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ANNUAL DUES REMINDER . . . Thanks if you've renewed;
if not, we need your help! Your \$35 Annual Dues
helps support our five Philanthropies and covers the
Service League's small administrative costs.
If you haven't sent your dues in yet, kindly please do so.
(Details on pg. 15.)

NEXT PROGRAM & BOARD MEETING *Wed., Oct. 20th.* Details later.

Many of our Special Interest Groups continue their activities.
This Newsletter will continue to be published monthly,
to keep us all in touch.

*Please send news, photos of your group's activities to ucsl.newsletter@gmail.com
by the 22nd for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.*
Next deadline: AUGUST 22nd for the SEPTEMBER edition.

Co-President's Letter, AUGUST 2021

Dear UCSL Members and Friends,

Can you believe that we are already halfway through the Summer? Please stay safe and take time to enjoy the warm weather. Service Leaguers have been enjoying many ongoing activities as a number of Special Interest Groups have continued to meet over the summer. Happily, the Groups that have been on hiatus will be back in full force come September. Be sure to take a close look at the Special Interest Group reports, pages 3 to 9, and the August calendar (on the last page) for details.

We are looking forward to the start of various fall activities. Please save the date of **Wednesday, October 20** for the first Board Meeting (11 a.m.) and **Program Meeting**, (1:30 p.m.). These two will be in person on the same day, at Augustana, 5500 S Woodlawn Ave. After so many months of social distancing, it will be very special to greet each other. We encourage all members to attend.

Planning is underway for our **Annual Fall Benefit, Sat., Nov. 13th**. Watch for more information to come. In the meantime, start work on your hand-mades, jewelry, jams, and items/gift cards for the Silent Auction. We will not be featuring "Treasures" this year.

Charlotte Johnston, long time liaison to the Delta Literary Project, is moving out of the area. Thank you, Charlotte, for initiating this important program. Delta Literacy needs a new UCSL liaison. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know.

One last note: don't forget to send us your *Members' News*, emailed to Judith Wright at wrightjudithm@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wagner and Sarah Wright

wagner36@sbcglobal.net

sarahwright9688@yahoo.com

LETTER FROM THE 2021 BAZAAR CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all of you. Hope you have had many lovely days this summer.

Before you start to accumulate items for the Bazaar's Treasures, we need to let you know of the decision to have

NO TREASURES TABLES at the Bazaar on the 13th of November.



Nevertheless, we are still looking for very special items attendees might like to bid on in the League's expanded silent auction. We know the Treasure Tables had been a real highlight of the bazaar for many years. But increasingly, many Treasures were left unsold, which became a problem for appropriate disposal at the event's end.

So we are trying something new. Colorful collections of items assembled around a theme (or not), and put in a basket or a container by you, or a group of friends, or an Interest Group will be the replacement for Treasures.

We are thinking of a \$25 minimum value for the baskets. Please let us know what you might be considering, so there can be a wide choice of selections. Stay tuned for more details and suggestions about basket themes, etc., in upcoming Newsletters. We think this can be a lot of fun for all of us in addition to raising funds for our five Community Service Organizations.

Warm regards,
Lesley and Kristin

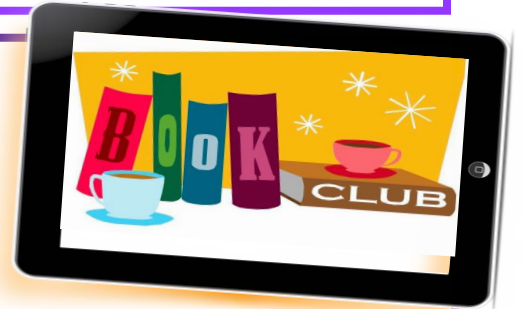
lesley_bloch@yahoo.com Kristin Woods – dplaw93@aol.com

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Please note: The Book, Games, Movie, Music, Needlework and Spanish Groups are on hiatus until the Fall.

The Book Group will **NOT** have an **August meeting. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom to discuss “Deacon King Kong” by James McBride.



If you're curious, 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, you can get a Zoom link by emailing me, **Laura Kracke, Book Group Chair**, lhkracke@earthlink.net.

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

The Contemporary Civics group meets on **Monday August 9 at 2 p.m.** via Zoom.

Still on the agenda for discussion: news and commentary relating to the Delta variant, prospects for bills working their way through Congress, public attention to climate change, and more.

Interested SL members not on the mailing list can contact Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net for the Zoom link.



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Dining Out Group-MEETS August 25th!

The Dining Out Group will be meeting on Wednesday, August 25th, at 2:30 PM in the park at Fran's: 5412 S. East View Park. We will be planning the upcoming season of restaurants. Please call Jan, at 773-955-4518, if you are planning to attend, or if you can't attend but have a restaurant you'd like to suggest. *Jan and Fran*
Chair: Jan O'Malley, 773-955-4518, hddrO@sbcglobal.net



Cercle Français

Our July meeting was small, but good. It was the day before Bastille Day--or la fête nationale as they say in France—so we watched a short YouTube video on classicfm and sang along with Mireille Mathieu's singing several verses of "La Marseillaise."

Then we watched our friend Hugo Cotton (InnerFrench) reading *Le Petit Prince*, following along (as best we could) with the transcript on a laptop screen.

The date of the August meeting will be set as soon as possible and sent to all on the Group's own email list. Please **contact Ruth Koval** if you would like to join or be added to our list: 773-726-8870 or rthkvl@gmail.com.



Here's Le Petit Prince imagining the Parisian Bastille Day fireworks.



The Games Group

will not meet this August or September. We'll see what October brings. We normally meet to play board games of the members' choosing. Warm wishes to all!

Chair, Clairan Ferrono, clairan@gmail.com

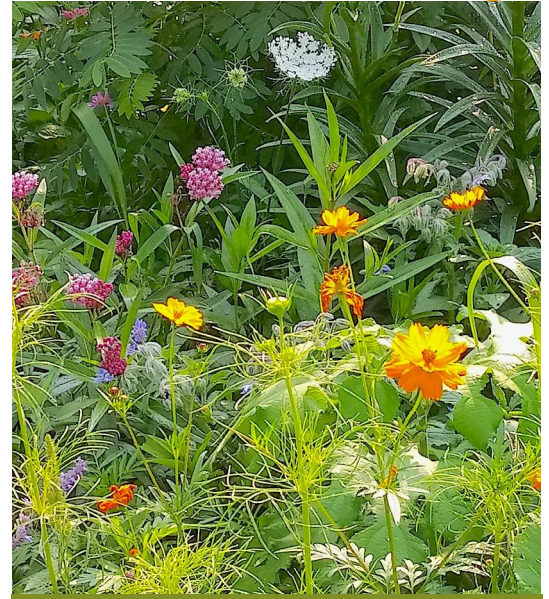
Monarch News

By Marilyn Cavicchia

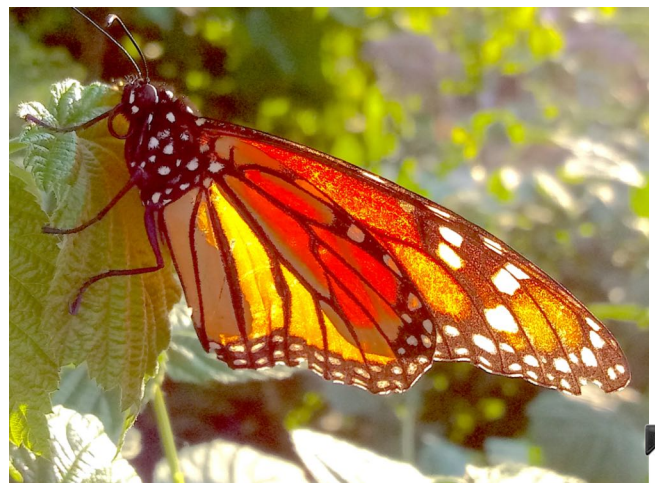
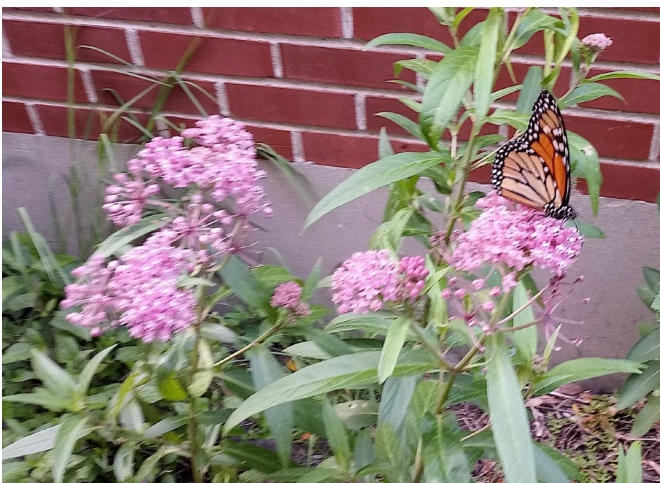
Hello from the Monarch Special Interest Group! The monarchs are now in full swing, with sightings at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (HPNC) garden on pretty much any day when it's not raining, and reported sightings throughout Hyde Park as well.

We have started the informal "office hours" at 5:30 on Wednesdays outside at HPNC, when I commit to being there and other members of the group join me to help or to simply observe and chat. Three members of our group (including me) have been helping to lead garden activities for the HPNC summer campers at 1:30 on Fridays. This will continue for the first 2 or perhaps 3 weeks of August; if you would like to participate, please let Sarah Diwan know: sdiwan@hpncclub.org.

Zoom meetings have been less of a focus in summer, but we do have one tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, August 19, at 3 p.m.** Please email me at marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com if you would like to join us, whether in person or on Zoom. In the meantime, here are some recent photos from the HPNC garden, which is now entering a very pretty phase!



Swamp milkweed (for monarchs) on the left, sulphur cosmos, and Queen Anne's lace (for black swallowtails).



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Movie Group Carole Landrum, Chair, cplandrum@sbcglobal.net

The Hyde Park Art Center has **tentatively** given its approval for Movie Group to resume showing films on the second Thursday of each month, beginning in September. This approval is conditional and will depend upon pandemic restrictions and CDC guidelines at that time.

We will be in an enclosed space for 2-3 hours. Therefore, in order to keep us safe, the Art Center will require everyone to wear a mask. They also require social distancing, which will limit the number of persons in the room. Proof of vaccination will also be required. Because of these requirements, prior sign up for the event will be necessary.

Instructions on how to sign up and how to submit proof of vaccination will be sent to all Movie Group members in late August. If you would like to be added to the Movie Group email list, please contact the Chair at cplandrum@sbcglobal.net

It will be exciting to meet again and to share the experience of viewing films on a large screen! Stay tuned for film details in the
September Newsletter.



The **NEEDLEWORK GROUP** will next meet on
Monday September 13th at 7 pm.

Meeting host to be decided.

For info, contact

Lucy Lester at 773 255-5868.

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The Spanish Group

hopes to resume meetings on alternate Thursdays most likely in members' homes. We have 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 will meet by Zoom
on Tuesday, August 17, at 2:00 p.m.

We will also meet on September 21, 2 p.m.

For more information contact our

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

All are welcome to join in the discussions.



The all-vaccinated **Walking Group**

continues to happily enjoy being together.

We meet on **Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**
and **some Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.**

We will always 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 Fran Gordon know that you will be joining us:
email fgordon0@aol.com; phone 773-206-9911.

The Extra Special Non-Group!

Trash Pick Up-- the current crew consists of Marilyn Helmholz, Margaretha Talerman, Rose Dyrud and Lesley Bloch. Lesley reports:

The carts are especially good for hub caps and large pieces of wood, etc. It's also possible to have a fully packed bag in the cart and then a nearly full one on top of it. Tall white garbage bags are our bags of choice. I have started to carry small free bags for the stroll home where the bins are smaller, but trash still lurks.

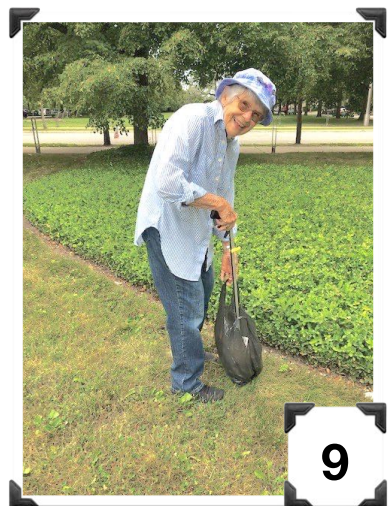
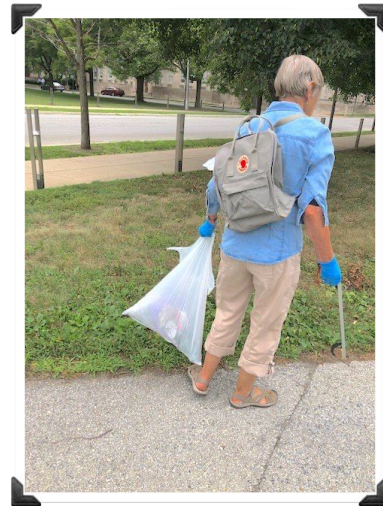
We meet at Woodlawn and 58th St. on Friday afternoons at 1:30, weather permitting.

We usually pick up trash on the Midway from Woodlawn to Cottage Grove. This task takes from 2 1/2 hrs. to 3 hrs.

Volunteers can break off at any time. Everyone is welcome!

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

Photos- top, Lesley, Marilyn, Rose . Mid left Margaretha, mid right, Marilyn, Rose, lower left, Marilyn, lower right, Rose.



On the go, on the mend, any life-event news about you or family, please send items for posting here by the 22nd of the month to Judith Wright, wrightjudithm@gmail.com

Members' News



Marilyn Cavicchia reports: One evening in June, a herniated disc that I had been ignoring for months (*I know!*) suddenly touched some nerves in my spine and caused my left foot to become "disconnected" -- while I was walking and about halfway home.

At first, I thought I would lose an entire summer to this injury, which is especially sad for a gardener. But that has not been the case, thanks to physical therapy, a physiatrist at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, and many caring and helpful members of the Monarch Special Interest Group and of the UCSL in general.

Very special thanks to Sarah Diwan for her kindness and for the wonderful way she has organized and managed gardening activities for the HPNC summer camp, making it easy for me to volunteer even when I'm not at full strength.

Judith Wright is traveling and visiting out of town family, and staying in touch with Service League members via her iPad.

Dottie Jeffries writes: I'm doing some publicity for a fascinating memoir, by [Claire Chao](#), who collaborated with her mother, Isabel Sun Chao, on a family memoir, ["Remembering Shanghai: A Memoir of Socialites, Scholars and Scoundrels."](#)

The idea for a memoir about Sun Chao's childhood in 1930s and '40s Shanghai and ancestors going back to the mid-19th century was sparked by their 2008 visit to the family home.

Charlotte Johnston will be living in an independent living facility just 1.5 miles from her son David in Sammamish, Washington (*the Seattle area*). She writes: my Service League membership has always been very important to me. Over the years, I have served as President, Secretary and Chair of the Music Group. I have especially enjoyed membership in the Book Group and Contemporary Civics. (*Charlotte also has been the Service League Liaison to the Delta Literacy Group.*)

Barbara Wagner is enjoying a long-awaited visit with her sister who recently arrived via Amtrak from St. Louis.

Community Service Organizations

Chicago Commons is pleased to announce that it was named as a Head Start direct grantee agency beginning August 1, 2021. Direct grantee status will allow Commons to expand its high quality educational program and expand support programs for children and families including holistic trauma and mental health care.



Commons and the Service League have been leaders in kindergarten and Early Education for 125 + years. As always, Chicago Commons is grateful for the Service League's support and vision.

In case you missed seeing the feature article in the July 23rd Tribune, at the bottom left is a link to the story. Chicago Commons is one of five local service organizations that will be receiving this federal support for the programs.

All of Chicago Commons' centers are offering in person care and transitioning from COVID mitigation. Let's all stay healthy. It will be a busy year for all.

Caroline Harney, harneyc@att.net, Service League Liaison.

Chicago Tribune
July 23, 2021
QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-TRIBUNE
BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

MILLIONS IN FEDERAL HEAD START FUNDING TO CHICAGO'S NEIGHBORHOODS. HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: 'We need people once again to step up'

Top health official: No current plans to close down Chicago again, but message has caveat

By Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's top health official said Sunday the city has "no goal or current plans to close down Chicago again."

But Dr. Allison Arwady said "we need people once again to step up" to get a vaccine and, for now, use masks indoors — even those who are vaccinated against COVID-19.

"In Chicago, we can be open and be careful at the same time," Arwady said. "Being careful means getting vaccinated."

City officials said they continue to advise, not require, people to wear masks indoors. But at an unusual Sunday news conference, she said, "we need people to step up."

www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-chicago-head-start-neighborhood-support-20210723-2ygy353s6fh65j5j5a6hkvwtki-story.html

Photos from earlier this summer:

Top, Staff packs basic supplies boxes for clients.



Bottom, A masked child and a masked adult work on an Art Wire project in a play area.



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Hyde Park Neighborhood Club

www.hpnclub.org

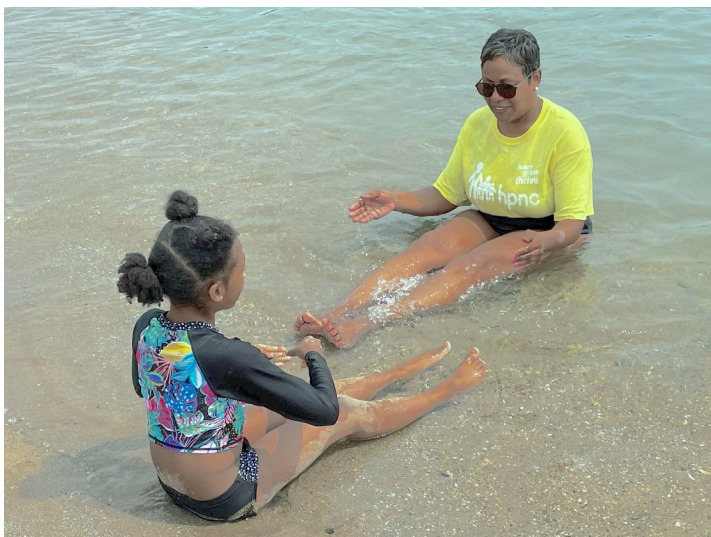
The Hyde Park Neighborhood Club is where kids discover new experiences. This past week, a 12 year-old made his first visit to a beach, where all campers receive water safety instruction each week before swimming (*left photo*). Campers walked to Washington Park where they caught their first fish (*right photo*). Every day, kids try their hands at new skills like cooking, building, gardening, and photography.

These opportunities challenge our kids, help them grow empathy and social skills, and open up the world to its full potential. Supporters like the Service League make these experiences accessible to children of all income levels and backgrounds from across the South Side.

Thank you! (Chris Younkin-Wilson, Development Director)

Save the Date!

HPNC's 2021 Gala will take place
on Saturday, October 23



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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 Dr. Olivia Amos, the executive director, continues to encourage the tutors to stay in touch with their students by phone and email. She encourages both tutors and students to get the COVID vaccine.

Tutors are reaching 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 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 3 to 4 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

To see what's new with the SouthSide Center of Hope, go to their website where they are celebrating their 38 Years of giving Hope and helping over 4,000 women overcome addiction.

<https://mailchi.mp/sscoh.org/38-years-of-giving-hope-4879037?e=f74e6a0eff>



The SSCH's Executive Director, Yaisa Goode, told Patricia the move into their new temporary quarters is going slowly. The Center recently discovered that the cook stove was not working. Fortunately, a donor will provide them with one. Their new facility has a lot of little things that need fixing. She added that through it all, the residents are doing well.

Patricia Bennett, SL Representative, pbenne@comcast.net

2021-2022 Board Executive Committee:

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

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

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"

In Memoriam

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

Visit the Service League Website

Our Website Manager, Dora Shih, had created a wonderful 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.

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>



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.



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, when it is VERY
safe. Send dates/times/info to be
added to this calendar in the
SEPTEMBER issue to

SAVE THE DATE!
**FALL BENEFIT &
BAZZAR & Luncheon**
in person at the
Quad Club, Sat.,
Nov. 13th, 10 a-2 p.

<u>week in month</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THURS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>
1st		FRENCH GROUP meets this month on a TUESDAY, contact for info: Ruth Koval, 773-726-8870, rthkvl@gmail.com	<i>SOME Wed.</i> WALK GROUP 1:30 pm contact Fran Gordon, 773-206-9911		WALK Group EVERY FRI 9:30 am contact Fran Gordon 773-206-9911
2nd	Contemporary Civics 2 PM via zoom Dorothy Patton, dep712@att.net	BOOK GROUP IN SEPTEMBER 7 P.M. via zoom Laura Kracke, lhkracke@earthlink.net	ANY WED. 5:30 .p.m @ HPNC, Monarch group meets informally IN PERSON.		Trash Pickers are on patrol! ANY FRI 1:30. Contact lesley_bloch@yahoo.com
3rd		TWICE READ BOOKS GROUP Marie Schilling mschilling17@earthlink.net ; 773-955-4949 2 PM via Zoom	<i>no program or Board meetings until OCT 20</i>	MONARCH BUTTERFLY GROUP 8/19, 3 p.m. on Zoom marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com	WALK GROUP EVERY FRIDAY
4th		2:30 PM FRENCH GROUP, please confirm.	DINING OUT Planning Mtg. 2:30 pm. info: Jan O'Malley, 773-955-4518		WALK GROUP EVERY FRIDAY

*Note: date of OCTOBER Board & Program meetings, Oct. 20th
is correct as of 8/7/21.*