

## FAREWELL | MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Vi Daley

This is my last newsletter as your President. The two years serving The Old Town Triangle Association has flown by and it has truly been a pleasure serving our neighborhood.

As you will note elsewhere in this newsletter, the election of new officers and Board members will take place January 28, 2014. I am very impressed by the selections made by the Nominating Committee chaired by Martha Connolly, and including Sue Apey, John Burcher, Patti Dano and Kim Penning.

Much has been accomplished because of a very hard working Board and I cannot thank them enough for all the time they put in throughout the last 2 years to make Old Town Triangle a better place to live. Because of John Knoche's leadership, hard work and tenacity, 2013 was the most successful "Art Fair" ever, in fact we were named one of the "Best Art Fairs" in the country! The association is very fortunate that John is willing to take on 2014 and look forward to another great year.

**Jeff Smith** – 1st Vice President is stepping down. He chaired the Neighborhood Improvements Committee and due to the Committee's hard work, 30 new trees were planted throughout the Triangle. Many brick pavers were saved and reused.

**Karen Pfendler** has done a great job as Secretary and as Membership and Education Chair, with very positive results.

**Claire Leaman** our Treasurer, as well as Chair of the Grants Committee, has worked tirelessly in managing a balanced budget, handling insurance and leasing issues.

Thanks, also, to **David Pfendler** who is Chair of the By-Laws Committee and

head archivist. David has posted on the bulletin board in the Triangle a number of many interesting articles about our neighborhood.

Director **Anne Giffels** – Events Chair – and her committee put on some great events this year. A spectacular tour of Old Town guided by Diane Gonzalez and Shirley Baugher as well as a display of neighborhood photo's; a very successful yard sale; a Tribute to the Old Town Players; and, the best – ever Oktoberfest.

Director **Rick Hyer** our Neighborhood Relations Chair and CAPS representative. Rick's term has ended and he has done a great job of reaching out to businesses in Old Town to get them involved with the iBOT Program.

Director **Alan Lougee's** term has ended and we really appreciate all that he has done as Chair of the Capital Improvements Committee. Under Alan's guidance we have new air-conditioners, kitchen and bathroom improvements and a much improved space.

Director **Lance Hornaday**, Chair of Historic District/Planning & Zoning Committee, has worked with our neighbors and Landmarks to make sure our neighborhood is in keeping with the Historic District.

A big thank you to **Leslie Wolfe** for the wonderful Art Gallery Showings, for being a great Director of Operations and being the glue that holds us all together.

Finally, thank you the membership for pitching in cleanup efforts, plantings, your great Halloween and Christmas decorations and participating in our events.

It has been a pleasure serving you as President these past two years. I wish the new Board members much success. Enjoy the holidays and have a healthy, happy New Year! ❄️

Warmly, Vi Daley, OTTA President

## TREASURER'S REPORT | FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 07/31/2013 | By Claire Leaman, OTTA Treasurer

I am pleased to report that the Board of Directors created a balanced budget for this past fiscal year: August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013 (FY2013). This was achieved mainly by reducing staff and event's costs, but also by every Committee Chair looking very carefully at their revenue & expense profiles and discussing with the entire Board. Although staff and events costs were reduced, the budget still includes ample funding to hire part-time staff support for Leslie Wolfe and for a solid number of community events during the year.

**FY2013 Performance:** In addition to balancing the budget, the Board approved two strategic, one-time expenditures to be funded by the OTTA's reserves (savings): \$9,400 to repair to Triangle Park infrastructure following a storm micro-burst; and \$8,000 to create a more modern, multi-functional website. The budget for FY2013 was thus approved at a \$15,878 deficit, being the balanced budget less these two strategic spends. Actual performance was a \$50,926 surplus resulting from both a

very successful Art Fair and careful expense management by all.

**Balance Sheet:** Total FY2013 current assets are \$600,975 held in checking, savings and money market accounts. The OTTA continues to be in a strong financial position between its current assets and now the foundation of a balanced budget. The Old Town Art Fair, which will celebrate its 65th year in 2014, continues to be the Association's financial life-line and most important asset.

**Art Fair 2013 Performance:** Total Art Fair 2013 revenues were \$392,185, up 10% from last year. The top three components were artist booth fees (\$146,782 vs. 130,262 last year), gate donations (\$143,031 vs. \$122,099), and artist application fees which increased following the decision to open up many more slots for new artists.

Total Art Fair direct expenses were \$100,687, down 24% from last year. This large decrease is attributable to rigorous expense management by our Art Fair Chair, leveraging investments made in 2012, and incorporating post-2012 Art Fair feedback, which so many of you were kind enough

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to provide. Expenses were down across the board and all Art Fair committees, with one exception, met or beat their spending plan.

The First Sight Friday Night party was also a big success netting a profit of \$21,000, up 60% from last year and the best financial performance on record for this event. Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered to create this great evening and community event.

**Attendance:** Last year I reported that from 2002 to 2012, there had been

a steady decline from approximately 36,000 to 17,500 donating attendees (we don't know full attendance since not everyone donates). However, in 2013, donating attendees increased to 20,400 despite substantial competition from 7 other major fairs and festivals within just a few miles of us on the very same weekend. Our increase was likely driven by good weather, attractive, inviting and more visible gates on Wells and Sedgwick, and a very aggressive PR and promotion effort from design volunteers and incredible time and talent from the Communications Committee. ❄️

## GRANTS SPOTLIGHT | BOY SCOUT TROOP 79 | By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident from 1969 - 1970 and since 2006)



Since January 1920, OTTA has been Boy Scout Troop 79's chartering organization or 'sponsor' to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the local Fort Dearborn District of the Chicago Area Council. This year the OTTA Grants Committee awarded a grant to Troop 79 to help them continue to practice community leadership. Scouting provides and promotes leadership to young men so that they will grow up to be strong leaders with a healthy self-esteem.

Troop 79's valuable community contributions included volunteering at this year's Old Town Art Fair from Friday to Sunday evening setting up tables, chairs, gate stations, running errands and tearing down everything at the end of the Fair. In addition, Troop 79, a free and eager labor force, is always "on call" to assist OTTA with any service projects during any given year and does so when called upon.

Troop 79 Eagle Scouts perform projects for Chicago charities, the most important pinnacle requirement of attaining the Eagle Rank. Each Eagle Scout locates a worthy charity to help, such as food banks, church programs catering to homeless, bicycles for Haiti or Christmas toys and

decorations for the poor. This year the Scout crew constructed portions of hiking trails through the New Mexico mountains.

Troop 79 uses the OTTA grant to help fund the Troop operations and capital needs. This includes training the adult leaders in Wilderness First Aid, "How To Be a Leader" training sessions, and classes/programs for both adult leaders and Scouts. In addition, the funds contribute to tent replacements, cooking stoves, camping gear, First Aid equipment, and miscellaneous costs of camping and other outdoor activities. In the past, OTTA's passenger vans were donated to the Menomonee Club and were utilized by Troop 79 for many years. The vans have been sold and grant funds help to rent school bus transportation to summer camp and campouts for the Troop.

Dave Keats, Scoutmaster, and Troop 79 thank OTTA greatly for its decades of troop support. In appreciation, the troop volunteers for OTTA and the Chicago community providing life-shaping experiences for the Scouts. It is a "win-win" for everyone. ❄️

## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS | By Robert Gibbs & Diane Fitzgerald



(L) Diane Fitzgerald & Robert Gibbs

Another short year comes to an end and yet so much has happened in our small corner of Chicago. We all enjoyed a great Art Fair weekend and several other OTTA events; we welcomed many new neighbors and businesses, said farewell to some others; we've enjoyed the classes and exhibits at the OTTA Gallery, and seen many wonderful neighborhood improvements.

In our last Old Town newsletter of 2013, we want to thank everyone who has read this bi-monthly publication, and everyone who has provided their great feedback and suggestions over the past two years. Most of all, we would like to thank the many newsletter contributors and other volunteers who report, write, design, proofread and publish our community news all year round - helping make this, and other OTTA marketing and communications activities, possible.

As we begin another new year, we will continue to look for more volunteers who can help with writing newsletter articles, event marketing (including for the Art Fair), and managing our new OTTA website due to launch in January! So please contact Robert at [rkqibbs@oldtowntriangle.com](mailto:rkqibbs@oldtowntriangle.com) if you have related experience and would like to get involved. -Thank you and Happy New Year! Robert & Diane ❄️



**div-vy/divē/**

**verb** 1. divide up and share.

**noun** 1. Brit. a dividend or share, esp. of profits earned by a cooperative.

2. A wildly popular, new bike share program introduced to Chicago on June 28, 2013.

You've probably noticed the onset of people riding light-blue colored bikes around the City of Chicago? It's Divvy, Chicago's new bike share program. With 300 bike stations in Chicago and 175 more expected in 2014, this program looks like it's going to be around for a while. Old Town has around 10 stations nearby, 5 of which are near the Old Town Triangle.

Washington D.C. started their bike share program over 3 years ago; New York started one month before Chicago; and San Francisco, one month after Chicago. As of October 2013, 630,000+ bike ride trips & 1.5 million miles had been traversed on Divvy bikes in Chicago.

The brainchild of the City of Chicago, Divvy was born as a partnership with Alta Bicycle Share after they were awarded the business through an RFP process. Elliot Greenberger, Deputy General Manager of Divvy, said that it has been a "true partnership" with the City of Chicago and credits the great working relationship between the two parties to the fantastic results they've had thus far.

The concept of Divvy is this:

You can buy a 24 hour pass at any time or buy an annual membership. The pass or membership allows for unlimited 30 minute rides within the period of time for which you have paid. You can undock a bike to use, but have to return a bike to a station every 30 minutes or you will be assessed an incremental fee. You can immediately re-check another bike out for another 30 minutes, but as long as you return your current bike every 30 minutes you're safe from having to pay additional fees. Divvy has found that the average weekend bike ride is 22-24 minutes long and 12-14 minutes in the weekdays. Divvy also re-balances bike stations by moving bikes from one station to another to make bike use easier on busier travel routes and times.

Personally, I've tried Divvy for a night out on the town with friends, the commute to work, or as a substitute for a taxi. I think it's a great way to slip in a little extra exercise when you have the time to get from "A" to "B" and if your attire allows for it.

**Tips**

- Get educated. Visit the Divvy website - <http://divvybikes.com>
- You may want to experiment by buying a 24 hour pass, for starters. I ended up buying an annual membership as it will more than pay for itself over the next 12 months.
- Plan your route ahead of time and use the bike lanes that have been established. Wells Street, Dearborn and Kinzie are a few streets that have great bike lanes.
- Download the app "CycleFinder" to your smart phone which will use your phone's GPS to show you the closest bike station to you, maps or a real-time view of available bikes by station name.

One last personal note: I think Divvy has great customer service. I was running with my dog early one morning and I came across a lump of clothes, an empty money clip, and a set of car keys. Obviously, someone had their bag stolen and the remnants were left behind. The only thing of note on the key ring was a light-blue Divvy membership token. I called Divvy and explained what I had found and, long story short – they made a connection between the member and me. He was ecstatic to get his car keys back.

My two cents, if you've wanted to try Divvy, give it a shot. Their bikes are ready for you and for winter. It's convenient, fast and affordable!



Dana Hinich (l) and author Ellen Starmann outside the Sedgwick Stop

PHOTO ALBUM | CHICAGO MARATHON Sunday, October 13th | Photos by Deborah Chapman



Shelly & Peter Murphy & Their Cheering Team



The Midwest Buddhist Temple Drummers



Diane & Ed Sokolofski & Their Cheering Team



The Pack along Sedgwick Street



A 50th Birthday Celebration along-the-way



**MARYA LUCAS**, long-time Lincoln Park resident, Triangle member and graphic artist, has written her first book – a children’s city history mystery whose main character is an adorable dog. Entitled *JACK CHAPS, DOG DETECTIVE: The Curious Case of the Cow & The Great Chicago Fire of 1871* “it’s a doggone good tale, in which Jack Chaps is the accomplished dog detective bent on solving the mystery of who or what started the Great Chicago Fire,” Marya remarked recently. Learn more about the book and the detective by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/JackChapsable>.



**MAXWELL LAWSON**, 18 year old son of Gary & Amy Lawson and longtime residents of the Triangle, graduated from the United States Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, CA on October 21, 2013 after 13 weeks of intensive Basic Training as one of 87 recruits in Platoon 3230. Max was recognized as the most physically fit in his platoon! After a short home leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for two months of Infantry Training. He is a 2013 graduate of Lane Tech College Prep High School and he attended Lincoln Elementary School. You might recall the IN THE FIRST PERSON story written by Dad Gary in the March/April 2013 issue of the OTTA Newsletter entitled “Triple Trouble In The Triangle” about his triplets Kirby, Maxwell and Louis? You can see that story in our archives on the OTTA website at [http://www.oldtowntriangle.com/news/newsletter\\_archive/pdfs/newsletter1303-04.pdf](http://www.oldtowntriangle.com/news/newsletter_archive/pdfs/newsletter1303-04.pdf) on page 2.

Looking for a space to host a party close to home? **ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN** ([www.st-mikes.org/](http://www.st-mikes.org/)), rents out their café space. For information about this contact Christine (312-642-2498, ext. 301; [ckordiuk@st-mikes.org](mailto:ckordiuk@st-mikes.org)).

The holiday season is upon us. Make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7th at 7 p.m. for the **St. Michael’s Holiday Pops**. Visit <http://www.holidaypopschicago.com> for more information.



Save the Date! Our own **LESLIE WOLFE** will be exhibiting her mixed media & found art creations in a show called **PURSEverance** at the Roy Boyd Gallery (739 N. Wells Street just north of Superior) in River North from January 3 – February 15, 2014. Join her at the Opening Reception on Friday, January 10th from 5-8pm.

Have you been to our new neighborhood restaurant/bar, **SEDGWICK STOP**, located at 1612 N. Sedgwick Street at North Avenue? Appropriately named because of its proximity to the Brown Line stop a ½-block away, Hillary Lake and Bruce Longanecker, co-owners, are hoping it will become a Cheers-like venue for the neighborhood. The concept is great and different for that location – open all day with coffee in the morning and whiskey at night. It’s an all-day affair, seven days a week!

**THE LINCOLN PARK ZOO** gets into the holiday season with “ZooLights”, when it decks itself with lights, Santa’s Safari, ice carving demonstrations and more. Visit <http://www.lpzoo.org/> for more details.

Don’t miss **THE CHRISTKINDMARKET CHICAGO**, the traditional German holiday market featuring vendors from around the world with hand-crafted ornaments, toys, and unique gifts as well as food tents. Closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. For hours and more information, visit <http://www.christkindmarket.com>.

Our **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT’S 18th DISTRICT** holds CAPS Meetings (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the 10 Sector which includes Beats 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814. These meetings are at the Old Town Triangle Center – 1765 N. North Park Avenue – on the second Thursday of every odd month. Mark your calendars for the next meeting on THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th at 7pm. Come meet your Beat Officer; discuss current crime trends and share ideas for problem-solving in our neighborhood. For more information, call the Precinct at 312-742-5870 or visit <http://ward43.org/2012/12/18/changes-to-18th-district-caps-meetings-for-2013>.

Please help the 18th District with their **2013 Holiday Food Drive**, through December 15th. Donations of non-perishable food items can be made at the Community Policing Office at 1160 N. Larrabee Street. Near North homeless and needy families benefit from your generosity. Questions? Call 312-742-5778.

*In addition to the holiday food drive, **Warm Hands & Warm Hearts** is the 18th District’s drive for donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for men, women and children. Same drop-off and contact details listed above.*

The **MCCORMICK TRIBUNE ICE RINK** in Millennium Park is open, now through mid-March.

Finally, the **CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** has collaborated with the 18th District – and all the Districts throughout Chicago – to allow citywide accessibility for the proper disposal of expired and unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs, an expansion of the 5-citywide drop boxes begun in 2008. The program is called the *Pharmaceutical Disposal Drop Box Program* and it is available to us 24-hours/day, 365 days/year. The main goal of the program is to keep contaminants out of Chicago’s public waterways. Drop off boxes are located in the main lobby of the 18th District at 1160 N. Larrabee Avenue! ❄️



# PHOTO GALLERY | Fun Fall Times in the Triangle

## OKTOBERFEST



Sir Phil Graff



The Dog Patch Ramblers Band



The Harris Family Band

OTTA Oktoberfest, Friday, October 19th – This party was a great example of the neighborhood's coming together to have a wonderful time! Who cares that we ran out of beer three times? A very fun night of great food – compliments of Bergoff Restaurant, Mariano's and Restaurant Depot – great music – thank you The Harris Family and Dog Patch Ramblers – face painting plus great friends & neighbors. Thank you, Anne Giffels & Events Committee for making this happen!



Face painting was another great part of the evening!



More than 100 people attended Oktoberfest

## HALLOWEEN NIGHT



Neighbors on Menomonee Street



A Chicago Cubs fan meets the Statue of Liberty



## COMMITTEE NEWS

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE | Martha Connolly, Chairperson

The Nominating Committee has met and slated the following names for officers and directors for the OTTA Board for 2014:

BOARD – ONE-YEAR TERMS	DIRECTOR – THREE-YEAR TERMS
President, Rich Rausch	Director, Diane Gonzalez
First Vice-President, Robert Jones	Director, Chris Huff
Secretary, Karen Pfendler	
Treasurer, Claire Leaman	

Additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by no fewer than 35 voting members. Each nomination requires a separate petition. Candidates must have been voting members of the OTTA for 90 days prior to the election. All nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Board by 11:59 p.m. on December 10th, 2013. At that time, nominations shall be deemed closed. 2nd VP John Knoche, Robert Gibbs (1 yr.), Lance Hornaday (1 yr.), David Pfendler (2 yrs.), and Anne Giffels (2 yrs.) will continue to serve as Directors in 2014.

### NOMINEE BIOS

**Rick Rausch** served on the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Central Association for five years, including leading the Board as president for four years and chairing the committee that worked to rehabilitate Bauler Park. Rick and his wife, Gwenn, were married at St. Michael's and also baptized their three children there. After living in Lincoln Park for almost 35 years, including homes on Hudson, Cleveland, and Mohawk, Rick and Gwenn moved in 2010 to Eugenie Terrace Townhomes, where Rick is completing his third year as president of the condo association. A physical therapist, entrepreneur, and administrator, Rick is founder and CEO of Sovereign Rehabilitation and a former president of the Illinois Physical Therapy Association.

**Robert Jones** currently serves as Elder Board Chairman at Harvest Bible Chapel, a mega church with seven campuses in the greater Chicago area. Additionally, Robert has served on the Board of the Dunhaven Woods Homeowners Association in Palatine, including holding terms as president and treasurer, and the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club, where he led the 1,500-strong program as president for two terms. Robert and his wife, Merri, have lived in Chicagoland for more than 30 years, including a home in Palatine, a condo in the Gold Coast and, as of 2012, a row house on

Crilly Court. Robert is senior vice president of an agricultural commodity broker group for ABN AMRO Clearing Chicago, LLC, and a Board member for the National Grain and Feed Association.

**Karen Pfendler** has served as Secretary on the 2012 and 2013 OTTA Board of Directors and also regularly volunteers in the OTTA office. Born and raised in Chicago's 43rd Ward, Karen has lived in her home on Lincoln Park West since 1965. She taught in public and private schools for 43 years, retiring from teaching in 2009. For 25 years, Karen spent her summers working for the American Youth Foundation's Christian Leadership Training Camp, where she taught leadership and also led the sailing department. She was an avid racing sailor, including having served as a fleet captain, and a passionate duplicate bridge player.

**Claire Leaman** has served as Treasurer on the 2012 and 2013 OTTA Board of Directors and as co-chair of the Art Fair Garden Walk since 2008. Holding a BA in computer science from Cornell University, Claire has worked in technology and banking, which took her to Hong Kong for two years and, then, to London, where for 13 years she was a managing director of Deutsche Bank. When she returned to Chicago in 2008, she moved in to her home on Orleans and also returned to school to earn a degree in interior design. She is a native New Orleanian.

**Diane Gonzalez** served on the OTTA Board of Directors for the better part of a decade, starting in 1989. She has chaired the Old Town Art Fair, as well as the Historic District committee, where she played a pivotal role in the Triangle's designation by the National Register of Historic Places. Diane and her husband, Tom Leibig, have lived on Menomonee since 1974. She is a part-time house historian and a docent leading architectural and historical tours on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan.

**Chris Huff** spent the first 18 years of his life growing up in the Old Town Triangle. Thereafter, he moved to Connecticut to attend college at Fairfield University, where he majored in software engineering. After graduating, Chris went to work for a Connecticut-based financial software company, and in 2006, seized the opportunity to relocate to the firm's Chicago office, where today he leads a sales and client service group. He also recently completed his MBA at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business while working full-time. Chris and his wife, Elizabeth, moved in to their condo on North Park in 2010.

*The Nominating Committee consisted of Martha Connolly, Chairperson, Kim Penning, Patti Danos, John Burcher, and Sue Apey. The **Annual Election and Dinner** are set for January 28th, 2014. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and the election will be held at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome.*



### NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | Reported by Karen Pfendler OTTA Board Secretary

Thirty trees were planted in October throughout the Old Town Triangle. Now that we have experienced our first frost, we will be removing the tree watering bags from around our new trees. We will be storing them at the Triangle Center for the winter, replacing them around the trees in the spring. Many thanks to everyone who is working with NIC to oversee the health of our new plantings. We will be continue to keep you informed of our infrastructure projects. Our intention is to continue tree pruning in the spring as the City is several years behind schedule. The agency overseeing our three parks is CDOT (Chicago Department of Transportation), not the Chicago Park District as was stated in the last issue.

NIC will concentrate on expanding participation in the Brick Program. We are specifically targeting the brick sidewalks on Willow and Menomonee. Currently, they are a safety concern for pedestrians. We are considering increasing the OTTA's contribution towards these sidewalk (not parkway) projects. Please send inquiries to [brickprogram@oldtowntriangle.com](mailto:brickprogram@oldtowntriangle.com). Shannon Raglin Cecola oversees the Triangle's Brick Program and she expects to begin marketing our program very aggressively in the early spring.



*The Care of Trees team sorts through the 30 trees planted in October. Photo by Michael Warnick, hanging out his window!*

## OTTA Calendar

### DECEMBER

*Now - March 2nd, Noon – 9 p.m.*

ICE SKATING AT FARM-IN-THE-ZOO

Daily (except 12/24, 12/25),

\$5 Admission [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org)

*Sunday, December 8th,  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

#### GALLERY RECEPTION

TATIJANA JACENKIW & MARIA SOSENKO

PASTELS, "FRIENDS IN ART, FRIENDS FOR LIFE"

EXHIBITION: DECEMBER 7TH – JANUARY 16TH

*Sunday, December 8th,  
3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.*

WINTERFEST HOLIDAY PARTY - TRIANGLE CENTER

*Tuesday, December 10th, 7 p.m.*

BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday, December 17th, 7 p.m.*

HDP & Z COMMITTEE

#### TRIANGLE OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 20TH – JANUARY 2ND

### JANUARY

*Thursday, January 9th, 7 p.m.*

CAPS, TRIANGLE CENTER

*Saturday/Sunday, January 11th - 12th*

ART FAIR JURY

*Saturday, January 18th, 1:30 p.m.*

EXHIBITOR COMMITTEE

*Monday, January 20th*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

*Monday, January 20th, 7 p.m.*

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

*Tuesday, January 21th, 7 p.m.*

HDP & Z COMMITTEE

*Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30 p.m.*

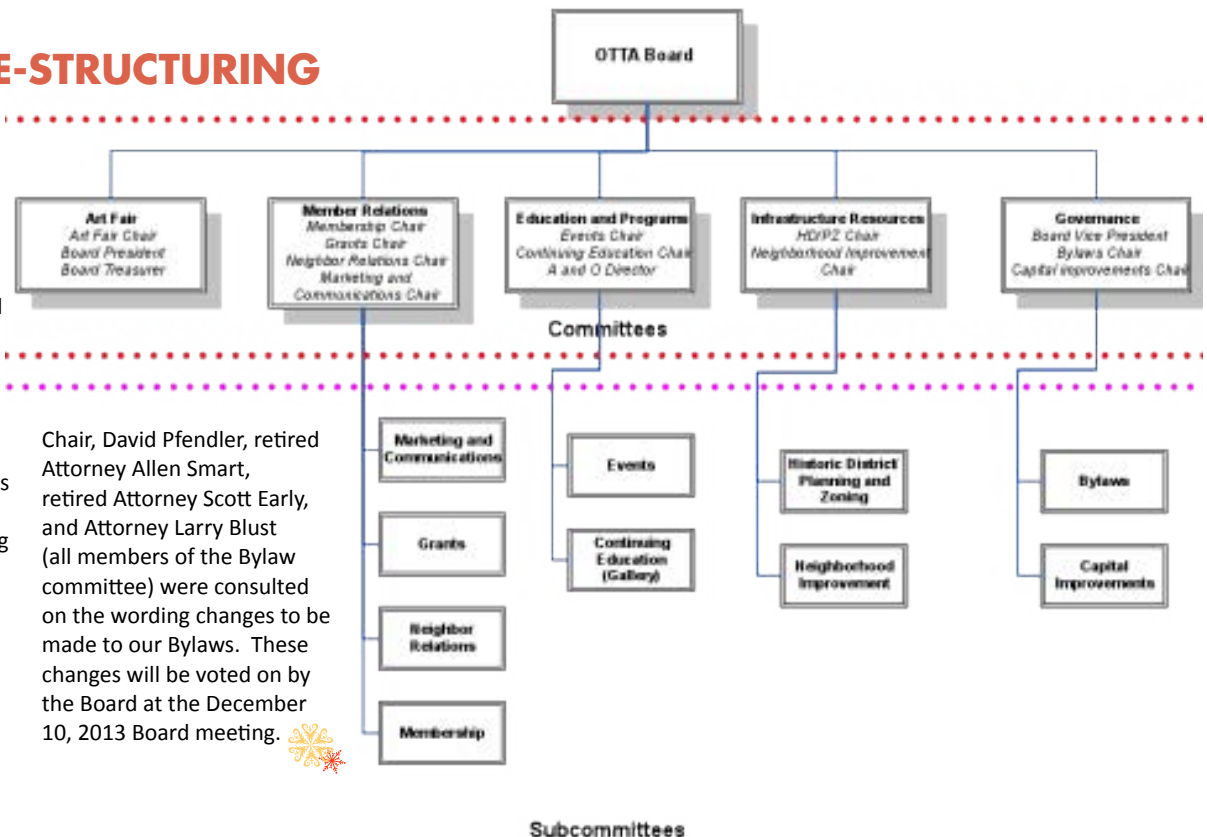
ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

## COMMITTEE RE-STRUCTURING

At the October Board meeting, in order to be in compliance with the Illinois General Not-For-Profit Law, the board voted to restructure our Board committees. They established 5 Standing committees (Art Fair, Member Relations, Education & Programs, Infrastructure Resources and Governance) and moved all the current Board Committees to Subcommittee status within the respective Standing Committee to which they were assigned (see chart).

The Notice to Members regarding changes to our Bylaws was necessitated by our Board Committee restructure. The Bylaw

Chair, David Pfendler, retired Attorney Allen Smart, retired Attorney Scott Early, and Attorney Larry Blust (all members of the Bylaw committee) were consulted on the wording changes to be made to our Bylaws. These changes will be voted on by the Board at the December 10, 2013 Board meeting.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

Helpful news, information, and updates that you can use immediately. Have anything to add? Email us at [info@oldtowntriangle.com](mailto:info@oldtowntriangle.com).

Wondering about those words you keep hearing along-the-way but have no clue what they mean? No surprise, they are shortcuts – or short hands – for commonly-used words. Just like we used to create in the old days! Here are some worth remembering today:

- **SELFIE** – a self-portrait photograph, typically taken by a hand-held camera or camera-phone. Believed to have originated in 2005 or earlier and were posted on My Space, in the pre-Facebook days.
- **APP** – a software application and designed to run on smart phones, tablets and other mobile devices, usually. In 2010, “app” was listed as “Word of the Year”!
- **VACAY** – shorthand for “vacation”.
- **TEXTING** – the act of typing and sending a brief, electronic message between two or more mobile phones or fixed or portable devices over a phone network. The term originally referred to messages sent using the Short Message Service (SMS); it has grown to include messages containing image, video, and sound content (known as MMS messages).
- **TWEETING** – text messaging using up 140 characters on [twitter.com](http://twitter.com). By 2012, more than 500 million requested users sent + read “tweets”.



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10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Leslie Wolfe  
at the office during these hours.

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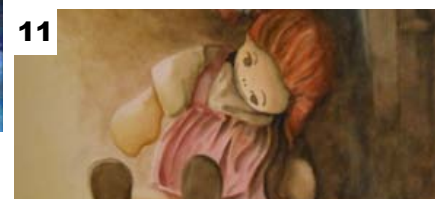
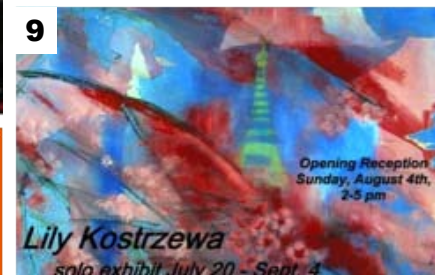
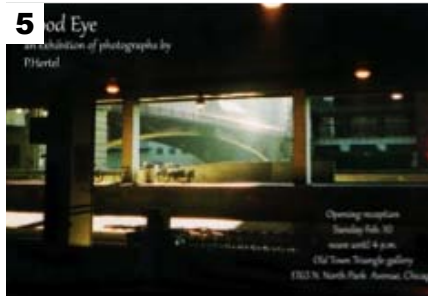
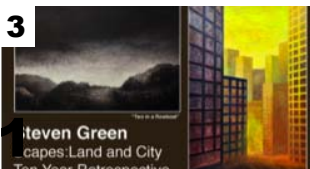
#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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").

## GALLERY COMMITTEE

A selection of artists from 38 submissions has been chosen for the next 11 Gallery Exhibitions. These exhibitions will run from January 2014 through January 2015. The committee also discussed the possibility of changing monthly artists' receptions from Sundays to Thursdays to encourage greater community participation. We have been fortunate to have outstanding exhibits this past season.

## GALLERY | YEAR IN REVIEW: 2013



(1) March: Shelby Silvernell (2) April: A Walk through Old Town Triangle (3) September: Steven Green (4) November: Atelier Didier Nolet (5) February: Pat Hertel (6) October: Breakfast Group: "Caffeine VII" (7) December: Tatijana Jacenkiw & Maria Sosenko (8) June: Old Town Art Center Students and Faculty (9) August: Lily Lihting Li Kostrzewa (10) January: Art Fair Posters (11) May: Mary Blinn