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to GRO today!

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Memberships are valid from
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GRO ELECTIONS KICK OFF NEW YEAR

At this month's Fall Annual Membership Meeting, GRO will be electing its officers for the coming year. At last month's meeting, the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate:

- President: Les Kniskern
- 1st Vice President: Chuck Woodring
- 2nd Vice President: Tom Kosinski
- Secretary: Bea Tersch
- Treasurer: Lois Grossman & Ron Graziano

You must be a member for 30 days to vote. GRO meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church at the corner of Campbell and Wilson. Enter through the red doors to the left of the main entrance on Wilson; the buzzer is to the right. Hope to see you there!

The second annual Rockin' on Rockwell put together by our business district was a great event. We had our first GRO membership table with the Buck A Duck game—but we couldn't resist giving away the rubber ducks to the kids!

The WINNER of the name the mural contest was announced and Patti Huetteman will be enjoying a night at The GRAFTON PUB (4530 N. Lincoln Ave.) for naming Karl Raack's mural OUR KIND OF TOWN. Congratulations, Patti—watch for a naming plaque in the near future.

Get Rid of Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics!

Drop off your unwanted household chemicals, paints, used motor oils, and computers at the Northeastern Illinois University parking lot at 5500 N. St. Louis on Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Or you can take your household hazardous waste to the new city-wide Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility at 1150 N. North Branch (two blocks east of the Kennedy Expressway at Division). The facility is open year-round on Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Thursdays from 2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

BLUE CART MADE EASY

For those of us who live in the 47th Ward, Blue Cart recycling has arrived. We are now one of only 7 wards in the city to be a test area. It is remarkably simple: you put all of your recyclables, bagged or loose (my recommendation is LOOSE), into your Blue Cart. Almost everything is recyclable (look for a big decal on top of your cart showing what goes inside), except for those "To Go" cups and containers. Look for the recycle symbol and on food/drink containers. Plastic bags of all kinds, cellophane, and of course real garbage still go into the regular Black Carts.

All glass, plastic (but not # 6), metal, and all types of paper, including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and cardboard boxes, all go in together. It is VERY IMPORTANT to break down your boxes and large plastic jugs. The pickups are only every other week for now, and you need to be able to get everything inside and close the lid, so that the recyclables are in good condition and can be processed to be reused. Items inside the Blue Cart are mechanically sorted. If you recycle so much that you need another Blue Cart, call 311, and a Black Cart will be removed. Real Black Cart garbage is going to be much less when the recyclables are taken out.

Yard waste can go in any sort of bag or box, NEXT TO YOUR Black Cart, and is collected every week April to November.

I am a Recycling Block Captain for the 4400-4500 Campbell/Artesian alley and hope to remind, help, educate, and pressure all of my neighbors to recycle, and you should too. This is important.

BETTE VIDINA
(JUST CALL ME THE QUEEN OF TRASH)

Recycling Rebate for Condos

Did you know that all condominium associations, cooperative apartment buildings, and townhouses who are not eligible to receive City refuse collection services are eligible to apply for a condo refuse rebate? The association will receive a maximum of \$75.00 per residential unit or the total amount of the refuse bills for the period you are filing, whichever is the lesser amount.

All buildings eligible for this rebate have one year to file. Applications are available at the Ward 47 office or at <http://www.committeefinance.org/condo/index.asp>, and the completed application and all necessary documents must be submitted to the Ward 47 office.

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Tracy Bartholomew

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Havana Nights—Treat Your Feet and Help A Good Cause

Opened three years ago by Cuban born Sandra Plasencia Casanova, Havana Nights Nails & Spa offers a pleasant retreat at 2555 W. Lawrence Avenue. With six nail technicians, an esthetician, and a massage therapist, they offer a full range of services including manicures, pedicures, facials, waxing, threading, brow and lash tinting, permanent makeup, and massage.

The tastefully decorated salon has three spa-pedicure chairs that provide powerful massages, three manicure tables, and a private room in the back. Best of all, because they do not do acrylics, you won't be exposed to the unpleasant odors common in so many nail salons. Among their specialty pedicures is their signature Mojito Pedicure: while you sip your Mojito, your feet are treated to a rum and lime soak, a sugar scrub, a mint mask, and a lime lotion massage.

On top of all that, a portion of every pedicure service is donated to fighting breast cancer.

Spa packages provide combined treatments for a discounted fee. The Gentleman's Escape includes a back and shoulder massage, a facial, and a manicure. Havana Nights is open every day except Sunday; call 773-907-0654 to make an appointment, or stop in to pick up a gift certificate for someone who deserves a treat.

PATTI HUETTEMAN

Luther Memorial Celebrates 110th Anniversary

Luther Memorial Church of Chicago, 2500 W. Wilson Ave., welcomes the Ravenswood/Lincoln Square community to come and help celebrate the church's 110th anniversary with a choral and music ensemble concert on Sunday, November 4, at 2 pm.

This special performance will feature a string ensemble with trumpet and timpani that will perform G.F. Handel's "Let the Bright Seraphim" and J.S. Bach's "Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen" and "Double Concerto for Oboe and Violin." VII Brass (formerly a Lakeside Pride Brass Ensemble) will also perform music by John Rutter and Percy Grainger. In addition, a community chorus led by Luther Memorial music director Barbara Bleck is being formed. Choral selections include Ralph Vaughan Williams' "For All the Saints (Sine Nomine)" and Antonio Vivaldi's "Sing to the Lord." A free-will offering will be collected. For information, visit: www.luthermemorialchicago.org.

GERMANS IN MIND

A Celebration of German Thought Through Art
Organized by GRO resident Sue Barton and featuring works by
GRO residents Sue Barton, Ron Graziano, and others

Opening Reception
Friday, October 12th, 6-9 p.m.

October 13-November 16, 2007
Free and open to the public on Saturdays
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment - 4th floor
Sharpenberg Gallery - Rough Space Gallery

Dank-Haus German Cultural Center
4740 N. Western Avenue
773/561-9181
www.dankhaus.com

The ROCKWELL CROSSING ARTWALK will be on Saturday, October 6th from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Come join your friends and neighbors for this great event featuring handcrafted items from more than 40 participants selling paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, knitted goods, handmade body products, sculpture, and mixed media pieces.

In its 4th year, local resident and artist Victoria Slone founded the annual event to serve as a showcase for local artists of Chicago and our great neighborhood. "I started this show to create an event that brought community and artists together in a relaxed, casual, friendly environment," Slone explains. "I chose Rockwell Crossing because of my love of this little area that is continually growing. Its quaint location, unique charm, and the 'little town in a big city' feel was the perfect environment for the Artwalk. I can proudly say that I've created an event that the residents of this area can look forward to every fall season."

The Artwalk takes place between Eastwood and Leland, with easy access from the Rockwell El stop. Stop by, support our local artists and Rockwell Crossing shops, and mingle with your neighbors. The Artwalk website (www.rcartwalk.com) includes a listing of vendors, as well as links to many of their websites.

JENNY MOHLER

Galter LifeCenter is collecting athletic shoes to send to the Phillipines. You can bring your gently worn athletic shoes to the October GRO meeting or drop them off at Galter LifeCenter, 5157 N. Francisco. The shoe drive runs through October 15.

GRO wishes to thank McDonald's at 4844 N. Lincoln Ave. for their support of the GRO Annual Block Party.

October Calendar



- 1 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 2 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.** Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 8 Monday. Columbus Day.
- 9 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 15 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.
- 18 Thursday, 7 p.m. Ravenswood Community Council Annual Meeting. Sulzer Library, 4445 N. Lincoln Ave.
- 31 Wednesday. Halloween. Neighborhood kids go trick-or-treating.

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 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