

# RAVENSWOOD MANOR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Manor Garden Walk is June 27

**S**unday, June 27, is the date for this year's Manor Garden Club Garden Walk. Hours are 2 p.m. through 6 p.m.

In addition to several gardens, the Chicago Park District will have a professional storyteller at Ravenswood Manor Park, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a concert in the park beginning at 7 p.m. (see page 4 for more details). The park is the spot to pick up your maps showing which yards are part of the walk. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

Manor residents who do not participate are encouraged to do what they can to make the Manor look clean and neat. Details are available at [www.manorgardenclub.org](http://www.manorgardenclub.org).

### RMIA Newsletter Editor Needed

**T**he RMIA is looking for someone with experience and/or interest in newsletter editing to lay out the newsletter beginning this Fall. We publish four per year. If interested, please call (773) 588-5680.

### Can You Canoe II

**I**t is that time again and the RMIA is calling all residents for the 2nd annual canoe trip on the Chicago River. The first trip last August was great, but we did not have a large turnout. We would like to see a lot more residents take this year's trip. Last year we saw

turtles, blue herons, ducks and geese.

This year we will be canoeing on Saturday, September 11. Save the date and plan to make it a great day. Please e-mail [rmiacanoe@hotmail.com](mailto:rmiacanoe@hotmail.com) to put your name on the e-mail list. We hope you can come and help

### 4th of July Kids Parade

**P**lease join us in celebrating Ravenswood Manor's first 4th of July Children's Parade on Saturday, July 3rd. Neighborhood children are invited to participate by decorating their bikes, scooters, wagons, etc...and joining in the parade. The festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. traveling east on Eastwood, through Manor Park and ending at Merle's Coffee Shop where a

full grill menu will be offered for lunch and free ice cream for the kids.

Interested in participating? Please meet at Eastwood and Sacramento at 10:45a.m. Interested in watching? Please gather on the 2900 block of Eastwood and cheer on our patriotic tots.

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## RMIA News Briefs

**W**hether you are new to the neighborhood or have lived here your whole life, the RMIA Board could be just right for you. The Board plans and leads many of the activities you read about in this newsletter; tackles tough issues like traffic calming and zoning violations; addresses issues and concerns of neighbors; and overall works to keep the Manor the excellent neighborhood that it is. Whether you'd like to be a member of one of our committees or take a more active role, there is a place for you on the Board this fall. If you are interested in learning more, please call (312) 409-3213 and leave your name and phone number.

**I**f you spot graffiti in our neighborhood, please call to report the location for prompt removal. Simply dial 311 or 312-744-5000 from your cellular phone.

**T**he neighborhood speed limit is 20 mph. If every Ravenswood Manor resident drives the speed limit and is mindful of pedestrian crossings they would in essence turn into a mobile speed hump. We could effectively lower the speed of the following cars.

**T**he Roy's Alignment site at Manor and Lawrence will become new condominium units with retail space on the ground floor. The RMIA is looking forward to meet the builder to review the site plans.

**P**lease consider picking up litter as you see it. During the summer our playground and parks end up with ice cream wrappers and other trash laying around.

If everyone takes a piece of litter and throws it in the garage as they leave the park we'll keep the parks looking great all summer

The *Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter* is published by the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA), a non-profit group of Ravenswood Manor residents formed to implement the will of its members.

All those who live or do business in Ravenswood Manor are eligible to become board members. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Horner Park field house. Meetings are open to all members.

To join the RMIA, volunteer or make a suggestion, call the RMIA hotline at (312) 409-3213 or send us an e-mail at [rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com)

## A New Neighborhood Business

**D**ebbie Donnewold brings personal chef service to Ravenswood Manor. Prepared in the kitchen of Home Café, the Windy City chef can deliver five healthy, delicious meals to your door each week. Great for people who are tired of cooking or just want to eat healthy with not a lot of effort. Welcome Debbie! More information can be found at [www.TheWindyCityChef.com](http://www.TheWindyCityChef.com) or by phone at 773-294-1878.

## Why Not a Block Party?

**G**reat way to kick off the summer and get reacquainted with your neighbors is to organize a block party. Block parties are easy to do. To schedule a block party call Diane at the 33rd Ward downtown office at 312-744-6825. "No parking" signs

can be requested at the local 33rd Ward office at 773-478-8040. In advance, you can call the local fire station to open the hydrant for the kids. Play volleyball, Bocci ball, dance to music and enjoy great summer food and conversation.

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# They Called Me Mr. Roosevelt

By Al Klein

**A** lucky neighborhood youngster who grew up in the area, attended Bateman, graduated Roosevelt High in '41 and was fortunate enough to work and thrive at Roosevelt High.

Many of us kids who grew up east of Kedzie Ave., always looked up to the nice area called Ravenswood Manor as the showpiece of our neighborhood. In or out of the Manor, we walked everywhere, be it Hild Library, Clarendon Beach, later Montrose Beach (after the outer drive was built) to the huge pool in California Park. The present site of Horner Park was an abandoned brick yard where we played for hours. The local firemen flooded most empty lots mainly on California south of Montrose where we ice skated and played hockey.

The movie theaters were the Commodore on Irving Park, and the Drake at Drake and Montrose which showed three movies and three cartoons. We brought in sandwiches. The most prominent place was the Terminal Theater with an occasional stage show. Across Lawrence Ave was the Metro where you walked in and the screen was behind you. The Alba on Kedzie Ave. opened in around 1940, so you can see we had plenty of entertainment.

The Manor elementary schools were Bateman and Waters. While

some older kids attended the new Lane Tech, the majority of us attended beautiful Roosevelt High at Wilson and Kimball which opened in 1927, with so many honors including number one choir, national champion newspaper, basketball and football city championships and on and on.

It was a fabulous era, no gang problems, no destruction of property and most young people got along and respected one another. We are a lucky lot.

*Brian Basler, RMIA President, adds the following...*

For the past 63 years, Al Klein was been associated with

Roosevelt High as a football coach, athletic director, counselor, assistant principal, acting principal and retiree. Al publishes the Roosevelt Alumni News which is a great place to learn about reunions, alumni whereabouts, and other interesting tidbits.

The alumni of Al's era have tremendous school pride and enjoy frequent reunions and luncheons. If you wish to receive the Roosevelt Alumni News, mail your name (maiden name if applicable), year graduated, address and phone number along with voluntary donation (if possible) to Al Klein, 3823 Greenleaf Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60076.

## A Better Summer

### *What if....*

- .... we made a commitment to keep the car parked and hang out at home?
- ..... we participated in a hobby with others in the neighborhood?
- ..... our kids carpooled with kids in the neighborhood?
- ..... we had at least one meal a week with another neighborhood family?
- ..... our kids signed up for the same sports teams?
- ..... we had a game night?
- ..... we organized a simple game of pickup basketball every Thursday?
- ..... reached out to the poor and needy together?
- ..... we organize a camping trip with neighbors?
- ..... we plan a block party?
- ..... we take walks in the neighborhood?

Exerpt from the book Making Room for Life by Randy Frazee







# Ravenswood Manor Park Summer Concert Series 2004

*Sunday, June 20th*

**ANNA FERMIN'S TRIGGER GOSPEL**

**Country rock with a Melodic-Pop Appeal**

*Sunday, June 27th (AFTER THE GARDEN WALK)*

**JOSE VALDEZ & THE MAMBO ALL-STARS - Latin Style Jazz**

*Sunday, July 11th*

**THE MALONE FAMILY - Real Traditional Irish Music**

**COOPER, NELSON & EARLY - Strong Old Music**

*Sunday, July 25th*

**WINTER LIGHT - Songwriting Women in the Round**

*(Kathryn Morski - Karen Mooney - Susan Urban)*

**TOM & CHRIS KASTLE - Midwest Maritime Music**

*Sunday, August 8th*

**MANORBASH!! MUSIC AND FUN ALL DAY LONG!!**

**12:00-1:45 - Outlaw Family Band - Urban Country**

**2-3 - Justin Roberts - Original Children's Music**

**3:15-5:15 - Diamond Jim Greene - Eclectic Blues**

**5:30-6:45 - Hillbilly Winos - Alternative Country**

**7-9 - Anne-Marie Akin - Country Folk-Rock.**

*Sunday, August 22nd*

**GARAGE FOLK REUNION**

*(Natural Bob & Micky Holdsworth with Mike Lenich)*

**Cowboy, Country, Singalong and Rock & Roll**

**RADICAL NUANCES - Jazz Folk Fusion**

*Sunday, August 29th*

**NEIGHBORHOOD TALENT SHOW with Rokko Jans**

**All Shows 7:00 - 9:00 PM at**

**Ravenswood Manor Park**

**Manor and Eastwood Streets, Chicago, IL**









## Merle's Coffee Expands Menu

**M**erle's coffee shoppe next to the el stop in Ravenswood Manor has expanded its menu offerings.

Featuring the backyard patio with the "Garden Grill" menu featuring 1/2# cheeseburgers, beer basted bratwurst, cheesy hot dogs, deluxe sandwiches, fajitas and quesadillas. The patio will be available for catered events too. If you need a break from the park this summer, Merle's will be serving fat-free frozen yogurt and other tempting deserts.

Expanded summer hours and many free promotional events are being planned such as jazz brunch, Thursday night salsa music on the front patio, Art day with local Ravenswood Manor artists, cooking demonstrations and other events.

Further details will be posted at the coffee shoppe.

## Galter LifeCenter Offers Reduced Initiation Fee and Monthly Dues For RMIA Members

**I**f you are looking to get in better shape or just want to maintain your current level of fitness, you can do it at a discount through RMIA's corporate arrangement with the Galter LifeCenter located at Foster and Francisco.

Galter has a large variety of cardio and strength equipment as well as over 90 fitness classes included in the membership. Some of these classes include yoga, Pilates, water aerobics, tai chi, step, spinning, kickboxing, BODYPUMP, and stability ball classes. There is also a 25-yard swimming and class pool, therapy pools, whirlpools, steamrooms, and saunas as well as a huge assortment of free amenities. Galter also has a lineup of youth and teen programs. Child care is available for \$2/child/hour while you work out. Galter offers three free fitness sessions with a qualified fitness specialist when you join.

As Chicago's only hospital-based fitness center, Galter offers free "Meet the Physical Therapist" consultations and there is a Medical Director on staff. Blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol screenings are offered and nutrition counseling, weight management, and personal training are available. Galter also have certified massage therapists, a reflexologist, and an acupunc turist.

While the regular fees are \$165 initiation fee, \$67 monthly for individuals, RMIA members can take advantage of all membership benefits for only \$80 initiation fee and \$57 monthly dues for an individual.

Check out Galter's website at [www.galterlifecenter.org](http://www.galterlifecenter.org) or stop in for a tour. For more information, contact the marketing director at 773-878-9936 ext. 7310.







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