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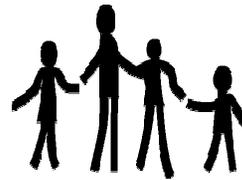
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Upcoming Events

- General meetings:**
- February 29** – Understanding the difference between Market Value & Replacement Cost with Mazena Kuhiwczak of ABI Insurance
 - March 28** – JPNA members Robert Bank & Ron Ernst will describe their canoe adventure down the North Branch of the Chicago River from Glencoe to River Park.
 - April 25** – Keeping It Real burglary forum with Officer Madessie Jointer.
 - May 30** – (tent) Overview of Healthcare Portability with AARP representative Carmenza Millen.
 - June 27** - General Forum- Drop in speakers. Catching up with things going on in the area.
 - July 25** - TBA
 - August 29** - TBA

All general meetings Open to the public and are held at: Jefferson Park Congregational Church 5320 W. Giddings 7 pm -- the last Wednesday of each month. Refreshments will be provided & chance to win a door prize

- Education Task Group** – if interested contact Lotty at: BCarlotty@yahoo.com or 773-736-1702
- TIF Zoning Task Group** – if interested send us a note at JPNA@earthlink.net
- Farmers Market Task Group** – to volunteer for next year's market, send us a note at JPNA@earthlink.net or call 847.902.2961

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All Letters presented are letters to JPNA by individuals, who do not speak for it.

Dear Editor,

I just wanted review a few eateries in our area. Since Milwaukee Ave. is the heart of the Jefferson Park and the 45th Ward, I thought I would just write about the ones I usually go to. If your fav is not here, It means I or we on the Board did not happen to get there yet. By all means, write us. Also, I left out all the fast food places since they are alike except for the Burger King at 4100 N. which has eggnog milkshakes all year round. From the north, about 6500 is the Red Apple: It's buffet where you get your monies work for good home cooked type food. I love their carving beef and desserts.

Next is Pasta D'Arte about 6300 N. Milwaukee. Great Italian food. Great decor. reasonable prices.

One of my real favs is Amitabul, about 6200 n. across from the funeral home. It is Vegetarian. On a cold winter day nothing is better than the Big Bowl of soup with its noodles and vegetables. If you have a medical condition, tell chef Dave, an award winner, and he will adjust your selection to meet the criteria needed for your condition. Also, one week orders can be made for carry out.

Tanzitaro sit at the corner where Elston and Milwaukee come together. It is up scale Mexican and American food which is great. Presentations are lovely and well as ample and satisfying.

Phil's Pizza D'Oro at Milwaukee and Austin on the corner. They also have good Italian food. Last time I was there, I had a good egg plant dish.

Mom's Old Recipe Mexican at 5760 N. Milwaukee is just like its name implies, it serves hearty home cooking.

Cafe Marbella at 5527 N. Milwaukee has food influenced by sunny Spain in Europe, not Mexico. BYOB. The food is warm in a delightful atmosphere and like being on vacation. Paella last time I was there was wonderful.

Paterno's is not just a liquor store. It is also an Italian restaurant with good pizza and meatballs.

In the mall at Jeff Park is Excellent Garden, Chinese carryout. I 've never had anything that I didn't think was great. Really clean looking place.

Gale Street In across from the mall. Everyone loves their barbeque. I love their mussels and crab cake and potato skins.

Teresa's 2 at 4747 N. Milwaukee. across from the alderman's office is great home cooking by Teresa herself. Most of the food is like Mom's polish with great soup, hunter's stew, and cheap prices.

Across the street in the mall is Lucky Grill, about 4500 N. Milwaukee. also great soups, really reasonable prices, big salads and so was my Reuben Sandwich. The fish was good too.

New to the hood, everyone raves about the sushi at RUK's about 4451 N. Milwaukee.

Hops and Barley is much more than a bar. Great salads and sandwiches, oh heck, all food.

Finally, La Pena at 4244 n. Milwaukee has great meat dishes, salads, and often music of Peru.

Always,

Lotty Blumenthal

What are you talking about!

To find out, go to the dictionary and read the usage definitions. One American Heritage dictionary defines **irresponsible** 1. not liable to be called to account by a higher authority. 2. not mentally or financially fit to assume responsibility. 3. showing no sense of responsibility - unreliable, undependable, untrustworthy.

Not quite the word for which I was looking. I tried to find the word "unresponsible," thinking that might cover the usage I want to talk about. There is no such word - yet! My newly devised usage definitions are: **unresponsible** refusing to admit the possibility that one's idea or action a. could have adverse consequences; b. could diminish its "worth it" value with expansion in its funding cost; c. could be ethically wrong, even if legal.

There is a down side to the definition because it might be concluded that the more "politically astute" a person becomes the more "unresponsible" yes is. (Or would it sound better - grammatically - to say "the more 'unresponsible' ya - meaning you, me, they -is/are.")

One of the results of justifying actions only because of legality when they are ethically wrong is a culture of corruption - the antithesis of a culture of freedom with responsibility. A law can be written to exempt specified people from the consequences. Generally speaking, exemptions are always ethically wrong because laws are supposed to apply equally to everyone; also exemptions tend to benefit the lawmaker whether the exemption is for those over an income level or under an income level, or for those making the laws.

JPNA as an organization also has the legal status to spend the money entrusted to it (slightly different from "to spend its own money"). When we avoid multiplying personal gratification by generosity with JPNA funds, we are setting an ethical example that might be needed to counter the culture of corruption. As a neighborhood organization, there is more than mere numbers that can influence others.

Ed Jrusch

On the Horizon

Rabbit's Bar at 4945 W. Foster, will be hosting a fundraiser for **Olive's Garden for the Hungry**, JPNA's vegetable garden that benefits the food pantry at **Northwest Church of Christ**, 4602 N. Kilbourn Saturday March 3rd 4pm-8pm This donation drive fundraiser. Stop in and make a donation, participate in various raffles taking place every hour.

Park Senior Center Will be holding a Flea Market on March 9th 9am - 3pm 4100 N. Long

St. Robert Bellarmine Tiny Tots Registration is now open for the Spring 2012 session of Tiny Tots for two-year olds. The 10-week session will meet from February 16 - May 10, 2012 on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. (There will be no class on March 29, April 5 and April 12.) The cost is \$60 for the 10-week session, due at time of registration. Registration forms are available on the Tiny Tots page of the school website (srb-chicago.org) or from the school office (773-725-5133). Class size is limited; please register early.

Casino Nights The St. Robert Bellarmine School Parents' Association will host its annual Casino Nights on Friday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th from 6:00 P.M. to Midnight in the Church Hall at 4646 N. Austin Avenue, Chicago. Games include Blackjack, Poker, Texas Hold'em, Roulette and more. Gamers can win up to \$250. Charity rules apply. There is a \$3.00 entrance fee and you must be 21 to enter. Food and drinks will be available.

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