



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



RICK RAUSCH

As the year comes to an end, so do the terms of many of our Board members. In this issue, you will see the slate proposed by the 2015 Nominating Committee for our new Board. I want to personally thank our Nominating Committee for their efforts this year: Anne Giffels, Chairperson, Lucy Baldwin, Phyllis Hall and Tom Leibig. Recruiting and interviewing candidates as well as debating options is not an easy task in this organization. This year's Nominating Committee slate is again a strong one that speaks well for our organization in 2016. Great job, Nominating Committee.

With a new slate comes the end of terms of office for others. A very big thank you to Robert Jones our 1st Vice President for the past 2 years and to David Pfendler who is finishing a 3 year term. Both have contributed many hours on behalf of our Board and the Neighborhood Improvements Committee. Other Board members have completed their terms but have agreed to serve another year: Chris Huff as a Director and Claire Leaman, Treasurer. Thank you, Chris and Claire, for past service and for agreeing to continue to serve in 2016.

I also will be leaving the Board and want to thank everyone for a great experience as your President for the past 2 years. I know I won't be going very far and plan to stay very active. This organization does so much for this neighborhood, it's hard not to be involved.

Save-the-date for OTTA's Annual Member Dinner & Meeting, which is scheduled for January 28th, 2016. I hope you plan to attend. Of course, we have the election of new officers that night, but the Board will also report to membership on the accomplishments of 2015 as well as some of the projects for 2016. We also are planning a discussion of what priorities the membership would want to see accomplished for the organization going forward. We have resources and we have choices. What would you like to see this organization do in 2016 and beyond? Come share your thoughts.

Have a happy and safe holiday season. I hope to see you at our January membership meeting.

Best Regards,  
Rick Rausch, President

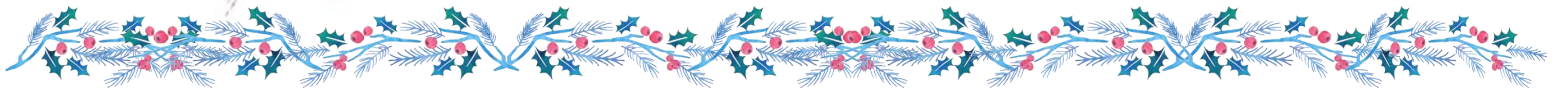


*Happy Holidays*



The Old Town Art Fair (OTAF) was just named the # 1 Art Fair in the United States by ArtFairCalendar.com! Congratulations to the Triangle and everyone who makes this possible, now and every year over the past 67 years!

Why This Matters – ArtFairCalendar.com is the #1 Google-ranked website for art fairs AND the social networking community for artists.



## COMMITTEE NEWS | Nominating Committee | Anne Giffels, Chairperson and Lucy Baldwin, Phyllis Hall, Tomas Leibig

The Old Town Triangle Association Nominating Committee has completed its work and is presenting a slate for the membership vote at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016. A membership vote will occur at the Annual Meeting.

The foundation of our work was the Bylaws of the Old Town Triangle Association (OTTA). The Bylaws helped us understand our role as well as the duties of the Officers and Directors of the Board.

The Committee will be following up with

a detailed description of our process with accompanying documentation, but in brief, we asked each candidate to submit an application and submit to an interview with the members of the Nominating Committee. We started with the understanding that the six open positions (President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and two Directors) were not provisionally set aside for a returning Officer or Director, and all candidates had an equal opportunity to be nominated. Once the interviews were completed, the committee

discussed the capabilities, skills and experience of each candidate and prepared a slate that reflects a mix of institutional knowledge, leadership and fresh perspective to represent the Old Town community.

We conducted a vigorous outreach to identify candidates, from announcements posted on the OTTA website and neighborhood news, personal interactions and recommendations from members. We had more candidates than open positions, and we're very pleased with the participation of the community.

## FOLLOWING IS THE NOMINATED SLATE:

President (1 year term): **Steve Weiss**

1st Vice President (1 year term): **Chris Huff \***

Treasurer (1 year term): **Claire Leaman \***

Secretary (1 year term): **Jordan Matyas**

Director (3 year term): **Karl Hjerpe \***

Director (3 year term): **Shannon Waterfield**

Director (1 year term): **Hans Pusch**

*\* Current OTTA Board Member*

**NOTE:** Chris Huff is currently a Director, with 1 year remaining on his three year term. We are nominating him for the position of 1st Vice President, which opens a 1 year Director position.

## Nominee Biographies

**STEVE WEISS:** Steve owns a design and manufacturing company that makes motion picture camera accessories, all made in the USA. As well, he has a films division that creates original film programming mainly on the web, with some work in films and television. Steve has been a film director on commercial and corporate work as well as entertainment for his professional career and considers one aspect of that applies to being president of the OTTA. A film director works with his various departments and directs them to what he wants. At work, Steve gives no direction to start and see what people come up with. Let them own their departments by doing this Steve is now called the anti-director but gets everything good out of the crew and provide direction if necessary. Steve thinks this approach to running the OTTA would be invaluable. Hear what everyone has to say. See if we are in sync. If not, find out what the majority feels, what's best for the OTTA and do it all out in the open. Steve pledges to never have a closed door meeting unless it's absolutely required in the Bylaws-- and even then he will fight tooth and nail not to.

Steve has served on the Historic District, Planning and Zoning committee for 3 years. He has counted money during the Art Fair, worked the Garden Walk and is an associate member of the ASC (honorary film society).

**CHRIS HUFF:** Chris Huff has served as a Director

on the OTTA Board since 2014, leading the Capital Improvements Committee. He grew up in the Old Town Triangle and returned to the neighborhood in 2010 with his wife, Elizabeth, where they reside on North Park Avenue. In the past, Chris has been involved on condo boards and in various Chicago-based charities. Chris attended Fairfield University in Connecticut and The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He works in the Loop for Legal & General Investment Management.

**CLAIRE LEAMAN:** Claire has served as Treasurer from 2012 to the present and is co-chair of the Art Fair Garden Walk since 2008. Claire has a BA in Computer Science from Cornell University, and has worked in technology, operations and business management in Derivatives and Foreign Exchange businesses for international banks. She has experience managing large, global change management projects and teams of 500+. Work experience in London, Chicago, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Singapore, Frankfurt, New York, Sydney. She was the Managing Director at Deutsche Bank.

Claire returned to the US after her overseas experiences and moved into her present home on Orleans Street, where she returned to school to earn a degree in interior design. Claire is a native of New Orleans.

**JORDAN MATYAS:** Jordan is an attorney who specializes in representing clients before government agencies, serving as their lobbyist and assisting them with their public affair needs. He has previously worked for the City of Chicago Law Department prosecuting building violations and has extensive experience working with Chicago Alderman and agency directors. As a lifelong resident of the community, Jordan wants to make sure that his children continue to enjoy the amazing architecture, history and people that he grew up with. Whether it's legal, public affairs advice or simply help with day to day operations, Jordan would be honored to help ensure that our community maintains its historical relevance.

**KARL HJERPE:** Karl currently serves as Secretary of the OTTA and Chair of the Historic

District, Planning and Zoning subcommittee (HDPZ). He has lived in the Triangle and been a member of the OTTA since 1996, and involved with the HDPZ over 5 years. Professionally, Karl is a captain at United Airlines, which has given him extensive training and experience in leadership and people skills. He was previously an officer and pilot in the US Air Force.

A native of New England, after joining United Airlines and getting based in Chicago, Karl chose to settle in the Old Town Triangle. He fell in love with and purchased a home on the corner of Wells and Lincoln Avenue. He extensively renovated the façade of that building, bringing back the original storefront. Following marriage to Teresa and the birth of his son Ian, they moved to larger quarters on Cleveland Avenue, where he's slowly renovating another historic home. Karl's personal passions are history, architecture, building, and outdoor sports. He's looking forward to his continued service on the Board of Directors.

**SHANNON WATERFIELD:** Shannon has lived in the Old Town Triangle since 1999 and developed into one of our "go to" neighbors. Shannon recognizes how the needs of our new neighbors, young families and the aging are always growing and the Triangle is always a first responder to most needs. But we can always do better.

Shannon has volunteered extensively at Lincoln Elementary School from 2005-2013 as Room Parent, volunteer for many fund raisers, field trips, community outreach and sports. Within the OTTA she has served as a Director, and a member of many committees. Shannon's family has always been active in the community, through sports, schools and interaction with friends and neighbors.

**HANS PUSCH:** Hans Pusch has lived in Old Town for 10 of the last 12 years and currently resides on Crilly Court with his wife, Molly, and two daughters, Charlotte and Francie. Hans is a principal at Agman Partners in Chicago where he invests in real estate and small, growing businesses. He has been involved with the restoration of several historically significant

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## Nominating Committee | (Continued from page 2)

Chicago commercial buildings. He is a graduate of Boston College and The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. When he is not hanging out with friends and family in Old Town, he enjoys sailing on Lake Michigan.

Hans appreciates the unique character of our neighborhood, its friendly residents and its long-standing support of the arts. Hans hopes to help sustain and grow these attributes of our neighborhood. 🌟

## Communications Committee | Save the Date: Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12

There's no time like December to start thinking about June! Plans are underway for the 2016 Old Town Art Fair. Vi Daley has been named as the new Art Fair Chair, Lynn Smith as Vice Chair and most committee heads are returning to continue their great work again next year.

As always, the Art Fair depends on an energetic team of volunteers. Even if your time is limited or you're not quite sure what you want to do, there are many ways to help! Booth sitting, poster distribution, Artist's Breakfast greeters, Kid's Corner staff and amateur photographers, just to name a few. And there are lots of ways to help at the gates too. Whether you're comfortable greeting guests, providing information or collecting donations, we always need lots of people to staff the gates!



Contact Vi Daley or Lynn Smith through the Triangle office to volunteer. And THANKS! 🌟 Lynn Smith and Vi Daley are leading the 2016 Old Town Art Fair!

## Membership Committee | Chris Nelson, Chairman (Triangle resident since 2005)

Looking forward to winter? We're not either, which is why Membership is planning some member-only events to while away the hibernating months. We're working on some fun and engaging events to foster and build our community. Here's our first one, so:

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**— Sunday, December 6th at 4:30pm the OTTA sponsors a family holiday movie at the Triangle Center at 1748 N. North Park. We'll be showing "ELF" starring Will Ferrell. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. This event is open to all OTTA members.

I'm happy to report our membership continues to grow. As of November 1st, the OTTA had a total membership of 648! This is a great testament to the livelihood of our community!

**Membership needs your help!** We are in the process of re-doing our member brochure, and we need some copywriting/editing help. We'd like to take the existing brochure copy and adjust it to fit our new outline. If you're interested in helping out with a little copywriting support, please contact Chris Nelson, Membership Committee Chair via the OTTA email: [info@oldtowntriangle.com](mailto:info@oldtowntriangle.com). 🌟

## COMMITTEE NEWS | Neighborhood Improvements Committee | By Robert Jones, Chairman (Triangle resident since 2005)



The Triangle welcomed 14 new trees in October, thanks to the hard work of the Neighborhood Improvements Committee. The Care of Trees did a great job of placing and planting. 🌟

We've added a new tab under "ABOUT OTTA" on our website ([www.oldtowntriangle.com](http://www.oldtowntriangle.com)) called "Maps". We started with a map delineating the boundaries of the Chicago Historic Landmark District and a link to the Chicago Zoning Map, from the city's website. We eventually hope to include one or two more historical maps. This will allow homeowners a little more perspective on where they live and any zoning issues that may arise with their property.

The Old Town Triangle is actually several superimposed districts. The overall domain of the OTTA is bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street, and the shadow of what used to be Ogden Avenue. An interesting walk follows that shadow; you'll notice no buildings predating the 1960s along the length of it, and some odd diagonal property boundaries and building facades. In 1977, the City of Chicago designated the contiguous area of houses we know as the Old Town Triangle Landmark District. Most of the homes in the Triangle fall into this district and it is this designation on a building that places restrictions on exterior

renovations. A home in the landmarked district cannot qualify for a building permit without approval from the Commission on Chicago Landmarks. Finally, in 1984 the Triangle was also accepted into the National Register of Historic Places. Though similar to it, this district comprises several more houses than the Chicago Historic Landmark District. Not at all confusing, right?!

To use the City Zoning Map <https://gisapps.cityofchicago.org/zoning/>, follow the link and accept their liability disclaimer. Enter the address of interest and the dynamic map will appear with the surrounding blocks. On the right side, you can select desired highlights. Under the "Zoning" tab you'll find shading for the Historic Landmark District, National Register of Historic Places, as well as buildings subject to "orange" or "red" demolition-delay restrictions. Be sure to check the blocks for the desired designations in order for them to display on the map. Enjoy your zoning research! 🌐



Dentist Dr. Baukol Examining Patient Gail Reitze . Photographed by Lucy Baldwin

## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | Old Town Neighbors Helping Neighbors

By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident 1969-1970 and since 2006)

During this season of giving we need to look no further than our neighbors to know Old Town is filled with people who care. Here are 3 stories that will warm your holiday-giving hearts.

Sharon O'Brien shares, "While I was on vacation in Spain, someone broke into my car, breaking the car window. Fran Tuite, a neighbor, took it upon herself to remove anything important from my car

about Ryan Varallo one of Troop 79's Scouts who literally saved his life on September 19th. Jeff says, "I was having lunch with Ryan Varallo at Chipotle Grill and attempted to swallow a piece of steak. At first I thought it would go down, but the farther it went, the less I could breathe. I stood up and tried to cough it out to no avail. I gave the sign for choking and Ryan, without pausing for a second, came around and gave me the manual thrusts. The steak popped out instantly. It was one of the scariest moments of my life. He did an amazing job, relying on his Scout skills. I thought this was an important heroic story of caring to be shared." Congratulations to Troop 79's Scout in Action, Ryan Varallo.

including registration papers, ensuring no further theft. Lucy Baldwin called a glass replacement service to repair the car window. All of this happened while I was away. Upon my return I was surprised to hear this story and find my car in perfect condition. Sharon also mentioned she and her neighbors regularly call each other if someone is parked on the street scheduled for street cleaning.

This pictures tells it all. Lucy Baldwin captured the perfect moment in front of Kennelly Square. Old Town neighbor and dedicated dentist Dr. David H. Baukol, D.D.S., P.C. whose office is located at 1749 N. Wells Street voluntarily helps his patient, Gail Reitze problem solve her tooth concerns right on the street while she is walking her dog. Now that takes Comprehensive Dentistry and patient care to another level. 🌐

Jeff Weaver shares his story with Boy Scout Troop Leader Dave Keats

## DECEMBER - JANUARY CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

#### NOW THROUGH JANUARY 3RD

Zoolights At Lincoln Park Zoo  
Various Dates | [Lpzoo.org](http://Lpzoo.org)

#### NOW THROUGH JANUARY 3RD

Winter Flower And Train Show  
Lincoln Park Conservatory, Free

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 4:30 P.M.

Membership Committee Special Event  
Movie At The Triangle Center, "Elf"

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 7 P.M.

Board Meeting

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2 - 5 P.M.

Gallery Reception | Raul Ortiz  
Exhibition: December 5th - January 14th

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 7 P.M.

Historic District, Planning & Zoning Committee

#### DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 4TH

Triangle Office Will Be Closed

### JANUARY

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY,

JANUARY 9TH & 10TH, 2- 5 P.M.

ART FAIR JURY

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 6:30 P.M.

CAPS

#### JANUARY 16TH - MARCH 3RD

Gallery Exhibition  
Kathleen Newman & Students

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Martin Luther King Day

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 6:30 P.M.

Annual Meeting & Dinner





## PHOTO GALLERY | Photographs by Lynn Smith (Triangle resident since 2001)



(1 & 2) A mighty big sewer project overtook Eugenie Street from LaSalle Street to Old St. Michael's for much of August and September. (3) Joe Taylor's exhibit generating a lot excitement (4) Gorgeous pastel realism by student Jean Fargo. The Old Town Art Center offers a wide variety of art classes throughout the year. (5) Joe Taylor at work at the Old Town Art Center with student. (6) The dazzling elite runners run so fast they're a blurr. (7) Lincoln Elementary School was out in force along Sedgwick Street's MILE 10 on Marathon Sunday, October 11th, thanks to Chris Nelson & Eury Chrones! (8 - 10) Ella Jenkins with Pastor John Hobbs of The Church of the Three Crosses, celebrating the naming of the park at Sedgwick and Willow in her name - The First Lady of Children's Music. (11 & 12) Hoola Hoops and painted faces by-day at the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 19th and the Big Band Boom's tunes by night at one of the best neighborhood parties of the year! 🎉

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

**LINCOLN PARK CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL** (<http://www.lincolnparkcoop.org/>), located at 1753 N. Fern Court, is now accepting applications – due February 26, 2016 – and scheduling parent-only tours for the 2016-2017 schoolyear. For more information or to reserve your place, contact Mary Flis at 312-944-5469 or [mary@lincolnparkcoop.org](mailto:mary@lincolnparkcoop.org). Visit the website for information about their Parent Event planned for January 13th.

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

**LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL** ([www.lincolnparkhs.org](http://www.lincolnparkhs.org)) As both a neighborhood school with attendance boundaries and a high school with three magnet programs, LPHS students come from 150 elementary schools. It is diverse academically, ethnically and socioeconomically—a slice of Chicago. It just announced that it's achieved a 1+, the highest rating possible from the Chicago Public Schools Quality Rating Report!

Congratulations to the school's staff and families who offer a rigorous and supportive environment for LPHS students. For more information visit the Friends of Lincoln Park High School website (<https://flphs.ejoinme.org/?tabid=667480>) or email [folphs@gmail.com](mailto:folphs@gmail.com).

**The CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES** (<http://www.churchofthethreecrosses.org/>) welcomes you to their annual Christmas Eve Worship, a candlelight service on December 24th beginning at 5:30pm. For more information, contact Rev. John Hobbs or Erika Colin, Office Manager, at 312-951-7916 or [admin@churchofthethreecrosses.org](mailto:admin@churchofthethreecrosses.org).

**THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM** (<http://www.chicagohistory.org/>) Put on your best get-up and join the CHM as they celebrate the 82nd anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition. The Last Speakeasy on the Eve of Repeal, Thursday, December 3rd from 6:30-10:30pm. For more information, call Emily Osborne 312-799-2161. (Continued on page 6)



## iBOT Spotlight | Dinotto Pizza e Vino | By Linda Saindon (Triangle resident since 2013)

### Dinotto: An Old Favorite Gets a New Look

Have you tried the new Dinotto Pizza e Vino yet? This well-known and well-loved neighborhood gem, serving Italian food to Old Town residents for 25+ years, has moved to a new location and has a totally new look at 1551 N. Wells Street. Fortunately, many of the recipes, kitchen staff and front-of-house are still the same! Dinotto's has long been a neighborhood spot and they love to take care of us. The move has been a very positive one, with the new location featuring an updated look and atmosphere that's more modern and more in style with the neighborhood – business has been brisk.

### Neapolitan Pizza: A Winning Addition to the Menu

Brand new to the menu is authentic Neapolitan pizza.... the real thing. In order to be certified, Dean had to attend a week-long class to learn the secrets and techniques to perfecting Dinotto's Neapolitan pizza and earn the coveted "VPN" designation (Vera Pizza Napoletana). Currently there are only 40 "VPN" designations in the United States - a rather select group!

The restaurant also uses an authentic wood-burning pizza oven from Naples that burns Oak and Cherry wood at 900 degrees. It's so large it barely fit through the front door of the restaurant. It burns so hot it takes just 90 seconds to cook a pizza!


While the pizza is new and a must-try, loyal patrons will be glad that many old favorites are still available, including pumpkin ravioli, risotto, grilled calamari, and Osso Bucco.

### Holiday Cheers

Holiday décor will be up soon and Dinotto is also excited to offer event space for upcoming holiday gatherings, and can host up to 45 people. Those booking before November 30th will get 10% off the cost of their party.

Dinotto is definitely a must-try, with a winning combination of old favorites and new additions.

Dinotto is open for lunch and dinner 6 days per week (Closed Mondays).  
**SPECIAL OFFER FOR TRIANGLE RESIDENTS:** iBOT card holders receive an additional 10% discount off their entire bill (some restrictions apply).

***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 <http://www.OLDTOWNtriangle.com/shopping/shop-local-the-ibot-program/> for a complete list of merchants and discounts. To receive your personal iBOT card, visit the Triangle Office. *



Dinotto's Modern yet Rustic Dining Room



Authentic Wood Burning Pizza Oven from Naples

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**OLD TOWN SOCIAL** (<http://www.OLDTOWNsocial.com/>) presents their Annual Santa Toy Drive on Saturday, December 12th from 11am-4pm, with Santa present to meet-and-greet the children. Please bring a toy which is donated to Toys for Tots. \$1 of every Holiday Punch and Holiday Cocoa will be donated to Toys for Tots, too! For more information call Christopher Placko at 312-266-2277 or [cplacko@OLDTOWNsocial.com](mailto:cplacko@OLDTOWNsocial.com).




**ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN** ([www.st-mikes.org/](http://www.st-mikes.org/)) presents fun and engaging community events for the holiday season, including Breakfast with Santa (Sunday, December 6th, 10am-12pm) and Holiday Pops (Saturday, December 12th, 7pm). For more information, contact Toni Dunning at 312-642-2498 or [tdunning@st-mikes.org](mailto:tdunning@st-mikes.org).

**MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE** ([www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org](http://www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org))

Join the MBT for their fantastic December 12th Mochi-Tsuki Festival, the making of Japanese rice cakes, which is a New Year's tradition. For more information, contact Jesse Zavala 312-943-7801.



***Editor's Note:** Any business noted here in COMMUNITY CORNER is an iBOT Merchant and OTTA member. We appreciate they're being part of the neighborhood and acknowledge their contributions to the Triangle as well as their giving back to the bigger community of Chicago. *

## GRANTS AWARDS SPOTLIGHT | LaSalle Language Academy Celebrates Blue Ribbon Award!

By Rich Christian (Triangle resident since 1979)

Friday morning, October 2, LaSalle Language Academy, our school in the neighborhood and an OTTA Grant Awardee, was nationally recognized for outstanding scholastic achievement and measurable improvements in key areas. Secretary of Education Arnie Duncan had announced earlier in the week that LaSalle would be honored with the **2015 National Blue Ribbon Award**, one of 300 or so schools in the entire country to be honored out of 99,000. That's a big deal. LaSalle, and its recently retired principal, Elizabeth Heurtefeu, presented a 60-page application highlighting quantifiable advancements. It was the only school in CPS to be awarded the honor this year. LaSalle Language Academy, as its name suggests, has a focus on 4 languages: Spanish, French, Italian, and Mandarin. Kids from Kindergarten through 8th grade choose to study at least one foreign language through all 9 years.

That Friday was a day with beautiful weather, and great joy for the LaSalle community, but it was full of irony. At 9:30am dignitaries who are tied to the community began assembling on the stage outside on the playground. All of the school – Principal Beth Bazer, Assistant Principal Kimberly Miller, former principals Heurtefeu and Amy Narea, 40 teachers and staff, a number of former teachers, some 560 students, and many parents – wore small blue ribbons and were dressed in school colors (yellow and blue), like the balloons decorating the stage, and the crepe paper on all the fences surrounding the school. Earlier that morning, three weeks into the school year, the last cross walk lines were painted on the newly paved streets bordering the school. It was a construction project that had taken too long and made it hazardous just to get to the school. Now, just in time for Mayor Emanuel to celebrate LaSalle's achievements, it was a clean walk on to the playground. No less than nine news organizations – CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, and a few print and internet sources – captured the moments to spin a story mostly about irony. Their news was about how the Mayor had inaccurately stated the graduation rates of CPS high schools. And Arnie Duncan, our City's former head of CPS, had resigned his role as Secretary of Education, just about the same moment as LaSalle's pep rally. Barbara Byrd Bennett, the former CEO of CPS, had already been indicted.

But LaSalle's news, was in fact, good news. The pep rally opened with eight students saying "good morning" and "welcome" in 4 different languages. The crowd was excited to have the Mayor there, as well as Congressman Mike Quigley, State Representative Sara Feigenholtz,



LaSalle students proudly cheer the school's success. That's Triangle residents Deb Walker and Keith Thomas on the stage with Alderman Michele Smith, CPS head Forrest Claypool, Mayor Rahm Emmanuel and former Principal Elizabeth Heurtefeu.



LaSalle Language Academy got a lot of media attention on Friday, October 2nd! Alderman Michele Smith, and the Mayor's new head of CPS, Forrest Claypool. All had some congratulatory moments to share, but when former Principal Heurtefeu spoke, no longer bound by the constraints of being employed by CPS, she suggested the Mayor stop supporting charter schools, and that Claypool stop taking teachers from LaSalle because they are really needed.

Any good celebration to be remembered shouldn't be without controversy. The Mayor celebrated the school, and reminded everyone that kids are in school only about 7 hours a day. The other 17 hours were at least as important, so he celebrated the parents and the children of the school for doing a great job. And that is, in fact, what it is about! Yes, our school is a magnet school where kids come from neighborhoods around the City, not only Old Town. That's controversial. But those kids and those families who have been blessed to be part of LaSalle work hard as a team, and evidently that work pays off! 🌟

## OLD TOWN ART CENTER GALLERY - November

"The Way I See It"

Mixed media work by Joe Taylor

Exhibition continues through December 3, 2015

We hope you had an opportunity to see the vibrant show mounted by new faculty member, Joe Taylor? Here are some scenes from his Opening Reception on Sunday, November 8th. 🌟







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**SAVE THE DATE!** Thursday, January 28, 2016  
for OTTA's Annual Member Dinner & Meeting, in-  
cluding elections of our 2016 Officers & Directors.  
6:30 – 9pm. Old Town Triangle Center.

## 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").

# OLD TOWN ART CENTER GALLERY – December & January



Untitled Landscape - Ginko Pink



Untitled Landscape - Spring

## December 2015 Artist Raul Ortiz "Landscapes"

Ortiz is a process painter whose goal is to "create a poetically contemporary landscape that captures an array of subtle shapes, textures, gestures, light and vibrant color relationships."

**Reception for the Artist:** Sunday, December 13, 2-5pm

**Exhibition:** December 4 – January 15, 2016

The Old Town Triangle Association is a community organization that hosts neighborhood events like the Old Town Art Fair, manages the Old Town Art Center Gallery, offers art classes and yoga classes. The OTTA works to maintain the historic, landmark buildings that make Old Town a unique and wonderful community. Visit our gallery and view a new exhibit every month.

The Old Town Art Center offers specialized art classes seasonally. The Winter Session Classes begin on January 5, 2016. Check the website for courses/teachers.



## January 2016 "Sketchbooking to Painting — Kathleen Newman & Students"

This exhibition will allow the viewer into the artistic process of daily sketchbooking as a means towards finished works of art.

**Reception for the Artists:**

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 2-5pm

**Exhibition:** January 15 – March 4, 2016