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

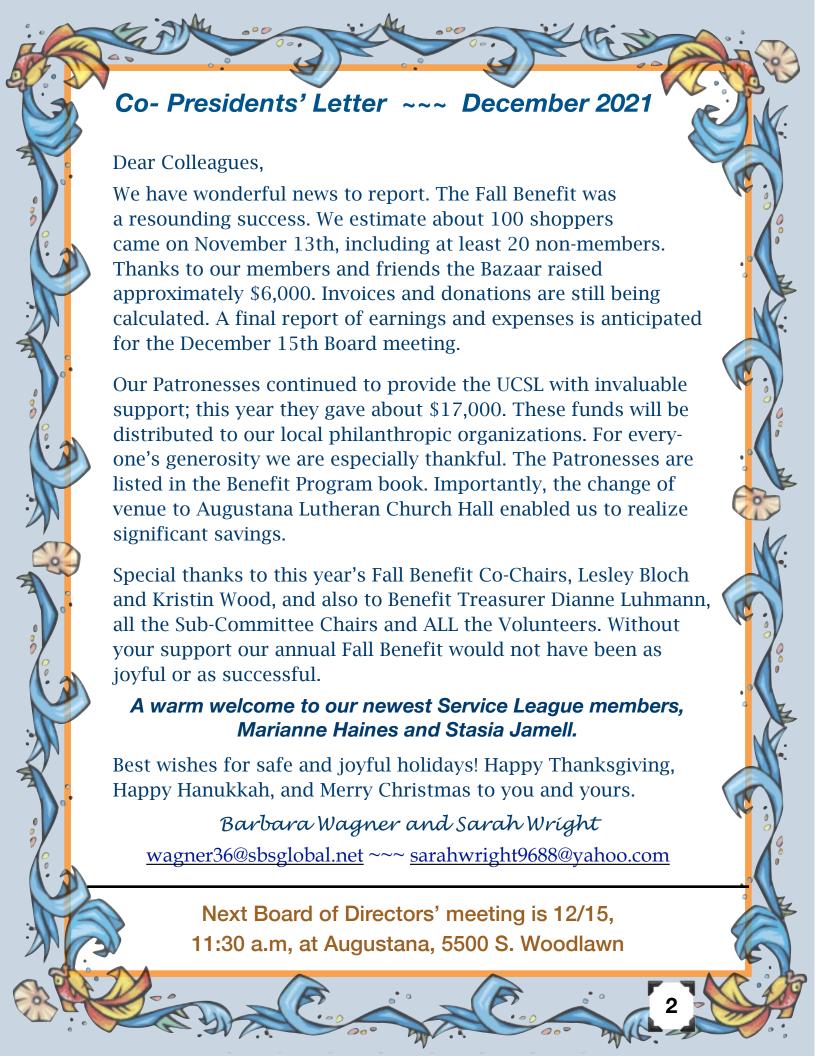
The women are eager to receive shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, bubble bath, lotion, etc. These make a large difference in women's ability to take charge of their own housekeeping and develop their sense of self respect.

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.

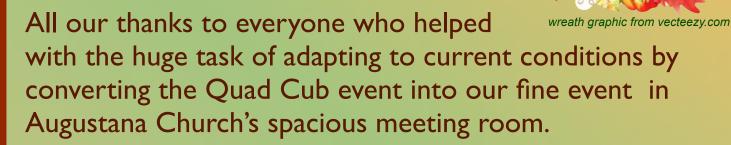
We send our condolences to member Marion Krentz, whose husband Edgar recently passed, and to Mary Lee Greenlee, whose husband Andrew Sr. also passed recently.





REPORT from BENEFIT/BAZAAR CO-CHAIRS

To all those wonderful women who gave so generously to this year's Patroness appeal, we send a special thank you!



And finally to all those masked shoppers at the Bazaar, thanks for coming out and supporting our philanthropies with your purchases. The Bazaar was great fun, some work and a lot of organizing. But we did it, masks and all. Getting Together Again was a great treat!

Attendence sheets indicate that at least twenty people who were not League members attended. Kudos to Kathy Huff for publicizing our event to the community and to Carol Johnson for getting the word out to members. Carol's wonderful signs on the tables were a great help as well.

Again, thank you all for making the 2021 Fall Benefit/Bazaar a success.

Fall Benefit Co-Chairs, Lesley Bloch and Kristen Woods lesley_bloch@yahoo.com // dplaw93@aol.com

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Together

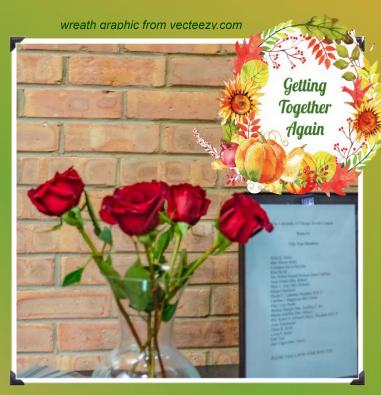
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Above, Greeters at the sign in table. Several members took turns welcoming visitors. The embroidered names of dozens of members over the years make the table cloth a treasure.



Above, General view of Bazaar. Raffle table and cashiers are conveniently in the center. The Baked Goods are along the windows, the Handmades are in front of the far wall, the Baskets offerings and Orchids are on the right, and the Jewelry & More section is behind the camera.



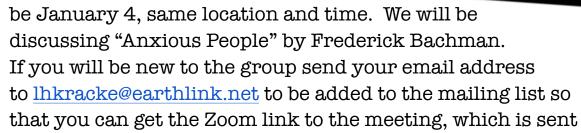
Top Left, roses awaited our 50 year members. Bottom Left, comparing some handmade items. Lower Right, the ever-popular orchids sold out too fast for a "group photo".





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. Our next meeting will



Thank you, and hope to see you soon! Lawra Kracke, Chair.

Contemporary Civics_ Chair Dorothy Patton, density att n

a day or two before the meeting.

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, Dec. 6th and Monday, Dec. 20th

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.





The Games Group traditionally does not meet in December.

We are hopeful to meet in January.

We normally meet to play board games of the members' choosing. Warm wishes for the Holiday Season to all!

Chair, Clairan Ferrono, clairan@gmail.com

Cercle Français

A small group of us met--in person--November 9th.
Roberta Bernstein shared some WWII French postcards and also some small children's books that her father Sam Lesner had collected.



It was sometimes not as easy

as one might expect to figure out the English names of flowers and children's games that were illustrated in one of the *livrettes*; some were almost the same, but others were more puzzling—but six heads are better than one, so together we figured them out. Roberta read the story to us from another book, and we studied the pictures to figure out what was going on.

We will meet on Tuesday, December 14, at 2:30 pm, which will most likely be a hybrid meeting—in person and Zoom. We hope to have a report from Lesley Bloch who will be in Paris!

DINING OUT GROUP ~ A Special Holiday Treat!

This month, the Dining Out group combines dining with Music for the Holiday Season at the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson, on Monday, December 20th. We begin at 10:45 a.m. with a Holiday Concert, followed by a luncheon in their large dining room.

The cost is \$35, payable by check or cash. (no credit cards accepted). Proof of vaccination and wearing a mask, required.

Reserve by calling Rosalie Guttman, at 773-324-2657, by December 15, 2021. More details to follow.

Jan O'Malley, Chair, hddro@sbcglobal.net



Monarch News

By Marilyn Cavicchia

Hello from the Monarch Special Interest Group!

Just a brief update this time, mainly to say that we continue to meet over the winter, and anyone is welcome to join us. Our monarchs are now in Mexico for the winter.



Through a monarch Facebook group I'm part of, I know two gentlemen who work at El Rosario, a big monarch sanctuary near the Mexican city of Michoacán (which, incidentally, is where many Mexican-American immigrants here in Chicago originally came from). Both these men—David and Abel—post incredible photos and videos of monarchs at rest, nearly covering the green oyamel fir trees over the winter. (photo on left).

If you're on FaceBook, Abel does many public posts (meaning you don't have to be his FaceBook friend), which you can see at this link: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=100012262002934. The photo below right is one that Abel posted recently, to show the butterflies in the trees during the day.

Because I know they do have some tech capabilities and are eager to talk about their work, I have a little dream for one of our winter meetings: If David and Abel can use Zoom, I would love it if they could show us, in real time, what our butterflies are doing, and if we could talk with them for just a few minutes.

For this to work, I need help from someone who speaks Spanish: first, to help me draft an email to David to tell him this idea, and second, to attend the Zoom meeting to help translate. David and Abel speak some English, and we'll keep our conversation simple, but I want to make sure they're comfortable.

I'm aiming for December 16 at 3 p.m., which is our next scheduled Zoom meeting, but this may require some flexibility, and I would be thrilled if we could do this virtual visit to the sanctuary anytime this winter. If you can help, please email me at marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com. Thanks!





Movie Group

Carole Landrum, Chair

cplandrum@sbcglobal.net Best wishes for the coming Holidays, and hope you all are safe and well. Unfortunately, the chair will not be able to host the December meeting, and possibly not until the New Year. She looks forward to viewing and discussing wonderful films with you again when possible.

The Needlework Group

met in the home of Margaretha Talerman on November 11th. We were a small group, but everything was lovely thanks to Margaretha's hospitality and her wonderful tea, cookies and chocolate!

We plan to meet next on Monday, Dec. 13th, 7 p.m.

at 1700 E 56th St, Apt. #908.

On **Monday, January 10th,** Kristin Woods will host the meeting in her home at 5537 So Cornell at 7pm.

Members will be updated closer to the dates. Please consider joining us — we have plenty of room in our group as a number of members have moved.

Contact Lucy Lester at 773 255-5868 for info.

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**

Twice-Read Books

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 21 at 2:00 by Zoom.

<u>Present at the Nov. 16th Meeting:</u> Margaret Fyfe, Susan Meschel, Marie Schilling, Janet Surkin, and Judith Wright.



Books Discussed:

Christie, Agatha – Especially her Miss Marple and Inspector Poirot books

Costa, Robert and Woodward, Bob – "Peril"

Illes, Florian – "1913: The Year Before the Storm"

Sijie, Dai — "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress"

Towles, Amor – "The Lincoln Highway"

Krueger, William Kent – "Iron Lake" (Cork O'Connor Mystery Series)

All are welcome to join in the discussions.

For more information contact our

Chair, Marie Schilling: mschilling17@earthlink.net; 773-955-4949.

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).

We walk throughout the winter (when humanly possible). In that season, we try to stay west of the Metra tracks, to keep out of the wind so we can still enjoy each other's company, the fresh air and hopefully a bit of sunshine. 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 from the Bazaar

The Baked Goods and Homemade Treats Section.



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Top Left,
Shoppers
at the display
of themed baskets
assembled by our Special
Interest Groups (and some
by individuals). Explanatory
signs detailed the treasures
and treats in each basket.



Lower Left, the expanded Jewelry & More section included nearly a dozen rare finds offered in a smaller Silent Auction.

The photo shows some of the vintage items, a wedding gown, an elegant coat, and a butterfly pin. More

modern items included a new Kindle and a recently hand-made Chinese silk scarf.

Community Service Organizations



Chicago Commons thanks the Service League for its continued commitment.

hicago Commons' Family Hub program chicagocommons.org worked with Plant Chicago this year to promote entrepreneur projects and publicize its programs. The Family Hub program uses a multigenerational approach to building skills and community. Several Chicago Commons parents sold products and artwork at Plant Chicago's farmers' market in Davis Square Park, near Commons' Paulo Freire Center in Back of the Yards, photo above. (I had a delicious vegan taco.)

Plant Chicago is a sustainable closed loop indoor agriculture and education center located near where the Mary McDowell Settlement House once stood. Mary McDowell was a leader in Chicago's Sanitation movement. No doubt she and former Service League members would be surprised to find a former meat packing warehouse transformed into a center of sustainable businesses. It is gratifying to see a new generation build small business skills and find sustainable alternatives in Chicago.

Chicago Commons has several job openings in a variety of positions from Finance to Child Care. Please encourage anyone looking for a nonprofit job to check its website. Commons is expanding rapidly and has some exciting positions.

Caroline Harney. SL Representative, harneyc@att.net

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DELTA LITERACY PROJECT ~~ NEW LIAISON NEEDED.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA WAGNER, WAGNER 36@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.

Southside Center of Hope's newest residents have just about settled in. The Center is short staffed, and so their very busy staff works double shifts. There still are job openings available.

At this time they are unable to accept many referrals of new clients from residential facilities, because those women who are being released are still on their special medications. The Rules for the Southside Center of Hope are based on a Total Abstinence Program and clients are not to need assistance from medications or harm reduction programs.



All facility repairs have been made for the building. No issues to report.

If you'd like more info about the SSCH's activities and staff, visit their general website or their blog at

southsidecenterofhope.org/news-andevents/blog.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support.

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

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/

A Thank You letter from the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club

c/o Clairan Ferrono
5432 S Dorchester Ave
Chicago, IL 60615-5309



Dear Service League members,

Thanks for being a part of our team! Your gift of \$3,750 received on November 10, 2021 will make it possible for South Side kids to play on through this school year and far into the future. By contributing to the Play On! campaign, your generosity has been doubled thanks to a matching challenge gift from the Betty Lou Smith Foundation. Teamwork is how we work!

Hyde Park Neighborhood Club is the place in the neighborhood where children can play as their whole selves. Your gift allows us to offer Tot Lot to families at an affordable rate to connect infants, preschoolers, and caregivers with friends they will have for the rest of their lives. Because of donors like you, our After School Program is open to kids from across the South Side to decompress from the stresses and pressures of a long school day. Learning a new skill at Basketball, Roller Derby, or Acrobatic Arts are within reach for every child because you help cover the costs for families. Because of you, we can Play On!

I hope you will stay up to date with all the new happenings at HPNC by signing up for our e-newsletter at hpnclub.org and by following us on Facebook. If you have any questions about your gift, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at cywilson@hpnclub.org or (773) 643-4062. Thank you again for helping to make the work of Hyde Park Neighborhood Club possible.

Sincerely,

Chris Younkin-Wilson Development Director Congratulations on a fun t Successful Bazear this year! HPNC Is so huly to hask your support. You Tis so huly to hask your support. You make our neighborhood a Setter place!

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Tax statement: No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. Contributions to Hyde Park Neighborhood Club are tax deductible as allowed by law. Hyde Park Neighborhood Club is a tax-exempt organization under the IRS Code section 501c3, EIN: 36-218204.

More from the Bazaar





wreath graphic from vecteezy.com

Left, the ONLY two unmasked visitors!

Below, Service League member (and Cook County Board President) Toni Preckwinkle looks over a Basket collection.









Top Left, depositing a string of tickets among the ten raffles.

wreath graphic from vecteezy.com

Top Right, an entirely hand made Infant's Basket.

Mid Right, the Jewelry & More tables stretched across the width of the room.

Bottom Right, the hard working cashiers were very busy ALL morning!

> Bazaar Photos by Carol Johnson





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!

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Dues (May 1, 2021 to	April 30, 2022)				.\$ 35.00
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Total					\$
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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 (Program Chairs)
Roberta Bernstein
Second Vice-Presidents (Membership Chairs) Nadine Foster & Sherry Glick
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Recording Secretary Sarah Diwan & Margaret Huyck
Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter/Calendar *) Carol Johnson & Sarah Wright
Associate Corresponding Secretary (Yearbook) Raiselle Resnick
Treasurer
Associate Treasurer Ginny Meeker
Website Manager Theodora Shih

^{* {}click on Newsletter/Calendar to submit info/pictures/dates for next issue}

New Members

Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming two new members:

Marianne Haines and Stasia Jamell.

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 be added to the newsletter in the JANUARY issue **BEFORE DECEMBER 17TH PLEASE**, to ucsl.newsletter@gmail.com. We all enjoy hearing from YOU!

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week in month	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
1st		WALK GROUP EVERY TUES. 9:30 a.m.—>> BOOK GROUP 7 P.M. via zoom. Laura Kracke, Ihkracke@earth link.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	
3rd	DINING OUT @ Union League Club 10:45 Concert then lunch. RSVP by 12-15 to Rosalie Guttman 773-324-2657	TWICE READ BOOKS GROUP Marie Schilling mschilling17 @earthlink.net; 773-955-4949 2 PM via Zoom	BOARD MEETING ONLY @ 11:30 at Augustana NO DECEMBER PROGRAM MEETING	MONARCH BUTTERFLY GROUP 3 p.m. on Zoom marilyn. cavicchia @gmail.com	Trash Pickers! ANY FRI. @ 2 p.m. Contact MarilynHelm holz@aol.com 773-493-0420
4th	Contemporary Civics 2 PM via zoom Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net	On a warmer NOVEMBER day, Walkers Reeva Shulruff, Barbara Wagner, & Susan van der Meulen			