



Skyline Village Chicago Newsletter

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Skyline Village Serves You

We are a collaborative nonprofit community organization created and run by neighbors for neighbors to support one another and to enhance our quality of life in our neighborhoods: Streeterville, the Gold Coast, River North, and the New Eastside.

OUR MISSION is to enrich the lives of our members through unique cultural, educational and social activities designed to take advantage of the vast resources of our vibrant city. We initiate programs and provide access to community information our members have indicated they want and need to stay actively engaged and connected.

Welcome New Members

Betty Eaton
Sandra and Charles Gold
Rosalie Harris
Ninion Landy
Eleanor Laser
Karen Ross
Elana Spitzberg
Elizabeth Wells

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We look forward to seeing you soon at one of our adventures...
as a participant, a volunteer or as a leader!

Membership is only \$50 for individuals and \$75 for a household of two members. [Join Today](#)
For more information about SVC: [SVC Website](#).

From SVC Board President

Building a Village is hard work, so why bother? John Cacioppo, Director of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Chicago discloses a compelling rationale in his recent book. It is simply titled "Loneliness", but with a sub text - "Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection." His research, conducted here in Cook County, shows that feelings of happiness are related to our social connection. He suggests how we can **EASE** our way to social connections:

Extend yourself: just reaching out to other people in your building, at the grocery store, or the library;

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Action plan: decide where to expend your social energy - our behavior toward others can have a surprisingly empowering effect;

Selection: the quality, not the quantity of human connections is what is important. Part of selection is sensing which prospective relationships are promising, and which would be climbing the wrong tree.

Expect the best: attitude helps us project the best. Social contentment can help us to be more consistent, generous and resilient and more optimistic.

This is why building Skyline Village Chicago seems so important in our vertical Village. We want to live in a place where 'everybody knows your name.' We want members to enjoy the lively programs and activities being planned by the Events Committee, and to know about the wealth of opportunities being offered by our SVC Community Partners.

We are eager for you to become members and to help plan the events and programs you tell us you want...and to help our Village grow. If you are interested in serving on the SVC Board, or on any of our committees, I invite you to complete the application forms on our web site. We want everyone in our Village to **EASE** into connecting with Skyline Village Chicago. Call or write with your comments, ideas and suggestions: 312-957-6060 or mitzen@sbcglobal.com.

Someone will get back to you within 48 hours:

Phyllis Mitzen
President, Skyline Village Chicago

Events Committee

We offer opportunities to meet and share common interests. We're creating Programs, ongoing Groups and individual Events, all designed to engage and entertain. We encourage you to join us in the activities listed below and welcome suggestions for other things we might do.

While many activities are free to everyone, fees are applicable for some programs. Some programs are ONLY available to members and some activities are offered at a preferred fee to members.

Membership is a cost effective way to not only reduce your program costs but to help fund SVC's efforts to provide even more opportunities for entertainment, learning and socializing. If you are not yet a member of Skyline Village Chicago and wish to join, simply click here: [MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Carol Ferstman
Events Committee Chair

Upcoming MAY Programs & Events...

WALKING CLUB (ongoing)...Meet us at Bloomingdale's Building behind the reception desk, at the base of the up-escalator at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, for a 40-minute walk filled with conversation for your body and your mind. Join us for coffee and a chat afterwards. Contact person: Phyllis Mitzen, 312-932-0996 or <mitzen@sbcglobal.net>

CINEMA CLUB...A film scholar gives us a behind the scenes view of each film, while you engage in this fun evening. Relaxing and enjoyable, films from days gone by become a social experience with great company and a light supper. Our next showing is on Sunday, May 20th at 5:30 p.m. and we will view and discuss the film, TO BE OR NOT TO BE. Cost: \$10 for SVC members, \$15 for

non-members. Reservations are required. Seating is limited. Reserve by May 9th. If you are interested, please contact Carol Ferstman at [<Carolferstman@aol.com>](mailto:Carolferstman@aol.com) or call 312-867-0873.

ASIAN ART...Geared toward collectors, scholars and new "students" in the field of Asian Art, we are gathering to share and to learn more. If interested, please contact us by May 4th. Our kick-off meeting will be on Thursday, May 10th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. For more information: Carol Ferstman at 312-867-0873 or [<Carolferstman@aol.com>](mailto:Carolferstman@aol.com)

SVC BOOK CLUB...Broaden your literary horizons and make new friends. Our initial meeting will be held at Corner Bakery Cafe, 676 N. St. Clair, on Wednesday, May 30, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Our pre-selected book for this session, suggested by a member, is "The Snow Child" by Eowyn Ivy. To register for the SVC Book Club, please call Vicki Kaufman, 312-640-0440 or email her at [<vkauf@aol.com>](mailto:vkauf@aol.com)

GAMES (ongoing)...A great way to expand our minds and make new friends or share quality time with old friends. SVC will sponsor a variety of games if we have a sufficient number of participants: Mah Jongg, Poker, Canasta, Bridge, Scrabble, to name a few. If interested in participating, please contact Vicki Kaufman at 312-640-0440 or [<vkauf@aol.com>](mailto:vkauf@aol.com)

ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY TOUR...Learn about this multi-faceted organization and the services it provides! How are incoming animals assessed psychologically and physically? Understand what the Humane Education and Service Learning Department, Veterinary Clinic, School of Dog Training, Adopt-a-Pet Program, and Foster Programs do in providing their services to our community.

Our tour is scheduled for 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16th at their facility at 510 North La Salle (at Grand). We will assemble in the lobby at 12:50 p.m. for the private tour.

Some of us plan to have lunch beforehand (at 11:30 a.m.) at Hannah's Bretzel, 400 N. La Salle (at the corner of Kinzie). And, if you're in the neighborhood and would like to walk to lunch together, some of our group will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the lobby of Bloomingdale's, to the right of the service desk.

RSVP to Carol Haney at 312-649-6849 or haneyhomes@yahoo.com.

When you RSVP for this program please let Carol know which option you're choosing so we can look for you. Please let her know:

1. If you would like to meet us at Bloomingdales to walk over to the restaurant.
2. If you will meet us for lunch at Hannah's Bretzel.
3. If you plan to just participate in the tour.

The tour is free but we are asking our participants for a \$5 donation to the Anti-Cruelty Society, to be contributed that day.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Looking Ahead in JUNE

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE ENTICING PROGRAMS...

UNDERSTANDING HEALTHCARE REFORM...WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW, presented by Anne Posner and Georgia Gerdes from AgeOptions. Held at The Clare at Watertower, 55 East Pearson (at Rush Street) on **Monday, June 11th** at **6 p.m.** Appetizers and drinks will be served.

RSVP to Sandy Herman, 312-643-1217 or at amasandy@hotmail.com

DRIEHAUS MUSEUM TOUR of this historic mansion. The magnificent interiors have been restored and reappointed over 5 years of meticulous research and craftsmanship, returning Samuel M. Nickerson's home to its original splendor. Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, June 20th**. The time and details of the tour will be announced in our next e-blast. Wheelchair accessible.

SVC CONCERT SERIES will begin on **Tuesday, June 26th** at St. James Church, 65 East Huron (southeast corner of Wabash and Huron) with music by John Cage: Credo in US and Third Construction. The doors open at 5:15 p.m. and the concert lasts from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. We will meet on the left side in the back of the church with our SVC sign, so that we can sit together and gather for dinner afterward if you choose to join us. **RSVP** to Kathy Hayden, 312-944-7430 or at khkathyh@aol.com by **June 20th**.

Local News You Can Use

Fourth Presbyterian

Center for Life and Learning invites you to its:

ANNUAL MEMBER ART SHOW...May 16-June 4

Watercolor Paintings, Drawing, Memoir & Creative Writing, held at the Palette & Chisel Academy, 1012 N. Dearborn, Chicago, 60610

ART SHOW RECEPTION, Tuesday, May 22nd, 4-6 p.m.

No RSVP necessary, just come!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SKYLINE VILLAGE CHICAGO

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