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The University of Chicago Service League

January 2020 Newsletter

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No Program Meeting in January

Because turnout is low in the winter months, the Board decided to eliminate one monthly meeting. So there is neither a Board Meeting nor a Program Meeting this month.

We invite you to read a book, watch a video, listen to a podcast, or just phone a friend instead. See you in February!

A Look Back at the Holiday Music Program

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Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups

Dining Out

Our Dining Out group usually meets on Fridays, to accommodate our busy members who are all active in many UCSL groups. While Jan O'Malley and Fran Gordon are co-chairs, each member of our group has volunteered to arrange a monthly restaurant experience. To date, we have tentative dining events scheduled through May 2020. All members, potential members and guests are welcome to join us.

When possible, we have combined groups. For example, we just enjoyed a beautiful music and dining experience for Christmas at the very elegant setting of the Union League Club. Look for a combined French group and Dining Out event coming up soon. We are are also looking forward to the Kendell College of Culinary Arts Restaurant in its new location.

We all enjoy eating, trying new restaurants and ethnic cuisines and lively conversations with other kindred spirits. Come join us.

Dining Out Event at Ascione Bistro

Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups

Dining Out

Dining Out and Music Event at the Union League Club

Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups

French
(Cercle Francais)

We are currently meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00. We're open to other venues, but recently we've been meeting at *Vanille Pâtisserie* in Harper Court. We chat in French about our activities and interests, and we enjoy beverages and delicious treats. For more information please contact the Chair, Judy Chernick, 773-752-2317, ChernickJM@gmail.com

Nous chérissons notre socialité. Nous partageons un amour pour la langue française et "Le Thé et la Sympathie". Ceux qui parlent couramment encouragent les débutantes avec la patience. Les débutantes relatives apprennent en discutant avec ces gentilles amies. Nous sommes heureuses de soutenir une charmante entreprise locale, Vanille Pâtisserie. Les thés, les cafés et le chocolat chaud sont délicieux; les pâtisseries, les macarons et les croissants savoureux sont excellents.

We treasure our camaraderie. We share a love for the French language and "Tea and Sympathy." Those who are fluent encourage the beginners with patience. The relative beginners learn by chatting with these kind friends. We are glad to support a charming local business, Vanille Patisserie. The teas, coffees, and hot chocolate are delicious; the pastries, macarons, and savory croissants are excellent.

Here's What French Group Members Say:

"I like the camaraderie, speaking French (even though so much French is slipping away), and the fact that the group has such interesting things to say."

"J'aime l'occasion de parler français avec de bons amis." (I love the chance to speak French in the company of good friends.)

"I enjoy the others who attend, and as a real beginner I am learning a bit more French."

"I enjoy the company and fun of trying to speak French."

Recent Service League Activities

Walking Group

Book Discussion

Our Community Service Organizations

Chicago Commons 125 Years of Service

Chicago Commons celebrated 125 Years of Service on November 15. It awarded the Service League the Graham Taylor Award for its support and leadership. Co-Presidents Marilyn Helmholz and Lesley Bloch accepted the award, and Marilyn spoke. They also contributed to a video on the history of the Service League and Chicago Commons.

Mary Timmons & Ron Kominski, Commons' Board Event Co-Chairs, Caroline Harney, (SL Rep), Lesley Bloch, Marilyn Helmholz, and Edgar Ramirez, Commons Executive Director (from left)

Marilyn Helmholz accepting the award on behalf of the Service League with Lesley Bloch and Caroline Harney

The Graham Taylor Award

(Photos Courtesy of Paul Koch)

Our Community Service Organizations

Chicago Commons

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

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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 Exeuctive 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

"Thank you so much for delivering the University of Chicago Service League's generous donation of new toiletries for our ladies of House of Hope. We are always so grateful for your ongoing support. Happy Holidays, Katie." (Development and Communications Manager Katie Newman)

For further information please contact Patricia Bennett, UCSL Representative.

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

News from Our Board

Co-Presidents' Message

Greetings to all of you at the beginning of our deep winter. The holiday season started with a delightful program in honor of the late Muriel Rogers at Montgomery Place on December 4. Marilyn gave us a brief remembrance of Bishop Montgomery, who had recently died at the age of 95. She mentioned that at one time she stood and chatted with him directly beneath the portrait that hangs in a prominent place in the living room of Montgomery Place.

Brought back by popular demand, Le Cantanti di Chicago performed an eclectic assortment of beautifully rendered songs, followed by an “All Join In” for familiar holiday singing. As an extra treat, two members of Le Cantanti treated us to solo arias, including one by our own Mary Rogel.

Following the program we all enjoyed tea and refreshments provided by Montgomery Place. Treasures of all sorts remaining from our Bazaar were available for last minute purchases. As is our tradition, many members contributed toiletries for the Southside Center of Hope (formerly St. Martin de Porres House of Hope). These greatly appreciated items were then delivered in colorful gift bags.

Caroline Harney displayed the handsome framed award which the Service League recently received for our 124 years of support of Chicago Commons.

Now that it is January, stay warm, well and upbeat. Those cold days make for bright blue skies. Our next program, planned by Debbie Franczek and Robin Charleston will be on February 19 at Augustana. Do plan to come. Reconnect with friends and meet some of our new members at the tea following the program.

Lesley

Board Meeting

The Board will not meet in January.

New Members

Please welcome new members **Elizabath Hurtig** and **Sarah Jones.**

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”***

News from Our Board

In Memoriam

Please remember **Virginia Helen Parr** (mother of Sarah Diwan) and **Bonnie Umeh**, who died recently.

Please consider making a memorial donation to the Service League in memory of your family

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.

The University of Chicago Service League Officers

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Website Manager.....Theodora Shih

Special Interest Groups

Book Discussion

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

Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 P.M. We will be discussing *Visionary Women* (Andrea Barnet). Our hostess will be Nancy Baum (773-401-8151).

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, January 8, 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the home of Doris Nitecki. Please let Doris know if you plan to attend (773-955-7385, *doris.nitecki@att.net*).

Topics are certain to include impeachment, the upcoming Iowa and New Hampshire primaries, as well as Brexit and other "breaking news." 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

Friday, January 17, 11:30 A.M. The Dining Out group will meet for lunch at *Ascione Bistro,* the new restaurant in the Hyde Park Shopping Center. This is a return engagement, based on enthusiastic reviews for the Dining Out Group's lunch there in November. If you plan to attend, please notify Dorothy Patton (dep712@att.net), coordinator for January, no later than Monday, January 13 so that we can advise the restaurant of the number attending.

French

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

Tuesday, January 14, 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

Wednesday, January 22, 2:00 P.M. We will play *Spite and Malice* at the home of Clairan Ferrono (*Clairan@gmail.com*). Please RSVP to the hostess.

Movies

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

Thursday, January 9, 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 meeting 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

Friday, January 24, 1:30 P.M. We will meet at the home of Rose Dyrud (773-241-7187) for a piano recital by internationally known pianist Yukiko Fugimura. Please call or email the Chair if you plan to attend so that we can have an idea of how much seating will be needed.

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, January 13, 7:00 P.M. We will meet at the home of Cheryl Miller (773-643-5154). Please RSVP to the Chair if you plan to attend. All are welcome: knitters, crocheters, quilters, etc.

For more information or to join the group or to be put on the email list, please contact the Chair.

Special Interest Groups

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.

Twice Read Books

Co-Chairs: Marie Schilling, 773-955-4949, mschilling17@earthlink.net
and Judith Wright, 773-947-0282, wrightjudithm@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 21, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. We will meet at the home of Judith Wright. Parking is available. Please RSVP to Co-Chair Marie Schilling 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 January meeting.

Walking

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

Tuesdays January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 9:30 A.M. Our walks begin at the south end of 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*.

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 9:30 A.M. Walking 7:30 P.M. Book Discussion	8 10:00A.M Contemporary Civics 10:00A.M-3:00 P.M. CHPV Drop-In	9 1:30 P.M. Movies 1:30 P.M. Spanish	10	11
12	13 7:00 P.M. Needlework	14 9:30 A.M. Walking 2:00 P.M. French	15	16 1:30 P.M. Spanish	17 11:30 A.M. Dining Out	18
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26	27	28 9:30 A.M. Walking	29	30 1:30 P.M. Spanish	31	

News from Other Hyde Park Organizations

Hyde Park Art Center (HPAC)

"Artful Aging"

Monday January 20, 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 January 8, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

12:45 P.M. "Understanding Hospice & Palliative Care" presented by Shellie Williams, MD, University of Chicago Physician, Board Certified in Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine (See p. 17 for details.)

Wednesday January 22, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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 Resource

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.

Free transportation is available for Chicago residents 65 and older by calling (773) 441-8457. Please allow two business days notice.

Understanding Hospice & Palliative Care

A Presentation by Dr. Shellie Williams, MD

University of Chicago Physician

Board certified in Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine

Part of the Chicago Hyde Park Village Drop-In

10:45am - 11:45am Exercise (free)
12-12:45pm Lunch ($7, $5 for members)
*SHARE partner participants pay member rate
12:45 - 2pm Presentation (free)

Wednesday, January 8th
Augustana Church (5500 S. Woodlawn Ave. Chicago, IL 60637)

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SHARE NETWORK
Supporting Healthy Aging Resources & Education

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!