

WEST WALKER WIRE

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Irving Park Spices Up with Bread & Wine



Owners Lisa Fosler Kelly and Jennifer Wisniewski are all smiles at the opening of Bread & Wine!

Bread & Wine, located at 3732 W. Irving Park Rd., opened last month. Owners Lisa Fosler Kelly, Jennifer Wisniewski and chef Curtis Gamble provide farm-to-table fare, specializing in private label food from local artisans. In addition, "Meet the Maker" tastings, as well as other community-building culinary events will be held. Bread & Wine hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 10:30 p.m. Contact Bread & Wine at 773-866-5266 or info@breadandwinechicago.com.

Resident Review of Bread & Wine

By Davor Engel

After much anticipation...yes, the skies have parted and the drought has ended! Bread & Wine is open...in West Walker no less! I had the opportunity to meet owners Lisa Fosler Kelly and Jennifer Wisniewski when the concept was first introduced to our neighborhood association about a year ago. My initial impression was that Bread & Wine was to be primarily a takeout specialty shop serving artisan-style fare; an upscale "Whole Foods" that had a dine-in option. I was pleasantly surprised to find the finished product is far more than that.

Since the opening, the neighborhood buzzed with opinions and impromptu reviews. Patiently, I waited a few weeks for things to settle until Friday night, when my wife and I finally took the plunge: Our first B&W experience! Our plan was to have drinks and light bites, followed by dinner at another restaurant..

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 15 • 7:00 p.m.

17th District CAPS Meeting, Beat #1723
4650 N. Pulaski

Sun., Feb. 19 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Winter Farmers Market
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Tues., Feb. 21 • 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Sat., Feb. 25 • 7 p.m. - Midnight

St. Edward's Big Red Rocks
Gymnasium, 4451 N. Lowell

Sat., Feb. 25 • 7 - 10 p.m.

WWCA Winter Social
Paddy Mac's, 4157 N. Pulaski

Sun., Feb. 26 • 2:00 p.m.

IPFAC Presents Avanti Guitar Trio
Irving Park Lutheran Church,
4100 N. Harding

Sat., March 3 • 6:00 - 11:30 p.m.

St. Viator Annual Gala
Rec Center, 4170 W. Addison

Sun., March 11 • 5 - 7 p.m.

CCS Chili Supper to Benefit Three
Brothers Garden
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Fri., Mar. 16 • 9:00 p.m.

American English
Benefit for CICS-Irving Park School
Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace

Tues., March TBD

WWCA General Meeting

*You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>*

Dear Neighbor,

March Madness – WWCA Meeting Change!

We have discovered that March 20—the date set for the next WWCA meeting—is Election Day! Since the Latvian Center is a polling place for two West Walker precincts, and the polls close just when our meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., we must move our meeting date or location, which has yet to be determined. New information will be in the March Wire in time to make plans.

Wire Carrier? None Merrier!

Do you bristle for activity when sitting at home? Are you looking for an excuse to get out and walk the neighborhood? Have you ever wondered what the view was from different porches in West Walker? Although we can't guarantee aerobic benefits (unless you **run** the route), being a carrier for the Wire is a great way to get some fresh air, see old and new neighbors and do a great service for your community. Routes are available now and we can always use a backup carrier when the need arises. Please, call or write to sign up. You even get your name in the Wire!

– Mike Webber, WWCA President

St. John's Episcopal Hosts Winter Farmers Market February 19th

Sunday, February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church (3857 N. Kostner) will host an indoor Farmers Market. Sponsored by Faith in Place, an interfaith environmental organization, these markets provide local farmers with additional venues to extend their income beyond the growing season. Free to the public, these markets offer cheese, soap, syrup, honey, wool, raw fibers, vinegars, dried fruits, milled flours, sauces and salsas, preserves, cider, and fresh produce for purchase. St. John's also offers coffee, tea, treats, and brunch for purchase.

Ashes to Go

Ash Wednesday is February 22. We hope you have time to attend services at your church but if not we will bring them to you! Members of St. John's Episcopal Church will be at the Irving Park Blue line El and Metra stations between 7-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Blessings on your Lenten journey. For more information go to www.stjohnschicago.com

Shrove Tuesday Approaches!

Join us for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale on Tuesday, February 21st, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gymnasium at 4057 N. Harding. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Swedish and regular pancakes, and all the extras will be served. Don't forget to buy sweets from the Bake Sale! Join us as we celebrate the day before Lent, while raising funds for the Magic Mushroom Summer Program (Additional Funding provided by Thrivent Financial). Registrations for the 2012 Magic Mushroom Program (7/9/12 - 8/2/12) will be accepted. Purchase tickets ahead of time or pay at the door. For tickets or questions about Magic Mushroom, contact IPLC at 773-267-1667 today! Bon Appetit!

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

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Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content.

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which never happened. We were firmly planted on our B&W barstools for the rest of the evening.

The room is comfortable and warm, despite the lack of accessories such as artwork and plants. Befitting the modern American Bistro concept, it's a fresh, clean look that echoes the cuisine well. All ingredients on the menu are locally sourced which we appreciate greatly. We favor bar seating since we find it more enjoyable to engage others and experience the camaraderie of the rail. There was plenty of bar seating as well as a counter right at the kitchen area. There is ample standard tabletop seating as well which is great since they were all needed that night.

We started with a couple of specialty cocktails that were as tasty as they were unusual. The Small Plates menu is "kid in a candy store" good. Lots of unusual flavors and fares. We chose the Herb fries (with garlic, thyme, malt aioli) and Chorizo tacos (with queso fresco, pickled cactus slaw, salsa verde) to start. To put it simply: The flavors are wonderful. The fries are phenomenal (we ordered another batch after we plowed through the first order). The tacos are deliciously layered and balanced with many delicate flavors.

We ordered another round of appetizers (we tend to favor appetizers over entrees). This time, we chose smoked trout on toast and duck confit pierogi. While the pierogi were good with light flavors, the smoked trout on toast stole the show. Horseradish crème fraiche, crispy capers, herb salad compliment the trout beautifully. This was our favorite of the evening.

We decided on the Black Earth lamb & mustard seed meat loaf to share for an entree. While it was good, it was our least favorite item of the evening. The flavors weren't as clearly defined to us and I thought the two different slices were difficult to distinguish in flavor. Not bad, but somehow lacked the 'wow' factor, which spoiled us in previous courses.

We finished with a pate, homemade kielbasa and smoked gorgonzola that were back in home run groove. There are a number of wonderful pates and cheeses to choose from along with **many** wine offerings at various price levels. We look forward to coming back and trying all of them!

While this may not be a "cheap eat" selection, we did feel this was a tremendous value for a "foodie experience" at about \$50 a person including tip. One of the most enjoyable parts of the evening besides the food was meeting new neighbors as well as seeing so many familiar faces! We talked about how wonderful it is to have this gem in our neighborhood. We're looking forward to being regulars! ●



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CAPS Report

Beat #1723, January 18th, 2012

by Jane Nagle, CAPS Coordinator

Welcome back to Sergeant Barker who resumes her duties as the 17th District Community Policing Officer.

Specific West Walker Issues Discussed at the January 18, 2011 CAPS Meeting for Beat #1723:

The corner of Monticello and Belle Plaine and the immediate surrounding area continue to be an issue with respect to reported criminal activity. Among other things, there have been reports of multiple instances of shots fired, suspected drug dealing and gang activity. The police continue to monitor the situation.

On the 4000 block of North Central Park, there have been reports of transients breaking into a building that has been abandoned for years and cars parking in the back of the property. 17th District officers have checked the building and found it to be secure and have contacted the agent regarding the property.

On the corner of Irving Park and Central Park, a man carrying a sign that reads "Homeless" has been asking for money and accosting people, especially women and children, walking in the area. One child was allegedly pushed. The man was arrested last week by one of our beat officers but is out again. The man has been a "regular" in the area in the past but his behavior is reported to be increasingly erratic and aggressive. Please use caution when walking in this area. If this person (or any other) makes physical contact with you, as in the foregoing pushing incident, please call 911 so that an officer can come to the scene. With a witness who is willing to sign a statement, the officer can make an arrest. If the incident is simply called in and the witness leaves, an officer will likely not have the ability to make an arrest.

On the 4000 block of North Harding, there were reports of shots fired late January 6th/early January 7th. The police received 5 calls for service regarding the incident. Officers and an evidence technician were sent to the scene. The investigation is ongoing. In what is believed to be a separate incident which occurred around the same time, a car heading west on Belle Plaine crashed into parked cars on Belle Plaine near North Harding. A man was arrested for an Illinois Vehicle Offense of Leaving the Scene of an Accident in the 3900 block of West Dakin and then took off and was caught near Harding and Belle Plaine.

There has been an uptick in graffiti in the eastern part of West Walker. As soon as you see graffiti, please take action. Graffiti generally falls in two categories: tagging and gang-related signs and symbols. In order for the police to determine if graffiti is gang-related and a sign of things to come or is related to a particular "tagger," they need a photo of the graffiti. Take a photo (camera phone photos acceptable but do not use any zoom feature as that tends to be blurry) and send the photo with the address or location of the graffiti and the date and time photo was taken to: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org. If you have a smartphone, include the CAPS email address in your contacts and you'll be able to make an immediate report. You can also drop off photos at the 17th District Police Station. In order to have the graffiti removed, call 311 and be able to provide the following information: (1) address or location; (2) is graffiti on the front, side or rear of building or on a garage; (3) is the graffiti on wood, brick, painted brick or unknown; and (4) is the graffiti over 6 feet up (yes/no)? Ask for a tracking number. Sometimes it can take some time before the graffiti is removed, but if it hasn't been removed in a week, call 311 again and use the tracking number to obtain a status report. Remember - don't assume someone else has reported graffiti. Follow the steps above to make a report to the police and call 311 for removal.

CAPS meetings for our beat are held on the third Wednesday every month at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and typically last one hour. The next meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

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39th Ward Report



The City Council approved a new ward map for Chicago. Perhaps you heard about it.

As the result of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, every 10 years after the census, each legislative district in the country redraws its boundaries to account for shifting populations. In Chicago, the goal is to get roughly the same number of people in each of the city's 50 wards.

As with most Wards, the 39th Ward boundaries have changed pretty significantly. We lost some of the southeastern part of the Ward and acquired a significant area to the northwest.

So how does this impact the West Walker community? Belle Plaine to Irving Park will be in the 45th Ward, and the area north of Belle Plaine will be split between the 35th and 39th Wards.

The new map doesn't take effect until 2015. I will be working closely with Alderman Arena and Alderman Colon to make sure they are well-versed in plans for West Walker and to ensure the transition is a smooth one.

Early voting for the March 20 primary election is February 27-March 15. In the 39th Ward, early voting takes place at North Park Village, Administration Building, from 9 a.m. -5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. You can check your voter registration status at www.chicagoelections.com.

It's hard to imagine that an old laundromat could be transformed to a beautiful restaurant. If you haven't visited yet, Bread and Wine has opened at 3732 W. Irving Park and is sure to become a neighborhood destination point. Kudos to Lisa Fosler Kelly and Jennifer Wisniewski for bringing this gem to West Walker.

As always, please contact my public service office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

New Year, New Puppy!

By Bonnie Lemperis

Five Tips to Welcome Puppy Into the Family

Puppy proof your house. Like baby proofing, protect your pup from things that might harm him. Purchase baby locks. Keep electrical cords out of reach. Pick up anything that looks like a chew toy: Shoes, pillows, books...

Supply plenty of **puppy safe chew toys.** This is good for your puppy's gums and teeth, and will also keep him busy and distract him from inappropriate items to chew. Look for toys specifically made for teething puppies.

Keep your dog stimulated. Bored puppies get into more trouble than active ones. Also, puppies need plenty of rest.

Potty Training: Take your puppy out frequently to avoid accidents inside the home. Baby gates to contain your pup in one area of the house or crate-training is recommended during this challenging time. BE PATIENT. First thing in the morning, take your pup outside. Accidents happen but routine will put your dog on track in no time.

Choose a good vet. Get him in right away to discuss his medical needs including vaccinations and parasite checks.

Bonnie Lemperis owns Central Bark Doggy Day Care on Pulaski and can be reached at 773-736-3641 and CentralBarkUSA.com

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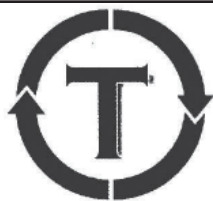
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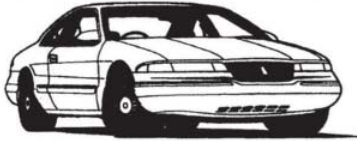
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- Laurie Gardner
- John Groene & Family
- Ken Kubes & Mindy Finnigan
- Liz Mills
- Elaine Turck

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs May 1 through April 30 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art In My Back Yard artistic series.

Bring your 2011-2012 dues to our next WWCA (meeting TBD) in March! Or you can mail in the application below.

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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

FDC Awards Major Grant to Pantry The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the FDC Foundation has approved a grant to the Pantry for its Fresh Produce for Better Health Initiative. The grant, for \$15,000, represents a 50% increase from FDC's 2011 grant.

The Pantry was one of only two organizations to get an increase in funding. From a handful of organizations several years ago, FDC now funds 28 groups and received three times as many requests for funds than last year, according to board member Susan Patke. While informing us of the grant, Patke said the group was "in awe" of what the Pantry accomplishes with its resources and that it manages its operation well with a caring group of volunteers. It was also noted how much is accomplished despite the unprecedented numbers being served.

The grant allows the Pantry to expand its capability to provide fresh produce each week to our clients. Thank you to volunteer Gloria Price for preparing our proposal and for her efforts to foster a relationship with the foundation.



Volunteers and their children help prepare Easter baskets. More than 150 baskets were distributed last year. Photo by Craig Shutt

Be a Bunny! The Pantry will distribute Easter bags to its clients for their children in March (Easter is April 8th). We are collecting goodies (candy and small toys, plus plenty of Easter grass) for children in the age categories of under 2, 2 to 5, and 6 to 8 years old. Please drop

off any donations as always at the Irving Park United Methodist Church at Grace and Keeler (Grace Street entrance). Financial donations can be sent by mail or through Google checkout at the Pantry's website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org). Questions can be directed to Vicci Rodgers at viccirogers@gmail.com.

Volunteer Help We receive many queries about volunteering at the Pantry, but our operating hours can't accommodate everyone's schedule. If you would like to help the Pantry while also helping the hungry throughout Chicago, the Greater Chicago Food Depository (4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, near South Pulaski and West 42nd Place) offers volunteer opportunities for adults and high-

school students throughout the year. Volunteers earn a \$5-per-hour credit for the Pantry (which is applied to our account) or service hours. For information, schedules and applications, contact Volunteer Manager Lee Stein at leesstein@spacecushion.com.

Men's Socks Needed This time of year, white socks are demand. We appreciate any donations of new men's socks, preferably standard white crew-length athletic socks. They can be left with food donations at the base of the stairs of the Grace Street entrance during business hours at Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler Ave.).

Thank You! We are very grateful to those supported the Pantry by donating funds, running food drives and volunteering. They include the employees of Anderson-Miller (329 W 18th St.), IBM, Sally Bushwaller, the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, The Culver Charitable Fund at the Chicago Community Trust, the Marx Foundation, The Feinstein Foundation, the law offices of John A. Culver (4707 N. Broadway); McAuliffe Elementary School (1841 N. Springfield), Orbitz Travel (500 W. Madison St.), St. Viator 8th grade student Tiani Salgado, and all of our volunteers, neighbors and friends who came out to support our efforts during the Holiday season!

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents The Avanti Guitar Trio February 26th, 2012

Calling all guitar heroes! The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present The Avanti Guitar Trio on Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 p.m. Rooted in the classical guitar tradition, the Avanti Guitar Trio performs an eclectic variety of music including works from the Renaissance through Romantic eras, music from Spain and Latin America and arrangements of folk and pop tunes. They also perform contemporary compositions that make use of improvisation, effects pedals and electronics. The trio is comprised of Thomas Clippert, Julie Goldberg and Jeffrey Silva. The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding. A reception with the artists follows the concert. Admission is free, but free-will donations will be accepted.

The final concert of the season will feature cellist Dorothy Deen accompanied by pianist Roger L. Bingaman on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m. Please note that artists and concert dates are subject to change. For more information, contact Roger Bingaman at 773-267-1667, or visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Avanti Guitar Trio. Photo by Marc Perlish

Save the Date! Chili Supper on March 11th

The Fourth Annual Chili Supper to benefit the Three Brothers Garden will be held Sunday, March 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding. The menu will feature beef and vegetarian chili, corn bread, salad, hot dogs and a condiment bar. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for kids 3-12 years old, kids under 3 are free. There will be a kids craft room, cake walk and raffle!

All funds raised at the supper will be used to plant and maintain the Three Brothers Garden, an organic community vegetable garden. Produce grown in the garden is donated to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Since 2009, nearly 2,100 pounds of vegetables have been distributed to pantry clients. Located at 4107 N. Pulaski, the garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church.

If you'd like to help at the Chili Supper or donate a raffle item or baked good, please contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. For information about Carlson Community Services, go to www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.



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school hours, with the opportunity to observe classes. Please refer to www.stviatorchicago.org for future dates. Also, we give personal tours! call Marge Tiritilli at 773-545-2173 and she'll set up a time that is convenient for you.

Annual Gala

Lights Camera Auction! is the theme for this year's Annual Dinner Gala and Silent Auction, to be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 6:00-11:30 in the St. Viator Rec Center. It will be a brilliant evening with dinner, dancing, and the main characters of the evening being the incredible auction items. NEW THIS YEAR will be our online bidding. One of our star items is a 'Masters Package' which includes two practice round tickets, passes to the Double Eagle Club hospitality facility and overnight accommodations for 2 in a private home located close to Augusta National. Watch our website and Facebook pages for updates.

St. Viator offers smaller class sizes, academic excellence and a strong community that lasts beyond 8th grade. For more information, call 773-545-2173 or visit stviatorchicago.org.

St. Edward School

Registration is open! Our School is accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2012-13 school year. For more information or to schedule a shadow day or tour, call 773-736-9133. See what makes St. Ed's so special.

Come dance the night away at our annual **Big Red Rocks**. On Saturday, February 25 from 7 p.m. to midnight, a variety of bands will perform. Have fun with the community as we raise money for our scholarship fund. Come out and join us! Tickets are available now by calling the school, and tickets are also available at the door.

Save the date! St. Ed's biggest fundraiser of the year, **The Big Red Auction**, is Saturday, March 24 from 6 to 11:30 p.m. The Roaring '20s Gala, is sure to be a wonderful night. Auction items include Disney tickets, restaurant gift certificates and a variety of tickets to sporting events. Can't make the event? This year, we'll have items available online from March 14 - 21 so get ready to bid!

St. Edward School, now celebrating its 101st year, provides a quality, Catholic education to children from

PreK through 8th grade. The average student-teacher ratio is 18:1, and the school features art, gym, sports, chess, Spanish, and an extensive music program at all grade levels. Located at 4343 W. Sunnyside, call 773-736-9133, or visit StEdwardSchool.com.

CICS-Irving Park

Open House

CICS-IP is hosting a Prospective Parent Open House on February 16th and March 6th. Please come see what makes us the number one ranked elementary charter school in Chicago! Doors open from 4-5 p.m.

Green Garden Donation

Our school received a generous donation of items for growing plants from the folks at the Alternative Garden Supply. A big "Thank You!" to Sean and everyone at Brew & Grow in Irving Park for providing our students the materials they need to experience gardening first-hand!

Twist & Shout with American English!

CICS-IP has exclusive tickets available for the Beatles tribute band American English at Abbey Pub on Friday, March 16th! If you've never seen their show, it's an amazing 3 sets of Beatles songs that cover the entire span of their career. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit our school. Order tickets today! Contact Ami Martin at 773-771-0581, or email azm1@ntrs.com. Doors open at 8 p.m. and first set starts at 9 p.m.

Disney II Magnet School

Disney II's 4th Annual ABC Auction will be held on March 4th at moto and iNG! We are looking for donation items and/or donations if you have something to give. For more information and forms, visit disneyiimagnet.org. Proceeds from the event will support enhancements to the school's community space.

Get more involved in the community! Disney II will soon convert its current Interim Advisory Council (IAC) to a Local School Council (LSC) for the 2012-13 school year. The LSC consists of 12 members, including 2 Community Representatives. The LSC holds an important role in the governing of the school. Policy, procedure, along with many advisory functions, are an integral part of our success. Please consider participating as a community member! Candidate application packets are available in the main office and due back by 3 p.m. on March 8th. Candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest. Letters will be posted at the school. Election is on April 18th via ballot at Disney II. Pick up an application today!

Seanachai Gets Five New Players

by Sarah Wellington

Seanachai Theatre Company recently welcomed five new members to its Ensemble. Their talent and passion will be a significant addition to an already storied Ensemble.

Brad Armacost, whose touching and humorous portrait of the irascible Jack earned him a Joseph Jefferson nomination for Seanachai's *The Weir*. Brad has a long history of performing Irish theatre and will star in Seanachai's spring production of O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Ira Amyx was also singled out by the Joseph Jefferson Committee for his tour de force performance as a recovering alcoholic in *That Was Then*. Ira's next role will be as scenic designer in *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Shane Kenyon and Jeff Duhigg came together in last fall's critically acclaimed production of *The Shadow of a Gunman*.

Reflecting her diverse interests, Jeri Frederickson has already played several roles for Seanachai behind the scenes. Jeri resumes dramaturgical responsibilities in *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Seanachai Theater is located on the 3rd floor of the The Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox in Chicago. Call 866-811-4111 or visit seanachai.org.

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