

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays Old Town! What a year 2022 has been! We should all feel a sense of pride at how we recovered from the depths of Covid and uncertainty and set a path to move onward and upward.

The Art Fair was a huge success, thanks to Chair Anne Giffels and her dedicated, hardworking volunteers who gave their time and energy to make it happen. There is so much work involved, but they make it all look easy. It just keeps getting better and better—a source of pride for Old Town and Chicago.

This year OTTA made a concerted effort to reach out and expand our membership. We wanted to bring together more people to enrich and expand our diverse community. We welcomed new members of all ages, lots of families, and the return of former members who want to be involved again. This type of synergy renews our mission and grows our organization.

We had incredible achievements from all committees this year. The new Accessibility Committee chaired by Marya Lucas made its mark both at the Art Fair and in the OTTA building. Community Safety had its work cut out for them. Chair Dave Montgomery held productive meetings to advance our many safety concerns plus stay in touch with the Alderman's office and nearby Associations. The HD/PZ Committee was busy and stayed on top of all relevant issues. Chair Zac Bleicher runs a tight ship!

Kudos to Barb Guttman for the first Lincoln Park Art Night held October 20th. It was a fun night that brought OTTA and other Lincoln Park galleries together and trollies were a nice touch. Then there was the spectacular Halloween Parade, founded by Danielle Klinenberg and passionately chaired by Carly Jenkins with her band of loyal helpers. It was a perfect day for the more than 150 children and their parents and all the others who dressed up, got silly and had a good time.

Strategic Planning continues to work tirelessly on bringing together a plan that will look to the future of the organization. They created

a survey asking all Old Town residents what they need and what they want to see from the OTTA. Please look for it in the coming weeks. This is an outstanding undertaking that involves everyone.

This is my last Message from the President and I feel bittersweet. I leave office in January and turn the reins over to an extremely capable team who will continue to strive for excellence. I enjoyed being president these past two years and have the opportunity to represent all of you and that is an honor!

Wishing you a warm and wonderful holiday season.



Dorothy DeCarlo

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Darius Tandon, Chairperson

The Nominating Committee is an ad hoc committee of 4-5 people, including a current OTTA Board Member, chosen by the Board each year in September with the task of selecting a slate of candidates for Officer and Director positions from OTTA members who express an interest in serving the neighborhood. This year's Nominating Committee had the pleasure of receiving applications from and interviewing several qualified candidates. All applicants submitting materials by the stated deadline participated in a 30-minute interview during which similar questions were asked of all candidates. Once all the interviews were completed, the Committee deliberated on each candidate, taking into consideration a range of factors in selecting the slate, including consideration of previous time served on the Board, skills and expertise needed to help committees function effectively, and an understanding of our neighborhood's history. The Nominating Committee was unanimous in their selection of each of the six candidates.

NOMINATED SLATE FOR THE 2023 OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Raymond Clark
Vice-President: Aneta Tomaszewicz
Secretary: Marya Lucas*
Treasurer: Brad Neuman*
Director: Beth Burk
Director: Elaine Frei

**Indicates serving on the 2022 OTTA Board*

The slate of candidates will be presented to and approved by the OTTA Membership in an open vote that takes place in January, at the OTTA's Annual Meeting & Dinner. Members interested in opposing the slate and running for a Board position can do so by following the process set forth in By-Laws section on the OTTA website, <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/about/otta-mission-goals/by-laws/>.

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Save The Date
ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH AT 6PM
at The Triangle Center

2023 OTTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED SLATE



Ray Clark and his wife Kathy have been residents of the Triangle since 2008, initially in a condo at 1709 N. North Park before moving to a townhome on Willow in 2014. They have three

children and four grandchildren. Ray served four years as President of the North Park Condominium Association. Ray is an architect and structural engineer focused on technical issues related to the design and construction of the built environment. He is responsible for design management, engineering systems integration of large scale, technically complex multi-use projects. He began his career at SOM as a Senior Structural Engineer in the planning and design of a variety of project types. Later at SOM, as Senior Technical Architect, he managed teams of architects and engineers in the design and detailing of building components and systems. He has extensive experience with the City of Chicago departments and agencies, as well as international experience throughout Asia, Europe, the UK and Middle East. Ray hopes his neighborhood spirit will enable him to guide our colleagues in more OTTA engagement.



Aneta Tomasz-kiewicz has been living in Old Town for over six years with her husband Jack, twin daughters Agatha and Beata, and their daschund Woody. Growing up in the

historical town of Kracow, Poland, she enjoys the quaint streets of Old Town and its green surroundings. Most of all, she appreciates the friendliness and warmth of its people. She was a part of the Grant Committee this year and has helped for many years as a gate keeper for the Art Fair. Additionally, she is involved in many charities through Chicago and sits on the board of the Paderewski School of Music. She is passionate about regenerative approach to living and the arts. She works full time at ICG Rehab Services as Chief Financial Officer and is hoping to utilize her organizational skills on the Old Town Association Board



Marya Lucas has lived in Old Town since 2008. Originally from Columbia, Missouri, Marya bounced around the city (living in Rogers Park, Gold Coast, and Lakeview) until she happened

upon a ramshackle, yet charming one bed at Hudson Avenue between the Buddhist Temple and St. Mike's. The spirit of Old Town -- with its history, architecture, art, and personalities -- grabbed her, and she was home. Marya will be serving her second year as Secretary. She has been a proud member of the Accessibility Committee, aiming to make Old Town accessible for people with disabilities, and the Old Town Art Fair Traffic Committee, helping artists settle into their booths. Marya works as an attorney for a State appellate court judge and in her free time photographs her dog, Ferris Beagle.



Brad Neuman and his wife Linda began their Old Town journey about seven years ago after buying a historic home to be near their daughter and son-in-law,

Stefanie & Colum, and three grandchildren, Shane, Ryne and Victoria. Sunday evenings the clan of eleven still gathers for Linda's crock-pot dinner. Long retired, Brad stays busy serving as Treasurer of the OTTA (for the past two years), Secretary/Treasurer of another nonprofit serving victims of human trafficking and assisting friends and family. Brad chairs the OTTA's strategic planning effort with over 21 volunteers. Past efforts included governance changes facilitating a new insurance program to bring down exorbitant premiums. Unusual for a Treasurer, Brad is into spending money for worthy purposes rather than increasing the reserves. Brad brings financial expertise as a CPA with a MBA from the University of Chicago, corporate experience as an Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and over 30 years' experience serving on corporate, nonprofit, and governmental boards.



Beth Burk moved to Old Town in 1990 and, with one exception, has lived within a block of the Eugenie and Sedgwick intersection for the last 32 years. She met her husband, Brad, at the Fern Court block party and they have raised two teenagers in the neighborhood. She is most often seen walking Rocket, her English Working Cocker Spaniel, around the Triangle.

Beth most recently served as General Counsel and Secretary of Green Thumb Industries Inc. (CSE: GTII) (OTCQX: GTBIF), a consumer-packaged goods company headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to this, Beth was the Global Chief Compliance Officer of Aon plc (NYSE: AON), a global professional services firm, where she had a 14-year tenure serving in the company's Chicago and London, UK offices in a variety of key leadership roles. Prior to joining Aon, Beth was a partner in the Chicago office of the global law firm Winston & Strawn LLP.

Beth earned her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law and a Bachelor of General Studies degree, with a concentration in Economics, from the University of Michigan.



Elaine Frei, Old Town's resident balloon lady is dedicated to fostering community and connection through her chaotic family of 7 (if you include the cats), her business, LUFT BALLOONS, and her love for the history and art of Old Town Triangle.

"I wish to thank Nominating Committee members Chris Nelson, Karl Hjerpe, Claire Leaman and Annette Hobbs Magier for the time they devoted to this process. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and commitment to our community".

- Darius Tandon, Chairperson



ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Marya Lucas, Chairperson

Our committee continues to pursue promoting accessibility in Old Town. In September, Sheila Pacione from the 43rd Ward Alderman's office attended

our meeting, where we discussed how to go about reporting broken curb ramps, sidewalk tripping hazards, and inadequate ADA wheelchair crossings in our neighborhood streets. We did a short walk-around to identify areas needing improvement and soon will be compiling a report reflecting our findings. Thanks to Sheila, it was a truly informative and

fascinating meeting. If you would like to participate in or comment on this process, please feel free to contact us at access@oldtowntriangle.com. In addition, we continue our efforts to modify the Triangle building's south bathroom and north entryway in accordance with the ADA.

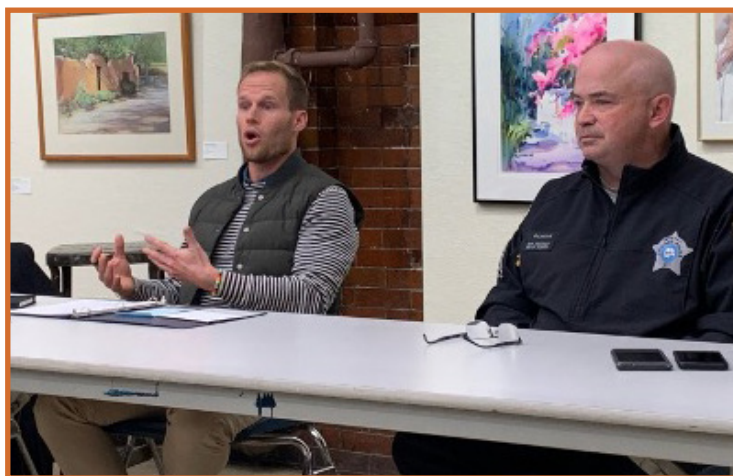
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

David Montgomery, Chairperson

The Community Safety Committee met on October 17th. CPD 18th District Sergeant Chris Schenk and Alderman Timmy Knudsen were pres-

ent and focused on crime and how we can fight it as a community. The two answered questions related to the recent shooting at Hotel Lincoln, 911 and police responsiveness, public lighting, and more. The Committee began including the "Community Safety Corner" in the Weekly Posts. We noted that "Getting to Know Your Neighbor" is one sure way to create a safe neighborhood. Our Committee is

exploring ways to better connect neighbors to each other and with crime-fighting resources. We are also monitoring crime statistics in the 18th District so we can better inform neighbors as to what types of crimes are affecting Old Town residents. Please check future Weekly Posts for this useful information. Please direct any questions to me at info@oldtowntriangle.com



LEFT: Alderman Knudsen and Sgt. Schenk at the October 17th meeting. Photo Credit: Jake Wittich/Block Club Chicago. **RIGHT:** The meeting was open to OTTA members and Triangle residents.

ART FAIR COMMITTEE

Anne Giffels, Chairperson

The Art Fair is deep into planning a spectacular Fair for 2023! Artists began applying on October 1st, and the jury will meet in early January to choose our outstanding group of artists for the Fair.

We will have much to report in the coming months, but we thought it would be fun for this newsletter to let you get to know us better. We posed five questions to our Art Fair leadership team of three, and here's what we said.

Anne Giffels is beginning her third year as Art Fair Chair. I am originally from Akron, Ohio and moved to Chicago after college. When I was a young professional, I remember visiting the Art Fair every year. I loved it and I loved Old Town. In 2007, I was fortunate to move to The Triangle and into the Crilly Court condominiums.

Have you ever met a celebrity? Which celebrity would you like to meet? I "ran into" Walter Payton when I was rushing to my gate at O'Hare. He was very nice, despite my efforts to knock him over!

What emoji do you use most often? I love the sunglasses emoji. It can be so many things.

What is your favorite way to waste time? During COVID, I started to crochet again, something I learned as a young girl. I mostly make blankets and

donate some to local charities.

What is your favorite snack? Can pizza be a snack? I could eat pizza every day

What is your favorite thing about the Art Fair? This is hard! My favorite moment every year is Sunday afternoon, sitting on North Park in front of the Triangle, listening to music and watching the people. Although I also love Friday afternoon, with the artists setting up, our balloons going into place, and everyone is smiling.

Chris Nelson is our new Vice Chair. I'm thrilled to be joining the leadership team of the Art Fair. After serving 8 years on the OTTA Board of Directors I figured it was time for a break, but my love of the Art Fair (I've been a Gate Captain since 2010) and my continued drive to give back to the community, compelled me to saddle up with Anne and Carly Jenkins to help make the Art Fair another successful year. My wife, Eurydice, and I have raised our two kids in the Triangle since relocating from California in 2004. We love this neighborhood as the ideal place to raise our family and cherish everything that makes it such a unique pocket of Chicago.

Have you ever met a celebrity? Which celebrity would you like to meet? I've held a door open for Stevie Wonder, partied at a movie premiere with P Diddy, Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker, and ran into Whoopi Goldberg and Frank Langella

on the streets of New York. I would have loved to meet David Bowie.

What emoji do you use most often? The purple devil emoji.

What is your favorite way to waste time? Playing video games.

What is your favorite snack? Chocolate chip cookies. **What is your favorite thing about the Art Fair?** That is brings the whole neighborhood together and allows us to view some fantastic art in our neighborhood for the weekend.

Carly Jenkins is the third member of our leadership team. Hello Triangle Neighbors! I'm Carly Jenkins and my family and I have lived in the Triangle for 5 years. My family consists of my husband, Sam, and our two incredible girls Olivia (age 5) and Delilah (age 2 1/2).

We truly feel there is no greater neighborhood around and thank our lucky stars to be living here.

Fun facts about me: I studied and majored in criminology at college to one day become a police officer and FBI agent. I just ran my first marathon here in Chicago 2022. I am currently on the OTTA Board as a Director and have volunteered at the Art Fair for the past 2 years.



EVENTS COMMITTEE Carly Jenkins, Chairperson

What an incredible year it has been with the most recent hugely successful events, Oktoberfest and the Halloween Parade. The events are created for you, the members and neighbors, to come together and celebrate this incredible community we live in. The success of these events really depends on bringing thoughts and ideas to the table, having people see those ideas to fruition through volunteering, and attending the events to celebrate our uniquely beautiful community.

Our Events Committee is always looking for more people to join to create more of these experiences that help bring us all together. We look forward to doing more events, small or large and welcome any ideas and volunteering you can provide.

Massive THANK YOU to the events committee, neighbors and office staff that have worked so hard on these 2 events to make them memorable for us all.



Convening outside The Triangle Center on October 30th, for the Halloween Parade



LEFT: L.to R: Janet Graff, Dee DeCarlo, Carly Jenkins. RIGHT: Two beautiful princesses

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE (NIC)

Alan Lougee, Chairperson

If you walk east on Menomonee to the Park, you have likely noticed the improved sidewalks! This is your Old Town Triangle Association at work. The city of Chicago does not offer a discounted rate to replace paver sidewalks. They only offer a "shared-cost sidewalk program" to those who have concrete sidewalks. The OTTA, through NIC, fills that gap. NIC offers to repay residents 50% of the cost to replace old bricks with new ones. Each year, the budget is used in its entirety. Here is a before and after on Menomonee.

Also, four new trees have been planted in Ella Jenkins Park (Wisconsin & Sedgwick). In large part, this is thanks to Simon Doughty and his determination to see these planted to replace six trees that were previously removed. Also, thank you to Alderman Timmy Knudsen for his attention to this request.



Before

After

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Brad Neuman, Chairperson

In the review of potential projects at the January 2022 Annual Meeting, members assigned a high priority to preparing a strategic plan to best serve our community. A subsequent application to Compass (www.compassprobono.com) provided an independent consultant on a pro bono basis to start the planning process. In August, the planning process was launched and now includes 21 residents serving on five subcommittees. The Strategic Planning Committee meets weekly at 3pm in the Triangle office.

Interviews with over 20 current and former governmental officials and OTTA Board members are in progress as part of the assessment process, identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The committee and subcommittee members are also serving as focus groups, providing critical input as well as direction. A survey to solicit input from all residents in the Triangle is also being developed.

While the development of specific goals and action plans will extend well into next year, we hope to be able to share the results of the assessment phase with members at January's Annual Meeting.

For additional information, please go to <https://www.oldtowntriangle.com/2022-strategic-planning/>. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated and can be sent to planning@oldtowntriangle.com.

IN THE FIRST PERSON OLD TOWN TRIANGLE LEGACY: DANIELLE KLINENBERG

THE FOURTH IN A SERIES

By Danielle Klinenberg



LEFT: As a student at the Francis Parker School in the 1980s, Danielle took art classes from then artist and art teacher Diane Fitzgerald. **RIGHT:** Inspire and being inspired, this is a core value that Danielle lives by!

Eighteen years ago I returned to Old Town, to the neighborhood and my childhood home. My mother, Rona, was here. Her husband, my stepfather Herb, had died the previous year. I moved home – temporarily, I thought – from San Francisco to make some changes in my life. I painted, worked as the Director of a contemporary art gallery and continued the business I had started in California on a small scale – hosting art-making experiences at the Triangle before growing that business to work with clients like Lollapalooza and The Chicago Bears.

As an artist and a young single finding my way, serving on committees with OTTA did not feel like a fit. My connection in the community was social, built on relationships with wonderful neighbors, and emotional – a childhood of memories. The Old Town of my childhood was kids playing games in the streets in the afternoons until our parents would call us in for dinner. The Menomonee Club, with its soccer games, Ovaltine and game room, got us connected with children from a wide variety of backgrounds – including the children of the Marshall Fields apartments. There were so many free thinkers in those days. We sat on neighbor's steps or played in each other's yards – the grown-ups drinking coffee or wine, the kids engaging in our own imaginative worlds. There were good parties, and everyone came together for The Art Fair.

I couldn't have imagined I'd soon live alone in this house, when my mother fell

in love, moved downtown with and married Owen. Also, that my art career would launch when ten of my paintings were featured in a Hollywood Blockbuster, 'The Break-Up,' accompanied by my first solo gallery show. I dedicated myself to my work. Ten years ago I met my husband, Larry, who soon moved in with his sons, Aaron, then 11, and Cameron, when he finished college. Eliana was born nearly 7 years ago. Walking the neighborhood with a stroller, then a scooter, I found myself longing for the kind of community I had known as a child here. Saying hello and introducing myself to anyone who smiled back laid the foundation of what has become one of The Triangle's newest traditions, our Annual Halloween Parade!

BELOW: Danielle was part of the Triangle Center's group exhibit in October, at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery, which was part of the first Lincoln Park Art Night.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Longtime Triangle resident, Danielle Klinenberg's daughter, Eliana, was attending a 'gentle separation' preschool when one day in March of 2020 the world said 'Nope! No school, no play dates, no Nana...' because of Covid. That was rough, but it inspired so much!

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT: MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE – SAVING HALLOWEEN

By Danielle Klinenberg

Six months after the start of Covid when Halloween approached, I reached out to creative friends and fellow neighborhood parents. With a 'Let's Put on a Show' attitude, we met over Zoom to 'Save Halloween'. Benoit made a map, Fitz loaned her bullhorn, Elaine engaged the Triangle, and we came together as a community. That first year I chalk-marked North Park Avenue in ten-foot intervals and passed out rope to remind families to keep their distance and please mask! One hundred of us from a few months old to 80-something walked in our first parade. The following year OTTA Events Committee, helmed by Carly, got involved. Vi, Claire and Eliana must have sorted 60 lbs. of neighbor-donated candy into bags for kiddos. Mesa Urbana donated margaritas and snacks for 100, with new volunteers Peggy and Bob tending bar on tables Carly set-up outside the Triangle. Keith loaned a speaker which led to a dance party and costume runway – a must to bring back!

Imagine my delight on Sunday, October 30, 2022 when some 150 costumed adults and children, neighbors and friends, came together for what was billed as 'The Old Town Triangle's Third Annual Halloween Parade.' Wow! We walked, we talked, we made new connections. There was a QR code linked to our parade route, indicating homes of so many generous neighbors who volunteered to greet our kids with good cheer and candy. Our children ran ahead, older kids Ainsley and Joseph leading the littler ones, parents talking in shorthand to take turns securing street crossings. Families filled the south room of the Triangle Center for before-and-after parties. Thanks to Carly and a team of volunteers, the enthusiastic support of Barb and Kaleigh, and so very many in our wonderful community, the Third Annual Old Town Halloween Parade was a smashing success. As we head into winter, I'm holding hope that we'll continue to build our community and connections. I invite you, dear reader, to stop by and say 'hello'. Let's dream together.



LEFT: It was a beautiful day for the 2nd Annual Parade in 2021, which was very well-attended...as the momentum continued to build! That's Danielle, in green! See 2022 parade photos in Events Committee News and Photo Gallery in this issue. **RIGHT:** Another inspiration of Danielle's with neighbors was the Window Art Walk in November 2020. Here is Eliana featuring the spirit of Halloween that day.

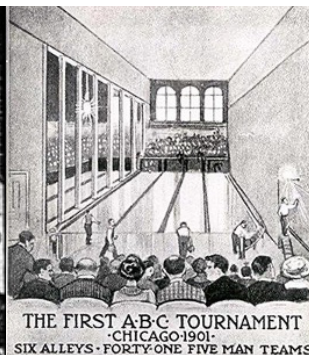
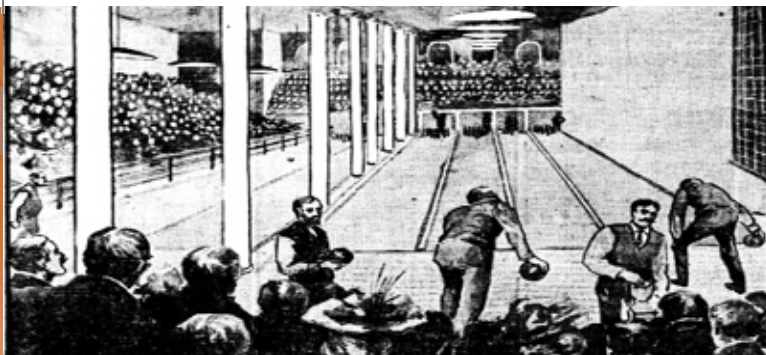
PHOTO GALLERY

| Compiled by Diane Fitzgerald

Contributing Photographers: Jane Bachmann, Diane Fitzgerald, Janet Graff, Suzanne Moore, Diane Sokolofski, Michael Warner

With impeccable weather through much of the Fall, The Triangle was hopping with memorable moments at the Art Fair Photo Exhibit, Oktoberfest, 44th Chicago Marathon, the 1st Lincoln Park Art Night, and the 3rd Annual Old Town Halloween Parade. It was a season to be remembered!





LEFT: 1894 Chicago Tribune Illustration MIDDLE: American Bowling Congress' 1901 inaugural tournament in Chicago. RIGHT: Pin boys setting up bowling in 1910

HISTORY OF THE TRIANGLE BOWLING: AN OLD TOWN AND CHICAGO TRADITION

By Paul Kendrick

As hard as it may be to imagine, open a sports page of a 1920s Chicago newspaper and you might see as much about bowling as baseball. That legacy in the city is intertwined with Old Town and the Menomonee Club.

Bowling in Chicago is almost as old as the city itself, as by 1851, there were already five bowling alleys. Particularly popular with Germans on the North Side, by 1910, there were 230 bowling alleys in the city. Leagues, often held in saloons, were popular social connectors and a place where blue and white-collar Chicagoans mixed in competition.

The Tribune advertised in 1901 for "pin boys" who could earn \$18 a week setting up the pins. This was before the time of machines doing that automatically. Pin boys would get two cents a game and they eventually had a union.

It was in 1901 that Chicago's place as a major bowling city was affirmed when the American Bowling Congress chose to hold its first men's tournament at the Welsbach Building in the Loop. The Chicago Women's Bowling Association hosted a tournament at the same time for the first women's championship.

In Old Town, the Menomonee Club was founded in 1946 to provide recreation for neighborhood residents. In the 1950s, Director Joe Vitale found a two-lane bowling alley on Willow and North Park that had opened in 1891 and purchased it.

At that time in the *Tribune*, you'd see ads for buying bowling balls, but also scores and news from local leagues like the Randolph League and the Classic League.

Starting in 1952, on WMAQ-TV viewers watched the weekly program *Championship Bowling*. WBKB-TV had *Universal Bowling Clinic* with hall-of-fame bowler Paul

Krumske, who later moved to the radio until the 1990s. From 1961 on, the *Chicago Sun-Times* held a Beat the Champions annual tournament that drew women and men bowlers.

People remember bowling history around the city: Miami Bowl's 80 lanes on Archer and Pulaski, Archer-35th Recreation which hosted the Petersen Classic of bowling stars since 1921, or five decades of bowling at Marina City. There is a [blog](#) cataloging all the old bowling alleys because they've been part of people's childhood memories, family connections, and life in Chicago.

There was even a corporate angle to Chicago's link to bowling as Brunswick, the second largest operator of bowling equipment and centers, was based here before they sold their bowling business in 2015. Their company dates to the 1880s taverns that built wooden bowling lanes to draw more business. During World War II, Brunswick put 3,000 lanes into American military bases!

Until recently, you could feel the history in the brewery and speakeasy feels of 1920s-era Southport Lanes & Billiards. Today, you can feel history at Timber Lanes on Irving Park Road. Lincoln Square Lanes even predates them with a 1918 opening, although the landmark suffered a devastating fire in 2015. Waveland Bowl has been rocking since 1959 and Diversey River Bowl since 1986.

It may not be as widespread as it once was, but on any day of the week, you can still find Chicagoans bowling.

EDITOR'S NOTE Paul Kendrick is an OTTA member, Lincoln Park resident, and a historical author, most recently of the book "Nine Days: The Race to Save Martin Luther King Jr.'s Life and Win the 1960 Election".

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT Bowling in The Old Town Triangle Returns!

By Paul Kendrick

The Menomonee Clubhouse is returning to its historic tradition, planning in 2023 to open a refurbished two-lane bowling alley for neighborhood and afterschool bowling clubs, open lane rentals, birthday parties, and bowling leagues for families and children. The lanes are almost exactly in the spot of the original 1891 lanes, where Old Town neighbors had been rolling strikes for more than 55 years before becoming the Menomonee Club's clubhouse! How cool is it that this historic building is reverting back to its original use? Super cool!

In the meantime, Miss Linda, who has worked at the Menomonee Club for 35 years, is retiring! Swing by to thank her and wish her well on Saturday, December 3rd from 3-5pm.



The Menomonee Clubhouse at 244 W Willow Street is being restored to a 2-lane bowling alley, reverting back to its original use!

DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY

DECEMBER 2022

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 6:30 PM
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 3 PM
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 7 PM
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 18-26
HANUKKAH

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 1ST
KWANZAA

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 6:00 PM
OTTA ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING
(ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED)

FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
PRESIDENTS DAY

Please check Old Town Triangle Association Calendar of Events for the updated postings of events.



A FAREWELL TO SHIRLEY BAUGHER

By Norman Baugher



Shirley Baugher, loved by her family, friends, and neighbors, was a loving parent, grand parent, and devoted wife. She was also a teacher, writer, chef, administrator, advocate, and preservationist for all things Old Town. Famous for her smile, she was a friend to all the children and dogs who visited the Triangle office while she served as the Old Town Triangle Association administrator. She was a force to be reckoned with!

She was an Old Townner for more than 44 years and came to the community in 1978. It was only to be a temporary move—a place for her husband, Norman Baugher, to hang out while she went to Cordon Bleu in Paris to learn to become a professional chef. She hung up her toque a long time ago but remained in Old Town. Through the years, Shirley has served her adopted neighborhood as a volunteer for the various programs and activities of the OTTA and was president of the organization for three years. She wrote three books about Old Town published by OTTA, describing its history, its architecture and its famous (and near-famous) residents. In 2006, she won a Landmarks Preservation Award for her history of Old Town. In 2011, she was recognized by Mayor Richard M. Daley as one of Chicago's outstanding women during Women's History Month.

Shirley came to Old Town from Evanston, a city almost as familiar to her as Old Town. She was a fixture at Northwestern University, where she earned three degrees: Bachelor of Science in Speech, Master of Arts in History and Doctor of Philosophy. An ecstatic moment for Shirley was at graduation when she received her PhD from the famed composer Dimitri Shostakovich who gave the commencement address in Russian.

Shirley touted Old Town to many audiences. She helped school children understand the history and conducted seminars at the Chicago History Museum for docents training to give tours. Frequently, she opened her circa 1885 row house to tour groups wishing to see original features of a home listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Shirley was born in Cairo, Illinois, the first of five siblings. She had three sisters Sue Ball, Kaye Miller, Loretta Pedott and a brother, Robert Lewis (deceased). She was married to her beloved husband, Norman, for 52 years and was the proud parent of one son, Scott Lucking, daughter-in-law Cindy Lucking and her awesome grandson, Alex Lucking.

Shirley passed away on October 2, 2022. She will be greatly missed by all her knew her.

Excerpts were taken from Shirley Baugher's 4th Old Town book "Hidden History of Old Town", published by the History Press in 2011.

ART INSPIRATION FOR THIS NEWSLETTER'S GRAPHICS

By Diane Sokolofski

Graphics for this winter issue of "The Times" were inspired by Norman Baugher's "California Table". It was first exhibited in "Roomscape", a series at the Leslie Wolfe Gallery in October and November of 2021. Norman quoted, "Inspiration for most of my work is not an aha moment but is in the struggle and wonder of watching thought become a physical reality. In this series, light and the space in which a still life is presented are prominent. These spaces are usually just a suggestion of a single room with a hint of other rooms beyond—a stage for something to happen, but not yet made manifest. Light patterns suggest an opening to the natural world, a sign of hope".

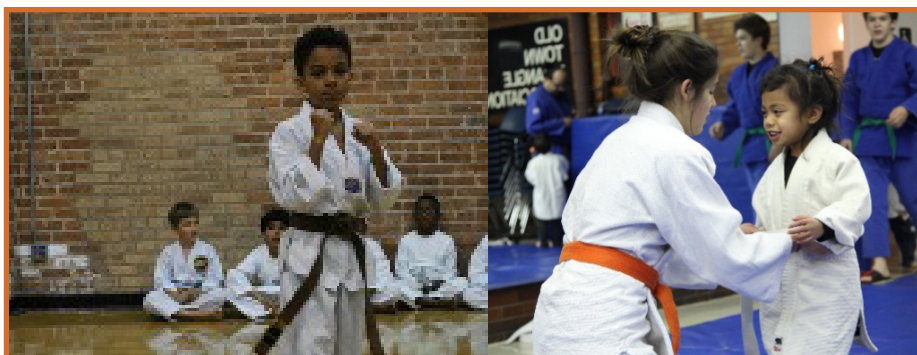
Norman Baugher is a local artist, Triangle resident and OTTA member for many years...and Shirley's husband.



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT | The Menomonee Club's Judo Club | By Diane Fitzgerald

Judo, the Japanese martial art and eventual Olympic sport founded in 1882, was introduced in the United States in 1902 when President Theodore Roosevelt practiced it in the White House. It developed a larger following in the 1950s when it was required for the US Air Force.

Fast forward to 1982, one hundred years later, when Judo was introduced at the Menomonee Club under the leadership of Henry Okamura, offering classes for 4-year-olds to adults. The evolution of the program since then has been staggering, with 422 national and international competition medals as well as cultivating 24 World Team athletes who have competed in more than 20 countries. For the past 25 years, Brett Wolf has been at the helm and chartered a path for the Judo Club that has received national recognition, especially the "Judo Without Limits" program – the largest and most influential Paralympic/Adaptive Judo program in the US. Athletes of various physical, intellectual, and visual disabilities train side-by-side able-bodied members of the club. A new program – "Judo For Everyone" – takes the club's all-inclusive mindset a step further to enrich the lives of those they serve.



While winning competitions is great, students of the Menomonee Club's Judo Club gain self-esteem, confidence and improve their overall physical, mental and emotional health. For many participants, Judo becomes more than an activity, but a way of life. Some are lucky enough to start young....!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Menomonee Club's Judo Club received \$5,000 from the Old Town Triangle Association, which is being used, in part, for operating a weeklong training camp at the Triangle Center for military veterans, which is offered to them for free, and purchasing the competition judo "gis" for paralympic, blind Judo athlete Howard Wilson to enable him to compete internationally, recently representing Menomonee Club Judo Club on the world stage at the Judo World Championships in Azerbaijan!

A FAREWELL TO JUSTINE PRICE

By Diane Gonzalez

The Old Town flat at 1908 N. Clark Street found special new owners in 1972 when Justine & Larry Price purchased it. Before they started renovating, the couple immediately hosted their April wedding reception there. After the restoration came many happy years in their home until Larry's death in 2013. Justine remained comfortable there until 2021 when she moved to a nearby senior apartment where she died on July 10, 2022.

Justine's interest in preservation went beyond her own home as she served on the OTTA's Historic District/Planning & Zoning Committee. She was also dogged and successful in urging conversion of the old bus turnaround at Clark and Wisconsin, into a pocket park. Equally determined, she fought the renovation of the three townhouses attached to the north of her place. She believed they should remain intact and that a bay should be restored to one front façade. It was. Her detailed notes throughout the work on both projects were unearthed after her death.

Her leadership skills were evident in 1994-1995 when she served as Art Fair General Chair. She also worked on the Garden Walk and Exhibitors Committees. For at least one year Justine was Artist Ambassador during the Fair. She also took classes at the Triangle Art Center.

Justine was a fascinating soul, interested in countless subjects. Daughter Laurel Galiger described her with "...a zest for living

and exploration that went on to the end of her life." Grandson Sam Gause reflected that his "Mumsie, who tried life and liked the taste, lives on." Justine was attracted to people, art, travel, and learning. As a member of the Napoleonic Society, she studied France and Bonaparte's battles. One vacation she retraced the journey of Lewis & Clark.

Justine hated leaving her Clark Street home, but when she was unable to maintain it or navigate stairs, she moved to senior living in Belmont Village. She became extremely involved with her new lifestyle and contacts and was particularly interested in the staff, especially those who had come from other cultures. Justine liked to stay & keep busy and not spend much time in the apartment, so she joined a nearby church where she was able to walk to services. (She had been a long-term, active member of her beloved St. Michael). As hard as it was to leave Old Town, Justine adapted beautifully, found fun and new friends in her last months, and didn't look back.

At Justine's wake, a Gibson's martini glass was placed by her casket. The tumbler symbolized a preferred drink and a favorite place to imbibe. Justine's life, much of it in Old Town, was well-lived. Her Old Town friends sip martinis and nod in agreement. Justine, their long-term friend on Clark Street, made a big impact on the Triangle, her special place.



TOP: Justine Price celebrating New Year's Eve 2022 (photo gift of Justine Price's daughters) **BOTTOM:** (Left to right) Justine Price with General Fair Chair Bev Adelman at 42nd Art Fair and Cora Adams (photo by Diane Gonzalez)

On the weekend of July 4, 2011 the Membership Committee, chaired by John Knoche, introduced the iBOT Program to the OTTA membership. iBOT, which stands for I Buy Old Town, is the Old Town Triangle Association's loyalty program. John explained, "The implementation road map and graphics for the program were the work of Fern Court neighbor Robin Cecola. Before retiring from the OTTA Board, Robin presented a group of ideas to enhance the benefits of membership to all OTTA members. The Committee launched iBOT, the first of his proposals. Fifteen inaugural merchants signed-up and offered discounts and incentives to all OTTA members."

"Association members Alex Shabicky and Tom Payne solicited the local merchants for offers. Merchants were asked to provide an offer which worked for the OTTA members and mutually benefitted the merchants. Michael Warnick produced an up-to-date listing of all eligible OTTA members for the Triangle staff, who then assigned IDs to each iBOT card."



Go to www.oldtowntriangle.com and click on +Shop to view the merchants and their generous offerings.

If you are not taking advantage of this benefit for OTTA members, and supporting local businesses, sign-up today! Drop by the Triangle Center at 1763 North Park Avenue, to receive your personal OTTA iBOT card or keychain card, which will entitle you to special deals from participating Old Town Merchants. Look for this iBOT display in the merchant's window to identify the merchants supporting OTTA and save money just by being an OTTA member.

Today, many retailers and businesses also have their own loyalty program. Let them know you're a neighbor by using your OTTA iBOT card. Please help our local merchants. Shop local during the holidays!

LEFT: Look for the iBOT logo displayed inside the store or on the store window.

MERCHANTS LIST

Adelaide*	Occhiali Eyeglass
Adobo Grill	Old Town Oil*
Cocoa + Co.	Old Town Valet
Corcoran's*	Cleaners*
The Dog Joint	Red Orchid Theatre*
Finishing Touches	Salon Rouge*
The Fudge Pot*	Sara Jane*
Galleria Liquors	Second City
Judy Maxwell Home	The Sedgwick Stop
Hotel Lincoln	The Spice House*
Kanela's Breakfast Club	String a Strand
Marge's Still*	Twin Anchors
Massage Envy	UPS Store (333 West North)
Near North Animal Hospital*	Vision Boutique
Nookies*	Zanies Comedy Club

*Twelve of the original 15 merchants remain loyal iBOT merchants today. Currently we have 29 participating businesses.

HISTORY OF OLD TOWN | Family-Owned Garage: Janu Brothers Automotive | by Diane Gonzalez

David Janu grew up at 165 W Menomonee Street, a stone's throw from his family-owned garage, Janu Brothers' Automotive at 1810 N. Wells. His grandfather, Rudolph Janu, and his uncle, Pete, had emigrated from Bohemia in 1910 and headed to Chicago after a short stay in New York City. Rudolph purchased the garage for his sons, Rudy, Oscar, and Louis, in 1940 when he set about modernizing the building from its early stable days (see OTTA Newsletter article January-February-March 2020). Both seven-room apartments on the frame second floor were demolished, a bow truss roof added, and the front façade was designed to fit its garage function.

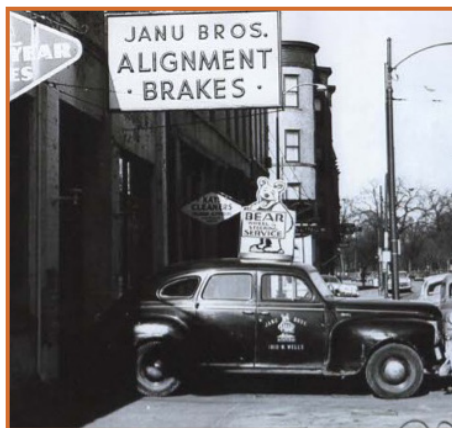
David Janu, son of Oscar, couldn't recall the stable days with a partial second level, but he thought his dad and uncles had laid concrete right

over the hay-covered stable floor in 1940. The garage opened that July, but due to the onset of World War II it closed in July 1943 when David's dad and his uncles all were drafted in the military. In 1946, the garage reopened.

David related that he enjoyed growing up with a family-owned garage. As a boy, he stopped in the garage to fill his bike tires with air and cycled off to Lincoln Park. Later he owned an MG, Triumph TR 3, and a Corvette which he would race with his cousin, Carl, in Wisconsin. The garage was a place to work on his cars on weekends when their business was closed. Some Sunday customers would walk by and ask to have work done on their cars. David occasionally obliged and earned extra money. He added that an early customer of the garage's brake and align-

ment service was Dave Garroway, the first host of the *Today* show. A bear sat on top of the distinctive Janu company car as the garage brand was Bear Wheel Alignment. David crashed that car once.

Besides being a garage partner, Oscar, David's father, served as commander of the American Legion in Old Town after the war. Meetings were held in a bar next to the garage and in a second tavern on Wells where Hemingway House sits today. Grandfather Rudolph later moved to the "country", or today's Naperville, where his three sons built him a house. The sons ran Janu Brothers Automotive until 1972 when they sold the property to the Ono Brothers, also siblings, who continued the building's century-old history of facilitating transportation in Old Town.



LEFT: Janu Brothers at 1810 N. Wells circa 1953 (photo credit David Janu). **CENTER:** Janu Brothers company car with signature bear atop (c. 1950, photo credit Janu Family) **RIGHT:** 1810 N. Wells today, which was most recently used as a garage for long time neighborhood florist A New Leaf (which closed on 2020).



Market in Avondale Beginning December 3rd
Discover the best of the Midwest at Green City Market's Indoor Farmers' Market, with dozens of local, sustainable farmers and food producers, community programs for all ages, and more. Indoor Market is opened select Saturdays 8am-1pm December through March at 3031 N Rockwell Street. Check us out at www.greencitymarket.org/avondale.



Photo Caption: Green City Market's Indoor Market is back this year at a new location in Avondale.



ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
IN OLD TOWN
REDEMPTORIST FATHERS & BROTHERS

Giving Tuesday, November 29th

St. Michael will be participating in the National Event, *Giving Tuesday*. This year, Our Mother of Perpetual Help altar needs major repairs. Visit our website for more information.

St. Michael's Christmas Gift Drive

Once again, St. Michael is tasked with providing Christmas gifts for 350 children. For more information, visit Christmas Gift Drive at <https://29454.sites.ecatholic.com/news/christmas-gift-drive>.

Music of the Baroque

In his first conducting performance as Music of the Baroque's chorus director, Andrew McGill leads inspiring, ethereal music in beautiful spaces.
Friday, December 16th 7:30pm
Register at Music of Baroque baroque.org/holiday.

Christmas Masses at St. Michael in Old Town - Nativity of the Lord

December 24th Vigil Mass: 5pm
Midnight Mass: 12am
December 25th 9am, 11am
For more information go to St. Michael in Old Town www.st-mikes.org.



information. With celebrations soon. We want to make sure you're included!

Calling all Co-Op alumni & families! We are looking to build and update our Alumni Database. Please take a moment to email trustees@lincolnparkcoop.org to update your contact major milestones and



Chalkboard Preschool welcomes all children 2-5 years old for 3-hour sessions 9am-12pm and 5 1/2-hour sessions 9am-2:30pm, two to five days a week. Please call Amanda Betts anytime, including outside of work hours and weekends, at 773-255-7352.



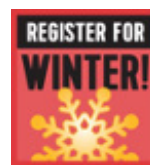
Please help us maintain Lincoln Park High School's culture of excellence and take us to "the next level" by making a donation to our 2022 Pledge Drive - [2022 PLEDGE DRIVE CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#). All funds raised will fund critical academic needs; faculty and staff education and support; SMART Boards; and numerous student programs that the CPS budget does not cover. This year, we are particularly focused on GETTING SMART BOARDS INTO EVERY CLASSROOM AT LPHS. LPHS currently has approximately 45 SMART boards, and our goal is to have a SMART board in all 90 classrooms. All donations are 100% tax deductible, and every dollar counts.



The Village Chicago is the city's premier social and services community network for people over 50. We offer fun and engaging social activities (400 plus events a year) where you can make friends and be a part of a larger community. We also bring together academics, authors, and experts to help you learn and grow—and manage life transitions. And when you need extra support, we are here to connect you to expert referrals, get you volunteer assistance, or just offer a listening ear.
For information, an online calendar of events or to learn about becoming part of the Village go to info@thevillagechicago.org or call 773-248-8700.



There are many ways to support the nonprofit Lincoln Park Conservancy: 1) Donate to help meet our end-of-year match. 2) Join us for an after-hours experience of the Conservatory's Winter Flower Show on December 14th. 3) Sign up to volunteer with us in the spring. Or 4) promote your business as a 2023 sponsor of our work to preserve & enhance the Park's inspiring beauty. Sponsors receive year-round recognition. Find out more at www.lincolnparkconservancy.org. To support Lincoln Park this season as a volunteer gardener or docent, visit <https://lincolnparkconservancy.org/volunteer/>.



Farewell, Ms. Linda!

Since 1991, Ms. Linda has cared for the children of The Menomonee Club. Join us for an open house to thank her for her 30+ years of service to Menomonee and the families of Old Town! Refreshments will be served. Saturday, December 3rd at 5 PM Menomonee Clubhouse, 244 W. Wilcox. Questions? Visit info@menomoneeclub.org.

The Menomonee Club's Winter Session begins December 5th. Join us for Basketball, Judo, Fencing, Taekwondo, and RetroActive Sports!

We are offering Day Camps during the Winter holiday school break. Join us for RetroActive Sports or Engineering with LEGO Holiday Camps! Learn more and register at www.menomoneeclub.org.



OLD TOWN
Portrait Project

The Old Town Portrait Project wants ordinary people who live or work in the Old Town community to submit a photo, of their choosing, to Art on Sedgwick. Veteran Chicago artist, John Bakker, will then use these photos to create hand painted portraits that will last over 100 years. Each portrait is hand painted on a wooden box with a hand lettered brief biography that tells the story of those pictured on the side. Take out your phone now, scroll to your favorite head shot photo and send your picture to old-townportraits@ArtOnSedgwick.org.





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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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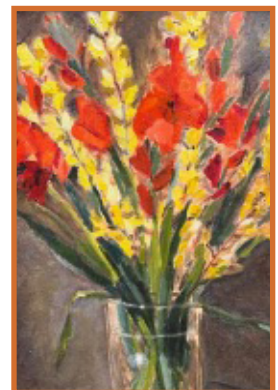
LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY

November/December

Art Center Students: New Works in 2022

The Old Town Art Center is hosting an exhibit featuring the work of our students. Art Center students work in oils, acrylics, pastel, watercolor and pencil. Each student has a distinct style and frame of reference. This is the first show of recent student works in several years. Many works are for sale and available at prices that make excellent holiday gifts.

EXHIBITION: November 17 – December 20th
RECEPTION: Sunday, November 20th 2- 5 PM
GALLERY OPEN: Tuesday – Friday 10 AM – 5 PM and
Saturday 10 AM – 1 PM



"Red Hibiscus" by Sally Kunsch



"Joey & Marty" by Andi Berkowitz