

Welcome to New Member

Mina Marien

New Friend of GRO

Dan Farley

Special Thanks to Mr. Lee and West-wood Liquors for continuous and generous support of GRO!

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Any spare stuffed animals?

The Kiwanis Club of Logan Square has collected teddy bears, beanie babies and other plush animals for a few years and has been giving them to local Police and Fire Departments. They, in turn, keep a supply in the trunks of their cars and give them to traumatized children who are comforted by a simple gift of a plush animal.

The 19th District Advisory Council agreed to do a similar service project in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood. If you can donate a new teddy bear (sometimes you can find them on sale), please bring them along to the next Beat Meeting, and they will be delivered them to the Belmont Avenue Station.

GRO ELECTIONS AT OCTOBER MEETING!

It's time once again to vote for the coming year's officers. The lineup is:

President: Tom Kosinski

Vice President: Eric Sinclair

2nd Vice President: Lois Grossman-Graziano

Treasurer: Ron Graziano

Secretary: Bea Tersch

Since all of these candidates have served in some capacity for at least the past year, they should be familiar to you. Remember, you must be a paid-up member to vote in the October election.

Instead, Les Kniskern, former GRO President, will be speaking about the Neighborhood Nutrition Centers concept at our next GRO meeting. Neighborhood Nutrition Centers is a project to connect Illinois Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) with areas of Chicago that lack access to basic grocery stores. Without available good food, residents rely on convenience stores and fast foods resulting in higher diabetes, obesity and heart disease. For more information on the project visit: www.NNCenters.org.

Tom Kosinski

Note: Lucinda Dieker, one of our members, who was scheduled to speak at the October meeting, will appear later in the year.

Beans and Bagels and Bon Bonbons (Good Sweets)

Delightful Saturday summer nights were enjoyed at Beans and Bagels outdoor dining area, next to Karl Raack's mural of our neighborhood, heightened by the great French pastry chef Jean-Yves Martin. For those of you who don't know, this culinary master delivered a menu of Saturday night deserts – complementing a night at Rockwell's Grill or Pizza Art Cafe on Rockwell Street, or for a perfect *finis* to a weekend stroll in the neighborhood.

Our visit at the end of August was met with a turn of cool weather, and several groups filled the adjoining inside dining area. A rich chocolate mousse generously served in a tulip cookie cup provided all of the sensuality required by any chocolate lover. On this evening, the Apple Tartin matched the perfect earthiness of pommes de terre with a rich caramel base, complimented by a serving of vanilla ice cream; and on previous visits the traditional French crepe, adorned with caramelized banana and hazelnut-chocolate spread was met with desert fanciers' approval. On our first visit, though, we were delighted to experience one of the chef's exquisite soufflés, built with varying flavors such as fresh peach or lemon.

These \$6 deserts are Rockwell's *piece de resistance*, and although they are no longer featured in dessert nights we see many are available in the display case. GRO reporters also hear that there are plans to start dinner nights at the Bean – and if the desserts are any indication for what's to come... we're in for a treat. Contact Beans and Bagels at 773-649-0015 and ask if Chef Martin will be creating magic soon.

Les Kniskern

GROnews is published by the Greater Rockwell Organization (GRO), a community group dedicated to making our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place in which to live. Tenants, homeowners, landlords, and business owners are welcome to join us in improving our community.

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS . . .

Halloween in Lincoln Square

Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

Trick or Treat at participating Lincoln Square businesses and participate in lots of other fun, free ghoulish activities! All Activities Are Free!

<http://www.lincolnsquare.org>

Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest & Parade for Dogs

Corner of Ravenswood and Carmen

Saturday, October 31

Registration begins at 12:30 pm

Entry fee: (\$5 per dog, everyone else free)

More information available at www.asnachicago.org or 773 989-4514.

North Center Trick or Treat and Costume Contest in North Center Town Square

Saturday, October 31, 11 a.m.

Sponsored by various Northcenter Businesses

. . . AND OTHER NON-COSTUME EVENTS

DANK Haus

4740 N. Western Avenue

Exhibits beginning October 2:

Lost German Chicago

Treasures from German Chicago establishments and institutions

Legacy Project

Scharpenberg Gallery

A multigenerational celebration of interviews and photographs

Used Booksale & Coffeehouse

Berry United Methodist Church

4754 N Leavitt Street

October 9 - October 10

Friday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m - 4 p.m

Mysteries, travel, children's books, science fiction, biographies, cookbooks, romance & more . . .

Come and shop our huge selection of books at bargain prices.

Our State Representative, John Fritchey, will be reporting on the key issues of the current legislative session and answering your questions at the November meeting.

Need to get rid of . . . ?

Outdated Meds?

Do not put into dumpsters or flush down toilets. Outdated meds can now be dropped off at the Belmont Avenue Police Station. Or, bring them to the next Beat Meeting or GRO meeting, and give them to me, and I will take them there.

Old Batteries?

Again, they should not be put into dumpsters or garbage cans as they pollute our environment. Drop off used batteries at the photo counter at your local Walgreens Drug Store or at the Conrad Sulzer Regional Library.

Maria Bappert

For Rent: Two bedroom apartment Bright, quiet, 1st floor. Hardwood and natural trim throughout. Well maintained and upgraded. Near Rockwell Brown Line Station. Heat and laundry included. Garage available. \$1375. 773-209-2701.

October Calendar

- 5 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 6 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Annual Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson. Elections**
- 12 **Monday, all day. Columbus Day**
- 13 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 19 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 31 Saturday, Halloween

**Visit the Farmers' Market in Lincoln Square every Tuesday
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. through October 27!**

The League of Chicago Theatres is pleased to announce that more than 50 Chicago theaters are participating in Free Night of Theater, the unprecedented nationwide campaign to attract new theatre-going audiences. During the entire month of October, you can see a production for free at a theater you've never previously attended. New blocks of free tickets for Chicago performances will be released weekly on Tuesday mornings throughout October. Visit ChicagoPlays.com to make your reservations for a free performance today!

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/Welcomes 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