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Happy Summer to you all,

As we gear up for a much more normal summer, I feel you should all know a person that is so involved in the community. Terry Dason has been leading the Chamber of Commerce since 2011. I have known Terry since I took over publishing this magazine from Peter in 2018. Now Peter is back and Terry has been a huge help connecting local people and obviously, businesses to me and my staff. Her heart is truly in Winnetka, as well as the other towns she serves. She and her staff have worked overtime to assure that the Chamber's members were able to navigate these tough times the best way possible. The big news is that Glencoe is now a part of the Winnetka Northfield Glencoe Chamber of Commerce as of June 1. I know you will enjoy her story as well as the rest of this month's issue. One of the benefits that we realized over the past year is that we got closer to our families and pets. Times are a changing and many of us will be heading back to the office. Read "How to Recognize and Soothe Dogs Separation Anxiety." The Winnetka Park District has partnered with Richard Laible Creator of the ongoing Comedy Series to present Winnetka's "Festival of Laughs". Find out the background and future shows. We all need to support our local businesses and organizations, Please Take note, contact or visit our generous Sponsors for bringing you this local magazine.

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Terry Dason, Executive Director of the New Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, Looks to Lead Local Businesses into a Promising Future

By Paul Clements | Photos by Liz Hansen Photography

When the pandemic forced businesses to shut down last spring, Terry Dason really went to work. That’s because between Winnetka and Northfield, Dason personally supports 328 member businesses, from A.W. Zengeler Cleaners to YogaSix. She truly cares about each and every one of them.



“I look at the positives,” Dason said. “COVID has been beneficial for our local businesses in an unusual way. Residents stopped traveling and stayed home. As a result, they are buying local and looking at local first.”

Tony Robbins, the great motivational speaker, once said, “every problem is a gift without problems we would not grow.” While Dason’s energy and optimism are on a par with Robbins, she hasn’t grown because of the problems COVID presented her with, the chamber has succeeded because Terry has continued to work tirelessly and compassionately for the communities she loves.

“We have worked very, very closely with our village staff from Winnetka and Northfield to support our businesses with all of the resources that were made available to them,” Dason said. “Often, I would hand deliver loan and assistance applications to the local businesses and would spend the time needed to complete their applications. This was important work. I would walk around the villages to inform the businesses about what was happening, and what they needed to do with the support available to them. Many of the businesses were so busy trying to do their business without staff that they did not have the time to read their emails. And there are members that are not sure where to find the guidelines on the Internet.”

Dason has lived in Winnetka for 32 years now. She was a successful Lincoln Park retailer who opened Chicago’s first two

tanning salons. However, when she had two children, two and under in tow, she and her husband left the convenience of the city for the beauty and stability of Winnetka.

“The schools are exceptional, and the village is great,” Dason said. “We moved while I was running my two retail stores in Lincoln Park. I would get the kids up in the morning and be with them until I put them down for their afternoon nap. Then the sitter would arrive, and I would go to work from 2:00 pm to midnight. And then the next day, I would do it all over again. My college roommate and I opened the business because we love the sun. We called it Tan Your Hide. We had one on Clark and Diversey, and the second location was on Clark and Armitage. It was a fun shop to open, and the stores did well. I had to make a tough decision and sold them when my third child came along. Owning my own business was an experience that has proven to be invaluable to me as the head of a Chamber. I know what it means to be a business owner; I know there are struggles and successes. I am often able to offer assistance or solutions when asked.”

After selling the salons, Dason’s 12-hour workdays came to a screeching halt. Never having had time on her hands before, she threw herself into every possible volunteer opportunity that was presented to her.

“I stayed home with my three children and started volunteering for every NPO on the North Shore and served on 10 boards not thinking I was crazy,” Dason said. “I loved every minute of it. I was very blessed to live here and wanted to give something back. I did everything at my children’s schools, with their sports teams and was involved in the local Rush board. My boys played hockey and soccer from the time they were 4 years old through high school. My daughter played soccer, field hockey and was in children’s theater, where I was President. I even ran the benefit show for the middle school.”

When her oldest son went off to college, Dason decided it was time to go back to work and the Chamber of Commerce seemed like the perfect place.

“I started working part-time at the Chamber,” Dason said. “I had already gotten to know many of the businesses from doing much of my personal shopping and of course through my fundraising efforts, so it was really a good fit. Cicely Michalak was the previous Chamber Director. Cicely was amazing. She was extremely organized and very talented establishing a structured timeline for chamber programs and events through a computer file system that still exists. After working with Cicely for a few years, she began thinking about retirement. I remember the day she told me that she wanted me to take over for her. However, I had just been elected President of The Woman’s Club of Evanston. It was an organization I truly loved and I had always wanted to be President, so I told Cicely she had to wait a year and she agreed. During that year, working closely with Cicely, I just fell in love with the job. When Cicely was finally able to retire, I became the Executive Director of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce. Shortly thereafter, the board of directors from the Northfield Chamber approached »

us with a merger proposal which was agreed upon, and the new Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce was formed in 2011.”

Winnetka’s four distinctive business districts – Hubbard Woods, West Elm, East Elm, and Indian Hill – along with the Village of Northfield, give village residents a unique selection of products and services, but they also serve as destinations that draw customers from both the North Shore and the city. So, when businesses were forced to shut down and then re-open under the circumstances dictated by federal, state and local government, Winnetka and Northfield businesses had the double impact of dramatically reduced capacity and dramatically reduced non-resident traffic. Dason was able to make a quick assessment of the situation and start helping.

“At the very beginning of COVID, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was very communicative with all the chambers throughout the country. Any time news about COVID became available, the local Chambers would receive the information first. The local businesses really had a value-added benefit from us for important and immediate news,” Dason said. “Getting the federal government announcements first, helped our local businesses understand what was going on. Most importantly I included all businesses in Winnetka and Northfield in my communications. This was the time to be inclusive for our members as well as non-member businesses. I wanted to include everyone. I felt it was necessary to support all of the businesses to get them through this difficult time to help them survive with useful knowledge to keep their business open during the pandemic. Another initiative we were involved with was to help people find gloves or face masks. We had



residents and organizations contacting the chamber wanting to give their PPE to those in need and we were able to offer them connections to our local Police and Fire Departments. Then we contacted each one of the Winnetka and Northfield restaurants and found out how they were serving food, to understand their hours of operation as well as their take-out and delivery procedures to get the word out and publicize how they were open for business.

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Word got out that the Village of Wilmette offered a financial give back program for their local businesses. Dason arranged a meeting with two business owners and the Winnetka Village President who went back to the Village Council and worked out a great program that took the 1% sales tax revenue the Village collects and gave it back to the businesses to help them out. So, based on their tax revenue, they got a check for either \$2500, \$5000 or \$10,000. It was a sales tax rebate! That was great, because then our business community felt like the Chamber and the Village really cared about them.



Terry at the Farmers Market Photo by Scott Edwards efg Images

The village was very supportive of the Farmers’ Market. Not only were we able to hold it, but we also had 25,000 people going through in 2020. We had a safe and touchless market, and our residents supported the vendors. They bought and bought and bought. Families came out and it was fun and was the place for everyone to be on Saturdays. The Winnetka Farmers’ Market opens Saturday, June 5 through October 30 at Winnetka Village Hall south parking lot, Rain or Shine. The Village also approved an Open-Air Market for our retailers, and we held four of those events last summer. Dason’s goal is to fight the fight needed for the businesses because she remembers what it is like to have a business.

With all regions in Illinois now in Phase 4, Dason is already seeing a big difference in the village.

“The community is bustling again,” she said. “The change is like a breath of fresh air. As you drive around Winnetka right now, you cannot find a parking place. People are venturing out and shopping, visiting our service businesses and dining out. People are enjoying being out again and with other people. We have many women-owned businesses and women-owned clothing stores. Our residents are starting to update their summer wardrobes, after a year of having no events to attend. Our restaurants are doing well too. Instead of our residents traveling down to the city to have dinner, »

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they are staying in town and enjoying the beautiful outdoor dining spaces. People are traveling to Winnetka and Northfield from the city to enjoy our expanding choices of excellent restaurants. I expect that will continue even more so over the summer. The inherent charm and beauty of our village is and always will be really beneficial for our businesses and our residents.”

Dason is also excited about the new restaurants set to open soon. “Hometown Coffee & Juice is the most exciting place in the Village of Glencoe, and they know how to create an inviting space to hang out where everybody knows your name. They will be opening in Winnetka in the East Elm Business District of Winnetka sometime this month at the corner of Elm Street and Lincoln Avenue. Right across the street another family friendly restaurant, Lill Honeycomb will be opening in June as well. And in the West Elm Business District, Pomeroy, a French Bistro on Spruce Street, will be opening in mid-June.”

In June, Dason will embark on the next chapter in her career as the Executive Director of the newly merged Winnetka-Northfield-Glencoe Chamber of Commerce. Glencoe adds another 92 business members bringing her Chamber directory total to 420. The synergy Dason will be able to orchestrate between these three close-knit communities will be remarkable.

“It’s a big deal and I feel very honored,” Dason said.

All chambers are 501C (6) non-profit business organizations. Chambers are not a part of the government and are funded by membership dues, events and programming.

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By Jennifer Lyle, Barokas Communications

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“In today’s senior living and healthcare climate, it’s mission critical that organizations create trustworthy and enriching care experiences for the people they serve,” said Helen Hrdy, Chief Growth Officer at



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Sweet Talk

with Cindy Kienzle

By Mike Stark, Publisher | Photo by Matt Phillips

I sat down with Cindy Kienzle, Founder of Hungry Monkey Baking at “That Little French Guy” to chat about her 11-year-old small-batch, wholesale, corporate and online bakery. Hungry Monkey dedicated themselves to a small line, including their Signature Chocolate Chip Banana Bread, Carrot Cake, Cinnamon Apple Streusel Cake, Lemon Cake with a Buttermilk Lemon Zest Icing, Coconut Macaroons -- and the best Triple Chocolate Brownies on the planet! You may have seen her treats at Sunset Foods, or had them delivered to your home by Fresh Picks -- or maybe you ordered them online or received them from one of their corporate clients. I thought it a bit odd that a baker would want to meet at someone else’s bakery, so I asked her “why?” “I appreciate other bakers and I try and support them as much as possible.” “I believe if we support each other, we all rise,” Cindy added.

And, indeed, Karma came back to Hungry Monkey in 2020. I heard they were discovered by Howie Mandel and I asked her to share more.

I thought we were doomed...what was supposed to be our 10th anniversary year was looking more like the end. But magically, at the beginning of the Pandemic, Comedian Howie Mandel »



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spotted me and my daughter selling “Social Distancing Treats Boxes” on TalkShop.Live, an online live platform. He wanted to help small businesses and featured us on his new show! Howie said that our banana bread was ‘beyond anything I have ever eaten before’ and ‘their brownies are to die for!’ That, along with our new website celebrating our 10th anniversary, made for a good year in the midst of a bewildering one,” Cindy said.

I asked Cindy what sparked her interest in baking and what or who was her inspiration; here is what she said:

I’ve had an interest in baking since I was a young girl. Growing up, I used to stand next to my Auntie Nanny, who is a fantastic baker, when she was baking. She has been an inspiration to me, as was my Grandma Bea, who showed love through food. I had my daughter Lily at 49 and she is really my greatest inspiration. Lily has special needs and she has taught me to never give up, no matter the challenges.

How and why did you start Hungry Monkey?

Since the 80s people have told me I should sell my chocolate chip banana bread, but since I had a marketing career, I set my dream aside. Fate intervened when I lost my job as the head of marketing at the Chicago Transit Authority when I was 7 months pregnant. Soon after my friend Eileen encouraged me to bake for a local charity event where we sold out two days in a row; people didn’t stop calling to order. Six weeks later, just days before my 51st birthday, Hungry Monkey was born in the Highwood Farmers Market!

How do you compete?

I don’t know that I know how to compete necessarily. I am not trying to sound altruistic, but we just try and make the best products, with unparalleled consistency, and do what is right in our community.

Why are you so inspired to help other people?

I admire organizations that make lives better for others. We’ve given at least 10% of our revenues to more than 70 nonprofits, the majority local. During Covid we also donated hundreds of banana breads to frontline workers at NW Lake Forest Hospital and to workers on the Covid floor at Vista Hospital in Waukegan to let them know we appreciate them.

Where do you see Hungry Monkey in five years?

I turn 62 this month and, while I often think I am just getting started, my husband and I are talking about retirement in the next five years. It really is never too late to live your dream, but sometimes dreams change. It is my hope that a larger company can continue my vision to take us national. Big brands are losing market share rapidly and they are looking for emerging brands to fulfill the needs of families wanting a more nutritional, natural alternative.

I asked local business owners about Hungry Monkey, and here is what they had to say:

“We love supporting local, small businesses like Hungry Monkey. Cindy’s brownies are always a client favorite! She has been an absolute pleasure to work with and has been an incredible resource for not only our individual orders, but our corporate gifting as well. You have fans all over the country, Cindy!”

- Christine Lutz, SVP of Business Development and Ben Cohen, Managing Director, SVP of Mortgage Lending, Guaranteed Rate

“Supporting local companies like Hungry Monkey has been in our philosophy forever. We have enjoyed working with Hungry Monkey because we share the same values by providing the freshest and highest quality products.”

- John Cortesi, President and CEO, Sunset Foods Mart, Inc.



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Family Finds Fun as Puppy Foster Parents

By Dana Fineacu

The last thing a 7-month pregnant lady, with a two-year-old, and a dog needed during Covid were two puppies. Covid made all of us do things we never thought we needed to do.

At the beginning of Covid, my husband and I reached out to Orphans of The Storm, the rescue organization where we adopted our first dog Scarlett, to ask them if we could help foster during this difficult time. They told us they had two 7-week-old shepherd puppies found in the woods that desperately needed fostering. We said we would foster the puppies for two weeks, and we named them Hansel and Gretel. Two weeks quickly turned into six weeks of pure chaos with these bundles of energy. Our two-year-old was so happy. She loved waking up to them and playing with them all day. We started an Instagram page about our journey to help them find homes, and very quickly, The Dodo reached out to us to do a story about Hansel and Gretel. Thankfully, one of my childhood friends reached out to us, and he was interested in one of the puppies. We decided Hansel would be the best fit for the family, and we were so thankful he found his forever home.

Gretel was still home with us, and her bond with my daughter became stronger every day. It was like watching two twins synchronize with each other. Gretel was the best distraction we could have asked for from the loneliness of Covid. It became apparent that we could not split these two up, so at nine months pregnant, we officially adopted Gretel, and we renamed her Raven. We were so grateful that we adopted Raven because she found another friend to love as soon as the baby was born. However, like any good sister, she always made sure to show love to our daughter first and give her the extra attention she needed with a new baby in the house.

While the Covid numbers were rising and the weather was getting worse, I had to scramble to find things to do in the house. I decided my daughter and I should write a children's book about her and Raven. We went through old pictures and retold each moment. Our Instagram following



was rising, so I thought we could sell the book on Amazon and raise money

for Orphans of the Storm. As a family, we put the book together, learning Indesign and Adobe. We decided to name the book Quarantine Fosters because that is the name of our Instagram handle. In the first month, we were able to sponsor another shepherd-like dog named Sheldon. We hope with more sales; we can sponsor more dogs.

The beginning of Covid was extremely stressful. Being pregnant during such an uncertain time was scary. However, it turned out that even though we thought we were crazy for adopting Raven during this time, she was exactly what our family needed.

By Samantha Drizner, Adoption Counselor

Orphans of the Month



Kakashi

Ellie



Kakashi (12368) is a shy kitty who can be found in quiet spots around the adult cat room. This cat is not to be rushed, he needs his time and space. He is like baking a souffle where timing and patience are key. With these two things you can make something great. Kakashi would thrive in an adult-only, quiet home. Though he isn't a fan of being picked up, he will welcome pets once he is comfortable with you. Kakashi would do best in a home where

he can have time to flourish. Being the shy boy he is, it might take days to come out of his shell in a new home or weeks/months. He needs someone who will be patient with him and understand his needs. He really is a sweet cat once he is comfortable. Temptation treats are his favorite and are also a way to help this boy warm up to you. Once at home, you'll likely find him hiding underneath blankets and snoozing under beds, but don't worry, that's just where he's most comfortable. If you're interested in meeting this shy little man go online and make an appointment to see him today!

Ellie (12365) is such a lovebug. She rubs against your legs and looks up at you with a sweet doggy smile while you scratch her sides and ears. Ellie literally prances when she walks and has a constantly wagging tail. She especially enjoys finding any squishy or plush toy within a 5 mile radius and ripping it to shreds. But then again, what dog doesn't like to let loose when it comes to toys? Ellie has gone to our Hawthorn Mall showcase in Vernon Hills multiple times and always has a blast! She does amazingly with humans of all ages and takes treats very gingerly, especially when they are being given to her by a child. Ellie already knows some basic commands like sit, down, and shake. She'll gladly show off her skills for you, so long as you compensate her a treat or two. During her stay at Orphans of the Storm so far, we have noticed that she is dog selective, which means that she likes some dogs, but not others. For this reason, we believe she would do best in a home with no other dogs, or if the home does have another dog, a meet and greet would be required. Ellie has already been through so much in the time that we've had her, and she deserves all the love and squishy toys in the world. Make an appointment on our website to come and meet her today.

Orphans of the Storm is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter located in Riverwoods, IL. Since 1928, we have worked tirelessly to rescue and rehome dogs and cats in need. The main shelter is open daily from 12 pm to 4 pm. Due to current circumstances, adoptions are by appointment only. No walk-ins are allowed and face masks are required when on the property. If you are interested in adopting, please give us a call at (847) 945-0235.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at orphansofthestorm.org and click the "volunteer" link in the top right corner. There, you will find our volunteer information and application. Once you have filled out an application, our volunteer coordinator will review it. Upon approval, you will begin receiving weekly emails about our volunteer opportunities coming up. Simply reply to the email, and you will receive further information for that opportunity.

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From my side of the “Kenil”...

By Rockey Flintermann, Owner, Loving Care Pet Services

So many of you adopted or purchased a dog during Covid. The dog that my daughter acquired earlier this year has been a godsend for her: less loneliness, a good excuse to go for long walks, and all that unrequited love that only a housepet can deliver. Now it looks like she'll be returning to work in the Fall and she is concerned about leaving her beloved Ted home alone. I'm certain there are thousands and thousands of people out there in the same boat. I read an article in the monthly issue of All Animals, published by the Human Society of the U.S. regarding separation anxiety in dogs, so here is part of that article “How to diagnose and soothe dogs with separation anxiety”.

“Separation anxiety is a disorder that can develop when a pet is away from the human or other animal to whom she/he is most bonded, resulting in a spectrum of behaviors that can include trembling, salivating, excessive vocalization, overgrooming...even loss of bladder control or minor or major destruction of your home. “In really simple terms, separation anxiety is just the fear of being left alone and the unknown that follows,” says Dr. Nellie Geotz, veterinarian and Arizona state representative for the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. “Animals live in the here and now, so when you leave, as far as they know, you could be gone forever.”

Separation anxiety, as opposed to generalized anxiety or boredom, is unique in when it occurs (as soon as you leave) and in what way it occurs (it's excessive, and your pet's panicked—not casually chewing on a shoe, but tearing through a crate, couch or even a wall.) It's most often diagnosed in dogs and often surfaces during times of transition.

Here are some tips: Tiring out your dog physically and mentally is key to reducing both boredom and anxiety. Start with long walks – trying out new routes and allowing lots of sniffing, then bring out puzzle toys, long-lasting treats like a stuffed frozen Kong or a frisbee smeared with peanut butter or other enrichment before you leave. Doggy daycare is fantastic for dogs with separation anxiety, but a dog walker, pet sitter or neighbor checking in mid-day can also help. Although it might be tempting to adopt another pet, it isn't necessarily a silver bullet and can make the situation more complicated.

For dogs used to noise, music (one study showed dogs prefer Reggae) can help in some situations. Play Bob Marley for a week and see if it helps. TV can help too. If you try a crate, place it in a central area of your home and slowly introduce your pet to “crate time”. Establishing a routine can also help: leave at the same time every day, and come home at the same time. Eventually they develop a level of comfort with the idea that you've come back before, so you're going to come back again.

After this pandemic, many of us will return to work (and school) after months of 24/7 togetherness with our dogs. We'll all be emotionally worse for wear, and we might even feel a little separation anxiety ourselves. It's not normal to be apart from our packs all day, every day, and sometimes our pets know it and show it. If your job allows flexibility, ease the transition by starting with half days at the office. For your dog's sake you can tell your boss, but maybe a little bit for your own sake, too.

Again, my thanks to the Human Society for their advice and input. **Reminder, the Winnetka Farmers Market will open Saturday, June 5 from 7:30a to 12:30p, and dogs are welcome!**



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At Adorn, Chef Sawyer Celebrates International Creativity

By Amelia Zatik | Photos by Hass Photography and courtesy of Four Seasons

New Winnetka resident, Chef Jonathon Sawyer’s day starts in a hot yoga studio in Glenview. Since moving from Ohio to the quaint North Shore last summer Chef Sawyer has spent most mornings sweating on a yoga mat. After class he hops on his Vespa and heads home to Winnetka to spend time with his two kids, Catcher and Louisiana before they head off to school. After his 15 year old son rides his bike to New Trier High School and his daughter rides hers to Carlton Washburne for a day of seventh grade Chef Sawyer makes a hot tea, usually a green tea from Chicago’s Rare Tea Cellar and spends a few moments talking with his wife of 15 years, Amelia, a wellness practitioner in the North Shore. He then hops on his bike and heads to the train eventually making his way to Adorn, the James Beard Award Winner’s new collaboration restaurant with The Four Seasons.

After putting Cleveland on the culinary map, Jonathon Sawyer returns to his birthplace to open his first Chicago

restaurant, Adorn Bar & Restaurant located in The Four Seasons. His passion, skill and creativity have earned plenty of praise: Food & Wine magazine’s Best New Chef and the James Beard Foundation Award for Best Chef: Great Lakes. In addition, Chef Sawyer has made multiple national television appearances including Cooking Channel’s The Best Thing I Ever Ate and CNBC’s Cleveland Hustles and is the author of several culinary books including House of Vinegar and Noodlekids.

At Adorn, Chef Sawyer celebrates international creativity and delivers well-travelled New American cuisine with local ingredients and a decidedly Midwestern perspective. Chef Sawyer will offer dishes such as the Tomato Tartlet with melted leeks, English cheddar, and shallot as well as the Lobster and spaghetti “Joe Beef style” made with hand rolled bucatini pasta, cognac butter, and tomato sauce on the menu at Adorn.

Adorn will make its debut with the



unveiling of the iconic Hotel’s transformative renovation on April 30th, 2021.

“American cuisine is incredibly diverse and my goal is to honor our cultural roots while also exploring new and innovative directions,” Chef Sawyer says. “My interpretation of New American cuisine is taking what’s classic and familiar and adorning it with unexpected ingredients and presentations that will surprise and delight diners.”

The restaurant is located in the newly renovated Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, at 120 E Delaware Pl, Chicago, IL 60611. Reservations are recommended and can be made on OpenTable or by calling 1 312 280 8800.

CREATIVELY VERSED

By Charlotte Digregorio

Just One of Those Days . . .

We’ve all had “just one of those days.” As awful as they are, things do get better. And overall, we need to focus on the positives in life, as Poet Judith Tullis lives by.



Judith Tullis is the Treasurer of the Illinois State Poetry Society, Secretary of Poets & Patrons of Chicago, and is active in several other groups of poets and writers. Her many poems can be found online and in print. She lives in a small house with a large garden where poetry often happens.

ATTENTION READERS: If you’d like to submit a poem to be considered for this column, feel free. You can submit any form, from a limerick or haiku to a longer poem, such as a sonnet or ballad. Any theme is welcome. All residents of our two communities or those with ties to them, can give it a try by contacting: pclements@bestversionmedia.com

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Charlotte Digregorio is the author of seven books, including her latest reference titles, “Ripples of Air: Poems of Healing,” and “Haiku and Senryu: A Simple Guide for All.” Her poetry has been translated into eight languages, she has won sixty poetry awards, and has published more than 500 poems in international journals/anthologies. She blogs daily with inspiring poetry and writing of other genres, featuring global writers, at charlottedigregorio.wordpress.com.

Soap Opera

by Judith Tullis

Because the god of plumbing
had an argument with the god
of laundry appliances,
I met the morning with a mop
instead of hazelnut espresso.

Because of caffeine deficiency
and a wet floor, I shuffled
out the kitchen door, old clothesline
atop a basket of soggy clothes braced
on my right hip, weighty as the world,
oceans spilling down my leg
filling my shoe.

But isn’t it something to have shoes,
and the clean water is a bonus,
an entitlement taken for granted
in my kitchen where I sip coffee
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During COVID, CEL fights social isolation among people with developmental disabilities Virtual Chefs' Night fundraiser on June 28 to support rebuilding efforts

By Jenny Kustra-Quinn

The Center for Enriched Living (CEL) has made a huge impact for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) over the past year, by moving programs online to provide opportunities for connection and learning. CEL has even offered a virtual Career Academy and continued to partner with local businesses to find employment.

“People with IDD are already so isolated in many cases, and there was great concern that the pandemic would be an especially lonely and scary time for them,” says Harriet Levy, CEO of CEL. She adds that the situation is even more challenging in Illinois, which ranks 48th in the nation for support for adults with IDD. “Our goal was to continue providing the social connections and growth that people with IDD, as well as their families, depend on CEL for even in the best of times.”

So when the shutdowns began, the organization acted quickly to move programs online, including art classes, dance parties, yoga, book club, Coffee Talk and virtual adventures around the world. For several months, the programs were offered for free so everyone could take advantage.

Now CEL, a membership-based organization, has launched a “Bounce Forward” rebuilding plan to recapture membership lost during the pandemic and come back stronger than ever, according to Levy. The organization’s June 28 fundraiser, Virtual Chefs’ Night, is a big part of the effort to regain pre-COVID momentum.

Chefs’ Night is CEL’s biggest fundraiser and normally attracts hundreds of supporters each spring. It will look different for the second year in a row, but it will still include inspirational stories from CEL members and their families, who will share how the organization has been a lifeline. There will also be chef demonstrations and a raffle drawing for a 2021 Ford Bronco (or \$30,000 cash). Event tickets are free and will be available at www.CenterforEnrichedLiving.org on May 26. Donations are appreciated and accepted before and during the event. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the website as well. Only 1,299 will be sold.



CEL’s state-of-the-art Universally-Designed center in suburban Riverwoods recently reopened for the REACH Adult Day Program, as well as evening and weekend social programs. Other enrichment and educational offerings are expected to follow soon.

CEL has a 53-year history of providing life-changing opportunities for people with IDD. The organization works to enable them to be fully included in the community, achieve personal fulfillment and enjoy a good quality of life -- by providing social enrichment, innovative day programs and community-based employment opportunities that are often lacking for people with IDD. Prior to the pandemic, CEL was serving hundreds of people -- teens to seniors -- from more than 50 Chicagoland communities.



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COMEDY in the Time of Covid By Richard Laible

I sat down today with Second City Alumnus, Corporate Emcee and Winnetka native Richard Laible today to get into the mind of this suburb’s only comedian. We met in his house as it was close to where we both live.

Richard: So, what was the impetus for doing comedy in Winnetka?

Richard: We were at dinner one night with friends and Stephanie Hochschild, the owner of The Book Stall, was talking about how she wanted her store to be more than just a bookstore, but a place where the community can gather, have events ... a meeting place. I said, “I could put on a comedy show, I know a ton of comedians.” And that’s what we did, but I don’t think any of us realized then how successful it would become. Our first show’s headliner was Tim Walkoe, the Grand Prize winner on ABC TV’s “America’s Funniest People.” People walked up to me after the show slack jawed. They thought it was going to be this cute little comedy event, and what they got was a professional comedy show as if you were at Zanies.

Richard: Did you keep doing them?

Richard: We sure did, every month. And sold out every one of them. We wanted to expand to a restaurant, so we contacted Louis Alexis at Avli and he jumped at the idea of having it at his restaurant too. He even came up with a comedy night menu and drink specials. Again, we sold out every show ... until Covid hit.

Richard: Then?

Richard: Nothing. We had to cancel all the shows and the comedians we had booked, until ...

Richard: What? Inquiring minds want to know!

Richard: The new Executive Director of the Winnetka Park District was walking by our house last summer and stopped in on our porch. As we chatted, he said people are starving for something to do and suggested comedy outside. So that’s what we did. 4 shows over 5 weeks in the Fall. Two at Hubbard Woods Park and three in the parking lot between the Nielsen Tennis Center and the ice rink.

Richard: Did people come?

Richard: Yup. We sold out every show within days. 150 people at each show, all socially distanced. It turned into a comedy Ravinia. People brought their chairs, tables, food, candles, you name it. I bought national headliners who were equally hungry to perform.



Richard: Did you do them all winter?

Richard: We couldn’t due to Covid restrictions, until they let us have 50 people in a room. That changed in February, so we took one tennis court that had bleachers partitioned with Plexiglas. 50 on the court, 50 behind the glass. Once again, sold out every show. That brings us to today.

Richard: So, what’s the comedy plan for the summer?

Richard: John Peterson and his team at the Park District have been the best! We have three outdoor shows lined up: June 5th, July 10th and August 14th with 3 of my favorite headliners. Mike Toomey, Larry Reeb and Rocky LaPorte. You can get all the information at winpark.org/comedy.

Richard: That’s great. About time to wrap this up. Anything else you wanted to say?

Richard: Just that you’re an incredible interviewer.

Richard: I was just about to say you’re the best interviewee I’ve ever met.

Richard: Thank you.

Richard: Thank YOU!

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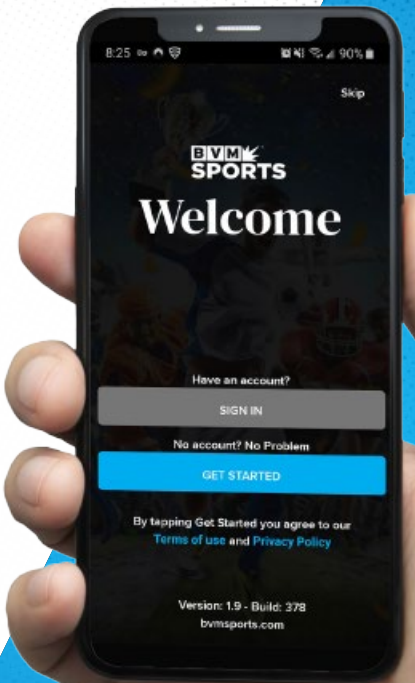


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Coming Soon:
By Peter Hansen

THE WINNETKA FARMERS' MARKET, in its 4th year in Winnetka is conveniently located in the heart of the downtown business district, establishing an inviting walkable and bikeable experience for the residents in the community. There is also ample and easily accessible parking for vendors and shoppers! The vendor space is on an asphalt parking lot next to Winnetka Village Hall, 510 Green Bay road at the Southwest corner of Green Bay Road and Oak Street.

This year, the North Shore's premier market will open Saturday, June 5, and will continue every Saturday through October 30, 2021. Market hours are 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. RAIN or SHINE for a total of 22 market weeks. Our goal is to provide our North Shore residents with the best offerings available.

We have had a great season last year showcasing 63 vendors with over 25,000 visitors to the market. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce: 847-446-4451 or email to farmersmarket@winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com.

There are plans to have a **4TH OF JULY PARADE** this summer. Though no fireworks until September Fall Fest.

There are plans to have a **WINNETKA MUSIC FESTIVAL** this year. Stay tuned for more information and steps being taken to make it safe for the entire community.



Tequila Tuesdays
at Sophia Steak

Pictured at Sophia Steak are Peter Hansen, Lori Dwyer (Nosotros Illinois Market Manager) and Mike Stark

By Peter Hansen | Photo by Mary Beth Hansen

The North Shore's best steakhouse, Sophia Steak, is kicking off the ultimate summer tequila series. On the first Tuesday of the month, guests are in for a special treat, as Sophia Steak has partnered with Nosotros Tequila to bring monthly cocktails and unique tastings. Sophia Steak will also offer complimentary tastings and the chance to try the monthly Nosotros cocktail from the Tequila Cart. On June 1st, diners can experience the Tequila Cart in action and indulge in the new cocktail for the month.



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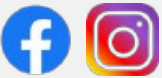
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