

Welcome to New Members  
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**ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE,  
PERENNIAL & BAKE SALE PLUS  
LUNCH:**

When? Saturday May 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Where? Luther Memorial Church 2500 W.  
Wilson Ave.

Come and shop! and eat!

If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the church Wed., April 28, and Thur., April 29 (between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.), and Fri., April 30 (between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.). Donated items should be clean and in good/working condition (no furniture, please). Enter through the West set of double red doors at the church on Wilson (2500 West Wilson Avenue).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call the church office 773/539-3018 or visit [www.luthermemorialchicago.org](http://www.luthermemorialchicago.org)

May's GRO meeting will feature John R. O'Connell, Vice President of Administration and Development of Friends of the Parks. John has been a resident of the Ravenswood area for many years and has done yeoman's work in the neighborhood, not only in his professional capacity with FOTP, but also as a member of the Horner Park Advisory Council. John will present the mission and history of FOTP, give us advice on what we can do to make our parks even better, and fill us in on the recent FOTP project, the Dunning Read Conservation Area, and the FOTP's on-going initiative, "The Last Four Miles", which seeks to establish an uninterrupted 26 mile lake front park from Evanston to the southern border of the city. Join us for this informative presentation on May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Tentatively scheduled for July's GRO meeting (July 6), Congressman Mike Quigley will be reporting back to us on his first year in the US House of Representatives.

## Bienvenue to RendezVous Bistro!

RendezVous Bistro has brought French cuisine to Lawrence Avenue, and what a lovely addition to the neighborhood! When owner Simo Yaacobi decided to use his experience working at Kiki's Bistro in River North and open a restaurant, he came back to Lincoln Square where he lived years ago. Open since April 1, RendezVous features a traditional French menu with fresh ingredients purchased daily by Simo and is BYOB.

On a recent Wednesday evening, RendezVous welcomed us into their lovely rooster themed dining room decorated with scenes from France with soft lighting with cozy benches and tables carefully set. The staff was warm and helpful, and particularly kind to our kids. We started with a wonderful soup du jour of Split Pea, followed by a tart and tangy Endive Salade with a lemon vinaigrette. For entrees we enjoyed Pasta Provencale, a shrimp penne dish with olives, garlic, onions, capers, and Parmesan cheese; Coq au Vin, a braised chicken with vegetables; and Poisson du Jour, a lovely seasoned flounder with asparagus and potatoes. For dessert, good strong coffee was perfect with a wonderful lemon tart and chocolate mousse.

RendezVous is open six days a week from 5:00 pm and closed on Mondays. Lunch hours are on Sunday from 11 - 2 pm. Entrees between \$16 and \$20. RendezVous is perfect for an early dinner with kids, a date night, or evening with friends.

RendezVous Bistro  
2656 W. Lawrence (between Talman and Washtenaw)  
773-561-4400

*Jenny Mohler*

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# COMING UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## **Kids in the Square**

April 24 & 25

Enjoy a great day in the square with participating businesses hosting free activities, treat giveaways, and specials to get ready for the summer.

Lincoln Avenue between Lawrence and Wilson Avenues

[www.lincolnsquare.org](http://www.lincolnsquare.org)

## **Ravenswood Run, a Neighborhood 5K**

Sunday, April 25, 8:00 am

This unique 5K is a neighborhood race through scenic city streets. The proceeds from the Ravenswood Run benefit the Ravenswood Community Services Food Pantry at All Saints' Episcopal Church and the Student Health Centers at Lakeview and Amundsen High Schools.

[www.fleetfeetchicago.com](http://www.fleetfeetchicago.com)

## **Chiquiteo, A Tapas Tour**

Thursday May 6, 7:00 pm

The second annual tapas tours through Lincoln Square dining establishments. \$35/person.

Contact [info@lincolnsquare.org](mailto:info@lincolnsquare.org) for more info.

## **Victory in Bloom**

Friday May 21, 6:00 pm

A Waters Spring Fundraising Event at DankHaus, Come for food, drink, games and fun. \$35/person or \$250/group of 10.

[www.watertoday.org](http://www.watertoday.org)

## **A Toe Tappin' Good Time**

The Book Cellar

Sunday, May 23, 2:00 pm

Jonas Fiddle and Maria McCullough, teachers at the Old Town School of Folk Music, will play banjo and fiddle tunes to get your toes tapping. 4736-38 N. Lincoln Ave 773.293.2665

[www.bookcellarinc.com](http://www.bookcellarinc.com)

## **The Art of Origami**

Sulzer Regional Library

Joshua Koppel, member of the Chicago Area Origami Society, presents this workshop creating pieces with students to take home for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Ages 5 and older.

4455 N Lincoln Avenue [www.chipublib.org](http://www.chipublib.org)

## **Chicago Park District**

Summer Session Registration In Progress For sessions dates June 28 – August 6, online registration ends Monday May 31. Programs fill quickly, check your local park information today.

[www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com)

## Spring Cleanup

Thanks to GRO members Bea Tersch, Les Kniskern, Tom Kosinski and other neighbors who assisted in the Spring Clean-Up at the Jacob Playlot and the commercial area around the Rockwell El Station. Tom McManamon, Park Supervisor for the Chicago Park District, assisted with the clean-up at Jacob Playlot..

**GRO Garage Sale is coming up June 12-13! It's a great buy and sell opportunity! Tips and details in the June newsletter!**

## May Calendar

- 3 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 11 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 17 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Graden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 25 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. CAPS meeting. Kindred Hospital. Montrose & Rockwell



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Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Categories (circle one): Individual \$20 Family \$30 Senior (65+) \$10 Senior Family \$15 Sustaining \$50  
Business \$20 Friends of GRO \$20 (living outside GRO service area)

I'm adding \$5 or \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Corner Gardens

I would like to see GRO address the following issues:

I would like to participate in the following committees (please circle):

Fundraising/Special Events Member Services/Welcome Newsletter Public Safety

Streetscape/Beautification Streetscape/Greening Urban Development

**Make your check payable to GRO and bring it to a meeting, drop it off at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 N. Rockwell (just north of the el tracks), or mail it to GRO Membership, P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625-0561**