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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and Happy New Year. It is 2021, a fresh year with unlimited possibilities for all of us. When have we personally and politically been so challenged? Covid-19 sent a death threat to the world and we had to learn to change the way we lived. It affected all of us in some way, yet we must not only persevere, but thrive.

I am honored to be the new President of the Old Town Triangle Association and will do all I can to help facilitate positive endeavors while striving to maintain the traditions and beauty of our community. I want to thank all the people who voted and encouraged me and to extend my hand to those who did not. Though we may think differently about some things, one thing we can agree on is that we love our neighborhood.

We do not know what this year will bring and the health and safety of all is our major concern. Yet I feel we must be proactive and look for opportunities for the future. Can we do an Art Fair in some way, shape or form that would generate revenue, goodwill and respect the health guidelines? Will people come together and make this happen? That cannot be answered today, but the plans must start today.

We want all members to feel like they are a part of the Old Town Triangle Association. There

are many committees to join and volunteer opportunities available. "We want you" as our diversity is our strength. Please feel free to contact the chair of a committee you might want to join. All information is listed in this newsletter. Your participation and ideas matter! Not only do they matter — you matter.

The first Board of Directors meeting was held February 9 and attended by many neighbors. It was a good start with committees established and chairs named. There are a few changes to the committees this year as we want more inclusion and outreach within the community. Also, a By-Laws Committee was established, and Anne Giffels, Art Fair Chair, was approved and became Second Vice President.

Yes, we have daunting issues to face in 2021. Yet, if we truly work together, we can achieve great things. I think we have the team to do it.

Best,

Dorothy DeCarlo

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2021 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

By Darius Tandon, Secretary

On Thursday, January 28th the Old Town Triangle Association held its Annual Members' Meeting. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. While we all hope and expect that next year we will be able to join each other's company for an in-person Annual Meeting, the virtual format was successful and enabled us to cover several agenda items.

Four Committee Reports were shared with members—Finance, Neighborhood Improvement, Membership & Communications, and Historic District/Planning & Zoning. Additionally, an update on the status of the Old Town Art Fair (OTAF) was presented which indicated that several artists have already confirmed their interest in participating in the 2021 OTAF, although no decisions have yet been made about the status of it.

Karen Pfendler provided remarks, and shared her gratitude, for having served as the Association President for the last two years. An open forum for member questions was held with several important issues raised for the 2021 Board to consider as they start their work, including questions about the state of OTTA membership and the federal lawsuit.

The meeting concluded with an announcement of the results of the 2021 Board election. There was very good turnout with 63% of members casting a vote in the election. Zac Bleicher and Carly Jenkins ran unopposed and will be new Directors on the Board. Ed Sokolofski and Darius Tandon also ran unopposed and will continue in their roles as Association Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Chris Nelson was elected Vice-President in a contested election. He obtained 166 votes, while the other candidate, John Postel, received 53 votes. Dorothy DeCarlo was elected President in a contested election. She obtained 167 votes, while the other candidate, Karen Pfendler, obtained 59 votes.

A note of appreciation to the Nominating Committee members who assisted with ensuring the integrity of the vote count, and all members who voted.



Congratulations To The New And Returning 2021 OTTA Officers & Directors



OFFICERS

Dorothy DeCarlo, President
Chris Nelson, First Vice President
Anne Giffels, OTAF Chair & Second Vice President
Darius Tandon, Secretary
Ed Sokolofski, Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Zac Bleicher
Elaine Frei
Carly Jenkins
Sachi Kubo
Steve Nichols
Shannon Waterfield

From left: Top: Darius Tandon, Chris Nelson, Ed Sokolofski.
Middle: Zac Bleicher, Elaine Frei, Steve Nichols. **Bottom:** Carly Jenkins, Dorothy DeCarlo. **Not Pictured:** Anne Giffels, Sachi Kubo and Shannon Waterfield

OLD TOWN ART FAIR COMMITTEE |

Anne Giffels, Chairperson

What are you doing on the weekend of June 12-13??? Hopefully attending the 71st Annual, Original Old Town Art Fair! With the COVID-19 vaccines now being distributed, we look forward to hosting the OTAF this summer, in some form. My name is Anne Giffels, and I'm honored and thrilled to serve as Art Fair Chair for 2021. I've lived in the Triangle for 14 years and I volunteered for the Art Fair many times and chaired several committees. I can't wait to work with the wonderful volunteers who make the Art Fair so special.

We have already started planning, and this year will be like no other. We have a number of leadership roles that are available (including a Vice-Chair) and this is a great time to get involved. If you are willing to be flexible and inventive as we work through this exciting challenge, please email volunteer@oldtowntriangle.org. Further details will be released as planning continues. Watch www.oldtownartfair.org for updates!

The 65th Old Town Art Fair, circa 2015 – on Orleans at Menomonee. This photo became the poster art for the OTAF the following year. Photo by Burt Richmond.



HISTORIC DISTRICT/PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE | Karen Pfendler, Chairperson

The Old Town Triangle is one of Chicago's historic districts and it is protected by law.

The HD/PZ Committee of the Old Town Triangle Association operates in concert with the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (CCL). Property owners who are considering a rehabilitation project are encouraged to make a presentation of their plans to the HD/PZ Committee. The HD/PZ exists to help CCL in addressing the large number of requests they receive. We have worked closely with CCL for over 40 years, and they have historically been of immense overall benefit to us. While property owners could go directly to CCL, it is likely that CCL will encourage the owners to present to

the HD/PZ first.

HD/PZ adheres to the official Renovation Guidelines established by the Landmarks Commission. After reviewing the plans, making recommendations based on the CCL guidelines, and following up with the owner, a determination is made by the HD/PZ committee to either support or object to the project because it does not meet the established guidelines. Owners sometimes make several appearances before our committee. A letter is subsequently sent to Landmarks stating our committee's opinion.

If the property owner opposes HD/PZ's opinion, they can go directly to CCL, which has the

ultimate authority to decide on the project, which may also require Zoning Department approval for needed variances to proceed.

While we have not met since March 2020 for any specific project, we make it a point to be aware of the property work going on in the Triangle. We make sure permits are posted where required, safety procedures are in place, and that the visible scope of the work meets the allowances displayed on the permits. This Committee plays a significant role in helping to protect preservation within our historic district. It has been my privilege to be the Chairperson of this invaluable committee.



EVENTS COMMITTEE | Elaine Frei, Chairperson

In a time where events need to be reimagined, the Events Committee developed a three-part series entitled "Connecting with Art" intended to engage, connect, and enliven the community of Old Town during a pandemic. The first event in November 2020 encouraged residents to consider their windows as frames for a community art share. The "Windows of Old Town" event allowed neighbors to experience art from afar and socially distanced.

The Events Committee's "Connecting with Art", window created by Janet Lerman-Graff.

We look forward to your participation in our next "Connecting with Art" event.

The Events Committee is looking for three additional core members to help develop ideas and framework for the next two events in the series. Additionally, we are looking for a sub-events committee of volunteers to carry out the plans. The Core Events Committee requires a monthly commitment of five hours. The Sub-Events Committee requires 1-3 hours per event. Are you ready to get involved and benefit our community in the process? Please email info@oldtowntriangle.com.

MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE |

Chris Nelson, Chairperson

As we look forward to a new year, the Membership & Communications Committee is hoping to use the new beginnings' momentum to start some new beginnings of our own. We're looking for new ways to engage with our members and encourage everyone to reach out to friends and neighbors to increase our membership.

OTTA had a dip in membership renewals/new members joining and we're hoping to reverse that trend in 2021! We had 40 new members join in 2020.

As we look forward to the re-emergence of the Art Fair, we have to remind ourselves that we are a volunteer organization that relies on the hard work of so many to keep our organization thriving. We cannot do this without help from our members.

If you're interested in joining the Membership & Communications Committee or have ideas about how to improve our membership benefits, please email us at info@oldtowntriangle.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE |

Shelly Murphy, Committee Member

The mission of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee (NIC) is to develop and maintain the physical environment of the Old Town Triangle including improvement of open spaces, green areas, sidewalks, and parkways. Our neighborhood contains six parks, and our goal is to keep the parks safe and aesthetically pleasing.

The Old Town Art Fair is our primary fundraiser. With no Fair in 2020, the budget for NIC was cut in half. The team did excellent work with what they had. Existing contracts were maintained for tree trimming, parkway and park clean-up efforts, and garbage maintenance. The team worked collaboratively with both the 43rd and 2nd Alderwoman/Alderman, respectively, for issues and assistance, as well as ComEd, CDOT, etc.

Aside from continued maintenance and reporting, the team walks the neighborhood almost daily, keeping an eye on deterioration. Aside from specific issues needing attention, they share the joy of chalk drawings, birds singing, and chess-playing.

Even with budget cuts, we were able to have 20 new trees planted in the neighborhood from the city, a tree on Wisconsin Street from Davey Tree, and seven Crabapple trees from the Department of Forestry. Also, a few neighbors even planted trees in common areas to help enhance our tree-lined streets. The tree canopies that line our streets come with work and effort!

Many thanks to the NIC, especially Corinne Svoboda, who leads the Parks & Parkways Committee, and Dan Baldwin, who leads the Tree Committee. As we look ahead to Spring, restorative planting is top-of-mind, as well as looking at fencing around trees, narrow parkways, cleaning and maintenance of our decorative lamps, and of course, a neighborhood spring cleaning! Looking at the snow right now, green trees, and spring flowers will be a welcomed sight!

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Extra! Extra! Members Share Their New Normal — Part Two

By Diane Fitzgerald

In the last issue we highlighted what our Triangle neighbors have been doing with their extra time as they followed the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines and made lifestyle changes. This is Part Two. As calendars opened-up significantly, we noticed that we had some time on our hands. It turns out the extra time has been a very positive thing for a lot of people.



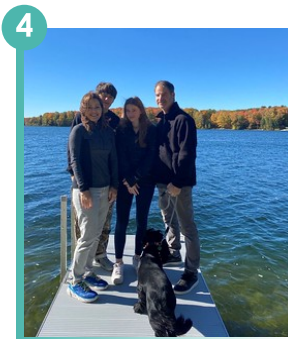
Marya Lucas loves being a remote worker! She adjusted her daily schedule with “slow coffee” mornings and a 3-mile walk around North Pond, substituting for her bicycle commute. But being home all day everyday made her miss her beloved Papillon, best friend Jack Chaps, who passed away in 2019. Marya started welcoming foster dogs when work allowed and eventually fell in love with and adopted a 2-year old petite Beagle named Ferris. He is very funny, happy and true to his inner-hound, we hear, and getting a lot of attention!



Neighbor and Sedgwick Productions owner, **Rich Christian**, focused much of his time on producing the 3rd Annual Freeland Film Festival. An international event “local” to Green Lake, WI until the pandemic, the founders/producers were forced to explore a virtual approach, which they did with great results. This passion project is a global storytelling platform about people, wild animals and ecosystems, and includes panels and workshops, in addition to films – all right up Rich’s alley.



Julie & Bob Montgomery’s new and changing habits were prompted by friends in Shanghai in February 2020 who reported on what life was like there with coronavirus. So, they prepared by stocking up cleaning supplies and masks – they thought that was a little crazy – and stayed busy with new things – key to filling what feels like long days. “The greatest new thing is that we are never in a hurry!” Julie offers. Baking, walking while “reading” books-on-tape, online bridge lessons and even giving blood every 8-weeks have filled their days.



Beth & Brad Burk spend considerable time in Michigan, where the state guidelines severely limited some of spring and summer’s greatest outdoor activities – boating, gardening (nurseries were closed) and utilizing the parks. No problem. They and their two children, 16 and 14 years-old, decided to outdoor-exercise with family bicycle riding. But all the bike shops were sold out. No problem. They bought any bikes they could find on Craig’s List and off they went. “This is a new thing for us – who knows? Maybe we’ll sign up for a family century ride some day!” Beth declared.

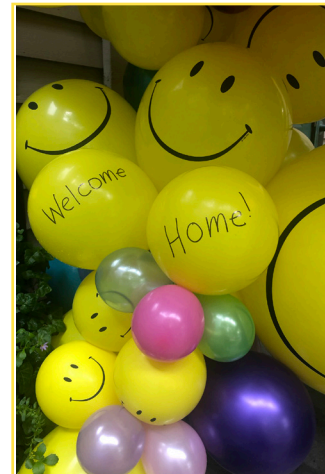
EDITOR’S NOTE: Being a good neighbor is an art which makes life richer. Thank you to all of our neighbors who make our neighborhood community a wonderful place to live!

PHOTO GALLERY

IN A FLASH, 2020 WAS GONE!

Roving Photographers: Diane Fitzgerald, Michael Warnick, Caitlin Hill

2020 brought tremendous challenges, but despite that, we were able to eke out simple pleasures – the moments, sensations, actions that enabled us to experience and feel joy. Enjoy these neighborhood scenes from September through December.



iBOT SPOTLIGHT

Four Local Businesses Reinvent for Success

By Diane Sokolofski

Many of our local iBOT businesses managed to discover new ways to survive the pandemic. What was their formula to stay afloat, despite the restrictions, eliminating “business as usual” for almost a year?

Ryan See, managing partner of The Kennison restaurant responded, “We have altered our menu to make it more Take-Out / Delivery friendly. We launched a Ghost Kitchen, Gettysburgers Chicago, which offers Kennison quality food with a focus on burgers at discounted rates. (Available through GrubHub and DoorDash.) Most importantly, we have been selling a ton of To Go Cocktails available through the website: <https://www.thekennison.com/>. We batch each of our Specialty Cocktails and sell them in ready-to-drink tamperproof To Go containers. This has been a huge success.”

As far as offering these services in the future, The Kennison plans to keep the Ghost Kitchen post-pandemic. If the City allows them to continue to sell To Go cocktails, they most certainly keep that revenue stream as well. Mr. See went on to say, “In addition, The Kennison has always supported charitable organizations by donating a small portion of food sales every month to a local charity of their choosing. For obvious reasons, it has been BOKA Gives over the past few months, which goes directly back to supporting our employees’ health benefit packages, etc. That will continue for the foreseeable future, and then we’ll return to our rotation of different local charities post-pandemic.”

Kim Hack, owner of Cocoa + Co. said, “The Virtual Chocolate Tastings we’ve been doing have really kept us afloat. Store traffic is way down for the obvious reasons, so being able to reach audiences outside the neighborhood and outside the state has made all the difference. Our e-commerce business has picked up as well, and that, too, is welcome.”

The next virtual tasting event is “Romance of Chocolate” on February 14, at 3pm. Explore the history of cacao, its chemical make-up, and learn about some of the colorful characters who considered it essential in matters of the heart. Virtual tasters receive an assortment of chocolates from around the world, are taught how to taste and savor chocolate and learn its history, health benefits and nuances of each chocolatier. Tickets are available through their website: <https://cocoaandco.com/>.

Benjamin Pourkhalili, owner of Galleria Liqueurs, has served the neighborhood for 20 years. Galleria Liqueurs, with 600 wine labels, 300 spirits and microbrewery beers, is dedicated to helping people make selections, recommend pairings, offer delivery and even personalized gift wrap with handwritten messages. Contactless curbside pickup is a new service with the pandemic, which has been well-received and will continue in the future. Mr. Pourkhalili went on to say, “Along with our personal service, we offer iBOT neighbors a 10% discount with any purchase.” Learn more at <https://www.gallerialiquors.com/>.

Twin Anchors’ Gina Manrique, one of the owners, said, “Currently Twin Anchors is open M-Th 4pm to 9pm, Friday 4pm to 10pm, Saturday noon to 10pm and Sunday noon to 9pm offering indoor dining. Outdoor dining is offered most nights in an area that is covered and sheltered on the sides with wall heaters. Note that customers would still want to dress appropriately. The only time we may not be opened outside is if there is falling snow or if it is in the 20’s or below.”

Twin Anchors offers carry-out and delivery daily, available through their website: <https://twinanchorsribs.com/>. There is also a link to order online for in-person free pick up. Customers may also call us for a pick-up at (312) 266-1616. Orders can be



Cocoa + Co. Virtual Tasting Sampler

picked up at the bar, or curbside, by request. One successful additional offering has been cocktails-to-go. Five different cocktails are available, made to-order and sealed in a bottle to take home along with its garnish. Another new addition, Twin Anchors now takes reservations! “We did a fundraising “gofundme” early on to help support our staff, but that ended after funds were distributed. Despite the tremendous decrease in business the last 10 months, we have been doing our best to keep Twin Anchors going into its 89th year,” said Gina.

Gina summed it up for Twin Anchors and all the neighborhood business owners — “We are very grateful for our neighbors’ support during the pandemic and hope to see everyone in person this year now that in-person dining has resumed.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: 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.



TOLLING THE TIME

By Diane Fitzgerald

The five bells of St. Michael’s Church first rang out in 1876, replacing the original bells that perished in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and they have been chiming ever since – alerting neighbors of joyful celebrations... and the time. Thank goodness we have something so magnificent as these tolling bells to remind us that it is 8am or 4:30pm or 15 minutes past the hour, because time has changed in COVID, dramatically. And the bells are a calming, peaceful reminder of our lucky lives in Old Town. So, the next time you hear the bells of St. Michael’s, just remember that you haven’t lost track of time...you were just more aware of your family bike hike or planning the dinner menu with your young daughter or reaching out to your former student 55 years after-the-fact! It’s a sign of the times!

The bells of St. Michael’s Church are 144 years old and have celebrated the opening of St. Michael’s High School and endless weddings, funerals and graduations. They’ve watched Ogden Avenue come (1922) and go (1965). They gave hope during World Wars and other conflicts. And they welcomed anyone who wished to worship. Old Town exists because of St. Michael’s Church, and we are grateful for that!



We are pleased to offer programs with guidelines to keep everyone safe! Masks and distancing required for all programs. Strict capacity limits are set to keep kids safe!

The Clubhouse Game Room isn't open for drop-ins, but you can sign-up for days to hang out!

Join us! Register online at www.menomoneeclub.org or email us with questions at info@menomoneeclub.org



With convenient, contact-free home delivery and curbside pick-up, Green City Market is bringing the farmers market to you this winter. Choose from seasonal, sustainably-sourced products from farms, bakers, and food producers from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan in one simple transaction. Unlike the big box grocery delivery services, GCM Delivered doesn't use a warehouse — your trusty Green City Market vendors pick, pack, and deliver your products to our aggregation space on the morning of your delivery or pick-up day — that means your groceries travel from the farm to your home all in the same day (extra fresh!). Learn more and shop local today at www.greencity-market.org/gcmdelivered.



(Tess Graham Photography)



**ST. MICHAEL
IN OLD TOWN**
A Redemptorist Catholic Parish

Through April we only have Masses, no social events yet. Save the date for the Kentucky Derby party on May 1, 2021!

- February 17, Ash Wednesday Masses with the Imposition of Ashes: 8am, 12pm, 6pm
- Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent 5pm
- March 28, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: 9am and 11am.
- April 1, Holy Thursday, Evening Mass

of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

- April 2, Friday of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm, Stations of the Cross at 5pm
 - April 3, Easter Vigil Mass: 7pm
 - April 4, Easter Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am
- To learn more link to <https://st-mikes.org/>



**LINCOLN PARK COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL
TURNS 70 THIS YEAR!**

In honor of serving Chicago children and their families, we are planning a year of fun (and safe) celebrations! Stay tuned for more information. We are looking to connect with former families who are interested in being part of a momentous year.

To be added to our contact list or to make a donation in celebration of our legacy in the Old Town Triangle neighborhood, contact director Emily Darrell: admin@lincolnpark-coop.org. We look forward to seeing you!



Throughout the pandemic, while students have not been present for instruction, many exciting things have been happening. Most notably, our teachers have proven their excellent teaching skills by pivoting to and constantly improving online learning. It's exciting to see young students learn French, Italian, Mandarin, and Spanish, as well as all core subjects, with K-8th grade peers over the internet and have fun singing and playing in the process. Teachers regularly share their new learning with one another, for the benefit of all. Beyond instruction, we're excited by a few projects:

- Outdoor camps, following all Department of Health guidelines, have successfully used our outdoor facilities for the benefit of area children since last summer, and new programs will continue to be implemented.
- A shipping container has been delivered to our parking lot, to help us provide storage and keep our grounds clean and clear. We plan to beautify it soon!
- We've enhanced our wireless network capabilities, continuously cleaned and sanitized every inch of our building, renovated our teacher's lounge for their benefit, and received hundreds of new devices for our students to utilize, thanks to federal COVID funds.

To learn more, see our virtual tour posted @ [llapincipal](#) on Twitter, and

sign up for our newsletter at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y54ncvn2>. To learn more: <https://www.lasallechicago.com/>.



THE VILLAGE CHICAGO INVITES YOU!
www.thevillagechicago.org.

Join us at some great free events to help you stay safe, learn, and have fun!

- Celebrate Fat Tuesday at one of The Village's famous virtual trivia games! Guests of all ages are invited to play trivia on Tuesday, February 16 from 6-7:30pm. Bring your boas, beads, and masks for a fun evening of friendly competition. Questions will cover a wide range of fun topics. We will assign you to a team of fun people!
- We're kicking off a series on Financial and Legal Health on Tuesday, February 16 from 12-1pm with a free virtual presentation, *Advance Directives: Powers of Attorney and Living Will Declarations*, presented by the Center for Disability & Elder Law. Attendees at this presentation may sign up for a virtual workshop on February 26, where volunteer attorneys will help complete Powers of Attorney for health care, property, and Illinois Living Will Declarations.
- Come to our next The Future of Work presentation on Wednesday, March 10 with Dr. Rao Kotamarti, Chief Scientist, Department Head for Argonne National Laboratory's Atmospheric Science and Climate research group, speaking on the impact of climate change on the future of work. It's free and very interesting!

Click here to view our full event calendar. For more information or to register, email info@thevillagechicago.org.



**FINDING GRATITUDE PORTRAIT
PROJECT**

Just installed on Sedgwick Street between Schiller & Blackhawk at 1406 — 1450 N. Sedgwick Street. A very bright spot in a challenging year was collaborating on this portrait photo project honoring special moments in the lives of neighbors. Shot safely outside in the courtyard at the Marshall Field Garden Apartments, each participant enjoyed a private photo session with Chicago artist Mary Rafferty and then had an opportunity

to share stories about how the pandemic and turmoil of 2020 was impacting them. A common theme that quickly surfaced was finding gratitude. For more images go to: <http://www.artonsedgwick.org/blog/projects-finding-gratitude/>



Finding Gratitude Portrait Project

DIVERSITY & BELONGING IN COMMUNITY ARTS: Artist Talk: Cecil McDonald Jr. & N'Kosi Barber. Join Art on Sedgwick and Lumunos for Saturday morning conversations with artists and explore how the arts can help us foster belonging. Chicago artists Cecil McDonald Jr. and N'Kosi Barber will present their work live from their studios on Saturday, March 20, at 10am followed by a conversation and panel discussion. Artists Live from Their Studios are N'Kosi Barber, illustrator and glass sculpture artist from Firebird Community Arts and Cecil McDonald Jr., artist, photographer and teaching artist. The event is free via zoom, but registration is needed to get

the zoom link. Here it is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artist-talks-cecil-mcdonald-jr-and-nkosi-barber-tickets-137449608479>



LION PRIDE BRICK DRIVE IS BACK!

Honor your LPHS student, alumni, family, or a teacher or staff member by purchasing a brick that will be placed on a beautiful path outside LPHS in the spring or summer of 2021. This year, the Brick Drive is replacing our Annual Pledge Drive, which typically raises the majority of our much-needed funds that cover classroom and school expenses, such as additional chrome books and curriculum software. So, we need your support! <https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/lincolnparkhs/>



Principal Mark Armendariz retired on January 9, 2021 after serving Abraham Lincoln Elementary School for 15 years. The new Local School Council is currently working through the Principal interview and selection process. Dr. Joyce Booker-Thomas is the Administrator-In-Charge, working with the staff for a safe re-opening. To learn more about the school: <http://www.lincolnelementary.org/>.



Joan Beugen

A FAREWELL TO JOAN BEUGEN

By Diane Fitzgerald

Longtime Old Town Triangle member and resident, Joan Beth Beugen, age 77, passed away December 23, 2020. Joan and her loving husband of 54 years, Sheldon "Shel", were regular participants with the Old Town Triangle Association's activities. Members since 1976, they volunteered for the Old Town Art Fair, opened their garden for the annual Garden Walk and were active with the Triangle Center Gallery. Joan and Shel moved to the Triangle in 1976 after completing construction on their modern single-family home at 1708 N. Hudson Street.

Joan graduated from Northwestern University and was the Founder, CEO and Creative Director of Cresta Creative. For over 40 years Joan produced corporate and marketing communication and has literally hundreds of industry awards to her credit. She was also the co-founder and president of The Creative Establishment, Inc., the nation's largest corporate presentation agency at the time with offices in Chicago, New York City and San Francisco.

Joan's business achievements were recognized often. Notably, she was named New York YWCA Entrepreneur of the Year, NAWBO Entrepreneur of the Year, and Chair of the Illinois Delegation to the White House Conference on Small Business. She has been a member of The Committee of 200, The Economic Club of Chicago, the Chicago and Florida chapters of the International Women's Forum (IWF), the IWF International Board of Directors, The Chicago Network, Northwestern University Committee of 100, and The Court Theater at the University of Chicago Board of Directors.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, nana and leader and mentor to many...and deeply missed by all. We are lucky to have had her as our neighbor and friend!

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

PRESIDENT'S DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30pm BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL)

MARCH

MONDAY, MARCH 1

CASIMIR PULASKI DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7pm OTTA BOARD MEETING (VIRTUAL)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

6pm CAPS MEETING (VIRTUAL)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

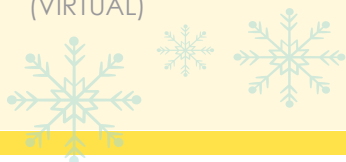
APRIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7pm OTTA BOARD MEETING (VIRTUAL)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

TAX DAY





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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Old Town Triangle Association is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in an area of the City of Chicago bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street and the ghost of Ogden Avenue ("The Triangle").

CALLS TO ACTION

OTTA COMMITTEES — DID YOU KNOW...? | By Jane Bachmann

As a new volunteer to the OTTA Newsletter crew and a relative newcomer to Old Town, eight years ago – moving here from Hinsdale, I realized I didn't know all the background of the OTTA. I did a little due diligence to fill-in some gaps and this is what I discovered.

The OTTA's Mission Statement is very straight forward: an "...organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in... (Old Town area) ..." The full statement and goals may be found at the OTTA website <https://oldtowntriangle.com>.

A surprise to me, I had no idea that the OTTA currently has 11 committees! The list of 2021 Committees is as follows, including the new incoming Chairs:

Old Town Art Fair: Anne Giffels
By-Laws: Chris Nelson
Community Safety: Sachi Kubo
Communications: Steve Nichols
Membership/Community Engagement:
Darius Tandon
Events: Carly Jenkins
Grants: Shannon Waterfield
Historic District/Planning & Zoning: Zac Bleicher
Neighborhood Improvement/Beautification:
Elaine Frei
Finance: Ed Sokolofski
Nominating: Ad hoc committee

The "Committee News" section of the OTTA newsletter reports updates on several of these committees. The full list, committee descriptions, Com-

mittee Chairs and members are on the website.

OTTA welcomes member volunteers for any of these committees. To update your online member profile with your committee/volunteering interests and specific skills in the **Members Portal/My Profile**, go to www.oldtowntriangle.com. From the home page, click on +MEMBERS and select OTTA Membership, which takes you to <https://member.oldtowntriangle.com>. Welcome to the Member Portal! On the far right you'll see My Profile where you select **Manage Profile** and then **Information & Settings/Edit Bio**, which takes you to your Edit My Member Profile. Scroll down to the last two "Additional Information" categories – What areas interest you for volunteering? What are your areas of expertise? SAVE! Note that you can designate which of your portal information is public and which is private.

You must have previously registered to access the member portal. If you haven't registered yet, no worries. Your membership is probably already setup, but not complete. For member portal access support, email Barb Guttman at info@oldtowntriangle.com, or call her at the OTTA Office at 312-337-1938.

Committee Chairpeople are members of the OTTA Board of Directors and review information generated by our member portal. They will contact you directly when an opening on their committee becomes available.

Our Organization is strengthened by residents passionate about the Old Town Triangle. Get involved!

VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS AND WRITERS WANTED

By Diane Sokolofski

The OTTA newsletter "The Times" needs volunteer photographers available to take candid photos in the neighborhood and at OTTA events. Also needed are volunteers to write occasional articles and feature stories for "The Times." Please contact Barbara Guttman at the Triangle office 312-337-1938 or email barbara@oldtowntriangle.com, if interested.



Snow buddies enjoying The Big Snow of 2021, our first real snow since 2015!

WELCOME TO THE OTTA'S
1ST DIGITAL-ONLY ISSUE
OF THE TIMES

LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY

February, March, April

Artist Exhibits and Gallery will be announced as they are scheduled.