



# South Lakeview Neighbors

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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.)

## NOVEMBER, 2002

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2002**



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

7:00 – Coffee & Cookies

7:30 – Meeting Begins

Of course attendance is down at our monthly meetings primarily due to several long-time attendees passing away and the relocation of other attendees from the neighborhood. Please note that I used the term attendees and not members. Our membership is as strong as ever.

As for losing our "bite", September's meeting featured Alderman Matlak's "state of the ward address," the October meeting featured the Republican candidate for the U.S. Congress (who by the way approached us to appear) and a candidate for Cook County Treasurer. November's meeting features "Democratic Legislator of the Year" State Representative John Fritchey. In addition, Alderman Matlak has agreed to appear at our February meeting along with any other aldermanic candidates for an issues discussion relating to the February 25, 2003 aldermanic election.

All this juicy information, plus my rapier-like wit, world-class cookies and coffee, comfy seating arrangements, high-level discussions including the occasional crack-pot comment (only in America) makes for an interesting hour and half. I only wished we met more than once a month! HA!

### NOVEMBER AGENDA ...

- **STATE REP.- JOHN FRITCHEY TO SPEAK** - Our State Representative John Fritchey is on our schedule for the November meeting. John was voted "Democratic Legislator of the Year (2001)" by the Illinois State Crime Commission. He has been our representative downstate since 1996. In addition, due to the

### NOVEMBER AGENDA ...

- 7:00 - Coffee & Cookies
- 7:30 - State Rep John Fritchey
- Zoning Change – 1744-48 W. Wellington
- 311 Non-emergency & Service Requests

### A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

"IS WATCHDOG GROUP LOSING ITS BITE?" read the headline in Pat Butler's "Booster Shots" column in the October 16<sup>th</sup> issue of The Booster community newspaper. His article reported on SLN reducing its' quorum from 35 to 30 for monthly meetings. Before I go any farther, SLN greatly appreciates Pat attending our meetings and reporting to the community. It is a vital part of the monthly meeting process. Nevertheless, the byline concerned me because in fact, it could not be farther from the truth.

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remapping of the legislative boundaries as required by law, John represents virtually 100% of the area covered by the SLN boundaries (added to his area is the area bounded by Diversey to Barry and Racine to just beyond Greenview). John has a lot to say, so keep your calendar open.

**1744-48 W. Wellington – Zoning Change**

This double lot is zoned as “one zoning lot.” Currently, a 3-flat occupies one side of the lot and a garage occupies the back of the other lot. The purchaser requests a zoning change from R-3 to R-4 in order to convert the 3-flat apartment building into a single-family home. After this is completed, the purchaser will split this double lot into two single lots. The other lot will then be used to build a single family lot. The lots will then be rezoned back to R-3. A vote will be taken at the November meeting.

**311 Non-emergency & Service Requests**

Mr. Gene Lee – Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Daley will give a brief presentation on how the non-emergency 311 program works and how the City's “Speaker's Bureau” works. He will also take City Service requests at this time.

*Reps for City Programs*

**FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING ...**

- **Meet the candidates** – Our thanks to Mark Augusti, the Republican candidate for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, for taking the time to attend our meeting and discuss some issues regarding the election. Rahm Emmanuel, the Democratic candidate, did not attend. We would also like to thank Richard Daniels, the Republican candidate for Cook County Treasurer, for attending the meeting.
- **Ashland and Barry traffic flow** – this issue is discussed below.
- **Amendment to the By-laws - Article VII, Section 4 - Quorum** – The membership unanimously passed the request that the quorum be reduced from 35 to 30.
- **Treasurer Approved** - Julie Breen of Will's Northwoods Inn and the DePaul Management Company has stepped forward to take over the job of Treasurer. The membership approved and congratulated Julie. We thank Ann Sychowski for her many years as Treasurer with SLN and appreciate the many long hours she continues to give to us as director and “teacher”.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ARBY'S?**

According to a conversation with Alderman Matlak, the Arby's property at Ashland and Nelson is being developed under current zoning at that site. That is the reason that, though it is a large development, they did not have to appear before SLN (no zoning change, no need to appear before the neighborhood group).

The developer is building commercial space on the ground level with three levels of condominiums above the commercial space. Garages or parking will be in the back. A bank is not being built (but that does not mean a bank could not occupy the commercial space). There will not be any changes to the one-way direction of Nelson Avenue.

**GET WELL WISHES ...**

A speedy “get well” to Chester Majerowicz. We miss you at the meetings. See you soon!

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## ASHLAND AND BARRY TRAFFIC FLOW ...

The section of Barry Avenue, just east of Ashland that is two-way (supposedly) to the alley has been the topic of concern over the last few months. A discussion was held at the October meeting with the following findings:

1. The intersection has become dangerous as drivers are confronted with the fact that Barry is not two-way all the way through which results in quick U-turns, speeding down the surrounding alleys trying to find a way through and drivers continuing eastbound on Barry illegally, oblivious to the fact that it is one-way from the alley.
2. Barry has lost 5 parking spots on the street.
3. Cars are backed-up on west-bound Barry Ave. at the light because they must align in a single-file to accommodate the short two-way traffic.

No positive comments relating to the issue were made. A motion was presented to send a letter to Alderman Matlak describing the situation and supporting an inquiry to return Barry Ave. to one-way. The motion passed unanimously. A letter was sent to the Alderman on October 22. We will keep you informed.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ...

If you haven't yet, your membership renewals are not only due, but also **overdue!** Please remit your payment to Ann immediately. If your dues are not paid by 11/13/02 you won't be getting this information packed newsletter anymore.

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

Dinkel's Bakery is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> year. Dinkel's is located at 3329 N. Lincoln. Stop by for a taste!

## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...

The holidays are fast approaching, and it's time to get in gear for our annual Holiday Party, held on our regular meeting night in December. The Susie Snowflake Hotline, at 477.8840, is now open, taking reservations for the feast. Members do not have to pay for the

evening, but they must make a reservation so that we have an accurate count for the food. Guests of members are welcome to attend at the nominal cost of \$5.00. If you are bringing your children, please remember to give Susie the name and age of your child, so that she can forward the list to Santa.



## TIP TIME ...

*(by Perry Castrovillari)*

- Time to make sure all the open spots around your house are sealed up if you want to keep that heating bill down. And, it looks as if we are going to get a real winter – not like last year. We didn't have to turn the heat on in the rear until December!
- Turn off the water to the hose and be sure to drain it if it's going to be left outside for the winter.
- With the time change you should have replaced the batteries in all your smoke detectors and make sure your carbon monoxide detector is working.
- Get the screens up and the storms down and make sure the weep holes are clear so the condensation can get out and not rot out your windowsills.
- It's also a good time to change the filters on your furnace. Don't forget the humidifiers, they need to be turned on and checked. Oil your motor in the furnace also.
- Last, but not least, clean out the rain gutters and make sure that the drains in the gangway are free of leaves and garbage.

Stay warm and safe! Perry



## Rx ...

*(by Krissy, RN)*

Each year, smoking related illnesses claim 430,000 lives. A cigarette contains 43 distinctive cancer-causing chemicals, and is a leading cause of cancer death—especially among women. It is also a major factor in coronary artery disease and stroke. It is linked to conditions such as infertility, peptic ulcer disease, and slow wound

healing. For each 1000 tons of tobacco produced, 1000 people will die.

Your decision to smoke not only affects your life, but the lives of others. Second hand smoke causes 7500-15000 hospitalizations each year. If you think smokeless tobacco or cigar smoking is a better choice, think again. A single large cigar contains as much tobacco as a pack of cigarettes. The second hand smoke from a cigar contains over 4000 chemicals. Chewing tobacco contains more nicotine than cigarettes. One "dip" for 30 seconds provides as much nicotine as four cigarettes, and contains tumor-initiating carcinogens. Its physiological affects, such as increased heartbeat, blood pressure and nicotine levels, are similar to those who smoke. Unfortunately, celebrities have increased the publicity and "trendiness" of cigar use and chewing tobacco.

November 17 is the "American Smoke Out", a date designated by the American Lung Association to quit smoking for good. Several methods of quitting exist from over the counter nicotine patches and gum, to prescription nasal spray and oral medications. If you decide to quit, set a date and tell everyone. You'll need the support. Make a list of the pros and cons of smoking. Keep the list of the reasons NOT to smoke posted in clear view. Find out what makes you want to smoke and find new ways to cope with these "triggers." [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org) offers a free smoking cessation program. For more information, visit the American Lung Association website.

*(Richard Lettiere has volunteered to visit various restaurants in the neighborhood and write up a review.)*



## LAKEVIEWS LITTLE SLICE OF ITALY

*(by Richard Lettiere)*

Sometimes you just get lucky. Looking for a restaurant on a Saturday night and wishing to remain in the neighborhood, my wife and I visited Prego Ristorante, located at 2901 North Ashland (773) 472-9190 (across the street from Pier 1). Prego has been open for about one year.

Being an Italian-American from New York, I must confess to a healthy dose of skepticism when it comes to Italian restaurants outside the New York area. I am delighted to report that Prego Ristorante provided one of the best meals I have ever had in an Italian restaurant, accompanied by friendly service in a classic, beautiful setting.

We began with the bruschetta special of the evening, with toppings including pesto, white beans, olives and sundried tomatoes – a wonderful variety of taste sensations.

For the main course, one may choose from a host of pasta, meat, fish, and poultry dishes (both on menu and specials). We had another evening special, spaghetti topped with a variety of fish, such as mussels, calamari, and shrimp in a spicy marinara sauce. This dish, which is common in concept to every nickel and dime Italian restaurant from Newark to North Dakota, stands out for the very reason that Prego stands out – its authenticity and attention to detail. My great-grandmother, who arrived in our country via Ellis Island from Italy, always said that Italian cooking was simple, since the recipes were handed down from generation to generation. At Prego, the food tastes like it was prepared based on old family recipes, not some huge "how to prepare Italian food in less than ten minutes" cookbook.

Finally, for dessert, all of which are prepared by the chef and the owner's talented wife, Prego offers a fantastic cannoli, home made gelato, and on our particular Saturday night, an unforgettable cheese cake. We are looking forward to visiting again so that we can spend some time at the classy bar, and linger a little longer at Lakeview's little slice of Italy.

***Mention this review and receive one free appetizer in November.***

### **MORE GET WELL WISHES ...**

Get Well Wishes to Evelyn Kreutzer and Theresa Sutkus. Hope you're up and about very soon.

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