



CALENDAR

All events are held at the Old Town Triangle Center unless otherwise designated. Meetings are open to all members.

OTTA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

January 27, 6:30 p.m.

OTTA BOARD MEETING

February 8, 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OLD TOWN ART FAIR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Thursday, February 17
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:30 p.m.,

HD/PZ MEETING

February 15, 7:00 p.m..

ART GALLERY OPENING

FORM, TEXTURE, AND ORGANIZED LIGHT
TRADITIONAL BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY
JON. W. BALKE

February 13, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

The OTTA Annual Meeting and Election will be held on January 27, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Triangle Center. The event will feature a pasta and pizza dinner, music by Neil Dixon Smith, and the ever popular Moonwalker (bouncy-bouncy) for the kids. Ballots for the 2011 Board of Directors cast by eligible OTTA voting members will be counted and the results announced.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED

The Old Town Triangle Association Board of Director Elections and annual meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., Jan. 27 at the Triangle Center, 1763 North Park Ave. Voting is for board officers and two board directorships. In accordance with the by-laws, a nominating committee, consisting of board members and OTTA members, who volunteer their service, considered and recommended candidates for each office and two open board positions. In addition to the board slate, several candidates from the Triangle neighborhood are running for the open positions.

The OTTA slate is: Phil Graff, president; Shannon Waterfield, 1st vice president; Todd Humes, secretary; Tom Midura, treasurer and Beth Burk and Robin Cecola, directors. Also running are Steve Weiss, president, Pat Hall, treasurer, and Candace Jordan and David Pfendler, for director, all of whom are part of the Neighbors for a Better Old Town (NBOT) organization.

Outgoing board members and officers will be acknowledged at the meeting. They are Fern Bomchill Davis, president; Christina Beer, secretary; John Knoche, treasurer; and directors Alice Huff and Jeff Pines.

Thumbnail bios of each of the candidates are on pages 2 and 3 in this edition of The Times.

VOTING PROCEDURES

CHRIS BEER, SECRETARY

As Secretary of the Old Town Triangle Association, I would like to encourage all voting members of the Association to cast their ballots in the next election of the Board of Directors. During the week of January 10, 2011, all voting members will receive a packet in the mail from me which will include information about each candidate, a voter identification form, and a ballot. This timing is in accordance with our bylaws which state that ballots must be mailed no later than ten days prior to the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Triangle Center. Ballots and voter identification forms must be returned to the Old Town Triangle Association no later than 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2011. The results will be tallied that evening and announced at the end of the Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312)320-5992 or cbeer421@yahoo.com If you do not receive a voting packet in the mail by Friday, January 14, 2011, please contact me so that I may ensure that you receive your ballot. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting, January 27.

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OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION NOMINATION COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Philip Graff, president. Phil currently is the First Vice President and has been on the board for the past five years; has co-chaired the OTAF Traffic Committee; maintains the Triangle website and has volunteered for the Old Town Art Fair. He is a partner in Graff Valve & Fittings Co., an industrial plumbing distribution business he founded with his brother 34 years ago. An avid in-line skater, Phil and the Skate Patrol, sponsor theme group skates on the first and third Friday of every month, and offer free stopping lessons at the Oak Street Beach on Saturday afternoons. He, and his wife, Janet, have lived in the Old Town Triangle for the past 25 years where they have raised two children.

Shannon Waterfield, first-vice president. Shannon served as a director of the OTTA Board from 2006-2007; is involved in the Triangle CAPs program; and has participated on several Old Town Art Fair committees. Shannon is a member of the Friends of Lincoln and is an active member of the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. She runs a family business from her home. She and her husband, John, have lived in the Triangle for 11 years and have two children.

Tom Midura, treasurer. Tom formerly served on the St. Michael's Finance Council and is currently director of Corporate Development at Graycor, a privately held construction services firm. Previously, Tom was an investment banker at BMO Capital Markets, William Blair and ABN AMRO Inc. He also worked from Lehman Brothers in New York and Keyser Marson Associates in San Francisco. He has an MBA from Kellogg at Northwestern, and a BA from the University of California at Berkley. He and his wife, Janna, have resided in the Triangle for 15 years, and have three children.

Todd Humes, secretary: Todd has volunteered for the Old Town Art Fair for the past three years after moving to the Triangle with his partner, Alan Naragon, eight years ago. They are in the process of restoring the "famous" leaning house on Menomonee. He is currently managing director with Volt Professional Search, and previously spent six years as a Technical Recourse Manager at an IT Consulting Firm in New York. He has a degree in psychology from SUNY – Cortland and is currently a board member for the Staffing Management Association of Greater Chicago. He also lives with a rescued greyhound.

Robin Cecola, director. Robin is the founder and principal partner of the RobinRandall group, which is a full service promotion, production and creative marketing firm. Robin is the husband of Shannon, who is a former member of the Neighborhood Improvements Committee. Together Robin and Shannon initiated and manage the innovative and successful OTTA Brick Repair, Replacement & Beautification Program. Shannon has lived in the Triangle for more than 15 years, and Robin for nine years.

Beth Burke, director. Beth has participated in various OTTA committees, including the Historic District Planning/Zoning Committee; the Neighborhood Improvements Committee, where she serves currently; and volunteers for the Art Fair in a variety of capacities, including helping with the artist breakfast or manning a gate. She has served on the school council at LaSalle Language Academy as a neighborhood representative. She is a lawyer with AON. She has lived in the Triangle for 20 years with her husband, Brad, and their two children. **T**

NEIGHBORS FOR A BETTER OLD TOWN CANDIDATES

Steve Weiss, president. Steve has served on the Neighborhood Improvements Committee, volunteers for the Art Fair, and has created a web site, where he posts videos of Old Town Triangle activities. His firm, Zacuto USA, manufactures digital filmmaking accessories and products. Steve, who produces web independent films, and won an Emmy for his web series, *The Great Camera Shootout 2010*. He and his wife, Lucy, live in one of the most recognized homes in the Triangle, an 1875 "kit house" built from lumber that survived the Chicago fire.

Pat Hall, treasurer. Pat has been a co-chair of the Neighborhood Improvements Committee; has served as a director of the OTTA board; and offers her garden for the yearly Old Town Garden Walk in conjunction with the Art Fair. She has lived in the Triangle since 1997, is a former editor for the now defunct Look Magazine; and works with her husband John, and their son, Greg, in the family business, The Goose Island Brewing Co. Pat also has volunteered at local schools and served as an officer with the Children's Home & Aid Auxiliary.

Candace Jordan, director. Candace lived in Old Town since 1980, and has been active in Old Town Triangle events such as the 2010 Hoe-Down; the 2009 Chili Cook-Off, and offers tours of her garden during the Art Fair Garden Walk. She did makeup and wardrobe for the recent Triangle production of *The Teahouse of the August Moon*. She has served as vice president of the Joffrey Ballet's Women's Board; is a founding member of the inaugural Women's Board of Ronald McDonald House Charities; and co-chaired Macy's 2010 fundraising event for Ronald McDonald House. She and her husband, Chuck, have a son, Charley.

David Pfendler, director. David lived in the Old Town area as a child, and played in the Old Town Little League. He attended Newberry Elementary School, Francis W. Parker High School, and Macalester College in St. Paul, and took post-graduate classes at the School of the Art Institute. He operates a wholesale jewelry manufacturing business after being an account representative for a wholesale diamond company. He lives with Stefani, his sweetheart, who is active in the association and has donated baked goods for Triangle events. **T**

ART FAIR ADDS NEW POSTER ART COMPETITION

EMILY ROSE, GENERAL CHAIR

The Old Town Art Fair has a long and prestigious history. One of the most anticipated aspects of the fair is the annual poster, which dates back to its early days. Each year, the work of a different artist is selected by the General Chair to advertise the event and create an awareness of the fine art that will be exhibited by the 260 participating artists. In 2011, we are offering an exciting opportunity for young artists in the community: a children's poster competition. Details of that competition follow and an entry form follow.

- Anyone under the age of 16 is eligible to participate.
- To enter, submit a piece of original art to the Old Town Triangle Office, 1763 N. North Park, Attn: Youth Poster Competition no later than February 1, 2011.
- Completed artwork must not exceed 11" X 17".
- Artwork must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- Only one submission per person is allowed.
- The poster must include the words "Old Town Art Fair" along with the dates of the event, June 11-12, 2011. The accompanying logo may be used as a model.
- Judging will occur in early February.
- The top three winners will be contacted by phone. Winners' names will be posted on the Old Town Art Fair website, www.oldtownartfair.org
- All posters will be on display at the fair. The first place winner will have his/her poster featured, and the poster image will be included and distributed with all art fair printed materials. Posters will be returned to artists after the fair. They will be available in the Triangle office from June 15 to July 15. Posters must be retrieved by July 15.

We look forward to seeing all of your entries.

Emily Rose, General Chair
Kelly Cooney, Vice Chair



YOUTH POSTER COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

AGE _____ SCHOOL _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____

Please include the entry form with your poster art to the Old Town Triangle Center at 1763 N. North Park before February 1, 2011. Thank you, good luck, and have fun.





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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday-10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday-10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Dee McKinsey, Executive Director, Administrators Shirley Baugher, or Leslie Wolfe at the office during those hours.

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CAPS IS CHANGING

For many years, the CAPS meeting for Beat 1814 was held on the fourth Thursday of every month in the OTTA Triangle Center. That will change in January of 2011. Meetings will now be held bi-monthly on the second Thursday in the Triangle Center. Beat 1812 will join Beat 1814 for these meetings. The new schedule will start on January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

LPCC ORGANIZES CANDIDATE FORUM FOR 2011

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce is among the groups who have hosted a candidates' forum for the 2011 43rd Ward aldermanic race. The forum was held in mid-January at the DePaul University Student Center with political "watchdog" and retired political reporter Andy Shaw serving as moderator. Candidates presented their vision for the ward and answered a series of questions from local residents, businesses, and other community leaders. Among those running for the Vi Daley's position are:

Bitu Buenrostro, Charles Eastwood, Tim Egan, Jim Hinkamp, Carmen Olmetti, Michael Jankovich, Mitchell Newman, Michelle Smith, and Rafael A. Vargas.

Information about the qualifications and professional experience is available on their respective web sites. Kim Schiff, President and CEO of the LPCC characterized the upcoming election as one of the most important local elections in recent memory—both in Lincoln Park and in the City of Chicago as a whole.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL is looking for volunteers to assist with its annual Academic Decathlon. The Decathlon is a team competition in which LPHS students match their academic prowess with students from other schools. The teams are tested in 10 categories: art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social science, and speech. Each participating high school enters a team of nine students. The theme for the 2011 competition is "The Great Depression". Competitions will take place on January 29, and February 16, 17, and 19. Volunteers will be asked to judge in the speech and interview categories; proctor multiple choice exams, and register participants.

If you are interested, please contact Mr Rusin at merusin@cps.edu

