

*I always wish I could connect better with my neighbors. I could tell them about so many things...*

*I have this bike in my garage, that I could give away to someone who needs it - I do not need two. And there is always a pile of books that I am ready to pass on. I have a heap of teddy bears and stuffed animals in my basement that are in good shape and not needed by us anymore, and I am looking for a babysitters for our daughter for two mornings a week.*

*I would also congratulate my neighbor on completing his degree. I would like to let people know that I am available to babysit while they go shopping. I am willing to car-pool to do my grocery shopping. I am looking for other parents who home-school. I would like to find some other friends to play softball at the park. I would like to find someone to play scrabble with me. It would be nice to announce our next block party to the neighborhood. It would be great to congratulate my teacher on her birthday and my neighbor on having their new baby. And, we could express our sympathy when our friends go through difficult times.*

*I would like to let you know that now you can put all that in this paper. 4,000 neighbors will be able to hear you. Your message should be short - 12 words at the most. It does not cost you anything if you are a Portage Park Neighborhood association member. Non-members pay a \$10.00 fee. To have your little message published simply call John Arena at 773 283 9887. And you will be heard by many.*

*So, what do you think? Don't wait to long. Because if we don't hear from you I will just write another article and use up your space.*

*Rahn Emanuel,  
the new 5th District Congressman,  
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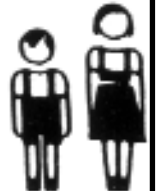
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Let's roll up our sleeves and start thinking about what we want to do and enjoy this year in the PPNA. What do you want to get out of your membership?

Keep your thoughts current, jot them down and send them to us, we'd love to hear from you. What are we doing that you like? What aren't we doing? Would you like a PPNA membership card with possible discounts from local businesses? Should we keep doing the book and coupon exchanges at the public meeting? Would you like to see more guest speakers at the meetings? Would you be interested in purchasing a PPNA Cook Book or yearly calendar? How about field trips to local attractions or casinos? Would you attend game/bingo nights?

These ideas are all for your consideration. Keep thinking spring and I'll await your replies. Send them to 4137 N Dickinson Ave, Chicago, 60641 c/o Annette Leadermann, PPNA Seniors Committee Chair or by e-mail at [ppnaboard@hotmail.com](mailto:ppnaboard@hotmail.com).

### 2003 Membership Drive Raffle Winners

At the February 10th, 2003 PPNA public meeting, winners were drawn in the membership drive raffle. All members who had joined or renewed their 2003 membership by the night of the meeting were eligible for the raffle.

The lucky winners were:

- Gary Magnuson** - \$5 Mike's American Ale House Gift Certificate
- Susan Regan** - \$10 Mike's American Ale House Gift Certificate
- City Newsstand** - \$10 Mike's American Ale House Gift Certificate
- Albert & Cynthia Keller** - Passes to the Museum of Science & Industry and the Omnimax Theatre
- Jan Kupka** - Free Class at the Portage Park Center for the Arts
- John & Mary Konrad** - \$30 Gift Certificate to the Garden Cafe at the Chicago Botanic Gardens
- Sandy Olson & Bob Polk** - \$30 Gift Certificate to the Garden Cafe at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, plus free parking passes
- Joe Angelastri** - Wrigley Field coffee table book, signed by the photographer.

Thank you to all the generous neighborhood businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle, and a special thanks to all the neighbors who have joined or renewed their PPNA membership for 2003. We appreciate your support.

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Membership renewals are due December 1 and expire November 30

Mail form and check to: PPNA Membership, 4105 N Leamington, Chicago IL, 60641

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