

The University of Chicago
Service League

December 2019 Newsletter

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Holiday Music Program Wednesday, December 4, 1:30 P.M.

Montgomery Place, 5550 South Shore Drive

Le Cantanti di Chicago



*Brought back by popular demand Le Cantanti di Chicago will again perform.
Following the program, refreshments will be provided by Montgomery Place.*

*There will be items from the Fall Benefit Bazaar for sale,
so please bring cash or checks for purchases. Come early and shop!*

*And please bring toiletries for Southside Center of Hope
(Formerly St. Martin de Porres House of Hope).*

A Look Back at the 2019 Fall Benefit

The Bazaar



Raffle Tickets



Handmade Items



Treasures



A Look Back at the 2019 Fall Benefit

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Coffee Cafe and Wine Bar



The Luncheon



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Raffle Prize Winners



Entertainment





Thank You to Our Patronesses

The Patroness Fund is the Service League's primary source of funds for the Community Service Organizations that we support. We are grateful to the following guests and members for donations that were not listed in the Luncheon Program:

Audry L. James

Joyce Svedlund

Sylvia Vatuk

Carol Gittler

Josie Gough

Carol Johnson

Sheila Lynch

Melanie Scarlata

Elizabeth "Beth" Sklarsky

Sarah Diwan

Mary Lee Greenlee

Thank You to Our Business Patrons

Each year, Hyde Park and Kenwood business patrons contribute generously in several different ways: buying ads in the program, contributing gift cards or offering services for the Raffle and Silent Auction. We encourage Service League members and friends to patronize businesses that contribute to the community in this way.

We are also grateful to the following business patron
that was not listed in the Luncheon Program:

Morgan Stanley

Volunteer Work Day at the Chicago Food Depository

On November 5, our team of nine, along with a large group of college students, filled 1,656 three-pound bags of brown rice. We then boxed them for delivery to soup kitchens and food pantries all over the city.

Not exactly back breaking work, but we knew we had had been standing all morning doing repetitive jobs. The cause was good. The company was almost as lively as the background music. Ripping off our gloves, hair nets and aprons when we finished was done with great aplomb and wide smiles. Great fun for an important cause.

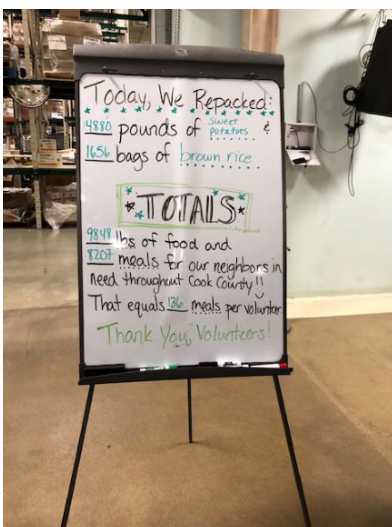


Seated: Dianne Larkin, Gracemary Rosenthal

Standing in First Row: Barbara Wagner, Jane Ciacci, Marilyn Helmholz, Dianne Luhmann

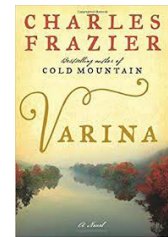
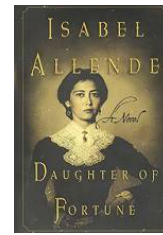
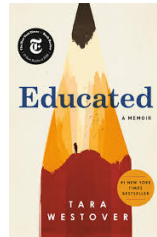
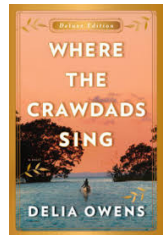
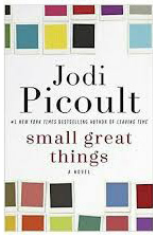
Standing in Second Row: Lesley Bloch, Ann Rena, Susan van der Meulen

The mosaic table, along with others, was created by Little Black Pearl right here in Hyde Park.



Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups

Book Discussion



The Book Group meets at 7:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month, September through July [unless the timing of a holiday makes it advisable to move to the second Tuesday]. The May meeting is devoted to choosing the book list for the coming year. We meet in members' homes. Members sign up to be hostesses and co-hostesses and book discussion leaders. We have \$5 annual dues which goes to the Community Service Organizations.

After introductions and any necessary business, the leader presents information about the author and the book and opens the discussion. We talk about the book for 60-75 minutes. Then everyone enjoys visiting and refreshments. For further information, please contact the Chair: Laura H. Kracke, 773-288-6455, lhkracke@earthlink.net

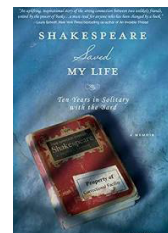
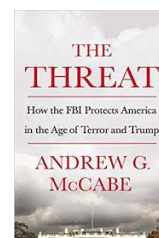
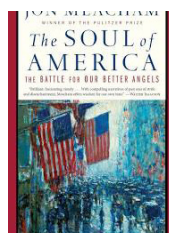
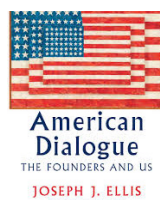
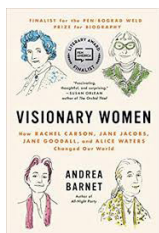
Here's What Book Discussion Members Say:

"What I enjoy the most? My fellow readers! And interesting women."

"I enjoy hearing the different takes on the book from the women who have read the same book as I have."

"We select ten books of fiction and nonfiction to read per year, which is pretty ambitious, but it works. We have a one-hour discussion led by a preselected leader, followed by having refreshments served by a hostess. I always look forward to this group."

"I have been reading with the Book Group members since 1993. I have had the opportunity to explore books and ideas that my nonfiction reading tastes would not have explored on my own. I have shared the books with my daughter and her friends. Her friend Anne has high praise for the choices of this group of Hyde Parkers. This is a book group that takes its reading seriously."



Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups

Contemporary Civics



Although the Contemporary Civics group is a new Interest Group established in 2018, attention to current events and political issues has been a staple of the Service League program for many years, most recently as the “Public Affairs” group. The new group took form in the summer of 2018 as events in Washington, Chicago and Springfield stirred numerous controversial issues, many involving fundamental Constitutional principles of the kind that formed the basis of high school “Civics” classes.

We meet on a rotating basis in the homes of members and we focus on issues making headlines and serving as topics in magazines, on editorial pages and in news broadcasts. We try to bring diverse perspectives by giving time to commentators from the left and the right. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 10:00 A.M. with coffee, tea and goodies always available. All members are welcome.

Here's What Contemporary Civics Members Say:

“Active discussion of current events in the context of a Constitutional crisis.”

“Picture lovely Hyde Park ladies sitting in a circle and taking on prickly political issues.”

“We are a new version of the Service League’s old ‘Public Affairs’ group, with about half holdover members and half new.”

“A chance to exchange information and opinion on topics making headlines in the Hyde Park Herald as well as The New York Times.”

“Members look forward to lively but friendly discussion of differing views”



Our Community Service Organizations



Chicago Commons

UCSL Rep: Caroline Harney, 312-833-3286, harneyc@att.net

Congratulations to the Service League from Chicago Commons! Chicago Commons is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. At its "Generations of Generosity Gala" held on November 15, the Service League received an award for its outstanding commitment!

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

Delta Literacy



UCSL Rep: Mary Snyder, 312-437-1947, marysnyder47@icloud.com

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 Jackson Park Supportive Living, 1446 East 75th Street (open to residents only). To become a tutor 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

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.

Please visit their website at www.hpkifc@hotmail.com

Hyde Park Neighborhood Club



UCSL Rep: Julie Spielberger, 773-363-4447, jspielberger@sbcglobal.net

HPNC is pleased to report that it has a new Executive Director, Angela Habr-Paranjape. Sarah Diwan, the prior Executive Director, will remain at HPNC part-time as Development Director. Fall programming for children and youth is now well underway.

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



Southside Center of Hope

(Formerly St. Martin de Porres House of Hope)

UCSL Rep: Patricia Bennett, 773-493-8826, Pbenne@comcast.com

St. Martin de Porres House of Hope has a **new name!** It is now **Southside Center of Hope**. It provides housing and a supportive framework for recovery from addiction for women. **Please bring feminine products, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and body lotion to the Holiday Music Program on December 4, as part of our annual shoebox donation of toiletries.** For further information please contact Patricia Bennett, UCSL Representative.

Please visit their website at www.smdp-hoh.org/



News from Our Board



Co-President's Message

Greetings to our longer term members and a warm welcome to our newcomers. You all are the lifeblood of the Service League. This Fall has been full of vibrant activities with the many and varied Special Interest Group gatherings supplementing the all-Service League Program meetings. Volunteer opportunities, social and organizational connections within the Hyde Park/Kenwood Communities continue to expand and deepen. The renewed energy of the membership is apparent! Our thanks to everyone for your dedication, hospitality and hard work.

A reminder: Due to a scheduling issue with the musicians, the December Holiday Program at Montgomery Place will be on December 4, not December 11 as listed in the Yearbook. Do come for a fun afternoon of music, refreshments and fellowship.

Marilyn

Board Meeting

The Board meeting will take place on **Wednesday, December 4, 11:30 A.M.** at Montgomery Place, 5550 South Shore Drive. Please note the 11:30 A.M. time.

New Members

Please welcome new members **Marilyn Bruckman, Yolanda Edwards-Bradley, Nancy Levner and Jacqueline Pardo.**

The Membership Committee welcomes nominations of new members. Please email names and contact information for prospective members to: ***ServiceLeagueMembership@gmail.com*** Please include in the subject line: ***"Service League Membership"***

Visit the Service League Website

Our Website Manager, Dora Shih, has created a wonderful new website. You'll find information about our Monthly Programs, our Special Interest Groups and our Community Service Organizations. Continue to use ***the same web address:*** www.ucserviceleague.org. You will automatically be directed to our new website.

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.

In Memoriam

Please remember **Muriel Rogers**, who died recently

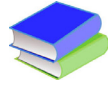
Please consider making a memorial donation to the Service League in memory of your family member or friend.

The University of Chicago Service League Officers

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Special Interest Groups



Book Discussion

Chair: Laura Kracke, 773-288-6455, hkracke@earthlink.com

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30 P.M. We will be discussing *Varina* (Charles Frazier). Our hostess will be Kristin Woods (773-551-8585).

The 2019-20 Book List is available on our website at ucserviceleague.org

Contemporary Civics



Chair: Dorothy Patton, 773-493-8863, dep712@att.net

Wednesday December 11, 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the home of Eleanor Nicholson (312-375-7001), eleanornicholson@me.com. Please let Eleanor know if you plan to attend. Our discussions to date have focused mainly on news and substantive issues (i.e., not the candidates) relating to the presidential primaries and the ongoing impeachment inquiry. Members bring a range of perspectives to the discussion, both their own individual views as well as a range of commentary (both “left” and “right”) appearing on op-ed pages and in magazine articles. All members are welcome.

Dining Out



**Co-Chairs: Fran Gordon, 773-684-0522, fgordon0@aol.com
and Jan O'Malley, 773-955-4518, hddrO@sbcglobal.net**

Monday, December 16, 11:00 A.M. This month, we have a combined music and luncheon at the Union League Club, 65 West Jackson Boulevard. Music begins at 11:00, followed by a \$35 luncheon at 12:15. If you are on the Dining Out list, you will get a detailed description of the music as well as the menu, during the first week in December. If you'd like to be added to the Dining Out list, call or email Jan or Fran.



French

Chair: Judy Chernick, 773-752-2317, ChernickJM@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 10, 2:00 P.M. All levels of conversation are welcome! Whatever your level, you'll fit right in. Contact Judy for information about meeting place or to be added to our email list.

Special Interest Groups

Games



Chair: *Clairan Ferrono, 773-750-0460, fabric8tions@hotmail.com*

Due to the holidays, Games will not meet in December. Look for us in January!



Movies

Chair: *Carole Landrum, 773-428-8147, cplandrum@sbcglobal.net*

Thursday, December 12, 1:30 P.M.

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

An email with detailed information about the film will be sent to group members closer to the date. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the Chair.

All are invited. \$2.00 Suggested Donation.

Music



Chair: *Rosalie Guttman, 773-324-2657, rosalieguttman@sbcglobal.net*

Wednesday, December 4, 1:30 P.M. Le Cantanti di Chicago will be performing a Holiday Program. A reception will follow.

Location: Montgomery Place, 5550 South Shore Drive.

If you would like to be added to the Music Group email list, please contact the Chair.



Needlework

Chair: *Lucy Lester, 773-255-5868, lucy.lester@sbcglobal.net*

Monday, December 9, 7:00 P.M. The December meeting location is still to be determined.

An email with meeting location will be sent to group members closer to the date. Please RSVP to the Chair if you plan to attend. If you would like to be put on the mailing list please contact the Chair.

All are welcome: knitters, crocheters, quilters, etc.

Spanish



Chair: *Agnes Zellner, 773-643-6992, 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.

Special Interest Groups

Twice Read Books



**Co-Chairs: Lesley Bloch, 773-947-8313, lesley_bloch@yahoo.com
and Judith Wright, 773-947-0282, wrightjudithm@gmail.com**

Tuesday, December 17, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. We will meet at the home of Margaretha Talerman. (The entrance to the apartments is on the western or back side of the Whole Foods building.) Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

This interest group has really taken off. It has met monthly since last spring. Books have been rediscovered, discussed and recommended. The mix of non-fiction, fiction, memoir and biography has been a delight. We have talked about the books and their authors, read passages and searched Wikipedia for those biographical details that have slipped our minds. All this in two hours.

For those who have been staring at a book on a shelf at home and are curious about our group please consider coming to our December meeting. Please email Co-Chair Lesley Bloch if you would like to join us.



Walking

Chair: Frances Gordon, 773-684-0522, fgordon0@aol.com

Tuesdays December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 9:30 A.M. Our walks begin at the Hyde Park Shopping Center near Bonjour Bakery at 9:30 A.M. We will walk to the Wooded Island, along the lake, on the Midway. Each week we take a different route.

Please RSVP if you are planning to walk. If you would like to be on the Walking Group's weekly reminder, please email Fran Gordon at fgordon0@aol.com.

December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 9:30 A.M. Walking 7:30 P.M. Book Discussion	4 11:30 A.M. Board Meeting 1:30 P.M. Holiday Music Program	5	6	7
8	9 7:00 P.M. Needlework	10 9:30 A.M. Walking 2:00 P.M. French	11 10:00A.M Contemporary Civics 10:00A.M-3:00 P.M. CHPV Drop-In	12 1:30 P.M. Movies 1:30 P.M. Spanish	13	14
15	16 11:00 A.M. Dining Out	17 9:30 A.M. Walking 2:00 P.M. Twice Read Books	18	19 1:30 P.M. Spanish	20	21
22	23	24 9:30 A.M. Walking	25	26 1:30 P.M. Spanish	27	28
29	30	31 9:30 A.M. Walking	27	28 1:30 P.M. Spanish	29	30

News from Other Hyde Park Organizations



Hyde Park Art Center (HPAC)

“Artful Aging”

Monday December 16, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Drop by anytime for a **free** art making workshop! “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/>



Chicago Hyde Park Village

Drop-Ins

Wednesday December 11, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Chicago Hyde Park Village Annual Holiday Craft Fair. (See page 17 for details.)

Drop-ins take place at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 South Woodlawn Avenue, Open to all. Everyone is welcome!

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

Special Resources

Computers



UCSL Rep: Judith Wright, 773-947-0282, 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.

CHPV 4th Annual Holiday Crafts and Resale Bazaar

One of a Kind

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park

Gorder Hall

5500 South Woodlawn Avenue



Local Craft Artisans*

Villager Resales

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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 ___ Contemporary Civics ___ Dining Out ___ French ___ Games

___ Movies ___ Music ___ Needlework ___ Spanish ___ Twice Read Books

___ Walking

I am interested in working on:

___ Fundraising ___ Publicity ___ Membership/Welcoming Newcomers

___ Technology ___ Planning Programs/Speakers ___ Hospitality/Refreshments

Something Else _____

OK to put your email address in the *Yearbook* (Member Directory)? ___ Yes ___ No

Signature _____

Dues (May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020).....\$35.00

Donation.....\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

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.

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!