

# CHICAGO HYDE PARK VILLAGE



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Monthly Newsletter

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## New: Program Calendars Issued Weekly

In order to provide the most timely information, the Program Committee Chair will send out weekly notices about programs to come. This will include new programs scheduled, changes in program meetings, and the usual calendar of regular events. This information also will be posted on the CHPV website.

Margaret Huyck, CHPV Communications Chair

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# Good Things for CHPV

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO CARRY US INTO 2019: Gary Worcester, President

A Warm Welcome to Michelle Dassinger who begins as our new Executive Director on January 7th. She will be with us halftime with an office in Augustana Lutheran Church.

We received a small grant from the Office of the Provost—University of Chicago, to begin in 2019. The Project: Enriching the lives of community-dwelling older adults has been funded for 12 months. This grant will be used to expand village-like programs into naturally occurring retirement communities (NORCs), such as Cornell Village.

Chicago Hyde Park Village has been awarded an Associate position with the University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement, Community Accelerator Programs. It includes staff support, SSA student involvement, and the use of various meeting spaces at the Accelerator. This will be the fifth year that Chicago Hyde Park Village has been honored by this status.



## Welcome Our New CHPV Executive Director



“Michelle Dassinger begins as our new Executive Director on January 7th. She will be with us half-time with an office in Augustana Lutheran Church. As a long-time Hyde Parker she is knowledgeable about the community and its institutions.” *Gary Worcester*

Michelle and husband Barton brought their family here 18 years ago. She is involved in a variety of community activities as diverse as treasurer of the Friends of Ray School PTO to costume

designer for a stage production of Anne of Green Gables. She is passionate about maintaining an excellent learning environment for her children.

## Welcome Our New CHPV Executive Director continued

Michelle gained insight as she worked with older adults in a variety of roles. One poignant insight that came over and over as she worked with older adults as their massage therapist in hospice was that it often was easier to have more meaningful conversations there than in other settings. People talk about what is close to their hearts more easily to someone not in a formal or administrative role. “Older adults felt more comfortable with me ... they let me in.”

The formal recital of her accomplishments includes recurring threads of religion and administration plus helping, facilitating, caring and supporting. Michelle graduated Cum Laude from Rhodes College with a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies. After graduation she joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps’ Women’s Wisdom Project in California, serving as Assistant Program Director.

She returned home to Austin, Texas, where she married Barton Dassinger. They moved to Chicago and she began work on her M.A. in Religious Studies at The University of Chicago. She was a Pastoral Care Intern at Montgomery Place Retirement Community. Then during her time as Research Coordinator in the Human Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory, The University of Chicago Medical Center, she was a co-author on a paper on diazepam published in Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior.

She worked with older adults at Journey Care/Horizon Hospice for 14 years, then spent a year with the Chicago Chapter of Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly. This experience gave her insights as well as an understanding for the need to maintain precise and detailed records. She developed observation skills and a sharp eye for details. She says that as Treasurer for Ray School PTO she keeps accurate and timely records of their finances.

Michelle’s immediate response to a question about her management style was: “Collaborative.”

She went on to say she prefers to avoid confrontation, enjoys working with people in groups to achieve common goals. She added that she loves to figure things out.

She says she generally can navigate her way through new things including computer programs. When asked if that includes gourmet cooking, she smiled.

Michelle and her husband are deeply committed to Hyde Park. They are raising their twin girls here, are involved in local schools, St Paul & the Redeemer church, and a variety of community organizations.

Michelle understands why members of Chicago Hyde Park Village want to stay in their homes and remain active in this community. She is willing to facilitate that as a mission.



## Grant for Enrichment

A \$3,000 grant from the Office of the Provost - University of Chicago for enriching the lives of older adults in NORCs in the greater Hyde Park neighborhood was just awarded to CHPV in December.

It is a work in progress for bringing various programs into NORCs, naturally occurring retirement communities. Susan Alitto developed the proposal and submitted it with help from Jason Molony.

You can help by suggesting a NORC in Woodlawn, Washington Park, Bronzeville, Oakland, or South Shore. The ideal would be one with an active viable residents' board or association that would work with CHPV.

News and details will be in future monthly newsletters.



## Accelerator's Associates Program Award

This is the fifth year Chicago Hyde Park Village was selected for the highly competitive Community Programs Accelerator's Associates Program through the Office of Civic Engagement, University of Chicago. Formal announcement of this grant will be February 22nd.



The main benefit to Chicago Hyde Park Village is focused support from Accelerator staff, Angela Habr, M.S.W.

Photo Credit: Website [uchicago.edu](http://uchicago.edu)

She joined the University in July 2018 as Assistant Director, Community Programs. Angela has more than 15 years of experience working in community-based service delivery, nonprofit management, and organizational development.

Working with Angela will be Matthew Parsons, an intern from the Social Service Administration School of Social Work. He is a project manager in Community Programs.

As part of this grant CHPV also gains free access to a wide variety of workshops dealing with organizational development presented by Chicago-area experts.

And CHPV will have the services of student groups from The University of Chicago to advance the agenda for 2019 and beyond. Also, the Accelerator space at 5225 S Cottage Grove Ave will be available for meetings and some programs.

Augustana Lutheran Church will continue as the main location for CHPV. Look for news and details as the program develops.

# New Editor

Margaret Huyck, who has served as editor of the newsletter since its inception in July 2016 now has a bit more free (?) time to work on other projects. She remains chair of the Communications Committee but has inveigled a new monthly newsletter editor to come on board. With this issue the monthly newsletter has a new editor, Nancy Snider.

Nancy is new to Hyde Park.  
A year ago she moved here from the  
Northwest Side –Mayfair, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward.  
Before that she lived in Buena Park.  
She says she is very glad to be here.



Nancy worked as a resource person and minder for senior clients since retiring from Jacobs & Clevenger. She also took courses at Wilbur Wright College to become a certified apprentice in medical billing and coding.

As executive administrative assistant for the two principals of J&C direct marketing agency, Nancy was responsible for administration of employee benefits, payroll paperwork, and the usual coffee-fetching duties of an office assistant. She was rough draft editor for the popular textbook, Successful Direct Marketing Methods, 7th edition, when Ron Jacobs became co-author with Bob Stone.

New B.S. in hand, Nancy headed to New York City's Greenwich Village but reverse-commuted to her first job as recipe editor for General Foods in Westchester County. Eventually she returned to Iowa State University to earn an MS. In Journalism and Mass Communications.

Nancy delights in asking the fifth W of journalism's canon: "Why?"

Words and food are two of Nancy's passions. She was food editor for *Restaurants and Institutions*, a trade magazine for the hospitality industry, then set up her own consultancy - Food Maven. Her clients included Burson-Marsteller, Syracuse China Corporation, Union 76 Truck Stops.

Nancy anticipates that most changes in the monthly newsletter will come slowly. Deadlines will be absolute (aka drop dead). The Events Calendar will be a separate publication. There will be brief surveys for members to choose topics.

She said, "Gathering 'all the news that's fit to print' may be fun but it's hard work. Contributions from members will be carefully considered. Just ask for the deadline first."

# About Membership

By Roger Huff, CHPV Membership Chair

## RENEWALS AND PAPERWORK

There is an old saying that the job is not finished until the paperwork is done. That applies to CHPV membership renewal. These notices contain a lot of important information as it exists in CHPV records.

REVIEW information printed on your renewal Notice. Check for accuracy, make corrections as necessary. Add the requested information not on file.

Then please SIGN and RETURN the renewal form with your payment to

Chicago Hyde Park Village

5500 S Woodlawn Ave

Chicago, IL 60637

Be sure to include a copy of your renewal form. It really helps with processing to have the information on all your corrections, additions and payment.

Please help us avoid follow-up calls and unnecessary research. Your kindness in returning your completed paperwork will be truly appreciated.

## CHANGING MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

This usually happens during the year as we experience changes in our lives. If an Associate Member upgrades to a Full Membership, or a Solo Member upgrades to a Household Membership, we need to calculate the appropriate fee. Please call (773) 363-1933. Leave a message that includes your question, your name, phone number and email address.

Likewise when a Household Membership is changed to Solo, or when a Full Membership is changed to Associate Membership, there will be a change in the fee. Call (773) 363-1933. Please leave a message with your question, your name, phone number and email address. We will respond as promptly as possible.



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## REMINDER: We Have a Matching Grant Challenge! Deadline extended!

Some community supporters have pledged an additional \$10,000 if we can raise \$10,000 from other sources. This will double the value of your donation! Help us meet the challenge . . . ~~Donate by December 31, 2018~~ **February 1, 2019!**

### Why Donate?

We need to raise funds to pay for space rental, staff, communications, training and vetting volunteers, insurance, and supplies. Our membership fees are modest, and do not cover the real costs of maintaining a vital organization.



Sometimes we help in a crisis. For example, our member **Ginni Cook** began as a volunteer in 2015, eager to help others by driving members to appointments, supporting office projects, and calling lists of people as the need arose.

When she fractured her patella, she needed rides. She then lost vision in both eyes in two days and needed medical attention. "It was 4:30 pm. I desperately wanted to begin treatment, but I could no longer take care of things myself. The only resource I could think of was the Village. I dispiritedly called to see if any urgent help was at all possible and shortly a driver arrived.

We accomplished the round-trip in about an hour. No idea what I would have done that evening without the Village! I am doing much better now, but I know I will need help in the near future for some medical procedures already scheduled."

Attendance has doubled at the bi-monthly Drop-Ins. Many of our members' lives are enhanced by vital social engagements; they are engaged in many affinity groups like this.

## By Christmas time Donations toward this challenge were only about 85% of the goal

Easy ways to contribute to CHPV, a 501(c)(3) non-profit:

1. Mail your check to CHPV at 5500 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, 60637.
2. Donate online via credit card at the CHPV website: < <http://www.chpv.org> >  
You will see the "Donate to 2018 Challenge Grant" button. CLICK on it.
3. If you are over 70.5 years old and have an IRA, you can have funds directed tax-free to the non-profit of your choice.

**CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ELDER JUSTICE CENTER  
SENIOR ENRICHMENT SEMINAR**

50 W. Washington Street  
Concourse Level – Room CL-16  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

**January-March 2019**

**Senior Enrichment Seminar Schedule**

**Time: 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.**

January 10	Planning for the Future Part 1: <i>Estate Planning, Power of Attorney and Advanced Directives</i>
Location:	Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Courtroom 2005
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January 24	Planning for the Future Part 2: <i>Decedent's Estate; Transfer of Death Instrument (TODI) and Small Estate Affidavit</i>
Location:	Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Courtroom 2005
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February 7	End of Life Choices: Funeral Pre-Planning
Location:	Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Courtroom 2005
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February 21	Long-Term Care: Who Will Pay?
Location:	Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Courtroom 2005
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March 7	Financial Literacy: Managing and Protecting Your Assets
Location:	Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Concourse Level, Room CL-115
**	
March 21	Navigating Foreclosures: What Happens When You Get Served With Foreclosure Papers?
Location:	Richard J Daley Center, 50 W Washington St, Courtroom 2005

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Nb: Allow extra time for security screening and sign-in. Further Information:

Ernestine Durham, Chief Justice's Office < [Ernestine.Durham@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Ernestine.Durham@cookcountyil.gov) >

# MEETINGS DEFERRED

No OWL Meeting in January

Look for news and flyer in February

The University of Chicago Service League

Will not meet in January

Look for flyer for February meeting



## Hyde Park Dining Destinations

By Terry Stumpf

Hyde Park is fast becoming a dining destination – note the following new restaurants that opened recently. They will be destinations for upcoming CHPV Dining Meet-ups.

### **Bibliophile Gastropub**

1644 E 53rd St | alcohol infused desserts and public house and bookstore

< <https://www.bibliophile.us/> >

### **Mesler Kitchen**

1401 E 53rd St | Bar | Lounge located in the SOPHY Hyde Park Hotel

< <https://sophyhotel.com/mesler-kitchen> >

### **Virtue**

1462 E 53rd St | American Southern Dining < <https://www.virtuerestaurant.com> >

OPENING promised by end of 2018

### **Red Fish, Bleu Fish**

5121 S Harper Ave | Seafood Restaurant < <https://redfishbleufish.com/aboutus.html> >

# Occasions for Dining Together

By Terry Stumpf

*Over the years since I left home, I have kept thinking about the people I grew up with and about our way of life.*

*I realize how much the bond that held us had to do with food.*

– Edna Lewis, a renowned Chef of Southern Cooking

Yes, indeed, one way in which we can make connections, bond, meet other folks and make friends is eating together at table. This column shares the many options that are available via the Chicago Hyde Park Village.

## **CHPV First Tuesday Dinner Salon**

**When:** Tuesday, January 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

date moved due to first Tuesday being January 1

Cost: order off the menu, individual checks | cash or credit card

Casual dining, extensive menu including gluten free

Location: Snail Thai Cuisine Restaurant, 1649 E 55th St

No reservation required. Just show up and look for the CHPV table!

Further information: < <http://www.snailthai.com/> > or Events Calendar

## **CHPV Second & Fourth Wednesday Drop-in**

**When:** January 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m.

on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month

Cost: CHPV Members \$5.00, non-members \$7.00 – pay at check-in table

Location: Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park, first floor Social Hall,  
5500 S Woodlawn Ave

No reservations required.

What: blood pressure screenings, group exercise, exchange table for jewelry and books, conversation and coffee. At noon a sit-down lunch is served by Village volunteers; main dish is provided by Hyde Park Produce.

Further information: < <https://www.chpv.org> > or Events Calendar

## **CHPV Third Wednesday**

### **Potluck at Margaret Huyck's**

**When:** January 16, 12 noon-2:00 p.m.

Each guest brings a potluck dish to share

RSVP by Monday, January 14, to Margaret Huyck

< [margarethuyck@gmail.com](mailto:margarethuyck@gmail.com) > or phone 312-833-0415

Further information: < <https://www.chpv.org> > or Events Calendar

## Occasions for Dining Together continued

### Third Annual Villages Dining at the Walnut Room

When: Wednesday, January 30, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Where: 111 N State St, Seventh Floor, Macy's State Street

Cost: \$31.00 (includes tax and gratuity) must be paid at time of registration.  
Plus additional charge for other food such as Dessert or Alcoholic Beverages  
(on Wednesdays a bottle of wine is half price)

Pay extra charges at the table with cash or credit card.

Menu: Walnut Room Salad, Choice of one entrée  
Mrs Herring's 1890 Original Chicken Pot Pie  
Butternut Squash Tortellacci Pasta  
Caramelized Salmon  
and Coffee, Tea, or Soft Drinks

Special Treat: our own renowned Sam Guard will present a discussion.

Villages Dining Together is open to members, guests and friends of all Villages including Skyline Village Chicago, The Village Chicago (formerly Lincoln Park Village) and CHPV.

Make reservations on the CHPV website < <https://www.chpv.org> > and pay by clicking the green button.

No refunds or cancellations after Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 12 noon.

Further information: Terry Stumpf < [tls1649@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tls1649@sbcglobal.net) > or Events Calendar

COMING SOON

### CHPV Dining Out Meet-up

About 6 times a year we meet at an upscale Hyde Park restaurant.

Date and time depend on arrangements made at the restaurant. This experience in fine dining ranges from ordering a la carte after seating in the restaurant to pre-ordering from a prix fixe menu and paying in advance. Reservations made on the CHPV website are required and, if indicated, paying the dining charge.

Watch for details of the next CHPV Dining Out Meet-up- in February 2019.

Further information: Terry Stumpf < [tls1649@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tls1649@sbcglobal.net) >



**CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD**  
Fighting for Illinois Consumers

After months of research and writing by CUB's experts, the free *Gas and Electric Guide* is available. This comprehensive guide has all the rules and regulations governing how gas and electric utilities should treat Illinois customers.

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# CHPV 4th Anniversary Celebration

## November 15, 2018, Hyde Park Bank

By Terry Stumpf

A wonderful evening was had in celebration of CHPV's 4th Anniversary. It provided an opportunity to enjoy, meet, celebrate members, friends, volunteers, and donors. The venue was in the grand space of the vintage Hyde Park Bank. Stations around the venue allowed for tasting and enjoying small bites provided by local Hyde Park businesses with beverages to indulge one's thirst. Small groups gathered around the space and hearty conversation filled the valuated ceilings of the Main Lobby. Attendees lingered and had to be encouraged to take leave.

Some of the attendee's comments:

food was delicious | you ran out of food | it wasn't all about the food | great space | loved the CHPV posters | program was too short | want introductions | I was interviewed by the *Hyde Park Herald*! | more chairs and tables | got to chat with familiar and new community members | I am impressed by the number of restaurants who provided. The most pertinent comment: *It takes a Village to celebrate the Village.*

With that in mind, the following were who made the whole of the celebration. Appreciation and grateful thanks to all listed below and moreover to all of you who were gathered for the CHPV 4th Anniversary Celebration.

### **Anniversary Planning Committee**

Terry Stumpf

Susan Alitto

Ginni Cook

Inagrace Dietterich

Josie Disterhoft

Kathy Huff

Barbara Norrish

### **CHPV Staff**

Ava Salonis | Welcome & Registration Table,

CHPV Information Materials

Rod Sawyer | Mic & Sound System,

Photo Shoot

### **Mercedes Opeña**

from-scratch cookies

### **CHPV Membership & Volunteering Table**

Laura Kracke

Craig Krell

Gary Worchester

### **Hyde Park Businesses**

The following provided the small bites that were enjoyed – visit and thank them

Cedars Mediterranean Kitchen

Chant

Fabiana's Bakery

Hyde Park Produce

Hyde Park Taco Station

Nando's Peri Peri

Piccolo Mondo

Saucy Porka

Vanille Patisserie

### **Prosecco**

provided by anonymous donors

### **Beverage Stations**

Ann Audrain

Cal Audrain

# CHPV 4th Anniversary Celebration continued

## Hospitality & Welcome Volunteers

Ginni Cook  
Marianne Crusius  
Sylvia Dawson  
Josie Disterhoft  
Margaret Huyck  
Barbara O'Connor  
Lorraine Richardson  
Barbara Roy  
Dorothy Strang  
Margaretha Talerman

## Parking Spaces, Inc

Dave Fridge, Parking Attendant

## Venue Set-up & Take Down

All hands on board

## Hyde Park Bank

Caprice Lindsey, Branch Manager  
Chester, Engineer/Custodian  
Security Guards

## Chairs, Arrangements & Volunteers

United Church of Hyde Park  
Susan Alitto  
Joe Marlin  
Jay Mulberry  
2 Students | Kenwood Academy High School  
Ismail Turay

## Other Important Items, Skills and Expertise

Margaret Huyck  
loaned turquoise scarves  
Kathy Huff  
loaned card tables  
provided marketing and publicity including  
coverage by *Hyde Park Herald*  
Barbara Norrish  
designed CHPV Poster Board Displays

**Anticipate and look forward to CHPV 5th Anniversary Celebration  
November 2019**



## Matching Grant Challenge Deadline extended!

Some community supporters have pledged an additional \$10,000 if we raise \$10,000. This will double the value of your donation! Help meet the challenge . . .

**New deadline is February 1, 2019!**

**Donate online with a credit card at the CHPV website: < <http://www.chpv.org>**