



THE LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The Lifelong Learning Center for active, creative and inquisitive adults
 The Senior Citizens' Center of Oak Park and River Forest

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As we begin our 64th year, we have given our newsletter a new title and look. Hope that this year brings you all much laughter, good health and adventures! If your new year's resolution includes learning new things, continuing to work on projects, volunteering or traveling. think about stopping by the Lifelong Learning Center and joining us in our activities. The annual dues of \$50 allows you to attend many of our classes.

TRAVEL WITH US! THE ROMANCE OF THE RHINE AND MOSEL

On July 5 we will be leaving the U.S. and taking a river cruise from Antwerp, Belgium to Basel, Switzerland on the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. Please check with Nancy G. or Helen at the Lifelong Learning Center or call us at 708-848-5251 for the details. Ask for the code to use when booking your trip because this is a fundraising opportunity for us!!

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to our Holiday Fair and Raffle Winners:
Norb Teclaw won the woven table runner (1st prize), **Carolyn Blum** won the gem trees (2nd prize) and **Lesley Gottlinger** won the Oak Parkopoly game (3rd prize).
Fred Natkevi, a member of The Scribblers, our Writing Workshop Group, had the article, "Scandal and outrage over sexual harassment" published in the Viewpoints Section of the December 6th issue of the Wednesday Journal.

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Toss it? No way!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 & FEBRUARY 17
10am - 1:30pm

Starting our 6th year of helping the community keep things out of landfills!!

The Repair Cafe brings together volunteers and members of our community. show you how to repair broken or in-need-of-repair items! Over the last five years, we have seen 1500 items.

In 2017, we have seen 336 items. There have been clothing, lamps, small appliances, jewelry, toys, vacuums, furniture, clocks, kitchen appliances, ceramics, luggage, wheelchairs, musical instruments, tools, bicycles, etc. Over the last year, we have been able to fix 220 of these items, 96 items have not been able to be repaired and 20 items were not broken or were partially fixed.

Website: repaircafeoakparkil.org | Call: 708-848-5251

Join us for repairs, refreshments and camaraderie!

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday	11:00 - 12N	Art and Culture of Italy
	1:00 - 2:00	Smartphone Help
	12:30 - 3:00	Sewing/Quilting
	3:30 - 4:30	Art and Culture of Italy
Tuesday	9:30 - 12N	Beginning Weaving
	9:30 - 2:30	Weaving (Open Studio)
	10:00 - 2:00	Bridge Group
	11:00 - 12N	Intermediate French
	12:30 - 2:30	Ceramics
Wednesday	9:30 - 10:30	Scribblers
	12:00 - 3:00	Duplicate Bridge
	1:00 - 3:00	Lapidary
	1:00 - 3:00	Woodshop
	7:00 - 8:00	The Wisdom of History
Thursday	9:30 - 2:30	Weaving/Open Studio
	10:00 - 12N	Stained Glass
	11:00 - 12N	German
	1:00 - 2:30	Yarn Craft/Needlecraft Drop-in
Friday	1:00 - 3:00	Art (Painting)
	7:00 - 8:00	The Spiritual Brain (1/12,1/26,2/9, 2/23)
Saturday	9:30 - 10:30	Intermediate Italian
	2:00 - 3:00	World's Great Mythologies (1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17)
MONTHLY: Senior Citizens' Center Board Meeting — Tuesdays, January 9 and February 13 at 3pm.		

— CENTER AND CLASS NEWS —

- ◆ **DROP-IN BRIDGE GROUP:** *Reminder:* Every **Tuesday, from 10am-2pm**, we host a Drop-in Bridge Group that meets in the Game Room of the Oak Park Arms. Bring a bag lunch and join this casual bridge group.
- ◆ **THE CENTER IS CLOSED: Monday, January 15 & Monday, February 19.**
- ◆ **TEACHING / CLASS REQUESTS:** Let Nancy G. or Helen know if you're available to teach or if you have any class requests! Call: 708-848-5251

— COMMUNITY NEWS —

(NOT PART OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER)

OUR FRIENDS AT THE OAK PARK ARMS:

A variety of programs, including **exercise programs**, are free and open to the community. There will be a **Freenotes Dance** on Saturday, 1/13 from 2-4 and **The Valentine's Day Dance with the Freenotes Big Band** will be on 2/10 from 2-4.

Monday Night Concerts are held at 7pm in the Ballroom:

1/29: Jeremy Kahn Trio (Eric Hochberg: Bass, Eric Schneider: Clarinet & Sax)

2/5: Vocalist: Paul Marinaro & Jeremy Kahn

2/26: Neal Alger & Peter Saxe

OAK PARK SENIOR SERVICES, a part of the Township, can be reached at 130 S. Oak Park Ave., 708-383-8060. A lunch program, transportation, senior advocacy, support services, tax help, etc are resources that they offer.

ECONOMY SHOP

130 S. GROVE
OAK PARK

The Economy Shop, green since 1919, offers three floors of resale goods benefitting six local charities. We are in charge of marking, displaying, and selling items in the Housewares Department.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in our rooms.

We are especially in need of volunteers during the winter as several of our regular volunteers have other commitments during that time.

Volunteer when it fits your schedule! We want it to be a fun place to work and there is no pressure put on you if you decide not to be a volunteer. For marking days, helping out for even a half an hour can make a huge difference. For sale days, people usually come in for 2 to 6 hours.

The support the Economy Shop gives to the SCCOPRF is greatly appreciated and plays a major role in keeping our Center a viable and important community resource.

SALE TIMES: 9am - 3pm

SALE DATES: THURSDAYS: JAN 4, FEB 1, MAR 1 | SATURDAYS: JAN 13 & 20, FEB 10 & 17, MAR 10

THE SCRIBBLERS WRITING GROUP

Meeting on **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30**, The Scribblers share stories, poems, etc. they have written. Join them for coffee, share your writings or just listen. Everyone is welcome!!!

Just Musing by Delphine Furtaw

As I go through my address book writing my yearly Christmas letters and notes, the song we sang at Girl Scout meetings runs through my mind:

Make new friends, but keep the old - One is silver and the other gold.

Two people I still correspond with - a friend from High School (early 1940s) and best man at our wedding; and a woman I worked with in my first job out of high school (1943-46) and who is my son's godmother.

Three women I befriended in WV in the 1970s. A lovely Japanese lady who became a close friend while we lived in Sun City, AZ, in the 1980s, who is now 93 and still writes to me two times a year. All great good friends of gold!

Newer, younger friends I've acquired in the 1990s and 2000s after we moved back to hometown Bay City, MI, all have made their way into my heart and address book, newer friends of silver!

Some of these friends I keep in touch with through the year via snail mail and email. These are friends who tell me what goes on in their lives, sharing their feelings, what the doctors have to say, what their kids and/or grandkids are doing.

Others are still friends but once a year is enough - short notes to let me know they are still alive and still think enough of me to keep in touch. My young friend, Noralee, calls this physical distance with emotional closeness.

And now The Oak Park Arms has been my home for two years. I have been coming to Scribbler's Group meetings for about a year and a half, getting to know Diane, Jim, Fred, Carolyn, Steven and Mark. They have listed to me wax poetic, cry about my very sick daughter, talk about the pictures on the walls of the halls, extol the beauty of the bubbles on a pan of boiling water, and grumble about my gremlin, Squeaky - my newest friends of silver.

I am truly a RICH old lady!

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— SPOT THE TYPO —

We had several typo sightings in the last newsletter.

Mary Weldzius was the first person to call in the errors that were in the Repair Café section. "Disassemble" is not spelled "dissassemble" and there should have been a period at the end of the sentence listing what has been repaired in the past. **Carolyn Blum** and another member called in to report that the last number of our phone number was missing in the News From Our Members Section. **Nancy Fong** saw that a colon is not needed when writing "State Senator Don Harmon (the Ulysean Award Dinner section). If you find a typo in this newsletter, tell Nancy G. or Helen (708-848-5251). The first person who lets us know, gets a small prize!

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