

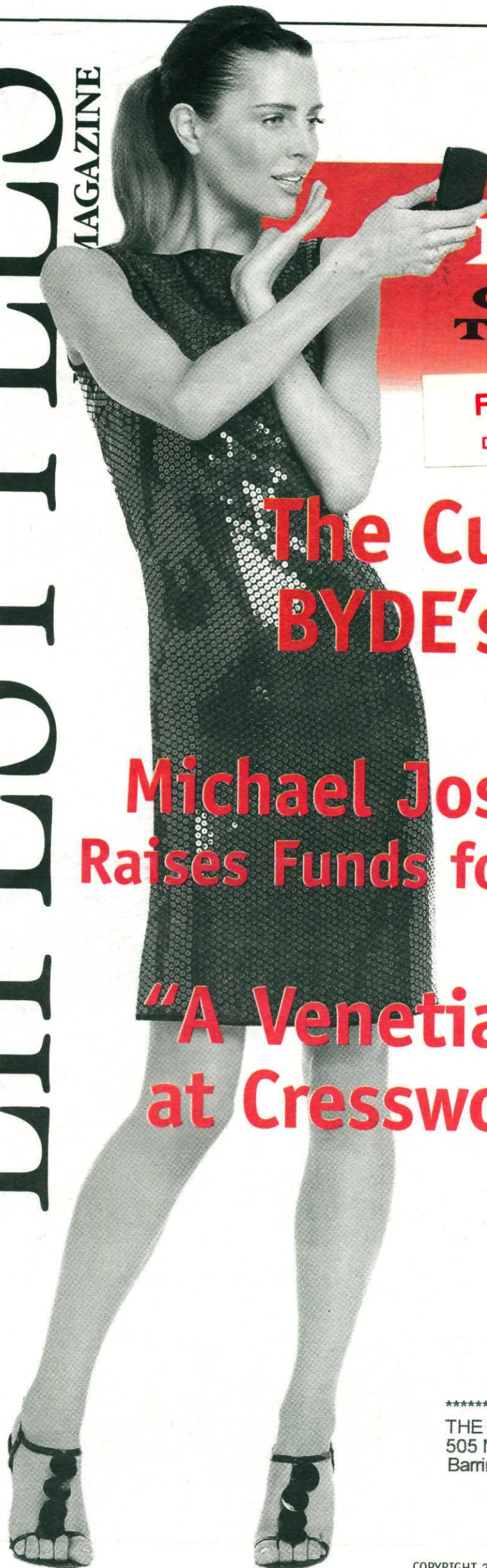
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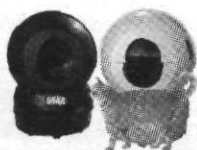
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Editor's Ink

December 2008

Dear Reader,

The magic of the season is about to begin. Beautiful ballets, concerts and special services are to be presented. And, of course, the magic of Santa keeps the little ones delighted.

This year, Christmas may be a bit bleak for some families. So remember to be especially generous this season. Drop a little extra in the red kettles and if you know of a family in need, an anonymous donation could make all the difference in the world.

There are some organizations that remember the less fortunate all year. For example, the Michael Joseph Foundation held their 15th annual benefit and auction this past fall. Proceeds will provide transitional housing for families working toward self-reliance in Cook and McHenry counties.

The Auxiliary members of Wellness place hosted "A Venetian Masquerade" benefit recently. The event raised an amazing \$200,000 for this not-for-profit cancer resource center located in Palatine. The event was held at Cresswood Farm Estate, providing a beautiful setting. Wellness Place provides services and programs at no charge for adults and children living with cancer as well as their families and caregivers.

Enjoy this beautiful season—the sounds, the smells, the sights. It truly is a special time. Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

With warm regards,
Glenne McMonigal, Editor
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A Successful Michael Joseph Foundation Benefit for Families in Crisis



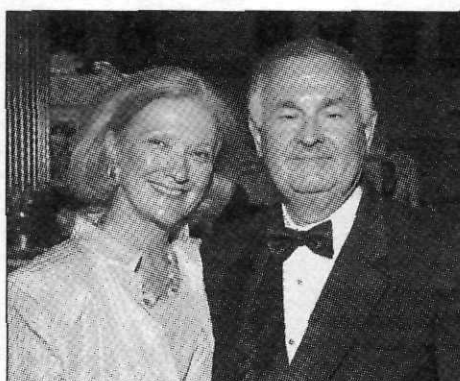
Attending were (from left) Brain and Nancy Maude, George McCarthy, David Maude, Statia Smith and Robert Knowles.

On Oct. 11, the Michael Joseph Foundation held their 15th annual benefit and auction, "Somewhere in Time," at the beautiful Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills.

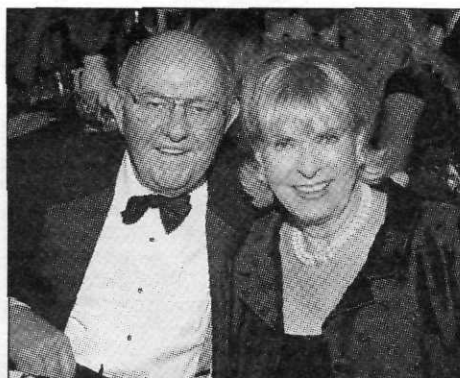
The 100-percent volunteer Michael Joseph Foundation provides transitional housing for families working towards self-reliance. In cooperation with other well-known charities such as Catholic Charities, Ceda, Home of the Sparrow and Wings, they have been able to provide counseling and job training aimed at building self-esteem and ultimately self-sufficiency to over 500 families in Cook and McHenry counties who might otherwise be homeless.

The gala evening began with a tour of the Sanfilippo's "Grand Victorian Palace." The dinner and auction were then 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 a vacation at a Marco Island Condo, a pig roast



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for 50 people, a Chicago Cubs Sky Box, a cocktail party for 50 hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Sanfilippo, golf outings at Black Sheep and Medinah country clubs, a Labrador puppy, a beautiful carousel horse and much more.

We are deeply grateful to all the generous corporate and individual donors who have helped make this benefit such a success.

The 16th annual dinner and auction will take place next fall. If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please call Ida Cardelli at 1-847-639-2334 or visit their Web site at www.michaeljosephfoundation.8M.com.



Joe and Barbara Parquett with Labrador puppy

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"A Venetian Masquerade" Held at Cresswood Farm Estate



Wellness Place Auxiliary members

The Wellness Place Auxiliary's 2008 gala, "A Venetian Masquerade," raised over \$200,000 for Wellness Place, a community-based, not-for-profit cancer resource center located in Palatine.

On one of the last warm September nights, masked guests toured the expansive home and grounds of the Cresswood Farm Estate, a lush 54-acre equestrian property located in Barrington Hills. The award-winning Barrington High School Madrigal Singers serenaded guests as they enjoyed cocktails and spectacular views from the conservatory level of the Cresswood tower. The Auxiliary treated VIP sponsors to a private champagne and hors d'oeuvre reception in the viewing room of Cresswood Farm Equestrian Center as well as to a unique dressage horse show.

In the spirit of the Venetian theme, Entertaining Company, a Chicago upmarket caterer, served guests a "Venetian Style" formal dinner (entrée followed by insalata), with all staff attired in black donning gold masks. Following dinner, master of ceremonies Charles Thomas, ABC Channel 7 news anchor, kicked off the festivities that included both live and reverse auctions as well as the announcement of the winner of the two-carat diamond earrings featured in the Venetian Loteria. The live auction drew the crowd's excitement as one-of-a-kind packages, including getaways to Ireland, Palm Springs, Scottsdale and Puerto Vallarta, were offered. The Aphrodisiacs, a highly-acclaimed live funk and disco band, then entertained dancing guests late into the evening.

"The evening was absolutely perfect from beginning to end," raved Cindy Gabbert, gala co-chairperson.

"We cannot thank our sponsors and guests enough for their generosity, added Jodie Barbera, gala co-chairperson.

Wellness Place provides services and programs at no charge for adults and children living with cancer as well as for their families and caregivers. Proceeds from the gala will help support Wellness Place services, including individualized cancer-related counseling, expert nutritional education, healing art circles, and a wide range of stress management programs. For more information on Wellness place, call 1-847-221-2400 or visit www.wellnessplace.org.



Gala co-chairpersons Jodie Barbera (left) and Cindy Gabbert

It's Almost Ready!

Garden Club of Inverness Holiday Luncheon organizers Shirley Putman, Mary Jo Bregenzer and Diane Garcea can finally relax. The spectacular prize baskets are almost finished. The table centerpieces are waiting for a few pine boughs as a last-minute touch. Longtime club member Fran Luby is practicing her keyboard skills in order to play her beautiful holiday piano music. And the featured guest floral designer Colin Colette is planning the final additions to the fabulous holiday design pieces he will create and donate to lucky luncheon guests.

This year, the Holiday Luncheon is at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4 at Medinah Country Club. The theme, "Ever Green," will emphasize the club's focus on being kind to our planet. Proceeds from the day's events will help fund the club's

scholarship program and other community involvement initiatives. Ticket sales have been so successful that it is already a sold-out event.

In January, the Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for scholarship funds. High school seniors and college students who major in horticulture or environmentally related studies are invited to apply. Look for more information about this process in January.

The Garden Club of Inverness meets from September through November and January through May on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Road, Palatine. After a business meeting, there is a program for area gardeners. All gardeners are welcome. For information, e-mail Carole at cjbass@comcast.net.

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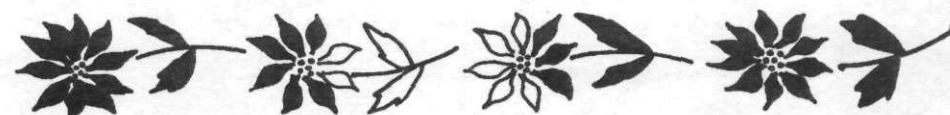
In addition to flowers, **MUM** includes a gallery of fine art, books and décor selected to enhance your environment. **MUM** sources from all over the world, presenting consumers with ecologically friendly, sustainable products that support



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the release contained within the severance agreement is enforceable to prevent legal action against the employer.

As such, before signing the agreement, the departing employee should carefully consider the agreement with legal counsel. In particular, the agreement should be analyzed under state and federal laws. This evaluation should also include an analysis of the facts and circumstances surrounding the separation to determine whether there is any violation of state and federal statutes such as Title VII, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Americans With Disabilities Act or Family Medical Leave Act. State law actions for retaliatory discharge, contract or quasi-contractual rights and final pay issues such as vacation, bonus and commission should be considered. Also, benefit issues such as health care and unemployment benefits should be evaluated. A significant concern

for most departing employees regards whether the agreement contains a non-compete or non-solicitation provision as a term of the agreement. Since such provisions may significantly impact future employment, these provisions should be carefully analyzed.

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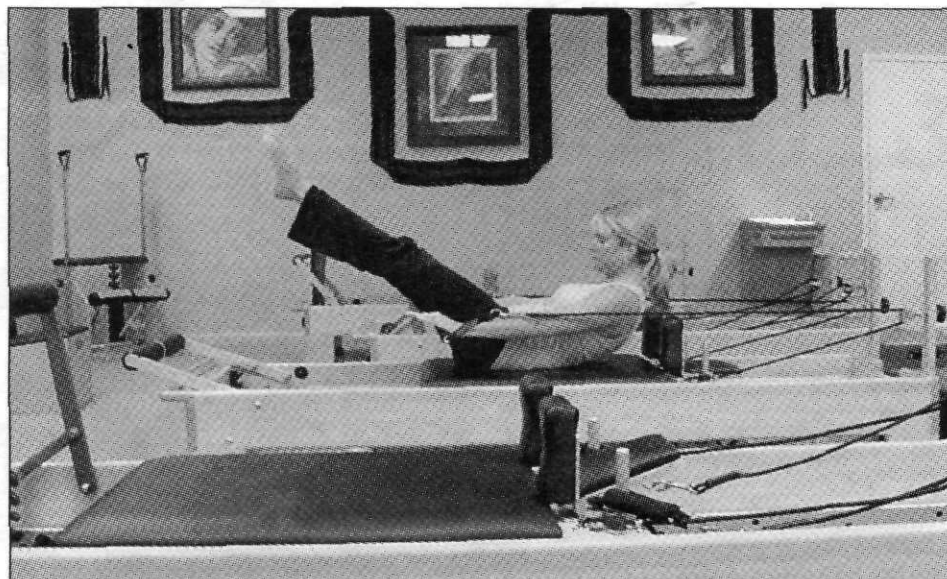
by Joette S. Doran, J.D.



As the economy continues to struggle, many companies are being forced to reduce their work force through employee layoffs. In a layoff, a departing employee is typically offered a severance agreement which is a legal contract. While there is no legal requirement for an employer to provide severance, employers do so in order to avoid potential claims by the departing employee by securing a release of all claims. In the agreement, the departing employee agrees not to sue the employer for various employment-related actions and in exchange the employer

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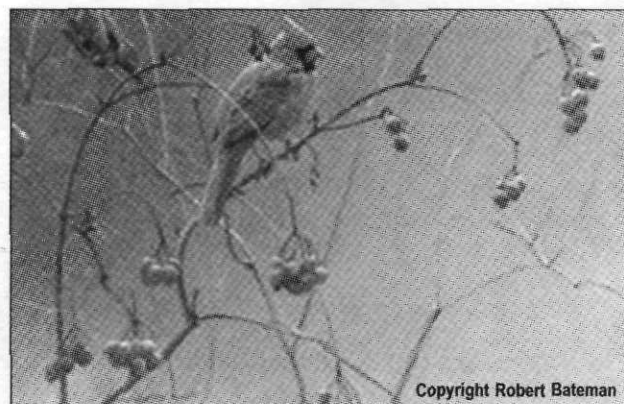
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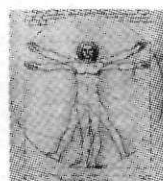
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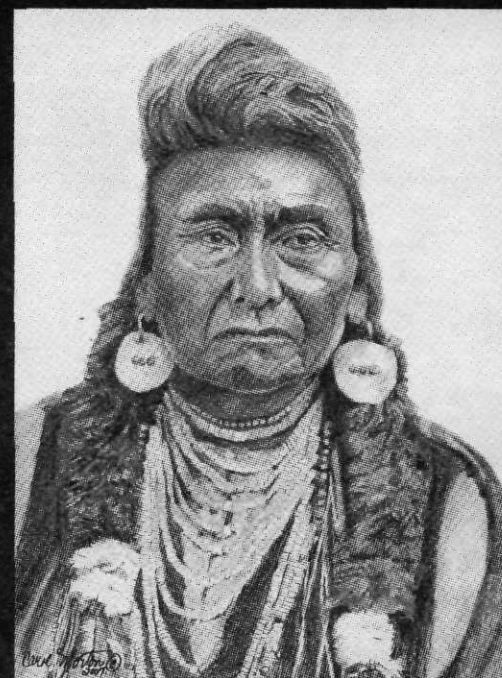
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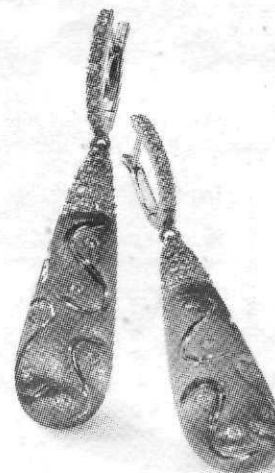
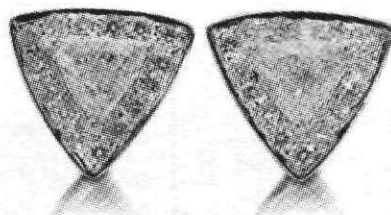
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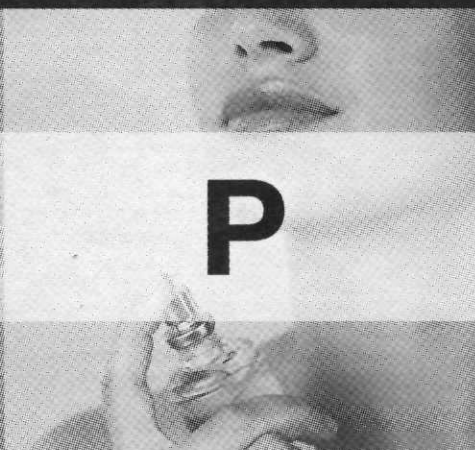


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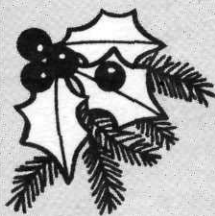


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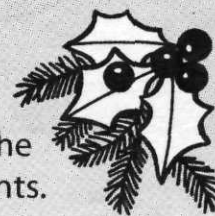
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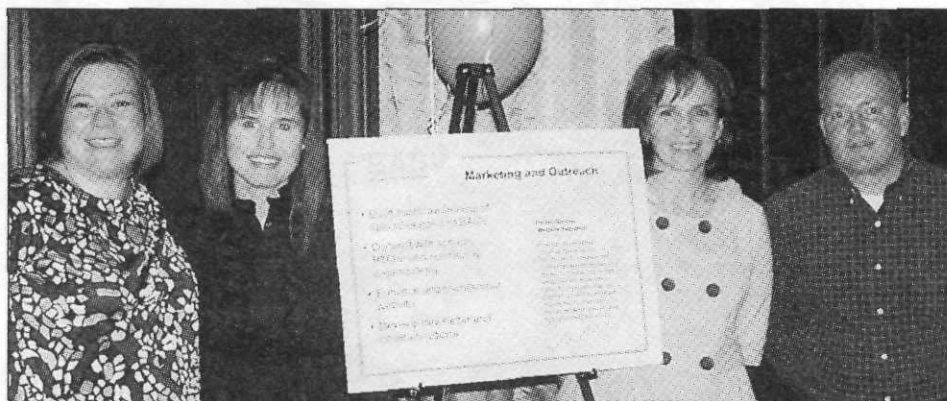
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BASV Hosts "Cocktails and Conversation"



Barrington Area Special Voices (BASV) executive board members are (from left) Jennifer Bulandr, Jennifer Garrels, Linda Fryer and Dave Holt.

On an unseasonably warm Nov. 5, Barrington Area Special Voices (BASV) hosted its inaugural Cocktails and Conversation event at Makray Memorial Golf Club.

Guests were welcomed into a warmly lit room decorated in shades of blue and green emulating the BASV logo. Guests were a mix of Barrington area residents, community leaders, and District 220 employees who believe and support the mission of BASV which is to provide advocacy, education, social growth opportunities, and promote acceptance for children with special needs, and their families, in the Barrington area.

Guests were welcomed to a variety of beverage stations while servers circulated hors d'oeuvres created by chef Walter Lupp throughout the evening.

Jennifer Garrels, president of BASV, was mistress of ceremonies. Garrels introduced for the first time the newly selected board

of directors for this new nonprofit group. Board members include Jennifer Garrels, president; Jennifer Bulandr, vice president; Linda Fryer, treasurer; Dave Holt, secretary; Susan Stoga; Amy Gulbrandsen; Jane Smith; Laurie Feller; Beth Sherman; Doreen Colletti Muhs; and Eric Gulbrandsen. Also announced were the advisory board members including Julie Consolo, Marni Johnson, Dr. Ann Minciotti, Dr. Jack Pinto, Jill Pinto, Leslie Potters, Cara Richardson, Barbara Romano, Connie Simon, Jane Smith, Debbie Villers, and Ellen Zimmerman. Everyone then raised their glasses as the toast was given, "To a successful beginning for BASV, to endless progress, to volunteers that give more than required and take less than deserved, and to making a difference in the lives of children with special needs through our organization for many years to come."

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Raue Center has something to delight everyone this holiday season:

• Saturday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.—Enjoy the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. In this musical interpretation, you'll join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they teach Ebenezer Scrooge the true meaning of the season.

• Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.—Sing along during The Lakeside Singers Christmas Concert. Composed of 24 Chicago-area professional singers under the direction of well-known conductor, composer, arranger, producer and studio vocalist, Bob Bowker, The Lakeside Singers draw together audiences of all ages, cultures and musical persuasions.

• Friday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m.—Get into the spirit of the season with our annual holiday pops concert presented by the

Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. This year, they will be joined by 8-year-old trumpet prodigy Geoff Gallante and... of course... Santa!

• Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.—Join your voices in harmony with ours in Handel's great masterwork presented with a 25-piece orchestra and excellent soloists. Voices in Harmony is pleased to present "Sing-Along *Messiah*." Projections of beautiful calligraphy by Timothy Botts on the texts being sung are a meaningful addition, featured soloists include Michelle Hackman, soprano; A.J. Wester, mezzo-soprano; Peder Reif, tenor; and Peter Carroll, bass-baritone.

• Friday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Dec. 21—Treat yourself and the entire family to a Christmas delight with Tchaikovsky's unforgettable music, emotional dancing and lavish costumes in *The Nutcracker*, performed by the Berkshire Ballet Theatre. Raue Center is proud to support Crystal Lake's very own Berkshire Ballet Theatre. Their young dancers add warm charm to the performance as they partner with dancing professionals from around the world.

To learn more about Raue Center's holiday shows, visit www.rauecenter.org or call the box office at 1-815.356.9212. Don't forget Raue Center offers gift cards in any amount—the perfect idea for the theatre-lovers in your life!

Hospice Offers Support Groups

The Center for Loss and Hope at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois offers regular drop-in groups to help those dealing with the death of a loved one. Open grief groups are available for those individuals who do not wish to participate in a weekly group.

Registration for these groups is not required. All groups are nondenominational and led by professionally trained facilitators. Open groups include:

• Mourning to Meaning is held the first and third Monday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois Crystal Lake Workstation, 390 E. Congress Parkway, Suite E, in Crystal Lake.

• Grief to Hope is held in collaboration with Catholic Charities on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the

Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road in Arlington Heights.

If meetings fall on a holiday, the groups will meet the following week.

To register or for more information on the groups or Hospice of Northeastern Illinois' Center for Loss and Hope, please call 1-847-381-5599 or e-mail nbillman@HospiceAnswers.org. 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.



area organizations and individuals assisted BASV in the start of this endeavor. BASV thanks the following for assisting in fulfilling their mission: BADC and representatives Anna Bush, John Kolasinski, and Pam Groom, The Lexi Kazian Foundation, BJWC, District 220 EF, Carter Gilbertson, Brendon Hernandez, the District 220 PTO President Council, *I Want That Recipe* cookbook creators Sue Randall (PTO President Council chair) and Deanna Griffin.

The *I Want That Recipe* cookbook containing almost 1,000 recipes from Barrington-area residents and District 220 administrators, coaches, and staff, is available for purchase at fine area retailers including G. Whiz, Barrington Flower Shop, Barrington

Home Shop, and Angelina. The cost is \$20 and all proceeds benefit BASV.

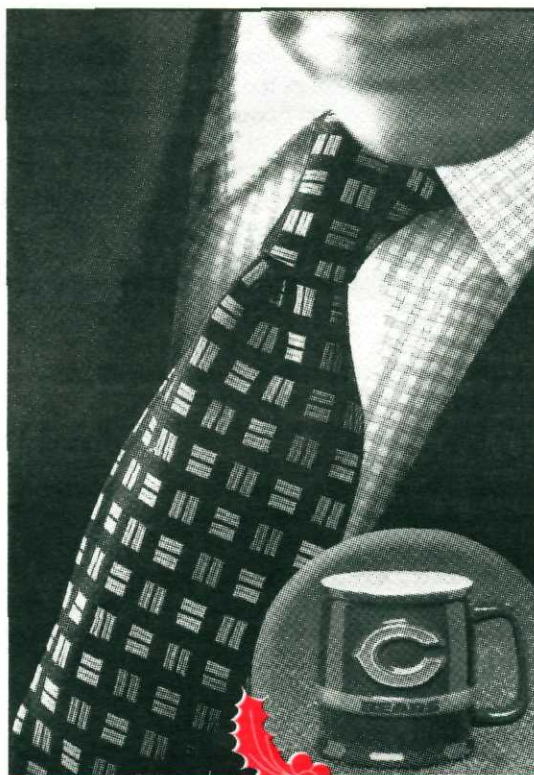
Barrington Area Special Voices is actively recruiting volunteers. You do not need to be the parent of a child with special needs in order to become involved with this organization. For more information about BASV, volunteering, becoming a member and our upcoming events, please go to www.baspecialvoices.org

If you would like to donate, checks made payable to Barrington Area Special Voices may be sent c/o Theresa Kincaid, Assistant Branch Manager, Harris Bank, 333 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, IL 60010, or to Linda Fryer, BASV treasurer, 1500 Macalpin Circle, Inverness, IL 60010.

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Help those in need this holiday season. Donate canned or boxed items to the Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Barrington Township Food Pantry through Dec. 14. Collection boxes are located throughout the mall.

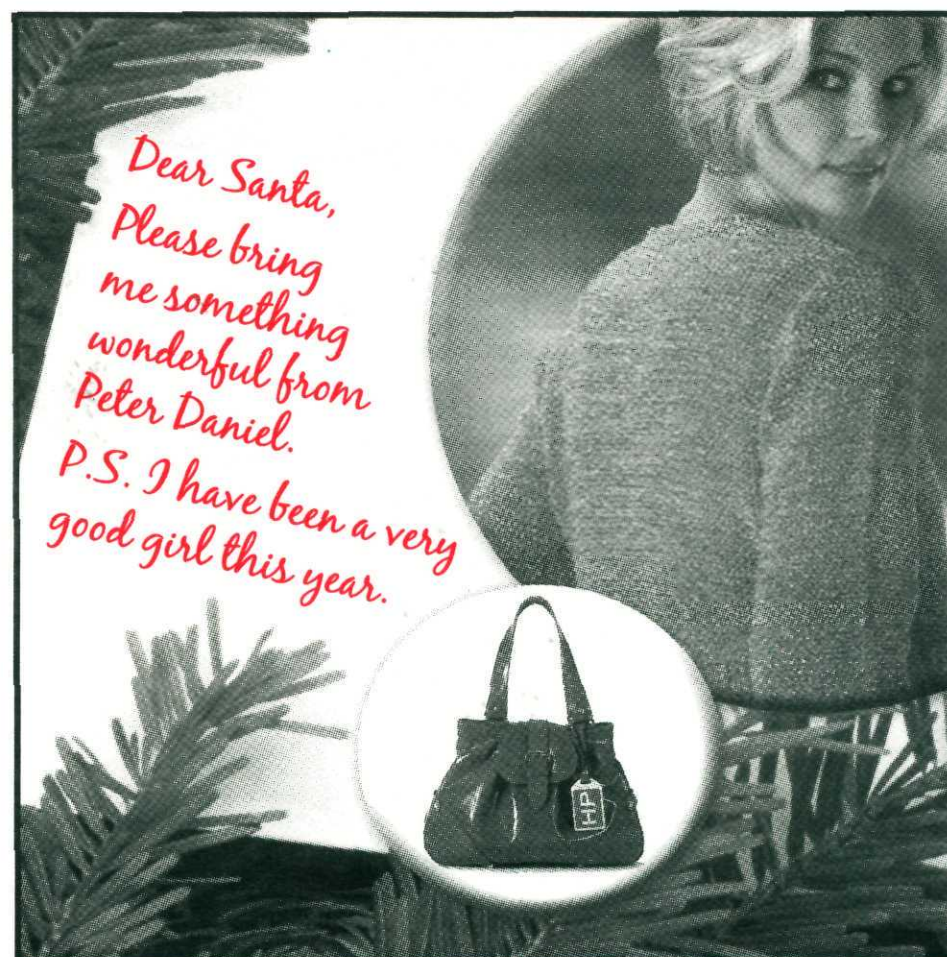
Santa returns to his winter wonderland at the Ice House Mall on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Clause joins Santa and his Elf this year! Mrs. Clause will delight children with her magical storytelling from 10 to 11 a.m. Children will be treated to cookies and milk starting at 11 a.m., after the storytelling. The first 125 children that arrive at the Santa Arrival will receive a FREE WEBKINZ REINDEER, compliments of Learning Express Toys. Tickets for the FREE Webkinz Reindeer will be handed out starting at 9:30 a.m. Webkinz will be provided to ticket holders after the story hour. Santa's cookies and milk are compliments of Jewel and Chessie's/111 Grille. Visits with Santa will be available from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Mom and Dad, bring your camera and wish lists. **Photos and visits with Santa are FREE.** Enjoy holiday music by the Barrington Suzuki Strings from 11:30 a.m. to noon. **Santa will be available for visits and photos Dec. 6 through 24th.** Call for visiting hours at 1-847-381-6661.

Santa invites children to his Santa Breakfast at Chessie's/111 Grille on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. The first 75 reservations made for the Santa Breakfast will receive a FREE WEBKINZ REINDEER, compliments of Learning Express Toys. Children and their families will be treated to a delicious holiday buffet breakfast, holiday entertainment by the Barrington Suzuki Strings and Pam the Face Painter, and visits and photos with Santa and his Elf. Bring your cameras and wish lists. Reservations for the breakfast are required. Call 1-847-382-5020. One Webkinz Reindeer per family reservation.

No need to shop in the cold this holiday season. Come to the Ice House Mall and shop for the perfect gifts this holiday at our 16 unique village shops. Visit Savvy Spirit & Casual for casual and savvy women's apparel. Peter Daniel carries casual to after-five-wear for men and women. **Once in a Blue Moon** features exceptional handmade jewelry. For the little ones, shop at Tommy-Terri apparel and Young Tootsies for children's shoes. Learning Express Toys carries the hottest

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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 \$3.50. 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. 8—Games and lunch. The Wauconda High School Chorus will

perform a special music program.

• Monday, Dec. 15—Games and lunch.

• Monday, Dec. 22—Christmas Luncheon. Christmas luncheon for BACOA's lunch programs at the Barrington Park District and Greencastle of Barrington. Games and lunch; entertainment will be Second Wind (Joyce Palmquist and Doug Saylor). Call Linda Avellon at BACOA by Dec. 17 for reservations—1-847-852-3892.

• Monday, Dec. 29—Closed for the holidays.

BACOA's lunch program will return on Jan. 5.

Have a safe and happy New Year!


Ice House Mall & Village Shops

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toys for the holiday season including WEBKINZ and features free gift wrapping on all purchases. **Girl Scout Express** has all your scouting needs. **Zinnia's** features hip and trendy clothing for women and juniors. **Tina Han Gallery** is Barrington's premiere art gallery. **Barrington Home Shoppe** specializes in upscale gifts, home accents and their very own line of Barrington's 60010 products. Pamper someone on your list with a gift certificate from **The Sanctuary Salon & Spa** or a trip from **The Travel House**. Visit **Soak** for handmade bath soaps, salts, gifts and more. Stop in to **Kidz Party Plus More** for costumes, accessories and specialty

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The Ice House Mall & Village Shops is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Extended holiday hours begin Dec. 11. For mall holiday hours and Santa visiting hours, visit www.icehousemall.com or call 1-847-381-6661.



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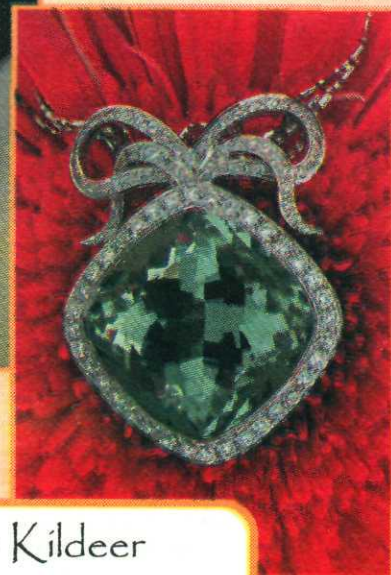
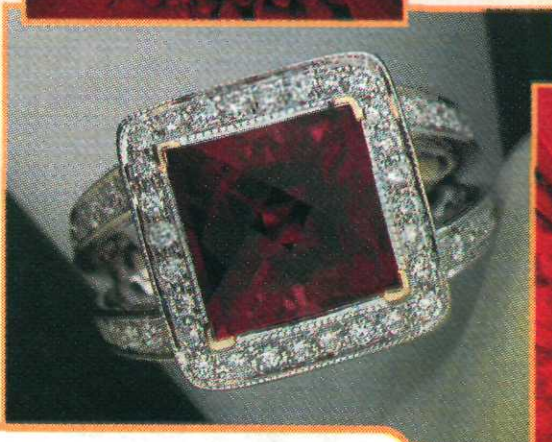
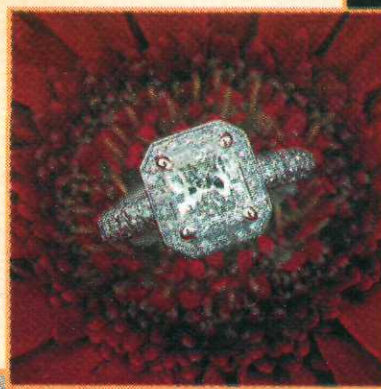
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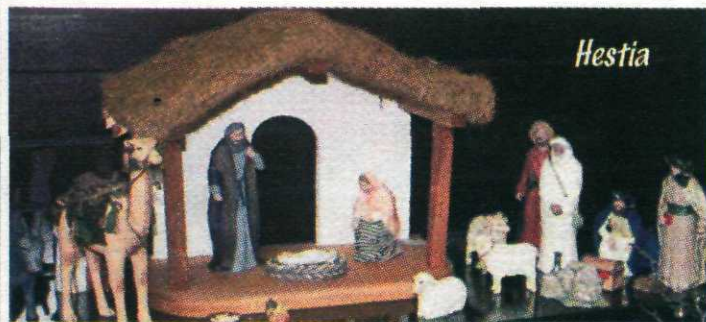
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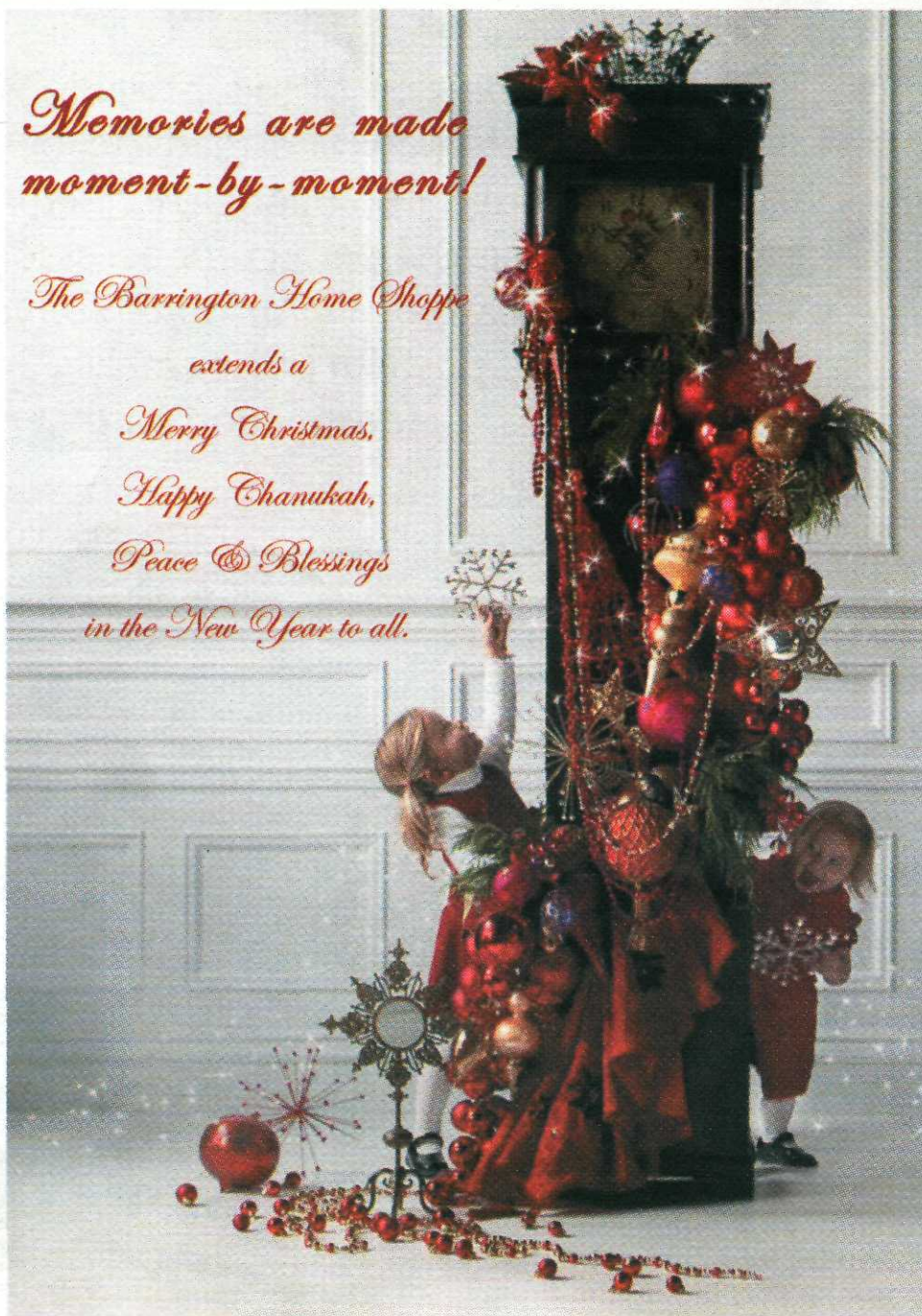
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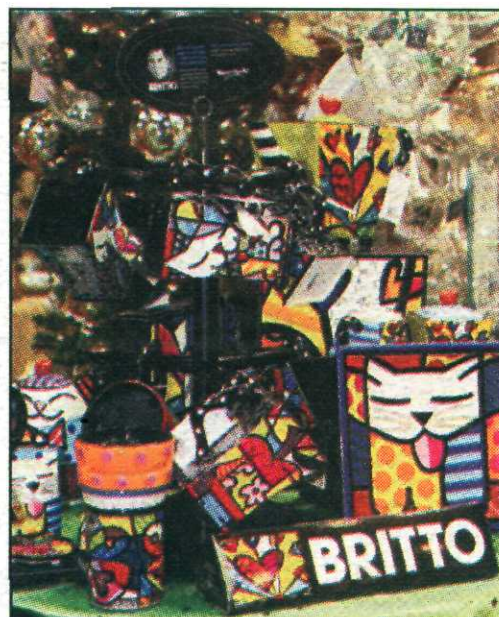
All Hearts Come Home for the Holidays!



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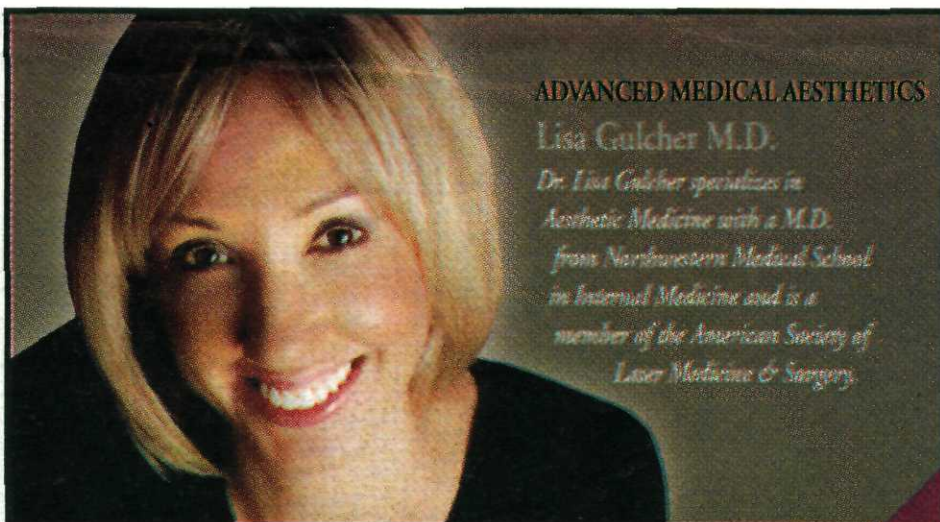
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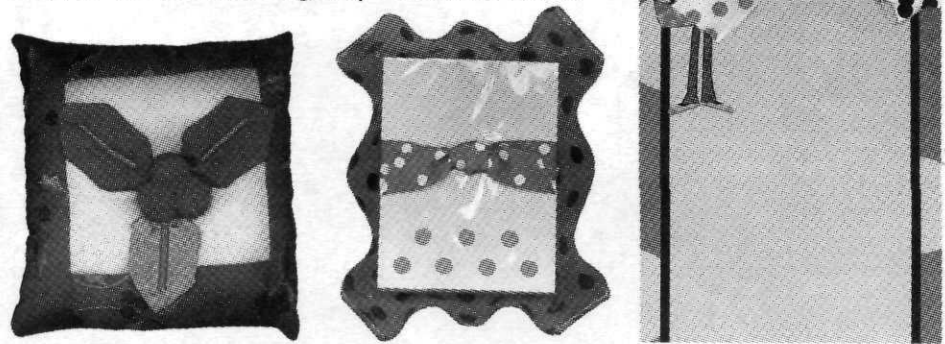
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The performance is free, a musical gift to the community. Contributions will be accepted for a church mission project.

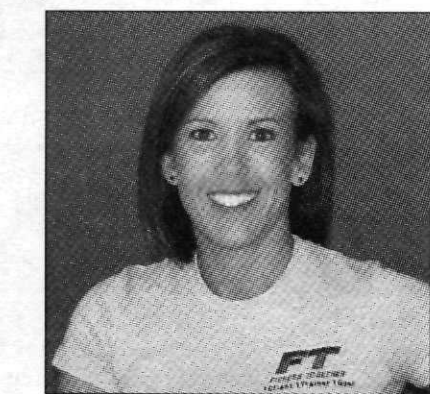
The church is at 6 Brinker Road (corner of Brinker and Lake Cook roads), Barrington. For more information, call 1-847-381-0975 or visit www.pcbarrington.com.

Do Not Make the Mistake of Waiting Until After the Holidays to Get Fit!

Most of you are busy thinking of the holidays and all the happiness, joy, stress and guilt that comes with them. So begins the media hype regarding eating, drinking, and overall indulgence that leads us to the 10-pound weight gain that we believe is inevitable. It's an emotional setup people! The toxic messages begin... eat more, drink more, buy more. Aren't most of you doing enough of all that already? Those messages, along with the long-standing, powerful TRADITIONS of your particular family unit may lead you to overindulge throughout the holidays and leave you feeling tired, depressed and frustrated come January.

You CAN make this year different. You CAN go through the holiday season with a spirit of joy and hope with lots of energy and enthusiasm. With just a few small "attitude adjustments," you can sprint into January feeling refreshed and revitalized. Here are a few tips for the season:

- Have a healthy snack or food replacement shake before attending a party.
- Don't keep trigger foods in the house. You don't need them and your kids don't either.
- Wear your most form-fitting jeans when you go out to eat, and/or tie a string



around your waist under your shirt that will not budge with the bulge.

- Do not stop your regular exercise program. If you don't have a regular exercise program, get one immediately.

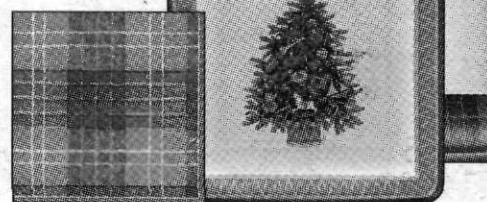
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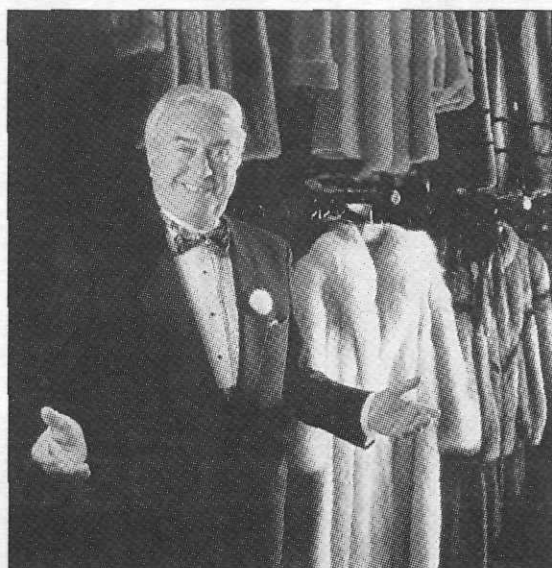
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Catholic Charities' Northwest Region Board Member Visits St. Leo Campus for Veterans

On Oct. 20, Romeo and Catherine Mura of Lake Barrington and Jacquelyn and Henry Jostock of Chicago (formerly of Barrington) toured Catholic Charities' St. Leo Campus for Veterans as part of the recent "Discover Charities Days" event. Romeo serves on Catholic Charities' Chicago and Northwest regional boards and is chairman of Catholic Charities' foundation committee. Catherine has served on the committee for the annual Hearts for Homeless Families in Transition benefit, now in its 20th year.



Pictured are participants in the Oct. 20 tour of Catholic Charities' St. Leo Campus for Veterans: (from left) Romeo and Catherine Mura of Lake Barrington; Caesar Hill, community liaison for St. Leo Residence; Jacquelyn and Henry Jostock, of Chicago.

Photo courtesy of Catholic Charities

Supporting Catholic Charities' Northwest Regional Services, this year's benefit, "Hearts Night Out," will be held on Feb. 7 at The Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates. For more information or to receive an invitation to "Hearts Night Out," please call 1-847-376-2118.

St. Leo Campus for Veterans, located in Chicago's Auburn Gresham neighborhood, is a large part of Catholic Charities' efforts to keep veterans safe, off the streets

and treated with dignity. The campus is comprised of the St. Leo Residence (141 completely furnished studio apartments), the Auburn Gresham Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, St. Leo Veterans Garden, and the Pope John II Residence, which provides apartment housing for persons with physical disabilities.

For more information or to learn how Catholic Charities may help you or someone else, please phone 1-312-655-7000. Visit www.catholiccharities.net.

Holiday Food Drive Held at the Ice House Mall & Village Shops

The Ice House Mall & Village Shops will host a Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Barrington Township Food Pantry now through Dec. 14. Shoppers can bring

boxed or canned goods to the food drive collection boxes located through out the mall. The food drive will take place during mall hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Gallery at The Garlands Presents: Surrounded by Serenity, Shelley Brucar, Fiber Artist

Fiber artist Shelley Brucar and The Garlands of Barrington invite you to "surround yourself with serenity" this holiday season at a gallery exhibition displaying Shelley's brilliantly colored, hand-died quilts and fiber art. The exhibit will run from Dec. 12 through Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at The Gallery at The Garlands, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. The show is free and open to the public, as is the artist's opening reception which will be held Sunday, Dec. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Inspired by nature, Brucar is awed by the beauty and splendor of mountains, waterfalls and forests. "I believe the tactile nature of fabric makes this medium ideal for rendering such exquisite scenery."

Her message is a simple one, particularly during the busy holiday season. "In my art, I try to convey a sense of serenity that people often get from seeing beautiful scenery. It is my hope that the viewer will, at least momentarily, let go of the demands of daily life and establish an emotional connection with nature through my work."



In the Breeze by Shelley Brucar

Brucar is a Buffalo Grove resident and teaches art classes in the area. Upon commission, she designs and creates unique pieces for clients, which make wonderful gifts and heirloom pieces.

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. For more information, please call The Garlands of Barrington at 1-847-304-1996.

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Last year's food drive was a success and helped many needy families in Barrington and the surrounding communities. Please

consider those in need this holiday season and make a donation to the Holiday Food Drive for the Barrington Township Food Pantry at the Ice House Mall & Village Shops.

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On behalf of Dominique, Jacqueline, Masato, myself (Stephane) and the team of **D & J Bistro**...

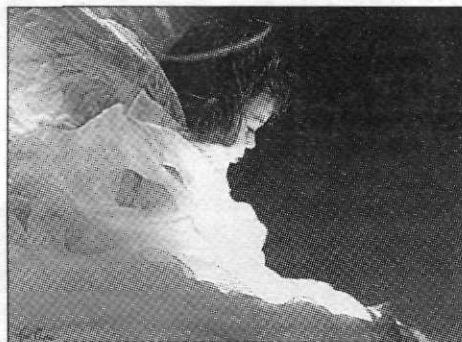
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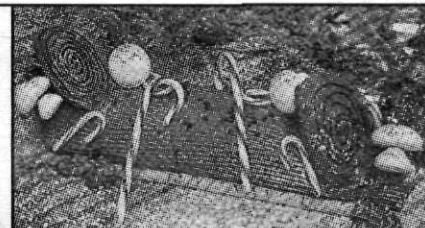
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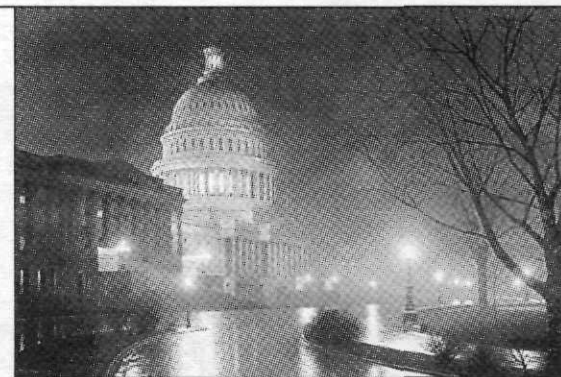
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Enjoy the experience in the circular sanctuary of St. Marcelline Catholic Church in Schaumburg on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. or at the Heartland Voices' home venue, the First United Methodist Church in Elgin, on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening concerts are \$18

for adults \$15 for seniors and groups; \$10 for students with a valid school ID.

Nothing evokes the holiday spirit more than the voices of children. The family concert on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m., includes the talents of the Elgin Children's Chorus Intermezzo Choir and the Clare Woods Academy Choir. Heartland Voices and the children's choirs will perform festive music for the season and celebrate diversity and fellowship with a special finale uniting all three ensembles. Come see the concert at the First United Methodist Church in Elgin. Tickets for this special afternoon concert for the family are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, students and groups; \$5 for children 12 and under.

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Happenings!

in the area

Bella Voce Presents "Among the Stars that Glisten"



Bella Voce, Chicago's premier a cappella ensemble, will sing the luminous music of Christmas from around the world.

Members of Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago (BCLOC) invite you to join them for Bella Voce's "Among the Stars that Glisten" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Presbyterian Church, 6 Brinker Road in Barrington Hills. The cost is \$30 for general admission; \$25 for seniors and students. You can make reservations by calling 1-312-479-1096.

Under the baton of artistic director Andrew Lewis, Bella Voce (formerly known as His Majestie's Clerkes), Chicago's premier a cappella ensemble, will continue its 26th season singing the luminous music

of Christmas from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Poland, Italy, England and America. Bella Voce is renowned for performing traditional and contemporary, sacred and secular choral music that inspires and exhilarates its audiences. It continues to honor the traditions that won this stellar choral music so many admirers and supporters over the years while also exploring new repertoire.

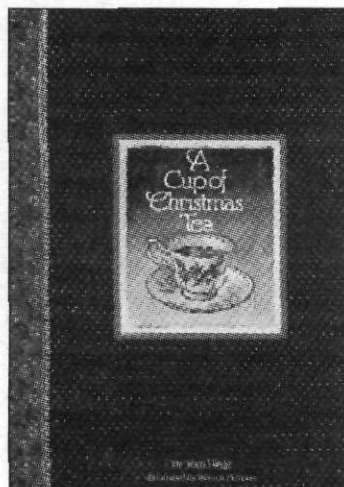
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Art Associates to Experience A Christmas Cup of Tea

Trying to decide what gift to purchase a child during this upcoming holiday season? A popular choice is always a book, especially one with a great story and imaginative, colorful illustrations. For children of all ages, stories written and illustrated by Warren Hanson would be especially well-received. Hanson is both an illustrator and an author who specializes in children's literature and who will be the featured speaker at the Barrington/Northwest Community Association's (B/NWCA) Holiday Program on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Twenty-five years ago, Hanson illustrated Tom Hegg's *Christmas Cup of Tea*, a delightful story about sharing that has become a huge success and a cherished classic of families all across the country. The B/NWCA has selected the book title as the caption for their luncheon and program on Dec. 10, which will be held at the Biltmore Country Club in North Barrington.

Hanson's discussion will focus on the art of illustrating books and his own personal journey as an author. This event is available to members and to guests. After the phenomenal success of *A Christmas Cup of Tea*, Hegg and Hanson collabo-



Tom Hegg's *A Christmas Cup of Tea*, illustrated by Warren Hanson, 1982

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The Curtain Rises on BYDE's 14th Magnificent *Nutcracker*

Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble (BYDE) will present its 14th annual full-length production of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 5, 6th and 7th at Barrington High School, 616 W. Main St., Barrington. Performances are Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$25 adults; \$22 children, students and seniors; \$28 for preferred seating. All tickets are \$25 at the door. Parking is free. Tickets are available at Barrington Dance Academy, located in The Foundry at 758 W. Northwest Highway, Barrington. The box office is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. You can charge by phone at 1-847-382-6333—Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Over 100 talented children and adults from the greater Barrington area will join BYDE company dancers and noted professional guest artists from Chicago including Guillermo Leyva, formerly of the Joffrey Ballet; Melanie Manale, Monique Haley, Lauren Kias, Raul Ruiz and Jessica Wolfrum of River North Dance Chicago; Wade Schaaf of Thodos Dance Chicago; noted Chicago ballroom dancers Allen



Dancing in Act II's *Waltz of the Flowers* are (from left, foreground) Anne Lenz, Taylor Holmes, Charlotte Richardson and Chelsea Rodriguez, all of Barrington.

Desterhaft and Roman Antonov; and featuring Hiroko Sakakibara, international Gold Metal recipient, as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The Nutcracker production is made possible through the support of The Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; The Roberts Family Foundation; Fisher Nuts; The Benson Foundation; Northern Trust Bank-Barrington; Barrington Junior Women's Club; The DeMar Foundation; Rose Packing; and the Stephenson Family Foundation.

For information on the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble and *The Nutcracker*, call 1-847-382-6333 or visit byde.org.

Four Seasons Garden Club to Focus on Holidays

The Four Seasons Garden Club will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The December meeting will be their annual Christmas Party and Buffet. Please bring a grab bag gift and a dish to share (with the recipe, if possible). They will also discuss sharing decorating ideas for the holidays and a floral demonstration will be presented. The meeting will be held at a member's home. Please call Alena at 1-847-438-3981 with any questions.

There won't be a meeting for January.

The Four Seasons Garden Club usually meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, August through June. The meetings are typically held in a member's home or at the Barrington Area Library. Meetings include a social coffee, visiting among members and guests, a short business meeting, and a presentation or demonstration concerning some aspect of gardening and gardening interests.

For further information regarding the club or its activities, please contact Alena at 1-847-438-3981.

rated on the stories of Peef, the cheerful and colorful bear. But that was only the beginning for Hanson, who has also authored several books of his own, including *The Next Place*, a simple message of comfort that has brought peace and hope to over 450,000 people since its release in 1997. Other books Hanson has written and illustrated include *Older Love, Beginning, Raising You Alone, Kiki's Hats, Paw Prints in the Stars* and many more. This talented, diversified artist is also a musician and songwriter with CDs entitled *Waiting for the Wind* and *Christmas & Always*.

With these eclectic accomplishments, Hanson is an in-demand speaker for adult groups and elementary schools. His cur-

rent schedule includes engagements in Minnesota and Texas, both home states for Hanson, several locations in Wisconsin and Illinois, and two special presentations in February 2009 for the Colorado Conference on Literacy and the Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention.

The B/NWCA are eagerly anticipating their Wednesday, Dec. 10 holiday program, *A Christmas Cup of Tea*, featuring the gifted and talented Hanson, and including lunch at the magnificent Biltmore Country Club, 160 Biltmore Drive, North Barrington. Lunch begins at noon with a 1:30 p.m. lecture. The cost is \$60. This event is available to B/NWCA members and to guests. For information, contact Mari Harrer at 1-847-462-1963.



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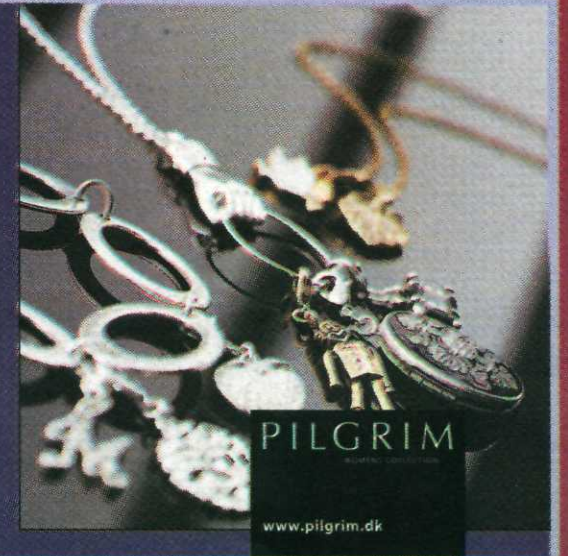
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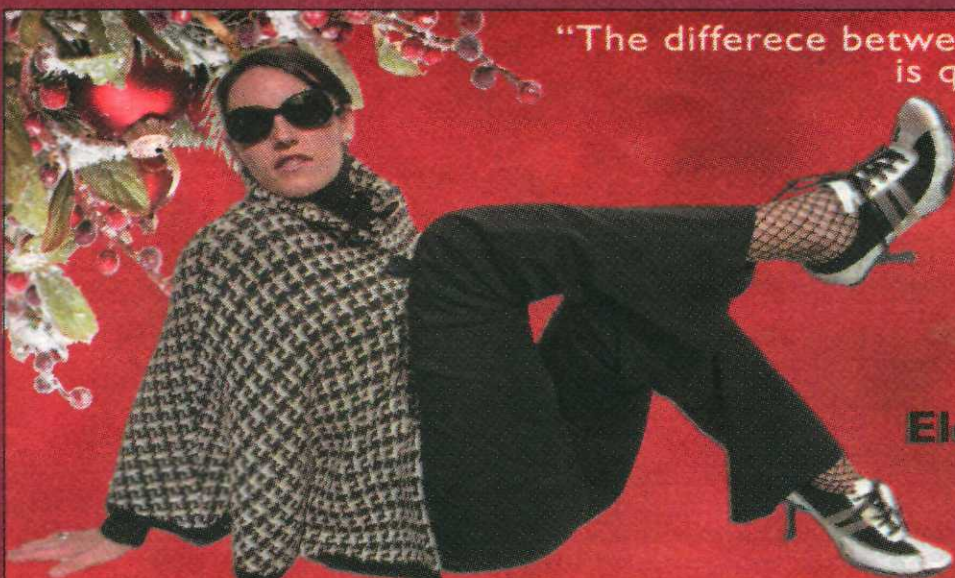
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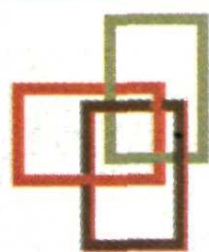
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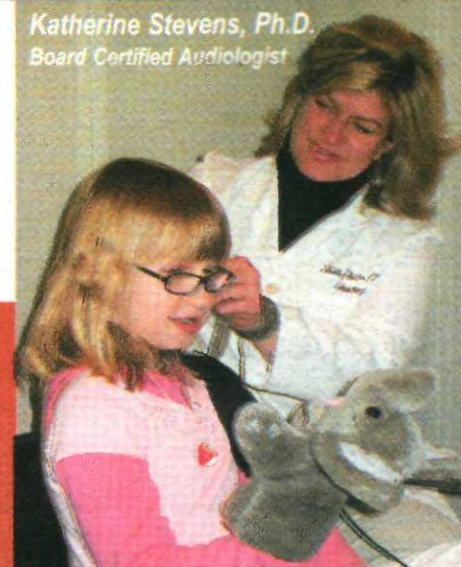
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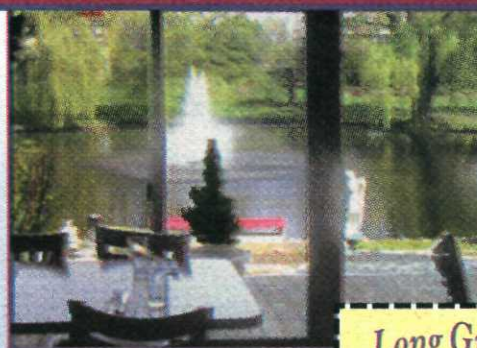


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BACOA, The Garlands of Barrington and Collette Vacations are offering a variety of international tours in the coming year. Among the trips that will be offered:

Bays and Railways of New England—Departure date: Aug. 8, 2009. Enjoy a tour of historic Boston; cruise the shorelines of New England, and ride the rails through the scenic White Mountains. This 10-day trip includes stops in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The cost is \$2,679 (double) and includes round-trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, air taxes and surcharges of \$200, and 16 meals.

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

Islands of the Palm Coast—Departure date: March 6, 2009. Sunny beaches, ocean views, and historic vistas will be on the itinerary of this nine-day trip. The motor-coach tour will include visits to St. Augustine, Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach, as well as stops in Montgomery, Ala., and an optional trip to Orlando, Fla. The cost is \$1,149 (double), and includes 12 meals, round-trip motor-coach transportation, and \$45 in "Mayflower Money."

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Merrill Lynch to Help Seniors with Holiday Phone Calls

On Saturday, Dec. 20, Merrill Lynch will open its Barrington office for area seniors to make holiday phone calls. Seniors will be allowed use Merrill Lynch phones to make calls to family and friends anywhere in the world, and will be able to make as

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The office, at 18 E. Dundee Road, Barrington, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, and Merrill Lynch employees and their families will assist the seniors as needed.

Sparrow Holiday Cards

In all the holiday hustle and bustle, don't forget that your purchase of holiday cards drawn by children living in a Home of the Sparrow (HOS) shelter benefits this local charity which supplies support services to women and children of the northwest suburbs who have nowhere to go in time of personal crisis.

Sold in packets of 10 for \$10, cards are available at the following generous merchants: (in Barrington) Ambrosia Euro-American Patisserie in The Foundry of Barrington, 710 W. Northwest Highway; Barrington Home Shoppe in the Ice House Mall, 200 Applebee Street; TT Patton, 123 E. Station Street; (in Crystal Lake) Dalzell Jewelers, 23 N. Williams St.; and (in Lake Zurich) Second Nature Salon & Spa, 764 S. Rand Rd.

Imprinting is available upon request at extra charge. Please contact Sue at 1-847-526-3981 or Sonja at 1-847-842-9500 for information.

Since 1986, Home of the Sparrow has provided transitional housing, counseling and job skills training to over 2,000 motivated individuals who are seeking to obtain a self sufficient lifestyle for themselves and their children. Facilities are located in McHenry and Crystal Lake. It is important



to note that HOS is the only agency in our area licensed to allow boys over 12 years of age to live with their mothers in the group housing setting.

Cards are appropriate for both business and personal use, and feature two smiling snowmen with a bedecked holiday tree between them. The inside caption wishes you "Joy for the Holidays and Peace in the New Year."

Thank you for your past and future support which allows HOS to provide for those among us who have suffered unfortunate situations such as loss of a job, illness, abuse, or death of a spouse.

Happy Holidays from Friends of Home of the Sparrow!



Refreshments will be served, and gifts distributed to participating seniors.

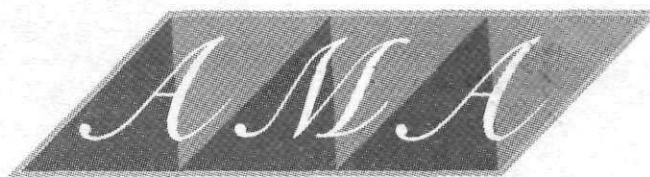
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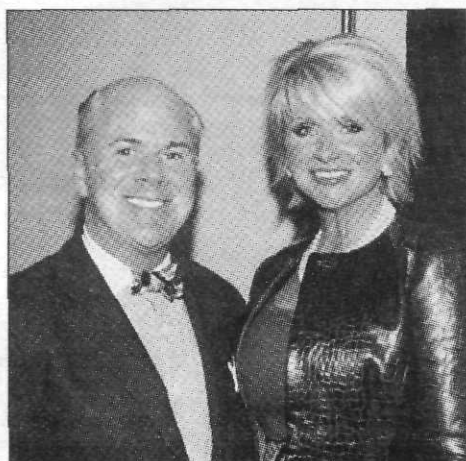
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7th Annual Handbags & Halos Luncheon Benefits Howard Brown Health Center

On Oct. 7, Chicago's most philanthropic women joined host Bunky Cushing to celebrate his 7th Annual Handbags & Halos Luncheon benefitting Howard Brown Health Center. The exclusive event raised over \$60,000 through its famous handbag sales.

Over 185 well-connected guests came to the Palmer House Hilton to enjoy an extravagant afternoon complete with the musical stylings of Stanley Paul and a keynote address from Carmen Dell'Orefice, one of the fashion industry's most-enduring models. Beginning her extraordinary modeling career at the age of 13 with a series of photographs in *Vogue*, she has worked with the greatest masters of the golden age of photography, including Cecil Beaton, Horst, Irving Penn, Richard Avedon, Helmut Newton and Victor Skrebneski, who was in attendance at the luncheon. Dell'Orefice flew in from New York to serve as the featured speaker at the event. She indulged guests by sharing the beauty secrets that have allowed her to stay in the spotlight for so many years. Dell'Orefice's passion and commitment to the organization was felt as she shared her admiration for Cushing's continued support and donated her honorarium back to Howard Brown.

Twelve lucky guests walked away with one of the season's most-coveted accessories, all of which were donated to the luncheon. Handbag donors included Ralph Lauren, Escada, Bvlgari, Prada, Yves Saint Laurent, Kate Spade, Loro Piana, and Brian Atwood for Brian Atwood Designs.



Bunky Cushing and Gay Daniel
of North Barrington



Victor Skrebneski and
Carmen Dell'Orefice

Howard Brown continued to feel Cushing's generosity on Nov. 8, when the Brown Elephant Resale Shop hosted its handbag sale with all of the pieces donated by guests of the luncheon. President and chief executive officer of Howard Brown Health Center Michael Cook spoke briefly about his gratitude to the host. "Without friends like Bunky, our work would not be possible. We are grateful for his kindness and dedication to our cause. The proceeds from this event allow us to provide service to thousands of people that would otherwise go without the attention and care they need."

Howard Brown Health Center is one of the nation's largest gay health care organizations. Through a wide array of health, wellness, social service and research programs, Howard Brown cares for more

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The holiday decorations have been hung with care, and the last party detail has been planned at The Garlands of Barrington. Gather your family and friends and experience the magic of the season at one or more of the following festive events held at The Garlands, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. Please call 1-847-304-1996 to reserve your place.

- *The Barrington High School Madrigal Singers*—Monday, Dec. 8, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$5 per person. Enjoy a festive concert by this award-winning vocal group.

- *Holiday Tea*—Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13, 1:30 p.m. seating, \$15.95 per person. An English tea with holiday flair 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. The tea is a lovely way to connect with friends during the holiday season.

- *The Garlands Holiday Brunch*—Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$26.95 per person; \$10.95 for children under age 10. The Sugar Plum Fairy and Santa host this family favorite that is sure to leave you pleasantly full of delicious memories. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for families to kickoff the holiday season together.

- *The Sugar Plum Fairy's Afternoon Tea*—Friday, Dec. 19 and Saturday, Dec. 20, 1:30 p.m. seating, \$15.95 per person. The



Garlands member Harry Keller (back left) and his grandchildren (from left), Debbie, Steve, Bradley and Christie, are joined by special guests the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Nutcracker at The Garlands Holiday Brunch.

Sugar Plum Fairy hosts this traditional English tea. Your little dancers will delight as our prima ballerina performs her famous pirouettes and sprinkles her magic fairy dust!

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club Holiday Luncheon

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club holiday luncheon will be held at Kemper Lakes Golf Club on Monday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. The entertainment will be a book review by Caroline Stillman, of the hilarious *The Gardener's Gripe Book* by Abby Adams. The luncheon is open to anyone interested, with limited capacity reservations.

The club offers gardening programs, events, projects and field trips to all lev-

els of gardeners in the surrounding communities. Members actively support a local nature preserve through gardening projects, scholarships and internships. Meetings are held at Reed Turner Nature Center, 3851 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, on the second Monday morning of each month. If you'd like to consider this club and attend a sample meeting or event, or for luncheon reservations, please call Ivy at 1-847-800-5000.



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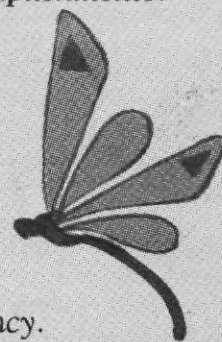
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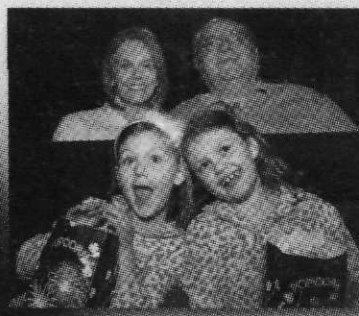
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Cheryl, a talented interior designer, appreciates The Garlands architectural integrity and detail. Gary, a retired financial planning executive, believes that moving to The Garlands was a smart financial decision that offered predictable costs and a guaranteed rate of return.

The Karlins take great pleasure in spending quality time with their granddaughters Avery and Lily who live nearby. From dancing at The Garlands Sugar Plum tea and swim parties in the aquatic center, to cultural excursions to the city and private movie nights in The Garlands Surround Sound Theater complete with fresh-popped popcorn, these girls love The Garlands almost as much as their grandparents do!



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Quest Academy Launches Mandarin Chinese Program

"As all nations are becoming more inter-dependent and, connected, stronger co-operation between the people of United States and China will help ensure world financial and economic stability," said Ben Hebebrand, Head of School at Quest Academy. "In the next generation, the children of Quest Academy will be living and working in a world where China is major force with which to be reckoned. Quest alumni will be business and government leaders and must have an understanding of Chinese culture and language to be successful. Quest is making a commitment to give its students a head start with its program in Mandarin Chinese cul-

ture and language."

According to Quest faculty member and instructor for the Mandarin Chinese Program, Ms. Jeanne Hennek, while well over one billion people worldwide speak Chinese (a number that continues to grow annually), only one percent of all public school students in the United States study Chinese. Hennek, a Palatine resident who has a Bachelor of Arts in international business from Shanghai University and an master's degree in business administration from Governors State University, says Quest is the only private school in the Northwest Suburbs that offers a Chinese language and culture program to sixth-

seventh- and eighth-grade students. Hennek says a combined 85 students take the class. Hennek says that the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing furthered interest in all things China—be it language, culture, economy or politics. Both Hennek and Hebebrand are pleased, but not surprised, by the interest and enthusiasm of Quest students.

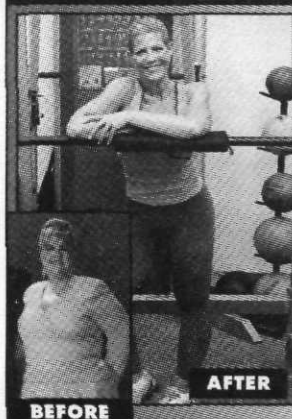
"Our students and parents are involved in the education process. Quest kids are certainly capable and have the passion for learning anything—including Chinese. It's fulfilling for me as a teacher to see the excitement of learning," says Hennek.

When asked why learning the Chinese

language seems so challenging to Americans, Hennek says, "There are four different tones and character writing can be difficult with all the strokes. On the other hand, the language can be easy because there is no verb conjugation, no gender, no noun-verb agreement, and no articles like the, a, or an." Hennek says she encourages students to use many of the online tools that are available. On the first day of class she told her students, "Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Throw away your embarrassment."

"Learning Chinese requires that we all be a little goofy. We all laugh together and have fun with it," said Hennek.

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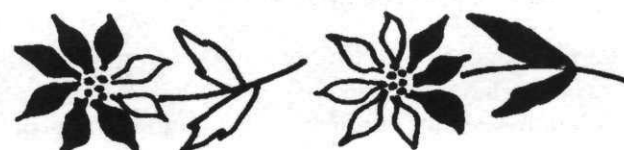
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Christmas Eve at Barrington United Methodist Church

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

Become "as a little child" at our special **4 p.m. Children's Service** with festive music by our Children's Handchimes, directed by Karen Maxwell, and Cherub Choir, directed by Sydney Whitley and Stephanie Preucil.

At our evening services, worship by candlelight at our **7 p.m. Carols and Candlelight Service**, with glorious music from our Chancel Choir directed by Karen Maxwell, accompanied by Jeff Neufeld and the Stonegate Brass Ensemble and soloist Rosalyn Wesley.

Enjoy celestial harp music in the church's rotunda at 10:30 p.m., and then worship at our **11 p.m. Communion, Carols and Candlelight Service**, featuring music from the Chancel Choir, Stonegate String Quartet, and soloists Rosalyn Wesley and Kimberly Albrecht.

Child care is available at the 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.

Barrington High School Musicians Selected for IMEA Honors

Twenty-two Barrington High School (BHS) musicians have been selected for the District 7 Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) Honors Band, Choir and Orchestra.

The BHS Band students selected are Hans Griesse, Kevin Poglitsch, Jeanne Zeller and Max Zhang.

The BHS Jazz Band students selected are Arun Jayaraman, Kevin Poglitsch and Michael Thorn.

The BHS Choir students selected are Mac Dassatti, Paul Digulio, Jeff Messman, Bret Patterson, Colin Smith, Jon Thierer,

Megan Tischhauser, Mary Trimeloni and Lee Werner.

The BHS Orchestra students selected are Karis Ailabouni, Roelle Eugenio, Ethan Fang, Kaitlin Leskovac, Claire Seizovic, Ted Tae and Zosh Zuo.

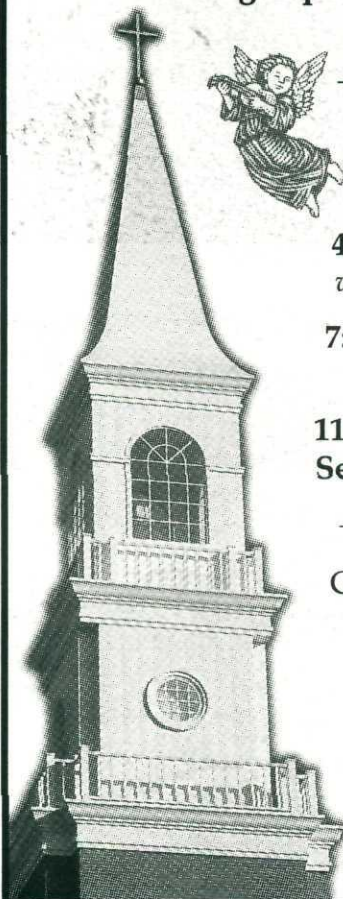
During the school year, the bands are under the direction of Randy Karon, the choirs are led by Nancie Tobison, and Carol Sesso and Clark Sheldon direct the orchestras.

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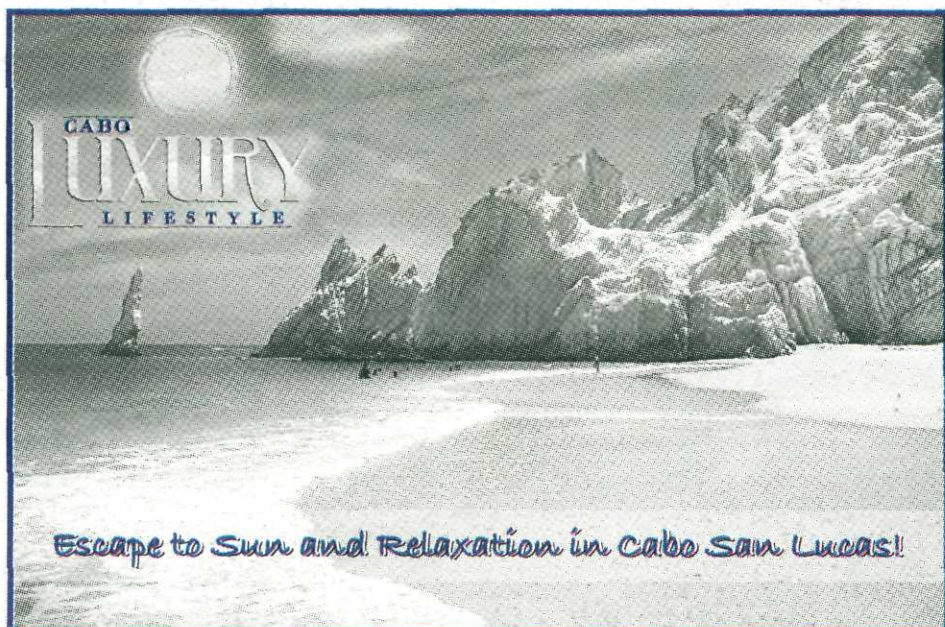
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Home of the Sparrow is reaching out to everyone to help meet the needs of homeless women and their children in the community. The Holiday Gift Program is an opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of those less fortunate. The gift program makes it possible to designate giving, according to the donor's interest: gift cards from grocery, drug, and department stores, gas and service stations, and restaurants; monetary gifts to help with the costs of heating and lighting our shelters; shelter needs are specific items to help equip the kitchens and baths of the shelters; and direct gifts intended specifically for individual children and women living in Home of the Sparrow shelters. The gift program donations provide the materials that help the shelter residents meet the day-to-day challenges of their

lives.

Home of the Sparrow is a transitional shelter program that provides housing and comprehensive supportive services for women and children who are homeless. Through counseling and case management services, they equip the residents with essential life management, financial and employment skills required to achieve emotional, economic and housing stability.

Home of the Sparrow is based in Crystal Lake, and maintains shelters in McHenry and Crystal Lake.

For more information or to arrange a donation through the Holiday Gift Program, please call 1-815-444-1660 ext. 30. To find out more about Home of the Sparrow, please call 1-815-444-1660 or visit www.homeofthesparrowillinois.com.

Catholic Charities' 2008 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. 14, 7 to 9 p.m., at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines.

• Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7 to 9 p.m., at

Holy Family Church Counseling Center, 2515 Palatine Road.

• Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 to 9 p.m., at Carmel High School, One Carmel Parkway, Mundelein.

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BHS Orchesis Dance Company Presents *Barrington's Best Dance Crew* Saturday, Dec. 13

Last year, Orchesis presented *Dancing with the Stars*, partnering Barrington High School (BHS) faculty and staff with BHS Orchesis student dancers. This year Orchesis will host *Barrington's Best Dance Crew*.

Student dance groups may submit an application and attend an audition on either Monday, Dec. 8 or Tuesday, Dec. 9. Groups can sign up in the BHS art gallery or call 1-847-842-3214. Dance groups selected for the finals will compete for awards (first place and runner up) on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Richard C. Johnson auditorium. All ages are encouraged to audition. There is no fee to audition. Competition finals will be judged by three faculty/staff members and dancers as well as the evening's audience.

Audience voting, along with the judges' votes, will determine who will be awarded the title *Barrington's Best Dance Crew*! Audience members will receive one vote with their \$5 ticket and may purchase additional votes for \$1.

Barrington's Best Dance Crew will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Richard C. Johnson Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the BHS Orchesis Dance Company. General admission for the event is \$5 and will include one vote; \$1 to purchase additional votes. General admission tickets will only be available at the door.

For information, or to receive an audition application and audition time, please call the BHS Fine Arts Department at 1-847-842-3214.

Attending Benefit

On Nov. 7, friends of Mary Pighini of Lake Barrington, a member of The Italian American Women's Organization, gathered at Drury Lane Oakbrook to support Pighini's efforts with "One Step at a Time," a proceeds benefit providing summer camp for children with cancer and leukemia. The festive evening began with a social hour and prizes, then dinner, and ended with an elaborate fashion show.

Pictured with Pighini (third from left)



are (from left) Linda Kusch, Catherine Mura, Julie Tortorelli, Janet Elter and Ann Cronin, all of Lake Barrington Shores.

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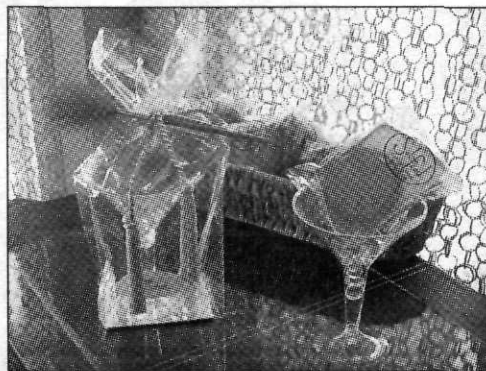
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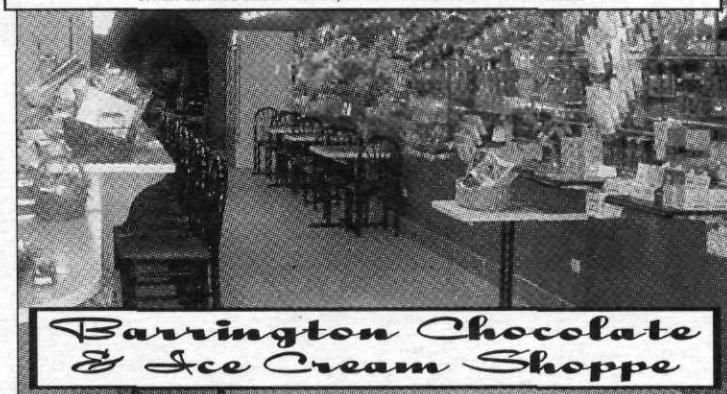
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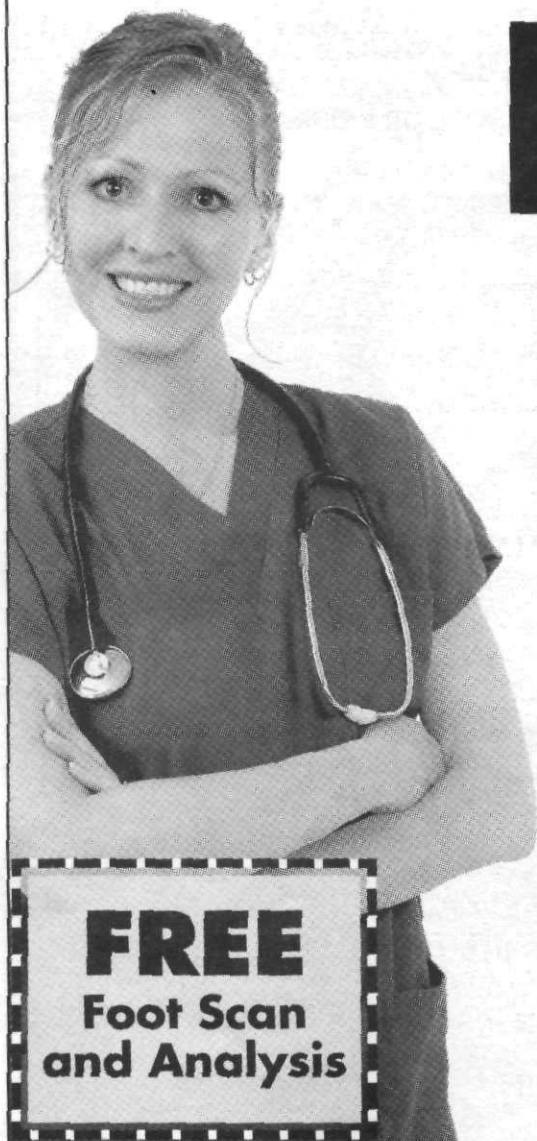
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Fun at the Pumpkin Patch

The Pre-K4 class from St. Anne Preschool enjoyed a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch in South Barrington on Oct. 16. The children were treated to a hayride, corn maze, petting zoo and penny hunt. The highlight of their day was the chance to walk out into the fields and pick their own pumpkin right off the vine! This experience was the culmination of their study of the pumpkin life cycle. When the children took their pumpkins back to school they spent several days performing experiments on them, such as weighing, measuring and sink/float activities.

Preschool registration for the 2009-2010 school year is now open at St. Anne's. Please call the office at 1-847-381-0311 for information and a tour.



Pictured at the corn maze are Mitchell Purcell (left) and Jack Moran.

BACOA Announces Support and Education Groups for December

The Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) has announced its support and education groups for December.

Caregiver Support—Debbie Marak will offer tips for dealing with holiday stress. Marak is a social work intern with Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. The meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the BACOA office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

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—The group will meet Thursday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Eastlake Dining Room at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. The meeting will be an open forum.

Neither the Low Vision Education and Support Group nor the Parkinson's Education and Support Group will meet in December.

For more information on any of the groups, please call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030 or visit the BACOA Web site at www.bacoa.org.

Women's Club of Inverness Holiday Luncheon & Sounds of the Season

The December meeting of the Inverness Women's Club will be held Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Inverness Golf Club. There will be coffee and tea at 9 a.m., with a business meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Holiday Singalong and Luncheon.

This year's holiday program will feature the club's talented members. It is sure to be a fun and delightful time. Please come prepared to get into the holiday spirit and for a holiday surprise.

Reservations are required for the luncheon. Call Marcia at 1-847-358-5325.

The Women's Club of Inverness Meets September through May. Most regular meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Inverness Country Club (with special exceptions in November, February and April). A brief meeting is followed by an informative and interesting program.

The Inverness Women's Club is a philanthropic 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from their activities are distributed to local community-based organizations and scholarship grants to graduating seniors and college students residing within the boundaries of school districts 211 and 220.

The Shoe Box Express

The club is always looking for donations and names of servicemen and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan to send care packages to. If you would prefer to help with the shipping cost, a monetary donation payable to The Inverness Women's Club and marked "Shoe Box Express" will be specifically earmarked to be used for postage to mail these packages. The list of items needed by soldiers changes from month to month, so please call Kim at 1-847-934-1456 for more information.

Third Annual Festival of Sacred Music

A spectacular celebration of sacred music by a assembly of Barrington churches is coming to Barrington United Methodist Church (BUMC), 98 Algonquin Road (at Route 59), on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).

Now in its third year, the festival features a variety of sacred music styles from the participating churches as well as massed choir pieces directed by festival founder Dr. James Skomer of Salem United Methodist Church. This year's massed an-

them include *Laudate Dominum, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, All My Trials, Lord and Elijah Rock*.

Participating churches include Atone-ment Lutheran Church, Barrington United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church of Barrington, St. Anne Catholic Community, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, St. Michael Episcopal Church, Salem United Methodist Church and Village Church of Barrington.

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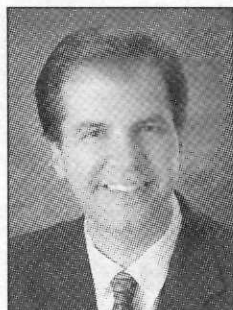
A Gray Area

One of the greatest challenges in dentistry is finding materials that can withstand the forces generated in the mouth. In the past, gold has been the material that combined biocompatibility with strength. It is still the standard by which all new materials are measured.

But what do we do when we have to crown a front tooth? Decades ago, gold was used on the front teeth. But as you can imagine, their appearance was far from satisfactory. Technicians started to experiment with different plastics and porcelains to cover the gold and create a crown that was white in appearance. This is the system that is most frequently used today when making tooth-colored crowns. The drawback to this system has always been the opacity of the crown. Light cannot be transmitted through the restoration because of the gold substructure, and this resulted in teeth that looked like Chiclets. Another problem is the appearance of this gold at the gumline. When someone smiles and you see a gray area at the margin where the crown ends and the gums begin, you're looking at unpolished gold that appears to be gray. In some instances, this grayness will radiate into the gum tissue because the metal used under the porcelain was not gold but a cheaper substitute. The molecules of the cheaper metal are leached into the gum tissue creating a gray tattoo.

Over the past 20 years, dental technology has introduced many different white substructures in order to eliminate the

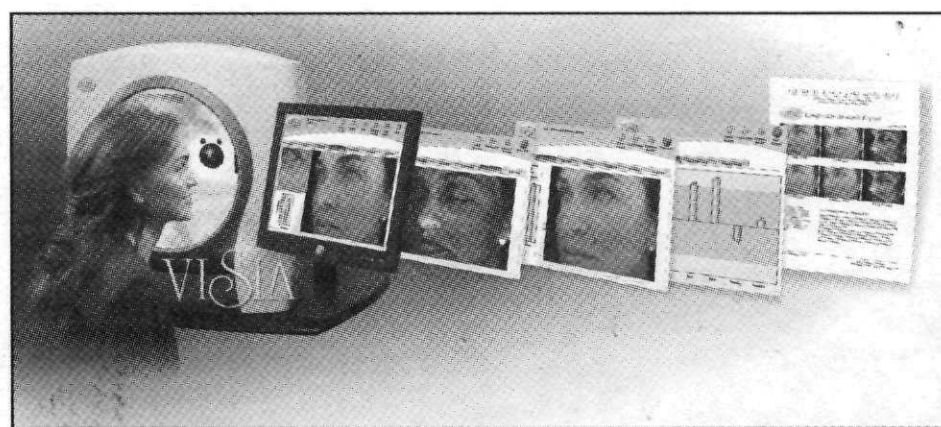
by James T. Gavrilos, DDS



gray appearance and the opacity. Unfortunately, many of them have fallen short on the durability scale and resulted in fractured porcelain. That is, until now. A company from Europe produces a white substructure that is just as strong as gold without the undesirable appearance. The substructure is fabricated in a central lab using digitized information e-mailed to them using the dentist's impression. The substructure then has porcelain applied to it just like the gold ones do. The result is a natural-looking crown that doesn't show any gray at the gumline.

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Coterie Attends Opera in Focus

In mid-October, Coterie of Barrington and Surrounding Areas sponsored a lovely luncheon at Lamirage Restaurant and a "Spook-tacular" performance at Bill Fosse's Opera in Focus.

The lavish 65-seat Opera in Focus theatre, which houses the only hand-designed rod puppets in the world, is located at Park Central in Rolling Meadows. Following the performance, which featured the premier of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, the puppeteers invited the audience backstage to learn about producing this intricate musical and dramatic art form.

Pictured (from left) are Coterie board



member Betsy Marquardt of Lake Barrington Shores, puppeteer and stage manager Justin Snyder, and Coterie president Barbara Siemon of Lake Barrington.

Coterie's Holiday Luncheon Will Be Dec. 2

Coterie's Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Inverness Golf Club. Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a theme of silver and gold (i.e. keeping old friends and making new ones). Lunch will be served at noon. Barrington High School's Madrigal Singers will entertain.

There will be some amazing prize gift baskets, including a money tree, a chocolate basket, a DVD basket, and a wine basket. A cash bar and valet parking will

be available.

The cost is \$40. Please make checks payable to Coterie and mail to: Patricia Toole, 1055 White Pine Dr., Cary, IL 60013.

All proceeds will go to the Yellow Ribbon Organization, Coterie's philanthropic charity this year. Yellow Ribbon's leader and guest will be the luncheon's special guests.

For any questions, please call 1-847-462-9032.

BHS Harper Art Show Winners

Twelve Barrington High School (BHS) students received awards at the 25th Annual Harper Area High School Art Exhibit.

2D—1) Claire McGovern, pen and ink; 2) Alex Albright, printmaking; 3) Kelly Kerulis, printmaking.

3D—1) Pennie Gioulos, Barbie Doll assemblage; 2) Hillary Sepanik, metal; 3) Morgan Mehalic, stainless, mixed media.

Honorable Mention—Tyler Tureck, printmaking; Ellen Quade, painting; Molly FitzHarris, painting; Allison O'Connell,

light metals, mixed media; Benjamin Groves, light metals, epoxy inlay; Julie Knecht, light metals.

An awards ceremony and reception was held on Nov. 19 in the Student Center Main Floor at Harper College.

The students' entries were submitted by BHS faculty: John Anderson, Julia Beatty, Jason Burke, Jeffrey Dionesotes, Stephanie Hargreaves, Kayla Mizanin, Alexander Stevenson and Scott Ziegler. For more information, please call 1-847-842-3214.

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All of us at Barrington Community Child Care would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Winter is Coming... Treat Your Dry Skin

Doctors **Jeffrey Berti, M.D., and Toulia Berti, M.D.**, along with the staff at **Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery, Ltd.** invite you to their newest location: **2 Executive Court in South Barrington**. They are currently seeing new and returning patients in their state-of-the-art facility that offers comprehensive and professional skin care for men, women and children. "With the winter season starting, extremely dry skin is now a concern," remarks **Dr. Jeffrey Berti**.

"Eczema is a common skin condition," says **Dr. Toulia Berti**. The term eczema is broadly applied to a range of persistent or recurring skin rashes that are characterized by dryness, itching, redness, along with possible crusting, flaking, oozing or bleeding. In fact, **Dr. Berti** adds, "exposure to environmental irritants can worsen symptoms, as can temperature changes, exposure to water and stress." The physicians at **Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery** consider the treatment of eczema and dry skin concerns an integral part of their practice and can provide a great deal of medical care and advice regard-

ing this condition.

While there are many over-the-counter remedies for "dry skin," if you have been battling this condition for awhile, perhaps it is time to have it medically evaluated by a physician at **Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery**. They remind us that a professional dermatologic skin evaluation may be a better choice than relying upon a skin product salesperson or a random product choice off the drug store shelf. "While science is never perfect, at least we have a scientific basis for our treatment choices," says **Dr. Jeffrey Berti**, "I'll take science over chance anytime."

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Northwest Women's Connection Luncheon

The Northwest Women's Connection invites you and your friends to their luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Concorde Banquets, 20922 N. Rand Road, Kildeer. The cost is \$17 inclusive.

Karen Hampel from Elgin is a commu-

nity volunteer who speaks on finding peace and fulfillment in "From No Boundaries, To a Life in Control."

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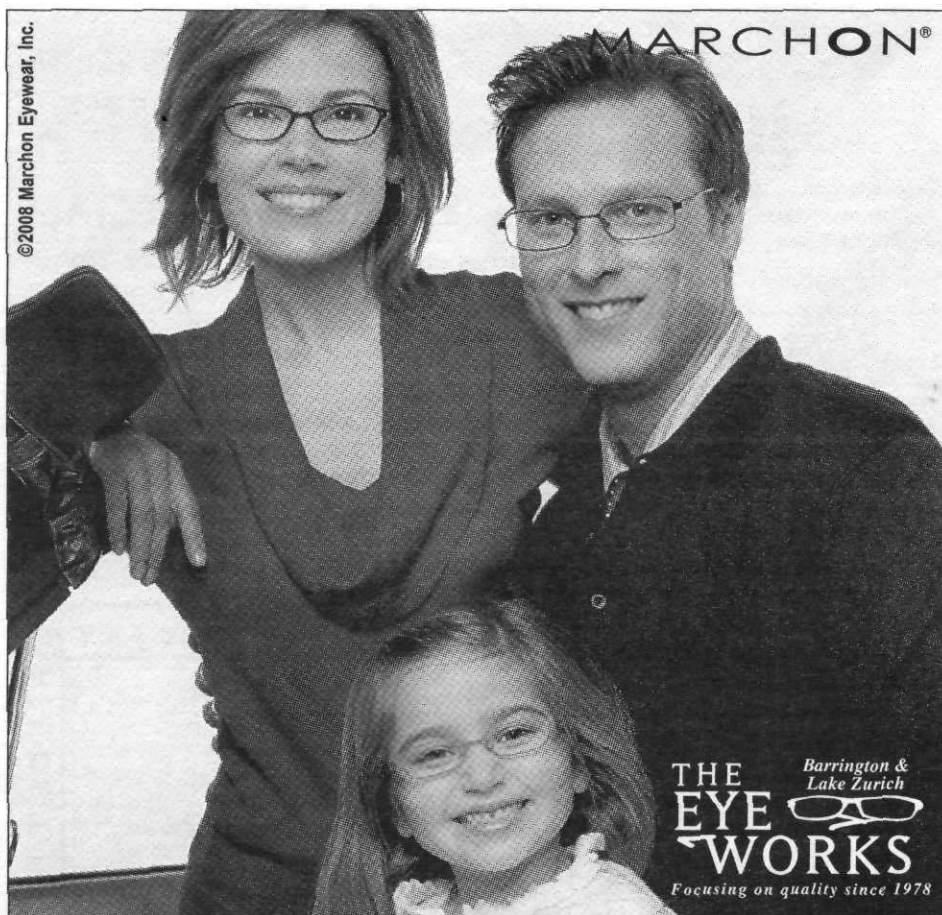
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These annual charitable events help support the education of children in im-

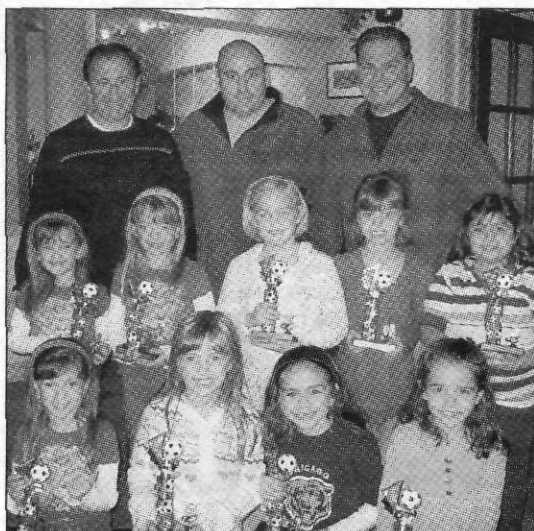
poverished countries. Educate The Children helps build schools, purchase equipment and subsidize the education of children in India, the Philippines, Vietnam, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Bolivia, paying for the school fees of over 900 children on an ongoing basis. This year, children from Benin and Cambodia have been added to the big list of ETC's scholars. Details of the projects in each country can be seen at www.educatechildren.org.

For more information on how to help or contribute, visit www.educatechildren.org or call Marianna Zeidler 1-847-726-9371.

Dragon Flies Undefeated

Shown is the first-grade girls BASA soccer team the Dragon Flies. They were undefeated this season!

Pictured are (from left, back) Anthony Armando (assistant coach), Michael Ginsburg (assistant coach), Tor Saile (head coach), (middle) Arianna Armando, Alexis Armando, Maggie Simmons, Sarah Saile, Jacqueline Levy, (front) Ashley Armando, Samantha Saile, Mikel Ginsburg and Rebecca Shomaker. Hannah Sullivan and Christina Teik are not pictured.



Fall Allergies: How to Relieve Your Eyes from the Most Common Allergy Symptoms

More than half of all Americans (54 percent) test positive to at least one of the top 10 allergens. While some of these allergens, such as cats, dogs, mites and exhaust fumes haunt their victims year-round, other common allergens such as grass pollen and ragweed pollen thrive in the transitory spring and fall seasons. As fall rapidly approaches, you may notice that your eyes, now a permeating red color, tear more often and frequently itch. Or your eyes may be conversely dry and bothered by a grainy, burning sensation. These symptoms are the result of allergens. While you cannot rid the Midwest of these allergy-provoking elements, there are several ways to lessen the presence of allergens in your home and various methods available to help relieve the discomfort of your fall allergy symptoms.

Make Your Home Allergen-Free

Mold, ranked at number two on our list of top 10 allergens, feeds on the damp climate of your backyard's unraked leaves. Though braving the cold seems like a feat in itself, get the leaves out of your yard before fall rains turn them into an allergy nightmare.

Dust mites, ranked at the very top of our list of top 10 allergens, have a tendency to collect in comforters and pillows made of natural materials, such as down feathers or cotton. Covering your bedding in allergy-proof casings will minimize the presence of dust mites—and allergy symptoms—in your home.

Allergen filters for the HVAC system of your home can also help to minimize the presence of air-borne allergens such as ragweed. Dust circulation can be lessened by

the use of a vacuum with a high-efficiency particulate (HEPA) filter or double bag, since using a standard or water-filtered vacuum cleaner stirs dust into the air.

Further Treating Your Allergy Symptoms

If raking your leaves and covering your comforters still does not relieve your eyes of their redness and itching sensation, schedule an appointment with your eye doctor to discuss the various optical treatments available for allergy patients.

As fall's dry climate is particularly hard on contact lens wearers (50 percent of contact lens wearers report dry eye symptoms), contact lens patients who are experiencing continued discomfort should also ask their doctor about appropriate rewetting and soothing drops, as well as about the recent development of contact lenses designed to improve the comfort of wearers in dry environments.

To learn more about the cause and treatment of allergy symptoms or to inquire after comfort lenses for dry eyes, please call to schedule an appointment with **Dr. Ralph Gebert** or **Dr. Anthony Prate** with **The Eye Works Ltd.** at **1-847-381-0391** in Barrington or **1-847-540-1144** in Lake Zurich.

Dr. Ralph Gebert graduated from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1978. He began practicing at The Eye Works shortly after graduation and was joined by his partner Dr. Anthony Prate, also a graduate from the Illinois College of Optometry, in 1991. After 30 years, Dr. Gebert and Dr. Prate's private practice remains dedicated to the care and customer service of its patients.

Garden Club Cultivates Friendships

Wreaths are hung, Christmas lights are appearing in neighbors' landscapes, carols are heard, and Field & Flower Garden Club members are anticipating the club's annual Christmas buffet. On Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., all will gather at a member's home to celebrate another successful gardening season, the close friendships cultivated during 2008, and the holidays.

On the agenda are favorite dishes on the buffet table for all to share, plus a wonderful assortment of Christmas greens for each member to take home for creating a holiday design for that special place in their home.

Field & Flower Garden Club has been a part of the greater Barrington Area for

over 50 years. Its membership includes novice gardeners as well as those very knowledgeable in growing, landscaping and design. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month in private homes or at the Barrington Area Library and include a program, a short business meeting, refreshments and time to ask gardening questions. This holiday meeting is open to members and associate members only; guests are most welcome at regular meetings.

Field & Flower is a member of the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs, Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. and National Garden Clubs Inc.

For information, call 1-847-277-7901.

America's Women Focus of Lake Barrington Shores Ladies Club

The Lake Barrington Shores Ladies Club October meeting featured Lanny Ori, who enthusiastically reviewed *America's Women* by Gail Collins, a book on American women through the years and their great impact on American History.

Pictured (from left) are Nancy Harff, Lanny Ori, Julie Tortorelli and Sharon Vanoucek, all Lake Barrington Shores residents. Nancy and Julie serve



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Stillman Nature Center Activities

New Year's Day Walk

Join Stillman Nature Center on Thursday, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. for their annual New Year's Day walk along the trails. Over the years, they've seen everything from bluebirds and shrikes, to the remains of coyote kills. If you like winter but don't like

football, this is the walk for you. For ages 10 and up.

The Stillman Nature Center is located at 33 W. Penny Road in Barrington. For more information, phone 1-847-428-6957 or e-mail stillnc@wildblue.net. Visit www.stillmann.org.

News from Citizens for Conservation

Citizens for Conservation (CFC) would like to express their sincere thanks to the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs for the Integration of Native Materials award that it presented to them. Following the purchase of property along Route 22 in 2000, CFC volunteers have restored prairie at Flint Creek Savanna and planted native gardens around the office. It has taken many years of seeding, over-seeding and planting plugs of more difficult-

to-restore plants, but the prairie is finally assuming its historic shape.

CFC appreciates the Council of Barrington Garden Club's recognition of the importance of native plants as it enhances their mission of "Saving Living Space for Living Things." CFC's restoration and education efforts benefit greatly from both the recognition and the publicity regarding the use of native plants in the landscape.

St. Charles Singles Club Events

Gala Christmas Dinner Dance

There will be a Gala Christmas Dinner Dance given by the St. Charles Singles Club for all singles and married couples on Friday, Dec. 19 at Fox Valley Country Club on Route 25 in North Aurora. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar begin at 6 p.m.; buffet at 7 p.m.; dancing 9 to midnight. There will be live music by Incognitos. Attire is formal to semiformal. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased in advance at dances or from St. Charles Singles Club officers.

Dances

St. Charles Singles Club, a social nonprofit group, welcomes singles age 30 and over to dances at Riverside Receptions, 35 N. River Lane, Geneva, Ill. Dances are on the second, fourth, and fifth Mondays of each month from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Proper attire is required at all dances. Admission is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers for second- and fourth-Monday dances; fifth-Monday dances with a live band are \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Other social activities available include

Help Reduce EAB Spread by Using Firewood from Local Sources

Many people enjoy the glow of the fireplace during the holiday season and many people use wood as a heating source during the fall and winter in Illinois. Firewood can be purchased from individuals, dealers or retail stores or cut by the user. But early winter weather such as last year's can reduce accessibility for people to cut their own firewood.

With the presence of the emerald ash borer (EAB), a relatively new pest to Illinois, persons are encouraged to use local sources of firewood, especially ash wood, and to know the source of the wood. The emerald ash borer has been found in over 50 locations in the northern one-half of Illinois since June 2006, from the Illinois-Wisconsin state line to as far south as the Bloomington area. It was first identified at one location in Kane County.

The Illinois and U.S. departments of agriculture are working with communities and industry to try to control the spread. The emerald ash borer only affects ash trees. Since the borers do not typically travel far on their own, reducing human transport of the pest can help slow the spread of the problem. Areas identified with the emerald ash borer are officially

quarantined to restrict the movement of wood, wood products and the borer.

"One of the things that individuals can do to help reduce the spread of the pest is to use local firewood," says John Church, University of Illinois Extension educator, natural resources, Rockford. If buying ash firewood, be sure of its source. Don't bring in firewood, or other ash wood products, from infested areas or from a long distance. If camping in infested areas, leave unused firewood at that site.

For more information on the borer, contact the local University of Illinois (U. of I.) Extension office, go to the U. of I. Rockford Extension Center Web site at web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockfordcenter/nre2131.html. Or go to the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Web site at www.agr.state.il.us/eab. The IDOA Web site contains control and quarantine information as well as information on what to do with downed trees and limbs from affected trees.

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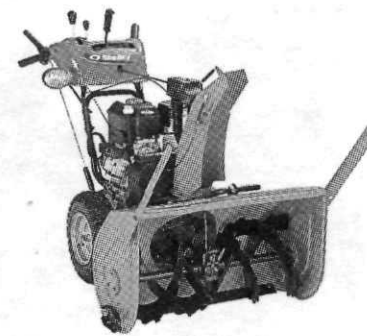
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Spectacular Ornaments and Gifts from Wickham Interiors

Dazzling Christmas trees loaded with sparkling ornaments, charming Russian Santas, joyous snowmen, and precious Nativities detailed with expressions of wonder are among the delightful gifts throughout **Wickham Interiors'** two floors of enchantment.

After 26 years in business, **Wickham Interiors** knows how to redesign each section of their shop to an incredible Christmas display unlike any other store in this part of the country. The extent **Wickham Interiors** goes to find and display unique, beautiful and affordable gifts is rare. Their goal is to find awesome decorations and gifts, often made by small companies, not shown in this area.

All over the beautiful store are Christmas trees, each designed with a specific theme by **Interior Designer Lynne Wickham, ASID**. There is something for everyone, such as sports ornaments, a fantasy tree chock-full of breathtaking ornaments including *Nutcracker* characters, endearing

fairies, ballerinas, and whimsical figures, as well as adorable Santas and snowmen in classic designs adorning another inspiring tree.

NEW highlights this year are handblown glass ornaments from Inge-Glass of Germany with Biblical-themed sets: The Holy Family, The Three Wise Men, and The Shepherds Watch. Each group comes in a creative oval wooden box, great for gift giving. A stunning 9-foot sparkling tree displays incredible religious ornaments.

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For more information about their inspiring store, visit **Wickham Interiors** at 67 N. Williams St., in Historic Downtown Crystal Lake, or contact them at **1-815-455-6202** or www.wickhaminteriors.com.

From a Woman's Point of View

by Amy Wickstrom, Wickstrom Ford Lincoln Mercury

Having trouble finding the perfect Christmas gift that really says, "I care"? Well, your search is over. I have one word for you: **Nitrogen**. Inflating the tires of a vehicle with nitrogen instead of compressed air increases fuel economy, reduces tire failure by 50 percent and increases tire life by 30 percent. Also, that annoying "Check Tire Pressure" light won't come on nearly as much, and in my book that's reason enough to switch to nitrogen, but I'll give you more reasons, too.

Compressed air is your tire's worst enemy (with the exception of the occasional nail...). Air is about 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen, and 1 percent other. Nitrogen is inert, noncombustible and noncorrosive. Oxygen, on the other hand, is immensely destructive to rubber and other tire materials. As soon as a tire is manufactured and exposed to air, the effects of "oxidation" begin to deteriorate the rubber. Over time it loses its elasticity and strength, just like an old rubber band you might find around your home. This same process occurs in tires inflated with air as the oxygen attacks the rubber molecules, working from the inside out, until the oxygen, and its destructive properties, permeates the tire structure and ultimately the tread.

Because of nitrogen's properties, it is



used to fill the tires of vehicles that push performance limits under extreme conditions, including NASCAR and Formula One race cars, heavy machinery, and commercial aircraft. I do realize that most of you won't be landing the space shuttle anytime in the near future, however, nitrogen-filled tires will improve the steering, handling and braking of your own vehicles too.

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Until next month,

—Amy

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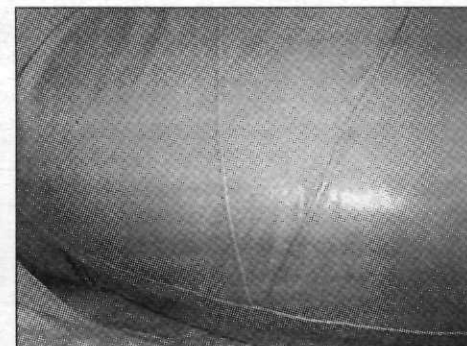
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Choosing a Christmas Tree Variety

In recent years, there have been more varieties of trees to choose from when trying to select that perfect Christmas tree. Many families have a tradition of using the same kind every year. Traditional varieties include Scotch pine, white pine, balsam fir and others. More recently, other varieties such as Fraser fir, Douglas fir, Norway spruce, or even blue spruce have become common. "Depending on the variety, some may be more difficult to find, based on demand, size of tree needed and the number grown in northern Illinois," says John Church, University of Illinois Extension educator, natural resources, Rockford.

One that has increased in availability is the Fraser fir, but cut-your-own locations

for these trees may still be somewhat limited. It is not grown as often as others in this area, but it is gaining in popularity at farms and on sales lots. The needles are flat, ½ to 1 inch, and have a rich, dark green color with a silvery underside. It has excellent color and needle retention characteristics. They tend to be "naturally-shaped" Christmas trees.

For a "full" appearing tree, white pines are often good. They are widely available in the Midwest. It has longer needles at 3 to 6 inches. It has generally good needle color and retention.

The spruces are gaining in popularity as Christmas trees, too. The needles tend to have good retention, and are shorter and

stiffer than some of the other varieties. The spruce varieties are often popular when buying a live Christmas tree to plant in the yard after the holidays. Live trees need special care while inside for successful planting outdoors.

The traditional favorite Scotch pine has 1½ to 3 inch blue-green needles, which have a delicate twisted appearance. The branches tend to be more open and stiffer than the white pine. Many people prefer it since it often is easier to hang ornaments on its branches. It is also often one of the most reasonably priced varieties.

"Certainly, there are other desirable varieties available too," says Church. Regardless of the variety of the tree, proper

watering and keeping the home as moist and cool as possible will help lengthen the tree's enjoyment and safety.

Further information on tree varieties, tree care, tree farms and related topics is available at University of Illinois Web sites www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/trees and web.extension.uiuc.edu/forestry/agroforestry.html.

With all these choices, everyone should be able to find that "perfect tree." "Buyers may want to take a holiday outing to discover the different types of trees available and to make some consumer comparisons. The earlier the better to start the search, especially if a special size or variety are needed," concludes Church.

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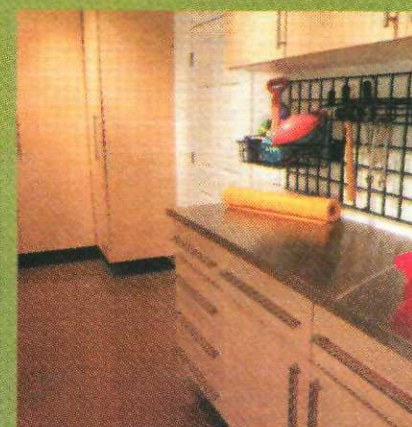
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