

# UC SERVICE LEAGUE AUGUST 2023 UPDATE

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Let's *GET READY* for our *HOLIDAY BAZAAR and BAKE SALE!*

## Seven Ways to Make our Major Fundraiser a Success.

1. Save the Date: Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, November 11 at Augustana Church, 5500 S. Woodlawn Avenue.
2. Support the Raffle:
  - a. Ask a favorite vendor, like a restaurant or personal service provider, (e.g. hair stylist or trainer) to **donate a gift card.**
  - b. Or **purchase a gift card** from your favorite service, shop, or eatery to donate.
  - c. We also welcome **tickets for concerts and plays.** If you know you will be unable to use some tickets you have, please donate them. They are popular raffle items.
3. Donate Jewelry: If you have jewelry you no longer use, we would love to sell the items at the Bazaar. Items of higher value will be included in the Silent Auction.
4. Create a Basket: Baskets have become popular items--whether they contain books, wine, gardening items, etc. You and friends will have fun putting one together.
5. Handmades Needed: If you do needlework, consider donating an item like a hat, gloves, doll clothes, children's items, or even a quilt.
6. Baked Goods, Please: Start thinking about which favorite recipe you will use to make a baked goods donation. (Jams, Jellies or Preserves are welcome, too!)
7. Bring Some Friends: The more attendees, the better to help the Service League raise money for the six Community Service Organizations we support.

**Any questions, please contact**

**Debbie Franczek**

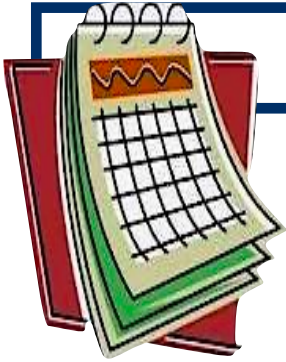
**at [debbiefranczek1971@gmail.com](mailto:debbiefranczek1971@gmail.com) or 312-315-1120.**

Service League  
calendar +  
updates  
inside!

## Member News

## Speedy Recovery Good Wishes to

Paula Golden, currently in The Selfhelp Home, 908 W. Argyle St. Chicago, Il 60640.



## AUGUST SERVICE LEAGUE CALENDAR

Please confirm dates/times with chair/leader.

Send dates/times/info/pix for the **September edition**  
Before August 15 to [ucsl.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ucsl.newsletter@gmail.com)

DATES	GROUP & CONTACT INFO
<b>NO August Meeting</b>	<b>BOOK Group.</b> On Sept. 12th they'll discuss <i>The Thursday Murder Club</i> by Richard Osman on Zoom. Info: <b>Laura Kracke</b> , <a href="mailto:lhkracke@earthlink.net">lhkracke@earthlink.net</a>
<b>TUESDAY at 2 p.m.</b> Email for date	<b>BOOK FRIENDS Group</b> via ZOOM (formerly <i>Twice Read Books</i> ) Info: <b>Janet Surkin</b> , <a href="mailto:janet.surkin@gmail.com">janet.surkin@gmail.com</a> .
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>August 8</b>	<b>CERCLE FRANÇAIS</b> Info: <b>Roberta Bernstein</b> , 773-324-6362 or <a href="mailto:Bernsteinroberta@gmail.com">Bernsteinroberta@gmail.com</a>
<b>MONDAYS</b> <b>AUGUST 7 and 21</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY CIVICS Group</b> meets via Zoom, 1:30 p.m. Info: <b>Dorothy Patton</b> , <a href="mailto:dep712@att.net">dep712@att.net</a> .
<b>TUESDAY, August 8,</b> <b>at 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>DINING OUT Group</b> <b>Pot Luck Lunch</b> in a Hyde Park home. Info: <b>Jan O'Malley</b> , <a href="mailto:claddagh5471@gmail.com">claddagh5471@gmail.com</a> , or <b>Fran Gordon</b> , <a href="mailto:fgordon0@aol.com">fgordon0@aol.com</a>
Email for Updates	<b>MONARCH BUTTERFLIES Group</b> <a href="https://journeynorth.org/monarchs">https://journeynorth.org/monarchs</a> for latest news. Info: <b>marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com</b>
Email for Updates	<b>MUSIC Group</b> Info: <b>Kathy Huff</b> , <a href="mailto:kathy@rogerhuff.com">kathy@rogerhuff.com</a> , 773-241-7141.
<b>MONDAY, 7:00 P.M.</b> <b>August 14</b>	<b>NEEDLEWORK Group</b> In Person, 2nd Monday of the month. August meeting in the home of Lucy Lester. info: <b>Lucy Lester</b> 773-255-5868.
<b>alternate</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>SPANISH Group</b> Info: <b>Agnes Zellner</b> , <a href="mailto:azellner@gmail.com">azellner@gmail.com</a> . Please phone Agnes 773-643-6992 for location and time.
<b>FRIDAYS 2 p.m.</b> <b>Weather Dependent</b>	<b>The TRASHY LADIES</b> (formerly <i>Trash Picker-Uppers Group</i> ) Info: <b>lesley_bloch@yahoo.com</b> , 773-947-8313
<b>TUESDAYS NOW 8:30 a.m.,</b> <b>WED. at 2:00 p.m</b> <b>FRI. at 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WALKING Group</b> - please let them know if you're coming. They meet near the Post Office in the 55th St. Shopping Center. Info: <b>Peggy Garrett</b> , <a href="mailto:edwpeggy@ameritech.net">edwpeggy@ameritech.net</a>

## ~~~ Annual Dues DUE! ~~~

**A BIG THANK YOU** if you've already sent in your Annual Dues. So far, only half of us have renewed our membership. The six local philanthropies we help support, Chicago Commons, Delta Literacy, HP Hunger Programs, HP Neighborhood Club, HP Refugee Project and the Southside Center of Hope appreciate the funds we all raise.

**A REMINDER TO THE OTHER HALF OF US**, please send a check for \$40 (and an extra donation?) payable to UC Service League to our Associate Treasurer, Katrin Asbury at 5483 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago 60657. If the renewal form has vanished, kindly print on a separate sheet the following info as you'd like it in our Annual Directory – **your full name, street address & zip code, and, if you so wish, your phone and/or email address.** THANKS for your support!

## UPDATES

### Needlework Group

**Next meeting, Monday, August 14, 7 p.m.** in the home of Lucy Lester.

Photos from our July 10th meeting: Right, Cheryl Miller - knitting and Julia Scott - embroidering; Below left, Susan van der Meulen - knitting. Below right, Kristin Woods - needlepointing.

*(Photos by Lucy Lester)*

**New members welcome!**

**Info:**  
Lucy Lester at  
773-255-5868





## MORE UPDATES



Dining Out Group Join the Dining Out Group for a pot luck lunch on Tuesday, August 8th at 12:30, at the home of Fran Gordon, 5412 East View Park, #1. More information to follow in August. If you are a member of the Group or if you wish to join us, notify either Jan at [claddagh5471@gmail.com](mailto:claddagh5471@gmail.com) — OR — Fran at [fgordon0@aol.com](mailto:fgordon0@aol.com).

### Monarchs Group

The garden at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club has been "claimed" by a male monarch who has decided this is **his turf** and so he defends it against anyone else. He hovers around and swoops not only at other male monarchs but also at other species of butterflies, birds, and people. Because he is harmless to us, this is fun behavior to watch. Even better, it also means that he has found enough milkweed and flowers so he knows this is a good place to establish himself.

If you would like to visit the garden and see monarchs in action, please contact Marilyn Cavicchia, [marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.cavicchia@gmail.com).



This black butterfly is a female eastern black swallowtail being chased away by the male monarch (*off camera*) while she tried to drink nectar from swamp milkweed (light pink flower). Photo by M. Cavicchia

The **Southside Center of Hope** is now out of their Jackson Blvd. interim rental home. Their clients are temporarily placed in three nearby facilities.



Of their 12 clients, 6 work part-time, 2 work full-time, 3 attend an Intensive Outpatient Program, and 1 is in the process of applying for Disability. For the time being, their staff is working from Independence House, a 25 unit women's and children's housing facility, which the SSCH supports.

Their donor remains committed to sponsoring their purchase of a building. The problem is finding a building, yet the SSCH continues the search in their tradition of HOPE.

Thank you for your support.

SL Liaison, Patricia C. Bennett, [pbenne@comcast.net](mailto:pbenne@comcast.net)

*That's all for now. More news and updates in September!*