

# The University of Chicago Service League

## November 2018 Newsletter

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## Fall Benefit, Bazaar and Luncheon Saturday, November 10, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

*The Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street  
Judith Wright, Chair; Dianne Luhmann, Treasurer*

### "Celebrating Service and Friendship Since 1895"

*Please come to the Bazaar,  
10:00 A.M. to noon.  
There will be treasures,  
baked goods, raffle tickets  
and more to buy.  
Encourage your friends to  
stop by and shop!*



*Luncheon at noon,  
for Service League members  
and their guests.  
Entertainment presented by  
St. Thomas the Apostle  
School Choir*

# Shop at the Bazaar

**Saturday November 10, 2018**

**10:00 A.M. to Noon**

**Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street**

## Bazaar



Baked Goods  
Lovely Quilts  
Knitted Goods  
Jewelry  
Orchids  
Treasures



## Encourage Friends to Shop at the Bazaar!



More buyers means more money for our Community Service Organizations. Come to the Bazaar to shop and share a cup of coffee or a glass of wine with your Hyde Park neighbors in the **Coffee Café** and **Wine Bar**.



## Raffle and Silent Auction

Prizes include elegant and lovely treasures, silver coffee and tea service, two tickets for the January performance of *La Boheme*, a Hyde Park Art Center art course, gift certificates for Saks Fifth Avenue, Nieman-Marcus, Home Depot, Tesori Trattoria & Bar at Symphony Center, Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants, La Petite Folie and *many more!*



One need not be present at the drawing to collect winnings.

## **"Celebrating Service and Friendship Since 1895"**

### **Luncheon at Noon**

For Service League Members and Their Guests.  
Musical Performance by St. Thomas the Apostle School Choir.



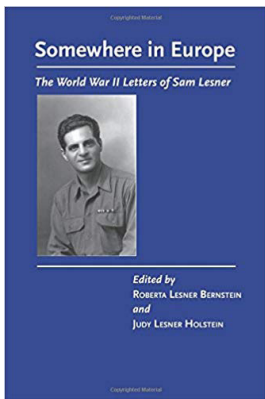
# A Look at Last Month's Program Wednesday, October 17, 2018

## *Somewhere in Europe* *The World War II Letters of Sam Lesner*

A book talk by the Editors:  
**Roberta Lesner Bernstein & Judy Lesner Holstein**

Sisters Roberta Bernstein and Judy Holstein discussed their book, *Somewhere in Europe: The World War II Letters of Sam Lesner*. It is about their father's experience in the Army Medical Corps in World War II, based on his letters home and interviews with him.

Sam Lesner was an award-winning and popular newspaper columnist for 60 years—50 years at the Chicago Daily News and 10 years at the Hyde Park Herald—1980-1990. He joined the Daily News in 1928 as a reviewer of theatre, music and night life. In February 1944, he was inducted into the Army Medical Corps, serving as a medic in the 130th General Hospital in the ETO, returning to the Daily News in November 1945 when he was offered the dual positions of movie critic and night life critic.



But his writing skills did not languish during the War. On the contrary, they were honed and embellished, in daily letters to his wife Esther, where he talked about the war in all its aspects: loneliness, missing wife and new baby, coping with army bureaucracy, basic training with some humorous descriptions of army life, making new friends in his army unit, the challenges of treating the shell-shocked soldiers and then sending them back into battle. The letters are lyrical, filled with pathos, a grim picture of the brutality of war, and of the urgency of defeating the anti-Semitic, racist Nazi enemy. They tell stories about landing in Normandy the same way the D-Day invaders did; about losing everything while seeking refuge during the Battle of the Bulge; about meeting liberated survivors of the brutal Nazi occupations and concentration camps after VE Day; about preparations to continue the fight in Japan--in short, stories about fear and generosity, brutality, and humanity.

All of this was going to be combined into a book after the war, he frequently told his wife, urging her to store the letters safely. That she did, but upon his return, like every other returning soldier from WWII, he packed the box neatly and safely away in his basement and never mentioned the box nor its contents to anyone, preferring to put the war totally behind him and join the rest of the Greatest Generation in building new lives in peacetime America. In 2004, his daughters accidentally found this box, long after his passing in 1990, and embarked upon the task of fulfilling his plan to put his letters into a book.

Interspersed among many of the letters are relevant excerpts from an oral history interview that his eldest grandson, Edward C. Bernstein, made in 1986 for a Kenwood High School history project, which won a prize in the State of Illinois History Fair. These oral history excerpts complement the material in the letters by providing additional information on what really happened that was not allowed to be included in letters sent from the battlefields.

# Our Community Service Organizations



## Chicago Commons

**UCSL Rep: Caroline Harney, 312-833-3286, [harneyc@att.net](mailto:harneyc@att.net)**

Chicago Commons will hold its annual "Pour Out Your Heart for Commons" fundraiser on November 2 at City Winery, 1200 West Randolph Street. There will be a fun band and good company.

Please visit their website at <https://chicagocommons.org/>

## Delta Literacy



**UCSL Rep: Charlotte Johnston, 773-288-8970, [charlottejohnston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charlottejohnston@sbcglobal.net)**

Tutoring services are offered at the D'Estee site on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Tutoring services are also offered at Kelly Library, 6151 South Normal Boulevard and at Jackson Park Supportive Living, 1446 East 75th Street (open to residents only). **A teacher of basic computer skills is very much needed** on Wednesday and/or Thursday. For specifics please contact Olivia Amos, Executive Director, 773-768-5794.

Please visit their website at <https://chicagodeltas.com/>



## Hyde Park Kenwood Hunger Program

**UCSL Rep: Agnes Zellner, 773-643-6992, [azellner@gmail.com](mailto:azellner@gmail.com)**

**Volunteers are needed! Help with food prep and serving is needed** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact Agnes Zellner for information regarding volunteer opportunities. The kitchen also accepts cash, food and clothing donations. For information regarding donations contact Reverend Sanders, 773-373-2861 or visit their website at [www.hpkifc@hotmail.com](http://www.hpkifc@hotmail.com)

## Hyde Park Neighborhood Club



**UCSL Rep: Colleen O'Leary, 773-643-2115, [cmoleary@aol.com](mailto:cmoleary@aol.com)**

**November 2, 6:00-9:00 P.M.** 109th Anniversary Gala, "We All Play". Silent auction items needed. For information about programs please contact Sara Diwan, [sdiwan@hpnclub.org](mailto:sdiwan@hpnclub.org).

Please visit our website at <http://hpnclub.org/>



## St. Martin de Porres House of Hope

**UCSL Rep: Patricia Bennett, 773-493-8826, [Pbenne@comcast.com](mailto:Pbenne@comcast.com)**

St. Martin de Porres House of Hope provides housing and a supportive framework for recovery from addiction for women and their children. **They are currently in need of feminine products, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and body lotion. Please bring these items to our "Holiday Music Program" at Montgomery Place on December 12.** For further information please contact Patricia Bennett, UCSL Representative.



# News from Our Board



## President's Message

It's time for our annual Fall Benefit and Bazaar. The majority of the money we raise for our Community Service Organizations comes from our Benefit. If you have become a Patroness, thank you. If you plan to come to the Bazaar, please spend freely. Remember the good causes you are supporting! If you are attending the luncheon, please consider bringing a guest. It's a great fun way to introduce them to the League. Let's all do our part to raise as much as we can.

## Board Meeting

The Board will not meet in November.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all Service League members who have paid their dues. And thank you to all those who have made donations.

## Please Consider Becoming a Patroness

A reminder for members who haven't yet contributed to the Patroness fund: remember that this is an easy way for YOU to help the Service League support five different Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Service organizations. Checks should be made out to the University of Chicago Service League and mailed to Nancy Baum, 5221 South Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois 60615. (We will send you an acknowledgement for tax purposes.)

## Visit the Service League Facebook Page

Attention Service Leaguers on Facebook! Did you know that the League has a Facebook page? Ask to "friend" The University of Chicago Service League. If you go to Facebook and type in University of Chicago Service League, our page comes up.

## New Service League Website

Please note that the Service League has a **new website!** Continue to use **the same web address:** [www.ucserviceleague.org](http://www.ucserviceleague.org). You will automatically be directed to our new website. You'll find information about our Monthly Programs, our Special Interest Groups and our Community Service Organizations.

## New Members

The Membership Committee welcomes nominations for new members. Please email names and contact information for prospective members to **Membership Co-Chair, Judy Chernick, ChernickJM@gmail.com** Please include in the subject line: **"Service League Membership"**

## The University of Chicago Service League Officers

President.....	Clairan Ferrono	Treasurer.....	Dianne Luhmann
First Vice-President....	Robin Charleston, Deborah Franczek	Associate Treasurer.....	Virginia Meeker
Second Vice-President.....	Judy Chernick, Judy Mazenko	Website Manager.....	Theodora Shih
Recording Secretary.....	Sarah Diwan	President-Elect.....	Open
Corresponding Secretary.....	Carole Landrum	Member-at-Large.....	'.....Beverly Bennett
Assoc. Corresponding Secretary.....	Raiselle Resnick		

# Our Special Interest Groups



## Book Discussion

**Chair:** Laura Kracke, 773-288-6455, [hkracke@earthlink.com](mailto:hkracke@earthlink.com)

**Tuesday, November 6, 5:00 P.M.** Our hostess will be Fran Gordon, 773-684-0522. **Note:** This is a change of time because it is election night and some members want to end early to follow the returns. We will discuss *The Muse* by Jesse Burton.

**Next Month:** On December 4 we will meet at our regular time of 7:30 P.M. to discuss *The Bad-ass Librarians of Timbuctu* by Joshua Hammer.

The 2018-19 Book List is available on our website at [www.ucserviceleague.org](http://www.ucserviceleague.org)

## Dining Out

**Chair:** Jan O'Malley, 773-955-4518, [hddrO@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hddrO@sbcglobal.net)

**Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 P.M.** Please meet us for dinner at Piccolo Mondo, 1642 East 56th Street. Please call Jan by Monday, November 5, to let her know you'll join us and if you'd like a ride.



## Games

**Chair:** Charlotte Adler, 773-256-1314, [chbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chbob@sbcglobal.net)

The Games Group will not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Movies

**Chair:** Carole Landrum, 773-428-8147, [cplandrum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cplandrum@sbcglobal.net)

**Thursday, November 8, 1:30 P.M.** We will view *The Wedding Plan*, the latest film from Israeli director Rama Burstein. In this delicately layered comic drama, an ultra-Orthodox young woman looks forward to marriage and has unshakable faith that God will bring her a husband.

Read film details at [The Wedding Plan](http://TheWeddingPlan.com)

**Location:** Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 South Cornell Avenue.

All are invited. \$2.00 Suggested Donation



## French

**Chair:** Judy Chernick, 773-752-2317, [ChernickJM@gmail.com](mailto:ChernickJM@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, November 13 and November 27, 2:30 P.M.** All levels of conversation are welcome! Whatever your level, you'll fit right in. For information about meeting place or to be added to our email list, contact Judy.

## Spanish

**Chair:** Agnes Zellner, 773-643-6992, [azellner@gmail.com](mailto:azellner@gmail.com)

**Thursdays, 1:30 P.M.** The group reads and discusses Spanish novels, takes trips to museums, restaurants, etc. For information about meeting place contact Agnes.



## Walking

**Chair:** Frances Gordon, 773-684-0522, [fgordon0@aol.com](mailto:fgordon0@aol.com)

**Tuesdays, 9:30 A.M.** The Service League Walking Group hopes you can join us. Our walks start at 9:30 A.M. We meet at the south end of the Hyde Park Shopping Center. We have been walking through the neighborhood and decide on our route when we meet. If you are interested please contact Fran.

# November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 1:30 P.M. Spanish	4	3 1:00- 3:00 P.M. Hyde Park OWL Meeting and Program
4	5	6 9:30 A.M. Walking	7	8 1:30 P.M. Movies 1:30 P.M. Spanish	9	10 Fall Benefit and Bazaar 10:00 A.M Bazaar Noon Luncheon
11	12	13 9:30 A.M. walking 2:30 P.M. French	14	15 1:30 P.M. Spanish 5:30-7:00 P.M. CHPV Fourth Anniversary	16	17
18	19 11:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. Hyde Park Art Center "Artful Aging"	20 9:30 A.M. Walking	21	22 1:30 P.M. Spanish	23	24
25	26	27 9:30 A.M. Walking 2:30 P.M. French	28	29	30	

# News from Other Hyde Park Organizations



## Hyde Park Art Center (HPAC)

### "Artful Aging"

**Monday November 19, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

Join Rhonda Wheately for a free collage workshop where you will explore texture and color, play with words and images, and most of all--have fun!

"Artful Aging" is a collaboration among the Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago Hyde Park Village, Off the Pews and the University of Chicago SHARE (Southside Healthy Aging Resource Experts) Network partners. It seeks to expose the 65+ community to the arts. Enjoy our vibrant community by joining a workshop to have a meaningful artistic experience.

Visit their website at <http://www.hydeparkart.org/>

## Hyde Park OWL



### "Correcting the Racist Lies We Learned in School"

**Saturday November 3, 1:00 P.M.**

The OWL Monthly Meeting will take place at the Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 South Cornell Avenue. The special guest will be Bea Lumpkin, long time social and labor rights activist and advocate for seniors. She is former Associate Professor of Math at Malcolm X College. She has authored articles, school curricula and several books.

See more details on page 9.



## Chicago Hyde Park Village

### "Fourth Anniversary Celebration"

**Thursday November 15, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

Chicago Hyde Park Village's Fourth Anniversary Celebration will take place at Hyde Park Bank, 2nd Floor Lobby, 1525 East 53rd Street, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served. Come to enjoy the fellowship of the Village and to honor our members, volunteers and donors.

See more details on page 10 and at [Chicago Hyde Park Village Event](http://www.chpv.org/)

Visit their website at <https://www.chpv.org/>

## Special Resources

### Computers



**UCSL Rep: Judith Wright, 773-947-0282, [wrightjudithm@gmail.com](mailto:wrightjudithm@gmail.com)**

**Special Offers:** George Rumsey offers a half-price rate to UCSL members for his computer classes: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook) and Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat, Dreamweaver). Classes are held in his office in the Hyde Park Bank Building, 1525 East 53rd Street. Call George at 773-955-4455 or go to <http://www.computer-resource.com> (click on "Schedule") for all the basics.



Bea Lumpkin

Come to a Discussion About

**“Correcting the Racist Lies We Learned in School”**

**Saturday, November 3, 2018, 1:00-1:30 PM: Social Time;**

**1:30 PM: Business Meeting; 1:45 PM: Program**

**Hyde Park Art Center 5020 South Cornell, Chicago**

**Bea Lumpkin**, long time social and labor rights activist with steel workers, teachers and laundry workers, and HP OWL member, who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, led this same discussion as an advocate for seniors at the Illinois Chapter of the American Alliance of Retired Persons in which she is also an active board member. Bea has written an article on racism in the public schools for the *People’s World Newsletter* and authored curriculum guides on the use of multi-cultural math exercises from Africa and other countries for middle school children when she was Associate Professor of Math at Malcolm X City College in Chicago. Bea has authored several books, her latest being her autobiography written in 2013: ***Joy in the Struggle, My Life and Love***.

**Hyde Park OWL** welcomes men to join the conversation. Invite your friends to this important and very informative program. Please bring some tasty treats to share for the social time! Hyde Park Art Center is easily accessed by CTA #6 Jackson Park Express and #172 buses. Street parking is available. **For more information, contact program organizer: Dee Spiech at: [djspiech@aol.com](mailto:djspiech@aol.com), or at: 773-548-4228.**



The Art of Aging Project at a Drop-In



Field Trip to the Cook Co. Forest Preserve

Photos by Rod Sawyer

## CHICAGO HYDE PARK VILLAGE

Invites You to

### OUR FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come to enjoy the fellowship of the Village and  
to honor our members, volunteers, and donors

**5:30 – 7:00 PM Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**Hyde Park Bank, 2nd Floor Lobby, 1525 East 53rd Street, Chicago**

Light Refreshments

Free parking available in lot directly behind the bank on 54th street

For information or to arrange for a ride, go to: [info@chpv.org](mailto:info@chpv.org) or call: 773-363-1933

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# Become a Member of the Service League

Founded in 1895, the University of Chicago Service League provides financial support to local organizations: Chicago Commons, Delta Literacy, Hyde Park Kenwood Hunger Program Open Kitchen, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, and St. Martin de Porres House of Hope. Our Monthly Program Meetings feature speakers of general interest. We also sponsor Special Interest Groups. We hope very much that you will join us. We look forward to welcoming you to the Service League!

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in these Special Interest Groups:

\_\_\_ Books \_\_\_ Dining Out \_\_\_ Games \_\_\_ Movies \_\_\_ French \_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_ Walking

I am interested in working on:

Fundraising\_\_\_ Publicity\_\_\_ Membership\_\_\_ Technology\_\_\_

Programs\_\_\_ Hospitality at Program Meetings\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

OK to put your email address in the *Yearbook*? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

OK to send you the *Newsletter* by email? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please consider receiving the *Newsletter* by email. You will enable us to provide greater financial support to our Community Service Organizations and help us to protect the environment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dues (May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019).....\$35.00

Donation.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to The University of Chicago Service League. Send completed form and check to Virginia Meeker, 1700 East 56th Street, Apt. #2309, Chicago, IL 60637. Thank you!