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## GR<sup>e</sup>ETINGS FROM THE new PRESIDENT

President  
September Program

Welcome to our 88th year of FAW programs! As with most things some changes need to occur. This past year we had a few problems that have made our meeting arrangements change for the 2010-2011 season.

Most of our meetings – September, November, December, January, February, and March – will be at the Fortnightly. However, we will be meeting three times this year – October, April and May – at the Casino Club located at 195 East Delaware Place, just one-half block east of the John Hancock building. The Casino Club comes highly recommended and since it is located just down the street from our Fortnightly Club, transportation should not be too different.

Why are we changing our venue? As some or most of you know, we changed our sponsor here at the Fortnightly Club, but in the meantime we lost the October date for our luncheon. We also had such poor attendance at our last two Award Luncheons at the Union League Club that the Board decided to try a new place in April. We are holding the May meeting a week later to accommodate Barbara Rinella's schedule and the Fortnightly was booked. Watch next month's newsletter for details about the Casino Club including parking arrangements, bus routes, etc.

I look forward to seeing you in September. Bring some friends!

Betty O'Toole

## Great Homes of Chicago

September 8, 2010  
Fortnightly Club

Our first program for this fiscal year will feature the book, **GREAT HOUSES OF CHICAGO: 1871-1921** (Acanthus Press, 2008). It will be presented by **Susan Benjamin** and **Stuart Cohen** who co-authored this study. Great attention has been paid to the Prairie School but the houses of Solon Beman, Burnham and Root, Howard Shaw and David Alder, among others, have been largely overlooked. Adventurous, civic-minded, and newly rich Chicago clients hired these architects and the savviest art and antiques dealers to design and furnish private houses that ultimately defined Chicago as a center of American capitalism, culture and architecture. The Armours, McCormicks, Pullmans and Ryersons immortalized their places along Prairie Avenue, Lake Shore Drive and Astor Street. We understand that our wonderful FORTNIGHTLY will be in the presentation.

Note: This month reservations are due by 6 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** because of the Labor Day holiday. Also there are no standing reservations – everyone must call to make a reservation, either for just September or for the entire year.



### More books about historic homes in Chicago

Cohen, Stuart and Susan J. Benjamin. NORTH SHORE CHICAGO: HOUSES OF THE LAKEFRONT SUBURBS, 1890-1940. New York: Arcanthis Press, 2005..

Containing 350 photographs and floor plans, this book recounts stories of Chicago's great industrial and merchant families including the Armours, Donnelleys, and McCormicks and the architects who designed their homes.

DREAM HOMES CHICAGO : AN EXCLUSIVE SHOWCASE OF CHICAGO'S FINEST ARCHITECTS. Dallas: Panache Partners, 2007.

More than 300 photographs of beautiful custom houses in the Chicago area showcase the work of architects from such firms as Frederick Phillips and Associates, Hancock & Hancock, and Michael Hershenson Architects.

Graf, John, CHICAGO'S MANSIONS. Charleston: Arcadia, 2004.

Chicago's historic mansions by architects including Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, Henry Hobson Richardson, Daniel Burnham, and John Wellborn Root are discussed.

Harris, Neil, CHICAGO APARTMENTS : A CENTURY OF LAKEFRONT LUXURY. New York: Arcanthis Press, 2004.

A unique examination of nearly 100 elevator structures whose luxurious amenities, generous or unusual interior spaces, architectural features, locations or innovations have made them significant in the history of Chicago apartment life.



### NEW MEMBERS

FAW always needs new members. Although seventeen people were added to the roster last year, we lost members too. Corene Anderson, the new Membership Chairman, has attractive brochures listing the 2010-2011 programs, some general information about the club and membership applications. If you know friends who would be interested in joining, you might bring them to a luncheon – usually the luncheons sell the club to newcomers. Also talk to Corene at 312-836-0353. She can give you materials to pass along. Everything is also available on our website, [www.fawchicago.org](http://www.fawchicago.org).



### YEARBOOKS

FAW Yearbooks will be distributed at the September meeting. The yearbook is an essential tool for the club. Inside there is a listing of the monthly programs; names, addresses and phone numbers of the members; the slate of officers; past winners of the literary awards and the bylaws that govern the club.

When you receive your copy, look up your information. If there is a mistake, please notify Pat Adelberg at 847-588-0911. We will list all corrections in the upcoming newsletters.



### DUES

If you have not paid your dues for the 2010/11 season, please send your payment to:

**Eileen McNulty**  
**4450 North Kostner**  
**Chicago, IL 60630-4102**  
**773-283-3369**

\$40 regular/ \$20 non-resident  
\$20 sustaining club

**SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 at NOON**  
**\$35 PER PERSON**

**The fortnightly club of Chicago**  
**120 Bellevue Place, Chicago, IL**

**THERE ARE NO STANDING RESERVATIONS IN SEPTEMBER - EVERYONE MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS, EITHER FOR SEPTEMBER ONLY OR FOR ALL YEAR.**

To make reservations, call **Pat Adelberg at 847-588-0911** or **Ruth Ann Brinkman at 773-271-9604**. Sorry, no emails will be accepted. Vegetarian meals may be requested at the time you make your reservation.

REMEMBER:

- **Reservations (and cancellations) are due before 6 p.m. on Wed., September 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Pay by check (\$35) payable to FAW at the door.
- \$14 parking is available two doors west of the Fortnightly.
- The seating arrangements in the room will be round tables seating eight people. If you wish to sit with your friends and/or guests, please arrive early.
- Complimentary coffee and tea service are available in the parlor prior to the lunch.
- If you make a reservation but cannot come, you must call to cancel. Otherwise you will be charged the \$35. If this happens, send your check to Eileen McNulty, 4450 North Kostner, Chicago, IL 60630-4102.



**WELCOME FAW's NEW SPONSOR**

The monthly luncheons were moved to The Fortnightly in 2007 thanks to the sponsorship of Caroline Wheeler who belonged to both organizations (and to Sean Eshaghy who suggested the change to the Board).

When Caroline announced this Spring that she could no longer attend FAW and was resigning from The Fortnightly because of bad health, the Board gave Caroline an honorary membership but were forced to look for a new sponsor.

Welcome **Isabell Abello** who graciously has become our sponsor after talking to Carol Eshaghy. Although she's not a member of FAW, she shares our love of literature and agrees with our mission to help emerging authors. She will be coming to a luncheon this fall and we will introduce her to the membership. Please give her a warm welcome when you meet her.

what to read after “the help” by  
Kathryn Stockett

THE HELP by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam, 2009) is so popular now. If you liked this book, you might try one of these, suggested by members of Fiction L, a library website:

- Berg, Elizabeth.** We Are All Welcome Here.
- Briscoe, Connie.** Big Girls Don't Cry.
- Browne, Jill Conner.** The Sweet Potato Queen.
- Gwin, Minrose.** Queen of Palmyra.
- Hoffman, Beth.** Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt.
- Johnson, Charles.** Dreamer.
- Jordan, Hillary.** Mudbound.
- Kidd, Sue Monk.** Secret Live of Bees.
- Lee, Harper.** To Kill a Mockingbird.
- Marshall, Bev.** Right as Rain.
- Morrison, Toni.** Sula.
- Naslund, Sena Jeter.** Four Spirits.
- Neely, Barbara.** Blanche White Series.
- Nelson, Melany.** Persia Cafe.
- Nicholas, Denise.** Freshwater Road.
- Sanders, Dorie.** Clover.
- Seitz, Nicole.** Trouble the Water.
- Van Liere, Donna.** The Angels of Morgan Hill.
- Walker, Alice.** Color Purple.

In memoriam

Serene Onesto 2005 - 2010  
Marion Weber 1991 - 2010

All good books are alike in that they are truer than if they had really happened and after you are finished reading one you will feel that all that happened to you and afterwards it all belongs to you; the good and the bad, the ecstasy, the remorse, and sorrow, the people and the places and how the weather was.

~ Ernest Hemingway ~

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