



THE VILLAGE VOICE

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Dassinger



As you have likely heard, we recently celebrated the 5th anniversary of CHPV with a bountiful reception in the grand lobby of the Hyde Park Bank. It was a lovely event, thanks to impeccable planning and execution by the committee, especially chair Terry Stumpf. See Terry's detailed summary of the evening on page 9!

CHPV has been in partnership with the Community Programs Accelerator (CPA) since the founding days. The CPA continues to be a tremendous support for the Village as a tool to grow organizational capacity. I have had an extra busy fall due to some great professional development opportunities related to our CPA partnership that promise to deepen my executive director skills and therefore benefit the whole organization as we move ahead together.

You may have seen my email last Tuesday about the Civic Actor Studio (CAS). This was a unique 4-day intensive retreat developed by Joanie Friedman at the Office of Civic Engagement and led by Charles Newell of the Court Theatre and Harry Davis from Booth. Just being in the same room with such accomplished, thoughtful, creative leaders was a gift - watching them work to guide this inaugural group of 22 "civic actors" was transformative! Opportunities for creative partnership and spreading the word about CHPV were abundant.

The Monday following CAS I started the Certificate in Non-Profit Management Program (CNPM), which is the fruit of a partnership between the Community Programs Accelerator and the School of Social Service (SSA). This is a cohort of 25 non-profit leaders representing 25 different organizations on the South Side. This fall we have participated in a course titled "The Evolving Nonprofit Sector," taught by SSA professor Jennifer Mosley. During the winter and spring quarters we will participate in applied workshops on topics essential to non-profit operations.

Needless to say, it has been a busy fall full of learning! I look forward to bringing my learning to the leadership of CHPV in 2020.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Michelle

THE VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

ANNUAL APPEAL

The Chicago Hyde Park Village is making our annual appeal. Along with our Gala, this is one of two times a year when we contact you directly for financial support.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED!!

There are good reasons to support us. We are the most substantial senior organization in the Hyde Park & surrounding communities. No one else approaches us in size and scope. We serve about 165 Village members, but our reach is easily double or triple that if you include community members and families touched by us. Through our activities we have created a welcoming senior community promoting healthy aging. We provide personal services like transportation and medical advocacy to help seniors age in place.

We need your contributions for ongoing needs such as staff, space rental and office and program infrastructure. New needs continue to arise. We hope to add capacity this year by bringing in professional expertise to evaluate and aid our members in emergencies or as they become more frail. We also plan to continue adding new programming like Village Visitors that matches seniors with volunteers for weekly visits.

CHPV is proud of its record in the community. We hold the potential to do so much more. Please consider us as you plan your charitable donations. Contributions may be made to honor a friend or loved one. Donations can also be made online by going to www.chpv.org. If you are over 70.5 years old, you can have a contribution made directly from your IRA account without being taxed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!

DROP INs 2020

Help us plan agendas and possible expansion for our Drop In programs. Join a subcommittee to discuss options and implement possibilities. If interested, contact the office (773-363-1933; info@chpv.org) or Susan Alitto (773-485-3643; salitto@gmail.com). We will schedule a first meeting for mid December or early January.

CHPV PARTNERSHIPS

Since its very beginnings, the Chicago Hyde Park Village has expanded its reach and stretched its resources through partnerships. Collaboration with a host or liked minded organization such as the [Coalition for a Modern Metric Electric](#) not only adds our voice to this important cause but also helps keep authorities aware of older residents' transportation needs. CHPV's partnership with the local [Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company](#) not only supports a major community cultural organization but also makes discount tickets available to our members. [Artful Aging](#) activities at the **Hyde Park Art Center** introduces neighbors to its many resources and programs and provides welcoming space for CHPV's activities.

CHPV's major institutional partners are [The University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement](#) and UC Medicine's [SHARE Network](#) based in the Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. As Michelle mentions in her report, she as well as CHPV benefit greatly as U of C Community Accelerator Associates. As SHARE partners, we work with and learn about other programs and activities throughout the South Side.

Beyond our community we share information and resources with the other Villages in the Chicago area and with the [Chicago Aging Collaborative](#), which promotes an intergenerational "Livable Chicago for All Ages." On the national level, CHPV works with the [Village to Village Network](#) which held its annual meeting in Chicago last September.

In 2020, CHPV plans to expand adding more structure to the **Partnership Committee**. Consider joining the Committee's effort if you are interested in promoting intergenerational activities that support an age friendly community. All ideas, potential members and partners welcome.

The first 2020 organizational meeting of the Partnership Committee will be Tuesday, January 7, 1-2:30 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2nd floor, Room 6. Contact Susan Alitto (773-485-3643; salitto@gmail.com) with questions or comments.

THE MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

NEW MEMBER SERVICES: Telephone Check-ins

The Member Services Committee has been working diligently to implement new services for members. We will be ready to begin offering telephone check-ins in the New Year. What is a telephone check-in? One of the biggest worries for seniors living alone is that something might happen to them and no one will notice. A telephone check-in is a call from a trained CHPV volunteer to a CHPV member at an agreed upon time of day on a scheduled basis. CHPV members will provide emergency contact information that volunteers can contact should they be unsuccessful in connecting with the senior at the agreed upon schedule. The telephone check-ins will help seniors to feel confident about remaining independent in their homes by giving them and their family members the security of knowing that someone is checking in with them regularly. If you are a full member and interested in receiving a telephone check in or want to find out more information about becoming a volunteer for this program, please contact the office at 773-363-1933 or send an email to info@chpv.org.

UPCOMING Chicago Hyde Park Village EVENTS

CRAFTERS AND QUALITY RESELLERS WANTED!

Holiday Craft & Resale Bazaar

Wednesday, Dec 11, 10:00 – 3:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

5500 S. Woodlawn



Table Reservation: \$15 (includes lunch)

Please contact the office to register by December 6

773-363-1933 | info@chpv.org

CHPV Dining Out | *Eating Together*

*Over the years since I left home, I have kept thinking about the people I grew up with
and about our way of life.*

I realize how much the bond that held us had to do with food.

– Edna Lewis, a renowned Chef of Southern Cooking

Yes, indeed, one way in which we can make connections, bond, meet other folks, and make friends is eating together at table. Eating together, moreover, mediates isolation and loneliness. This column shares the many options that are available via the Chicago Hyde Park Village. **Let's eat together!**

CHPV Wednesday Drop-ins (second and fourth Wednesdays of the month) we provide healthy aging information and check ins, exercise, exchange of jewelry, books, ideas, etc.; more importantly a sit-down lunch meal prepared and served by our volunteer kitchen staff. Cost: CHPV Members \$5.00, non-members \$7.00 – payable at check-in table. Location: Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park, Gorder Hall (5500 South Woodlawn Avenue). No reservations required. Go to the Chicago Hyde Park Village website - <https://www.chpv.org> for further information.

CHPV First Tuesday Dinner Salon – our dinner salon gathering for December is on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:30-6:00 p.m.** at the Snail Thai Cuisine Restaurant (1649 East 55th Street - <http://www.snailthai.com>), casual dining, no host, individual order off the menu, individual checks (payable in cash or credit card), no reservation required. Just show up! For further information contact Terry Stumpf at tls1649@sbcglobal.net.

CHPV Let's Do Lunch! CHPV Villagers Lunching Together – this is a start up for a just a bit of time to connect and catch up, no host, very casual and low cost to lunch together with fellow villagers. Our first one is scheduled for Monday, December 30, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at Valois Cafeteria; no reservation required. Just show up! For further information contact Terry Stumpf at tls1649@sbcglobal.net.

CHPV Dining Out Meet-up – gathers about 6 times a year, we're into our third year. We meet at a more upscale Hyde Park restaurant. Date and time depends on arrangements made at a local restaurant. This experience of *fine dining*, have ranged from ordering off the menu and pay as you go to pre-ordering from a prix fixe menu and paying in advance. Reservations (made on the CHPV website - <https://www.chpv.org>) are required and if indicated a pre-pay dining charge. Watch for details (date and time) for the next CHPV Dining Out Meet-

up to occur in January 2020 at la petite folie. For further information and registration contact Terry Stumpf at tls1649@sbcglobal.net.

CHPV Third Thursday (December 19 and January 16) Potluck at Margaret Huyck's – main dish supplied, each guest brings a potluck dish to share, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Reserve your place by December 16 or January 13. For further information contact Margaret Huyck at margarethuyck@gmail.com.

Fourth Annual Chicagoland Villages Dining Together at the Walnut Room at *Marshal Fields* | Save the Date!

Macy's Department Store

111 North State Street, Seventh Floor, Chicago

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 | 4:30-7:00 p.m.

For the Fourth Annual, all the villages in Chicagoland will gather together.

Menu | Two-Course Prix Fixe Menu

Definitely will include one of the of entrée choices | Mrs. Herring's 1890 Original Chicken Pot Pie.

Details to be announced in January, 2020.

Reservations and Dining Fee will be required with your choice of entrée.

Chicagoland Villages Dining Together is open to Village members, non-members, friends, and/or relatives.

Not to be missed!

Pull up a chair.

Take a taste.

Come join us.

*Life is so endlessly
delicious.*

– Ruth Reichl, an American Chef and Foodie

Submitted by

Terrill L Stumpf

CHPV Member and Member of the CHPV Program Committee

REVIEWS OF RECENT EVENTS

CHPV 5th Anniversary Celebration | Thursday, November 21, 2019 Hyde Park Bank

A wonderful evening was had in celebration of CHPV's 5th Anniversary | provided an opportunity to enjoy, meet, celebrate, members, friends, volunteers, and donors. The venue was in the grand space of the vintage Hyde Park Bank. Stations around the venue allowed for tasting and enjoying small bites provided by local Hyde Park businesses and beverages to indulge one's thirst. Small groups gathered around the space and hardy conversation filled the vaulted ceilings of the main lobby. Guests lingered and had to be encouraged to take leave.

Best reporting | 100 guests in attendance, a record number. Many first timers and lots of folks who have been at the celebrations over the 5 years.

State Representative Curtis J. Tarver II (D-25th) and from his Office staff for Community Outreach, Kyra Smalls circulated with guests.

Some of the attendees comments: food was delicious, so much food and so many options, able to take some food home, lots of tables and chairs, great space, loved the CHPV posters, welcome program was short and a moment of silence for deceased CHPV Board Member, Allison Hartman was included, I was interviewed by the Hyde Park Herald, got to chat with familiar and new community members, and I'm impressed by the number of restaurants who provided.

The most pertinent comment: *It Takes A Village to Celebrate the Village*. With that in mind, the following that were part who made the whole of the celebration.

Appreciation and grateful thanks to all listed below and moreover to all of you who were gathered with the CHPV 5th Anniversary Celebration.

Anticipate and look forward to the CHPV 6th Anniversary Celebration in November 2020.

Anniversary Planning Committee
Terry Stumpf | Chair
Susan Alitto
Dolores Cross
Michelle Dassigner
Inagrace Dietterich

Hyde Park Restaurants & Food Establishments
The following HP businesses provided the small bites that were enjoyed – visit and thank them
▪ Ascione Bistro*

<p>Josie Disterhoft Ken Gustafson Kathy Huff Dottie Jeffries Dorothy Strang Barbara Norrish Gary Worcester</p> <p>CHPV Staff Michelle Dassigner Welcome Dorothy Pytel Member Services Ole Schenk CHPV Intern Guest Sign-in Station Nathan Worcester Sound System & Pixel Photo Shots</p> <p>CHPV Membership Station Roger Huff Committee Chair Ellie Hall Grace Latibeaudiere-Williams Michelle Dassinger Square Credit Card Payments</p> <p>Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHPV brochure & membership form were give to each person who stopped by ▪ Free Drop-in Coupon given to persons who had not already attended a drop-in ▪ All were added to the Prospective Member mailing CHPV Database ▪ 2 CHPV Member Renewals <p>CHPV Member Services Station Margaret Huyck Committee Chair Madeiria Myrieckes Gloria Rauens Lori Rosenblum</p> <p>Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provided Information ▪ CHPV Volunteer Opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bonjour Café & Bakery* ▪ Café 53* ▪ Cedars Mediterranean Kitchen ▪ Chant ▪ Giordano's* ▪ Hyde Park Taco Station ▪ Hyde Park Produce ▪ Medici on 547th* ▪ Mesler Kitchen Bar Lounge* ▪ Nando's Peri Peri ▪ Nella Pizze e Pasta* ▪ Piccolo Mondo ▪ Potbelly Sandwich Shop* ▪ Rajun Cajun ▪ Saucy Porka ▪ Sit Down Café & Sushi Bar* ▪ Southside Ken Chinese* ▪ Trader Joe's* ▪ Vanille Patisserie <p>* First Time Donors</p> <p>Mercedes Opeña made from scratch delicious cookies</p> <p>Beverages Station Ann Audrain Lead Cal Audrain Jane Comiskey</p> <p>Appetizers & Dessert Stations Inagrace Dietterich Lead Susan Alitto Michelle Dassinger Ken Gustafson Joanne Michalski Lorraine Richardson Terry Stumpf</p> <p>Tables & Chairs Arrangements, Set-up & Table Top Decorations</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHPV Village Visitors Service Hospitality & Welcome Volunteers Dorothy Strang Lead Kay Poyner Brown Joanne Michalski Barbara Roy Sophia Watson Francine Wendorff Kathy Williams Guests Sign-in Station Ole Schenk, Lead Mary Naftzger Francine Wendorff Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100 Guests welcomed & Signed-in ▪ Many guests added to the CHPV Mailing List ▪ CHPV Brochure available as a take-away Turquoise Scarves Margaret Huyck Audio and Sound System Set-up Michelle Dassinger Nathan Worcester Greetings and Welcome Gary Worcester Michelle Dassinger Parking Spaces, Inc Parking Lot Dave Fridge Dick Reed – Attendant	United Church of Hyde Park Provided UCHP Two Men & A Truck Delivered & Set-up Terry Stumpf Lead Susan Alitto Marilyn Daane Josie Disterhoft Ken Gustafson Ole Schenk Ismail Turay Gary Worcester Nathan Worcester Chester HP Banks Bank Engineer/Custodian Hyde Park Bank Caprice Lindsay, Vice-President & Branch Manager Chester, HP Bank Engineer/Custodian Security Guards Kathy Huff loaned card tables, marketing, publicity including coverage from the <i>Hyde Park Herald</i> & pixel photo shots Barbara Norrish designed the CHPV Poster Board and Food Establishment Donors Displays Venue Take Down All hands on board Hyde Park Herald Owen Lawson Photographer and Journalist
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Photos courtesy of Kathy Huff.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER 2019

Close to 60 friends and neighbors came together at Augustana Lutheran Church for the the 7th annual Pot Luck Thanksgiving dinner, organized by the Chicago Hyde Park Village in collaboration with Augustana. Hyde Park Produce contributed a delicious 25+ lb turkey, the Village contributed wine and other drinks and many extras such as appetizers, salad, mashed potatoes, bread and cookies. Participants all brought a dish, a dessert or a beverage. Somehow there was a good variety and everyone seemed to get enough to eat . . . but there weren't many leftovers.

Such an event takes many volunteers and helpers. A huge thank you to Margaret Huyck and her team for the room set up and decoration, including the festive table cloths, and to Robin Mitchell who supervised the kitchen and insured a thorough clean up. Thanks also to Village and neighbor volunteers: Carleta Phillips, Laura Kracke, Leslie Matlaw, Jeannine Terrell, Carol Cross, Kathy and Roger Huff, Mary Ulinski, Guy and Susan Alitto, David Glover and especially to our master turkey carver, Chuck Thurow.



People all stepped up to help where they could with rides, set up and clean up. Please forgive us and let us know if we omitted the name of anyone who should be included in our helper thank yous.

Sadly we neglected to take pictures of the fun festive event. We'll do better next year. See y'all then.



NEWS YOU CAN (POSSIBLY) USE

RTA reduced fare permit options

Reduced Fare permit applicants are able to apply in person or by mail: We no longer have to trek to the main RTA office and wait in line to sign up for the reduced fare permit.

Options:

- In person: Call 312-913-3110 to find a site near you
- By mail: Download an application and mail it to the address listed on the application, or call 312-913-3110 to have an application mailed to you. Currently you can find the form to download at:
rtachicago.org/rider-resources/rta-fare-programs/reduced-fare-permits

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

New Feature – Interesting Facts about CHPVillagers

Do You Know?

...that as a child, CHPVillager **Jerome (Jerry) Dinell** (born 1926) resided in two different local orphanages? At the age of 4, upon the death of his mother, Jerry was sent to the [Chicago Orphan Asylum](#) located behind the White City. His second orphanage was the [Chicago Home for Jewish Orphans](#) at 62nd and Drexel across the street from the Home for Aged Jews. Jerry fondly recalls a nearby movie theater with 10 cent tickets.

Have an idea for the next **Do You Know?** Contact Dottie Jeffries, dottiejeffries@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Clark Baker: March 27, 1942 - September 18, 2019



Dorothy Clark Baker, a resident of Chicago, Illinois, died September 18 while on a trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina. Born March 27, 1942, in Baxley, Georgia, of parents Sara Jane Gooze and Robert Cecil Clark, Sr., she graduated from Baker High School in Columbus, Georgia in 1960. She completed training as a Registered Nurse at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and then received a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing from the University of Georgia. She was employed at Eggleston Children's Hospital where she held several supervisory positions and developed a special interest in managing children with ruminator syndrome. In 1971 she entered the Graduate Nursing program at the University of Pittsburgh, where she received a Master's degree in nursing. In 1979 she took a job as Vice President in Nursing at Newington Children's Hospital in Newington, Connecticut, where she remained for 10 years. She then married Dr. Alfred L. Baker of Chicago, Illinois, and the couple resided in Chicago until Ms. Baker's death. She worked with 'Friends Against Aids' at the University of Chicago and held several positions at the Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer. She was active in city ward politics, and along with her husband, was a strong supporter of Wake Forest University. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Baker an emeritus Professor of Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; one sister, Ann Clark Morrison of Hilton Head; several nieces and nephews, including Deborah Morrison McCandless of Hilton Head; Patricia Morrison Mack of Columbia, South Carolina; Gregory Blen Clark of Woodstock, Georgia; Michael Brian Clark of Virginia; and numerous grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service was held at 3:00 p. m. on November 2 at the Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer, 4945 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Instead of flowers, please make gifts to the Youth Program at the Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer, 4945 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615 or to the Dorothy C. and Alfred L. Baker, MD, Scholarship Fund at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, PO Box 571021, Winston Salem, NC 27157-1021 (on line at wakehealth.edu/About-Us/Philanthropy).

Allison Hartman: November 13, 1931 – November 13, 2019



Allison Hartman, JD died on November 13, 2019 at 88. Allison was on the organizing committee for the Chicago Hyde Park Village, and was serving on the Board when she died. She was also President of DARE (Disabled Adult Residential Enterprise), and on the Board of the Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference. As one of the founding Commissioners of SSA 61 (Hyde Park Commission), Allison focused her attention on the needs of the small business owners who are service providers in the neighborhood and whose needs are typically overlooked in favor of the needs of retail businesses.

Allison had several careers. She was a stay-at-home mom with her two sons JR and Dan, then the owner of Hyde Park Auto Service and a racing mechanic. When her parents needed more help, she moved closer to care for them; after they died, she moved into the family home and remained living there. Allison bought several abandoned buildings and with her son JR brought them back as viable housing. She also returned to school to finish her BA, and ended up with a JD plus a Masters in Real Estate law. She was also a moving force in women's self defense. With her background in Judo (black belt), she was a key member of Chimera, later Power for Women, which offered classes in Hyde Park and elsewhere in the Chicago area in past decades. She was a longtime member of an Illinois gun club, competing in national benchrest rifle target shooting and hosting weekend events at the gun range to introduce women to target shooting and to increase their comfort level around firearms.

Allison was preceded in death by her son JR earlier this year. She is survived by her son Dan (the artist who designed the CHPV logo), and her husband John Millington. Memorial service plans are pending.

[By Jay Mulberry, Merry Bolt, Mary Rogel, Margaret Huyck]

Rae L. “Betsie” Zerlin: March 23, 1934 – August 15, 2019



Betsie with her son David Zerlin, daughter-in-law Laura, and daughter Sharon Zerlin Panica.

Betsie Zerlin was on the organizing committee for the Chicago Hyde Park Village. Her life was celebrated in a memorial service on October 12 at Montgomery Place. She lived much of her adult life in Hyde Park, where she and her husband Stanley raised their two children, Sharon and David. She became an assistant teacher at the Lab School, which led to a long career working with children. After attaining degrees from Roosevelt and Loyola Universities, Betsie was a teacher at Ancona Montessori school in Hyde Park, then a child therapist and social worker

for Catholic Charities and the Chicago Public Schools. She also maintained a private clinical practice.

Always creative in large and small ways, Betsie was accomplished at, and took pleasure in, gardening, cooking for her family and others, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, and digital image-making. She delighted in entertaining, for years hosting annual solstice parties which were notable for their mix of generations, cheerfully clothed guests, and warm atmosphere. She was involved with OWL (the Older Women’s League) and the Association for Retired Social Workers.

After her husband’s death in 2012, Betsie moved into Montgomery Place, where she enjoyed the speakers, the short story club, movie night, art classes, and conversations. She loved both her friends and the staff.

[notes from her Memorial Service program]

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