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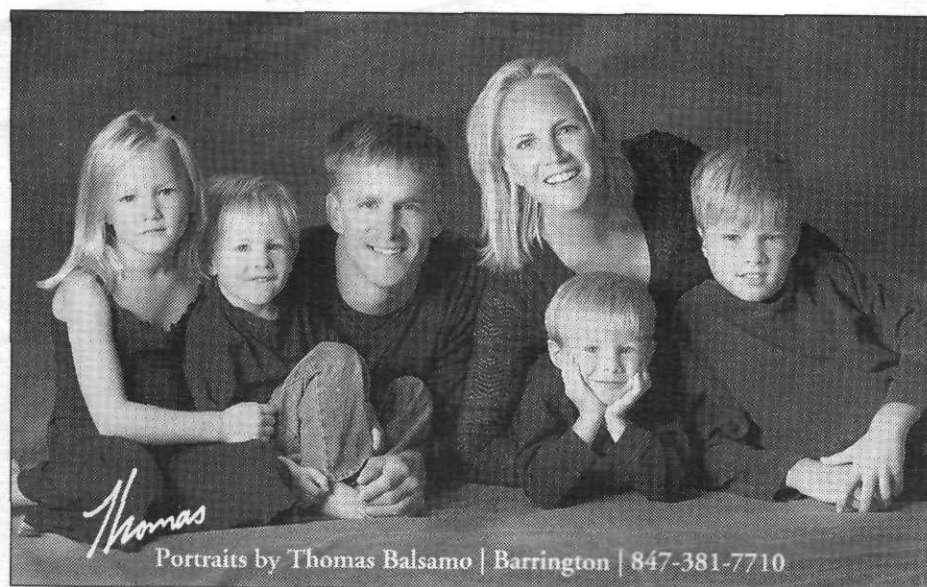
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## Editor's Ink

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Dear Reader,

It doesn't seem possible that this is the last letter I'll be writing to you this year, before 2007 comes along. The year has gone by all too quickly!

This past autumn over 200 people attended the HARPS Picnic and Farm Fest. There were horses everywhere and fun for the entire family. Held at the beautiful HARPS farm in Barrington Hills, the purpose of the event was to thank the members and volunteers who make it possible for the organization to do its good work.

Hospice supporters had a great time at the Annual Barn Dance and BBQ held this year at Donley's Wild West Town. Over \$76,000 was raised as a result, all to benefit the wonderful Hospice programs.

Also held this past autumn was the 13th Annual Michael Joseph Foundation Benefit, raising funds for "Families in Crisis." Held on the beautiful Sanfilippo estate, over \$160,000 was raised. The purpose of the foundation is to provide transitional housing for families working towards self-reliance.

Rejoice in this glorious season! The staff of *Lifestyles* wishes each and everyone, "Happy Holidays!"

Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

With warm regards,  
Glenne McMonigal  
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A mahogany pixel plaid trench coat and pencil skirt is teamed with a mahogany cashmere turtleneck. Completing the look is a coco portofino hobo. Ellen Tracy Fall 2006.

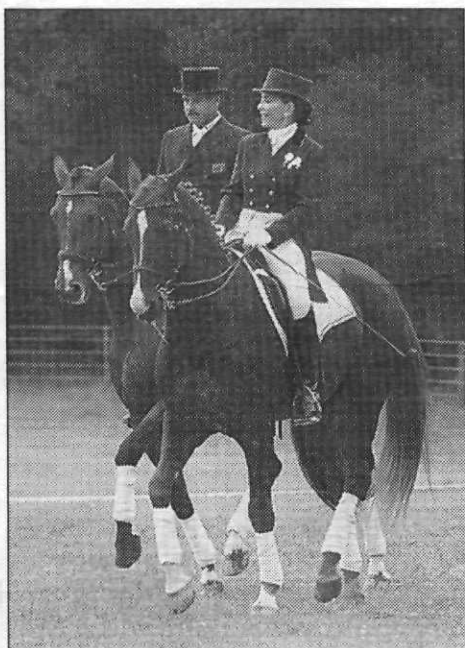




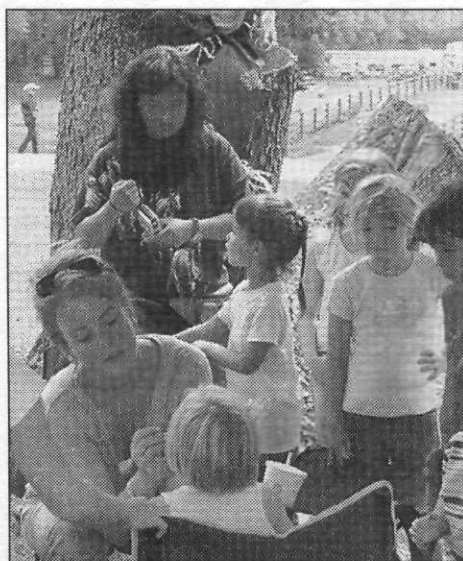
## HARPS Picnic and Farm Fest a Delight

More than 200 people attended the HARPS Picnic and Farm Fest on Sunday Sept. 17. The event filled the hours between noon and 4 p.m. with a wide variety of entertainment for people of all ages, whether they were playing games, dancing, relaxing in the sunshine, or enjoying the equine performances and pony rides.

Horses were everywhere, both as exhibits and as entertainment. The horse program, "Equine Extravagance," featured Barrington's own Susan Gohl and Chris Taylor, elegant dressage riders who performed a breathtaking pas de deux on their beautiful warmbloods. Spectators thrilled to the exciting performance and eye-catching red, white and blue costumes and flags of the Timmerman Ranch Drill Team. Two members of the ten-horse drill team opened the show: one galloped around the arena carrying the American flag while the other sang our national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The HARPS "Parade of Horses" gave spectators the chance to see some of the many Illinois horses that have been saved by HARPS—the eleven horses in the parade



Chris Taylor (left) and Susan Gohl in a lovely dressage performance.



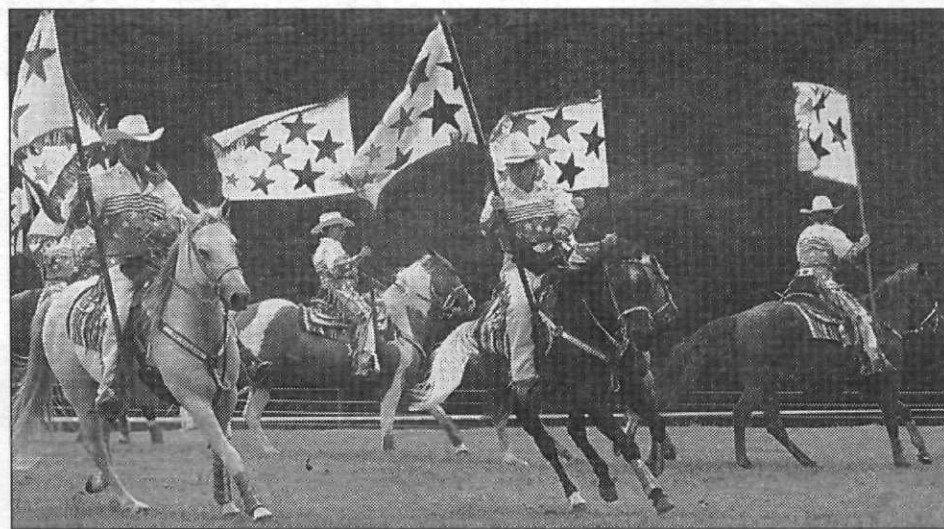
Christine Stearns painted beautiful little faces all day.

came from cases all over the state, and represented many different breeds. Again, there was something for everyone, regardless of individual preferences regarding horse style and size—the rescued horses ranged from "Cole," the large Percheron, all the way down to "Skye" and "Jackson," the two donated miniature horses. Leading the parade was the HARPS' resident mustang stallion and ambassador for America's wild horses—"Elko Dann," ridden by Ronda Ewing.

A Texas-style barbecue lunch was available for purchase, and that stand was constantly surrounded by a crowd. Shopping opportunities were also provided; in conjunction with the Picnic and Farm Fest, HARPS held a silent auction and a huge tack sale, the proceeds of which will help support the HARPS mission.

Live musical entertainment was provided by Ricky Lee Shattuck, a popular modern country singer. The musical performance encouraged people to get up and dance—and they did. All afternoon, children enjoyed pony rides, face-painting by Christine Stearns, and a variety of games.

Guests at the HARPS Picnic and Farm Fest included 20 members of the Glenkirk



Timmermans Drill Team delights the crowd!



Pictured (from left) are Chris Taylor, Round Lake; Susan Gohl, Barrington; and Patrick and Joan Griffith, Barrington.

Academy for the Developmentally Disabled. Some of these members are participants in the HARPS Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) and Riding program.

The purpose of the HARPS Picnic and Farm Fest was to provide a heartfelt "Thank you!" to all of the much-appreciated HARPS community, members and volunteers who make it possible for the organization to do its good work. The event was a great success in many other ways, as well. In

addition to expressing gratitude to supporters and providing entertainment to the community at the beautiful HARPS farm in lovely Barrington Hills, this event also raised some always-needed funds, and served to increase local awareness of the HARPS organization and mission. This was truly a day of "good friends, good food, and good fun"—all in a good cause. The day was blessed with good weather, and a great time was had by all!

## CTRF Raises an Unprecedented \$1.3 Million in One Night

### 15th Anniversary Celebration Yields Big Return

Commemorating its 15th Anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 4, Cancer Treatment Research Foundation (CTRF) celebrated the impact CTRF-funded research has had over the past 15 years and raised funds for vital cancer research programs, netting \$1.3 million.

During the evening, guests heard from one survivor who has been cancer-free since participating in a CTRF-funded study and a special auction was held to raise money specifically to continue that study.

The study, conducted by Dr. Mary "Nora" Disis of the University of Washington, is exploring the effects of a combination vaccine-chemotherapy for women with metastasized breast cancer, an advanced form of breast cancer. The event raised just over \$300,000 to continue this pioneering research.

"We're amazed and very grateful to our donors for their generosity during the evening," stated Alicia Stephenson, CTRF's chair of the board. "And with generous underwriting from a major donor and our presenting sponsor, National City Bank, we're able to direct 99 cents of every dollar raised on Saturday to cancer research programs."

More than 800 people from across the country attended the milestone event.

#### About Cancer Treatment Research Foundation

Cancer Treatment Research Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that funds patient-centered clinical studies that deliver innovative treatment options to cancer patients, having an immediate impact today while paving the way to a cure.



(From left) Richard and Alicia Stephenson are pictured with Diane and Richard Templer

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This December has us with one foot into party mode and the other into the coming season's new cruisewear—which will be arriving daily throughout this month.

First, let's enjoy a fashion celebration of our party pieces that move you convincingly from day to night: match our soft, creamy, fuller leg pants from Fashionista with a turtleneck and shawl collared vest for day, then switch to a kimono wrap top from Sweet Pea for night. Or, throw our black jersey knit palazzo pants over your boots—top with a belted tunic for day and then change to a silky empire-cut blouse for night. Or, grab one of our luscious velvet jackets in chocolate, black or olive and pair it with our Lucky brand jeans to carry you through the day—then drop the denim and don one of our frankly adorable little

black skirts for a night of partying.

Spring forward! We have the warm weather goods arriving throughout December for ya. Dreamy little tee tops in the new shapes are a must. Wraps, rushed camis, empire knits and Grecian tunics are the look. Colors are neutral, warm and easy for that transition to lightweight dressing.

Jackets are on the gotta-have-it list, and we have them for you—French terrys, poplins, knits and cotton twills—in the looks of the season—we promise! Pair them with denim crops from Christopher Blue and a little Aztec-printed halter from Westonwear, and you've got style. And speaking of style, wait till you see our silk chiffon, empire-cut tunics from Hale Bob, a new designer addition to our hot cruise selections.

We had better not forget to mention dresses—feminine and easy-to-wear. They promise mileage for your immediate needs and into spring. Come see for yourself—December promises to be a fabulous fashionscape encompassing both our holiday dressing and our "take away" collections. And what a joy to celebrate it in our exciting new digs!

See ya soon!

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We have holiday dresses by **Soup** and **Painting Red Rhino**, and our own cotton empire dress is perfect for school parties—paired with tights and a mushroom cap—it is adorable.

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Enjoy the Season!

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## The Legal Importance of Anti-Discrimination Policies and Employee Training by Joette S. Doran, Esq.

Although there has been increased attention to the issues of discrimination and harassment, employee claims remain steady, subjecting employers to liability. Almost a decade ago, the U.S. Supreme Court addressed the importance of the actions that should be taken by employers to prevent employee discrimination and harassment. Since then, federal decisions have stressed the use of employee policies and training in educating employees regarding the issues of discrimination, harassment and retaliation. The first step toward the prevention of discrimination



claims is to have a written anti-harassment policy that is properly worded and distributed to all employees. The policy should

specifically define what constitutes illegal discrimination and should direct the employee where to make a complaint without the concern of retaliation.

While a written anti-harassment policy is the first step, providing employee training as to the provisions of the policy aids in the prevention of claims and liability. In fact, some federal courts have determined that merely having a policy against harassment without employee training, is insufficient to avoid liability. Employee training should be conducted by someone knowledgeable regarding the laws against discrimination so that all employees understand their rights and responsibilities as it relates to workplace harassment. The training should ensure that supervisors



## Santa, Indians and Antiques—It's All Art

Santa caught in the act. A special moment between mother and child. A proud Indian chief. The gift ideas are limitless this holiday season at **Woodland Art Gallery and Frame Shoppe**. With the area's most distinctive collection of limited edition artwork by the world's most collected artists, **Woodland Art Gallery** displays dozens of limited edition prints, beautifully matted and framed, to assist you selecting a work that perfectly suits your gift-giving needs and your budget.

From the classic Christmas Eve moment entitled *Shhh!* by Bradley J. Parrish, to the original graphite drawings and giclées by Carol Morton, the gallery features works from the world's most-collected artists. Antique watercolor artworks have just arrived. All are on display at **Woodland Art Gallery** for your viewing—and collecting—pleasure.

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The expanded gallery allows Teasdale to display more of his vast collection, which he has combined with beautiful antique furniture, lamps, and glassware as well as Middle Eastern textiles.

**Woodland Art Gallery and Frame Shoppe**, 44 Brink S., downtown Crystal Lake, is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone **815-459-0460**.



*Shhh!* by Bradley J. Parrish

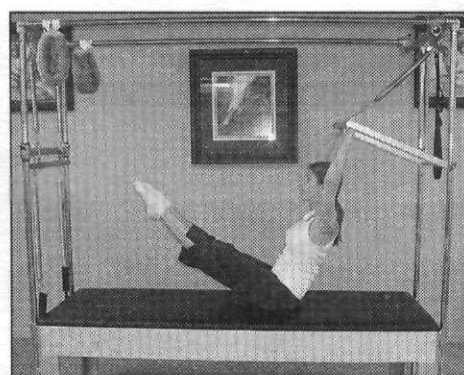
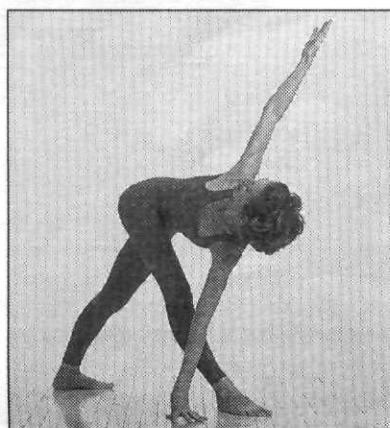
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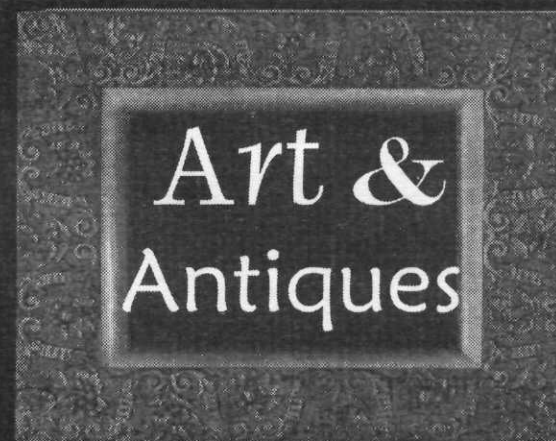
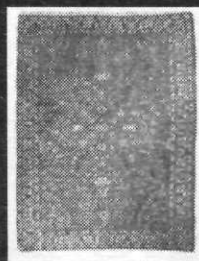
yoga to help connect your mind and body through relaxation, body awareness, and flexibility exercises. Each yoga pose when properly exercised has specific benefits to your body and mind. The yoga pose featured here (at left), Parivrtta Trikonasana or Revolved Triangle Pose, strengthens and stretches the legs; stretches the hips and spine; opens the chest to improve breathing; relieves mild back pain; stimulates the abdominal organs; and improves sense of balance.

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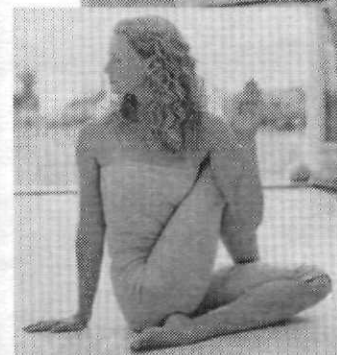
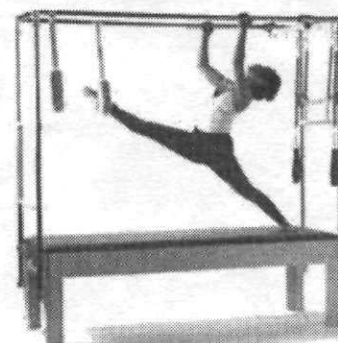
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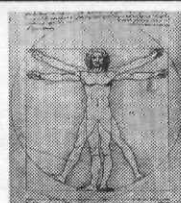
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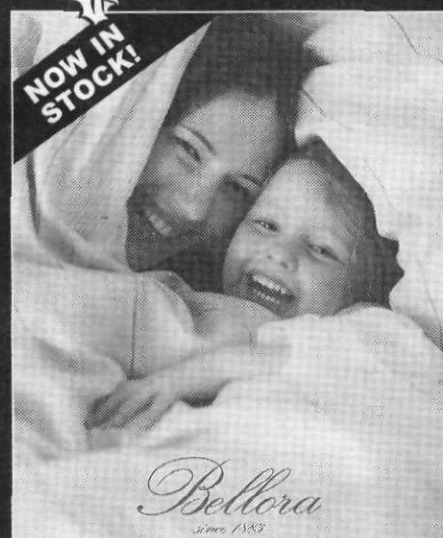
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Lyric Opera of Chicago's annual live WFMT 98.7 radio marathon fund-raiser was held on Saturday, Oct. 14. The event celebrated its 27th anniversary by raising \$389,722 during its 17-hour broadcast, greatly exceeding the goal of \$335,000.

For information on BCLOC, phone 1st Vice President George Obermaier 1-847-985-0837.

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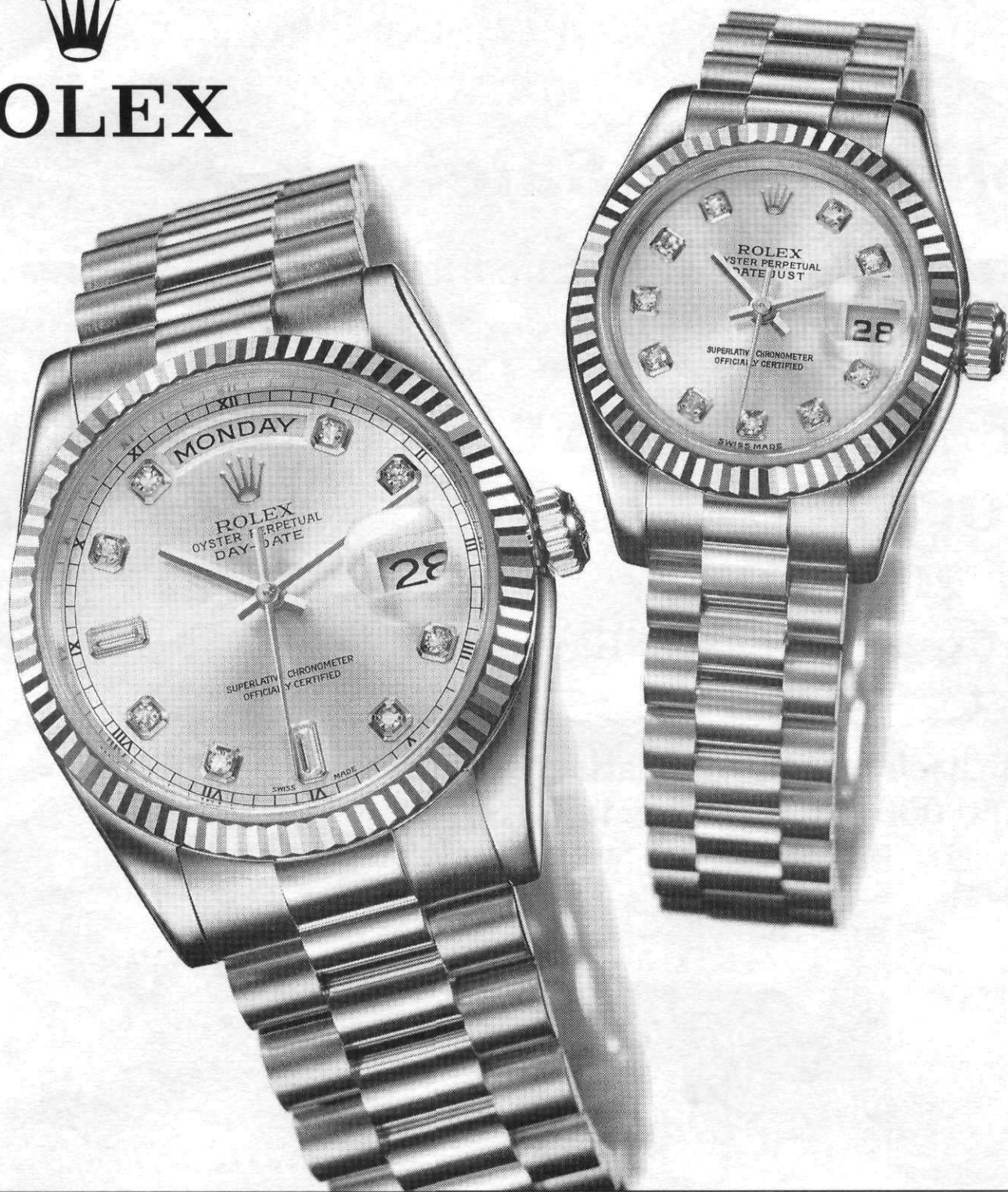
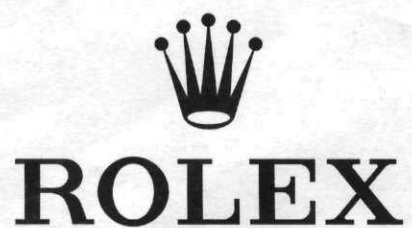
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## 13th Annual Michael Joseph Foundation Benefit Raises Over \$160,000 for "Families in Crisis"

The all-volunteer Michael Joseph Foundation held their 13th annual benefit and auction "Somewhere in Time" at the beautiful Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills on Oct. 7.

The purpose of the Michael Joseph Foundation is to provide transitional housing for families working towards self-reliance. The apartments are primarily located in the Northwest Suburbs. In cooperation with other well-known charitable groups, such as Catholic Charities, CITA, Kenneth Young or Wings, they have been able to provide counseling and job training aimed at building self-esteem, and ultimately self-sufficiency, for over 400



The hosts of the benefit were  
Marion and Jasper Sanfilippo.

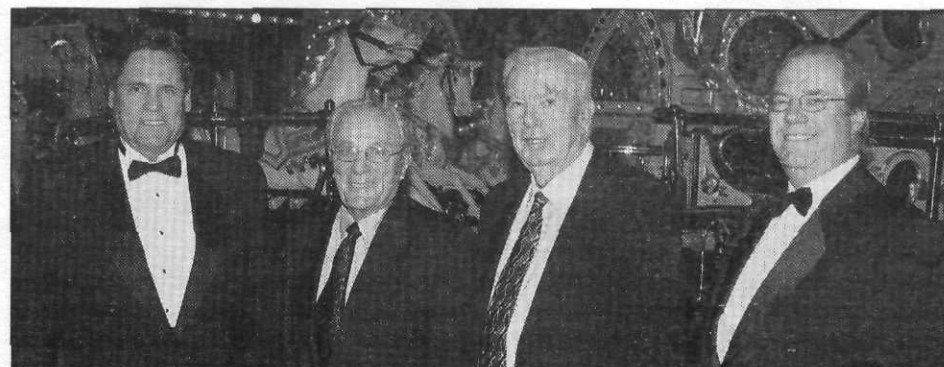
families over the past 13 years.

The gala evening began with a tour of the Sanfilippo's "Grand Victorian Palace" which has the world's largest collection of restored music machines and also some magnificent organs. The dinner and auction were held in a separate building, the "Eden Palais," which houses a spectacular hand-painted European salon carousel along with other fabulous collections. The outstanding auction featured, among many other exciting items, a pig roast for 50 people, golf at Medinah Country Club, a dinner and sailboat cruise on Lake Michigan, a cocktail party for 50 at the Sanfilippo estate, a Tiffany watch and of course, a Labrador puppy.

We are deeply grateful to Marion and Jasper Sanfilippo and family for their generous contribution to the success of the



Members of the Funding Committee pictured are (from left) Barbara Parquette, Susan Spak, Jane Fletcher, Joyce Kofkin, Ida Cardelli, Sandra Brigante, Wally Legat, Joy Heitman, Lynn Acerra and Lynn Riordan



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benefit, to M. J. Miller & Co. for the donation of a \$4,000 pair of diamond earrings as a prize, and to all the dedicated and supportive donors of the event.

The next dinner and auction is being

planned for Sept. 29, 2007. If you would like to become involved or have questions, please call Ida Cardelli at 1-847-639-2334 or visit the Michael Joseph Foundation Web site at [www.michaeljoseph.8M.com](http://www.michaeljoseph.8M.com).



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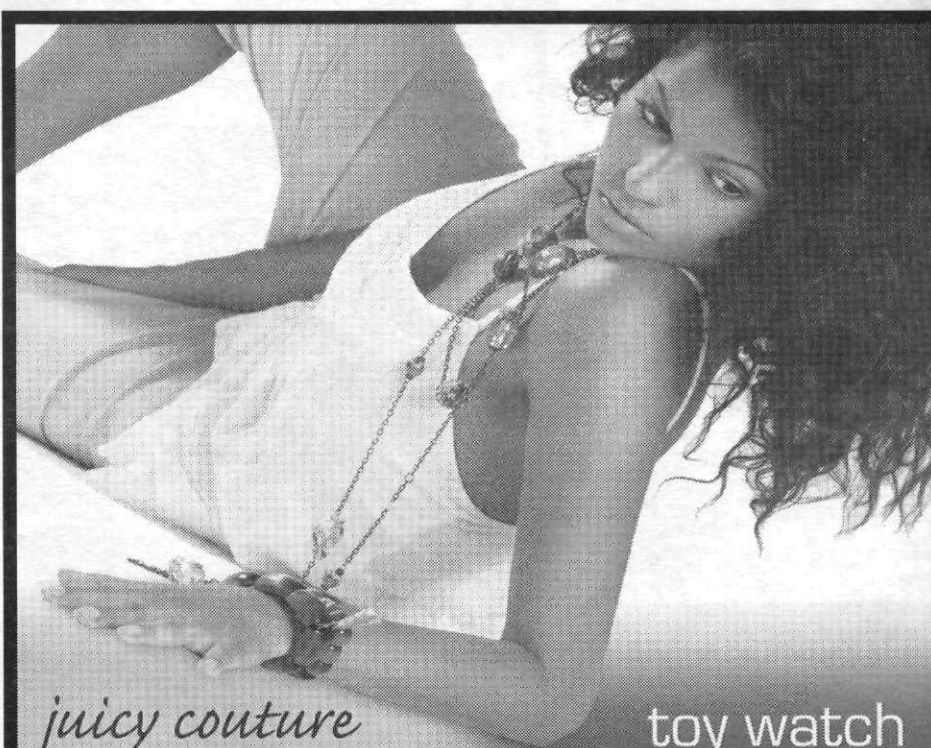
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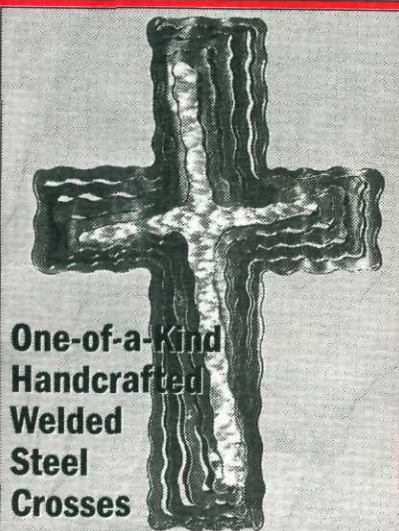
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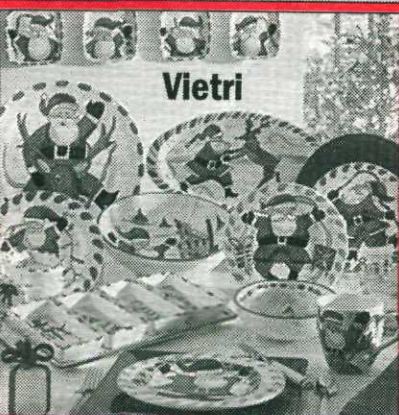
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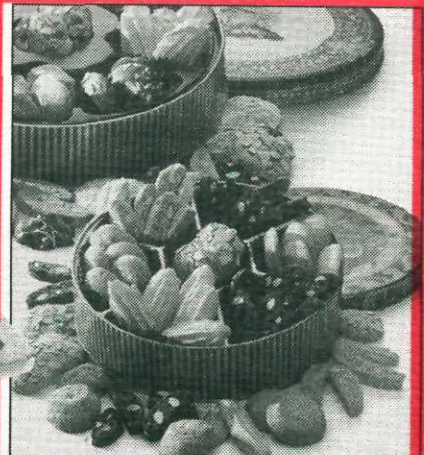
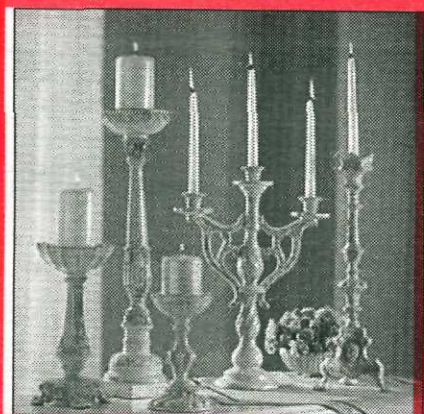
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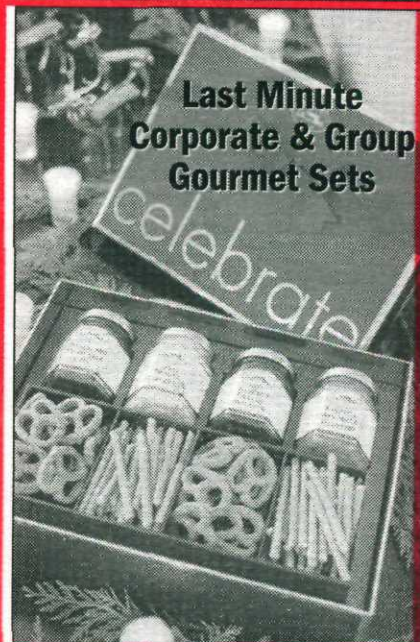
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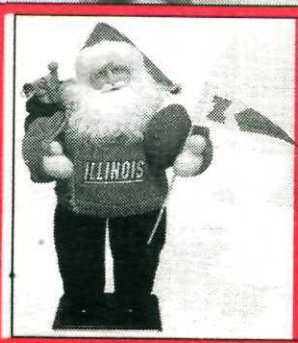
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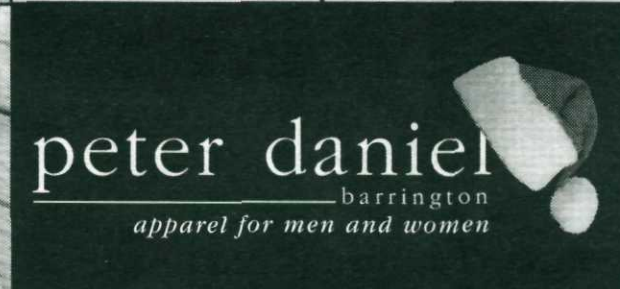
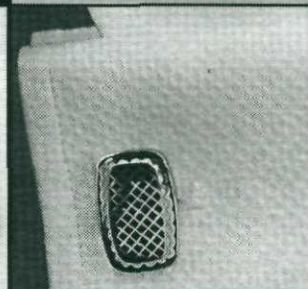
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## Ancient Philippine Art Form "Kut-Kut"

An ancient Philippine art form is coming to Barrington Area Arts Council's (BAAC) gallery at the Barrington Area Library. The lost art technique known as "kut-kut" will be on display now through Jan. 4. BAAC's gallery at the Barrington Area Library is located at 505 N. Northwest Highway.

Artist Fred DeAsis will be exhibiting his original kut-kut pieces along with some older works. "Art is my passion and compulsion. My mission is to revive the lost art and present to the public the beauty and rich history of the ancient art form from the Philippines," he says.

Kut-kut is an exotic Philippine art form involving sgraffito, encaustic and layering. These early century techniques merge together to produce a unique style of art constituting swirling interwoven lines, multi-layered texture, and the illusion of three-dimensional space.

DeAsis' creations are made by first treating a panel with clear emulsion, then spending many hours applying paint and medium. "My art pieces often take months to complete due to continuous layering, composing, and mixing of tints and dyes to the emulsion and lengthy drying time," he says.

DeAsis studied fine arts in Asia and Europe and participates in local and international art shows. He is an active member of the Arlington Heights Art Guild and the Chicago Artist Coalition. For additional information, visit his Web site at [www.fdeasis.com](http://www.fdeasis.com).

BAAC is thrilled to introduce this unique art form to the people of the Barrington



**Pyro Momentus by Fred DeAsis, 24 x 36.**

area. Executive Director Corryn Hall-Lee says, "This is a really unique style of art. I'm glad the arts council can share it with the community. It's something a lot of people are going to be talking about once they've seen the show."

The Barrington Area Library is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. DeAsis' kut-kut exhibit will be on display during regular library hours.

Barrington Area Arts Council is the leading nonprofit organization for the advancement of the arts in the Barrington area. BAAC serves the community by en-

## Hawthorn Woods Women's Club Library Dedication

The Hawthorn Wood's Women's Club (HWWC) was recognized by Staben House, a Lake County Shelter for women and children, with a touching dedication of the library room to the women's club on Aug. 26. Patricia Jones, Waukegan township supervisor, welcomed attendees to the ceremony as Lety Castellanos, program manager, shared with the group the history of the Staben House. Kalilah Jones, a past resident of the Staben House and in attendance with her children, gave words of thanks and updated the group on her success. Jean Morris, Advisory Council chair, thanked HWWC for their effort and spoke on the benefits of reading to children and sharing a love of books. Jenny Reinke, treasurer, speaking on behalf of the women's club, expressed gratitude for the recognition and the hope for continued partnership in the future.

During the summer, over 1,300 books as well as televisions, video games and stereos were donated to the Staben House by individuals throughout the community. The book drive was organized by Sandra Apple, social events director for the wom-

en's club. In June, a group of individuals from HWWC helped to transport, organize and set the books up within the house.

The club has donated \$200,000 over the last three years to the shelters, local charities, and community programs and raises funds through events such as the Fine Wine Gala at The Fresh Market on Oct. 17 and Casino Night at the Royal Melbourne on Nov. 4. For information and to register for these events, go to [www.hwwc.info](http://www.hwwc.info).

Established in 1958, the Hawthorn Woods Women's Club is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, which strives to help Lake County women and children who suffer from homelessness and domestic violence. Membership is open to all ladies who may be interested in supporting women and children in need, while developing lasting friendships, networking and participating in many of the club's fun events. The club also supports local school and community programs. For information please call the HWWC info line at 1-847-438-0723 or visit our Web site at [www.hwwc.info](http://www.hwwc.info).



hancing perceptions of the arts and by sponsoring activities that encourage an elevated awareness of our community through the arts and through active partnerships with a growing population of artists and arts-related organizations. BAAC

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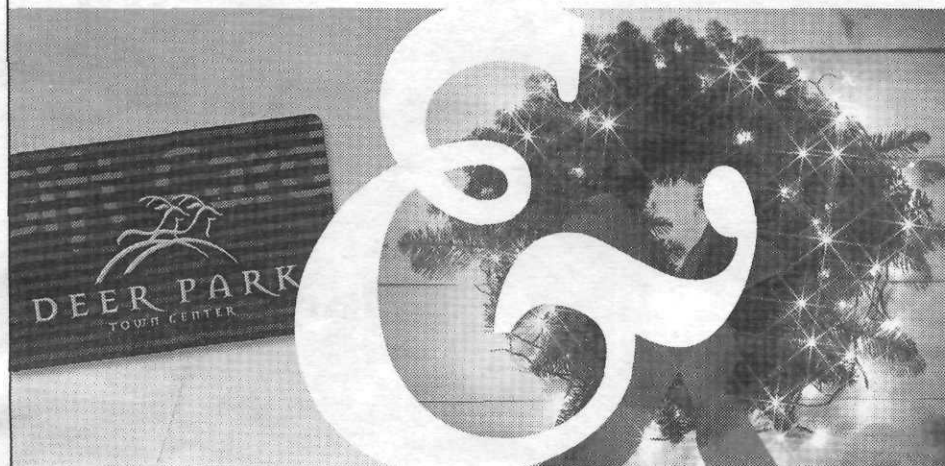
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## 2006 St. Francis de Sales House Walk and Free Holiday Boutique Set for Dec. 7

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This year's event will again feature several stunning area homes, all professionally decorated for the holidays by the area's top florists and designers.

House walks are a great way to shop for gifts, as much of what you see in the homes is available for purchase. And, because the homes are trimmed with the upcoming holidays in mind, it's a perfect way to get into the season's spirit. You can also pick up some great ideas for

your own home and get a peek at upcoming decorating trends.

Begin the day by doing some holiday shopping at the free Holiday Boutique (even if you can't go on the house walk!) in the lower level of St. Francis del Sales Church, located at the corner of Route 22 and S. Buesching in Lake Zurich. The boutique will feature more than 40 local vendors and artisans, prizes, and the Gingerbread Café, where you can grab coffee and a snack and buy Racine Kringles, a delectable Danish pastry with nut and fruit filling, topped with buttercream icing. Then, pick up your ticket and you're

## The Team at Elevation Salon Would Like to Wish You and Your Family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

As your holiday party calendar fills up, don't forget to schedule your hair and nail appointments. The team at **Elevation Salon** would like to help you look your best. Whether it's a color or cut, manicure or pedicure, make sure everything is looking fresh and fun for your parties. So don't forget to make your appointments. Then you can have fun and enjoy this holiday season with no worries!

**Elevation Salon** is conveniently located one block west of Kelsey Road on Northwest Highway in Barrington. Call 1-847-304-5970.



## Gift Giving & All the Trimmings This Holiday Season at Deer Park Town Center

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Many more unique gift ideas can be found throughout **Deer Park Town Center**. Pamper a friend with gifts from Bath & Body Works and M.A.C Cosmetics. Find the latest in electronics at Bose, sure to impress your husband or father. Treat someone special to fine jewelry from Kay Jewelers and Bailey, Banks, and Biddle.

Hosting a holiday get-together? **Deer Park Town Center** has got you covered! Make your house merry with decorations from Restoration Hardware, Yankee Candle, Pottery Barn and Smith and Hawken. Stock up on cooking supplies and gourmet ingredients at Williams-Sonoma, and make the evening end on a sweet note with goodies from Cold Stone Creamery and Harry and David.

Don't forget to treat yourself amidst the flurry of the holidays! Dine at one of many delicious restaurants at **Deer Park Town Center**, including California Pizza Kitchen, Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, Go

Roma Italian Kitchen and Stoney River Legendary Steaks. Take a break from a hectic day of shopping by taking in the latest winter film at the state-of-the-art 16-screen Century Theatres. Meet a friend over hot chocolate and truffles at Ethel's Chocolate Lounge.

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**Deer Park Town Center** is located off Rand Road (Route 12), just one mile north of Lake Cook Road. The center features over 65 stores and restaurants including Select Comfort, Mimi Maternity, La Hacienda, Victoria's Secret, and The Bombay Company. Holiday shopping hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about the center including the center-wide gift card program, please call 1-847-726-7755 or visit [www.shopdeerparktowncenter.com](http://www.shopdeerparktowncenter.com).

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## Joette S. Doran, Esq.

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Holiday cards, illustrated by cancer survivor, Wellness Place participant, and volunteer, Barbara Klaas of Hawthorn Woods, are available at Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway in Palatine. Holiday card proceeds will benefit Wellness Place to enhance the lives of those touched by cancer. The cards are also available at our donation/consignment fine home furnishings shop, Belongings, 205 S. Cook St., Barrington.

A pack of 10 cards features five each of Klaas' pristine watercolor renderings of holly leaves with berries and evergreens

with pine cones. Barbara, a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists, is self-taught in the watercolor discipline and has studied botanical illustration at the Chicago and Denver Botanic Gardens. Klaas donated her artwork for the cards so that 100 percent of proceeds will benefit Wellness Place. "Wellness Place has enriched my life in so many ways, I'm happy to give back to the community that has supported me throughout my cancer experience," Klaas said. The cards come in packs of 10 for \$15 or five packs (50 cards) for \$50.

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## Barrington Youth Services Partners with Target for Sponsorship of Family Violence Prevention Project

Barrington Youth and Family Services announces a partnership with Target for sponsorship of its Family Violence Prevention Project. Barrington Youth and Family Services is developing a two-pronged strategy to assist families to cope with these problems. The agency's Family Violence Prevention Project incorporates a Domestic Violence Avoidance Group with an Effective Parenting Program to help resolve some of the conflict and stress at the root of domestic violence. The Project includes single persons as well intact couples and is facilitated by a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker as trainer to ensure cultural relevancy. Groups will meet weekly throughout the course of the program to maximize participation in sessions.

This sponsorship is part of the ongoing support Target provides to local communities throughout the country. Every week Target gives more than \$2 million to strengthen families and communities across the nation, with a focus on education, the arts, social services and other vital community partnerships.

"At Target, we are making a real difference every day through our sponsorship program," said Laysha Ward, vice president, community relations, Target. "We're proud to partner with Barrington Youth and Family Services as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work."

Additionally, Target also gives back

through signature programs that are designed to inspire learning in children and families. Programs include:

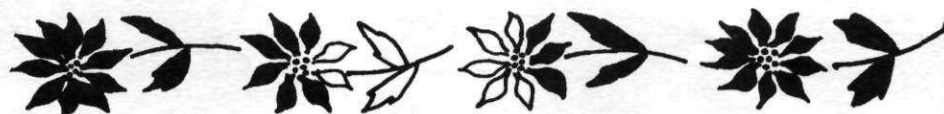
- Take Charge of Education®, a school fund-raising program;
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- Target House, which serves as a home-away-from-home for families of children receiving lifesaving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis; and
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### About Barrington Youth and Family Services

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## Past Meets Future

by Megan Perkins

Interior design takes on many shapes and forms. As a designer, it is my goal to assist my clients in making their home a wonderful reflection of their style and taste. I frequently encourage my clients to consider blending items from their past with the new furnishings which will complete their room's interior. It might be your family's heirloom Queen Anne armoire, a Hepplewhite dining chair, or a Biedermeier accent table. These items carry tremendous intrinsic value that as the MasterCard commercials suggest, are "priceless." It is my duty as their designer to incorporate that item(s) into the overall design concept. After all, it is a piece of their life.

I'd like to offer a few tips and suggestions for blending the past with the future, but first, let's take a step back and agree on how to define the past. Here's a general rule: antiques are any item over 100 years old, vintage is anywhere from 30 to 100 years old, and dated would be within the past 30 years.

So, let's take a moment to look at the thought process I would use to engage my client while discussing their project and prized possessions.

**Antiques are meaningful**—Never discard items that provide meaning to your life. These vintage and antique possessions will fill your space with wonderful memories of people and places. An accomplished designer will give you ideas to make them work in any space.

**Update the old**—Perhaps you have a dated chair that has seen a better day but you love the frame and fit. There's a hole in the cushion and the wooden arms need some work. Consider reupholstering the piece rather than discard it. We work with phenomenal artisans who understand the period of a piece and can restore it to its original luster.

**Home architecture**—Your home's structural details will influence the use of vintage or antique items that you already own or would like to acquire. In the village of Barrington, we see marvelous examples of Victorian and Colonial architecture. As your designer, I would work with you to ensure that the design elements of your home would complement its historical relevance.

**Vintage/Antique Technology**—Modern furnishings are the lucky recipient of technologies not available 100 years ago. Many of the manufacturers I work with offer items that provide the perfect antique look using modern methods to manufacture and will one day become your grandchildren's antiques.

**Fabrics**—You may be aware that many of the most timeless fabric patterns date back hundreds, if not thousands of years. Like most beautiful design, it stands the test of time. Consider using some of these in your upholstered pieces or window treatments, they'll never go out of style! For example, chinoiserie, toile with pas-



toral scenes, luscious velvets in damask, or gorgeous silks that date back to 2640 B.C. in China.

**Colors**—The use of color in your home will reflect various periods of time in our world's history. For instance, if you prefer royal blues and reds, you would have loved to live during the reign of Louis XIV in Versailles during the Baroque period. Or maybe browns and Burgundy in more muted tones are more to your liking. Then you might lean towards the period of simplicity defined by Louis XVI and strongly influenced by Marie Antoinette! I love to help my clients discover new and unique influences in their lives that are rooted with historical significance.

**Richness**—Adding vintage or antique items to the interior of your home provides a richness of character no matter the décor. Antiquing is adventuresome and fun. If you don't have antiques, there are many to explore in the greater Barrington area. Start small with a few accessories. Then as you gain confidence, maybe look at occasional pieces.

**Bottom Line**—You don't need to be an antique collector or dealer to appreciate the character and interest that a carefully selected antique will bring to your home. As a designer, I have studied design "trends" that have transcended generations and I've come to the following conclusion: there are countless reasons why antiques and vintage items have stood the test of time and will continue to bring charm and sentiment to any home. Don't be afraid, embrace and cherish them!

### About Megan

*Take a journey into design; educated and accredited designer with **Designs Of The Interior** in Barrington, Megan will demonstrate her creativity and talent while listening to your ideas and concerns. I love to encourage my clients to be inspired by their own imaginations and to have fun during the design journey!*

## MAY YOUR HOME Shine Bright THROUGHOUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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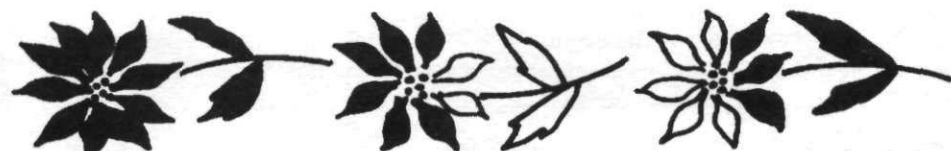
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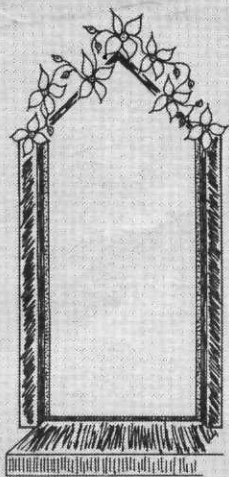
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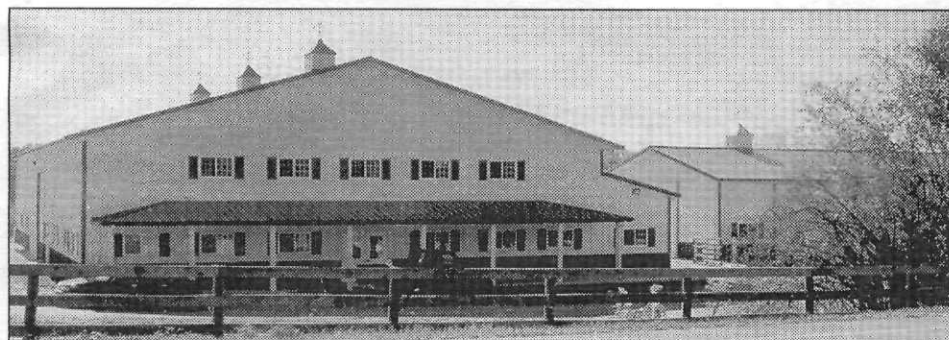
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The Board and Advisory Board of Walk On, a not-for-profit riding program utilizing equine-assisted activities for people with disabilities, will host a Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at their facility on the corner of Cuba and Hart roads.

Horseback riding offers fun and beneficial activities for children and adults with disabilities which may include but are not limited to developmental, orthopedic, neurological, learning, speech and language deficits. The magic of riding depends on the three-dimensional movement of the horse and the immeasurable emotional bond the rider develops with their horse. Most experienced riders know that sitting astride a horse requires the whole body to experience smooth, rhythmic and natural body movement. The benefits of horseback riding include improved strength, coordination, balance, visual-motor integration and the normal-

ization of muscle tone. Riding also assists in the development of communication skills, attention span, self image and the ability to follow directions.

The demand for riding programs for people with disabilities has dramatically increased over the past several years. Centers in the area providing similar programs report waiting lists of over 100 candidates. The goal of Walk On is to serve 40 students within the first year of operation with continued expansion as funds and staff allow. Our mission is for Walk On to provide a safe and beneficial experience for all the riders.

The Open House on Dec. 7 will feature the Barrington High School Madrigals, holiday cheer, barn tours and tree trimming.

Volunteer opportunities and participant information will be available. The riding program is slated to begin in early 2007.

Walk On is currently accepting requests

## Annual Cookie Walk to Benefit Dole Mansion



(From left) Lenore Rulon and Sandy Elpers amid mouth-watering cookies.

The annual Cookie Walk benefitting the Dole Mansion will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held in the Sage Gallery of Lakeside

Legacy Arts Park, Crystal Lake. The cookies will be \$6 per pound.

For more information, please contact Sylvia Yount at 815-459-2326.

for information for riders, volunteers and sponsorships. For information, call 1-847-

842-4231 or e-mail walkonfarm@comcast.net.



## The FOUNDRY of BARRINGTON

### Holiday Happenings

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• **Dec. 9, "Don't Panic Yet" Holiday Event**—Join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a fun day! Our Very Merry Vera event will offer a **free gift** with any Vera Bradley purchase over \$50, a **30% off sale** on all retired patterns and a \$50 shopping spree to the customer who brings in the oldest

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• **Dec. 16, Brighton Your Holidays**—We're opening early at 8 a.m. and giving away a **free** limited edition ankle bracelet or a pair of post earrings to the first 25 customers! Pick a Hershey kiss and see what you may win from Brighton! We'll have all the fall shoes available—try a pair on and you may win a trip to Italy! No purchase necessary. Our Brighton shoe and accessory reps will be on hand to help you with your selections!

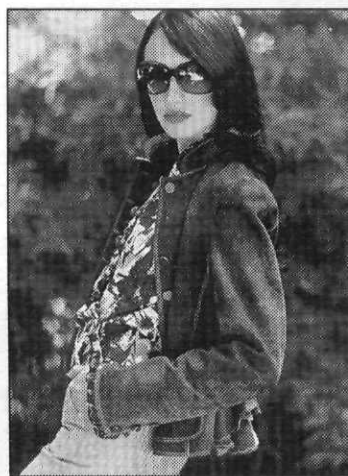
**I**t's "that" time of year—again. For women at least it's that time to shift into high gear—like we're not already in high gear! Decorate, cook, bake, shop and, of course, look fabulous at the end of the day to attend one of 20 holiday parties!

Hopefully we can help with your level of stress, with your own personal shopping, and not to forget your husband's! We're very helpful here at **Satin Filly** and try very hard to choose the perfect thing.

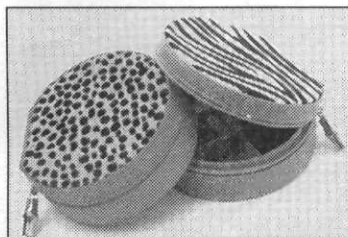
For instance, who wouldn't want a luxurious cashmere wrap or a fur and cashmere sweater set? We also have wonderfully different leather jackets, all from Italy, very thin and supple—great for traveling!

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And of course, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and we look forward to a peaceful New Year! Take care...  
—Karen



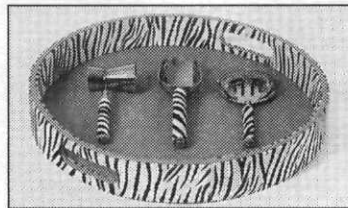
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### Catholic Charities' December LOSS Meeting Dates

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program (LOSS).

#### Meeting Dates and Locations

• Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines.

• Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at Holy

Family Church Counseling Center, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness.

• Thursday, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. at Carmel High School, One Carmel Parkway, Mundelein.

To learn more about Des Plaines-based Catholic Charities' Northwest Suburban Services and how they may help you or someone who needs help, please phone 1-847-376-2118.

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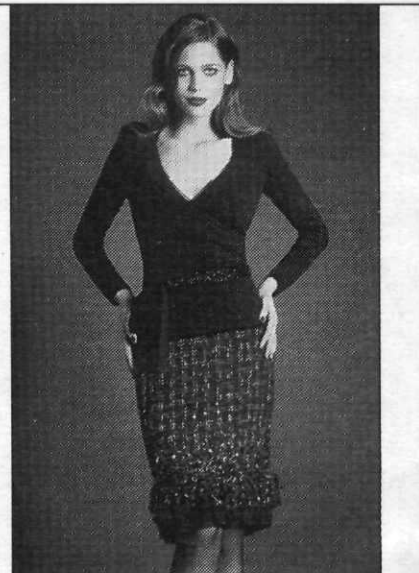
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Belongings Manager Karin Cumming (pictured, left) and volunteer gardener Peggy Olsen of Barrington, share a certificate for artistic ingenuity and maintenance, awarded Nov. 8 by the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs, in recognition of Olsen's beautiful garden arrangements that adorn Belongings' store front.

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## Catholic Charities Needs Donations for Christmas

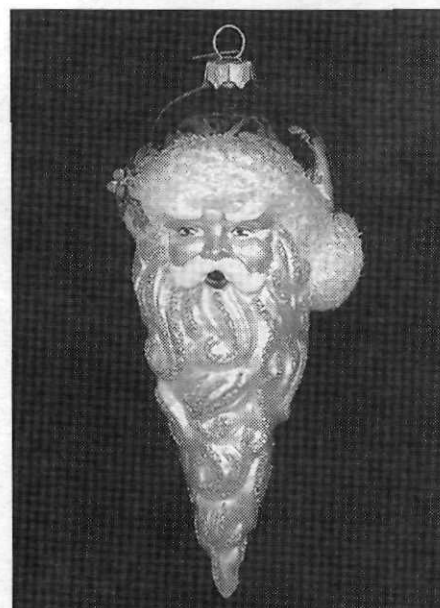
Catholic Charities is in need of donations for their Annual Foster Children Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 10 at the Puerto Rican Society Hall located at 150 S. Sheridan Road, Waukegan. Items needed are:

- Door prizes for children
- Paper goods
- Face-painting materials

- Christmas stockings
- Craft items for Christmas ornaments and table decorations

Anyone wanting to contribute or for more information on foster care, contact Lucy Rivera of Catholic Charities at 1-847-782-4249.

## Margaret Cobane Signing in Long Grove



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**Margaret Cobane**, an exquisite artist of glass-blown Christmas ornaments, will be autographing her beautifully-designed ornaments at **Pine Cone Christmas Shop** in Long Grove. The signing will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 2**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Sunday, Dec. 3**, from noon to 4 p.m.

Like other collectible glass ornaments, her designs and attention to detail are very appealing, yet, unlike others, her prices remain affordable. The average retail price for this elegant glass is \$15.

Ms. Cobane, accomplished artist, sculptor and designer, has found her niche in the gift industry. She has a love of beau-

tiful things. Her taste in design has been refined by exhibiting at major art shows across the country and by visiting museums around the world.

She especially enjoys designing glass-blown ornaments and finds the experience uniquely rewarding. "Life is like a canvas that we paint with our souls; my ornaments are a window to my soul. I hope that my love of people and of life shows in my designs and imparts warmth and joy to my collectors."

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# Barrington Suzuki Strings



## Family Piano Holiday Concert

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## Instrumental Holiday Concert

Violin, Cello, Guitar and Flute

3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006 at the Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center. For Tickets, call BSS at 847-382-9517.

## Classic "Sing-Along" Holiday Concert with the Barrington Suzuki Strings Annual Holiday Concerts

The Barrington Suzuki Strings will be sure to put even Mr. Scrooge in the spirit as they celebrate a classic "Sing-Along" Holiday Concert with their two annual holiday performances. The Family Piano Holiday Concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Barrington Public Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway. The Instrumental Holiday Concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center, 300 Church St., Lake Zurich.

This year's concerts mark the 27th year that Barrington Suzuki Strings will delight audiences with holiday music. If you have never attended one of their concerts, it's a great way to celebrate the spirit of the holidays. The music appeals to audiences of all ages. These performances are also close to home and feature the talent of local students.

The performers make these performances special because they showcase

the talent and dedication of the students of Suzuki Music School of Barrington who range in age from 3 to 18. Many of the students began playing an instrument in their preschool years.

"The quality and professionalism of the concerts are a result of countless hours of preparation by the students and many years of music study," said Betty Mueller, director of the Suzuki Music School of Barrington.

So bring your family and friends and sing along with your seasonal favorites. The Dec. 10 instrumental performance will include violin, cello, guitar and flute.

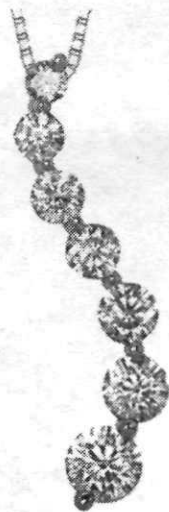
Tickets for the Dec. 10 concert at Lake Zurich High School are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Children 5 and under are free. For tickets, please contact Dianne Sharma at 1-847-382-9517. Admission to the Family Piano Holiday Concert on Dec. 2 at the Barrington Library is free.

## "Holiday Extravaganza" Luncheon

The Northwest Women's Connection invites you and your friends to our "Holiday Extravaganza" luncheon on Dec. 14 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. The cost is \$15 inclusive. Come and join us for some special holiday music which will be sung by Margie Lowry. She will also be our speaker. Lowry is from Glenview and will speak on "Free-

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Starr Kondos, Owner

—Starr

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That being said, we have a whole **catering/takeout menu** that is very popular for people who want to host a party at-home and in-style. We offer everything from trays of hors d'oeuvre to a whole filet of beef Wellington, to name

only two. December is also synonymous of "**Bûche de Noël**," a spectacularly presented Christmas log made with top ingredients that is certain to amaze and delight your guests. Please place your order early!

Last but not least, our **New Year's Eve party** is like no other: gourmet menu, ambience, upscale party favors, DJ, dancing into the night... don't miss it!

Please check our Web site for complete info—[dj-bistro.com](http://dj-bistro.com).

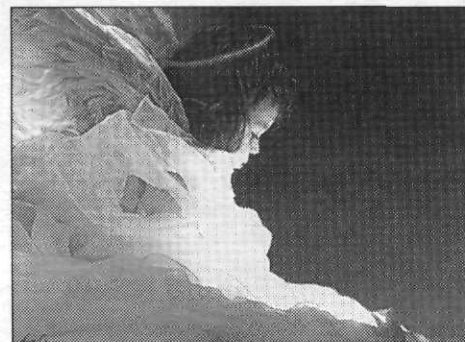
—Stephane and the team of **D & J Bistro**

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Wow! We will be celebrating our 21st Christmas season at **Art and Frame Galerie**! And what a year it has been, with all of the hardships of road construction and the suffering of our business friends and neighbors. However, we have survived, thanks to loyal customers who appreciate our undying strife for fair prices and consistent good service.

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## Visions of Sugarplums with the Garden Club of Inverness

Long before the night before Christmas, the stage is being set for the Holiday Luncheon of the Garden Club of Inverness. This year's event, "Visions of Sugarplums," beginning at 11 a.m. on Dec. 7 at the beautiful Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill., has engaged the leadership of its

co-chairs, Shirley Putman and Patricia Breslich, and a veritable legion of creative and willing volunteers. With a delicious menu selected, prize baskets packed with the sublime to the luxurious, and glitter gloriously sprinkled, a splendid day has been planned for all.

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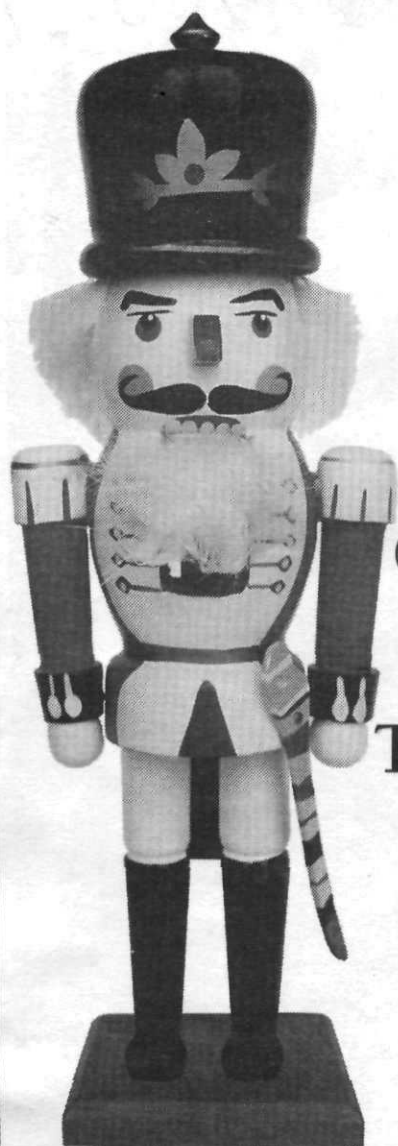
The luncheon will feature a program by Liz Bremner of Barrington Fresh Flower Market. Those fortunate enough to have enjoyed her work know the results are always wonderful, with the surprising twist that the talented artist can produce.

Amid the festivities, one is mindful that the day's ultimate goal is to raise funds for the club's Community Involvement and Scholarship programs. In the past six years the Scholarship Program has provided \$19,500 in grants to students in Illinois School District 211 and the area served by Barrington High School, who will special-

ize, at the college and post graduate level, in environmental studies. And the Community Involvement efforts in Inverness' South Park, where 1157 native plants were installed in the spring of 2005, were recently rewarded with the 2006 Conservation and Native Landscaping Awards from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Chicago Wilderness.

Tickets to the Holiday Luncheon are \$48 and can be obtained, along with any necessary information, by calling 1-847-934-0382.





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Sunday, December 10, 11 AM-2 PM, \$26.95 per person; \$9.95 for children under 10.

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No one says Christmas quite like Irving Berlin. Musician Lee Bassett performs Berlin's classics, including "White Christmas" and music from "Holiday Inn," as he tells the history of America's most prolific and magical songwriter.

Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 PM, \$5 per person

## THE GARLANDS SUGAR PLUM FAIRY HOLIDAY TEA

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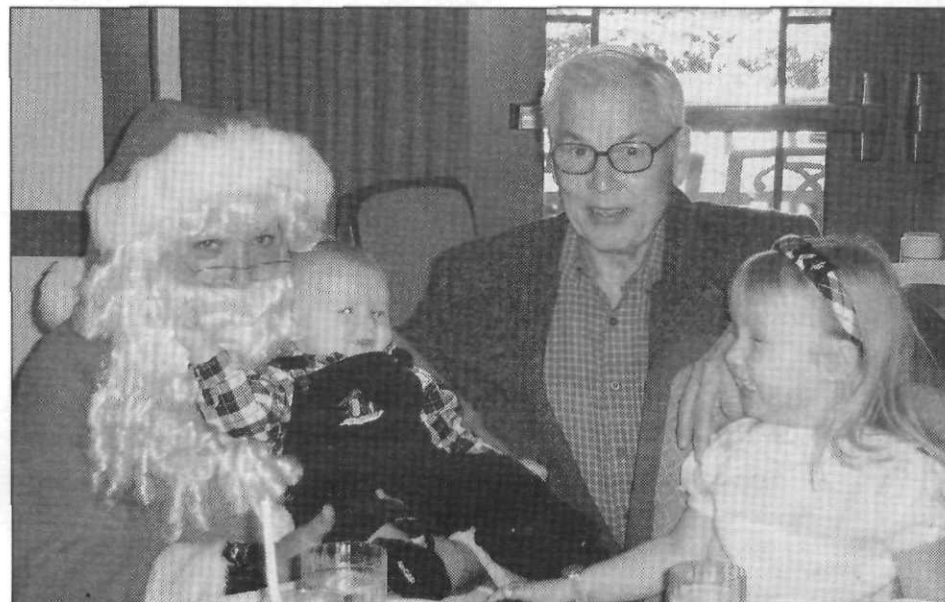
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## Celebrate the Season with The Garlands of Barrington Holiday Events Open to the Public



Garlands' member Chuck Allison and grandchildren T.J. and Lara of Arlington Heights visit with Santa at The Garlands 2005 Holiday Brunch.

Let the Garlands of Barrington supply some holiday cheer and entertainment while taking a break from shopping and party preparations. The community is invited to attend the following events to be held at The Garlands, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. Just mark your calendar and call 1-847-304-1996 to make a reservation today.

• **The Garlands Holiday Brunch**—Sunday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—The Nutcracker and Sugar Plum Fairy host this family favorite that is sure to leave you pleasantly full of delicious memories. Santa will also visit table-side to see who has been naughty or nice and to hear holiday wishes from children of all ages. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy good food and the holiday season together. The cost is \$26.95 per person; \$9.95 for children under age 10.

• **A Musical Biography of Irving Berlin**—Wednesday, Dec. 13, 3:30 p.m.—No one says Christmas quite like Irving Berlin. Musician Lee Bassett performs Berlin's

classics, including *White Christmas* and music from "Holiday Inn" as he tells the history of America's most prolific songwriter. The cost is \$5 per person.

• **Sugar Plum Fairy's Afternoon Tea**—Saturday, Dec. 23, 1:30 p.m. seating—The Sugar Plum Fairy herself hosts a traditional English tea that is faithfully presented—from the formal settings to the delectable selection of tea sandwiches to the tasty mini-pastries and, of course, scones and lemon curd. Your little dancers will delight as our prima ballerina sprinkles her magic fairy dust table-side and performs her famous pirouettes! The cost is \$15.95 per person.

The Garlands, located near the heart of Barrington, is a unique community for people ages 55 and older, offering residents an uncompromising lifestyle in a resort setting. The Garlands of Barrington combines elegant residences with unprecedented amenities and services. Come and experience The Garlands at these holiday events.



## Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae Club Meeting

The Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae Club and the Parents and Teachers of Handicapped Students Group recently had their kick-off meeting for the 34th Annual Kirk School Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts at Kirk School in Palatine.

The Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts will be held Saturday, March 4, and Sunday, March 5. This juried show will feature 95 artists and crafters at Samuel A. Kirk School, 520 S. Plum Grove Road, in Palatine.

Applications for the show can be secured by calling Kathy Testa at 1-847-259-8749 or Rose Alberts at 1-847-215-0042. All items must be original work created by the exhibitor.

Proceeds from the showcase will enable the school to purchase additional free-standing equipment to augment the new playground for disabled children.



Checking out the new playground designed for physically handicapped children are (from left) Renee Kirshner, president of PATHS; Reta Holmgren, chairman of the Spring Showcase; and Kim Dungan, assistant principal of Kirk School.



## Annual Barn Dance and BBQ Raises \$76,000 to Benefit Hospice Programs

More than 250 supporters of Hospice of Northeastern Illinois arrived at the Donley's Wild West Town in Union to kick up their heels for Hospice.

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois held its second annual Barn Dance and BBQ on Saturday, Oct. 28, and raised more than \$76,000 for its programs that set the organization apart, including Care for Veterans, charity/supplemental care and Hope's Friends pediatric program.

"The programs that the Barn Dance funds support add life to days when adding days to life is no longer possible," said Carolyn Handler, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois' president and CEO.

After hitching their horse outside, guests entered the "barn" to peruse a variety of silent auction items including trips to the Ozarks and Sanibel Island, baby items, home-improvement baskets and more. The evening was topped off with down-home country entertainment by Indiana-based Eastern Wing Band and line and square dancing lessons from Dick Crouse.



**Liz Stewart, director of clinical education for Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, wrangles up Joe Drozd at the organization's Barn Dance and BBQ.**



**Jo Williams, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois special event coordinator (middle), is joined by Monica and Dr. Amir Heydari. Monica serves on Hospice's board of directors.**

"But the evening was about more than just kicking up heels and square dancing," said Handler. "It was about standing up and saying our work will not be done until everyone who needs quality hospice care receives it—regardless of their ability to pay for it."

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is a community based, not-for-profit organization serving families throughout McHenry, Lake, Northwest Cook, Kane, Boone and DuPage counties. Hospice of Northeastern Illinois provides patient care and bereavement services to all who need them, regardless of ability to pay. Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is Medicare certified and accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO).



**Nina Newport and Michael Moorman get into the spirit. Moorman serves as vice chair on Hospice's board of directors.**



**(From left) Les Boeder, Pat Moughan and Robert Gilbreth take time out from line dancing for a photo. Moughan serves on the Hospice Foundation board of trustees.**

## Looking for Kids to Make Holiday Gifts and Decorations the Natural Way

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Citizens for Conservation (CFC) will hold its annual holiday craft classes where children make holiday decorations and gifts using natural materials. Children ages 4 through 6 years will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and those age 7 and older will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Both groups will meet at Citizens for Conservation's headquarters, 459 W. Highway 22, the white farmhouse with a silo across from Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Workshop fees are \$4 for members and \$6 for nonmembers.

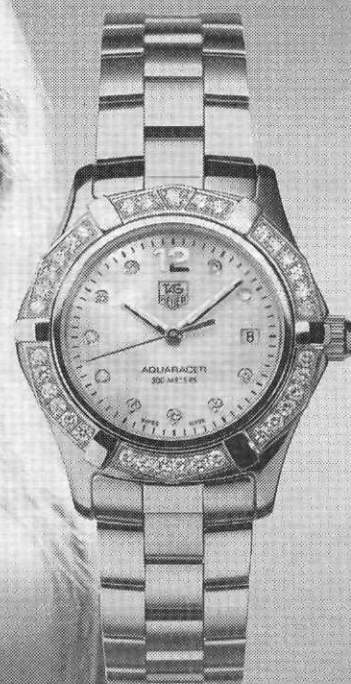
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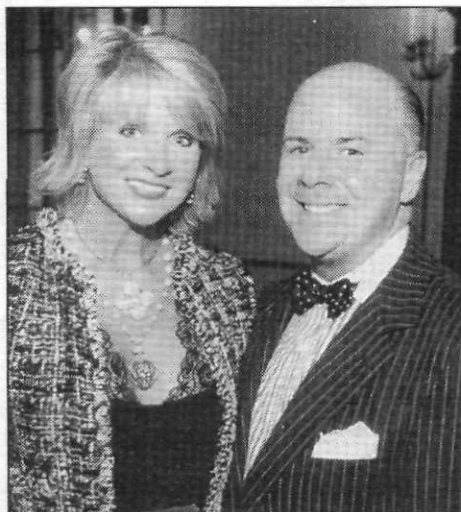
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## Fifth Annual Handbags & Halos Benefits Howard Brown Health Center

Created and produced by Chicago socialite Bunky Cushing, this year's benefit featured its exclusive luncheon and handbag prizes. Held on Oct. 10 at the Palmer House Hilton, guests were encouraged to bring a gently-used handbag, which were donated to the Howard Brown Health Center's Brown Elephant Resale Stores. All proceeds from the event benefitted the Howard Brown Health Center.

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus gave a featured presentation.

Several area women were among the over 195 guests that attended Handbags & Halos in support of the health center. Nearly 170 gently-used and new handbags were donated, raising over \$35,000 for the center.



Taking time out for a photo are Gay Daniels of North Barrington and Bunky Cushing, Chicago, creator and host of Halos & Handbags.



Susan Gohl of Barrington Hills and Naples, Fla., along with Nancy Klimley, supported the cause.



Kathleen Amatangelo, Barrington Hills, and Ruth Kern, North Barrington and Naples, Fla., enjoyed the lovely event.

## Young Volunteer Sets Example for Us All

Kristin (pictured, on right) is a fourth-grade student at Countryside in Barrington, Ill. who enjoys volunteering. She does it effortlessly and quietly so that her work is only noticed when it is completed.

Kristin has been a chess volunteer for the last two years, logging in hours cleaning up chess sets, serving snacks and keeping track of wins and losses for the club.

As the president of the chess club, she is the project leader for a book drive for an inner city Chicago school where 97% of the children participate in the free lunch program. Kristin will collect books from her school and coordinate efforts at other chess clubs from District 220 schools to collect as many books as possible.

She is also responsible for enlisting students for a November chess tournament at her school, which will donate chess sets and money to benefit a recreation center built for children living in the slums of



Delhi, India.

It is because of volunteers like her that the Barrington Chess Program and Grandmaster Yury Shulman won a Governor's Award this year.

Kristin and her two brothers have been involved in the Countryside Chess Club for over three years. She has been taking ballet lessons since the second grade and will participate in her third production of *The Nutcracker*. Kristin is also a Junior Girl Scout and loves to play soccer and basketball.

## Capture the Magic of the Holidays with BYDE's *The Nutcracker*



Snowflakes dazzle the stage in the Snow Scene, the first act of BYDE's *The Nutcracker*.

The Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble (BYDE) will present its 12th annual full-length production of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 1, 2nd and 3rd at Barrington High School, 616 W. Main St., Barrington. Performances are Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$22 for children, students and seniors, and \$28 for preferred seating. All tickets are \$25 at the

door. Tickets for *The Nutcracker* are available at the Barrington Dance Academy, located in The Foundry of Barrington, 758 W. Northwest Highway, Barrington. Box office hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. You may charge by phone by calling 1-847-382-6333. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

For information on BYDE and *The Nutcracker*, call 1-847-382-6333.

## Green Thumbs Sponsors Patriotic Tree

National recognition has come to the Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club. The National Garden Clubs Inc. is sponsoring a Patriotic Tree project for the years 2005-2007. A certificate of appreciation has been awarded to the Green Thumbs for the 2005 Christmas tree at the Barrington Area Library, which honored men and women in the military.

At the beginning of December, club members will decorate this year's holiday tree in the library lobby. It will be on display for the entire month, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy the decorations.

On Dec. 18, the club will enjoy a festive luncheon at the Garlands of Barrington. Please call Trudy at 1-847-381-6427 for detailed information.

Award-winning 2005 Christmas tree



## Three Opera Hunks

Three Opera Hunks of the Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago are pictured at the Oct. 15 gourmet luncheon and musical program at The Garlands of Barrington. Pictured, from left, are Fritz Fredrickson of Barrington; and Howard Robins and Alan Johnson of Arlington Heights.

You may wish to visit Lyric Opera of Chicago's Web site at [www.lyricopera.org](http://www.lyricopera.org).







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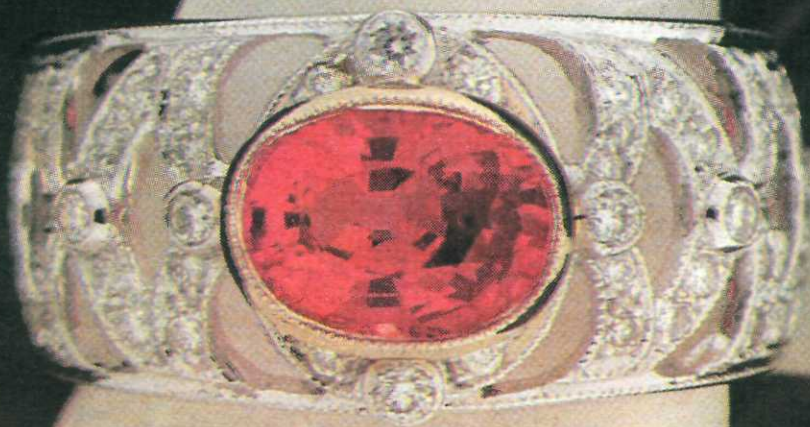
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## Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital Cardiac Surgery Program Named #1 for Quality in State of Illinois

On Oct. 16, the Wayne and Patricia Kocourek Family Cardiac Care Center at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital was named the best quality cardiac surgery program in the State of Illinois by *HealthGrades*, the nation's leading hospital rating organization.

In addition, it received *HealthGrades'* Overall Cardiac Care Excellence Award, and the center's cardiology program and comprehensive cardiac care were named in the top 5 percent of hospital programs in the United States for quality outcomes.

"I think any time a state-of-the-art facility and program is built from the ground up as ours was, solely with the patient and their families in mind, you have the right recipe for quality," said Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd.

What makes such recognition remarkable is that Good Shepherd's cardiac program only began serving area communities in July 2004. Since then, it has cared for 4,850 patients, performed more than 3,000 cardiac catheterization procedures, completed more than 600 open heart surgeries and staffed by more than 60 surgeons and cardiologists supported by 160-plus cardiac nurses and technicians.

Unlike some programs in the region, the center is truly comprehensive, performing robotic heart valve repair, percutaneous coronary intervention and electrophysiology. It also participates in ongoing national clinical research trials. Recently, staff cardiologists successfully performed a



**Ben Vereen, former chairman of the American Heart Association, and Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd, present HealthGrades' Overall Cardiac Care Excellence Award at Good Shepherd's appreciation event on Oct. 16.**

complex cardiac ablation procedure to treat atrial fibrillation, the first one of its kind in Lake and McHenry Counties.

Its "universal bed model," is one of only a handful of such programs in the United

States. This unique cardiac care-giving approach means that Good Shepherd open heart surgery patients remain in the same room in the center for their entire stay, rather than being moved to other postoperative floors as their condition improves, as most hospitals typically do. Instead, the skill set of the medical team adjusts to the patient as his or her recovery progresses. The benefit is seen in the quality of patient outcomes, as acknowledged by the *HealthGrades* recognition, as well as by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses who presented Good Shepherd's cardiovascular intensive care nursing team with the 2006 Circle of Excellence Award.

Good Shepherd also held a special appreciation event on Oct. 16, to announce the *HealthGrades'* achievements and honor the hospital's staff and former patients of the Cardiac Care Center. Over 500 people were in attendance for the event, including several hundred former cardiac patients, all of whom dressed in red Good Shepherd T-shirts for the occasion. The evening's program featured a lively and inspirational presentation by Ben Vereen,

the former chairman of the American Heart Association and Tony award-winning actor, and was hosted by Randy Salerno, CBS 2 Chicago news anchor.

## About Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital's Cardiac Care Program

The Wayne and Patricia Kocourek Family Cardiac Care Center at Good Shepherd provides comprehensive, state-of-the-art, advanced cardiac services, including diagnostics, electrophysiology, interventional catheterization and open-heart surgery.

It is one of just 12 cardiac programs in the State of Illinois to be identified by Blue Cross/Blue Shield as being a "Center of Distinction for Cardiac Care."

Good Shepherd is part of Advocate Health Care, the largest health care system provider in Illinois and ranked among the Top Ten integrated hospital systems in the United States. It provides care for a diversity of communities and health care needs, served by more than 29,000 dedicated associates and 6,000-plus physicians and specialists. For more about Good Shepherd Hospital, visit [www.advocatehealth.com/goodshep](http://www.advocatehealth.com/goodshep).





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## Holiday Pops Concert Featuring Billy Gilman at the Raue



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A family favorite and a holiday tradition, this festive evening of seasonal, musical treasures is sure to put everyone in the mood for the holidays. Kirk Muspratt conducts his seventh highly acclaimed season as music director of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Nancy Menk directs the group of talented Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus members for some of your favorite holiday songs. Billy Gilman and Santa join the orchestra and chorus to make this a not-to-be-missed event. Everyone is encouraged to participate in a traditional sing-along of all time favorite holiday carols. Don't miss this festive event! Each year Conductor Kirk Muspratt brings a special flair to the concert, changing the music from year to year and delighting audiences of all ages.

The popular Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra performs frequently throughout the year and this holiday pops concert annually sells out a capacity venue of over 3,000 seats at its home performance venue in Merrillville, Ind. The orchestra is comprised of 75 professional musicians and plays a full season of concerts, including some educational out-

reach programs. The Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus is an auditioned and volunteer group and also perform many concerts with the orchestra and independently.

This year brings a special musical guest, Billy Gilman. He has amazed country music audiences with his voice and being the youngest singer ever to receive a Grammy nomination. He went Platinum at age 12 with his One Voice album in May of 2000 and in the following years received Gold albums and numerous nominations for his talents. At 14, he was forced to remove himself from the music scene, but four years later, returned and recorded his latest CD, Everything and More.

This concert has been generously sponsored by Home State Bank. Great seats are still available. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Raue Center Box Office at 815-356-9212. Box office hours are Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and one hour prior to show time. Raue Center for the Arts is located at 26 N. Williams St. in downtown Crystal Lake. Visit Raue Center on the Web at [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org).



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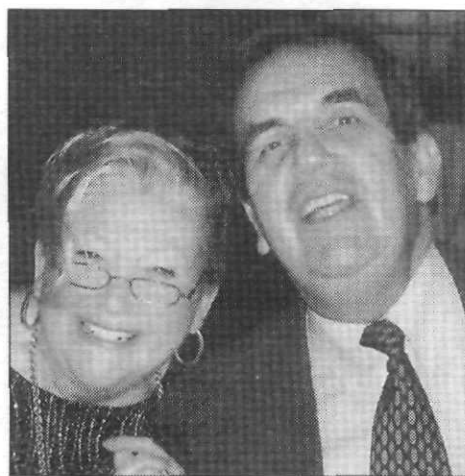


## A Holiday Gift & Craft Boutique

**Daughters of the British Empire (DBE), Anne Boleyn Chapter**, is holding a **Holiday Gift & Craft Boutique** on **Saturday, Dec. 9** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to raise funds for the Brookfield Retirement Complex and for Home of the Sparrow, a shelter for battered women and their children, in the Barrington area. Tickets are \$3 and \$1 off coupons are available at Barrington stores. The vendor's fee is \$40 per 8-foot-by-3-foot space.

The show will be opened by a **mystery celebrity** at 10 a.m. and **Santa** will be arriving shortly thereafter. At 11 a.m., we will be entertained by a display of Irish dancing by the McNulty School and Steve Sampson will be available to take pictures of the kids with Santa. Pets will be available for adoption and a superb variety of artists and crafters will be available to assist with your holiday gifts. Other entertainment is also planned, including psychic readings and Jelly Bean the clown.

The location is The Garlands of Barrington on Route 14 next to the library. The event will be in the auditorium, which is to the right past the main entrance. Turn off Route 14 into the complex, take the first right past the main entrance and park



**Maureen and Peter Yates enjoy a recent DBE function.**

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For more information, phone Maureen Yates at **1-847-381-3475** or Cora Chamy at **1-847-639-2850**.

## What is Happening with "Mom & Pop?"

Being a small business owner has definitely changed my outlook and philosophy on "Big Business" or "Big Box" retailers. When I want to buy a TV, a new grill, cooking equipment or especially, go out to eat, I seek out (sometimes with frustration) a private "Mom & Pop" operation. I am absolutely convinced I'll receive better service plus an owner who is actually working—and cares!

Our family has tried to adopt a no-chain policy with restaurants—and we have found some great places. I am considering creating a list of "Mom & Pop" eateries that serve anything from great fish and chips to awesome French cuisine! My lat-

est, greatest "Mom & Pop" place—Main St. in Downer's Grove—is rockin'!

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## AAUW Events

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, self-development and positive societal change. The Barrington AAUW upcoming events include the following:

- Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. is the time for the annual soup supper at a member's home. Bring a favorite soup ingredient to add to the soup stock and your own bowl

and spoon. Fun, friendship and a delicious supper are provided for everyone. Guests are welcome. Call Louise for directions, 1-847-382-3218.

- Members will gift-wrap at Barnes & Noble, Deer Park, on Dec. 14 and 15th. Carol will answer questions about this fund-raising activity at 1-847-392-6154.

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monthly, except in December, on the second Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at The Garlands in Barrington. Loretta is chair—1-847-381-5012. The Evening Book Group meets the fourth Tuesday (but not in December) at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home. Peg is chair—1-847-381-4791.

- The Women's Issues Book Group meets every other month, from September through May, at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home. Pat is chair—1-847-550-1282.

- Daytime Bridge, a monthly group, will meet Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a member's home. Each player donates to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Bobbie is chair—1-847-381-3315.

- The 24th AAUW Networking Luncheon is set for Jan. 27 at the Deerfield Hyatt. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke will be the speaker. Tickets are \$35. Call Bobbie at 1-847-381-3315 or Mary Lou at 1-847-382-5989.

Beginning Jan. 30, the Great Decisions Study Group of current international issues meets for eight consecutive weeks from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Barrington Library.

Membership is open to any graduate of a qualified educational institution. Guests are welcome to attend two meetings or events prior to joining AAUW.

The membership co-chairs are Anne, 1-847-772-4507, and Preeti, 1-847-222-0599.



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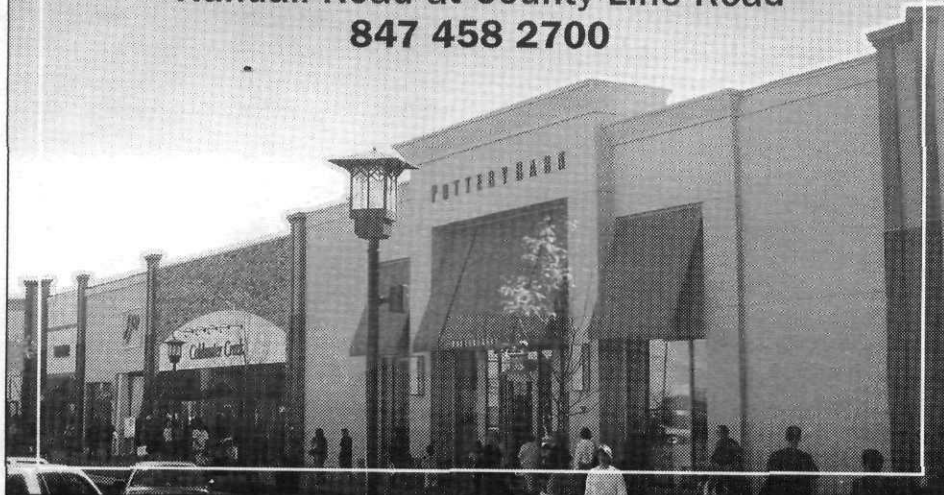
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## BAAC's "Tis the Season: A Festival of Holiday Art"

The holiday season is quickly approaching and so is Barrington Area Arts Council's (BAAC) "Tis the Season: A Festival of Holiday Art" exhibit, featuring original works, all priced under \$100, from artists living in the Barrington area. A custom window display designed by local artist Jim Estes will also be exhibited.

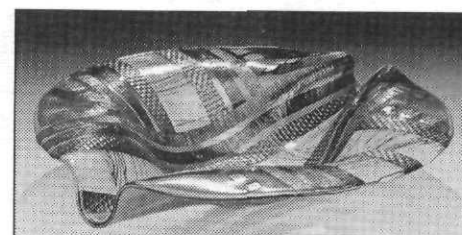
"Tis the Season: A Festival of Holiday Art" will be showing at BAAC's Main Gallery, located at 121-B Barrington Commons Court in Barrington, from Nov. 16 to Dec. 22. There will be an opening reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres on Friday, Dec. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Artwork on display in "Tis the Season" ranges from jewelry to etchings, paintings to handcrafted glass bowls—and everything is for sale. BAAC's Executive Director Corryn Hall-Lee says, "We have worked very hard to select original pieces for our gallery that people would love to buy for themselves or someone else this season." Featuring over 20 artists, the exhibit promises to offer a wide variety of styles and creativity.

The holidays are a time when friends and family come together to laugh, talk, and enjoy the company of those they cherish most. "We really wanted our gallery to be a place people could gather and we wanted it to feel a little bit like a gallery at the North Pole," Hall-Lee says. If you have any questions about the show, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.

Jim Estes is the set designer for Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble's annual production of *The Nutcracker*. You won't want to miss his "Tis the Season" window display.

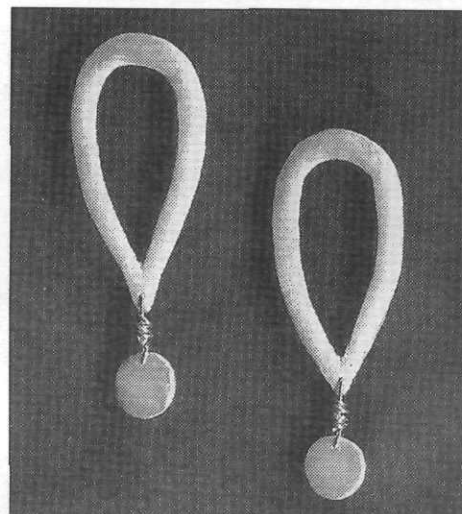
Barrington Area Arts Council is the leading nonprofit organization for the advancement of the arts in the Barrington Area. BAAC serves the community by enhancing perceptions of the arts and by sponsoring activities that encourage an elevated awareness of our community through the arts and through active partnerships with a growing population of artists and arts-related organizations. BAAC is funded



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by individuals, corporations, foundations and other organizations. BAAC also receives funds from the Illinois Arts Council.

## Holiday Concert "Yuletide Impressions"

Award-winning recitalist Kenneth A. Christensen and accompanist Sally Manktelow will present their holiday concert on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 404 N. Green St. in McHenry. The program, "Yuletide Impressions," features three centuries of sacred song for the Christmas season, with selections performed in Latin, French, Italian and German. The program will feature beloved favorites such as the Bach-Gounod and Schubert settings of the *Ave Maria*; *The Lord's Prayer*; *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*; *Gesu Bambino*; and *O Holy Night*; ending with new settings of *Silent Night* and *The First Noel*. Other selections include Bizet's *Agnus Dei*, *Thanks Be to Thee*, *Panis Angelicus*, *The Virgin's Slumber Song*, *Sancta Maria*, *The Slumber of the Infant Jesus*, *Mille Cherubini in Coro*, Bach's *Sheep May Safely Graze*, along with arias from *Messiah*, Saint-Saëns *Christmas*

*Oratorio* and the opera *Hansel & Gretel*.

The artists will also perform two seldom-heard Christmas song-cycles, the *Weihnachtslieder* of Peter Cornelius and Sibelius. Christensen gave the local premiere and the first recording of Sibelius' Christmas Songs in English, at McHenry County College in 1998.

Christensen has been awarded the prestigious "Marquis' Who's Who in American Music" three times, and in December, the rarer "Who's Who in American Leadership" award, given to only 25,000 people worldwide. Christensen is the only local musician to be given this honor, given only to people under the age 40. Christensen and Manktelow serve Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, as both tenor soloist and pianist-accompanist. The recital is free, and shall be recorded live in its entirety.



## Shirley's Dollhouse— Over 1,000 Dolls to Choose From

Dolls of all sizes, teddy bears of all descriptions, old and new, big and small, can be found at **Shirley's Dollhouse**, 971 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling at the Sale Barn Square.

The shop has been in business there for 32 years. Owned by Shirley Bertrand, a collector of 41 years, she has been doing doll repair, doll dressing for customers, and buying and selling dolls—old and new—for the entire 32 years. The shop began with one room and has now grown to six rooms crammed with goodies—with over 1,000 dolls on display!

The dolls are from all over the world, featuring older ethnic dolls from every country. German dolls from Kathé Kruse, and Madame Alexander dolls, Tonner and Effanbee, all based in New York. Unique miniatures and doll house furniture can be found there, new as well as old. Every now and then an old doll house arrives on the shelves, but it doesn't stay long!

The bears are from Gund, Steiff bears

from Germany, and collector's bears such as Cooperstown bears, from all over, including Beanie Babies from right here in Illinois.

The shop is not only a collector's shop—during the holiday season the children's dolls appear like magic on the shelves, in buggies and on highchairs. **Shirley's Dollhouse** has had three, maybe four generations come in to choose that special doll for their child. Adora Babies, Lee Middleton, and Alexander baby dolls still seem to be the favorites. The 8-inch Alexanders have always been a shop favorite.

Stop by and see the hundreds of dolls and bears waiting to be taken home. Visit with the very knowledgeable staff at **Shirley's Dollhouse**. They are open six days a week; closed Mondays. The holiday store hours are Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Shirley's Dollhouse** is located at 971 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling—1-847-537-1632.

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**The holidays are a great time to add some special accents to your home...**

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Karin Cumming, **Belongings** store manager said "Our customers, donors and consignors have figured out that **Belongings** is a great place to frequent because

we offer an ever-changing inventory of goods. Week to week the store reinvents itself and has something new and interesting. Our customers are very pleased with the quality standards we have maintained in donated and consigned merchandise and know they can count on that continuing."

**Belongings** hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Select consignments and donations are taken **by appointment only**. Free pickup for your desirable donated goods. Please call the store at 1-847-304-0504 for more information.

## Christmas Eve at Barrington United Methodist Church

Come celebrate the wonder and majesty of Christmas at **Barrington United Methodist Church**, 98 Algonquin Road (southeast corner at Route 59) in Barrington.

Worship early on Christmas Eve at our regular Sunday morning services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Become "as a little child" at our special 4 p.m. Children's Service with festive music by our Cherub Choir. Worship by candlelight at 7 p.m., with glorious music from the Stonegate Brass quintet and our Chancel Choir ensemble directed by Karen Maxwell; accompanied by Jeff Neufeld and Sharon Lowery. Com-

mune with us at our 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, with the Chancel Choir ensemble, the delightful Stonegate String quartet, soloist Kimberly Albrecht and a lovely quartet of Rosalyn Wesley, Kathy Ochenrider, Gail Rossow and Laura Olsen. Childcare is available at the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. services.

Once more, our Christmas offering will help "the poorest of the poor" through the ChildServ and Marcy-Newberry agencies and the Humboldt Park United Methodist Church. For more information, please call 1-847-836-5540. You may also visit our Web site at [www.BarringtonUMC.com](http://www.BarringtonUMC.com).

## Medical Hypnosis for Cancer

Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway in Palatine, presents "Wellness Through Deep Hypnosis" on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. This program is open to anyone touched by cancer and is offered at no cost to participants. Preregistration is required by

calling 1-847-221-2400.

Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles, a board-certified hypnotist and chaplain, will guide a safe and enjoyable medical self-hypnosis designed to help participants release pain and facilitate self-healing. The topic will be "Relaxing Through the Holidays."



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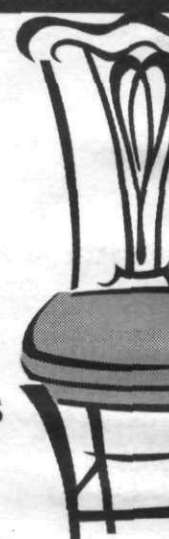
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## Educational Foundation Raises Over \$50,000 at Annual Golf Challenge— BHS Golf Teams Donate Their Winnings!



Three members of the BHS varsity boys golf team pose with their fans at the recent District 220 Educational Foundation Golf Challenge, held at beautiful Makray Memorial Golf Club. Pictured (from left) are Nancy Nemec, Charlie Douglas, Dede Wamberg, Dan Jarva (top BHS finisher—eighth at state), Sheryl Frankenberg (foundation trustee), Ross Frankenberg and Gail Wickstrom.

The District 220 Educational Foundation, a nonprofit organization of volunteers who develop private funding for learning initiatives, raised more than \$50,000 at its annual Golf Challenge, held Sept. 22 at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington.

A highlight of the Golf Challenge was the participation of Barrington High School's (BHS) state-qualifying, boys and girls varsity golf teams. For the boys, who finished in fifth place at the state tournament, it was the first team appearance in 11 years. While it was not surprising that the talented BHS golfers won the events' skills challenges, they made an even greater impression off the course. During the

evening's Awards Dinner, varsity coaches Mike Kallenbach (boys) and Jodi Schoeck (girls) announced that the varsity teams were donating their winnings—over \$1,000—as a generous "gift back" to the foundation!

Major sponsors of the Golf Challenge event included (Platinum Sponsor) Makray Memorial Golf Club; (Gold Sponsors) Barrington Bank & Trust Company, NA; Harris Bank—Barrington; (Silver Sponsors) Carol McGregor—Barrington Realty Company; JP Morgan Chase; Dartmoor Homes; General Electric; Kelleher & Buckley, LLC; Pepper Construction Group LLC; Wool Street Grill and Sports Bar; (Bronze Spon-

## Immediate Implants—What Are They?

**Dental implants** are revolutionizing dentistry! If you are missing a single tooth, multiple teeth (partial denture), or have a complete denture, dental implants have been replacing missing teeth for over 20 years.

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**Dr. Patrone's** undergraduate major in **Mechanical Engineering** has afforded him the expertise in the placement, design and aesthetics of your smile with dental implants.

**Dr. Patrone** will work closely with your dentist to give your treatment the individual care and attention because Dr. Patrone treats all his patients like he would his own family. **Barrington dentists** refer their own family members and staff to Dr. Patrone because of his strict attention to details and his experience.

**Dr. Patrone** lives in South Barrington and was asked by dentists in Barrington to bring his surgical talents and experience to provide the highest quality periodontal, anesthesia and dental implant care available today to the Barrington community.

Besides being a **Board-Certified Periodontist** in the state of Illinois, **Dr. Patrone** is also a **Certified Dental Anesthesiologist**. **Dr. Patrone** was selected over 100 applicants to complete a two-year **formal medical anesthesia residency**. Dr. Patrone is the only **periodontist** and **certified dental anesthesiologist** in the country. He is **Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certified** and is an instructor in **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**.



Dr. Phillip Lee Patrone

**Dr. Patrone** has been placing **immediate implants** for more than 10 years. Patients love the fact that they can have an implant placed immediately following the extraction of a broken (nonsalvageable) tooth rather than waiting six months before the tooth could be replaced.

**Dr. Patrone** utilizes **growth factors** (platelet-rich plasma) to enhance the body's own natural wound healing response to accelerate implant integration to the jaw. **Dr. Patrone's** training in anesthesiology has afforded patient's the comfort and confidence with **growth factor techniques**.

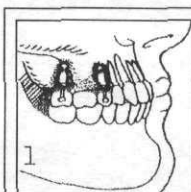
**Dr. Patrone's** advanced residency training in **oral and maxillofacial surgical procedures** allows him to restore lost bone for future implants with the use of sinus lift techniques and onlay bone grafting procedures. If you have been told that you are not an implant candidate, **Dr. Patrone** may be able to help. By using these techniques, **Dr. Patrone** is able to restore lost bone for future implants.

**Dr. Patrone** is a member of the American Dental Association, Chicago Dental Society, American Academy of Periodontology, American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, American Academy of Hospital Dentists' American Academy of Implant Dentistry, and the Academy of Osseointegration.

The dental implant functions as the root of the tooth and is placed in the jawbone where the missing tooth's root was previously. Essentially, a dental implant is an artificial root system made of pure titanium and is biologically compatible with the human body.

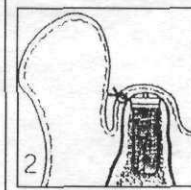
After the dental implant is placed in the jawbone, a crown can be fabricated to fit on top of the dental implant; therefore, replacing the missing tooth is two separate pieces.

**Dr. Patrone** is partners with Drs. Stan Treitler and Terry Sandroff. Their four office locations in Barrington, Arlington Heights, Vernon Hills and Bloomingdale provide periodontal, dental implant and anesthesia services six days a week to meet your needs. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions—**1-847-277-0181**.

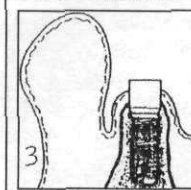


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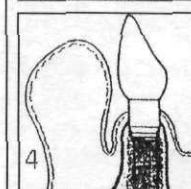
1. Dental implants can support a fixed bridge, eliminating the need for a removable partial denture.



2. Implants are placed into the jawbone. After this surgical treatment, the bone in the jaw attaches to the implants, holding them firmly in place. The attachment of bone to the implant usually takes three to six months.



3. Small posts are attached to the implant, projecting through the gums. Several weeks after this second procedure the replacement crown can be fabricated.



4. Replacement teeth are created and securely attached to the small posts.



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The District 220 Educational Foundation develops funding to support initiatives, not otherwise funded through tax revenues, that enrich, enhance and supplement learning in CUSD220 elementary, middle and high schools. During 2006, a

major foundation project involves equipping each of the district's 106 kindergarten through third-grade classrooms with amplification systems that have proven benefits for young students.

For more information about the foundation, contact Mary Kamps at 1-847-382-7840.



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Hypnosis is being used more than ever for treatment of a variety of issues. These include nicotine addiction, eating disorders, nail biting, anxiety and panic attacks, weight loss, depression, anger, pain, and sleep disorders. *It is particularly helpful with stopping smoking.*

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I am also a certified meditation instructor and teach "Introduction to Meditation" classes on a regular basis. Meditation helps you to respond better to stressful situations, lowers blood pressure and generally makes you feel better. If you are interested in learning how to meditate or wish to restart your meditation practice, please call **1-847-934-6555** for information.

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**The families and staff at Barrington Community Child Care wish you a most joyous holiday season!**

## New Tax Structure May Affect Your Retirement Accounts

The new Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (TIPRA) creates many challenges and opportunities for taxpayers. In 2010, for example, TIPRA lifts the \$100,000 income ceiling making high-income earners eligible for Roth IRA Conversions. Married taxpayers filing separately will also be allowed to convert from a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.

Additionally, TIPRA allows the taxes on Roth conversions in 2010 to be paid over the next two years (2011 and 2012) instead of all in the year of conversion. However, owners must leave converted funds in the Roth IRA for five years from the conversion date to withdraw the funds tax-free. Any distributions from a Roth conversion IRA before the five-year period will be subject to a 10% penalty.

You may want to consider a Roth conversion if:

- You are many years from using these funds and therefore have the time to earn back the amount due for taxes when you convert your IRA.

- Your Traditional IRA has been opened for a short time and the contributions have been mostly nondeductible. Your tax liability will likely be low at conversion because taxes are paid only on the growth of the funds and on the deductible contributions.

- You plan to leave the bulk of your IRA funds to heirs. Unlike a Traditional IRA, the Roth has no requirement to withdraw funds at age 70½, which gives you the potential to leave a larger and income tax-

free account to children or grandchildren.

- You anticipate your tax bracket will remain the same or will be higher during retirement.

- You can pay the taxes from sources outside the IRA. If you're under age 59½, an additional penalty applies to funds withdrawn to pay the taxes.

If you don't have a Traditional IRA, you might want to fund an account for the next five years in anticipation of converting the account in 2010. If your contributions are nondeductible, you will owe taxes only on any growth in the account. If you have other IRAs, a pro-rata share of income in all your IRAs will be taxable.

Every situation is different so speak with your tax and financial advisors about strategies that may be appropriate for you.

**Debbie Schoendorf, CFP®** is a Financial Advisor with **Smith Barney** located in Barrington and may be reached at **1-847-304-3530**.

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## BACOA Offers Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, the Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) and Barrington Horizons, will move to Barrington Horizons on Thursday, Jan. 4. Barrington Horizons is at 1418 S. Barrington Road, Barrington.

The program emphasizes relaxation and joint-protection techniques that participants can practice at home.

During December, the program will continue to be held at Greencastle of Barrington, on Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Greencastle of Barrington is at 445 E. Main St., Barrington.

The cost for a 10-week session is \$22. Participants can join the program at any time and will be given credit toward the next session. For more information, contact BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.

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## Sparrow Holiday Cards

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Cards are in packets of 10 for \$11. Imprinting is available at an extra charge.

All proceeds benefit Home of the Sparrow, which provides job skills training, transitional housing and counseling services to women and children of the northwest suburbs who are at risk of homelessness.



## Sinatra and Pasta Night Fund-Raiser for Palatine Food Pantry

Durty Nellie's will host "Sinatra and Pasta," a fund-raiser for the Palatine Food Pantry, on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. in their Band Room. Durty Nellie's is located at 180 N. Smith St. in downtown Palatine.

The evening includes a tribute to "Ol' Blue Eyes" by performer Sam Magdal, a pasta dinner buffet and prizes. Admission to the event is \$10. Attendees are encouraged to bring two nonperishable food

items for the pantry. The Palatine Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit, pasta and sauces, cereal, muffin mix and instant mashed potatoes.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Township Office, 721 S. Quentin Road, or at Durty Nellie's. For further information, please contact Durty Nellie's at 1-847-358-9150.

## PHD Celebrates 35 Years to the Community During "Fashion Flashback" Fashion Show Fund-Raiser



PHD's very own celebrities showcase some of the lovely new fashions of the season —(from left) Patty Milner, Inverness; Sharon Molnar, Inverness; Yvonne Gardner, Algonquin; Gerri Baum, Palatine; Maureen Cochran, Inverness; Mary Kay Williams, Barrington; Cathy Vincus, Barrington; and Debbie Kowalczyk, Arlington Heights.

Channel 5 newscaster Natalie Martinez offered congratulations and thanks to the staff, volunteers and donors, past and present, who have made it possible for The Society for the Preservation of Human Dignity (PHD), to provide 35 years of quality professional counseling, education and support services to women and their families throughout Chicago's Northwest suburbs. Martinez emphasized that while so much had changed in the world since PHD opened its doors in 1972, one constant is their unfailing efforts to evolve and change to meet the growing needs of women who are pregnant or parenting a child under the age of three and their families. Martinez also applauded PHD's abstinence education program, Independence Highway™ for instructing teens about how to protect their future goals.

PHD's 35th anniversary fashion show and dinner, "Fashion Flashback," boasted a 1970s theme and was held on Oct. 12 at The Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates. This worthwhile event provided financial resources for thousands of women and their families in Chicago's Northwest Suburbs who rely on PHD for professional counseling and support services. The festivities featured a sneak peak at current fashions as well as dance and vocal entertainment '70s-style.

"This was certainly one of the most lively fashion shows in PHD's 35-year history. There are no words to describe the range of emotions that filled the room. Our wonderful and dedicated volunteer and donor, Maggie Stephen of Arlington Heights, was honored for her selfless devotion to the women and children we serve. For many years, Maggie has provided service to the women and children who rely upon PHD's Baby and Maternity Closet for help and has shared her treasure by donating the funds necessary for the recent expansion of the PHD Resale Boutique. Our guests were moved by a compelling story shared by one of PHD's former clients who expressed her gratefulness to PHD for all the support she and her family received during a most challenging time in their lives. We are so thankful to all those who have walked with us on this 35-year journey helping us to grow into the vital agency we are today," commented Cathy Vincus, PHD's



Cathy Vincus (left) of Barrington, executive director of PHD, presents a special recognition award to longtime volunteer and supporter Maggie Stephen of Arlington Heights.



NBC 5's very own Natalie Martinez dazzled fashion show guests from the runway at PHD's fund-raising event.

executive director.

The Society for the Preservation of Human Dignity (PHD), is a nonprofit counseling center for pregnancy help and education that reaches out to women who are pregnant or parenting a child under the age of three and their families in Chicago's Northwest Suburbs. PHD is thankful for the generous donors who helped raise the necessary funds for PHD's clients.

For more information about the agency or for an interview with Catherine Vincus, executive director, please contact Marikay Martin, director of development, at 1-847-359-4967 ext. 27.





## Focus on Rhinoplasty

by Gary S. Churchill, MD

*"It's as plain as the nose on your face."*

This old adage says a lot about this central feature of our anatomy. Occupying the middle third of the face, probably no other single feature can so dramatically affect our appearance. The nose determines to a great extent the balance and symmetry of our faces. If one's nose is out of proportion to the rest of their features, it can dominate their looks. Someone who doesn't like their nose can focus on it, becoming self-conscious and insecure. A change in the appearance of their nose can make all the difference in the world to them. This is why rhinoplasty surgery is one of the most common plastic surgical procedures being performed in the United States today.

### What is rhinoplasty?

This is the part of nasal surgery that changes the outer shape of the nose. This is accomplished by a combination of removing and/or repositioning cartilage and bone which is already present. The goal is to shape the nose in a natural way so it is balanced and in harmony with the rest of the face and does not appear to have been "done."

### What is external rhinoplasty?

In traditional rhinoplasty there are multiple incisions made inside the nose in order to reach the cartilage and bone. In addition, the cartilage usually needs to be



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"delivered" or pulled out of the nostril in order to operate on it.

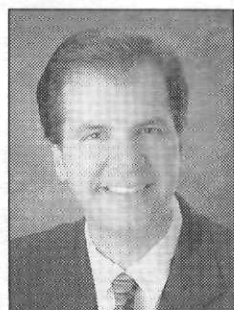
External rhinoplasty is a technique we use in which one single incision is made starting just inside the nostril on one side and extending across the base of the nose to the other side. This allows the cartilage to be worked on in its natural position without distortion and provides a much greater visibility during the operation. Also, there is very little bleeding during external rhinoplasty due to the single incision. We have found this technique gives much better control and predictability of the final result. We can also eliminate the need to pack the nose which significantly reduces the post-operative discomfort. External rhinoplasty is used on the majority of our patients.

### What is a septoplasty?

The central support structure of the nose  
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## Tooth Whitening Procedures

by James T. Gavrilos, D.D.S



Without a doubt, the most frequently asked questions in a dental office concern tooth whitening. Patients want to look their best, but with the tremendous amounts of advertising that bombards them, they turn to us for answers.

How does it work? All tooth-whitening procedures accomplish one thing: they penetrate the enamel with oxygen. The oxygen changes the way the enamel reflects light. Instead of absorbing some colors and reflecting the yellow ones out, it reflects all the colors out. White light in... white light out! The tooth whitener's effectiveness is based on two things; concentration and duration.

**Whitening toothpaste**—with a low concentration of oxygen and a short duration, it is the least-effective method for whitening. Rarely are the results reported as acceptable.

**Over the counter whitening gels**—better results than the toothpaste. Major problems in the past have been the ill-fitting mouth trays that can cause TMJ (bite/jaw) problems or can cause gum irritation because they hold the whitening gel up against the gum tissue.

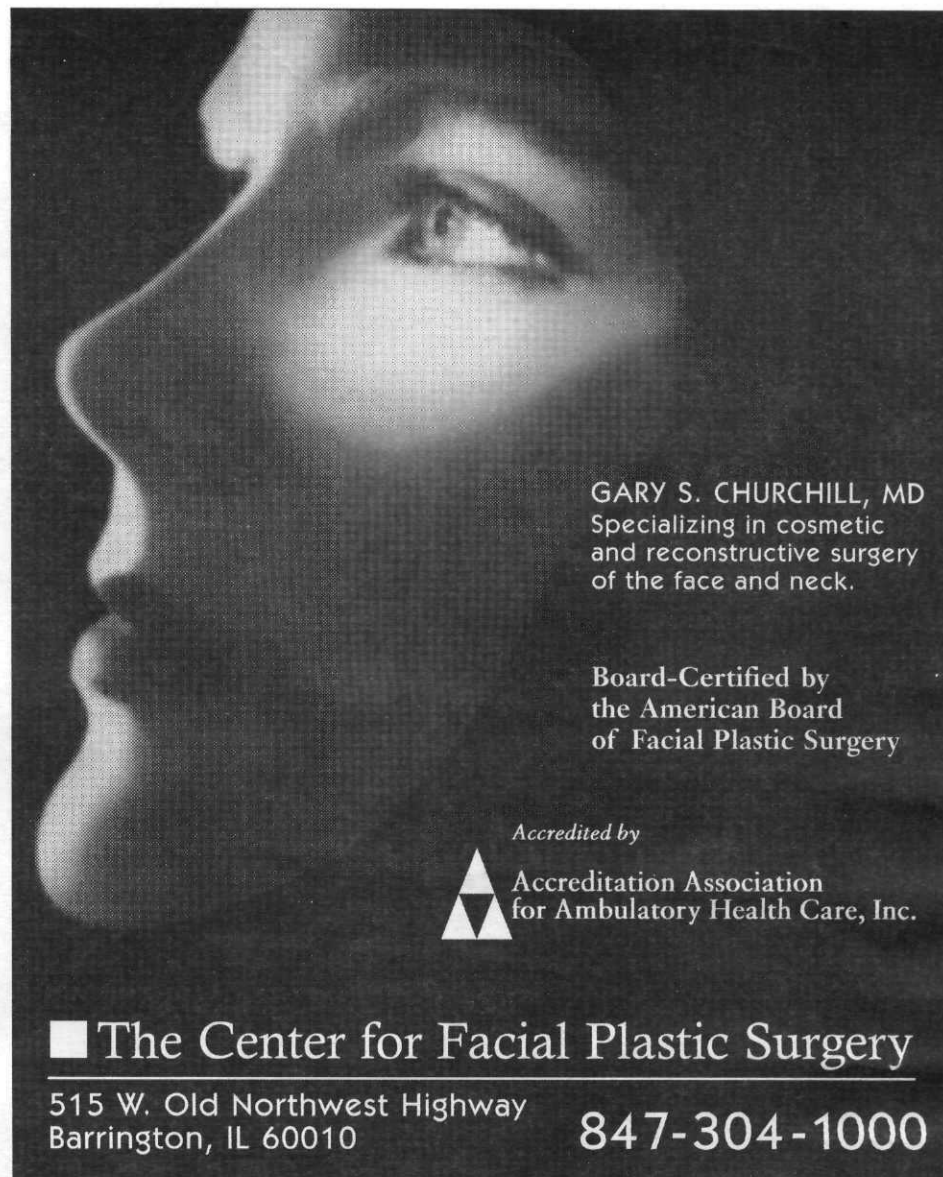
**Whitening strips**—Crest introduced these and they eliminated the TMJ and gum irritation issue associated with the over the counter gels. The patient places the strips on their teeth so that minimal gel is touching the gums and the strip is so thin, it doesn't alter the bite enough to cause a TMJ problem. The drawback has been the inability for the strips to reach the surface of the tooth as it curves in toward its contact point.

**Professional tooth whitening**—Den-

tists custom make trays that hold the whitening gels against and in between the teeth. This method is very effective because the custom fabrication allows the tray to keep the gel off of the tissue and will cause no TMJ problems. The trays are worn for an hour during the day and in some cases can be worn at night. Most of the gels require two weeks to reach their full whitening potential. If your teeth start to stain again, you can reuse the trays and purchase additional gel to touch them up.

**Laser tooth whitening**—this method is just as effective as professional tooth whitening with custom trays but the advantage is time. In just about 90 minutes your whitening is completely finished. The gels that are used for this process are so powerful; the gums must be isolated with special barriers. Bright lights help energize the gels and get the job done quickly. The cost is similar to that of the custom trays, but you cannot touch up after your teeth stain again.

If you are interested in professional tooth whitening, please call **Dr. James T. Gavrilos**, at 1-847-381-4040 for an appointment.



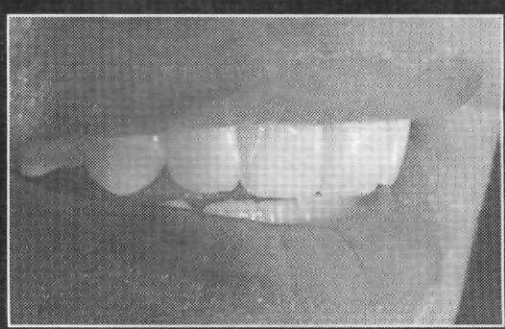
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## Advances in Varicose Vein Treatment

Varicose veins are enlarged veins in the lower extremities that are caused when valves within the vein stop working properly. In a normal vein, valves help move the blood back towards the heart. When the valves no longer work properly, blood pools in the veins causing them to enlarge, this in turn causes pain. Fortunately, the veins deeper in the leg compensate for the compromised veins and blood is carried back to the heart without any problem. Symptoms of varicose veins include:

- Pain, tiredness or heaviness in legs, especially after prolonged sitting or standing
- Swelling of ankles or lower legs
- Bulging, "rope-y" veins under the surface of the skin
- Skin discoloration and dryness around ankles

Varicose veins are not associated with serious health issues. However, varicosities left untreated can result in ulcerations, permanent skin discoloration and increasing pain over time. Wearing compression stockings and elevating your legs will help alleviate some of the symptoms, but will not eliminate the underlying problem.

The treatment for varicose veins has advanced significantly in the last five years. Previously, most varicose veins were treated through an operative procedure commonly known as "vein stripping." The procedure removes the vein, but the post-operative recovery is painful lasting several weeks. Now varicose veins can be treated in a physician's office with minimally invasive procedures. Large varicose veins can usually be eliminated through a procedure called **endovenous laser ablation**. The FDA approved laser devices for varicose

vein treatment in 2001. The laser does not remove the varicose vein but actually seals it closed. Once the affected vein is closed, blood cannot pool in it. The lumpy varicose vein disappears and so does the associated pain. The endovenous laser procedure is relatively pain free. Patients are able to return to normal activities within several days.

This laser technology has increased the number of options available to patients. Vein centers and clinics abound in the area, making it difficult to determine where to get quality care. It might be best to begin the process by asking your family doctor for a recommendation or referral. After that, important questions to ask include:

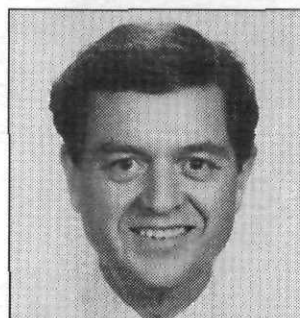
- Is the physician board certified? What specialty?
- How long has he/she been treating vein problems?
- How long has he/she been performing endovenous laser procedures?
- What are my treatment options?

Be aware that doing a high volume of procedures does not necessarily translate into providing the best care. Look for a physician that is interested in treating you as a person not just your varicose veins, one who spends time with you and answers all of your questions. You should feel confident and secure that you are getting the best care.

To learn more about varicose veins and their treatment, **Dr. John Golan of North Shore Vascular Associates** will be speaking on **Jan. 29** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Midtown Athletic Club in Palatine. For more information, call **1-847-441-2700**.

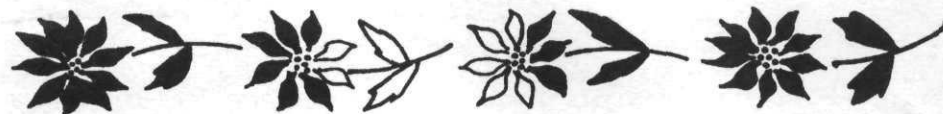
## Barrington Lyric Sponsors Free Lecture on *Die Fledermaus*

The Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago (BCLOC) will welcome members and guests to a free lecture on Johann Strauss, Jr.'s *Die Fledermaus*, where fabulous folk abound in this Viennese confection and everyone gets his or her comeuppance, but all is forgiven as champagne reigns supreme. The lecture by John Piepgras of Wilmette, member of Lyric Opera's award-winning Lecture Corps, will promptly begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, in Barrington (just south of Barrington Library on Northwest Highway). Proceeds from this event will bene-



John Piepgras will lecture on Johann Strauss, Jr.'s *Die Fledermaus*.

fit Lyric Opera of Chicago's Outreach Programs.



Reservations are necessary. Phone Jill Lund, director of activities at The Garlands at 1-847-756-3200.

Piepgras is a member of the Evanston Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago, a student matinee and adult lecturer and College Opera Circle co-coordinator. He has served as past president of the Music Institute of Chicago and continues to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. He also studies piano at the Music Institute of

Chicago. Piepgras studied music theory and composition with professor John Bucchini at Northwestern University.

The BCLOC sponsors free, open-to-the-public opera lectures on all of Lyric Opera of Chicago's main stage productions. The lecture presentations are given by Lyric Opera of Chicago's award-winning Lecture Corps which is co-chaired by Howard and Mary Robins, Arlington Heights, both past presidents of the chapter.



## Got Worries?

We all worry. Worry is a common human experience. Worry is even necessary and useful. Thoughts of what can or should happen next motivate, focus and move us into action. Worry expresses our concern and responsibility for self, others and the world around us.

Yet, sometimes worry has an opposite effect. Worry can immobilize us. Worry is rooted in fear. When frightened a natural reaction is to hide or retreat. We do not approach and resolve what concerns or frightens us. We avoid. Worse yet if we look and see no resolution we may even feel the intense fear called panic. A prolonged state of worry (fear) can leave us tired and literally sickened from the physical and emotional distress.

Worry is no longer useful when it renders us avoidant, fatigued and stressed. We feel an internal alarm. Importantly, our own thoughts and behaviors can fuel this alarm. Sleeping and eating become disrupted as well as social and vocational functioning. Something is not right with what is going on around us but also something is not right within us.

### So when is worry beneficial and when isn't it?

Worry is beneficial when it prepares us for future events and stimulates problem-solving, encouraging care for self and others.

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by Anna T. Razes, LCSW

Worry stops benefitting when it is a prolonged distraction, removes us from social events, stops us from functioning, results in self-blame, alters our emotions and behaviors, takes away our peace and happiness, and importantly does not lead to any change or improvement.

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With counseling we can learn techniques that reduce anxiety, explore ways to "re-think" worries, and strategize ways to regain control and power over matters. With more in-depth psychotherapy we can discover individual vulnerabilities, address any felt inadequacies and encourage internal healing and growth.

*Anna Razes, LCSW, has been in the mental health field for 27 years. The past 12 years she has been in private practice here in Barrington. Her work began with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children and adolescents emphasizing relationships with peers and family. In addition to extensive work with children and adults experiencing depression and anxiety, she continues to provide invaluable assistance with parent/child and couple relationships. Razes offers both counseling and psychotherapy. She also uses guided imagery and hypnotherapy for anxiety conditions and eating-related problems.*

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Performances are held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. sharp. Opera In Focus is located at Park Central, 3000 Central Road in Rolling Meadows (across from Rolling Meadows

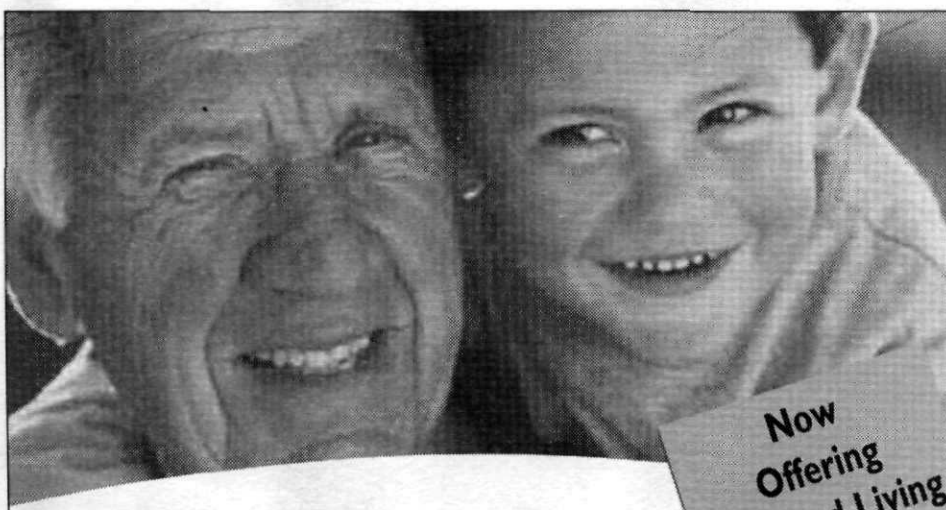
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## Pack Your Passport: Upcoming Trips for Globe-trotters

The Barrington Area Council on Aging has some exciting travel opportunities in 2007. BACOA, The Garlands of Barrington and Collette Vacations are offering a variety of international tours in the coming year. Among the trips that will be offered:

• "Panama Canal." Departure date: March 18, 2007. Cruise the Panama Canal, and see the beauty of the Caribbean. The 12-day cruise, aboard Princess Cruise's *Coral Princess*, will start in Fort Lauderdale, go through the Caribbean, pass through the canal and return to Florida via Limon, Costa Rica; Cozumel; and Grand Cayman. Cost is \$2,799 per person (double) for an inside cabin; \$3,099 per person (double) for an outside cabin. Cost includes round trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, departure taxes and fees, and 30 meals.

• "Sunny Portugal." Departure date: April 19, 2007. See ancient castles, Roman ruins and charming villages in historic Portugal. The 10-day tour includes stops in Lisbon, Estoril, and Algarve, and includes museum and factory tours, a tour of Lisbon, and a trip to Portugal's "Silver Coast." Cost is \$2,259 per person (double), and includes round trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, departure taxes and fees, and 15 meals.

• "Russian River Cruise." Departure date: June 19, 2007. Enjoy history and scenery aboard a river cruiser on this 13-day trip. Tour highlights will include a tour of Moscow, and trips to Uglich, Yaroslavl,

Goritsy, Lake Onega, Mandroghi and St. Petersburg. Cost is \$3,899 per person (double) and includes round-trip airfare from Chicago, 32 meals, departure taxes and port charges.

• "Discover Scotland." Departure date: Sept. 10, 2007. Enjoy the rugged natural beauty and magnificent castles of Scotland. The 10-day trip will include stops in Glasgow and Edinburgh as well as trips to St. Andrews, the Orkney Islands and even Loch Ness. Cost is \$2,849 per person (double), and includes round trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, departure taxes and fees, and 15 meals. First deposit of \$250 due on March 11, 2007.

• "South Pacific Wonders." Departure date: Nov. 1, 2007. Experience the natural wonders and big-city excitement of Australia and New Zealand. The 16-day trip will include visits to Sydney, Melbourne, Queenstown, and Christchurch, and will feature excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, a koala park, and a penguin colony. There is also an optional two-night post-tour trip to Fiji for \$499 per person plus \$100 in taxes and fees. Cost is \$4,949 per person (double), and includes round trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, departure taxes and fees, and 19 meals. First deposit of \$250 due on April 3, 2007.

BACOA and the Barrington Park District have partnered with Mayflower Tours to offer a selection of motor coach and train tours. They include:

• Washington D.C. and Williamsburg.

## Hearthstone Senior Living Community Adds Assisted Living

**Hearthstone Village Senior Living Community** in Woodstock has enhanced their levels of care to include Assisted Living. Additional recreation, activities and increased transportation options have been added as well as a customized wellness program and fitness area designed specifically for seniors.

"We saw a need for personal care services to provide the opportunity for our residents to remain in their homes as long as possible," said Nicole Rich, Director of **Hearthstone Village**. "We have added an on-site Wellness Nurse, personal care assistants, and increased recreation and dining services staff," Rich said.

**Hearthstone Village** has recently undergone remodeling and redecorating of the common areas. New furniture, artwork, enhanced lighting, carpeting and window treatments were added throughout the building.

**Hearthstone Village** and **Hearthstone Manor** are part of a **Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)**, that provides all levels of senior assis-

tance, from independent retirement living to skilled nursing care. The **Woodstock Christian Life Services CCRC** includes **Hearthstone Village**, an independent apartment and cottage community that will be offering Assisted Living options and **Hearthstone Manor Rehabilitative and Nursing Care** offering licensed Sheltered Care, a dedicated Alzheimer's disease and dementia program, and Intermediate and Skilled Nursing Care with Medicare Certification.

"Being able to move from one level of care to another within the same campus provides continuous service without the stress of changing surroundings. Opportunities for fellowship, life enrichment programs, and intergenerational activities within faith based surroundings, are what make our senior community unique," said LeeAnn Atwood, Vice President of Development.

For more information about **Hearthstone**, call 815-338-2110 or visit them online at [hearthstoneil.org](http://hearthstoneil.org).

## Historical Society to Hold Holiday Open House

Experience the holiday mood by visiting the McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main St., Union on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Delight in a trip back through earlier Christmas times by viewing a very special 1950s and '60s aluminum Christmas tree forest with all the sparkle and color those trees once provided. This large private display is courtesy of Dave Harms of Hill Nursery.

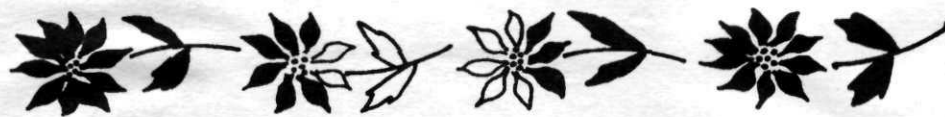
At another private display, John Vayo, Johnsbury author and collector of post-World War II die-cast metal Midgetoys, will be on hand to share his collection with books available for purchase.

Later in the afternoon, between 3 and 3:30 p.m., retired teacher and cookbook

author Jan Bosman of Woodstock shares her experiences of writing a cookbook which includes family history and stories. Those attending are encouraged to bring a recipe.

Holiday music, Christmas cookies, a final chance to see the museum's last Marching Off-Left Behind wartime exhibit on the Civil War, plus the opportunity to visit the 1867 Pringle School north of Marengo, are good reasons to include a visit to the museum during the Christmas season.

For additional information, call 815-923-2267 or check out the Society's Web site at [www.mchsonline](http://www.mchsonline).



Departure date: April 13, 2007. Enjoy the spring cherry blossoms in the nation's capital. The seven-day trip will include tours of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian Institution, as well as stops at presidential and military memorials. Later in the trip, tour the newly refurbished Mount Vernon as well as Jamestown and Williamsburg. Cost is \$1,623 per person (double) and includes round-trip airfare from Chicago, hotel transfers, eight meals and \$35 in "Mayflower Money."

• "New England Rails and Sails." Departure date: October 2, 2007. Travel through five New England states, enjoying autumn color and historical sites. The seven-day tour will begin in Boston and include rail trips in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont as well as a sailing tour along the Maine coast, a cruise on the Connecticut River and a tour of Hyannis Harbor. Cost is \$2,124 per person (double) and includes

round-trip airfare from Chicago, hotel transfers, nine meals and \$45 in "Mayflower Money."

• Tournament of Roses Parade. Departure date: Dec. 29, 2007. Watch this festive New Year's tradition from reserved seats along the parade route. The six-day trip will include a post-parade up-close look at the floats; a private New Year's Eve dinner and dancing, and a Hollywood-themed dinner. You can also extend your trip with three days in Las Vegas. Cost is \$1,833 per person (double) and includes round-trip airfare from Chicago, hotel transfers, eight meals and \$30 in "Mayflower Money."

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—Steve Gagliardo, owner

## BACOA to Offer AARP Income Tax Assistance

The Barrington Area Council on Aging Inc. (BACOA) is once again offering the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program—and will also help seniors apply for a telephone tax refund.

A trained AARP volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon at the BACOA office at the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington.

Volunteers will also assist seniors—even those who are not filing income tax forms—to apply for the IRS one-time tele-

phone tax refund. The refund is a one-time payment available on 2006 federal income tax returns, designed to refund previously collected long-distance federal excise taxes. It is available to anyone who paid long-distance taxes on landline, cell phone or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service. The IRS will refund taxes on long-distance service billed for the period after Feb. 28, 2003 and before Aug. 1, 2006. The refunds will range between \$30 to \$60, based on the number of exemptions claimed on the tax return.

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## Gary S. Churchill, MD

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is the septum. It is made up of cartilage in the front of the nose and bone further back. This is what divides the nose lengthwise into two separate sides. The septum is often "deviated" or crooked due to some type of trauma earlier in life. This can lead to sinus infections as well as a chronic stuffy nose. If the deviation is located just beneath the bridge of the nose, it can cause the external form to look crooked. During a septoplasty, both the cartilaginous and bony portions of the septum are

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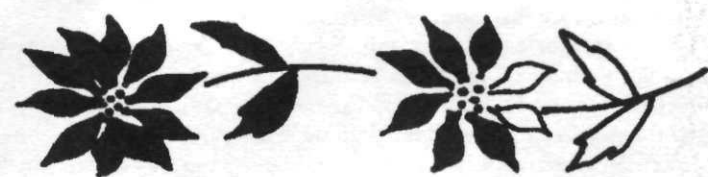
Dr. Barry Berger, a Board Certified Internist practicing in Lake Zurich for the past 12 years, introduces a new weight loss program. This program is based on the 40/30/30 nutrition plan which consists of 40% carbohydrates, 30% protein and 30% fat. By increasing protein while decreasing fat and carbohydrates, weight loss success increases. University studies using this diet method along with the latest advances in prescription medication have shown safe and effective weight loss results.



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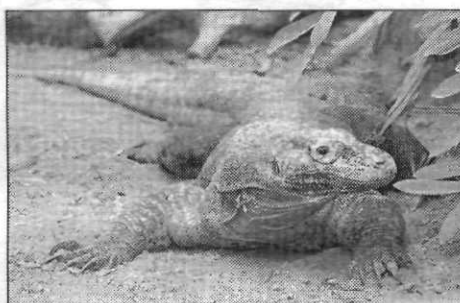


## A Fearsome New "King" Reigns at Shedd Aquarium

This spring marks the inaugural visit of a king to Chicago—lizard king that is. A feast for the eyes, Faust the Komodo dragon will hold court at Shedd Aquarium's new special exhibit, *Lizards and the Komodo King*.

The Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard, has a mouth packed with sharp teeth and deadly bacteria; the ability to track its prey for miles and miles; and the capability to devour an entire pig in 20 minutes! Found on only a few islands in Indonesia, these lizards can grow to over eight feet long, weigh up to 300 pounds, and are swift runners and swimmers. With their forked tongues and extraordinary size, it's no surprise people call them "dragons."

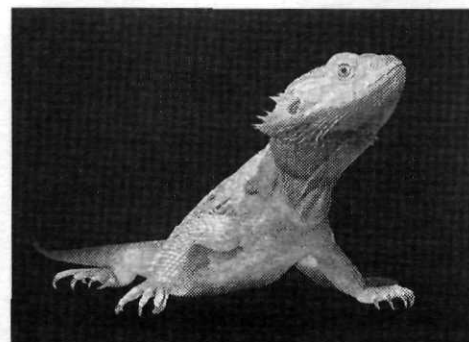
Shedd Aquarium happily welcomes Faust, the nearly eight-foot long, 120-pound Komodo dragon from Fort Worth Zoo. The name "Faust" was chosen from a public naming contest. It is from the German-based legend of Faust, a man



who sold his soul to the devil but ultimately fell in love, thus discovering the full meaning of life. This broke his pact with the devil; consequently, Faust was believed to hold power over evil.

Komodos have ancestors that date back more than 100 million years. Discovered by Western scientists in 1910, they eat everything—including hooves, horns, bones and hide—except the contents of a digestive tract. They eat the intestines only after swinging them from side to side to empty the contents. They can go several weeks between meals. But when they decide to attack, nothing can stop them. In fact, aquarium staffers won't even be in the habitat with Faust when he gets poultry, rats and other meat during feeding time because Komodos are such voracious and indiscriminate eaters!

From the tiny day gecko to the world's longest lizard, the crocodile monitor, *Lizards and the Komodo King* will connect guests to more than 25 lizard species. Discover the remarkable colors, textures,



## Coldwell Banker Cares/Busse Woods Walkers Team Raises \$3,000 for American Diabetes



**The Coldwell Banker Cares/Busse Woods Walkers are (from left) David Rose, Tammy Mann, Dawn Busse, Kerry Franze, Christine Rubin, Barbara Cunningham, Donna Green and daughter Lauren, Bob Colvin, Wayne Wychoff, Allison Dougherty and Holly Wyckoff. Alice Sieverson and daughter Dawn Mitchell walked but are not pictured.**

The Coldwell Banker walkers raised over \$3,000 for the American Diabetes Association recently. The five-mile walk through Busse Woods energized everyone on that beautiful fall morning. Team members

who were unable to walk but contributed include Angie Geitner, Jackie Edwards, Suzanne Luby, Jeanine VanDeVelde and Gigi Poteracki.



forms and behaviors of these fascinating animals.

*Lizards and the Komodo King* is scheduled to run through Feb. 28, 2007. For more information, please call 312-939-

2438 or visit [www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org). For group sales, please call 312-692-3333. Advance tickets are recommended and are on sale through Ticketmaster at 312-559-0200 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).





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### DAR Holiday Luncheon

Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is busy preparing for its annual Holiday Luncheon to be held Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the home of member Linda Wichman of Barrington. The gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m.

with lunch at noon. Illinois District Four, NSDAR Director Sharla Wilson Luken will present "Yea, We Have a Goodly Heritage." Mrs. Wichman will have on display the Pendleton Wool "Grateful Nation Blanket."

### Buying Tips in a Slowing Housing Market!

With the slowing selling market being experienced in most of the country, potential real estate buyers should be taking the opportunity to purchase very seriously.

"Buyers should really start to think about 'jumping into' the market. Interest rates are still very good and coupled with some spotty price softening and lengthy market times, buyers should be able to negotiate favorable purchase terms," says **Mark Munro, Associate Broker with Baird & Warner of Barrington**. "The first step for any buyer is to retain the services of a good real estate broker. They will define the exact market conditions in which you will be operating and this is critical information in order to make a well-informed purchase decision. They will also help you to identify exactly what it is you're looking for in a property. Without taking the time to identify exact needs and wants upfront, buyers can wander through the process without clarity and end up dissatisfied."

In addition buyers should:

• **Grab a Good Deal**—in the current market, you can generally take more time making a decision. However the homes offering an attractive value proposition are still selling quickly. Have your broker help you get educated as quickly as possible so when the good properties present themselves, you will be ready to act. You

don't want to be in the position of reflecting back in the process saying "we should have grabbed that one."

• **But... Don't Move Too Fast**—be patient to find the home you like. You shouldn't feel rushed by the market or your broker. Your purchase is typically a long-term investment so you should take time to ensure that the area, neighborhood and even the street are what you want and will deliver a good economic return. Rely on your broker to provide expert market counsel so that you make a good decision.

• **Get Tough**—the homes with lengthy market times are generally ready to negotiate. Some of these sellers will be making two mortgage payments. Don't worry about offending anyone—have an in-depth talk with your broker about comparable prices, market conditions and any other information that might provide you a business advantage. With this leverage you can often drive your terms, get repairs made and have other extras thrown into the deal.

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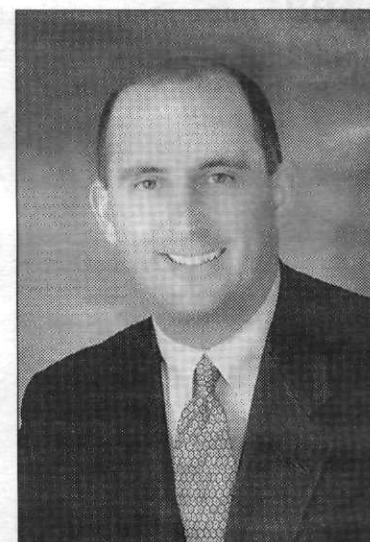
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## Second Annual Stargazers Ball Raises \$78,000 for the Raue Center For The Arts



The Stargazers Ball Committee members pictured are (from left, standing) Chris Underwood, Jean Marie Saidler, Jovanna Dunham, Dean Richards, Susan Berg, (seated) Bill Dwyer and Elke Proehl-Buder. Not pictured is Karen Trannel.

The Second Annual Stargazers Ball was another tremendous success, raising over \$39,000 for the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake, Illinois. The proceeds will be matched dollar for dollar by the Lucile Raue Family Estate. The total contribution of over \$78,000 and will be used to create an endowment to support arts education and community outreach programs, as well as future artistic and programming initiatives at the Raue Center.

With a theme based on the well-known song from Rogers and Hammerstein's musical *South Pacific*, this year's Stargazers Ball "Some Enchanted Evening" was held on Friday, Oct. 6, at the Boulder Ridge Country Club in Lake in the Hills, Ill. Over 200 guests in formal gowns and tuxedos attended the ball which included dinner, a live auction, and dancing to the beautiful sounds of the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra.

## Music is Everywhere at Barrington United Methodist Church

Barrington United Methodist Church takes pride in its musical heritage and its dedication to worshipping God through music! We have many musical groups and organizations, and we welcome your participation. Whether you have an hour a week or an hour a month to participate, there is a musical group for you!

Our groups include: Chancel Choir, an adult choir; Joyful Noise, an a cappella ensemble; Children's Choir for second- to sixth-graders; Cherub Choir for preschoolers to first-graders; Exaltation Ringers, a

handbell choir; BUMC String Ensemble; Trebelaires, a treble ladies chorus for high-schoolers through adult; Men of Praise, a male chorus for high-schoolers through adult; Beginning Handchimes/Handbells; and Just For Fun with kazoos and cowbells!

Karen Maxwell is the director of music. For more information, call 1-847-836-5540 or visit [www.BarringtonUMC.com](http://www.BarringtonUMC.com). Barrington United Methodist is located at 98 Algonquin Road (at Route 59) in Barrington.

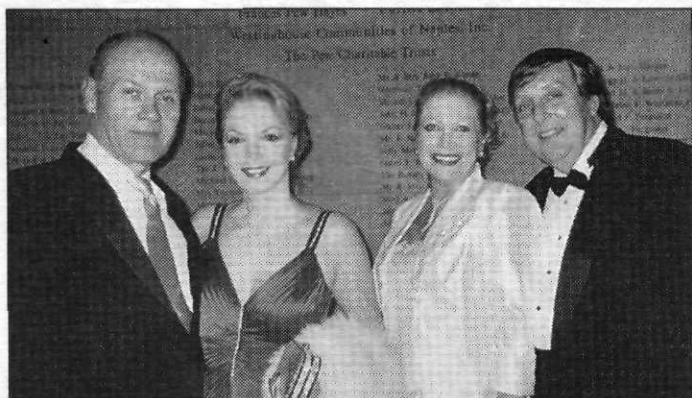


Dean Richards, WGN Radio personality and WGN-TV entertainment reporter and critic hosted the evening's festivities. He is a native of Chicago and currently hosts "Dean Richards Sunday Morning" on WGN Radio, covering the local entertainment scene, including the arts, theater, film, dance, food, dining and lifestyle issues. Richards is also the WGN-TV entertainment reporter and critic, interviewing national and local celebrities, reporting on showbiz, and reviewing film and theater. He enjoys lending his celebrity to a variety of community organizations and charity causes, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association and HIV-AIDS issues.

The Raue Center for the Arts is committed to enriching the lives of all residents of McHenry County and the surrounding communities by providing a center where they can benefit from the visual and performing arts through education, creative expression, guidance, artistic nourishment, insight and inspiration, in an historic venue. The Raue Center's renovated 1929 theatre is a treasured gathering place for human communication through the arts and a bridge across cultures and time. For more information about the Raue Center for the Arts, please visit [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org).



## The Philharmonic Opens in Naples, Fla.



(From left) Dale and Ruth Kern of Barrington and Naples, Fla. join Ruth and Pat Griffin of Naples to celebrate the opening of the Philharmonic, which starts the social season there.

Naples has it all—sunny skies, warm weather, gorgeous golf course communities, fantastic fishing and even culture! “Naples is no longer the sleepy little town it was some 30 plus years ago when my parents would winter there along with their golf buddies from Medinah Country Club,” says **Ruth Kern**, a Naples resident and Florida Realtor. “I know my folks would have approved of the way that Naples has developed over the years.”

The development of Naples into a world-class destination did not happen overnight but the tremendous growth spurt did catch everyone, even the mayor, by surprise. When the mayor, a 35-year resident, spoke at the breakfast meeting of NABOR (Naples Area Board of Realtors), he said, “If I had anticipated this huge interest in Naples, I would have bought all of the property in the area that I could get

my hands on and I know you (the Realtors) would have done the same thing so you wouldn't be just selling the real estate, you would own it!”

After an unprecedented and unsustainable increase in property values over the past several years, the Naples area is finally taking a breather. “This is a great time to think seriously about investing in Naples real estate,” says Kern. “Over the long term, the prices will continue to go up because of all the ‘baby boomers’ as well as the international people who want to own property in Naples, but right now, the prices of real estate are starting to ratchet downward. There are tremendous buying opportunities in the market.”

If you are interested in taking a closer look at Naples area properties, give **Ruth Kern** a call at **1-239-248-5444**.

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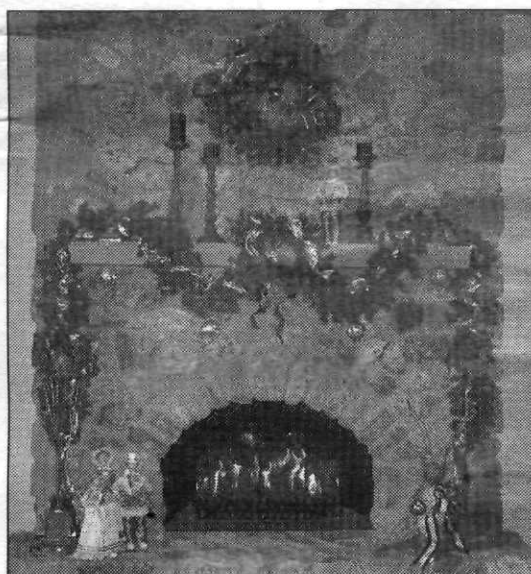


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- Don't make the holidays a deadline.
- Spread your holiday decorating over several days and make each day an event by playing holiday music, lighting candles and enjoying a warm beverage like hot chocolate.
- Only bring into your living spaces the boxes that you can deal with today to keep you from getting overwhelmed.
- Find a new way to display your ornaments by hanging them on garland swagged over your window or fireplace or add them to your holiday wreaths.
- Donate your extra ornaments to a church or charity.
- Create a unique tree with your favorite collection. For instance I have a table top tree that I decorate with my vintage jewelry and purses.
- If decorating for the holidays is something you dread then call in the experts to lift the burden and create a beautiful holiday setting in your home.

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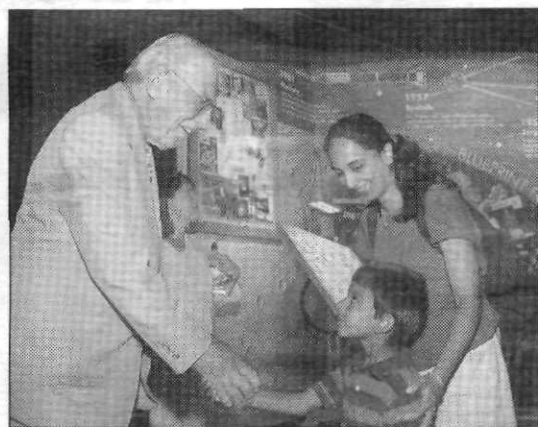
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## A JOURNEY WITH JIM LOVELL

### SHOOT FOR THE MOON

"A Journey with Jim Lovell," the first gallery of "Shoot for the Moon," tells the story of NASA astronaut Captain James A. Lovell, Jr.'s life and career using artifacts from his personal collection. The exhibition, at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, shares the story of America's first journeys into space in the 1960s as told through the powerful narrative of Captain Lovell. It includes stories about Lovell's initial failures to gain acceptance into the U.S. Naval Academy and NASA astronaut program and ultimate success as a space pioneer; he flew on four missions and traveled to the Moon twice! Visitors will gain insights about the dramatic moments leading up to each of his Gemini missions, and how Lovell and others risked their lives to advance scientific understanding when manned space flight was still in its infancy.

"A Journey with Jim Lovell" is designed as an immersive, multi-purpose gallery experience. The exhibition includes two multimedia presentations with original NASA footage from Lovell's Gemini and Apollo missions. The Gemini 12 spacecraft itself—fully-restored—is the centerpiece of a dynamic show celebrating the Gemini 12 mission and Amer-



Former astronaut Captain James A. Lovell, Jr. greets visitors to "A Journey with Jim Lovell."



Lovell's fully-restored Gemini 12 spacecraft is a centerpiece of the exhibition.

ica's race to the Moon.

The second gallery of "Shoot for the Moon" will offer visitors the opportunity to walk in the boots of an explorer to experience the thrill of trying out for the astronaut program and flying in space.

The exhibition includes almost 30 artifacts from Lovell's personal collection, in addition to the fully-restored Gemini 12 spacecraft.

Among the outstanding pieces in the exhibition are: Lovell's rejection letter from the Mercury Program in 1959, original flight plans and manuals flown on the Gemini 12 mission, Lovell's visual acuity test card from Gemini 7, Lovell's handwritten Gemini training notes and a full set of Gemini space program medallions.

Also included are some of the rocketry and science fiction books that inspired Lovell as a child, as well as other personal effects from his early years, including personal photos and diaries.

In October 2005, the Gemini 12 spacecraft traveled from the Goddard Space Flight Center to the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kansas, for restoration and preservation. The res-

toration process was completed in April 2006 and the spacecraft arrived at the Adler the morning of April 10, 2006.

Restoration of the capsule included taking an inventory of the spacecraft's condition and parts, fixing corrosion on the body and visible wear and deterioration on the interior. Lovell personally met with restoration experts at the Cosmosphere to go over details of the work and make sure the capsule was brought back to its post-flight appearance.

Lovell, veteran of four Gemini and Apollo missions, helped the Adler secure the Gemini 12 spacecraft on long-term loan from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

Gemini 12 is the third Gemini capsule the Cosmosphere has restored. The others were Gemini 6 and Gemini 10.

Adler Planetarium is located at 1300 South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

Admission to "Shoot for the Moon" is free with general museum admission. General admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for seniors; and \$5 for adult residents/children 417. Visit [www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org) or call 1-312-922-STAR(7827) for details.







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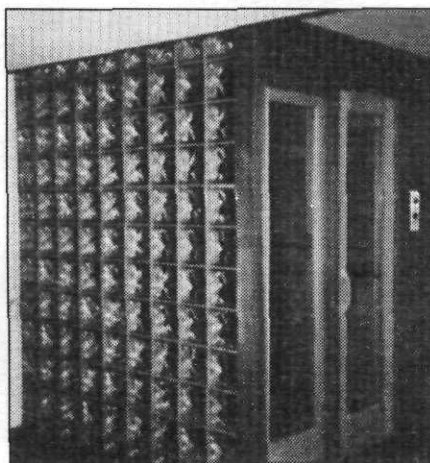
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"Old Finnish proverbs consider sauna to be the 'medicine of the poor, the hospital and of Finland,'" according to *Spa and Sauna Magazine*.

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Today, in many research laboratories around the world, saunas are being tested as therapy for chemical poisoning. Because of the mental relaxation saunas are able to induce, it's said to be the perfect environment for intimate conversations with spouses, friends and children," *Spa and Sauna Magazine* continues.



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## Smithsonian Traveling Photography Exhibit Depicts China in Transition

Separated from the West by thousands of miles and seemingly insurmountable cultural barriers, China has long been an unfamiliar, romanticized land—until recently. In the new exhibition "Documenting China: Contemporary Photography and Social Change," the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) partners with Bates College Museum of Art in Lewiston, Maine, to explore the social change in the most populous nation on Earth.

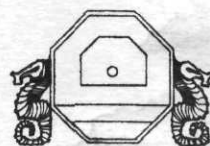
Focusing on the impacts of urbanization

and industrialization in China, the exhibition of documentary photographers has opened at the Barrington Area Historical Society at 212 West Main St., Barrington. Hours will be Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5; seniors \$3; and students/children \$2. "Documenting China" will remain on view through December 2006, before continuing on a national tour through 2009. This exhibition has been made possible through the generous support of Crystal Cruises.

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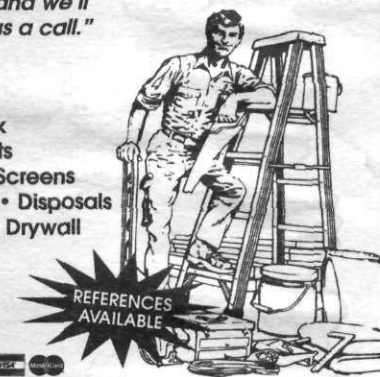
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composed.

SITES has been sharing the wealth of Smithsonian collections and research programs with millions of people outside Washington, D.C., for more than 50 years. It connects Americans to their shared cultural heritage through a wide range of exhibitions about art, science and history, which are shown wherever people live, work and play. For more information, including exhibition descriptions and tour schedules, visit [www.sites.si.edu](http://www.sites.si.edu).



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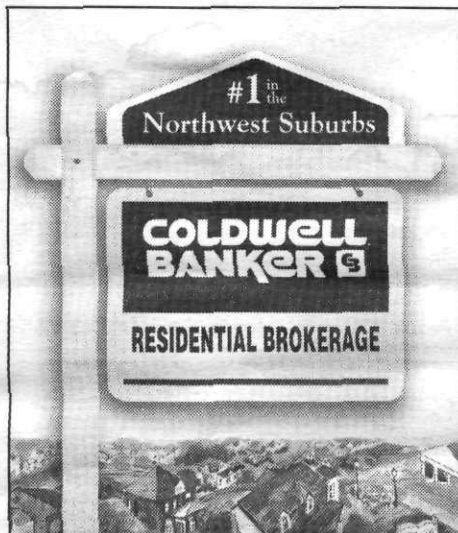
**Kerry Franze 847/277-2703**



## North Barrington \$1,399,000

Sweeping staircase, hi-profile millwk, arched entries, 24' brkfst rm, Versailles-inspired MBR, 4 fplcs, A+ walkout w/winem, theater, BR, excs rm, bar. 5 BR, 4.2 BA.

**Lori Rowe 847/774-7464**



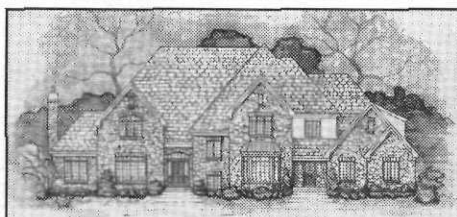
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## Tower Lakes \$1,350,000

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## Barrington Hills \$3,495,000

4 BR, 4+ BA w/4 fplc, 10' ceil, gourmet kitchen. Mstr ste w/all amenities & 3 additional ste w/private ba. 4-car gar on 5 acres of wooded land. 14-car carriage house.

**Jack Sanderson 847/903-9688**



## Barrington Schools \$735,000

Stunning 5yr new, 4BR, 3.5BA w/gleaming hrdwd flrs, crown mldg, 2 sty FM + 9ft T/O. 42" cabinets, 1st flr off & sunrm. Fin LL w/4rms+BA. 40x30 Brk Patio/BBQ.

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## Barrington \$609,900

Pristine 4 BR, 2.1 BA, 2 sty Foyer, open flr plan, large Kit/EAS/FR, full Bsmt, Deck. Wooded cul-de-sac location. Walk to everything!

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## Barrington \$597,000

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## Lake Barrington \$529,700

Waterfront views, boat dock in this UPGRADED 3BR Fox River twnhse. W/Maple flrs, 3 Frpls, cherry kit, htd gar, w/out LL w/wetbar & SubZero apps, mstr ste w/whirlpl.

**Jack Sanderson/Barb Wessberg 847/903-9688**



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## Chicago History Museum Features Dior: The New Look

As one of the most influential fashion designers of the twentieth century, Christian Dior revolutionized the fashion industry in 1947 with his first collection: the New Look. His designs expressed nostalgia, fantasy, opulence and femininity, creating an idealized image of womanhood that dominated fashion throughout the 1950s. The exhibition, *Dior: The New Look*, explores why the collection was so important to fashion and society, focusing on postwar America, its Chicago connection, and the women who loved this feminine style, as well as those who opposed it.

On Feb. 12, 1947, Christian Dior presented his collection to the public, and fashion mavens immediately predicted it would put Paris back on the map as the capital of fashion. The success of the New Look led to the opening of Christian Dior New York, making Christian Dior the first European designer with a ready-to-wear salon in the United States. By 1957, Dior products were available in 15 countries and Dior himself was featured on the cover of *TIME* magazine.

The exhibition allows for each of the ensembles to tell a story. Many of these pieces were altered after their original creation, and these changes are highlighted so the visitors can see how clothing sometimes changes to follow the latest trends



or due to a new owner. Also featured are specially designed undergarments that were created to mold and shape the female form into Dior's New Look silhouette of cinched waists and exaggerated hips.

Chicago was vital to Dior's success in the United States, establishing relationships with large department stores such as

## Taizé Worship at Resurrection Center

On Dec. 18 (the third Monday of each month) at 7:30 p.m. Resurrection Retreat Center will host a Advent worship service in the spirit of Taizé. Resurrection Retreat Center is located at 2710 Country Club Road in Woodstock.

Taizé worship offers an opportunity for a different kind of religious experience re-

calling an ancient Christian tradition. The worship consists of repetitive simple music, scripture and a 10-minute period of silence—all in a candlelit environment.

For further information, call Resurrection Retreat Center at 815-338-1032 or visit their Web site at [www.resurrectioncenter.org](http://www.resurrectioncenter.org).

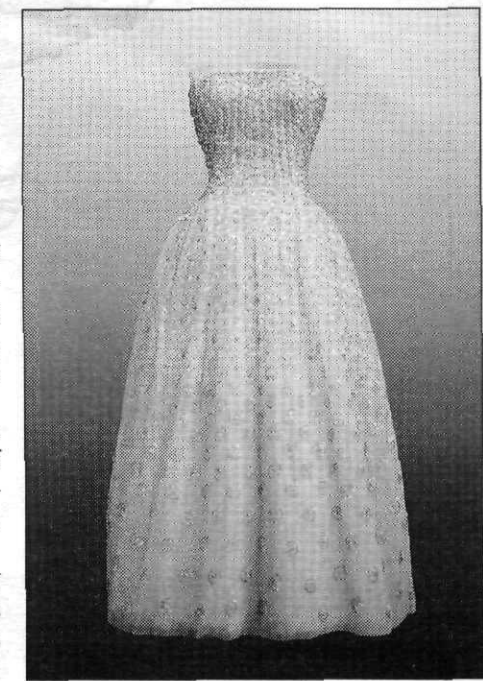


Marshall Field & Co., which helped make his fashions affordable to a wider audience. Dior once stated, "In spite of its sinister reputation, Chicago is one of the most poetic cities in the world." The exhibition explores some of the Chicago women who were Dior's best clients.

The exhibition closes with "The Little Below the Knee Club." This group of women rejected the New Look, declaring that it was a drastic blow to women's emancipation. Despite these protesters, the look remained successful and is still evident in many fashion styles today.

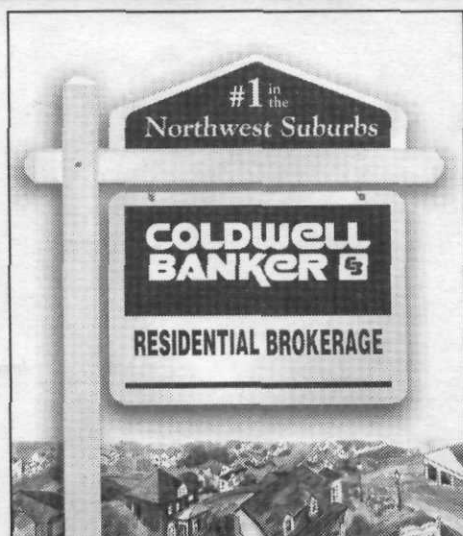
This gallery was made possible through the support and generous contribution of the Costume Council of the Chicago Historical Society and Mr. and Mrs. James M. McMullan.

The Chicago History Museum, formerly known as the Chicago Historical Society, is located at 1601 N. Clark St. in Chicago. For more information, call 312-642-4600.





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**Barrington Hills \$3,750,000**  
New Const! 5 BR, 6.5 BA, 5 ac site w/pond. 2-sty entry & FR. Gour kit. Frnt & bck str. Great views t/o. Approx 11Ksq ft. Fin w/o, theater, horse trails, exer. rm & rec rm.  
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**South Barrington \$1,799,000**  
New const on 1.25 act Brk & stone French entry hm w/ 5 BR, 4.2 BA, 2 sty entry, 9' & 10' clogs on 1st flr & 9' cgl. LL, 4 frpl. "Smart House" Fin LL w/wine cellar & home theatre.  
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**Inverness \$2,200,000**

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**Woodstock \$1,695,000**  
Spectacular 4 br, 3.5 ba home set on 6+ acres w/pond. Great room w/stone flplc. Maple & granite kit w/solarium. Mstr ste w/pvt deck. W/O LL.  
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**Barrington \$1,175,000**  
Brick lakefront hme on 1.75 ac offers 4BR, 3.3BA, dramatic entry, kit w/pvt patio off EA, 1st flr mstr bdrm w/lux mstr BA, full fin w/o LL, extensive deck + 3c Gar.  
**Celeste Lockhart 847/525-0411**



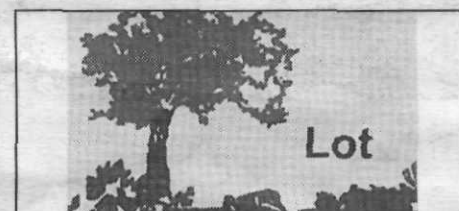
**Barrington \$1,129,000**  
Stately brck 4 BR, 4.5 BA home sits on 1+ ac lot. 2-str entry w/marble flrs & curved stairs. Hdw fls t/o. 9' clogs on 1st fl. Lux MBR ste. Low Cook County Taxes.  
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**Celeste Lockhart 847/525-0411**



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**Barrington \$639,900**  
Contemporary-Unique home w/2-3 BR, 3.5 BA. Atrium in center of home. 1st flr MBR w/indoor exercise pool/spa, Great room, W/O fin LL, Deck views 14th tee.  
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**Palatine \$539,000**  
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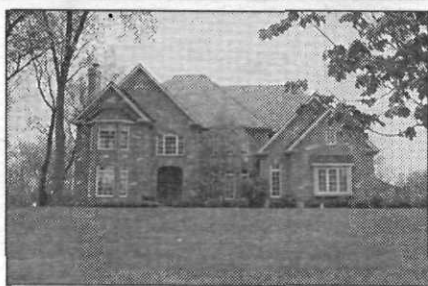
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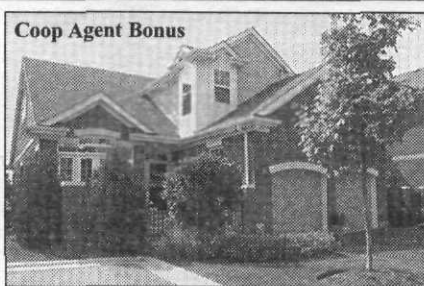




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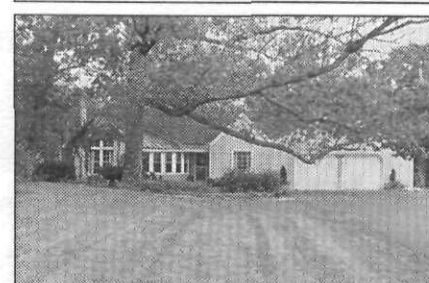
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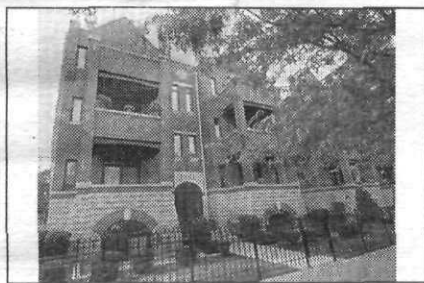
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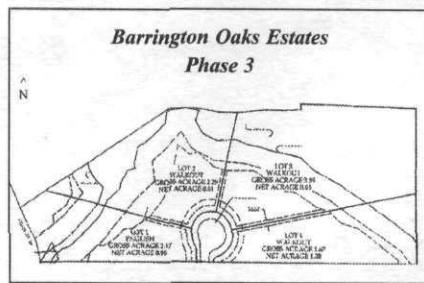
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## Civic Leaders Honored

The Barrington Area Arts Council (BAAC) honored new and established civic leaders at their 2006 Annual Meeting. Frederica Pederson, Advocate Good Shepherd Health and Fitness Center, and Doug Saylor and Joyce Palmquist were some of the volunteers honored at the annual celebration held in September.

The first annual Dwight E. Reed Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded to Doug Saylor and Joyce Palmquist (executive director of BACOA) for their years of dedicated support for BAAC programs. The award is in memory and honor of Dwight E. Reed. Dwight and his wife Betty have been dedicated members of BAAC for many years. Sadly, Dwight passed away this last year. Betty Reed spoke about her husband's love of BAAC and how important the organization was to him.

Frederica Pederson was awarded The Flo Bash Award in honor of BAAC founder Flo Bash. The award is given to an individual who has displayed an outstanding example of leadership by supporting the BAAC mission.

The inaugural Corporate Citizenship

Award was awarded to Advocate Good Shepherd Health and Fitness Center in recognition of their hard work and dedication put forth on the Fourth of July Run for the Arts. The Health and Fitness Center has been the major sponsor for over 10 years and has helped plan and execute the event for as many years.

BAAC Executive Director Corryn Hall-Lee spoke at the annual meeting about the future of the arts as the place and purpose of a local arts council. "It's not enough to make the arts available, because they already are, our role and our promise to this community is make the community stronger through the arts."

Presidents Awards were also presented to Elyse and Raymond Roberts, Francine Fossler, Winston Duke (posthumously), Rusty Hernandez, Karen Wollscheid, Jennifer Polisek, David Nelson, Geary Smith, and Peg Campana for their dedication and support over the past year.

Built on almost three decades of experience, the future of BAAC is bright. If you would like to become more involved, or know someone who does, you can contact a BAAC staff member at 1-847-382-

## Wellness Place Hosts Lymphedema Prevention Educational Program

Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway, Palatine, will host "Prevention of Lymphedema: What We Know Now" on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This featured program is open to the community at no cost to participants. Call 1-847-221-2400 to preregister.

Three Good Shepherd Hospital physical therapists, certified in manual lymph drainage and decongestive physiotherapy, will discuss lymphedema prevention, signs, symptoms and treatment followed by a question-and-answer period. This

program is supported by a grant from the Chicago Area Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Inc.

Wellness Place provides professional, cancer-related counseling, services and programs at no charge to enhance the lives of people living with cancer, their families and caregivers. The not-for-profit cancer resource center serves 60 communities in the northwest suburbs of Cook County, and parts of McHenry, Lake and Kane counties. For information, call 1-847-221-2400 or visit [www.wellnessplace.org](http://www.wellnessplace.org).



5626 or [info@barringtonarts.org](mailto:info@barringtonarts.org). You can also visit them at [www.barringtonarts.org](http://www.barringtonarts.org). The BAAC is the leading nonprofit organization for the advancement of the arts in the Barrington Area. The BAAC serves the community by enhancing perceptions of the arts, by sponsoring activities that encourage an elevated awareness of our

community through the arts and through active partnerships with a growing population of artists and arts-related organizations. The BAAC is funded by individuals, corporations, foundations and other organizations. The BAAC also receives funds from the Illinois Arts Council.



## Garden Club of Lake Zurich

The next meeting of The Garden Club of Lake Zurich will be held Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Foglia YMCA on Old McHenry Road.

The program will be "Classic Holiday Arrangements for Your Home," presented by Mari Machenbach. With 24 years of gardening experience, Machenbach is pursuing a ornamental horticulture certificate.

For information, call 1-847-438-2989 or 815-444-6289.

The Garden Club of Lake Zurich is a member of both The Garden Club of Illinois Inc. and The National Garden Clubs Inc.

### Future Meetings and Activities

- Jan. 2, 7 p.m.—Those Amazing Annals by Joann Loebel
- Feb. 6, 7 p.m.—Sculpture in the Chicagoland Public Landscape by Bill Hessel
- March 6, 7 p.m.—Perennials for the Chicago Region by Carolyn Ulrich
- April 3, 7 p.m.—Dazzling, Delightful, Delicious Daylilies by Greg Bartoshuk
- May 8, 7 p.m.—Flying Flowers by Patricia Armstrong
- May 12, 8:30 a.m. to noon—Plant Sale at Ela Area Public Library in Lake Zurich
- June 5, 7 p.m.—All About Herbs: An Overview by Gabrielle Castrejon

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## BARRINGTON

Lovely home in maintenance free community! Set in a premium cul-de-sac location, it offers a 1st flr master, 2 additional generous BR, den, 2 story family room w/ custom built-ins, cherry kitchen w/granite counters. A lovely deck overlooks private setting.

**OFFERED AT \$749,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Build your dream home on this incomparable wooded hilltop overlooking a private secluded lake. Over 5 spectacular lakefront acres with 624' of shoreline, on a private lane in a prime location, just moments from the Village. Ideal for walkout lower level construction. Enjoy idyllic views, majestic hardwoods & beautiful lake.

**OFFERED AT \$3,900,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

A private, winding lane leads to this stunning 3 BR, 3.1 BA brick residence. Renovated to perfection, it offers a gourmet kit w/ custom cabinetry and granite counters, inviting family room, generous room sizes & hardwood floors. Delightful sunroom, luxurious BAs & 2 FPs. Peaceful 6.7 acre setting, 2-stall barn.

**OFFERED AT \$1,235,000**



## BARRINGTON

Timeless sophistication throughout this magnificent waterfront residence. Gourmet kit w/ custom cabinetry & granite countertops, hardwood flooring t/o, walls of windows, cathedral ceilings & 2 FPs. 1st floor master, 3 2nd floor BR suites, fin w/o lower level w/ kitchen & full BA. Braymore setting & water views are spectacular.

**OFFERED AT \$1,299,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Classic stone & cedar ranch is set on 5 verdant acres offering 4 BR & 5 BA, w/ 2 master suites. Large, eat-in kitchen with Poggenpohl cabinetry & top-of-the-line appliances. Delightful sunroom, cathedral ceilinged in family room, 4 fireplaces & 3 car garage. Includes tennis court & direct access to the extensive riding trails.

**OFFERED AT \$1,349,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Delightful equestrian property offers a lovely, completely updated 4 BR, 2.1 BA colonial with magnificent gourmet kitchen, sumptuous master suite with luxurious bath featured in *North Shore Magazine*, and wonderful 4 stall barn with ample turnouts. Expansive decking, hot tub and 3 car garage too!

**OFFERED AT \$989,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Set on a private, wooded site, this 5 BR classic is the epitome of refined country living. Abundant in character & charm, & designed for personal comfort & festive gatherings, it features exquisite architectural detail, 5 FPs, gourmet kitchen, stunning views, sparkling pool, 4 car gar, stunning grounds & expansive stone terraces.

**OFFERED AT \$1,724,900**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Significant estate set on 17 rolling, wooded acres. Designed for a gracious lifestyle, this stone & cedar residence offers the finest custom finishes throughout its substantial comfortable interior. This beautiful estate includes 2 guest houses, pool, tennis court & 4 stall barn. Its location is prime and protected, its appeal, timeless.

**OFFERED AT \$5,190,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Magnificent 1 year old home is set on 5.84 beautiful acres. 5 BR, 4 BA masterpiece exudes warmth & charm & offers an *Architectural Digest* quality kitchen w/ top-of-the-line appliances & adjoining firelit hearth room. 1st floor master retreat, 2 FPs, welcoming front porch & 3 car garage further enhance this spectacular home.

**OFFERED AT \$2,475,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Beautiful home! Fabulous horse facilities! First floor master BR, updated kitchen, great room w/ vaulted ceiling, elegant dining rm, family rm & finished walkout LL, outside is just as perfect as the inside. Inground 20x40 pool. 5 stall barn, heated tack room, 80x140 sand arena w/ sprinkler system & 2 fenced paddocks. Sand arena w/ sprinkler system & 2 fenced paddocks.

**OFFERED AT \$1,475,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

Outstanding 6 br, 8.1 ba custom brick Georgian set on 10 rolling acres overlooking picturesque Goose Lake. Awe-inspiring architectural design and detail. It offers a grand gourmet kitchen, sumptuous master suite, 6 fplcs, finished walkout LL, stone terraces and 4 car garage. It is elegant, warm & very livable.

**OFFERED AT \$4,990,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

"Creek House." Charming 1938 colonial is nestled in rolling, wooded 10+ acre setting w/babbling brook & pond. 5 br, 4.1 ba residence is warm & inviting w/lovely views from every window. Additional amenities include an inground pool, tennis court & garage parking for 5 vehicles.

**OFFERED AT \$1,700,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

A long curving drive leads to this gracious 5 BR, 4.2 BA country manor, secluded on 20 acres in the heart of horse country. A tranquil pond, sparkling pool, 10 stall barn, garage parking for 5 vehicles and premier Brinker Road location enhance this special offering.

**OFFERED AT \$3,599,000**



## BARRINGTON HILLS

This expansive, custom brick residence is set on a magnificent, private wooded lakefront site just moments from the Village. Outstanding quality & design are evidenced throughout. Wonderful entertaining & private areas. Finished walkout LL. 4-car garage. Beautiful professional landscaping. Gorgeous lakefront setting.

**OFFERED AT \$1,749,000**



## BARRINGTON

Exceptional newly constructed residence just minutes to the village. This stunning masterpiece offers the highest quality, design, detail & finishes. Gorgeous gourmet kitchen, 4 BR, 4.1 BA, luxurious master suite. Open flowing floor plan, finished lower level, beautifully landscaped grounds, 3-car garage.

**OFFERED AT \$1,299,999**



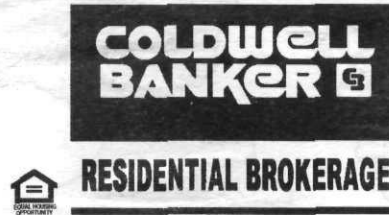
## BARRINGTON

Stately updated English Tudor nestled in a heavily wooded setting. Fabulous new gourmet kitchen, gorgeous master suite & fresh decor. Full walkout lower level, two FPs, meticulous attention to detail and finest finishes. Three car garage, extensive terrace areas, and brick paver drive further enhance this special offering.

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## BACOA Senior Activity and Lunch Programs for December

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's (BACOA) Monday Senior Lunch and Activity Program is held at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington. Games begin at 10:30 a.m.; lunch is served at noon.

The suggested donation for the Monday

lunch program is \$3. However, if underwriting is unavailable for special programs, there may be an increase in the suggested donation. Preregistration is required—please call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.

• Monday, Dec. 4—Games and lunch. Darlene Horslev and Carolyn Roussel of

"The Tuneful Twosome," will perform Christmas songs.

• Monday, Dec. 11—Games and lunch. The Wauconda High School Chorus will perform a special music program. Blood pressures will be taken and December birthdays will be celebrated.

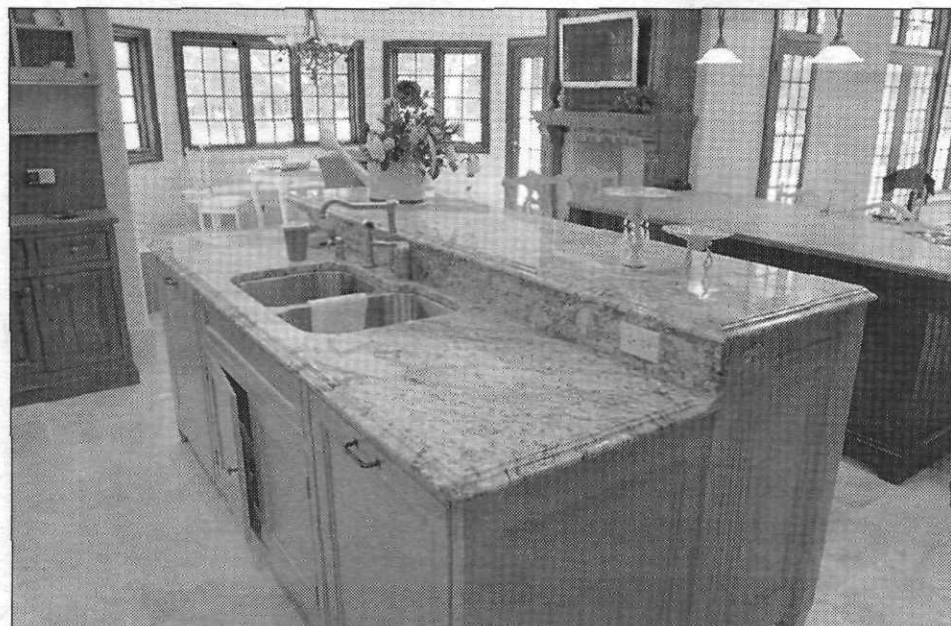
• Monday, Dec. 18—Annual Christmas Luncheon. This is the Christmas luncheon for BACOA's lunch programs at the Bar-

ington Park District and Greencastle of Barrington. There will also be games and lunch. The entertainment will be "Second Wind" (Joyce Palmquist and Doug Saylor). Call BACOA for reservations by Dec. 13.

• Monday, Dec. 25—Closed for the holidays. BACOA's lunch program will return on Jan. 8. Have a safe and happy New Year!



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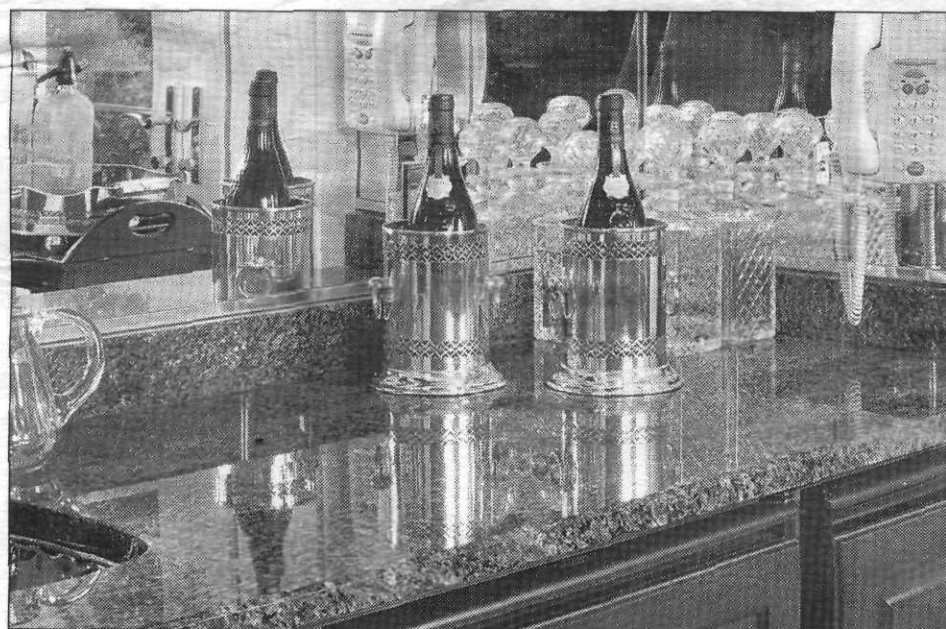
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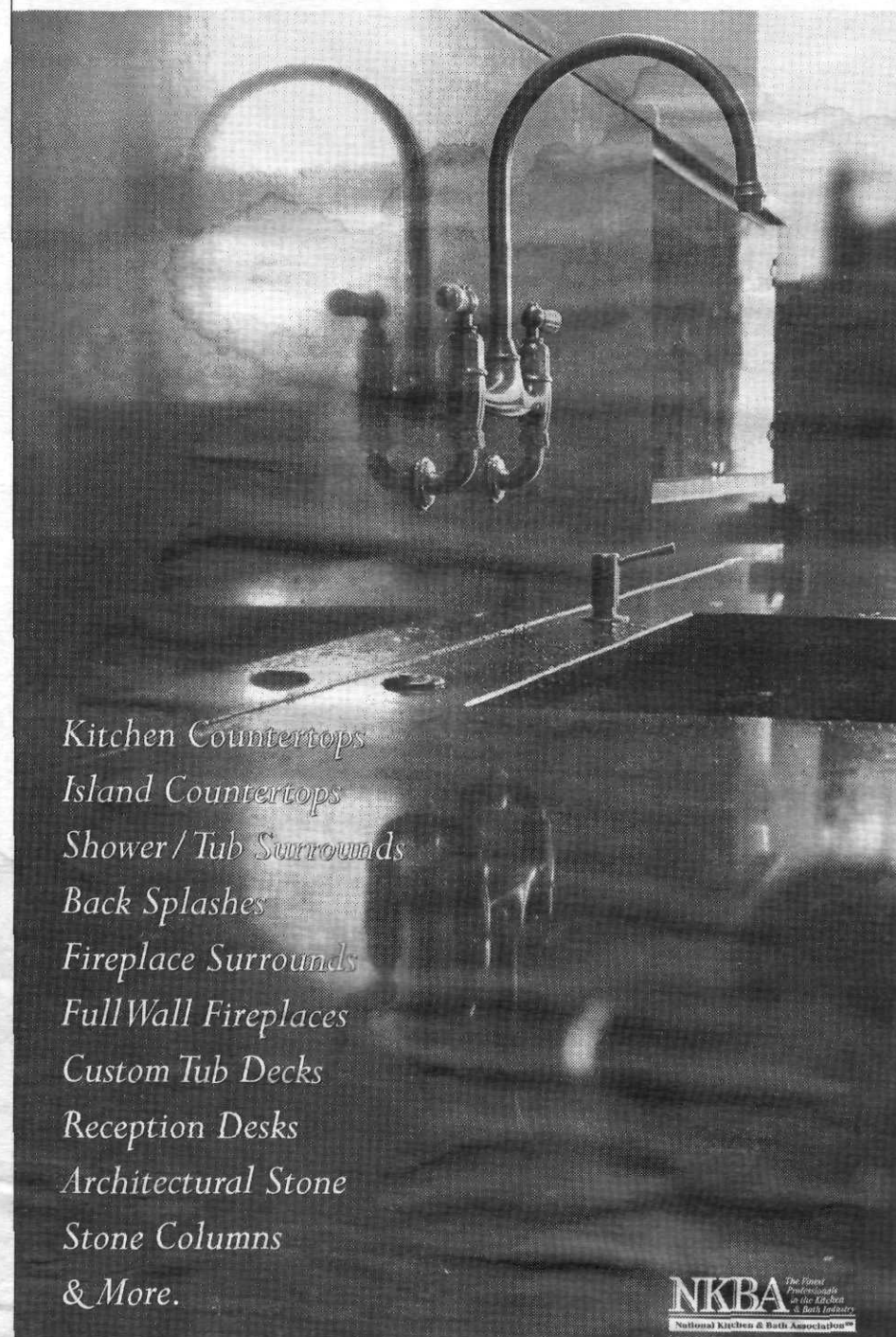
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