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Welcome back, members! Our new season is kicking off

Wednesday September 13, 2023 Program  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
At the Fortnightly of Chicago

**Program:**

Greg Borzo, Chicago author and historian,  
the "Lost Restaurants of Chicago."

Many of Chicago's greatest or most unusual restaurants are "no longer taking reservations," but they're definitely not forgotten. From steakhouses to delis, these dining destinations attracted movie stars, fed the hungry, launched nationwide trends and created a smorgasbord of culinary choices. Stretching across almost two centuries of memorable service and adventurous menus, this program revisits the institutions entrusted with the city's special occasions. Noted author Greg Borzo dishes out course after course of fondly remembered fare, from Maxim's to Charlie Trotter's and Trader Vic's to the Blackhawk.

**Luncheon reservations and cancellations are due no later than 6:00 PM  
Thursday Sept. 7th**

**Call: Pat Adelberg - (847) 588-0911  
or Peggy Kuzminski - (cell) (773) 710-8637  
for reservations**

Make your reservation ASAP. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon in the main floor dining room of the Fortnightly Club of Chicago, 120 E. Bellevue Place. The Fortnightly has COVID-19 safety measures in place. The seating is tables of 6 – 8 socially distanced. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. **Please remember that vegetarian meal requests are special order, and the Fortnightly chef only prepares the number of meals that are requested. Do not ask the staff for a vegetarian meal at the luncheon if you did not pre-order one at the time of your reservation.**

- ✓ Cost is \$45.00 Pay by check(preferred) payable to FAW at the door. Cash is accepted also.
- ✓ Vegetarian meals should be requested at the time you make your reservation.
- ✓ You must call to cancel your reservation, otherwise you will still be charged.
- ✓ Group reservations - please only have one person make the group request to avoid confusion.
- ✓ You may request a permanent (standing) reservation for all the meetings. You must then call and cancel any program you can't attend—otherwise FAW is still charged for your meal and we must charge you.

### President's Corner –Ida Hagman



Welcome back, FAW members. Thanks to everyone who joined and who donated to the



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This should be another notable year for FAW. The program committee has assembled an entertaining lineup of programs for our luncheons. Summer is flying by, so it is time to make reservations for the September luncheon on September 13.

I hope you enjoyed and are still enjoying your summer. I was in New York in June and added two more libraries to my list. I visited the Morgan Library and the New York Public Library. I am sure our newsletter editor, Tammie Bob, would like to hear about **your** summer literary adventures. Don't be shy, let's hear about them.

See you in September,

Ida Hagman

## **Program Committee**

Mark your calendars now! We have a tremendous line-up of programs this year. Thank you to Carol Eshaghy, Sean Eshaghy and Karen Pulver for your help arranging the schedule!

--Tammie Bob

### **FAW Programs 2023-2024**

#### **Wed. September 13, 2023**

Chicago author and historian  
Greg Borzo presents "Lost Chicago Restaurants," a culinary trip down  
the memory lane  
of iconic Chicago eateries

#### **Wed. October 11, 2023**

Award-winning storyteller and author  
Brian Ellis thrills with "The Ghosts of Edgar Allen Poe"

#### **Wed. November 8, 2023**

Rachel de Waskin, author and  
University of Chicago professor of Creative Writing,  
discusses her years as a Chinese soap opera star

#### **Wed. Dec. 13, 2023**

Founder of Writer's Theater Michel Halberstam  
interprets Truman Capote's "A Christmas Story,"  
and FAW members bring a wrapped book for a book exchange

#### **Wed. January 10, 2023**

Musician and songwriter Ashley Lewis takes us out of the January doldrums  
with a spirited show  
of Bluegrass and Bluegrass inspired music

**Wed. February 14, 2024**

Actress Leslie Goddard explores the life of  
Grace Kelly, movie star and  
Princess of Monaco

**March 12, 2024**

Author Kathleen Mundo presents “Badger State: A Wisconsin Memoir,”  
her account of a hardscrabble childhood in Racine, Wisconsin

**Wed. April 10, 2024**

Performer Ellie Carlson presents “Unmentionables: a History  
Of Women’s Undergarments”

**Friday May 10, 2024**

FAW Literature Awards Luncheon

### **Adult Literature Committee**

Last year was a great year for books and this year promises to be just as good. You are invited to join a spirited group of women to decide what makes a book great, so-so, or just plain awful. Our meetings, which take place at the beautiful Women’s Athletic Club (over a yummy lunch) are interesting and fun. You don’t have to be a fast reader, and contrary to popular assumption the reading load is not heavy. The sense of accomplishment when we arrive at the right choice of prize-winning books is huge. We welcome new readers. Questions? Call Karen Pulver, Lit Committee Chair, at 630-447-4454.

## Young People's Literature Awards Committee



The Young People's Literature Awards Committee is still basking in the glow of our successful Authors Luncheon. To award such lovely recipients and promote their amazing literature, warmed our hearts. We look forward to continuing our mission in discovering the best Young People's Literature the Midwest has to offer. So far, we have 18 books on our list for the upcoming reading season. We hope to meet in September to reenergize for the new year.

