

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SERVICE LEAGUE

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February 2011 Calendar

Program Meeting, Wednesday, February 16, 1:30 p.m.

*Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 S. Woodlawn Avenue
(both the 55 and 171 buses stop at the corner)*

The Hyde Park Transitional Housing Project



Helping Homeless Families Become Independent, One at a Time

Visitors are welcome, please bring a friend to the program meeting.

Hostess: The Book Group

Board Meeting Wed., February 9, 9:45 a.m.	Hostess: Charlotte Johnston 773/288-8970 Regrets to the hostess.
MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SECTION ACTIVITIES	
Book Discussion Tues., February 1, 7:30 p.m. Chair: Diana Stokes, 773/643-4383 dastokes@gmail.com	Hostess: Diana Stokes, 773/643-4383. Book: <i>Miracle at Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention May-Sept. 1787</i> (C.D. Bowen). Next month: <i>Stones Into Schools</i> (G. Mortenson)
Computers Chair: Bam Postell, 773/288-7054 bampostell@earthlink.net	George Rumsey offers a half price rate to SL members for his computer classes, HP Bank Bldg. Go to www.computer-resource.com (click on "schedule") or call George at 773/955-4455 for all the basic courses.
Games Wed., February 2, 10:00 a.m. Chair: Dorothy Patton 773/493-8863, dep712@att.net	Hostess: Dorothy Patton, 773/493-8863. Games: Scrabble or Bananagrams or both.
German Chair, Ursula Selby, 773/667-2276 selby1700@aol.com	The German Group will not meet in February. Members will join the Movie Group on February 10.
Italian Each Monday, 3:30 p.m. Chair: Sara Anastaplo, 773/363-4825	Hostess: Peggy Grant, 773/493-7921. Program: Please join us to read modern literature and practice conversation in Italian.
Movies Thurs., February 10, 1:00 p.m. Chair: Mary Rose Shaughnessy, 773/493-2950 m-shaughnessy@sbcglobal.net	Location: Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell. Limited parking in lot on the north side of building. Movie: <i>Raja's Reise</i> , presented by Ursula Selby with the Foreign Language Groups. This delightful film about the travels of an elephant is in German with English subtitles. A \$2 donation per person is asked to cover Art Center charges for the space and equipment.
Music Wed., February 23, at 1:30 p.m. Chair: Doris Nitecki, 773/955-7385 doris.nitecki@sbcglobal.net.	Hostess: Beth Sklarsky, 773/643-3180. Program: Paul Wang, pianist, will play selections from Mussorgsky's <i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i> , and to inaugurate the Bicentennial of Liszt's birth, some Liszt Transcendental Preludes.
Physical Activities Chair: Mary Rose Shaughnessy, 773/493-2950 m-shaughnessy@sbcglobal.net	Mary Rogel offers a \$5 rate to SL members for 1-hour QiGong, non-impact exercise twice weekly in the HP Bank Bldg. Go to www.eastpointassociates.com or call Mary at 773/955-9643.
Public Affairs Thurs., February 17, 1:00 p.m. Chair: Marianne Smigelskis, 773/667-5839, thalictum@mac.com	Hostess: Carol Strauss, 773/363-4233. Program: Hot Topics and the Federal Budget. RSVP to hostess. Next Month: March 17. Save the date!
Spanish Chairs: Gabriele Correa da Silva, 773/241-6092, gbcs4@sbcglobal.net; Agnes Zellner, 773/643-6992, azellner@gmail.com.	Thursdays, 1:30 p.m For information about meeting place and topic, contact one of the Chairs. The group reads and discusses Spanish novels, takes trips to museums, restaurants, etc..

Widows Friday, Feb. 18, 1:00 p.m.	<i>Chair, Charlotte Adler, 773/256-1314, chbob@sbcglobal.net . Join us for lunch, feel comforted and understood, as we talk about our concerns, feelings and ways of coping. Call chair for name of restaurant.</i>
In Memorium	Please remember Elsa Johnson and Margaret R. Kennedy who died recently.
New Members	Please welcome our new member, Pat White sponsored by Corinne Lyon and Theresa McDermott. The Membership Committee welcomes nominations for new members. Contact Membership Chair, <i>Judy Lewis, 773/288-8881, judithalewis@gmail.com.</i>
President's Message	Exciting news! Focus groups of members and nonmembers recently met under Dorothy Patton's leadership to discuss how to increase membership and participation in the Service League. The Board, with Diana Stokes as lead, developed a questionnaire to get your views on issues raised in the focus groups. Those of you at the January Program Meeting have already received the questionnaire. We will mail or hand deliver the questionnaire to the rest of you soon, with a return envelope for your convenience. Please return promptly. We are interested in your ideas.

Our Philanthropies

Chicago Commons Association	<i>SL Rep: Caroline Harney, 773/324-1711, harneyc@att.net. Chicago Commons thanked the Service League for its generous 2010 donation. The Commons will partner with the Smart Communities program in Humboldt Park aimed toward improving computer skills and internet access. The Commons met in January to create a strategic plan for the next decade. Members may find out more information at its website, www.chicagocommons.org, or by linking through the Service League's website. Caroline Harney, cell: 312/833-3286.</i>
Hyde Park-Kenwood Hunger Programs	<i>SL Rep: Agnes Zellner, 773/643-6992, azellner@gmail.com. No volunteers are needed to work in the soup kitchen until further notice. The kitchen accepts cash, food and clothing donations. For information visit their website at www.hpkifc@hotmail.com</i>
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club	<i>SL Rep: Kristin Woods 773/955-7563, dplaw93@aol.com. We thank the 53 Service League members who donated more than \$11,000 in December! Of this, \$1,370 was designated for our new bus; we still have a long road to our \$60,000 goal. It's easy to donate through www.hpclub.org, so please Get on Board! Winter Weekdays Plan & Learn program for Tot Lot/Baby PhD has a new schedule & rate structure. Visit the Club's Facebook page or www.babyphd for full info. We're already sold out for Fridays in Jan. and Feb., when the Club/Baby PhD co-present the Old Town School of Folk Music's Wiggle Worms toddler music program at no extra cost to families. New youth basketball leagues will run Jan. 22-April 2 for girls & boys (K-5th grades) and boys (6th-8th grades). Call 773-643-4062 for info. Mark your calendar for the Pancake Breakfast on May 1st!</i>
St. Martin de Porres House of Hope	<i>SL Rep: Barbara Fitzpatrick, 773/288-8668, bfitzpatrick@2200.com. Members enjoyed an interesting tour of the facility, and observed the educational and living skills programs offered there. The House of Hope provides a social ministry to address the difficulties faced by homeless women, children and pregnant teens of Chicago. Sister Therese O'Sullivan, Executive Director, has voiced a special need for volunteers to help with grant writing. The facility accepts no Federal funding and relies on corporate and foundation grants, individual donors, parishes and churches, and direct mail appeals to meet its needs. Please visit their website http://barbspad2.tripod.com.</i>

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