



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



RICK RAUSCH

Our 2015 Board of Directors elections are behind us and we again survived. Congratulations to all those who were elected and thanks to all of those slated or had agreed to be slated. In the Nominating Committee Report at our Annual Meeting, Steve Nichols reported that 22 individuals had volunteered to serve on the Board for this election. We certainly don't have a shortage of volunteers at OTTA...or a shortage of talent.

Last January, I was asked to share my goals for my first term as President. I only had one goal at that time and that was to meet more of our membership. This year I have several goals/objectives.

1. In 2014 we were voted in the top 5 Art Fairs in the country. In 2013 we were in the top 10. We have the talent and support in the artist community to be #1. Could we do it?
2. Financially, we are a very solid organization. Can we again meet or exceed our balanced budget and at the same time replace all of the windows in the Center for \$30,000, invest over \$50,000 in our parks, trees and brick program and give away \$43,000 to area schools and organizations through our Grants Awards Program?

3. We need a formal plan to increase our membership and volunteer pool. More and more people move into our neighborhood and want to be involved. They just need to know about us and know what we offer.
4. The **iBOT** program is a diamond in the rough. With a little work and investment, I feel this program could be a tremendous asset to the neighborhood and the Association.
5. The past several months have shown some thorough issues with our Bylaws. My plan for 2015 is to do a significant review and re-write where necessary, and then to focus on getting our OTTA work done.

With the new and returning Board Members, we have the talent to achieve all of the above and much more. I am very excited to see what this group and our volunteers can accomplish in 2015.

I would again like to thank the outgoing Board Members from the 2014 Board of Directors for their time and effort on behalf of OTTA: Robert Gibbs, Lance Hornaday and Karen Pfendler. Job well done. ❤️

Best Regards,

Rick Rausch, President

**Get Involved. Be a volunteer.**



## COMMITTEE NEWS | ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS | By Karen Pfendler, Outgoing OTTA Board Secretary

On January 22, 2015, the Annual Members' Meeting and Election went off without a hitch. From what little I could observe (since I was conducting the Election) and what I was told, the members enjoyed the evening and were treated to yet another delicious array of food provided by some of our local eateries. This is the one time each year when a host of members choose to come together to reconnect.

The Election Totals are as follows:

<b>President</b>	
Rick Rausch	<b>104</b>
Karen Pfendler	<b>84</b>
<b>Directors</b>	
Dorothy DeCarlo	<b>117</b>
Chris Nelson	<b>114</b>
Shannon Waterfield	<b>104</b>

The members of my Election Team were: Leslie Wolfe, Michael Warnick, Norman Baugher, Patti Danos, Alice Huff, Alan Naragon, Tiffany Tavalino, and Lucy Wojtas. These members deserve high praise for how efficiently they performed their election duties. Special thanks go to 1st VP Robert Jones who I invited to act as an Official Observer of the election process on behalf of the BOD. Finally, it has been a privilege to serve the OTTA as Board Secretary. ❤️

## 2014 OTAF SPOTLIGHT : The Barcelona Prize Story

A special promotion of the Old Town Art Fair 2014 featured three prize trips for two to Barcelona, including airfare and hotel accommodations. The grand prize went to artist Jeffrey Zachmann (traveling with his wife Deb) who received the most **Patron's Choice** votes of the more than 3,400 total submitted ballots from paying patrons of the Fair. A raffle drawing of voting Art Fair patrons was won by Debby Ryan, an elementary school teacher from Bartlett, Illinois, who was unable to travel during the designated travel dates and was granted a cash prize. A raffle drawing of paying attendees of the First Sight benefit gala was won by Linda Wedenoja, Chair of the Art Fair Program Editor Committee. Also traveling to Barcelona at their own expense were

Old Town Art Fair Chair and trip organizer, John Knoche and his wife Pat Cassiday, art fair graphic designer and one of the Barcelona prize sponsors Michael Garzel and his partner Jeffrey Souva, and Claire Leaman, Treasurer of the Old Town Triangle Association. The travel dates were November 6 - 12, 2014.

The OTTA, the OTAF, and the winners are grateful to the sponsors of the Barcelona prizes: Treasure Island Foods, Michael Garzel Graphic Design & Photography, Phil Stefani Signature Events, The Second City Training Center, and the Instituto Cervantes.

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## 2014 OTAF SPOTLIGHT : Barcelona: A Winner's Tale! | by Linda Wedenoja (intermittent Triangle resident since 1980)



Boqueria Market, Barcelona, Spain

And, the winning ticket belongs to .... me? I was stunned. I was in the midst of moving and I couldn't register what was really happening at the time. But, eventually it sunk in and I officially declare that I am delighted that I won a trip to Barcelona in the raffle drawing at the First Sight benefit gala as part of the special promotion for the Old Town Art Fair.

What a memorable adventure! Barcelona was charming, spectacular and delicious. The company on the trip was equally extraordinary. The travel arrangements, restaurant recommendations, sightseeing assistance, and hotel selection were exceptional.

Kudos and appreciation to the Old Town Triangle Association, as well as to the sponsors and the organizer of the trip, for such an impressive prize befitting the caliber of the Old Town Art Fair.

The seeds of the trip were most likely planted when trip organizer, John Knoche, studied abroad in his youth, and came to love the city. In homage (or to bide our time until the hotel rooms were ready), our merry band of eight travelers ventured on a nostalgic pilgrimage to the hidden treasure world of the University of Barcelona, where John spent a school year a mere 42 years ago. You may see him sporting his "founded in 1450" souvenir sweatshirt in the neighborhood.

While plans to see the Magic Fountain had to be postponed due to a rally in support of the symbolic vote for Catalan independence, the attraction was well worth the wait for the three of us who returned the following evening. I'll never forget how Michael Garzel appeared to risk life and limb to capture with my camera a unique angle of a statue overseeing the grand view surrounding the colorful dancing waters, as Jeffrey Souva and I held our breath until he stepped back down off the ledge.

Antoni Gaudi's awe-inspiring Casa Batlló, Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell were worthy destinations to experience the celebrated Catalan architect's impressive talents. But, thinking that you can walk between major attractions that don't look that far on the map might not be so wise. Take it from those who remarkably did, like Jeff and Deb Zachmann, who kept thinking it was just a little farther to Parc Güell. And, on a separate but equal journey, Claire Leaman and I, who took a clue from a local and finally hopped in a cab, readily agreeing that it was a very good decision.

An informative guided tour by locals Maria Bonet and Joan Miró provided a fascinating introduction to the famed Las Ramblas, the Gothic Quarter, La Boqueria, the Plaza de Sant Felip Neri, El Raval, Santa

Before we left for the trip, many people would say "Barcelona! That's my favorite city in the world!" Now I know why. Simply amazing. Now it's my favorite city in the world as well.

To the people who arranged for the contest and trip, and the patrons who voted me Peoples Choice, thank you!

**Jeffrey Zachmann | Kinetic Artist | Old Town Art Fair Patron's Choice | Barcelona Prize Winner**

Maria del Mar, Mercat de Santa Caterina (where we were able to see the spontaneous traditional dancing outside), and El Born, as well as insights into what it's like to live in Barcelona.

An unexpected treat during a solo excursion to the beach area of La Barceloneta was a sidewalk musical performance by a reggae band of musicians with a tuba, performing "No Woman, No Cry." Go figure.

Others reported visiting family and friends, the Picasso Museum, and shopping (of course ... including Claire on the hunt for the perfect espadrilles), among numerous other pursuits and destinations during the trip.

In addition to attending Sunday Mass in the grand Gothic Cathedral, another significant memory was a group visit to the recently renovated Sant Pau, the world's largest Art Nouveau Site, which is destined to become the city's next major tourist attraction.

Dining in Barcelona offered a variety of mouth-watering options. For those who may visit Cornelia, be sure to tell the owner with the orange pants that John from Chicago sent you. And, take Pat Cassidy's lead and order merluza in Barcelona whenever it appears on any menu.

Paying with euros, traveling by metro or cab, and finding the way around was easier after a few days. The amount of walking was significant. A pedometer registered 19,745 steps on the most intensive day of trekking.

It was "grounding" to travel with seasoned international air travelers to, through, and from airports. I consider the support, guidance, and wonderful company of Claire, John, Pat, Michael, and Jeffrey throughout the trip as part of the prize. And, the bonus was also to meet and experience Barcelona with the Old Town Art Fair Patron's Choice winner,

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Joan Miro (guide), Jeff Zachmann (winning artist), Maria Bonet (guide), John Knoche, Claire Leaman, Pat Cassidy, Michael Garzel, Jeffrey Souva and Linda Wedenoja



the amazing kinetic artist Jeff and his wife Deb, who were genuinely down to earth, interesting, and fun to hang out with, too.

I am also appreciative to Donna and Dirk Vos for their Michelin Guide to Barcelona that I found very helpful in preparing for my visit and as a reference during the trip. Thanks to all those inside and outside the neighborhood who extended their warm congratulations on my good fortune, even those who were envious with good reason. And, thanks also to friend in the 'hood Lorri Frewert for the generous loan of oodles of travel gear, and to Peter Kostakis for the loan of an enchanting Gaudi video poem.

My membership in the Old Town Triangle Association and participation in its offerings has proven to be very rewarding in many ways, but, most significantly it's the wonderful people I have met that has been most cherished. Winning a trip to Barcelona was the icing on the cake (or perhaps more fittingly, the caramelized sugar on top of the flan)!

**Editor's Note:** Things like The Barcelona Prize make The Old Town Art Fair one of the best art fairs in the United States. So does having a legion of fantastic volunteers to support this amazing and historic undertaking. Get involved. Be a volunteer for The 66th Annual Old Town Art Fair, Chicago's Original Old Town Art Fair! For more information, contact Leslie Wolfe at the Triangle Center (312-337-1938). ❤️



Enjoying PINTXOS (Basque tapas) on the Paseo de Gracia – Michael Garzel, Jeffrey Souva and Claire Leaman



Church of Santa Maria del Mar, Barcelona, Spain

## A FAREWELL TO | Dr. Henry Betts – An Old Town Treasure

by John Bross (Triangle resident since 1985)

Dr. Henry Betts, a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation medicine, led efforts to transform the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago into the nation's leading facility of its kind. Sadly, Dr. Betts' life came to an end at age 86 on January 4, 2015. A resident of Old Town, Henry moved to the Triangle with his wife Monika in 1974, when Old Town was still somewhat dicey – you might find someone picking the flowers you had planted by your front door! The Betts bought a building that was formerly a garage, with an upstairs apartment for the chauffeurs of the wealthy people living on Lake Shore Drive. They turned it into a charming house with a spectacularly large garden, which originally had been used as a work yard for limousines. Monika, an expert gardener, also served as President of the OTTA.

Henry told me he liked a neighborhood where people could drop in on each other, meet on the street, and help one another. He and Monika showed the same neighborhood values of teamwork and mutual respect that he used to build the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago into a hospital of international prominence.



Henry, Amanda & Monika in 1984



Monika & Henry in 2009

My family and I moved to Old Town in 1985, and one of my fond memories is of the Betts and Bross children and some of their friends performing a play in our garden – the grownups sitting in the garden and the children performing on the porch. The play was the Grimms' fairy tale Mother Holle. For the snow effect, they scattered pillow cases full of white plastic beans from an upper window. The alarmed parents stood up and called out, "No more snow!" It took us weeks to get the beans out of the neighboring gardens.

Henry will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and neighbors and all the people he helped throughout his life. ❤️

## CALL TO ACTION

### Become a Member of the Old Town Triangle Association

Join OTTA today and become a part of the neighborhood organization that makes the Triangle such a great place to live, work and play. Make new friends! Being part of the OTTA goes beyond any tangible advantages. It brings us together as a community and provides a common thread of shared experiences and focus that is unique in the diversity of Chicago's cultural and social landscape.

Support the preservation of Chicago's historic neighborhood, as well as advocating community spirit, safety, neighborhood improvements and charitable grants. Membership is open to everyone, including property owners, former property owners, renters, businesses, friends of the Old Town Art Fair and visitors. ❤️

Memberships start at \$20/year. Join Today!

<http://www.oldtowntriangle.com/get-involved/otta-membership/>

Voting rights are reserved for members with an address inside the boundaries of Chicago's historic Triangle. The Old Town Triangle Association is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)3 in the State of Illinois. Members receive 6-issues of OTTA's newsletter **The Times**/year, discounts on Art Center classes, member-only discounts through participating merchants of iBOT (I Buy Old Town), invitations to and member-pricing for OTTA events & activities.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT | The Church of the Three Crosses: A Celebrated Good Neighbor

By Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)

First of all, let's clear up the myth about the name of the church. It didn't come from the blending of three congregations, as is widely believed. The name was chosen in 1966 by the merged congregation of two Lincoln Park churches founded by German immigrants and that name represents the three crosses at the crucifixion of Jesus and the people on them, including a thief who rejected religion.

The two merged churches were the Second Evangelical United Brethren Church, founded in 1852 (located at Chicago at Wells, then Sedgwick at Wisconsin), and St. James United Church of Christ, founded in 1896 (located at 1718 N. North Park). The wonderful *40th Anniversary 1966-2006: A Brief History* booklet written by member Barry Smith, tells the history with a fantastic timeline of the 100+ years of mergers and renamings that shaped these two churches through the 1960s. The changing demographics of the day and urban renewal plans presented unique opportunities for the leaderships of both congregations which resulted in the creation of a single, new ecumenical congregation, the Church of the Three Crosses.

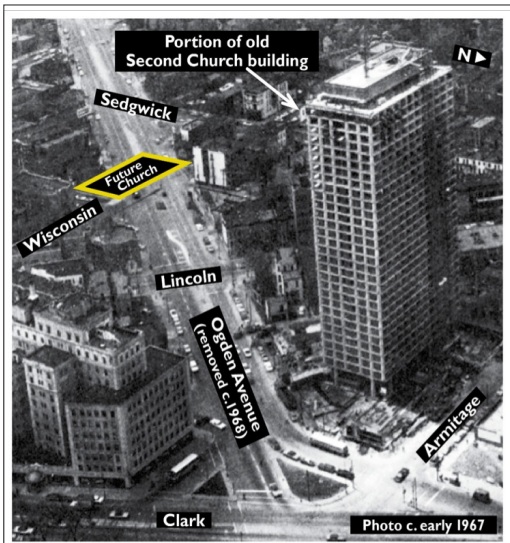
Throughout the years, both "predecessor churches" were active with and good neighbors of the Old Town Triangle Association. Both churches participated in the Annual Old Town Art Fair selling pies, providing a Children's Corner and welcoming artists and neighbors in their "places of welcome." This continues today with "The Grill on the Green" which is the Church of the Three Crosses' primary fundraising event of the year, raising close to 10% of their annual budget, and "friendraising," as it brings together much of the congregation's family and friends to work on this common pursuit.



This montage shows the church after completion in 1974 and in 2014. The 1873 bell from the old Second Church was installed in 1980.



Public demonstration at the corner of Clark and Wisconsin expressing the belief that "Black Lives Matter", 2014.



Aerial view of Ogden Avenue in Old Town prior to its removal. The yellow outline is where the Church of the Three Crosses is today.

In 1973 and for \$65,000, the Church of the Three Crosses bought the portion of the decommissioned Ogden Avenue corridor that was designated for Second Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1964 – six lots and an alley. Hired in 1972, architect Ralph Anderson designed an open format building that could easily be used as a community gathering place as well as a house of worship. The small congregation of 100 men, women, and children worked tirelessly raising money and awareness to realize the plans conceptualized in 1961. The first services were held at the new building on August 18, 1974 with folding chairs on concrete floors for those attending the services. The organ was installed in December. Final tally on new building costs, including land and architect, was \$450,000. Finishing touches continued over the years, including the old bell's installation and first ringing on May 25, 1980.

Today, the Church of the Three Crosses continues to be the cutting-edge institution it has always been, where an ethical framework gives members a way to live and a place to rest and refresh. In the spirit of the Pilgrims, who created the earliest progressive religions in response to religious persecution in England in the 1500s and 1600s, the Church of the Three Crosses carries on as the tolerant, respectful, engaged and involved spiritual community that it's always been, welcoming all of humanity, even those who reject religion, like the thief at the crucifixion.

**Writer's Notes:** A few milestones of note include the "predecessor" St. James Church was sold and eventually converted into townhomes in the 1970s. The previous parsonage for St. James Church is the current single-family home, notably painted purple, at 1722 N. North Park Avenue. In 1972, Roosevelt Hospital bought the Second Evangelical United Brethren Church's building but agreed to let the church operate out of it until a new building was funded and built. Roosevelt Hospital, near the corner of Sedgwick and Wisconsin, gave way to the 30 townhomes of Belgravia Terrace in the early 1980s. Stay connected with the Church of the Three Crosses' services and many events and activities throughout the year by visiting [www.churchofthethreecrosses.org](http://www.churchofthethreecrosses.org) and the Church at 333 W. Wisconsin Street. ❤️



## FEBRUARY

**Sunday, February 8th, 2 – 5 p.m.**  
GALLERY RECEPTION, "FIRE AND ICE"  
PAINTINGS & WORKS ON PAPER BY DIDIER NOLET  
EXHIBITION: JANUARY 17TH – FEBRUARY 26TH

**Tuesday, February 10th, 7 p.m.**  
BOARD MEETING

**Saturday, February 14th**  
VALENTINES DAY

**Monday, February 16th**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY

**Tuesday, February 17th, 7 p.m.**  
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING  
& ZONING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, February 18th, 7 p.m.**  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (NIC)

**Sunday, February 22nd,**  
**10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
CHICAGO VOLUNTEER EXPO  
PEGGY NOTEBAERT MUSEUM  
[WWW.CHICAGOVOLUNTEEREXPO.COM](http://WWW.CHICAGOVOLUNTEEREXPO.COM)

**Tuesday, February 24th**  
ELECTION DAY

## MARCH

**Monday, March 2nd**  
CASIMIR PULASKI DAY

**Sunday, March 8th, 2 – 5 p.m.**  
GALLERY RECEPTION  
PAINTINGS BY NANCY HEGGEMEIER  
EXHIBITION: MARCH 8TH – APRIL 2ND

**Sunday, March 8th**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

**Tuesday, March 10th, 7 p.m.**  
BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, March 17th, 7 p.m.**  
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING  
& ZONING COMMITTEE

**Friday, March 20th**  
SPRING ARRIVES!

**FOODBYTES | From The Heart |** By Diane Sokolofski (Culinary Professional and Triangle resident in 1969-1970 and since 2006)

February is "Heart Month". It's the season we paint the town red and remember to tell our special loved ones how much we care, especially on **Valentine's Day**. We celebrate with heart shaped decorated cookies, red-velvet cupcakes and chocolates. It is also the month the American Heart Association reminds us to eat heart healthy food and exercise regularly. Here are my top food picks for celebrating and/or nurturing the heart.

**SALMON** is the poster child for "heart healthy" food. High in omega-3 fatty acids, it helps lower blood pressure, may lower cholesterol and is an anti-inflammatory according to the American Heart Association. Try this easy non-recipe idea you can do in minutes – Mix 1 tbsp. each mustard and mayonnaise, spread over an 8oz. filet of salmon. Broil until topping is brown and bubbling, about 6 min. for a 1-inch thick piece. Serves 2.



Blood Orange Juice

**BLOOD ORANGES** named for their deep red flesh are in season right now and considered sexy and loved by trend spotters. The red color is due to anthocyanin, an antioxidant found in many red fruits and vegetables. Start your day with fresh squeezed red blood orange juice which packs more flavor than the classic orange variety and is an excellent source of vitamin C. No time for juicing? Blood orange juice is available at Plum Market at 1233 N. Wells Street. Or treat yourself to a nutrient packed "celebration red" menu favorite – Juice Bigalow made with beet juice, apples, carrots, lemon and ginger at **Real Good Juice Co. at 1647 N. Wells Street**.

Did you know **CHOCOLATE**, especially dark chocolate 70% or higher cocoa content, is not only a favorite gift on Valentine's Day, but it is also good for the heart? According to **Cleveland Clinic**, cocoa beans are rich in a class of plant nutrients called flavonoids. Flavonoids help protect plants from environmental toxins and help repair damage. When we eat foods rich in flavonoids, it appears that we also benefit from this "antioxidant" power. Could an "a truffle a day" be next prescription for good health?

**RED WINE** is the perfect choice to toast Valentine's Day and your health. Resveratrol, an antioxidant in red wine, might be a key ingredient in red wine that helps prevent damage to blood vessels and reduce low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol. However, most research on resveratrol has been done on animals, not people, according to **Mayo Clinic**. Let's raise our glasses and toast to more research.

**TEA** is the new marinade. Marinating meats in tea not only imparts an herbaceous and vigorous flavor, but may also reduce the risk of heart disease and help reduce potentially cancerous compounds in meat. Different kinds of teas have different flavor profiles. When using tea as a marinade, it is best to use brewed and cooled real tea and not the instant variety. Use a strong brew if



Tea Marinated Steak, Kale Apple Salad & Freekeh

you really want the flavor of the tea to come through. For Tea-Marinated Steak: mix ¼ cup strong brewed black tea with 2 tbsp. each maple syrup and teriyaki sauce and ½ tsp. black pepper. Marinate steak ½ hour; grill to desired doneness.

Round out the menu with **nutrient rich red fruits and vegetables** such as tomatoes (fresh or sundried), strawberries, cranberries, raspberries, red grapes, pomegranates, red pear, apples, red bell peppers, beets, radicchio and kidney beans. Happy "Heart Month"! ❤️

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### Membership Committee | By Karen Pfendler, Membership Chairperson (Triangle resident since 1951)

The OTTA welcomed 68 new members in 2014. We are so glad these new members felt it was important to join and get involved with their local neighborhood organization.

Joining the OTTA means receiving our newsletter 6-times each year, enjoying fabulous events offered by the Association, enrolling in high-level art classes, receiving discounts at neighborhood merchants through the iBOT Program, and having important subcommittee resources at your disposal. But it can mean so much more. Membership affords all of us the opportunity to get to know and work with our neighbors. We have 11 subcommittees doing the important work of our Association. May I suggest that each of you, based on time you have to offer, elect to join several of our hard-working committees so that you can learn first-hand what makes the OTTA tick? Your time and talents would be greatly appreciated.

The OTTA follows the ideology set forth by President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in his 1961 inaugural address: "Ask not what your country can do for you...ask what you can do for your country." For us who live in the Triangle and are members of the OTTA, that ideology is very appropriate. Ask not what you get when you join the OTTA...but rather ask what you can contribute to helping improve life in the Old Town Triangle for all its

residents, whether or not they are members of the OTTA.

Working on one of the Association's subcommittees is the perfect start to becoming familiar with the history, processes, practices and policies of the OTTA – excellent "training"; should you ever decide to run for a Board position, which we hope you will! Please make joining a committee in 2015 one of your New Year's Resolutions...it would be a win-win for all of us and the OTTA would certainly appreciate your hands on contributions. ❤️

### NEW MEMBERS 2014

Ricky & JoAnne Adams	Erin & Jon Grodnick	Jamie Meisel
Susan Armstrong Arends	Ray Grzebielski	Barry Missner
James & Gretchen Athas	Kathy Hollis & Guy Adam	Alyx Pattison
Kimberly Becker	Katherine Hopple	George Wade Paulin
Stephanie Binetti & Family	Dar Johnson	Karen Peterson
Gabriella T. Boros	Keith Kalinowski	Debbie Poulin
Jane Cahill	Jacob Kolbus & Erin Miller	Eric Rausch
Marcy & Richard Calkins	Wesley C. Koontz & Eva San	Elizabeth Rossi
David Balmuth & Randi Cigelnik	Pedro-Koontz	Benoit Roux & Family
Karen Cooper & Breit Reinholz	Yasushi & Sachi Kubo	Laurie Smith
Kaylan Cummins-Prentice & Family	Bonnie Lennon	Dominic R. Sondy & Family
Meredith Dytch	Tim Leydon	William & Sandra Sterling
Patricia Engstrom & Bill Evans	Lauren & Ralph Long	Kelly Tripp
Suzette Feher	Lurie Children's Hospital	Kathleen Wolin & Family
Dorothy & James Fitzgerald	Megan & Russell Mangas	Patricia A. Yeray
Steve & Rhona Gordon	Saul Marquez	1660 Condo Association

### Events Committee | By Anne Giffels (Triangle resident between 1996-2000 and since 2006) | Photographs by Lynn Smith (Triangle resident since 2001)

January was a busy month for the Events Committee. The Old Town Triangle Association's Annual Dinner and Meeting on January 22 provided a great chance for members to come out and have dinner together, as well as take care of the business of end-of-year reporting and 2015 elections. Once again, we served A Taste of the Triangle, with food from several Old Town restaurants.

One week later, on January 29, the Old Town Triangle Association hosted a Candidates Night for the 43rd and 2nd Ward Aldermanic races. We used the North and South Rooms for the two wards. This well-attended event was a chance to hear directly from the candidates about how their election will benefit Old Town. The candidates answered questions from the audience and gave the community some insight into their plans for Old Town. ❤️



Our newly elected 2015 Board of Directors, including (l.to r.) Chris Huff, Claire Leaman, Rick Rausch, Anne Giffels, Robert Jones, Chris Nelson, Diane Gonzalez and David Pfendler. Not present for photo: Karl Hjerpe, Dorothy "Dede" DeCarlo.



(Left) DURING Counting the votes in the South Room while members dine in the North Room. (Middle) AFTER Members dine on food donated by restaurants, offering a Taste of Old Town. (Right) BEFORE Leslie Wolfe, Barb Guttman and Anne Giffels setting up for the Annual Dinner and Meeting in the North Room on January 22nd.



## COMMUNITY CORNER | Compiled by Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)

Our own **LESLIE WOLFE**, Director of Arts & Operations for the OTTA, is in a group exhibition called **Obsession: Once Is Not Enough** through February 20th at the Bridgeport Art Center (<http://bridgeportart.com/portfolio/obsession-enough/#.VMVG6WbnaUk>). The exhibit features the works of nine painters and sculptors who focus on surface and seriality. If you haven't been to the Bridgeport Art Center recently, this would be the time to go!



"Pursillon" by Leslie Wolfe will be part of the art work on display at the "Obsession: Once is Not Enough" Exhibit at the Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th Street, Chicago.

**THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM** (<http://www.chicagohistory.org/>) is sending a lot of love our way in February by inviting all residents of Illinois to enjoy FREE DAYS. Special events in February include their Sunday, Bloody Sunday Tour (February 8th, 1-4pm – visiting the City's best Bloody Mary bars & taverns) and Presidents' Day (February 16th – 10am-3pm – performances, crafts and storytelling for the whole family). For more information about Museum events, activities, programs, and member pricing visit their website or contact David Deyhle, VP of External Relations (312-642-4600).

**The MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE** ([www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org](http://www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org)), a good neighbor since 1948, has a full schedule of programs for the coming months. For more information about these programs – and all the Temple's programs, events and activities – visit their website.

**The CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES** (<http://www.churchofthethreecrosses.org/>) has a full schedule of winter programs. For more information, contact Rev. John Hobbs or Erika Colin, Office Manager, at 312-951-7916.

**LaSALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY** A magnet school in Old Town and near the center of the Triangle, LaSalle Language Academy is where language learning comes alive! Chicago Public Schools released the 2013/14 ranking of schools on December 3, 2014. Out of 5 possible points, LaSalle received 4.8 points. Only two elementary schools received 4.9 and only five elementary schools received 4.8. LaSalle has also been nominated

by the Chief State School Officer (CSSO) for the National Blue Ribbon Award as an "Exemplary High Performing School." This is a national award given by the U.S. Department of Education. The school also has a new solar array installed by Eco Solar on the south side of the building. This allows for the students to study renewable energy while they learn about reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

La Salle's 26th Annual La Posada celebration was held on December 16, 2014. You may have seen a number of children and a Mariachi Band walking around the perimeter of the school property that day. La Posada is a traditional Spanish holiday procession reenacting the search by the expectant Mary and Joseph for an Inn. The children and parents go to houses and businesses surrounding the school and sing traditional Spanish Christmas Carols. LaSalle's World Language curriculum not only involves teaching our students how to speak and write a foreign language, but also the traditions of those cultures.

Finally, parents were recently notified that LaSalle's principal, Elisabeth Heurtefeu, would be leaving her position this school year. Saddened by her departure, everyone is happy for her as she follows other opportunities. She has been a strong leader for the school and supporter of the community. Learn more about LaSalle at their website <http://www.lasallechicago.com/>.



The Annual LaSalle Language Academy's POSADA PROCESSION, walking through the Triangle singing Spanish Christmas Carols – Twin Anchors was Stop #1 on December 16, 2014.



Stop #2 at Kathryn & Keith Thomas' and Deb Walker & Rich Christian's homes on Sedgwick Street.

**2nd WARD Alderman Bob Fioretti** and his team are looking for residents, community members and businesses to sponsor families through their Adopt-A-Family Program, helping 2nd Ward residents. For more information and Ward news, contact Rachel Hita (312-263-9273) or visit their website at <http://chicago2ndward.com/>. (Continued on page 8)

## COMMUNITY CORNER | (Continued from page 7)

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 held 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, March 12th at 6:30pm (NEW TIME!!!)**. 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>.

**43rd WARD Alderman Michele Smith** and her team email us an informative YOUR VOICE newsletter with updates on Ward issues – like the new City Ordinance requiring property developers to have on-site rodent abatement from the time excavation begins at a construction site until all excavation is completed. You can also visit the 43rd Ward's website at <http://ward43.org/> for comprehensive news, events, and updates. It's an easy-to-navigate site chock full of information you can use immediately!

There is nothing like **LINCOLN PARK VILLAGE**. Adults 50+ from all over Chicago's north side neighborhoods have found community, connection, engagement and fun. They present a full roster of events, activities and programs every month. For more information on Lincoln Park Village and what they offer, open to members, guests and non-members, please call the Village office at 773-248-8700 or visit the Village web site at [www.lincolnparkvillage.org](http://www.lincolnparkvillage.org).

**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is our neighborhood elementary school. Learn more about Lincoln Elementary School by visiting [www.lincoln.cps.k12.il.us](http://www.lincoln.cps.k12.il.us).

Don't forget to consider becoming a **COURT ADVOCATE**, a neighborhood volunteer who attends court hearings, a strong indication to the judge, attorneys and defendants that we will not tolerate crime in our neighborhood. Volunteer to work with other community members tracking court cases and attending judicial hearings. Contact Officer Joe Incapera (312-742-5778 direct) for more information. Or email [CAPS018district@chicagopolice.org](mailto:CAPS018district@chicagopolice.org).

**ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN** ([www.st-mikes.org/](http://www.st-mikes.org/)) invites you to their 10th Annual Gala **SPRING FLING** at the Union League Club of Chicago on Saturday, April 18th at 6pm. Dinner, Silent Auction, Live Auction. The Michael Walters Orchestra provides the music. Be prepared to dance! The Gala is St. Mike's most important social, fundraising event of the year. Monies raised from the Spring Fling are dedicated to the restoration of this historic church, one of only seven buildings to survive the 1871 Chicago Fire. Contact Toni Dunning at 312-642-2498, ext. 211 or [tdunning@st-mikes.org](mailto:tdunning@st-mikes.org) to make your reservation. ❤️



### THE OTTA NEWSLETTER HAS HEART

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes contributions to the OTTA Newsletter **The Times**, including Robert Gibbs, Diane Sokolofski, Shirley Baugher, Deborah Chapman, Eury Chrones, De'Anna Clark (graphic artist), Dina Culioli, Jim Fitzgerald, Anne Giffels, Diane Gonzalez, Phil Graff, Barb Guttmann, Linda Saindon, Lynn Smith, Maja Ramirez, Ellen Starmann, Michael Warnick, Leslie Wolfe and Board Committee Chairpeople. Volunteers make OTTA's **The Times** tick. If you'd like to write for **The Times**...or have a story idea... let us know. Contact Leslie Wolfe at the Triangle Center (312-337-1938). ❤️ Love, Diane F.

### PHOTO GALLERY | Where's Waldo?

Photograph by Lynn Smith (Triangle resident since 2001)

Holiday Pops at St. Michael of Old Town on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Can you find OTTA's President **RICK RAUSCH**? He's not wearing red-and-white stripes but he is in the middle...





## IBOT SPOTLIGHT | The Fudge Pot – Chocolate Heaven in Old Town | by Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident in 1969-1970 and since 2008)

**ATTENTION, FUTURE HUSBAND:** *The Fudge Pot has a giant chocolate engagement ring with the words “Will you marry me?” scrawled across the band in white icing. If you truly want to win my heart and my hand, this is how you should show it.*

This is the lead-in quote on **The Fudge Pot in Old Town** website, known for their delicious candy, made fresh, daily. “Our candy specialists work around the clock to make sure you get your pick of the chocolate-dipped strawberries, caramel apples and homemade fudge.” This neighborhood confectionary specializes in customized chocolate shapes for any occasion, a variety of their famous toffees and award winning lollipops, fudge and chocolate bars.

James Dattalo, grandson and candy maker, told me The Fudge Pot was founded in 1963 by his grandfather, Jim Dattalo (a second-generation candy maker), who learned from his uncle, Tom Dattalo (an employee of The Mars Candy Company). David Dattalo, Jim’s son and James’ father, runs the day-to-day operations with his committed staff, including fourth generation candy makers, James and Jonathan.

All confections are made on location, in the front of the store in full view of passing spectators, as many of you have probably noted. The Fudge Pot uses the freshest ingredients and employ years of experience to make something for any sweet tooth; toffee, toodles, truffle assortments, chocolate-dipped strawberries, ten flavors of fudge including fudge hearts and assorted caramel apples! Want an unusual gift? Why not personalize a lollipop or select one of their 1,000 chocolate molded items: cars, animals, sports items, instruments, and every shape imaginable. They will even do a custom mold / logo just for you.

James told me “We’ve started making sea salt caramels in response to customer demands, and they’ve become one of our better selling products. I eat one of them per workday myself. I’ve started making a German chocolate crème, a hazelnut, pecan and coconut filled truffle. They’ve been selling extremely well in the three months that I’ve been making them.”

The Fudge Pot will even be making a few more items and arranging Valentine’s Day assortments by hand, in addition to their regular selection of delicious confections. Remember your sweetheart or loved one and stop by for a Valentine treat and an IBOT discount!

**THE FUDGE POT**, 1532 N Wells, (312) 943-1777

<http://www.fudgepotchicago.net/contactus.html>

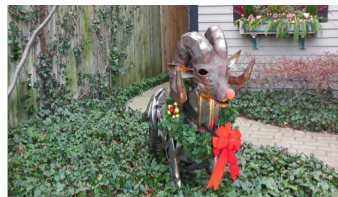
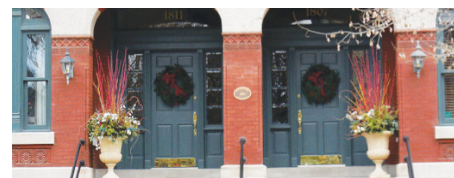


iBOT (I Buy Old Town) is a discount loyalty program for OTTA members offering services, merchandise and products at special rates by Old Town merchants. See [www.oldtowntriangle.com](http://www.oldtowntriangle.com) for a complete list of merchants and discounts. To receive your personal iBOT card, visit the Triangle Office. ❤️

## PHOTO GALLERY | 2014 Holidays in the Triangle

Photographs by Lynn Smith (Triangle resident since 2001)

No matter where you went in the Triangle in December, the spirit of the season was alive. Roving photographer Lynn Smith reminds us how we dressed up our homes...and that we had no snow! ❤️





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### Call to Action

Get involved. Be a volunteer for the **66th Annual Old Town Art Fair**, Chicago's ORIGINAL Old Town Art Fair!

## Old Town Art Center Gallery: March and April, 2015



### Remembering Nancy / Paintings by Nancy Heggemeier

February 28 – March 2, 2015 | Reception: Sunday, March 8, 2-5pm

Nancy was a much loved instructor of yoga, who taught at the Triangle for over twenty years until she passed away in January, 2014. Always an artist, Nancy could be found painting every Wednesday night at the Old Town Art Center after her own class. We wish to honor her with this exhibition.

### Expressions of Light

*Watercolors and Pastels* by  
Maureen Carr, Gail Cotovsky,  
Cynthia Johnson, Gerri Kaye,  
and Renee Macarus

April 4 – April 30, 2015

Reception for the Artists:

Sunday, April 12, 2-5pm

These artists, all of whom have studied at the Old Town Art Center, will exhibit **Expressions of Light** just as the light of Spring creeps back into play.

