

NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2024

PROGRAM MEETING

WED, FEB. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Augustana ~~ 5500 S. Woodlawn Refreshments will be served



What does it take to make a home for a refugee family?

Founding volunteers Diane Rudall and Dorothy Pytel will share stories with us about the beginnings and growth of the Refugee

Project and the volunteers who have assisted families—from

Syria, Afghanistan, Senegal, Congo, Mexico, Ukraine, and more—in many ways to make a home and become a part of our community. You will

learn about recent advances in resettlement, including new summer, after-school and cultural programs. And

last, but not least, they will address the challenges posed by the large influx of migrants this past year and how our community has come together to support these newcomers.







About our speakers . . .



Diane Rudall

After retirement, Diane signed on as one of the founding volunteers of the Hyde Park Refugee Project. Prior to that she was a researcher at Encyclopedia Britannica, an administrator/ instructor in medical departments at two universities, and a

rare books coordinator. She was a principal partner in developing the professional Court Theater company and planning for the building.

Dorothy Pytel

With two decades of grassroots community activism, Dorothy took an idea for a communitywide volunteer effort and became a founding volunteer of the Hyde Park Refugee Project. Under her watch it has grown to over 200 volun-



teers working with refugees from around the world. In her spare time, she also works at Chicago Hyde Park Village.

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Our condolences to the families of Service League Members Judy Mazenko, Miriam Reitz and Sarah E. Wright.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Board Meeting Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Program Meeting ~~~

Wed., Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m.

GROUP & CONTACT INFO	DATES
BOOK Group ~ meets on Zoom to discuss Fellowship Point by Alice Elliot Dark. New members welcome; contact the chair to be on the list for the link. Info: Laura Kracke, lhkracke@earth link.net {MARCH 5th book: "The Dictionary of Lost Words", by Pip Williams.}	TUESDAY, FEB. 6 at 7 p.m.
BOOK FRIENDS ~ via ZOOM, 2 p.m., THIRD TUESDAYS Info: Janet Surkin, janet.surkin@gmail.com.	TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 2 p.m.
CERCLE FRANÇAIS ~ on Zoom Info: Roberta Bernstein, 773-324-6362, Bernsteinroberta@gmail.com	TUESDAY, FEB 12, 2:30 p.m.
CONTEMPORARY CIVICS ~ now only on Zoom Info: Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net.	MONDAYS, 1:30 p.m. FEB 5 & 19
DINING OUT ~ lunch at Daisy's Po'Boy at 5215 Harper Ave., 2/15 Details will be sent to those on the list. If you'd like to join the group or for Info: Jan O'Malley, claddagh5471@gmail.com.	THURSDAY, FEB 15, 12:30 p.m.
MONARCH BUTTERFLIES ~ https://journeynorth.org/monarchs for latest news. Info: marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com	Email for Updates
MOVIES - with HP Village - "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead" HP Art Center, Cornell & 50th Pl. INFO: Susan Alitto, salitto@gmail.com	WED. FEB 7, 1:30 p.m.
MUSIC ~ HYDE PARK YOUTH SYMPHONY ~~~ ON ZOOM Info: Kathy Huff, kathy@rogerhuff.com, 773-241-7141.	THURS., FEB. 15, 11-12:15
NEEDLEWORK ~ meets at 7pm in a member's home. Interested? Contact Lucy Lester, 773-255-5868.	Mon., FEB. 12, 7 p.m.
SPANISH ~ Info: Agnes Zellner, azellner@gmail.com. Please phone Agnes, 773-643-6992 for location and time.	Phone for info
The TRASHY LADIES ~ Info: Lesley Bloch, lesley_bloch@yahoo.com	FRIDAYS 2 p.m. Weather Dependent
WALKING ~ please let them know if you're coming. All are welcome! They meet near the Post Office in the 55th St. Shopping Center. Info: Peggy Garrett, edwpeggy@ameritech.net	TUESDAYS at 9:30 a.m. WED. at 2:00 p.m FRI. at 9:30 a.m.

Please confirm dates & times with the chair or leader.

MARCH Newsletter deadline - 2/15 kindly send dates/times/info/pix to ucsl.newsletter@gmail.com. Thank you!

MARCH 20, 1:30 p.m. PROGRAM Meeting

Pamela Toler speaks about her new book on the journalist, and author Sigrid Schultz.

Music Group Program Thursday, February 15, 2024 on Zoom, 11-12:15 p.m.



Hyde Park Youth Symphony's Matthew Sheppard, Artistic Director and Tim Corpus, Executive Director will feature video clips of musical selections from the December 2023 HPYS concert performed at the Logan Center for the Arts.

They also will tell about the history of the HPYS and plans for their 70th anniversary, which comes up later this year.

Please RSVP for the Zoom log-in to <u>kathyhuff1760@gmail.com</u> no later than Wednesday, Feb. 14th.



Sunday, Feb 4, 9:00 AM to NOON

HPNC will be hosting our 57th annual Pancake Breakfast! at the HPNC, 5480 S. Kenwood Ave.

Tickets \$15 for ages 10 and up Tickets \$10 for children ages 6-10 Children 5 and under EAT FREE!

Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, plant-based sausage, and fruit.

All funds raised go to supporting the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club's community-creating mission.

To buy tickets online, go to https://secure.givelively.org/event/hyde-park-neighborhood-club/hpnc-s-57th-annual-pancake-breakfast. Tickets also available for cash at door. Interested in volunteering? Sign up at hpnclub.org/PancakeBreakfast-VolunteerSignUp

SL Liaison: Sarah Diwan, sdiwan@hpnclub.org

The Dining Out Group will meet for lunch on

Thursday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Daisy's Po'Boy at 5215 South Harper Ave.

daisyspoboychicago.com

Details of the group's plans will be sent to those on the list.

If you'd like to join the group, or for more Info: Jan O'Malley, claddagh5471@gmail.com

Free Monthly Movies Continue!

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 1:30 p.m.

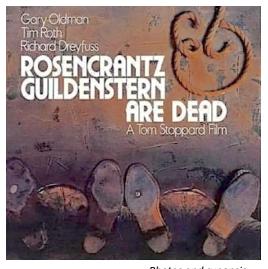
WHERE: Hyde Park Art Center, 50th Place & Cornell. Co-hosted by Chicago Hyde Park Village and the UC Service League.

SUGGESTIONS: Enjoy lunch (with friends) before the film at the Art Center's Almendro Cafe, offering many yummy Mexican-themed delights, and/or meet there afterwards for an informal film discussion.

1:15 - 1:30 ~ Arrive and enjoy light refreshments while settling into your seat.

1:30 - 1:45 ~ Short introduction to film

1:45 - 3:45 ~Showing this 1990 major Film Festival award winner!



Photos and synopsis, IMDb.com & Wikipedia.



THE PLOT: Showing events from the point of view of two minor characters from Hamlet, men who have no control over their destiny, this film examines fate and asks, Can we ever really know what's going on? Are answers as important as questions? Will Rosencrantz and Guildenstern manage to discover the source of Hamlet's malaise as requested by the new king? Will the mysterious players who are strolling around Elsinore Castle reveal the secrets they evidently know? And whose serve is it?

INSPIRATION: Court Theatre will be staging *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.

by the legendary Tom Stoppard from March 29 - April 21.

CHPV member Caecilia Hubbard is kindly giving free access to her film collection.

We are starting Substance Use Education training and the safe handing of Narcan, as part of wider efforts to put this new life-saving overdose remedy in more hands for use wherever needed.



southsidecenterofhope.org

As part of our administering Independence House

we are working with the City of Chicago to locate two families in need of an apartment. (Independent House is a 25-unit building offering safe, affordable housing to large families in which parents are in recovery from substance abuse.) Last month a homeless 22-year-old mother moved into an Independence House owned building with her two young children. We took her to the Chicago Furniture Bank to get needed furniture.

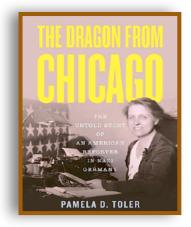
If you're interested, The **Chicago Furniture Bank** is at 4801 S. Whipple St., phone (312) 752-0211, email donate@chicagofurniturebank.org. **They are looking for useable furniture, to be given FREE to people in need**. For details of what is acceptable, and the requested donation to underwrite the cost of pick ups, go to www.chicagofurniturebank.org/pickups. See chicagofurniturebank.org online for more about this organization, their works and their Corporate Sponsors, including the furniture retailer *Walter E. Smithe*.

SL Liaison: Patricia C. Bennett, pbenne@comcast.net

Please Note

You may receive a call from someone on the Nominating Committee . . . if you do, please just say "YES!"





Mark your calendar:

March 20, 1:30 pm -

Program Meeting at Augustana Author Pamela Toler will speak at our Program Meeting about her new book.

THE DRAGON FROM CHICAGO:

The Untold Story of an American Reporter in Nazi Germany.