



News Sheet "Update" November 9, 2021

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SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION, #14

IN-PERSON @ LAMBS' FARM!

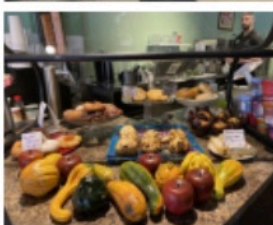
Susan Trieschmann, *Curt's Café*, Executive Director



Welcome, Susan! She has worked in Food Service since she was 13; was Director of Catering at the Pump Room before becoming an original owner and 25-year partner of Food for Thought Enterprise, helping to build it from a small catering company to an upscale one; original member of Restorative Justice Evanston that works with youth and community on peaceful dialogue. She is passionate about giving youth a 2nd chance and helping them create a positive future for themselves and their families.



CONGRATULATIONS on being selected as the **\$100,000 winner** of Impact 100 Chicago's Award Grant, June 8, 2021 (women's philanthropic nonprofit that awards transformational grants to local non-profits)!



- Curt's Café, is a not-for-profit organization providing a 90-day comprehensive program consisting of workforce training, life skills, intellectual learning, and continuous emotional support for young adults living in at risk situations.
- Even a short confinement dramatically affects one's ability to thrive outside incarceration. With little hope of securing employment, even for entry level positions, many end up living on the streets and return to destructive habits. Cycling through the courts, **86% of those released are sent back through the system within 3 years.**
- **Since opening in 2012, only 3% of their students have returned to prison!**
- Their student-trainees, 15 through 24 years, are living in at-risk situations such as having contact with the judicial system, or are homeless, food insecure or have dropped out of school. **They are determined to build a positive future for themselves. For these young adults, being able to get and hold a job will contribute immeasurably toward their success.**
- By teaching marketable skills and then assisting in securing employment, they teach culinary techniques but also provide instruction they will need to fill in educational gaps, gain confidence, and become job-ready.

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UPCOMING LCRTA MEETINGS

December 14	Holiday Fun
February 8, 2022	Dr. Michael Allen, author of <i>Brotherly Love</i>
March 8	Honey Lake—Karen & Brian Thomson



Thank You,
LCRTA Delegates!



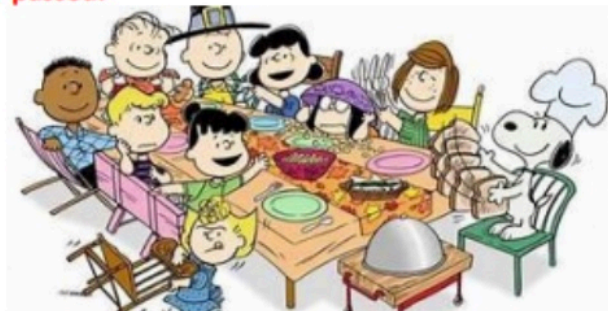
(From left: Pat LaScola, Charlie Carpenter, Linda Davis, Dee Cavenaugh, Joseph Hall, Tom Ulbert, Hillary Sylvester, Deb Lawson, Wendy Wieggers, Marti Swanson, and Judy Merola (Not Pictured—John Davis))

Once again, Area II was well represented in the "Discussion" portion of the proposed amendments that definitely had an effect on the outcomes! Wendy Wieggers, Area II Representative

1. Proposal #1 Article VI - Meetings (Elections prior to the Convention) **Not Adopted** Yes -32% (71) No - 68% (150)
 - Thank you to Sam Sibley and **Irene Jinks** (North Lake Shore), **Marti Swanson** (Lake County), and **Steve Polep** (McHenry) for speaking up against this proposal.
 - Thank you to Bob Kaplan (Northwest Suburban) who was on the Constitutional Committee for your input that definitely **represented the NEED FOR DISCUSSION** and that **ALL opinions matter in terms of discussing Constitutional changes**.
 - The defeat of this Amendment is not "clinging to the past," but the **real purpose of a Convention with Unit delegates**, the election of officers and changes to the Constitution at Convention.
 - If Article VI had passed, everything delegates did at "Convention" would have been eliminated at the next Convention, especially the discussion element of proposed Constitutional amendments.
2. Proposal #2 Article IX - Committees **Not Adopted** Yes -39% (85) No-61% (131)
 - I do believe Committees need to be smaller as Area II had some vacancies that were not filled.
 - However, the way in which this amendment was written was very confusing and thanks to **Irene** and **Marti** for pointing this out.
 - When the Executive Committee was going over this change, I kept asking "How would the 3rd person be selected, especially if Area I and Area II had a representative?" No one could answer my question.
3. Proposal #3 to **Remove Information Services** as a Standing Committee - **passed**.
4. Proposal #4 to **Add Nominations** as a Standing Committee - **passed**.



Happy Birthday, Vera!



Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!

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