

Welcome to New Members

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October 1 marks the beginning of the 2010 membership year. As always, checks can be mailed to our PO Box (GRO Membership, PO Box 25561, Chicago, IL 60625) or dropped off at a meeting or at Ruff Haus Pets on Rockwell. Our organization celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2009. Please help keep it healthy and strong.

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GRO ELECTIONS COMING UP IN OCTOBER!

The slate as chosen by the Nominating Committee is:

President: Tom Kosinski
Vice President: Eric Sinclair
2nd Vice President: Lois Grossman-Graziano
Treasurer: Ron Graziano
Secretary: Bea Tersch

We feel fortunate to have these experienced officers serving us this year, albeit in perhaps different offices. If anyone would like to nominate any other GRO member for an office, you may do so at the September meeting.

Featured speaker at the September GRO meeting ... and October ... and November

We have an exceptional line up of speakers for our monthly GRO meetings for the — I hate to say the word — Autumn of 2009.

Our September GRO meeting (Tuesday, September 1) will be featuring a presentation by Barb Head, President of Tax Reform Action Coalition (TRAC). She will be speaking about legislation for a permanent Tax Reform Assessment Cap, a timely topic with our new assessments in the mail.

Beside the annual GRO election, October's meeting (Tuesday, October 5) will feature Lucinda Dieker of UBS Bank, one of our own members, addressing the topic of Socially Responsible and Green Investing. This is indispensable information for a new era.

Our speaker for November's meeting (Tuesday, November 3) will be our State Representative, John Fritchey. He will be reporting on the key issues of the current legislative session and answering your questions.

Tom Kosinski

PREZ: BLOCK PARTY HUGE SUCCESS!

I am so happy that our annual GRO Block party was such a success. After dire predictions all week long about a rainy weekend the day turned out just right, and it was great to see so many people turn out for the fun and food. Many people collaborated to make the party a success. I'd like to particularly thank Gus for yeoman's service at the grill, Les, for the use of his truck, which really made everything so much easier for everyone except him, and Lois and Ron for picking up the food and necessities and supplying power to the band. I still have GRO T shirts for those who are interested in purchasing one (or more). Just call me at 773-463-6508 or drop me a line at president@greaterrockwell.org to make arrangements to get one. Thanks again.

Tom Kosinski

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Coming Up

Welles Park Concert

Tuesday, September 1, 6:30 p.m.
Special Acoustic Show
Welles Park Gazebo, 2333 West Sunnyside

German-American Fest

Friday, September 11 to Sunday September 13
Celebrate German culture with brats, beer and brass bands
Lincoln, Leland & Western

Annual Von Steuben Day Parade

Saturday, September 12, 2:00 p.m.
Kicks off at Lincoln and Warner
No parking and street closures on Lincoln between Irving Park and Leland

Apple Fest

Saturday, September 19
Welcome fall with apples, apple cider and all things apple.

New Community Resource For GRO Residents

With the opening of the Cook County State's Attorney's first Community Justice Center on Chicago's North Side, GRO residents have a new resource to protect themselves from becoming the victim of a crime, or to get information regarding crimes.

Opened in May, the new center at 5333 N. Western will help bring the services of the State's Attorney's Office closer to the community.

Assistant State's Attorneys who prosecute criminal cases will be assigned to the Community Justice Center and will work closely on the prosecution and prevention of local crime with police districts, community groups, schools, businesses and area residents. Crime victims can utilize the resources of the center to access ongoing court information and to obtain the additional services of the State's Attorney's victim witness unit.

In addition, the State's Attorney's Office will coordinate informational seminars and host community crime prevention meetings on topics such as identity theft and mortgage fraud. Victims of a crime will be able to find out the status of the case against the defendant, as well as how to seek victim's compensation.

The Community Justice Center also will be able to refer individuals to other organizations to resolve other issues, such as neighbor disputes.

For more information please call the Community Justice Center at (773) 334-4066.

Andy Conklin

CINNER'S REPAST!

An excellent little gem of a restaurant/bistro is tucked away under our very noses at 4757 N. Talman, just south of Lawrence. Cinner's specializes in Cincinnati-style chili, which turns out to be a meaty chili on a bed of spaghetti, the chili being flavored with over a dozen spices, including cinnamon, cardamom, bay leaves, allspice, cocoa, and some things I couldn't identify. Possibly eye of newt — the result was certainly enchanting.

The chili comes in 3, 4, and 5 alarm versions, with various extra ingredients. The menu is very chili-centric, so I would not recommend it if you don't like chili. The choices include chili mac, chili dogs, and several appetizer dips whose main ingredients... you can imagine.

To broaden the place's appeal, it's also a fine place to drink at the bar, a classy little bistro unlike

any other in the neighborhood. They have a wide selection of exotic beers, like Little King's Cream Ale, several wines (all chili-free) and a number of house-special mixed drinks. To encourage you to stay and have a few, there is live acoustic guitar on Thursday

nights, music trivia on Wednesdays and drink specials most nights. Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., so they are obviously available for late-night apres-anything. The help is competent and friendly — you won't get a chili reception!

Abbey Botkin

September Calendar

- 1 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 7 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 8 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 21 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 22 Tuesday. Autumn Equinox
- 22 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. CAPS meeting. Kindred Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose

**Visit the Farmers' Market in Lincoln Square every Tuesday
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. !**

Memberships run from October 1 through September 30

New member ____ Renewal ____

GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 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