FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Mark your calendar for a special event "Art Night in Lincoln Park" on Thursday, October 20th when Leslie Wolfe Gallery joins five other galleries to celebrate the art of our community......Page 12 Check out the Committee News to learn in detail about the areat work that's aoing on in the Triangle. Included is the Grant Committee's report on the Grant recipient awards and how the monies awarded will be used to enhance programs and our community.....Pages 4,5

OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, Old Town! What a wonderful summer we have had. From the tremendously successful Old Town Art Fair that brought new artists and visitors to Old Town to the Disco Thank You Party celebration and Grant Awards presentation to deserving community organizations. Congratulations to Art Fair Chair Anne Giffels and the wonderful volunteers who made the OTAF possible. And a special thanks goes to Payam and Donna Zarei for organizing the Disco party that produced some serious boogying on North Park Avenue.

This summer we hosted the popular HDPZ Tours lead by Zac Bleicher, Corinne Rohr and Diane Gonzalez. They were held over three weekends and consistently filled up quickly. Hope we see more of these.

When we look ahead to Fall, we can see some new endeavors. Chris Nelson and his Communications Committee is developing a new, enhanced website to expand our outreach to the community and offer more content.

The newly expanded Art Gallery Committee, piloted by Barbara Guttmann, has organized the Lincoln Park Art Night on October 20th, showcasing the Leslie Wolfe Gallery plus five other exciting

Lincoln Park galleries. Trollies will be provided to take everyone from place to place. What a way to bring the community together.

The OTTA Board has put in many hours to keep this ship on course. The budget for 2023 was meticulously prepared by Treasurer Brad Neuman and approved unanimously by the Board. We can look forward to another year of smooth sailing.

I am proud to be in this glorious neighborhood and to be part of the Old Town Triangle Association. It's important to remind ourselves why our organization exists. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for our Triangle community. We do this through social events, park improvements, safety alerts, art classes, neighbor networking and more. The OTTA keeps members up to date with information through the Weekly Post and "The Times" quarterly newsletter. Newsletter co-editors Diane Sokolofski and Diane Fitzgerald and their team work hard to let you know what's happening as well as taking a step back into the past. Events like Oktoberfest on September 17th bring families together with facepainting for the little kids and food, drinks and music for the big kids.

These are just some reasons to be an active mem-



ber of the Old Town Triangle Association serving the community we love.

Dorothy De Carlo

Dorothy DeCarlo president@oldtowntriangle.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Brad Neuman

Earnings highlights for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2022, included the record setting First Sight event (Then & Now) and the Art Fair which was the second best on record. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers, leaders and staff as well as all the sponsors, donors and participants that made the events such great successes.

About \$23,000 in federal and state grants relating to Covid were received. This included PPP loan forgiveness, Employee Retention Credits and the Illinois Department of Commerce – Back to Business grant which State Senator Margaret Croke brought to our attention. A big thank you to Barbara Guttmann for pursuing these grants.

Major Projects took longer to define and start than originally planned. This added another \$35,000 in favorable budget variance. However, this is only a temporary savings as the expenditures are included in the 2023 budget.

Unfavorable items included an additional fundraiser that was planned to produce \$14,750 in net proceeds but was not held. The 20% sharing of Art Fair profits with the Menomonee Club was higher than budgeted because the Art Fair was much more profitable than budgeted. The increase in expense for art class instructors

OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION

Summary of Income and Expenses by Function | August 2021 – July 2022

				Favorable	
	Actual		Budget	(Un	favorable)
Income					
Member Dues	\$ 11,524	\$	9,960	\$	1,564
Grants Received	23,025		-		23,025
Art School Revenue	48,458		43,209		5,249
Investment Income & Rent Earned	9,760		8,445		1,315
Other Income	552		393		159
Operating Income	93,318		62,007		31,312
Expenses					
Program Costs	198,188		193,002		(5,186)
Management & General	54,801		54,055		(746)
Development Costs	18,047		17,654		(393)
Operating Expenses	271,036		264,711		(6,325)
OPERATIONS BEFORE FUNDRAISING & OTHER	(177,718)		(202,704)		24,986
Art Fair Income	355,242		282,489		72,753
First Sight Income	27,736		20,600		7,136
Other Fundraising Income	-		14,750		(14,750)
Major Project Costs	-		(35,000)		35,000
Neighborhood Improvement Costs	(16,750)		(29,500)		12,750
Sharing with Other Nonprofits	(130,048)		(118,060)		(11,988)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(866)		-		(866)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 57,595	\$	(67,425)	\$	125,020

was largely offset by increased tuition from more students. Park Maintenance costs were \$3,800 higher than expected, but more than offset by a \$12,750 reduction in the bricks and tree purchase programs.

The \$38,600 in insurance costs, \$3,700 more than budgeted, will start going down over the next three years because of a new insurance program that was made possible by improvements in board governance policies including

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TREASURER'S REPORT | By Brad Neuman

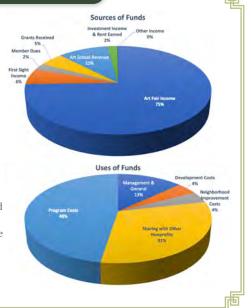
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a requirement that any future litigation requires approval by at least eight board members instead of just a majority. Board votes also cannot be taken in executive session and must be recorded in the minutes. Other improvements include conduct guidelines as well as orientation/training sessions for new board members. At the end of the threeyear tail policy, insurance costs should be down to about \$22,000 per year.

Cash and certificate of deposits grew to over \$683,000. Net Assets increased by more than \$57,000. This was \$125,000 better than the budget. Change in Net Assets is the term used for nonprofits instead of income and is how the audited annual report is presented. The goal for nonprofits is to provide programs and services rather than to produce profits or accumulate cash. Net Income for the year would have been about \$1,000 higher.

(For monthly reports we will continue to show net income due to limitations in the accounting software.)

The Source of Funds pie chart shows that the art fair provided 75% of the funds for the year. The art school provided 10%, but virtually all of that is consumed by art school expenses for instructors, models and materials which are included in program costs. First Sight and Grants Received provided another 11% of the funds. The Uses of Funds chart shows that Management and General costs are well contained at only 13% of total costs. Most of the funds support nonprofit purposes with program costs (48%) and sharing with other nonprofits (31%). Sharing with nonprofits consisted of \$71,000 for the Menomonee Club, \$55,000 for grants and \$4,000 to the Boy Scouts, continuing the generous tradition set more than 70 years ago.



The detailed financial statements and budget variance analysis are available on the website at: https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Year-End-Reports.pdf

2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET | August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 | By Brad Neuman

The budget serves to control expenditures and allocate funds among the many functions that serve the mission of "enhancing the quality of life for residents", including:

- Advocacy (including historic preservation, safety and accessibility)
- Serving children and the disadvantaged (Menomonee Club, Boy Scouts, grants)
- Promoting the arts (Art Fair, art classes, gallery shows, grants)
- Making neighborhood improvements (bricks program, trees, plantings)
- Promoting a sense of community and belonging (membership and events).

Less well understood, the budget also provides funds for maintaining the OTTA building, providing pick-up three times a week for the eight trash cans that are distributed around the Triangle, and helping maintain six parks:

- Children's Park at Hudson/Menomonee
- Old Town Triangle Park at Clark/Wisconsin
- Willow/Wells Pocket Park
- Menomonee/Wells Pocket Park
- Eugenie Triangle Park at Clark/Eugenie
- Ogden walkway between Lincoln and Wis-

Understanding that the results of the Art Fair are highly variable, prior budgets have generally had conservative (low) estimates of revenue. There has also been a desire to present a balanced budget each year. The result is that, over time, cash grew beyond what was needed. For example, in the recently completed 2022 fiscal year, the budget projected assets going down by \$67,425. But the actual result was that assets grew by \$57,595.

The 2023 budget includes \$125,000 in nonrecurring items that could be reduced or eliminated in future years depending on how well the coming Art Fair performs. This includes:

- \$55,000 for Grants
- \$25,000 for the Bricks Program
- \$45,000 in Major Projects (\$35,000 not spent in 2022 and another \$10,000 for a website makeover).

Including the non-recurring items, the 2023 budget shows a net asset reduction of \$92,976. Another way to view this is that we are using a big part of the \$73,000 surplus from the just-completed Art Fair plus \$35,000 of expenditures from last year's budget that were delayed.

Cash is projected to be \$611,000 at the end of fiscal 2023. This is virtually the same as what was budgeted for 2022. Cash still meets the stress test defined last year, which is having enough money to

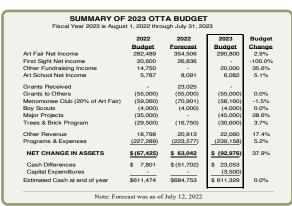
continue operations even if the next two Art Fairs could not be held.

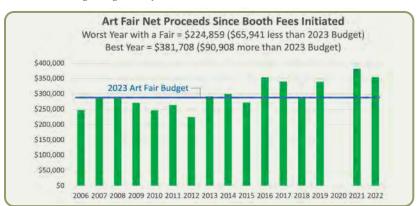
The Art Fair is also likely to do much better than what was budgeted. Fortunately, in 2006 there was a switch to booth fees instead of an art auction, which ensures that the Fair will be profitable - the only question is how profitable. Based on the just-completed Fair, results would be \$65,000 better than the budget. Based on the best year (2021) and the worst year (2012) since the switch to booth fees, results could be \$66,000 worse to \$91,000 better than the budget. A new Development Committee will also be charged with looking for other revenue or fund-raising opportunities.

Continuing accessibility improvements like those incorporated into the Art Fair, the budget includes \$3,500 in capital improvements to make at least one of the Triangle Building doors and the restroom accessible for wheelchairs. There is also \$3,000 for Restroom and Hall concrete ceiling repairs and painting.

The full budget is available on the website at: https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Approved-Budget.pdf

As always, your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Together we can make the Triangle a friendlier, more welcoming and safer environment.







LEFT TO RIGHT: President Dorothy DeCarlo, artist Mark Lewanski and Art Fair Chair Anne Giffels.

ART FAIR COMMITTEE Anne Giffels, Chairperson

After the roller coaster of 2021, it was good to get back to "normal" for the 2022 Old Town Art Fair. While we continued to exercise care, most of the restrictions we had to observe in 2021 were lifted. In the months after the 2021 Fair. the Art Fair team evaluated all the changes we made and maintained those that worked for our artists and guests.

We learned that artists and guests liked the additional spacing between the booths. The open areas allowed the artists to show more of their work and guests were able to walk around the different sides to see (and purchase!). Even better, we were able to showcase our beautiful neighborhood between the booths.

The 2022 Old Town Art Fair and Garden Walk was a smashing success, with some help from the beautiful weather. Artists were very pleased with their sales, and guests flocked to our expanded food court and music stages. Our revenue was the second highest in the history of the Old Town Art Fair, eclipsed only by the incredible 2021 Fair.

The Old Town Art Fair would not be possible without the dedicated work of an amazing group of committee chairs, volunteers and our Old Town Triangle staff, especially Barbara Guttmann. We are already planning the 2023 Old Town Art Fair, so mark your calendars for June 10th and 11th. Gates will open at 10:00 am!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chris Nelson, Chairperson

As part of the approved FY 2023 budget, the Communications Committee has funds set aside to revamp our current OTTA website. Working with web development professionals will enable us to provide an improved user experience for the website.

Some of our goals for the update are improved navigation, easier download of important information, and improved connection with our membership database. We hope the end result will be a more streamlined website that will be a valuable resource for all our members and the community at-large. If you have any specific "wish list" items for the website update, please email the communications committee at Communications@oldtowntriangle.com

Our goal will be to launch the updated website in the second quarter of 2023.

AND THE AWARDS GO TO...

Congratulations to the OTAF winners who won "Best in Show" and "Second Place" with their mediums of Drawing/Pastel, Painting, Photography, 2D Mixed Media, Wood, Glass, Jewelry. The photos below are of the artwork that the artists submitted with their applications.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers on the Exhibitor Committee this year: Sue Apey and Laurie Miller co-chairs, Joan Goldstein, Alice Huff, Donna Vos, Ruth Ann Watkins, Lesley Palmer, Joan Janowski, Diane Valek, and Janet Lerman-Graff.

2022 ARTIST AWARD RECIPIENTS										
AWARD	ARTIST	STATE	BOOTH #	MEDIUM						
Painting, Drawing/Pastel & Printmaking:										
Best in Show	Melissa Mason	WI	113	Drawing/Pastel						
Second Place	Andrew Arkell	IL	562	Painting						
2D Mixed Media, Photography & Digital Art:										
Best in Show	Lisa Kristine	CA	133	Photography						
Second Place	Natalie North	UT	151	2D Mixed Media						
Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Stone & Wood:										
Best in Show	Thomas Tyers	WI	516	Wood						
Second Place	Mark Lewanski	MI	544	Glass						
3D Mixed Media, Jewelry, Metal & Sculpture:										
Best in Show	Katzie Hughes	MT	505	Jewelry						
Second Place	Frances Kite	IL	148	Jewelry						

BEST OF SHOW WINNERS



Redtail 1 By Thomas Tyers



High Plateau.Tibet by Lisa Kristine



Charm of Hummingbirds By Melissa Mason



Ring Stack with Sapphires & Citrine By Katzie Hughes

SECOND PLACE WINNERS



Chicago Water Tower #1 By Andrew Arkell



Apollo Planes By Natalie North



Chroma V Bv Mark Lewanski



Hearts and Fire Necklace By Francis Kite

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Marya Lucas, Chairperson

We are in the process of installing improvements to the south restroom to comply with accessibility standards, including reversing the door swing, upgrading door hardware and installing grab bar(s). Main entry door thresholds at the Triangle will be modified to meet accessible slope requirements. We are aiming for completion of these improvements, hopefully by year's end. We were going to do a walk-through in August, along with CDOT and the Alderman's office, to survey and improve curb-cuts in the neighborhood. But, given the Aldermanic transition, this has been on hold: hoping to do the walk around by fall. The mission of the Accessibility Committee is to make the Old Town neighborhood, including its streets, structures, and activities, more accessible to persons with disabilities and to enhance awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities so as to create a more friendly, approachable environment.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

David Montgomery, Chairperson

The Community Safety Committee continues to focus on ways to make the Old Town Triangle a safer place. Our July Safety Forum was a great success, bringing the police, the alderman and other city officials together to discuss various safety and crime issues such as carjackings, 911 calls, city cameras and more. We continue to work with the Alderman's office to secure better lighting for dark areas of the neighborhood, and for the installation of crime fighting equipment, such as city cameras. We are currently exploring effective ways to allow neighbors to communicate with one another regarding safety issues and to stay informed of safety issues in the Triangle. Neighbors are encouraged to consider joining this committee. More people are always needed to take an active role in sharing information and keeping the entire neighborhood aware of what is happening and how to be proactive. If you have a few hours a month and would like to contribute to this committee, please send an email to safety@oldtowntriangle.com. Everyone is welcome to get involved!

WOULD YOU CONSIDER **BEING A COURT** ADVOCATE?

Court Advocacy is a program run out of the 18th District in which neighbors appear in court on behalf of the community and victims. The presence of Court Advocacy volunteers sends a strong message to the defendants and the courts that we will not tolerate crime in our community.

For the cases discussed, CPD provides the group with information regarding each case, where it happened, what happened, and when/where the court case will be held for the offender in custody. The Court Advocates can pick and choose whichever case interests them.

For additional information, please see https://rnrachi- cago.org/court-advocacy-program/ courtesy of River North Residents Association. Those interested in becoming a Court Advocate should email Officer Al Robinson at Alfred.Robinson@chicagopolice.org.

NEIGHBOHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Alan Lougee, Chairperson

Free trees and discounted rain barrels are being offered through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). Free Bald Cypress and Pecan trees are available (18" saplings) at MWRD plants every Wednesday from 9:00 am to noon (April - October). Trees can help mitigate flooding by absorbing rainfall. They reduce air pollution, keep neighborhoods cooler, and increase habitat for wildlife. Learn more about the free trees at mwrd.org/treesrestore-canopy

MWRD also offers discounted rain barrels for Cook County residents. For only \$21.96 (or \$10.95 for seniors 65+) including delivery fees, MWRD will have a rain barrel delivered to your home. Rain barrels capture water from a home's roof and help prevent sewer overflows and flooding. The water from the barrel can be used to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots/tools. Order your rain barrel online at: mwrd.org/ rain-barrels.

Sidewalks on both sides of the street on Menomonee through to Clark Street will be re-bricked. The re-bricking has been funded by the owner at 100% of the cost to install. The OTTA reimburses the homeowner 50% of that cost. This effort uses up the Brick Program funds until next fall 2023. Please contact me, or Barb at OTTA, if you would like to participate next year.

Our Committee is also reviewing Old Town's "Pocket Parks", contemplating installing plaques at each park, which would include the park's history. An excellent example is the park on Wells Street two blocks north of Division. It is well-signed and a good

The NIC meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm at the OTTA offices. Please stop by to join our discussions.

GRANTS COMMITTEE | Steve Nichols, Chairperson

The mission of the Grants Committee is to oversee and administer the Grant Program that the Old Town Triangle Association offers to schools and organizations that serve our community and to support the stated mission and goals of the Old Town Triangle Association.

The Grants Committee voted to approve fifteen applicants for a total of \$55,000 in grants. The Board approved the committee recommendations.

Choosing recipients and amounts is particularly challenging as every applicant presented a worthy cause and a need for grant money. The requests from seventeen organizations totaled over \$83,000 this year.

Recipients for 2022 are: Red Orchid Theater to support community outreach to underserved parts of the community to attend events; Menomonee Judo Club to provide the "Judo for Everyone" program for paralympic and adaptive participants; Art on Sedgwick for their Artist Residency and Installation Project; Chicago Sculpture Exhibit to support the new sculpture in Old Town; Deborah's Place to support the Sedgwick Learning Center; and, Green City Market to help fund Club Sprouts program for kids.

Also included are the LaSalle Language Academy Fine Arts Program to support their new Mural Project; Lincoln Park Conservancy for the Litter Patrol Volunteer Program; Lincoln Park High School Band and Orchestra to help purchase new band and orchestra instruments; Lincoln Park High Music Production Club for the establishment of dedicated studio space for operation at LPHS; and Marillac St. Vincent for the community outreach services program.

Rounding out the list are <u>The Village Chicago</u> to support reduced membership fees and support social engagement programs; Lincoln Park Zoo to support the LEAP Early Childhood Program; the Midwest Buddhist Temple to help maintain landscaping and beautification at the Temple; and, Near North Library Friends Association to purchase new travel books, adult large print books, children's collection, and a new poetry corner.

Recipients received their checks at the Art Fair Volunteer Thank You Dinner on June

A special thanks to the Grants Committee who worked diligently and gave up many evenings to hear and discuss the presentations before determining request amounts. This year's committee consisted of Steve Nichols, Chair, Vi Daley, Petula Frangias, Diane Gonzalez, Rick Rausch and Aneta Tomaszkiewicz.



HISTORIC DISTRICT & PLANNING ZONE (HDPZ) COMMITTEE

Zac Bleicher, Chairperson

The HDPZ hosted three walking guided tours this summer, limited to 15 OTTA members and led by our incredible "resident historians"!

On Sunday, June 26th, a wonderful time was had by a group of intrepid OTTA members and their guests who learned from tour guide and Old Town neighbor Corinne Rohr as she led us through the architectural history of Old Town, from the oldest workers cottages to groundbreaking Mid-Century Modern homes.

The second tour, Stories of Old Town, was held on Sunday, July 24th. Long-time resident tour guide and Old Town historian Diane Gonzalez led the group through the history of Old Town's many notable figures and past residents, and the homes and shops they lived and worked in. Most of these people's stories would be practically forgotten if not for the work of members of the OTTA like Diane, collecting and contextualizing the narratives of previous residents, passed down through oral histories,

city records, and newspaper clippings.

Zac Bleicher led the third tour, a walk through Old Town's Artistic Legacy, on Saturday, August 27th. This tour traced the evolution of Old Town into an artistic enclave, beginning in the 1920s, and how creative rehab practices and the presence of a thriving artistic community shaped the architecture and culture of the neighborhood.





ABOVE: Corinne Rohr led Old Town's Architectural Legacy Tour. Here she tells the history of the building that The Menomonee Club has called home since 1950, located at 244 W. Willow Street, Prior to their purchase, it was a 2-lane bowling alley for the North End Bowling Club.

LEFT PHOTO: Zac Bleicher outside 1734 N Wells Street and the site of a major property restoration that shaped Old Town, led by Edgar Miller and Sol Kogen and their followers.

EVENTS COMMITTEE | Carly Jenkins, Chairperson

Oktoberfest is the Events Committee's next planned activity. Please plan to join your neighbors on September 17th 4-8 pm, at the Old Town Triangle Center. We will have music, food, Kids Korner, beer, and wine. Bring a dessert or side to share. Family fun and dancing in the streets. More information to come in the Weekly Posts. Volunteers are needed for event set up and clean up. Please email

events@oldtowntriangle.com if you'd like to help, or contact Kathy Clark directly, who is graciously taking the lead on this event for our committee.

Are You running in the Chicago Marathon on October 9th? The Events Committee would like to support YOU and cheer you on! Please email us your name and we'll create a sign to support those who are running in the Chicago Marathon this year.

I, Carly Jenkins, am running the Chicago Marathon for the first time ever this year and I do know of a few other OTTA people who are running it as well, so I'd like to create a community of support and rally around those running. Please email us at events@ oldtowntriangle.com.

A FAREWELL TO VINCE DALEY

By Barbara Guttmann

If you met Vince Daley (and odds are you did), you made a friend. He was your gregarious, optimistic, strong-willed friend. Vince could and would talk to anyone, at anytime and anywhere. Unfortunately for all of us who knew and loved him, he passed away on January 23, 2022, at his home surrounded by loved ones after a five-year battle with prostate cancer.

It would be hard to find a more vocal proponent of his hometown. Vince loved Chicago with a depth and breadth matched only by his fierce devotion to his wife of 55 years, our friend and former OTTA President and 43rd Ward Alderman, Vi Daley. Seeing the two of them apart was akin to Halley's Comet - it happened, but rarely.

Vincent R. Daley, Jr. was born in Chicago on June 21, 1940. As a lifelong Chicagoan, he was a proud graduate of St. Gertrude, Loyola Academy, Lincoln College, and Loyal University.

Throughout his life, Vince met regularly with his friends from elementary school! He was a member of the "40 Club" a group of friends who were all realtors. He served on the Board of Lincoln College and always endeavored to bring more attention to that school by shepherding well-known figures to attend graduations including Rahm Emanuel. Vince was also a die-had Chicago Bears fan and his attendance at games was a constant. When his attendance lessened it was not due to the team's losses. He was a true believer.

Vi and Vince were well-traveled, and one of their favorite spots was Phuket, Thailand. When they decided that was too distant a trip, they returned to old standbys like southern Spain and Palm Dessert. An over-sized map hangs at their home with pins marking their travels all around the world.

Travel is great, but Chicago was always the most favored. Vince was an official "Greeter" for the city and took visitors on tours of the Lincoln Park neighborhood. He loved being able to share his urban enthusiasm with people visiting the city for the first time. Even when his health was fading, he found the stamina to walk and talk and share this love with an unflagging sense of humor, and a laugh that was contagious.

The list of Vince's friends is endless. He was a regular fixture in so many people's lives. Anyone who walked down Orleans Street was invited to stop and be regaled by his stories and his questions, for he had a genuine interest in everyone's life story. He really wanted to know

For all of us who knew him and loved him, no one else came closer than his family. That special connection was shared with Vi, daughters Kathy (Eric) Craig and Colleen (Andy Kucharski) Daley. He will be remembered at St. Michael's where he was a member of the choir and participated in many holiday programs. Vince showed us how to live life to the fullest and will be greatly missed.



FALL 2022

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Summer 2022 was a stellar summer, with an exceptional jumpstart to the season with the 72nd Annual Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk on June 11th-12th, followed by the Volunteer Thank You Dinner & Grant Awards on June 17th. If there was a way to bottle up and share here the sounds and smells of the Fair, we would, because they are dreamy. But technology hasn't gotten that far, so we offer you the sights of the OTAF and the Thank You Party...and hope they evoke your delight!





















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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Old Town Triangle Legacies: Gina Tuzi Manrique

THE THIRD IN A SERIES

By Diane Fitzgerald





LEFT: Gina Tuzi on Graduation Day 1983, St. Clement School - 8th Grade. She helped her mom with the accounting for Twin Anchors at about this time. RIGHT: Wedding Day, July 2, 1999 Christian Manrique & Gina Tuzi outside St. Michael's Church. They met at Twin Anchors! Today, Christian is the full time Purchasing Manager there.

She's lived here all of her life and her mainstays have been family and Twin Anchors. Meet Gina Tuzi Manrique, the youngest of Philip & Laureen Tuzi's five children and one of three who continue to own and operate Twin Anchors today.

To know Gina you first have to know about the decisions her parents made along the way. After 25 years in the insurance business, her father was considering a career change, maybe buying a Dairy Queen in the suburbs. In 1978, however, they bought Twin Anchors and its 3-story building (circa 1881) on the southeast corner of Sedgwick at Eugenie - 1655 N Sedgwick Street. They are the third owners of the restaurant, which was founded in 1932 by boating enthusiasts Bob Walters and Herb Eldean, who applied the nautical name and semi-nautical theme to the tavern/restaurant. The Tuzis bought the property from The Gard Family, the second owners, who were relocating to Georgia and Florida.

The family moved to the area and Gina's lifelong appreciation of the neighborhood took root. She attended St. Clement School (founded in 1905) before going on to St. Scholastica High School (1865-2012), where she mastered the art of her daily one-hour, one-way commute. She hung out on Wells Street, checking out Ripley's Believe It or Not, Bizarre Bazaar and Barbara's Bookstore. Junior High School friends were gifted with her giant birthday suckers from The Fudge Pot. Movies were a big deal and Gina would walk down to Oak Street or McClurg Court to take in a show with her friends, before Piper's Alley had movie theatres. The parks bested the beaches in those days, especially Oz Park and Ash Playlot, now Bauler Park. Her special appreciation for live theatre came from her frequent theatre-going with her mom and sister, to The Goodman, Shakespeare Repertory, Wisdom Bridge, Northlight, Briar Street and Court Theatre. Chicago is home to fantastic regional theatre, of course, and Gina kept her mother's subscriptions for many years after Laureen passed away in 1995.

By the early 1980s, most of the corner stores and bars were closing around the city. "I just remember a few in the neighborhood where I would run for milk or bread. It changed the character and feel of the neighborhood when they went away," Gina reminisces.

Gina left the neighborhood for college at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana but came right back to Old Town when she graduated in 1991. Her first year after college she worked for a small marketing firm before returning full-time to Twin Anchors. "I have been physically working at Twin Anchors off and on since I was 15, but helped my mother with the accounting work long before that!" Gina recalls.

Gina moved into one of the apartments above the restaurant and lived there until she married Christian Manrique in 1999. Their wedding was at St. Michael's Church and then a horse-drawn carriage transported them to Café Brauer in Lincoln Park for the reception. It was magical! They were married in the middle of the filming at the restaurant of the Minnie Driver and David Duchovny movie Return To Me, so they delayed their honeymoon until after filming wrapped. As newlyweds, Gina & Christian got to know the movie crew pretty well, along with a few of the cast members, and they have some fun stories about playing softball on the LaSalle Language Academy's playground with actors David Duchovny and Robert Loggia then writing their wedding thank you notes with the help of director Bonnie Hunt.

Soon after their wedding, Gina & Christian moved to 310 W Concord Place (circa 1875) where they welcomed their three children, all young adults today. The kids all attended LaSalle Language Academy and then split between Lincoln Park and Walter Payton High Schools. None of them had the one-hour commute their mom did in high school!

The family moved one more time, in 2007, to the heart of The Triangle. "This is a very special place to grow up and raise a family. I like how neighbors know one another and look out for each other and their kids. My children have been able to enjoy the neighborhood and surroundings at young ages. And the one-way and dead-end streets throughout our Old Town Historic District may be confusing and can be a bit aggravating but they make for a very quiet neighborhood, despite our proximity to downtown!" said Gina.



Gina & Christian with their children, Oscar, Ava and Gus in 2021 at The Rookery in the Loop. The kids all work at Twin Anchors, too!

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Twin Anchors Restaurant & Tavern Our Quaint Neighborhood Tavern & Chicago's Notable Rib Joint

By Diane Fitzgerald



Twin Anchors today.

Celebrating its 90th year as a restaurant, Twin Anchors existed as a tavern as early as 1890 until it became a speakeasy called Tante Lee Soft Drinks, starting in 1920. The secret "prohibition door" in the dining room of Twin Anchors was discovered long after Prohibition ended in 1933. By the time Phil Tuzi bought it in 1978, Frank Sinatra had already been established as the patron saint of Twin Anchors, visiting frequently on his trips to Capitol Records in Chicago for recording sessions. And because of all the local factories, Twin Anchors opened at 7am to feed the workers coming off the night shifts - shots, beers and bags of nuts. No ribs at that hour of the day! Eventually, morning hours were eliminated and Phil opened only for dinner.

In addition to Frank Sinatra's and other celebrity accolades, Twin Anchors has been recognized around the world, including mentions in the Michelin Guide to Chicago! It became the setting for two movies - Return To Me (1999) and The Dark Knight (2008) – and the backdrop of a Second City production (2009). Between the locals dining there frequently, returning former neighbors and their children plus fans of the celebrities, Twin Anchors has enjoyed many years of robust word-of-mouth business.

Drawing from the neighborhood, Betty Ward (nee Burnis), server & manager since 1979 (!), and her team have welcomed and mentored young people to work there parttime, supporting all aspects of the operations, including take-out orders which got a big boost during Covid. It's a great first job! "Twin Anchors is successful not only because of the delicious food and the relaxed, comfortable vibes but also because of the respectful and appreciative way employees are treated," commented neighbor Arman



Gina and her parents, Laureen & Philip Tuzi, in the late 1980s



Gina Manrique with actor and star of Return To Me, Carroll O'Connor, on the film's set at Twin Anchors, 1999.

Zarei, who worked at the restaurant during his senior year at Walter Payton High School.

Today, the loving, customer service-focused owners and staff will happily ship their exceptional rib sauces anywhere in the country. Even the sauces track through history: Mild Sauce (1932), Zesty Sauce (1992) and Prohibition Sauce (2010)! Stop by to sample them and the other tasty menu items!

Editor's Note: It is worth noting that Frank Sinatra and Phil Tuzi passed away in the same year - 1998, and only 21-days apart! Two angels watching over Twin Anchors, Gina and her "restaurant siblings", Mary Kay and Paul!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Meet Kaleigh Dent

Kaleigh Dent is the new Administrative Assistant. She works on the Triangle's and Art Fair's weekly emails, events calendar, new membership database and website. Her first day was August 2nd and her current hours are Tuesdays 9 am-6 pm and Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am-3 pm. Her email is kaleigh@oldtowntriangle.com.



Kaleigh Dent, Administrative Assistant

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2:30 PM NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVE-MENT COMMITTEE (NIC) MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 6 PM CHICAGO ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGY (CAPS) MEETING, BEAT 1813 (ADDRESS-ES WEST OF SEDGWICK); ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH GYM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 7 PM OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 6 PM CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814 (ADDRESSES EAST OF SEDG-WICK); WINTRUST BANK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 6-8 PM OPENING RECEPTION FOR OTAF PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 7 PM ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE **MEETING**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 4-8 PM **OKTOBERFEST AT OTTA**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 6:30 PM HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING (HD/PZ) COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND FIRST DAY OF FALL

OCTOBER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 6:30 PM **EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 7:30 AM CHICAGO MARATHON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH COLUMBUS DAY—FEDERAL HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2:30 PM NIC COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 7 PM OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETING**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 7 PM **ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE** MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 6:30 PM HD/PZ COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 6:30 PM **EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH **ELECTION DAY: OTTA OFFICES** WILL BE CLOSED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 6 PM CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1813; ST. JOSAPHAT CHURCH GYM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 7 PM OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 6 PM CAPS MEETING, BEAT 1814; WINTRUST BANK

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH VETERANS DAY—FEDERAL **HOLIDAY**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 3:30 PM NIC COMMITTEE MEETING (NOTE: DATE/TIME CHANGE)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 6:30 PM HD/PZ COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 7 PM ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH THANKSGIVING DAY: OTTA OFFICES CLOSED 11/24-11/28

DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 7 PM **EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 7 PM OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 7 PM ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE **MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 6:30 PM HD/PZ COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY



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Art on Sedgwick is "a new art center for Old Town" located at 1408 N. Sedgwick Street, in the Marshall Field Garden Apartments. It is dedicated to fostering creativity and connecting the community through the power of art. Through innovative art classes and collaborative events, Charlie Branda and her team, including artists in residence, inform creative reflection and expression, engage the diverse neighborhood, and help members of the community to connect with the best part of themselves.... from both sides of the street. Founded in 2014, Art on Sedgwick emphasizes a shared community dialogue through the platform of art. The art center enlivens the Sedgwick corridor and provides a creative, open environment for interaction between neighbors, with proven results.

The OTTA awarded Art on Sedgwick a grant of \$4,000 to support an artist residency and installation project. This is the fifth grant that Art on Sedgwick has received from OTTA since 2016. For more information, visit www.artonsedgwick.org.

Editor's Note: Built in 1929, funded by the estate of Marshall Field and developed/directed by Marshall Field III, the Marshall Field Garden Apartments were built as moderate-income housing and to provide a catalyst for renewal of the surrounding area.





LEFT: Participants of Art on Sedgwick's ART THAT DRAWS US TOGETHER visited the Museum of Contemporary Art's Kerry James Marshall: Mastry exhibit and were inspired to make their own art! (2017) RIGHT: Walter Payton High School student painting a portion of the temporary mural students and professional artists created on the historic Noble Horse building on Sedgwick at Schiller, celebrating Sweetness Day honoring Walter

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ART INSPIRATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER GRAPHICS

The graphics for the Fall Issue of the "The Times" were inspired by the Best in Show Art Fair artwork, Charm of Hummingbirds by Melissa Mason.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, September 15th - Faith on Fire Series ten-week study program offers a spiritual journey of a lifetime! Travel through the Bible, rich in history and meaning. For information or to register, visit st-mikes.org in the News section.

Saturday, September 24th – Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches for the less fortunate at 10 am in the Parish Center. If interested, please contact Barbara Shields at bshields@st-mikes.org or call the office at 312-642-2498.

Sunday, September 25th – Come to the Beer and Brats Picnic to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and Oktoberfest from 12:15 -2 pm. All are welcome. Register at: https://beerandbrats.eventbrite.com/. October 1st and 2nd – St. Michael's Parking lot will once again be the stage for Wing Out 2022. For more information, visit: https://wingout.greencurtainevents.com/e/wingout-chicago-2022.

Friday, October 7th – Blessing of Pets and Dogs N Dogs on the St. Michael Parish lawn starts at 4 pm. All pets and their human companions are welcome.

For up-to-date news and events, please visit our website: st-mikes.org!



Lincoln Park Cooperative Nursery School has limited space available in our Parent Tot, Nursery, and Junior Kindergarten classes for the 2022-23 school year. SAVE THE DATE for our

Open House: Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am-12 pm. Contact membership@lincolnparkcoop. org for more information and to RSVP or inquire about enrollment.







Join us for The Village Chicago's Benefit – Can't Stop the Beat on September 16th, from 5-7:30 pm at the Holtzschneider Performance Center, DePaul University School of Music, 2330 N. Halsted Street

Enjoy the songs of Chicago's Porchlight Musical Theatre, the presentation of their Trailblazer Awards along with appetizers and drinks, a raffle, and a silent and live auction. For tickets (\$75 for members and guests; \$85 for others) and the raffle (\$25 each or five for \$100) go to https://thevillagechicago.org/.

For details about The Village Chicago, see their annual report, a pdf on their website.



For nearly 40 years, the Lincoln Park Conservancy has preserved and enhanced Lincoln Park through volunteer power, fundraising and park improvements. This year, we're

recommitting to past projects including the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool & North Pond, while growing our natural areas stewardship to all neighborhoods touching the Park. Your support during our annual fund helps us sustain the Park's special places and grow new endeavors to make its 1,200 acres even better! For information go to https://lincolnparkconservancy.org/.



The Menomonee Club's Fall Session begins September 6th. Join us for Basketball, Judo, Fencing, Taekwondo, and RetroActive

Sports! Learn more at www.menomoneeclub.org.



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The DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Committee of Friends of Lincoln Park High School (FOLPHS) is very excited to announce that we are creating a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from the LPHS community. Cookbooks will be available to purchase for \$25, and you can preorder your cookbook here: FOLPHS DEI Cookbook Order Here. All funds raised will be donated to fund critical academic needs; faculty and staff education and support; SMART Boards; and numerous student programs that the CPS budget does not cover.

We need your help to fill this cookbook with fabulous recipes, reflecting our amazing and diverse community! Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes by Friday, September 16th. To submit recipes, click Submit Recipes Here. Login in with username FOLPHSDE12021 and password lettuce369. Please email FOLPHSDE1@gmail.com with any questions. Visit the FOLPHS website at https://www.folphs.org/ for more information. Thank you and let's get cooking!





Lincoln Park Community Services invites you to the annual Taste of Fall fundraising event on October 26th at 6:30 pm at Ovation Chicago, 2324 W. Fulton Street. The festive community gathering includes tastings of food and drinks from local establishments, savored in a cool environment, with a dose of doing good supporting our mission of empowering Chicagoans experiencing homelessness. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit http://www.lpcschicago.org.

Coming in December! Watch our website for information on our Holidays for the Homeless event coming the second week of December.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to ALDERMAN MICHELE SMITH

By Dorothy DeCarlo

Alderman Michele Smith, whose 43rd Ward includes parts of Old Town, Gold Coast, and Lincoln Park, retired from her position on August 12th. Though she had other parts of the city, we always thought of her as "ours".

She was a friend to all, but do not let that smile fool you... she could be tough as nails. Michele listened to our requests and complaints, big or small, and tried her best to help. Some requests she could fix and some she couldn't, but not from lack of trying.

The past II years have brought many changes and Michele seemed adapt to them all. She was a presence in Old Town, not only as the Alderman, but as a friend and neighbor. We thank her for all she has done in the past and wish her the best in the future.

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The Old Town Triangle Association is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in an area of the City of Chicago bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street and the ghost of Ogden Avenue ("The Triangle").

LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY

September – December 2022

SEPTEMBER

Be sure to visit the Triangle's Leslie Wolfe Gallery to enjoy a behind the scenes look at the Old Town Art Fair. Did you know that we have a Photography Committee, who each year spend countless hours at the Fair recording the event, from set-up to take-down and everything in-between? Too often, these pictures are used solely for in-house promos, and many are left unseen. Enjoy the fabulous photo collection by this great committee!

Exhibition: September 1st – 30th

OCTOBER

October will be busy at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery/Old Town Art Center. The exhibition "Art Is/Always Will Be/Old Town" features the artists who walk through the doors of the Old Town Art Center: our neighbors, our gallery committee members and our art instructors. Together these artists are responsible for the creation of an Art District in Old Town, and they continue to move the needle. This exhibit will feature artworks by Norman Baugher, Shel Beugen, Sanford Bredine, Darlene Fahrenkrog, Reven Fellars, Tom Francesconi, Sandra Holubow, Marie Kirk-Burke, Danielle Klinenberg, Kathleen Newman, Joseph Taylor and Peter Vale.

Exhibition: October 1st – November 11th **Opening Reception:** Thursday,

October 20th, 5:30-8:30 pm

The October 20th opening of "Art Is/Always Will Be/Old Town" takes place as part of a special Art Night in Lincoln Park. The Leslie Wolfe Gallery will join Madron Gallery, Josh Moulton Fine Art, Wrightwood 659, DePaul Art Museum and gallery 1871 to celebrate the art of our community! Trolleys allow guests to hopon/hop-off to all locations FREE for three hours. Each gallery will be open late for this special evening. Visit our website https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/ for more details, including maps, sponsors, special food/drink options, and specific information on exhibits at each location. Plan for a great night at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery and enjoy other art locations in the neighborhood!

Art Night in Lincoln Park: Thursday, October 20th, 5:30 – 8:30 pm **Location:** The Triangle Center





"AoK" by Shel Beugen

NOVEMBER

We are celebrating the return of our **Student Show!** Stop by for a wide selection of artworks in all mediums from our most proficient artists to our first-time students, and some items from the vault! This exhibit and sale are a perfect opportunity to get started on your holiday gift list! Every sale benefits a living artist and the Old Town Art Center. Artworks in pastel, oil, acrylic pencil and charcoal will be on display.

Exhibition: November 12th -

December 16th

Opening Reception:

Sunday, November 20th, 2:00-5:00 pm.

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