

**The University of Chicago  
Service League**

## February 2020 Newsletter

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## Program Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 P.M.

*Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 South Woodlawn Avenue*

### "Protecting Our Water"



Kimberly Neely DuBuclet, a Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will discuss the mission of the MWRD of protecting our water and minimizing flooding and how this important environmental mission is implemented. Elected in November 2018, Commissioner DuBuclet will share her experiences on the MWRD and her goals for the District. Prior to joining the MWRD Board, this life-long Chicagoan and South Side resident worked for the Chicago Park District and served as a State Representative.

*Visitors are welcome; please bring a friend. Hostesses: Spanish and French Groups*

# Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups



## Movies

From September through June, the Movie Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 P.M. at the Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 South Cornell Avenue. Before the film a brief introduction with background information is presented. After the film, we share our impressions and enjoy a lively discussion. All are invited. \$2.00 Suggested Donation

Each month the Chair sends Movie Group members an email with details about the upcoming film. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the Chair, Carole Landrum, [cplandrum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cplandrum@sbcglobal.net)

These are some of the films that we have viewed:



### 2018

July 12 *Phantom Thread*  
August 9 *Lady Bird*  
September 13 *The Post*  
October 11 *Maudie*  
November 8 *The Wedding Plan*  
December 13 *45 Years*



### 2019

January 10 *The Big Sick*  
February 14 *Roma*  
March 14 *The Wife*  
April 11 *The Guardians*  
May 9 *Green Book*  
June 13 *Puzzle*  
July 11 *The Other Side of Hope*  
August 8 *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*  
September 12 *Our Souls at Night*  
October 10 *On the Basis of Sex*  
November 14 *Capernaum*  
December 12 *On Chesil Beach*



### 2020

January 9 *The White Crow*



# Get to Know Our Special Interest Groups



## Movies



### Here's What Movie Group Members Say:

"We see excellent movies--USA and foreign. The discussions following the movies are varied and interesting. We get different views and impressions about the films. One gets to meet and know each other. The camaraderie of the others and the fellowship are enjoyable and pleasant."

"I really enjoy Movie Group for (1) excellent, thoughtful introductions and (2) good discussion after the movie. Even if I've already seen the movie, I always learn and appreciate more about it."

"A delightful way to spend a Thursday afternoon. I see films that I didn't see in the theatre or that I never heard of. An interesting selection of movies. Also a reason to visit the Art Center. Plus the \$2 donation is much cheaper than going to a real theatre. A good introduction to the film of the day."

"Movies are well chosen. And discussion after is thought provoking."

"A great way to spend an afternoon. The movies are always interesting."

"The movies are very carefully selected. And not what you would ordinarily see."

"I love the movies that are shown and the camaraderie and discussions."

"I enjoy Movie Group because it's my chance to see great movies. And to hear knowledge of movies and the actors."

"Love the movie Group. Wonderful films. Cannot find elsewhere. Enjoy the discussion afterwards."

"I love the Movie Group. I love the selection of movies and the people."



# Recent Service League Activities

## Dining Out Group

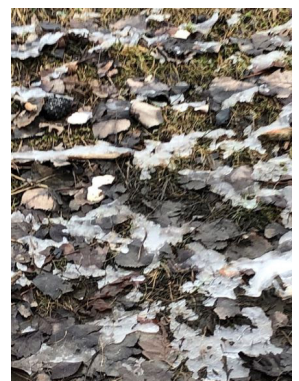
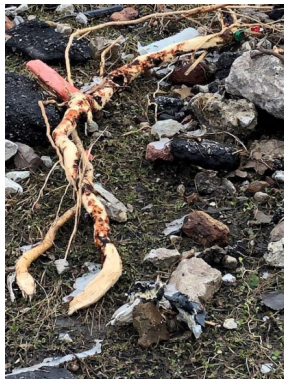


The Dining Out Group met for lunch on January 17 at *Ascione Bistro*, the new restaurant in the Hyde Park Shopping Center. This was a return engagement, based on enthusiastic reviews for their lunch there in November.

## Walking Group



On Tuesday January 15 the Walking Group went on its weekly walk. Along the lakefront they saw the destruction caused by the winter storm on Saturday January 11. They took these photos of what they observed.



# Our Community Service Organizations



## Chicago Commons

**UCSL Rep: Caroline Harney, 312-833-3286, [harneyc@att.net](mailto:harneyc@att.net)**

Chicago Commons celebrated 125 Years of Service. 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.

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

## Delta Literacy



**UCSL Rep: Mary Snyder, 312-437-1947, [marysnyder47@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.hpkifc@hotmail.com)

## Hyde Park Neighborhood Club



**UCSL Rep: Julie Spielberger, 773-363-4447, [jspielberger@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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. Programming for children and youth is now well underway.

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



## Southside Center of Hope

(Formerly St. Martin de Porres House of Hope)

**UCSL Rep: Patricia Bennett, 773-493-8826, [Pbenne@comcast.com](mailto: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/](http://www.smdp-hoh.org/)

# Our Community Service Organizations

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### FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Addiction is a disease. No woman decides to become an addict or alcoholic. Once addicted they face tougher challenges in comparison to men. Women tend to progress more quickly from using addictive substances to dependence. Women also develop medical or social consequences of addiction faster than men. They often find it harder to stop using addictive substances. Female substance abusers are often cast in a harsher light than their male counterparts. This is due in large part to society's view of women as wives, caregivers and mothers. It has been estimated that only 30% of female substance abusers receive treatment. Aftercare for women once they complete detox and treatment is vital to the recovery process. The more we come to understand about addiction, the more we see that women of prolonged addiction struggle to get through the first year out of treatment. Issues with family, economic hardship, inability to resist temptation and break old patterns, and stigma are very real obstacles that women face once they leave residential treatment. This impedes their ability to reintegrate into society and they very often relapse as a result. First year relapse rates are as high as eighty percent.

Thanks to our generous supporters, we have been providing solutions for women in recovery from more than three decades. Our agency is the only recovery home in the State of Illinois that provides long-term care to women following treatment and detox that does not charge program fees nor bill insurance. Sister Therese O'Sullivan and Sister Connie Driscoll co-founded St. Martin de Porres House of Hope in 1983 to fight the epidemic of homelessness among single mothers on the South Side of Chicago. Today their vision has expanded into a social service agency, with the goal of eradicating the long-term effects of homelessness, addiction and mental illness on women and children. Each year we provide women with holistic and comprehensive services that include: Long-term Shelter, Addiction Recovery Services, Behavioral Health Services, Case Management and Aftercare.

This past year, we changed our name to reflect more accurately the impact we've had during the past 36 years on the South Side of Chicago. The name change better reflects our vision, which is not just to help women and children overcome homelessness, but to ensure that those who are marginalized and disenfranchised have access to the care they need to fundamentally change their lives. During the past year, we identified the two social ills we most directly address: substance use addiction and mental illness. I'm very pleased to report that our offerings consistently address both issues and trust that they will only get stronger. As the drug epidemic continues to plague Chicago, our mission has become increasingly vital to those who would otherwise not be able to receive the services they need. We are committed to eradicating the effects of homelessness and drug addiction among women and children and hope that you will continue to help us in this fight by supporting Southside Center of Hope. Our 2019 annual report highlights the impact your giving made on the families we served. Thank you for making our work possible.

Yaisa Hagood  
Executive Director



# News from Our Board



## Co-Presidents' Message

Welcome back after our mini-winter break in January. Hopefully, you were able to attend one or more of our Special Interest Groups. Several of them are quite new, doing well and stimulating fresh interest and participation.

Now is the time of year that the Nominating Committee engages in its work of building a slate of candidates to serve on the Board during our 2020-2021 year beginning in May. Officers to be nominated in 2020 include: President, First Vice-President (Chair of the Program Committee), Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter Editor), Treasurer (already filled), Chair of the House Committee and Representatives to some of our Community Service Organizations and Chairs of some of our Special Interest Groups.

We encourage you to become more actively involved in the Service League by volunteering to fill one of these vacancies or to suggest potential candidates. Please do not be shy about offering your services. Some positions are conducive to shared responsibilities (such as Co-Chairs). Serving on the Board results in new friendships as well as the satisfaction of working together to support our worthy Community Service Organizations. Help us to carry on our proud 125 year history!

I look forward to seeing you at our next Program Meeting on February 19.

Marilyn

## Board Meeting

The Board will meet on **Wednesday February 19, 11:30 A.M. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 South Woodlawn Avenue.**

**(Please note:** The Board will **not** meet on February 12 as printed in the *Yearbook*.)

## New Members

Please welcome new member **Jean Singer**. The Membership Committee welcomes nominations of new members.

Please email names and contact information for prospective members to:  
[ServiceLeagueMembership@gmail.com](mailto:ServiceLeagueMembership@gmail.com)

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



# News from Our Board



## 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](http://www.ucserviceleague.org). You will automatically be directed to our new website.

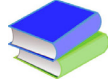
## Visit the Service League Facebook Page

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

Co-Presidents.....	Lesley Bloch, Marilyn Helmholz	Assoc. Corresponding Secretary.....	Raiselle Resnick
First Vice-Presidents..	Robin Charleston, Deborah Franczek	Treasurer.....	Dianne Luhmann
Second Vice-Presidents.....	Nadine Foster, Judy Mazenko	Associate Treasurer.....	Virginia Meeker
Recording Secretaries.....	Sarah Diwan, Margaret Huyck	Website Manager.....	Theodora Shih
Corresponding Secretary.....	Carole Landrum		

# Special Interest Groups



## Book Discussion

**Chair:** Laura Kracke, 773-288-6455, [hkracke@earthlink.com](mailto:hkracke@earthlink.com)

**Tuesday, February 4, 7:30 P.M.** We will be discussing *Daughter of Fortune* (Isabel Allende). Our hostess will be Barbara Wagner (773-684-0198).

**Next Month:** In March we will be discussing *American Dialog: The Founders and Us* (Joseph J. Ellis). The 2019-20 Book List is available on our website at [ucserviceleague.org](http://ucserviceleague.org)

## Contemporary Civics



**Chair:** Dorothy Patton, 773-493-8863, [dep712@att.net](mailto:dep712@att.net)

**Wednesday, February 12, 10:00 A.M.** Contemporary Civics will meet at the home of Sarah Wright. Senate impeachment activities may or may not be over, but the Iowa caucus and New Hampshire primary will be behind us and lots of new polls and Super Tuesday will be on the horizon -- not to mention Iran follow-up, Brexit consequences and other news of the day. All Service League members are welcome. Please let Sarah know if you plan to attend, [SarahWright9688@Yahoo.com](mailto:SarahWright9688@Yahoo.com)

## Dining Out



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

**Friday, February 7, 11:30 A.M.** The Dining Out and French Groups will meet for lunch at *La Petite Folie* in the Hyde Park Shopping Center for a two-course *prix-fixe* meal (main course and dessert), \$37.27 including coffee or tea, 10.5% tax, and 18% gratuity. If you plan to attend, please notify Judy Chernick (773-752-2317, [ChernickJM@gmail.com](mailto:ChernickJM@gmail.com)) no later than Monday, February 3. If you'd like to be added to the Dining Out list, call or email Jan O'Malley (773-955-4518, [hddrO@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hddrO@sbcglobal.net)) or Fran Gordon (773-684-0522, [fgordon0@aol.com](mailto:fgordon0@aol.com)).



## French

**Chair:** Judy Chernick, 773-752-2317, [ChernickJM@gmail.com](mailto:ChernickJM@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, February 11, 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, February 26, 10:00 A.M.** We will play *Scrabble* at the home of Paula Golden (773-288-3459). Please RSVP to the hostess.



## Movies

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

**Thursday, February 13, 1:30 P.M.**

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

All are invited. \$2.00 Suggested Donation.

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 Movie Group email list, please contact the Chair.

## Music



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

**Sunday, February 23, 2:00 P.M.**

**Location:** Montgomery Place, 5550 South Shore Drive.

The February Music Group event will be a performance of works by Beethoven and Saint-Saens. The event will take place at Montgomery Place. The Trio Promontory will be performing, with David Fleener, piano; Paul Siegel, cello; Polina Cafaro, violin. Montgomery Place has graciously offered to partner with us and will provide a reception and opportunity to socialize after the concert. All are welcome.

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, February 10, 7:00 P.M.** Location/hostess for the meeting to be announced in a reminder email to be sent by the Chair. 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](mailto: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](mailto:mschilling17@earthlink.net)  
and Judith Wright, 773-947-0282, [wrightjudithm@gmail.com](mailto:wrightjudithm@gmail.com)**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

**Location:** We will meet at the home of Judith Wright. Parking is available.

The Twice Read Books Interest Group continues our lively discussions of titles that members of our group have recently reread. Often many of us remember the books, and the conversations may challenge our recollections and views of the books and authors. Other titles discussed inspire us to read books that we have missed and sometimes to discuss or even to see movie versions of the titles. Please email Co-Chair Marie Schilling if you plan to attend or if you would like to join Twice Read Books. We welcome new members.



## Walking

**Chair: Frances Gordon, 773-684-0522, [fgordon0@aol.com](mailto:fgordon0@aol.com)**

**Tuesdays February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9:30 A.M.** Join the Walking Group. Enjoy walking and talking with our group. It is a great way to get exercise and meet members of the Service League. We walk every Tuesday morning if the weather is clear and not too cold. We will meet at the south end of the Hyde Park Shopping Center (near *Bonjour* Bakery). Each week we take a different route. Please RSVP to the Chair if you are planning to walk with us.

If you would like to receive the Walking Group's weekly reminder, please email the Chair.

# February Calendar

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

# News from Other Hyde Park Organizations



## Hyde Park Art Center (HPAC)

### "Artful Aging"

**Monday February 17, 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 February 12, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**12:45 P.M.** Program TBA

**Wednesday February 26, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**12:45 P.M.** Program TBA

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](mailto: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.

# The University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital Service Committee

Save the Date for

## 53rd Annual Irish Coffee

Augustana Lutheran Church

5500 South Woodlawn Avenue

Chicago, IL 60637

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Admission \$10

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Only  
Irish Coffee  
provides in  
a single glass  
all four essential  
food groups:  
alcohol  
caffeine  
sugar  
fat



## Raffle and Silent Auction

## Refreshments and Irish Music

All proceeds benefit the critically ill  
children of Comer Hospital

For more information visit

[www.comerservicecommittee.org](http://www.comerservicecommittee.org)



Gilbert and Sullivan's

# THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Presented by the Gilbert & Sullivan  
Opera Company and the University  
of Chicago Chamber Orchestra

**TICKETS  
ON SALE  
FEBRUARY 1**

**\$25 General | \$5 Student**

**March 13-15**  
**Mandel Hall**  
**1131 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street**

A rollicking band of inept pirates and bumbling policemen take the stage for the best-known and most-loved of all Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. *The Pirates of Penzance* is filled to the brim with songs, jokes, and dazzling scenery, promising to delight seasoned and new audiences alike.

**[tickets.uchicago.edu](https://tickets.uchicago.edu) | 773.702.ARTS (2787)**



# 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!