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promises to kick the bite out of winter. The music begins brewing at Beans and Leaves Coffee & Tea Café by noon and winds up post-midnight with headliner Eddie Taylor Jr. Blues Band at the Village Tavern. In between, dozens of other talented musicians and groups entertain inside various shops and restaurants. For more information, visit www.longgroveonline.com or call 847-634-0888.

Wednesday, April 6

Spring Garden Preparation

**Lake Barrington Village Hall
7:30-9:00 p.m.**

Learn how to get your vegetable garden ready to go for the summer. Smart Farms will sponsor this discussion on composting, soil preparation, watering methods, weed barriers, pest protection and plant support options. Workshops are offered at no charge; however, donations of fresh produce or gift cards from Caputo's or Trader Joe's stores to benefit local food pantries are appreciated. Lake Barrington Village Hall is located at 23860 N. Old Barrington Rd. For more information or to register, please e-mail smartfarms2@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 10

Spring Polo School Opens

Barrington Hills

The Barrington Hills Polo Club opens its six-week training program for beginner polo players. Everything needed for the student is provided, including horses, equipment, and instruction by United States Polo Association rated players. For more information, please contact John Rosene, 312-242-4010.

Saturday, April 10

Barrington Youth & Family Services "Hula Hula" Gala

Barrington Hills Country Club 7:00 p.m.

Join BYFS for its "Hula Hula" Hawaiian-themed gala to help raise funds for the agency's family counseling, youth outreach and community prevention programs. The event will include dinner, live entertainment by Exit 147, a tableside raffle, and a live auction. Live and silent auctions will feature unique products and experiences, as well as one premier student parking space at the BYFS facility (located 2 blocks from Barrington High School). For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Nicole Jacobsen at 847-212-1685 or nicole_jacobsen@comcast.net. For more information about BYFS, visit www.barringtonyouthandfamilyservices.org.

Windy City Wonders

Barrington Concours to be held at Makray in July



PHOTO: BOB MIL KOVICH

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11, when the Barrington Concours d'Elegance will once again be held at Makray Memorial Golf Club. Because last summer's 2009 event was a resounding success for the charity beneficiaries, the Concours will be held in the same format in 2010. The day kicks off with a family-friendly Road Rally throughout the beautiful countryside, which is followed by an elegant evening gala featuring 40 of the world's most stunning classic cars and motorcycles. The theme of this year's event is Windy City Wonders, with cars from Chicago's historic past featured.

This year's charity host and beneficiary is the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, with the support of its founding charity partner, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. Founding sponsors Motor Werks of Barrington, Makray Memorial Golf Club, and Northern Trust have also once again revved up to provide generous sponsorships for the 2010 event.



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► **Tickets for all Concours events go on sale May 1. Tickets will also be available for a Concours day at the Autobahn Country Club road course track on June 4. Go to www.barringtonconcours.org for more information about tickets, vehicle nominations, and sponsorships.**

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5K Run/Walk for Kidz

**Busse Woods Groves Registration
at 8 a.m.**

Help children and adolescents in crisis through a USA Track and Field certified and Chicago Area Runners registered 5K event. The event sponsor is Shelter, Inc., a non-profit welfare agency serving Barrington and surrounding areas that provides emergency and long-term housing for children who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision. The 5K Run/Walk for Kidz takes place in Busse Woods Groves 5-16, in Elk Grove Village. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and event at 9 a.m. A pre- and post-event buffet will be served. All funds raised through this event will be used to support Shelter's programs and services. For more information, please visit www.shelter-inc.org, call 847-590-6188 or email shelter@shelter-inc.org.

Wednesday, April 21

Friends of Home of the Sparrow Luncheon

**Wynstone Country Club
Boutique opens 9:30 a.m.**

Gather your friends for some laughter, fun and a good cause. You are invited to the annual luncheon of Friends of Home of the Sparrow. "Singing in the Rain," is this year's theme, one that's sure to chase away clouds! Boutique shopping begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch at 11 a.m. with an update on the organization. All proceeds benefit Home of the Sparrow, an emergency services provider of transitional housing, counseling and job-skills training to women in the Northwest suburbs who are in crisis. Tickets are \$50. To inquire about volunteer opportunities or to purchase or reserve your tickets, please call Judy by April 9 at 847-274-4983. The Wynstone Country Club is located at 1 S. Wynstone Drive in North Barrington.

Wednesday, April 21

Preview Nite for Barrington Antique & Garden Show

Ice House Mall 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Get ahead of the line at Barrington Antique & Garden Show's Preview Nite. A portion of event proceeds will benefit Hospice Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois. Attendees will be treated to a preview of the show while enjoying refreshments from Chessie's 111 Grille and other fine establishments. Ice House Mall boutique stores will open for

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Peter Crane

Water Worldviews

LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ISSUES on water resources in the Barrington area on March 8. The Barrington Area Conservation Trust will sponsor a discussion by Sir Peter Crane, the Carl W. Knobloch Jr. Dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University. Crane will present "The Impact of Global Climate Issues on Water Resources" at Makray Memorial Golf Club at 7 p.m.

Crane's work focuses on the diversity of plant life including its origin, fossil history, current status, conservation and use. He served at the Field Museum in Chicago from 1982 to 1999, when he was appointed director of The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He returned to Chicago in 2006 as the John and Marion Sullivan University Professor at the University of Chicago, before being appointed at Yale in 2009. Crane was knighted in the UK for services to horticulture and conservation in 2004.

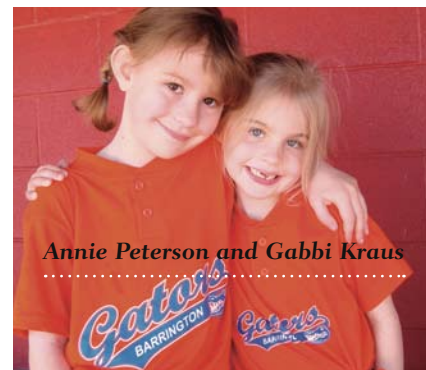
The evening is funded by a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Pre-registration is required (847-381-4291); a suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

—PATTY DOWD SCHMITZ

Fillies T-Ball Hits Barrington

THIS SPRING BARRINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL (BYBS) has added a Fillies T-Ball league for 5- and 6-year old girls to their programs that also include Boys T-Ball. Girls are placed on teams with their classmates and coached by parents. The season runs April through June with most games played on weekends and some optional weekday practices. BYBS has seen consistent growth in interest in the softball program and the time is right to start a girl's t-ball league. Some of the greatest benefits that girls will gain from Fillies T-Ball are life skills. They will learn to co-operate, listen, take turns and to practice good sportsmanship. Fillies T-Ball players will also foster friendships while having fun cheering on their teammates. BYBS provides baseball and softball instruction and game play to over 1,500 boys and girls aged 5-16 years old each year. Programs are available to children of all abilities and to any families that live within the District 220 boundaries.

► To find out more about Fillies T-Ball and other BYBS programs and to register, visit www.bybs.net.



Annie Peterson and Gabbi Kraus

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the event. Tickets for Preview Nite are \$35. Buyers will receive an Early Buy Pass to enter the Barrington Antique & Garden Sale before it opens to the public. For more information or to buy tickets, please call Tivoli Garden Antiques at 847-756-4174 or Hospice (ask for Kristin) at 224-770-2151.

Thursday-Sunday, April 22 -April 25

Barrington Antique & Garden Show

Ice House Mall Event hours vary; see below

The Ice House Mall & Village Shops will feature the Barrington Antique & Garden Show presented by Tivoli Garden Antiques, a local Barrington antique dealer. The show will feature local and regional antique dealers who will display household furniture and accessories, outdoor furniture, garden iron pieces, benches, bird baths and vintage clothing and jewelry. Show hours are: Thursday, April 22 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday, April 23, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; April 24, Saturday, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The Ice House Mall is located at 200 Applebee Street in Barrington. For more information, call 847-381-6661 or visit www.icehousemall.com.

Saturday, April 24

Rain Garden Program and Tour

Barrington Area Library 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

This free program sponsored by Citizens for Conservation will show how to construct a rain garden, with examples from the Barrington area. Coffee and displays at 9 a.m., program 9:30-10:30, questions after. Stay longer for an optional tour of a rain garden under construction by Flint Creek Watershed Partnership at a nearby site, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Barrington Area Library is located at 505 N. Northwest Highway. To RSVP please call 847-382-SAVE. Donations are accepted at the door.

Saturday, April 24

1940s Radio Review

Barrington Park District 7 p.m.

RG Productions, an award-winning audio theater group, and the Barrington Cultural Arts Center invite you to relive the Golden Age of radio. Come see a live performance of the beloved radio programs of the 1940s, including Jack Benny and Burns and Allen – complete with sound effects, music, commercials and actors in period costumes. This old-time style production will be held in the Barrington Room at the Barrington

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Ron Hawking Sings His Support



Ron Hawking is joined by the Barrington High School Chorus and its director, Nancie Tobison for a holiday show.

On December 20, Ron Hawking sang to a festive crowd for a “Home for the Holidays” benefit at Barrington High School. Playing to a sold-out crowd of 600 people, Hawking entertained with a variety of seasonal favorites. He opened with an original composition, “Christmas in Barrington” and was joined by 60 members from the BHS chorus, directed by faculty member Nancie Tobison. After the show some headed to Francesca’s restaurant where a portion of each purchase was donated to the Dine & Share Program that also benefits the BHS Fine Arts Boosters. Proceeds will benefit the Barrington Fine Arts Boosters and the BHS Fine Arts program. Julie Salk, the BHS Fine Arts Department chairwoman said, “Our future goal will be to expand our visual arts program with the completion of an open air art annex pavilion that will allow students to use processes only available outdoors. This art annex will place Barrington in the very top levels of high school art programs in the nation”.
—JOANNE DALESSANDRO

Garden Club of Inverness Scholarships Available

THE GARDEN CLUB OF INVERNESS

is accepting applications for scholarships.

Students who live in the areas served by School District 211 and Barrington High

School and who major in horticulture or environmental related studies in college are invited to apply. Applicants can be college freshmen to seniors or graduate students. Scholarships of \$1,000 or more are awarded each year determined by the available funds.



► Applications may be obtained by visiting the guidance offices at the high schools in District 211 and Barrington High School or by contacting Scholarship Chairwoman Marilyn Dutcher by email at: mkdutcher@comcast.net.

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Park District Fitness and Recreation Center, located at Langendorf Park, 235 Lions Drive in Barrington. For more information, please visit www.barringtonculturalartscenter.org.

Wednesday, April 28

25th Anniversary & Annual Meeting

Biltmore Country Club 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Barrington Area Council on Aging will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its incorporation this year. BACOA will kick off the celebration, Silver to Gold: Poised for the Future, at its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 28, at Biltmore Country Club, from 6-9 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend to celebrate BACOA's contributions to the Barrington area. Watch BACOA's Web site at www.bacoa.org for further updates.

Thursday, April 29

Arnett C. Lines School Open House

5-8:00 p.m.

On April 29, 2010, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., the Lines 40th anniversary Reunion Committee will host an Open House Anniversary Celebration. All are welcome!

Current student council representatives will host tours, each grade level will showcase special projects, and there will be historical memorabilia on display throughout the building. A video of Lines' history will be shown, and alumni will have the opportunity to make their mark on a new Lion mural created to commemorate 40 years of Lines' history.

If you have materials to submit, please contact Amy Rolain, school librarian, at (847)842-7605 or arolain@cusd220.org.

April 30 and May 1-2

Chocolate Fest

Long Grove Historic Village

10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy the sweet life! This annual festival kicks off the outdoor special event season in Long Grove each spring with a celebration of everything chocolate. The historic district is home to more than 50 distinctive shops and restaurants, including Long Grove Confectionery, a chocolate lover's paradise. Enjoy chocolate in all its many splendors and live entertainment throughout the village as well as the specialty vendors and tasty food at local restaurants. Sponsor, vendor, artisan and musician information and applications are available at www.starevents.com. For more information, visit www.longgroveonline.com or call 847-634-0888.

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Shulman's Silver Success



FROM LEFT: Squad captain John Donaldson, Alexander Onischuk, Hikaru Nakamura, Robert Hess, Varuzhan Akobian, Yury Shulman and Ray Robson.

PHOTO: TONY RICH

ON JANUARY 13, BARRINGTON RESIDENT and chess Grandmaster Yury Shulman represented the United States at the World Team Championship in Bursa, Turkey. The U.S. team, pictured above, made history by winning the first silver medal for the U.S. at this event. The U.S. team competed against Russia, Brazil, India, Egypt, Armenia, Israel, Azerbaijan and Greece, and the host country of Turkey. Hundreds of students in the Barrington area and around the U.S. followed the matches and to support Shulman, their chess coach. Students are honored to be part of their teacher's experience as he competes internationally at one of the most prestigious chess tournaments in the world. Shulman is the 2008 U.S. Champion and ranks among the top 100 chess players in the world.

Roam the Rhône

Jim Bryant Wine Cruise Preview Event



ON MARCH 18, BARRINGTON RESIDENT and Quintessential Barrington "Down Cellar" columnist Jim Bryant will host a preview event at the Deer Park Biaggi's restaurant for interested travelers to learn more about this wine cruise itinerary and its one-of-a-kind pre-tour of the great vineyards and wines of the southern Rhône Valley. Get all the details on this 11-day wine cruise on the Serenity, from October 8-19, 2010, sailing from Monte Carlo to Athens while enjoying good food and wine. Crystal Cruises have gone overboard to celebrate their 20th Anniversary in 2010 with many attractive amenities.

► For more information, or to RSVP for the Biaggi's wine cruise preview event, call Gwen Coles at Travelex International at 847-882-0400.

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Saturday, May 1

CFC Native Plant, Tree & Shrub Sale

(Preorders open until April 10)

459 W. Rte. 22, Lake Barrington

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Citizens for Conservation's annual native plant sale will be held on May 1 across the highway from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital's entrance (look for the white farmhouse with a silo). Pre-orders are available until April 10. Items for purchase include perennial plants and prairie grasses. Items for rain gardens and butterfly gardens as well as rain barrels are also available. Ask for expert advice on native gardening and solutions for shoreline and slope stabilizing from CFC volunteers. For more information, visit www.citizensforconservation.org or call 847-382-SAVE.

Sunday, May 2

Children's Memorial Hospital

Cubs Rooftop Fundraiser

Chicago 1:20 p.m.

The Northwest Suburban Guild of Children's Memorial Hospital is hosting a "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" rooftop fundraiser at the newly renovated Skybox on Sheffield, a 3-tier indoor and outdoor Wrigley rooftop facility. The Cubs will take on the Arizona Diamondbacks while guests participate in a silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$125 per person which includes admission, food and beverages. For ticket information visit www.events.org/nwsgcubs or contact Andrea 847-963-4866.

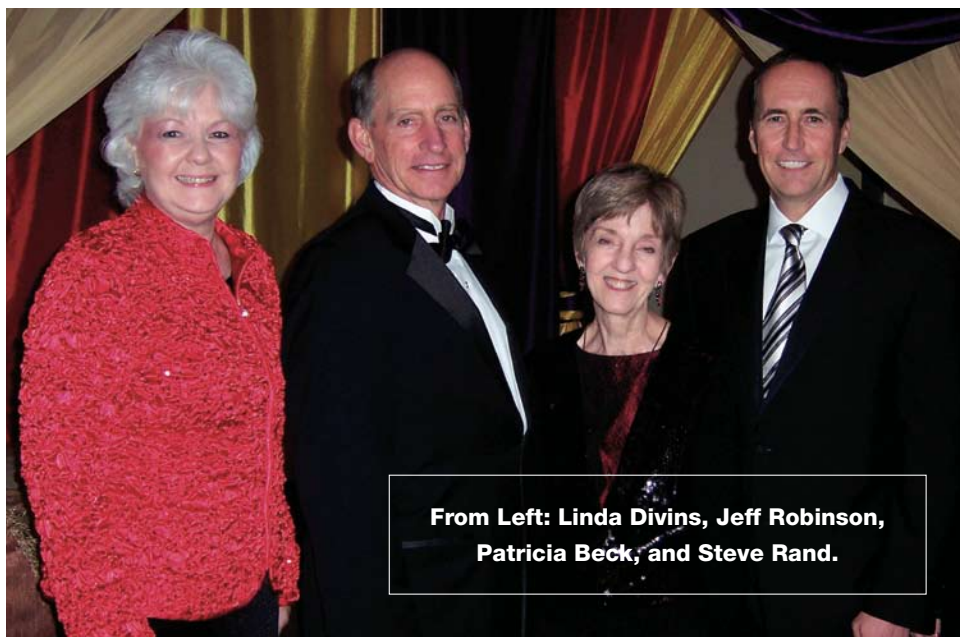
May 29 and 30

Barrington Art Festival

S. Cook and E. Station Streets

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Village of Barrington kicks off the art festival season with the highly-anticipated Barrington Art Festival. With help from the Village's new Cultural Commission and professional art festival company, Amdur Productions, Barrington joins a prestigious list of Chicago's most celebrated art festivals this year. The two-day event is on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Barrington. For more information for juried artists, visit www.amdurproductions.com. For local information, visit www.barrington-il.com or call Anne Garrette at the Village of Barrington at 847-304-3479.



From Left: Linda Divins, Jeff Robinson, Patricia Beck, and Steve Rand.

Barrington resident Patricia Beck, the executive director of Shelter, Inc. joins Linda Divins, Jeff Robinson and Steve Rand in welcoming guests to the organization's Moroccan themed "Rock the Casbah" annual charity ball on November 20, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield. The event was sponsored by WMAQ TV, Chicago. Shelter, Inc. is a nonprofit child welfare agency that provides emergency aid and housing for children and adolescents in Barrington and surrounding areas who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision. For more information call Shelter, Inc. at 847-255-8060.

Best Buddies Unite to Ban the R-Word

On March 31, the Barrington High School (BHS) chapter of Best Buddies will participate in "Ban the R-word Day." Best Buddies is an international organization that pairs typical individuals and those with disabilities, forming a bond that benefits everyone involved. This event will unite Best Buddies with other organizations sharing a common goal. ¶ "Ban the R-Word Day" is devoted to ending the pejorative use of the word "retard," which is often used to describe something, someone, or a situation that is broken or wrong. It is also a derogatory term once used to describe a person with intellectual or physical disabilities. ¶ "People don't understand how hurtful the word is, and I hear it constantly," said Anna Ollinger, a BHS senior and the school's Best Buddies chapter president. "They just say it unconsciously, but it's so painful for those with disabilities and their loved ones." ¶ In February, members of BHS Best Buddies spoke with students from Prairie and Station Middle Schools to help them plan their own events. On March 31, a video segment will be shown to BHS students, faculty and staff, a "Ban the R-word" banner will hang at BHS, and all will be invited to sign a pledge promising not to use the term. ¶ "The event is really simple," said Anna Ollinger, "but the meaning is strong." —RENEE BLUE