

You Are Invited!

*The UC Service League's Fall Benefit
New Venue ~~~ Augustana Church,
5500 S. Woodlawn, Main Meeting Room,
Saturday, November 13th, from 10 a.m. to noon.,*

In order to help keep everyone safe, ALL ATTENDEES
MUST REMAIN PROPERLY MASKED and be vaccinated.

This is a Bazaar and Raffle only event.

NO Food or Beverages can be served.

Our major Annual Fundraiser, to help support five local charities, will be at Augustana Church to better follow pandemic protocols. Augustana's spacious ground floor lobby and meeting room will be transformed into a wonderful Bazaar.



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BAZAAR OFFERINGS

New this year are Gift Baskets, Boxes or Bags. Members and Special Interest Groups are concocting baskets with a variety of goodies with a minimum value of \$25. **Donors:** if at all possible, please bring your NON-Perishable items to Augustana on Friday, Nov. 12th, from 1 to 3 p.m., and any fresh food items on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

On offer again at this year's Bazaar are
**Baked Goods, Handmade Items, Orchids, and
Jewelry and More (an expanded section!).**

There will also be a **RAFFLE** of
Gift Cards/Certificates & theatre/music tickets.

Fall Benefit Co-Chairs

Lesley Bloch and Kristin Woods,

Cash,
Credit
Cards &
Members'
Checks
accepted.

**BRING
A
FRIEND!**



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SERVICE LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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The Service League' traditional holiday collection of toiletries for the women of the SouthSide Center of Hope.

The women are eager to receive shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, bubble bath, lotion, etc. These make a large difference in women's ability to take charge of their own housekeeping and develop their sense of self respect.

Please drop off toiletries and cosmetic bags at 1700 E. 56th St., marked for Barbara Wagner. Donations can be left with the doorman until December 15th.

We send best wishes to member Marion Krentz's husband Edgar, who is ailing.

Please remember recently passed member Alma Kuby.



**Co-Presidents Letter
November 2021**

Dear Service League Members,

We are pleased to report that after many months of meeting only on Zoom, the UCSL held an in-person board meeting and program meeting at Augustana, with everyone properly masked. The program presentation was held in-person and via Zoom. Special thanks to Sarah Diwan and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club and Augustana staff for their Zoom technical support.

In all, 42 people enjoyed seeing speaker Barbara Flynn Currie: 28 in person and 14 via Zoom. Ms. Currie, a long time Hyde Parker and the former Majority Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives, is currently chairing the Governor's Illinois Pollution Control Board. Her address focused on state and local environmental issues.

We are now looking forward to our major fund raiser, the

Fall Bazaar will be on Saturday November 13 from 10 to noon.

It will be held for the first time at Augustana!

(5500 S. Woodlawn Avenue)

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON THIS YEAR,

due to Covid considerations, and no beverages will be available.

**All attendees will remain properly masked and
are strongly requested to be vaccinated.**

New this year, the Special Interest Groups and others will be offering baskets of goodies, wine, books, etc., themed to their interests. And, of course, all your old favorites will be on offer: Baked Goods, Handmades, Orchids, Raffles, and Jewelry & MORE (an expanded section with many wonderful items). If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Bloch at lesley_bloch@yahoo.com or Kristen Woods at dplaw93@aol.com.

As we approach the holiday season, we would like to offer special thanks to our members, chairpersons and volunteers for their continued commitment and service on behalf of the UCSL. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Barbara Wagner and Sarah Wright

wagner36@sbsglobal.net ~~~ sarahwright9688@yahoo.com

P.S. Directors, please note the next board meeting is

December 15 at Augustana, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The Board will not meet in November.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Book Group's **December meeting will be on 12/07 at 7:00 p.m.**,

on Zoom to discuss

"Fifty Words for Rain" by Asha Lemmie.

(Their November meeting will be on 11/2.)



You can go to the Book Club page on the Service League's website to see the books we have planned for 2021-2022.

www.ucserviceleague.org/book-group.

If you would like to join us for the first time, please email me, **Laura Kracke, Book Group Chair**, **lhkracke@earthlink.net** for details and a link.

Contemporary Civics Chair, Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net

The "Contemporary Civics" group continues to meet every other week on Zoom. The next meetings are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Monday, Nov. 8th and Monday, Nov. 22nd.

Planning and collecting indulgences for an "Interest Group basket, bag or box" for the November 13th Bazaar added a special twist to recent meetings and produced a tote bag filled with items that invite sitting down with a cup of tea and a good book -- classic or new, profound or humorous -- and prompt discussion about policy, politics, and current headlines.

All Service League members are welcome.

Anyone not on the mailing list can join a meeting by contacting Dorothy Patton before 1:00 to get the Zoom link.



more SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DINING OUT GROUP

Watch for a Christmas music-dining out event in the December Newsletter. In the meantime, some of us continue to meet for lunch in small groups, in local restaurants. ~ Call Jan O'Malley if you'd like to join us: 773-955-4518, hddrO@sbcglobal.net.



A small group of us met over Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of October. Since it had been awhile, we each shared a little about what we had done recently, and being so close to Halloween, we read a ghost story from the French Today blog.

Here's the link if you want to check it out (apparently a true story--the translation appears with a click on the eye icon, bottom right of your screen). frenchtoday.com/blog/easy-french-practice/haunted-house. There's also a "French Fear Vocabulary": frenchtoday.com/blog/french-vocabulary/french-fear-vocabulary/

Our Next meetings will be Tuesday, Nov. 9 and Tuesday, Dec. 14, both at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom, so to be added to the Cercle Français email list for updates, please contact Ruth Koval: 773-726-8870 or rthkvl@gmail.com

more SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



The Games Group will not meet in November.

We'll see what the next months bring! We normally meet to play board games of the members' choosing. Warm wishes to all!

Chair, Clairan Ferrono, clairan@gmail.com



"On Chesil Beach" seen 12/2019

Movie Group

Carole Landrum, Chair

cplandrum@sbcglobal.net

Best wishes to all and hope you all continue to be safe and well. Unfortunately, the chair will not be able to host the meeting for November, and possibly not until the New Year. She looks forward to safely viewing and discussing wonderful films with you all again when possible.

The Spanish Group

HAS RESUMED MEETING on alternate Thursdays, usually in members' homes. We often read a book of modern Spanish writing. Please email the chair for current title. When it is safe, we hope to resume our weekly meetings and excursions.

Contact for dates/times: **Chair, Agnes Zellner azellner@gmail.com**

The all-vaccinated **Walking Group** continues to happily enjoy being together.

MEET: Mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We usually meet at the 55th Street Shopping Center (near the Post Office).

A weekly reminder will be sent to all participants.

We welcome new members and only ask you to let

Peggy Garrett, edwpeggy@ameritech.net, know if you are coming.



more SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



Monarch News

By Marilyn Cavicchia

Hello from the Monarch Special Interest Group!

Our monarchs left this year without much fanfare: We never did see big groups migrating through Hyde Park this fall, which only means they took other routes south. We wish them a pleasant winter in Michoacán, Mexico, where the people working in the monarch reserves are excited for them to come back to the oyamel fir trees in the mountains.

Our biggest excitement this month is assembling our basket for the Service League Bazaar on November 13th. We're biased, but think what we're putting together is really special, with a mix of monarch-specific items and those that are more generally pretty and butterfly-related or "gardeny." Make sure to come!



In seeking items for the basket, two group members—Julia Scott and Lesley Bloch—visited the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen. The gift shop didn't yield anything for the basket, but Julia and Lesley enjoyed the exhibits that use monarchs as a symbol of migration and also of departed/returning ancestors for Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Famous writer Sandra Cisneros, who grew up in Chicago, created a large art piece called "A Room for My Mother." It included this vase, decorated with monarchs.

*photo at the National Museum of Mexican Art
by Julia Scott*



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more from the Monarch Group



Local artist Hector Duarte created a large memorial to Homero Gómez González and Raul Fernández Romero, two conservation heroes who last year were found dead near the El Rosario monarch butterfly sanctuary in Michoacán, Mexico. You can see their faces in the trees.

photo by Julia Scott at the National Museum



Group member Sarah Diwan recently shared a report from the [Field Museum's Monarch Community Science Project](#). Each week during HPNC's summer camp, members of a garden committee that Sarah established helped campers examine some of the milkweed plants to look for monarch eggs and caterpillars. Sarah, Natalie Goldberg, and I are on that committee, as are Julie Spielberger and Eileen Holzhauser.

We found a total of 52 eggs but no caterpillars (officially—I know I saw a couple), which backs up something I already knew: Most monarch eggs get eaten by predators. The data we collected will be shared with researchers tracking monarchs' well-being nationwide. Sarah expects that the HPNC campers will be part of this project again next year and that we might monitor the milkweed plants in the front yard as well.



Please join us anytime! We do not go dormant over the winter. Email me at marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com to stay in touch and to learn what we have planned until the monarchs return next spring.



more SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Twice-Read Books

Met via Zoom on 10/19/21.

Present: Lesley Bloch; Susan Meschel; Marie Schilling; Janet Surkin; and Margaretha Talerman .

Books Discussed: Feuchtwanger, Lion, Raquel—The Jewess of Toledo; Field, Norma, In the Realm of a Dying Emperor: Japan at Century's End; Kalman, Maira, And the Pursuit of Happiness; Kalman, Maira, The Principals of Uncertainty; Towles, Amor, A Gentleman in Moscow; and Whitehead, Colson, Harlem Shuffle.

Also Mentioned: De Waal, Edmund, The Hare with Amber Eyes—A Hidden Inheritance; Feuchtwanger, Lion, The Oppermanns—A Novel; McBride, James, Deacon King Kong; Towles, Amor, The Lincoln Highway; Whitehead, Colson, The Intuitionist; and Whitehead, Colson, The Underground Railroad.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, Nov. 16th via Zoom.

All are welcome to join in the discussions.

For more information contact our
Chair, Marie Schilling mschilling17@earthlink.net, 773-955-4949.



The Extra Special Non-Group

The Trash Pickers Non-Group

We meet at Woodlawn and 58th St. on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m., weather permitting. We usually pick up trash on the Midway from Woodlawn to Cottage Grove. This task takes from 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Volunteers can break off at any time. Everyone is welcome!

Interested? More info? Contact Lesley_Bloch@yahoo.com.

Community Service Organizations



chicagocommons.org

Chicago Commons is in full fundraising mode. The Golf Outing was September 27th; a team ran the Chicago Marathon; and the annual *Pour Out Your Heart for Chicago Commons* will take place on Friday, November 5th at 6 pm at Galleria Marchetti, on the Near North Side.

Commons' Pathways for Parents program is enrolling its fourth cohort. The program is designed to help parents, friends and Chicago community members begin a career in early childhood development as either an Early Childhood Teacher or a Family Worker.

Participants can begin their path by taking two courses at Chicago Commons or online through Chicago Commons' partnership with City Colleges of Chicago.

Commons thanks the Service League for its over 125 year commitment.

Caroline Harney. SL Representative, harneyc@att.net

DELTA LITERACY PROJECT ~~ NEW LIAISON NEEDED.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA WAGNER, WAGNER36@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Delta Literacy continues to be unable to tutor at their main site, 4525 S. King Drive. Olivia Amos, the Executive Director, encourages the tutors to stay in touch with their students by phone and email. She urges both tutors and students to get the COVID vaccine.



Tutors reach out to the students by phone instead of online or in person sessions. Delta hopes to restart their math and reading tutoring and other programs when it is safe.

The Center is now resuming "Hope in Action Progress" with the Kindness Campaign. This campaign is a distribution of personal care items and resources to women in need.

There are women completing their treatment at the end of the month and will arrive at their interim facility on West Jackson Blvd. on November 1st. Space arrangements at the facility are set up with four of the residence rooms for women with children.

Lastly, the Center will be featured in a Netflix documentary entitled "If It Could Happen to Me, It Could Happen to You".



The production team films in Chicago next week. Airing info will be forwarded at a later date. If you'd like more info about the SSCH's activities and staff, visit their general website or their blog at southsidecenterofhope.org/news-and-events/blog.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support.

Patricia Bennett, pbenne@comcast.net,
Liaison, Southside Center of Hope

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Hyde Park Neighborhood Club

www.hpncclub.org

The weather is cooling down, but things at Hyde Park Neighborhood Club continue to heat up! We had a great October, filled with fun. Our mission is to “bring people together” and one of the big ways we do that is through community events. By partnering with the Nichols Park Advisory Council, HPNC was able to host hundreds of children during the FREE Pumpkins in the Park on October 23rd.

These types of events draw families from all over Hyde Park and from the surrounding neighborhoods to enjoy a beautiful fall day, strengthen relationships with each other, and bond with friends and neighbors in our community.



This past month, we hosted our extremely popular Halloweenie Party for our Tot Lot kids. Costumed preschoolers were thrilled by creepy sensory bins, arts and craft stations, a spooky sing-along, photo booth, and parade! (Photo below.)

These are the times that build community connections and make our neighborhood strong. In difficult years especially, we need reasons to be together and celebrate – and play!

**Thank you for
help to make our
communities
stronger through
connection.**

Chris Younkin-Wilson,
Development Director

The Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council - Hunger Programs (submitted by **Chair Agnes Zellner**, azellner@gmail.com)

Breakfasts for 15 people and lunches for 30 to 35 people are being provided at St. Paul and The Redeemer Church. There are three to four people who are helping to prepare and serve the meals. They also deliver 20 meals to Hyde Parkers unable to come to the Soup Kitchen.

Please note that through their many partner organizations, the Interfaith Council participates in these area Hunger Programs:

- The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry.
- Food Pantry at Kenwood United Church of Christ
- Soup Kitchen • Community Breakfast

You can read more about these programs at

<https://hpkinterfaith.org/programs/food-pantry/>



Fall Benefit Bazaar — DETAILS & CONTACT INFO

*Only the location has changed:
Augustana Church,
5500 S. Woodlawn Ave.,
still on Saturday, November 13th,
from 10 a.m. to Noon.*

PLEASE NOTE:
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PROPERLY MASKED AT ALL TIMES
and BE FULLY VACCINATED.**

BAZAAR OFFERINGS.

New this year are Gift Baskets, Bags or Boxes. Members and Special Interest Groups are concocting baskets with a variety of goodies with a minimum value of \$25. If you'd like to concoct one of your own, please let Lesley know. 773-947-8313, lesley_bloch@yahoo.com.

The Gift Baskets, etc., prices will drop to ONE HALF at 11:45 a.m., after the winners are announced for the Raffle.

(Note, the donors of these Baskets, etc. can withdraw the items for sale just before the price drop. Please bear in mind that any unsold Baskets, etc. are to be taken away by the donors at the end of the Bazaar.)

On offer again this year are Baked Goods, Handmade Items, Jewelry & More, and Orchids. There will be a RAFFLE!

Baked Goods. Grace Dodier is calling for baked goods, etc.

Please contact Grace to let her know what you will bring, AND in case you are not coming to the Bazaar. (g-dodier@law.northwestern.edu).

Handmade Items. Cheryl Miller (cammil@att.net) eagerly awaits more of your handmade items. Please contact Cheryl for ways of bringing the items if you can't come to the 10/20 Program meeting.

Jewelry & MORE. The Committee has been receiving lovely pieces of jewelry. If you have any fine pieces you'd be willing to donate, please contact Margaretha Talerma, 215-292-2677 or Valerie Church, 773-667-5184.

Orchids. Joy Rosner (joyrosner@aol.com) plans on offering a smaller collection of magnificent orchids from Hauserman's. While there is nothing so inviting as seeing the orchids on all the tables in the dining room at the Quad Club; we will sell orchids.

SET UP for the Bazaar is on Friday, Nov. 12th, 1 to 3 p.m. at Augustana. If at all possible, please bring any NON-PERISHABLE items, or contact the appropriate Committee for advice.

Looking forward to also seeing many of you in person (or via Zoom) at the October 20th Program Meeting,

*Lesley and Kristin, Fall Benefit Co-Chairs
lesley_bloch@aol.com, dplaw93@aol.com*

Additionally, the **Raffle** of gift cards or certificates from restaurants, shops, etc., and theatre tickets will be held. Please consider donating any of these and informing either Debbie Franczek, (debbiefrenczek1971@gmail.com) or Caroline Harney (harneyc@att.net).

Become a Member of the Service League

Founded in 1895, the University of Chicago Service League provides financial support to local organizations: Chicago Commons Association, Delta Literacy Project, Hyde Park Kenwood Hunger Program's Open Kitchen, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, and Southside Center 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 and look forward to welcoming you to the Service League!

First Name _____ Last Name _____ (Please Print)

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone (H) _____ - _____ - _____ (C) _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____ List in Yearbook (Member Directory?) ____Y ____N

I am interested in these Special Interest Groups:

Books____ Contemporary Civics____ Dining Out____ French____ Spanish____ Needlework____

Monarch Butterflies____ Movies____ Music____ Games____ Walking____ Twice Read Books____

I am interested in working on:

Membership/Welcoming Newcomers____ Planning Programs/Speakers____ Fundraising____

Hospitality/Refreshments____ Publicity____ Technology____ Other_____

Dues (May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022).....\$ 35.00

Donation.....\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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.

The University of Chicago Service League is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

2021-2022 Board Executive Committee:

Co-Presidents	Barbara Wagner and Sarah Wright
First Vice-Presidents (<i>Program Chairs</i>)	Deborah Franczek & Roberta Bernstein
Second Vice-Presidents (<i>Membership Chairs</i>)	Nadine Foster & Sherry Glick
Third Vice-President (<i>Communications</i>)	Judith Wright
Recording Secretary	Sarah Diwan & Margaret Huyck
Corresponding Secretary . . .	(<i>Newsletter/Calendar *</i>) Carol Johnson & Sarah Wright
Associate Corresponding Secretary (<i>Yearbook</i>)	Raiselle Resnick
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Associate Treasurer	Ginny Meeker
Website Manager	Theodora Shih

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New Members

The Membership Committee welcomes new members.

Please see the "Become A Member" form on page 15,
and/or email names and contact information for prospective members to:

ServiceLeagueMembership@gmail.com

Please include in the subject line: "Service League Membership"

Memorial Donations

Please consider making a memorial donation to the Service League
in memory of your family member or friend.

Visit the Service League Website www.ucserviceleague.org

On our website, you'll find information about our Monthly Programs,
our Special Interest Groups and our Community Service Organizations.

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.



For a complete list of all Committee Chairs,
Special Interest Group Chairs/Contacts
Community Service Organizations Representatives,
go to the Committees, etc. listing page on our main website.
<https://www.ucserviceleague.org/board-and-committees>

UC Service League CALENDAR



Here's our events and meetings, some on Zoom - *please confirm dates/times with chair/leader.*

We hope to have even more meetings in person, over time.

Send dates/times/info to be added to this calendar in the

DECEMBER issue

BEFORE NOVEMBER 22ND TO

ucsl.newsletter@gmail.com.

**Saturday, NOV 13th,
AUGUSTANA CHURCH
55th & WOODLAWN.
BAZAAR & RAFFLE
10 a.m.- Noon
Vaxed & Masked,
please! Sorry,
NO FOOD & DRINKS
this year.**

<u>week in month</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THURS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>
1st		WALK GROUP EVERY TUES. 9:30 a.m. —————> BOOK GROUP 7 P.M. via zoom. Laura Kracke, lhkracke@earthlink.net FIRST TUESDAYS	WALK GROUP EVERY WED. 9:30 a.m. Contact Peggy Garrett, edwpeggy@ameritech.net		WALK GROUP EVERY FRI. 9:30 a.m. Contact Peggy Garrett, edwpeggy@ameritech.net
2nd	Contemporary Civics 2 PM via zoom. Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net NEEDLEWORK at 7 p.m. info Lucy Lester at 773 255-5868.	FRENCH GROUP 2nd OR 4th Tues via ZOOM. Contact: Ruth Koval, 773-726-8870, rthkvl@gmail.com		SPANISH GROUP alternate Thursdays. CONFIRM with Chair Agnes Zellner azellner@gmail.com	11/12, 1-3 p Bazaar set up at Augustana. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE BRING ANY NON PERISHABLES
3rd		TWICE READ BOOKS GROUP Marie Schilling mschilling17@earthlink.net ; 773-955-4949 2 PM via Zoom	NO PROGRAM or BOARD meeting in November.	MONARCH BUTTERFLY GROUP 3 p.m. on Zoom marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com	Trash Pickers! ANY FRI. @ 2 p.m. Contact lesley_bloch@yahoo.com
4th	Contemporary Civics 2 PM via zoom Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net		DINING OUT <i>dates not set.</i> Contact: Jan O'Malley, 773-955-4518		