's Day by exchanging cards, candy, flowers, etc. The reason we celebrate it on February 14 is this was the day on which it is said that St Valentine was executed. And all the while we thought that Hallmark and Fannie May invented it.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

CAPS MEETINGS...

In last months newsletter we give information about the CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) program and the times and places of their meetings. Once again, The SLN boundary is split between two beats. Beat #1932, which is east of Lincoln Ave., meets at Illinois Masonic Hospital on 814 W. Nelson, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. The next meeting is February 13. BEAT #1931, which is west of Lincoln Ave., meets at the Hamlin Park Field house On 3035 N. Hoyne. These meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM the next meeting is February 6. Call 312-733-CAPS or visit www.ci.chi.il.us .

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