



South Lakeview Neighbors

Forty Years of Service

1505 West Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

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Web Site: www.southlakeviewneighbors.org

BOUNDARIES: DIVERSEY TO BELMONT - RAVENSWOOD TO RACINE

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

September 1 through June 30

Meetings held at St. Alphonsus Church 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.)

JUNE, 2003

and hoist a few cocktails all in the ever-loving name of the South Lakeview Neighbors.

NEXT MEETING ...

June 10, 2003



7:00 - Cookies and Coffee

7:30 - Meeting Begins

* WE MOVED * WE MOVED * WE MOVED *

Just a reminder that the monthly meeting is now held in the St. Alphonsus Church Basement. Enter the meeting through the door just east of the Church Rectory (1429 W. Wellington) and proceed to the basement.

REPEATING - MEETING IN ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BASEMENT

SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PLAYLOT ...

7/29/03 - Jim Gill Family Program

8/26/03 - The Bill Porter Orchestra (Swing)

JUNE MEETING ...

Fun Night - As is our tradition our June meeting is all about having fun, and electing new officers. More about fun, usually we served hot dogs but since we no longer have kitchen facilities, our generous business owners have come to our rescue. Quizno's and Subway have graciously offered to donate some of their delicious sandwiches. Chicago Pizza will send over a scrumptious salad. Art of Pizza, whose pan pizza was voted best in town by *Chicago* magazine, will send over some pizza. Jack's Bar and Grill will be bringing us some of their fantastic desserts. And Steve Wigand will bring whatever he wants.

The Pat Butler Chronicles - Columnist for the Lerner Newspapers, reporter at the SLN monthly meetings and North side Chicago historian and humorist will entertain with what is becoming his annual appearance at our June meeting.

Election of Officers/Directors - The Nominating Committee had tremendous success in choosing a slate. The slate to be presented is as follows:

JUNE AGENDA ...

7:00 FUN NIGHT - Pizza, Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert, Beer, Wine and Pop

7:30 - Historical and Humorous Story by Pat Butler (Lerner Newspaper)
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Continued FUN NIGHT socializing

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT ...

The June Meeting is the final meeting of the 2002-2003 season while the officers and directors take the next 2 months off for a well deserved break. This month's meeting is a golden opportunity for the membership to meet the officers and directors for the 2003-2004 season. We had tremendous success recruiting some "fresh blood." We have 5 brand new recruits and some people who have served previously returning to the fold. 100% of the people asked to act as officers and directors during the Nominating Committee process accepted the invitation and the challenge that faces them! So, I ask that the members, former officers (I've seen you around the neighborhood, you know who you are) and interested individuals attend the June Meeting to press the flesh, welcome the new crew

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Officers:

President: Bill Haderlein
 1st Vice President: Perry Castrovillari
 2nd Vice President: Lisa Lettiere
 Recording Secretary: OPEN
 Treasurer: Ann Sychowski
 Corresponding Secretary: Ernie Toth

Directors:

Bill Bauman Julie Breen
 Mickey Flocca Bob Heacox
 Doug Liphardt Bob Maddox
 Michelle Rappeport Andrea Rosen
 Joe Semerling

AT THE MAY MEETING...

• Dean Maragos, Chairman of the LVCC Crime Committee spoke to us on the topic of police officer redeployment at the 19th and 23rd districts, which are considered "safe areas" compared to higher crime areas. This would pretty much reverse the situation; with no police visibility this "safe area" could become a high crime area. The 23rd district, The Town Hall Police Station located at Addison and Halsted is a key district regarding hate crimes.

Real estate values go up when the police district is close by. Since moving the Town Hall Police Station is being considered, a rally was held at the 23rd district to support the police. Diane Galiej made a motion that we write a letter to the Mayor regarding this redeployment. Sometimes the Mayor listens to the community.

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Newsletter Editor: Carol (Mickey) Flocca
 Web Master: Bob Heacox

Directors:

Diane Galiej Steve Routberg
 Joe Herdegen Joseph Semerling
 Michelle Rappeport Julie Breen

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 please call Ann at (773) 477-8840.**

• Jack's Bar and Grill – Phyllis Carlucci presented her proposal for a 9 table, 32 person sidewalk café on the Southport Ave. side of the establishment. The Neighborhood Development and Review Committee's (NDRC) opinion of the application was presented by Bill Haderlein. The findings noted mainly that:

1. Jack's is on a totally residential corner
2. Jack's currently operates a beer garden
3. Jack's operates an open air environment by opening its windows on warm nights.

It was the feeling of the NDRC that the residential intersection could not absorb any additional outdoor entertainment and recommended to the membership that the proposal be voted down. Comments and discussion followed with the majority of it being against the proposal. A secret ballot vote was taken. The results were Yes = 9, No = 39. A letter was delivered to Alderman Matlak summarizing the results.

• **How does your garden grow?** Liz Goldsmith of Fertile Gardens at 1646 W. Diversey joined us to talk about their services. She said that they are a resource in the community so we could come in and ask questions. Longhorn Beetles were discussed and she assured us that the city was taking care of this problem. She also suggested for low maintenance we should plant ground covers instead of grass, if we prefer grass she said we should use seed rather than sod. Regarding dogs Ms. Goldsmith feels that raised beds would help. If your grass is turning yellow in spots and has no root system chances are you have Grubs. They are passed on by birds and will devastate your grass. Ann Sychowski recommended a product called GRUB X.

AD RENEWAL TIME...

As we mentioned before, this newsletter would not be possible without the financial support of our generous patrons. However it is time to once again ask them for their help. Ad renewal letters will be sent out by June 15th the deadline for ad renewal is July 1st. We know everyone is busy, but please don't put your renewal letter at the bottom of the heap. Any new businesses in the neighborhood (if Ann hasn't gotten to you yet) that would want to advertise in our newsletter, please give us a call. There is ad space available. Again our number is (312) 409-SLN6. And to our membership, please patronize these generous businesses; let's keep some money in our neighborhood.

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CONDOLENCES...

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jacqueline Grena, and to the family of Clara Semerling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to all the graduates of 2003.

"IT'S SUMMER TIME, SUMMER TIME, SUM, SUM, SUMMERTIME!"...

We want everyone to have a fun and safe summer. Here are some tips:

- Remember more kids are on the street, and they are preoccupied with having a good time, so drive a little more conscientiously.
- Wear sunscreen, nothing messes up vacation more than bad sunburn.
- Accidents will happen but with a little precaution some can be avoided. No one wants to spend summer in a cast.
- Remember you can't wash your hands enough. And teach the little guys how to do it correctly. Lots of soap, palms, tops, between fingers, and rinse well.
- Finally, don't be in denial about West Nile. The mosquito-borne infection can cause West Nile encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). You can do your part by eliminating standing water, keep grass and bushes trimmed and use mosquito repellents containing DEET. For more information on DEET, visit the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov. For more about West Nile go to the City's website, www.cityofchicago.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

1. First American Title – new offices opened at 3120 Lincoln. Double store-front space. Very impressive.
2. Subway Submarine – opened 3167 N. Lincoln. Enter on Lincoln or Belmont to reduce your time to travel for your next Teriyaki sandwich.
3. Hot Diggity Dog Deli (corner of Lincoln / Barry / Greenview) – closed. Somebody tell me where I can get a gyro "to go" in the SLN boundaries.
4. Chicago Shoe Outlet – "grand reopening" at 3130 Lincoln. In your face with a windmill slam dunk.
5. Clout (Restaurant and Bar) – 1248 W. George St. Formerly Thurston's, which has been going under renovations for some time, has been resurrected as Clout. What ever happened to the Bar Review Committee we were going to put together? I thought someone told me he was going to drink "more" in the coming year.



THE FINALE – A SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S REVIEWS (by Richard Lettiere)

For the final edition of this term's paper, I thought it would be helpful to provide a summary of the reviews that I have written. Hopefully you have had a chance to visit at least one of these restaurants, providing support to local businesses while enjoying a delicious meal. See you in September, have a great summer.

- **Prego Ristorante**, 2901 N. Ashland (773) 472-9190. The standard in Italian food in South Lakeview (and perhaps Chicago). Classy décor, creative food, wonderful desserts. The service is friendly, and though I would certainly recommend leaving the children at home (except in the summer, when the beautiful outdoor patio is open), we received excellent service when we brought our little girl. A must visit.
- **las tables**, 2965 N. Lincoln Ave. (773) 871-2414. Fine, fun Columbian food. BYOB, and crowded past 6:30 on weekends. Great for large groups seeking casual, authentic, South American cuisine.
- **Jack's Bar & Grill**, 2856 N. Southport (773) 404-8400. All-American bar, with surprisingly original food. The crowd is over 30, which seems to appeal more to me with each passing year. Attached is 404 Wine Bar, which is a great place to bring a date (even if you're married to her).
- **A La Turka**, 3134 N. Lincoln Ave. (773) 935-6101. Affordable Turkish food, extraordinary service, much better than I expected. With children, without children – no difference, you'll have a wonderful time.
- **Chicago's Pizza & Pasta**, 3114 N. Lincoln Ave. (773) 477-2777. Wide selection of pizzas, appetizers, and pasta dishes. Great décor, fun for groups. Open until 5 a.m. for delivery (we should all be that young to need pizza at 5 in the morning).
- **Lucca's**, 2834 N. Southport (773) 477-2565. I incorrectly classified Lucca's as Italian. My wife has since corrected me. Lucca's is *eclectic* cuisine. Whatever it is, go this summer. Enjoy the outdoor seating and great wine list.
- **Wishbone**, 3300 N. Lincoln. Breakfast, lunch, or dinner, all with a bit of New Orleans spice. Great for families, but also a good casual place to grab a couple of cocktails with adults.

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TIP TIME ...

(by Perry Castrovillari)

1. Inspect your gutters. They took a bruising. For less accessible spots, try using a mirror taped to a long handle to see if the gutter is clogged. Make sure gutters are properly aligned as well. With a pair of pliers, you can tighten loosened wire supports.
2. Try out the windows. To get them unstuck, try tapping them with a hammer and a wooden block. Don't strike the window frame directly; use the wooden block to prevent dents. Make sure the exterior paint is not cracked or peeling. Don't apply fresh paint until conditions are dry four or five warm, mild days should do nicely. Caulk the outside where needed. Just a small bead of caulk can make a huge difference in future heating and air conditioning bills. Look closely at the joints around windows and doors and where the siding comes in contact with the eaves.
3. Check out the roof. Even if you aren't comfortable making repairs, it's wise to check for potential lost or damaged shingles. Also, look at flashing, chimneys and vents. You can use a pair of binoculars, if necessary, but the best way is to get as close as possible. "If you think there might be damage, you can always look for damp spots in the attic.
4. Nurse your deck. Winter is particularly tough on wood, so it's wise to think about replacing rotten boards or re-sinking popped nails and screws. If the deck is in particularly bad shape, you may want to consider replacing it altogether. Maintenance-free decks have become quite popular in recent years.
5. Monitor the foundation for cracks. They need to be repaired. Small, hairline cracks don't present a problem. Large cracks that present structural problems will need professional attention.
6. Tour the basement or crawl space for excess moisture. Sometimes a wet crawl space can be caused by something as simple as a blocked vent. In fact it's a good idea to check all vents around the house. The one from clothes dryer can become blocked by lint.
7. Have your air-conditioning system inspected. Yes it's early, but it's a lot easier to find help right now than in July when it really gets hot. Check your wall units, clean the filters, and foam seals should be replaced "if they are deteriorated or crumbling."
8. Repair or replace window and door screens. Hardware stores sell kits that can make this a surprisingly easy job. Check your outside lights to

- make sure they are working properly, particularly motion-detection lights that help deter burglars.
9. Don't forget your garage. The snow and rain might have had an impact on it, but chances are your garage door could use a little maintenance, too: lubricate rollers, hinges and the springs and cables, check settings; and replace weather stripping, if needed.
 10. It's a good time to patch and seal your driveway so that little cracks don't get bigger. That is, if you're lucky enough to have one.

GENERAL SLN VOLUNTEER ISSUES (call 312-409-SLN6 to volunteer)

1. Coffee and cookie supervisor for the 2003-2004 season - We are looking for a volunteer to become the cheery person to set-up the coffee and cookies for the monthly meetings. This service has graciously been provided since the inception of SLN, however we need someone to step in and take over. Salary commensurate with your knowledge of cookies!
2. Playlot Committee - We are still looking for people to form a committee to oversee the South Lakeview Playlot at Wolfram and Lakewood above and beyond what the Park District may do. There is a very good chance that this committee will start with some money in the bank and have a budget.
3. Newsletter delivery person - We are looking for a person who can donate about 2 hours of their time on the first Tuesday of the month to deliver the SLN newsletter to the Post Office for mailing.
4. Recording Secretary - This very important officer position is OPEN. Duties include taking minutes of the monthly general membership meetings and the monthly board meetings. Learn the workings of the SLN hierarchy. Visit officer's houses. Attend occasional officer "beer bashes" and many other opportunities available.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Thanks to the retiring Officers and Directors:

- Joe Herdegen for updates on the Southport skyscraper and zoning issues.
- Steve Routberg for his chairmanship of the NDRC Committee for last few years (please return the Zoning Book) and good luck in your new house out of the SLN boundaries.
- Special thanks to Diane Galiej, long-time newsletter editor, former president and holder of many officer positions.

Though you are no longer officers, you are still members. We hope to see your support at our monthly meetings.

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