# ABOUT TOWN



# Beautiful Things with Wings

**BARRINGTON PHOTOGRAPHER APRIL GRAVES** of Light Drawn Studios will be photographing fairy portraits for the 11th annual Beautiful Things with Wings calendar to support the WINGS organization. Proceeds from this project go toward helping put an end to domestic violence. Sessions will take place June 12–16, and July 17–21. Contact Light Drawn Studios at 224-655-7801, or visit online at www.lightdrawnstudios.com, to find out more about how your little ones can take part in this magical experience and long-time Barrington tradition. All costumes are provided.

### ABOUT Town



# Barrington Art Festival

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# The QB Calendar

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BHS NATIVE LANDSCAPING BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Barrington Area Conservation Trust

**Barrington High School** 

**Summer Time** 

BHS is getting a facelift! Barrington Area Conservation Trust is working with BHS to install new native landscaping in the front of the school, complete with monarch habitats. We could use your help this summer to keep the gardens beautiful. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at emily@bactrust.org or call 847-387-3149.

FOUR STARS OF CHICAGO RESTAURANT EXTRAVAGANZA

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Tuesday, May 2

**Sheraton Grand Chicago** 

5 p.m.

Sample Chicago's finest cuisine prepared by executive chefs at the 23rd annual Four Stars of Chicago Restaurant Extravaganza at the Sheraton Grand at 301 E. North Water St. Join more than 800 guests for an extraordinary dining experience benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is dedicated to finding cures for children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. For reservations and info, contact Allison Newton at 773-313-4300 or allison.newton@stjude.org.

## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY Forest Preserves of Cook County

Crabtree Nature Center

Saturday, May 6

6 a.m. to Noon

Grab your favorite optics and either sit or walk through Crabtree Nature Preserves from 6 a.m. to noon. The Forest Preserves of Cook County has 70,000 acres of open space, making it the largest forest preserve in the U.S. This event is held at the Crabtree Nature Center at 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. For more information about these and other events, call 847-381-6592, or visit www.fpdcc. com/events.

#### BARRINGTON AREA KID FEST Barrington Park District

Saturday, May 6

Citizens Park, Barrington

11 a.m –3 p.m.

The Barrington Area Kid Fest is a free, cosponsored by the Barrington Park District, Barrington Breakfast Rotary, and Leave No Child Inside. Kites are free for children 2 to 10. Food will be available for purchase. Let you and your kids be kids! Fly a kite, climb a tree, and get some fresh air. For more info, visit www.barringtonparkdistrict.org. Rain date: Sunday, May 7.

#### PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:30 pm

The Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL

The ESO closes its season with Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky's towering Pictures at an Exhibition, based on drawings and watercolors by Viktor Hartmann. The program also holds Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer, a song cycle based on German folk poetry, and Vaughn Williams' Serenade to Music, with text adapted from Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, performed with the magnificent Elgin Master Chorale. For tickets, ElginSymphony.Org

#### WALK STRONG TO CURE JM™

Cure JM Foundation-Chicago Ch.

Sunday, May 7

Busse Woods, Elk Grove

9 a.m.

Join in for the inaugural Walk for the Chicago Chapter of the Cure JM Foundation to help fund research to find a cure for children suffering with JM diseases (rare and life-threatening auto-immune diseases). The Walk will be held at the Ned Brown Preserve at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village. Visit https://www.crowdrise.com/walkstrongchicago, or www.curejm.org.

#### LET IT BE US 5K

Let It Be Us

Saturday, May 20

Citizen's Park, Barrington

8 a.m.

Mark your calendars and save the date for the annual Let It Be Us 5K and fundraiser. Register to run today for \$25. (\$30 on the event day.) Visit www.letitbeus.org/events. For more info, or email Susan McConnell at susan@ susanmcconnellcreative.com. For sponsorship information, contact Jennifer McAndrews at JenniferMcAndrews@letitbeus.org or 847-971-5950.

#### DASH FOR THE DOGS

**Animal House Shelter** 

7th Annual 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Family Fun Walk

Sunday, May 21

Citizens Park

7:15 a.m. - Noon

Check-in/Registration: 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. (in Jewel Tea Pavilion). 5K run/walk begins promptly at 9 a.m. followed by the 1 mile family fun walk at 10:30 am. Cost: \$30 Pre-Registration, \$35 Day of Registration, free for children under 10 years old. Animal House Shelter is a non-profit, no kill shelter in Huntley, IL. Dash for the Dogs allows us to raise funds necessary to cover the cost of our animals' medical expenses and overall care.

#### BARRINGTON LIONS CLUB GOLF BENEFIT Monday, May 22

Kemper Lakes Golf Club

Registration at 6:30 a.m.

Players tee time at 7 a.m.

Shotgun at 12:30 p.m.

This year the 36th annual Barrington James R. Nelson Memorial Charitable Golf Tournament will be held on May 22 with a full day of golf, lunch at 11 a.m., and awards ceremony. To learn more, visit http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/barringtonil/ or contact Curt Pulkrabek at cpulkrabek@sbcglobal.net.

# MONDSHINE PRESERVE MEDITATION With Yoga and Meditation Expert Anita Maher

Sunday, May 28

10 a.m -12 p.m.

Spend a peaceful morning at a lovely property in Barrington Hills. Novice or experienced meditators are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and water. Wear shoes appropriate for walking in the woods. RSVP required. Event limited to 15 people. Free for BACT members/\$15 for non-members. Contact Emily at emily@bactrust.org to sign up.

#### **POLLINATOR SUPER POWERS**

Forest Preserves of Cook County

Crabtree Nature Center

Sunday, May 28

1 p.m.

Pollinators provide us with lots of luxuries in life. Learn what makes them so important and unique. Time: 1 p.m. The Forest Preserves of Cook County has 70,000 acres of open space, making it the largest forest preserve in the U.S. This event is held at the Crabtree Nature Center at 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. For more information about these and other events, call 847-381-6592, or visit www.fpdcc. com/events.

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#### NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

**Forest Preserves of Cook County** 

Crabtree Nature Center

Saturday, June 3

Take a hike by foot, bike, or horse on some of the 300 miles of trails in Cook County. Follow good trial etiquette! This "Share the Trails" campaign happens a few times a year. Look for staff with water, info, and giveaways. The Forest Preserves of Cook County has 70,000











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EXPLORE THE FOREST: 100 YEARS AND GROWING! Forest Preserves of Cook County



#### Crabtree Nature Center Sunday, June 4

Celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Climb a tree, touch a fish, check out the restoration equipment, pitch a tent, or try archery. Come and meet Nature Cat at this Leave No Child Inside event. This event is held at the Crabtree Nature Center at 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. For more information about these and other events, call 847-381-6592, or visit www.fpdcc.com/events.

#### HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

Walk On Farm

Sunday, June 4

Join Walk On Farm at Pinstripes in South Barrington for a fun High Tea event to benefit the nonprofit. Watch for details at www. walkonfarm.org.

#### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

**American Cancer Society** 

Saturday, June 10

Citizens Park

2-10 p.m.

Barrington's Relay for Life celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Sign up your team or volunteer for this important fundraiser. Enjoy live music including Sons of Bildor and Pat McKillen along with activities to inspire the whole family. Visit www.relayforlife.org/barringtonil for more info.

#### **SAFETY TOWN**

Barrington Junior Women's Club

Monday, June 12

#### **Requires Registration**

Sessions run two weeks and meet Monday through Friday. Four sessions are offered in 2017: Session 1, June 12-23, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. / Session 2, June 12-23, 12:30–3 p.m. / Session 3, July 10-21, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. / Session 4, July 10-21, 12:30 p.m.–3 p.m. Children who are entering kindergarten or 1st grade are eligible (must be five years old by Sept. 1, 2017) and have not previously participated in Safety Town are eligible to become 2017 BJWC Safety Town campers. Registration for both campers and volunteers is held online at www.bjwc.org.

#### 37TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL GOLF OUTING

**Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital** 

Monday, June 12

**Biltmore Country Club** 

10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital's 37th Annual Invitational Golf Outing proceeds will benefit state-of-the-art breast tumor localization technology. Registration is at 10 a.m. The driving range opens at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch will be served at 11 a.m. Begin lineup/review rules of scramble format at 12:15 p.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A cocktail reception starts at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and awards at 6 p.m. Proper golf attire. No denim is permitted. Self- and valetparking are available. To register, visit www. advocategiving.org/shepgolf.

#### BOOK CLUB: "ANIMAL WISE" BY VIRGINIA MORELL

**Barrington Area Conservation Trust** 

Wednesday, June 14

7-8:30 p.m.

Barrington's White House
145 W. Main Street, Barrington
Discuss the fascinating and groundbreaking
book "Animal Wise: How We Know Animals
Think and Feel", by author Virginia Morell.
Led by Barrington Area Librarian Liz, the
discussion will explore the surprising minds
of animals. Like did you know that ants teach,
rats love to be tickled and dogs have a 1,000word vocabularies? RSVP is required. Free.
Contact Emily at emily@bactrust.org to sign
up. Light refreshments will be served.

#### 17TH ANNUAL BARRINGTON COUNTRY GARDEN & ANTIQUE FAIRE

Friday & Saturday June 16 & 17

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Early Buy, Friday only, at 8:30 a.m.

Tour the magnificent gardens of three distinctive and privately owned estates in beautiful Barrington. Shop the charming Farmhouse and historical Gentlemen's Stable for upscale one-of-a-kind antiques, uncover vintage treasures, unique pieces of furniture, accessories, designer purses and jewelry. Attend home and garden workshops. Gourmet lunch is available for purchase. Faire tickets are \$45 thru June 11 and \$55 June 12 thru the opening of the faire. For those interested in shopping before the Faire between 8:30–10a.m. on Friday, "Early Buy" tickets are available for \$80. Call 847-381-7367 for more info, or visit www.handsofhopeonline.org

#### ST. JUDE GOLF CLASSIC

#### St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Monday, June 26

Knollwood Club, Lake Forest 10 a.m.

Enjoy a day of golf at the gorgeous Knollwood Club located at 1890 Knollwood Rd., in Lake Forest. After golf, enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner, and auction. All proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is dedicated to finding cures for children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. For reservations and info, contact Allison Newton at 773-313-4300 or allison.newton@stjude.org.

#### LIONS CLUB BRAT TENT Brat Tent north train lot

Friday, June 30

11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Barrington Lions in cooperation with the Village of Barrington host the popular place to be for the summer holiday at its annual brat tent at the commuter train lot. More info to follow as time gets closer.

#### July

FAMILY FITNESS RUN 5K/10K/2K Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Health & Fitness Center

Downtown Barrington

Tuesday, July 4

#### Start: 7:15 a.m.

Don't miss this annual family tradition that is a great start to your day, followed by the Fourth of July Parade. Register at www. familyfitnessrun.com.

#### LIONS CLUB BRAT TENT

**Lions Club Tribute Day** 

Saturday, July 1

11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Join us as we pay tribute to those who serve at the Barrington Lions Brat Tent at the north train commuter lot on July 1. Additional Brat Tent dates are: Brat Tent July 3; Brat Tent July 4th (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

#### BARRINGTON LIONS CLUB FIREWORKS Barrington High School

Tuesday, July 4

At dusk

Join this annual Barrington tradition for the Fourth of July fireworks. Bring your blanket and sit back for a wonderful display. To learn more, visit http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/barringtonil/calendar.php

#### **UNCORK BARRINGTON**

**Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce** 

Friday, July 7

**Barrington Metra Station** 

6-9:30 p.m.

Uncork Barrington is an outside event with over 50 wines from around the world, gourmet cheeses, nibbles, and food vendors. Enjoy live entertainment with your friends. Uncork benefits several important nonprofit organizations in our community. Visit www.BarringtonChamber.com or www. uncorkbarrington.com.

#### Save the Date!

#### **BARRINGTON STREET FEST & DANCE**

Downtown Barrington

Saturday, August 26

2 –10:30 p.m.

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club and Village of Barrington invite you to a hopping good time with family friendly activities and great live music, including 7th Heaven. The event is for one day and was a big success last year! To learn more, visit www. barringtonstreetfest.com



# CONCERT FOR CONSERVATION Barrington Area Conservation Trust Saturday, August 26 Barrington Hills 3-7 p.m.

Enjoy a delightful afternoon of music and nature at BACT's annual "Concert for Conservation" fundraiser. Fun activities for kids. Live music. And a chance to relax on the lawn of a gorgeous farm in Barrington Hills. Bring your family and friends! More info and ticketing to come. Call BACT at 847-387-3149.

#### BARRINGTON HILLS POLO LeCompte/Kalaway Cup Saturday, Sept. 9

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The 13th annual LeCompte/Kalaway Trailowners Cup matches return offering the largest polo event in the Midwest. Stay tuned to QB for more news in the summer issue. Visit www.barringtonhillspolo.com.





ABOVE: The Women's Club of Inverness Committee. Committee chairs Barbara Ross, Jay Kist, and Karen Spering are wearing hats and pink flowers. RIGHT: ZZAZZ presents Eliza Doolittle to the Women's Club of Inverness.

# Women's Club of Inverness Spring Fundraiser

**ALTHOUGH THE FINAL NUMBERS** are being calculated, the Women's Club of Inverness spring fundraiser, "My Fair 'Stylish' Lady", was a fun, sold-out event with 400 guests who generously contributed to support WCI's mission through raffles, gift baskets, silent auction, lunch, fashion show, and shopping with the vendors. This was an almost 34 percent increase in attendance over the last several years. Other community members participated through ads in the program book which had 33 percent more participants this year than last year. All money raised goes to support student college scholarships and grants to local not-for-profits.

Throughout the last 50 years, the Women's Club of Inverness has demonstrated its generous spirit and the collective energy of its members. This drives a commitment to philanthropic work and enables new opportunities to be provided for women, children, seniors, and students in our area in the Northwest Suburbs of Illinois. *Learn more at www.womensclubofinverness.com.* 

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# Parker Playhouse Presents!

PARKER PLAYHOUSE, LOCATED AT 117 E. NORTHWEST HWY., continues to expand its theatrical programs and musical offerings. One of America's favorite plays, "The Odd Couple", will be presented as a Reader's Theater on Sat., May 20 at 7 p.m., and Sun., May 21, at 3 p.m. Come laugh along with our familiar friends, Felix and Oscar, as they work their way out of one challenge after another.

Check out the Comedy Improv

**Workshop** at the Parker Playhouse by the Queen B's, a comedy improv troupe. For ages 8 to 18, this workshop is an exciting opportunity to learn to perform comedy in an improvisational way. The two-day workshop culminates in a performance at Parker Playhouse. For participants who even have a hint of interest in theater and comedy. The workshop is June 8 and 9, from 6–8 p.m., with a performance on June 15 at 7 p.m. Fee is \$35.00 per student. Register online.

Don't miss "Alice—A Journey Through Wonderland." This original musical is a unique and magical look at a traditional childhood story, presented by Barrington Community Theater at Parker Playhouse. This new, original musical is directed by Ellen Werksman and Nancie Tobison. In addition, dancers, singers, and actors from our community, and from neighboring suburbs, are part of this diverse and talented cast. Performances are June 22, 23, 24, and 25.

To learn more, visit www. parkerplayhousebarrington.org.



## Amdur Productions Announces the 8th Annual Barrington Art Festival

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION CONTINUES TO DELIGHT

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL Barrington Art Festival returns this Memorial Day weekend! This highly anticipated art show features the work of over 130 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums including painting, ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, sculpture, and more. The show is free and open to the public, with free parking as well. The event takes place along Cook and Station Streets in downtown Barrington on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

"This is one of our favorite shows of the season, because it occurs during such a lovely time of year and the location is so charming and inviting,"said Amy Amdur, president of Amdur Productions, producers of the Barrington Art Festival. "The festival is held on the closed streets of Barrington, and there is always a large turnout from near and far," she adds. "It's obvious that the people who attend this festival have a deep appreciation of art and recognize the tremendous skill and talent of the artists chosen to exhibit."

In addition to the artwork, fabulous food, and shopping, those who attend the Barrington Art Festival will also enjoy live musical performances all weekend long including a special performance by the renowned North

Shore Concert Band on Saturday evening, May 27 following the Barrington Art Festival. The concert, which pays tribute to veterans, includes John Philip Sousa marches, patriotic music and more.

For those who work up a thirst, two of Barrington's favorites, McGonigal's Pub and Big Iron

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Horse Barbecue will be on site selling refreshing choices of beer, wine and sangria. There will also be a variety of activities for kids, including art fest bingo, spin art, coloring, and a graffiti wall. Throughout the 2-day event, attendees will have the opportunity to interact with artists through demonstrations and booth chats, so be sure to mark your calendars for this family-friendly experience in downtown Barrington!

For more information about the Barrington Art Festival or about Amdur Productions, call 847 926-4300 or email info@amdurproductions. com. Visit Amdur online at amdurproductions.com.



Brian and Dena McManus bring the memory of a favorite foregone local pizza restaurant back to life.

## Remember Charlotte's

A CLASSIC BARRINGTON PIZZA BUSINESS IS REIMAGINED AFTER
28 YEARS OF BEING CLOSED WITH NEW OWNERS WHO WANT TO
DELIVER FOOD AND FUN TO FAMILIES

#### by Lisa Stamos

NOSTALGIA HAS A WAY of coming full circle, and for Brian McManus, Jr., opening Remember Charlotte's, a new pizza restaurant, will take his whole family—wife Dena and their four children, Aislinn, Emily, Abigail, and Brian—and the rest of Barrington back to a place of his childhood that made for great memories. "This will be a family place," McManus says of the simpler times he hopes to offer his clientele. McManus grew up in Barrington and recalls going to Charlotte's Pizza with his dad, and his baseball team as well as with friends after school.

A trial lawyer by day, McManus and Dena, who will serve as a manager, have hired another husband and wife team—pizza master Peter Wilkes, and his wife Deena, who will be the general manager. Together, they plan to create a dining spot that brings back the best of old-school experiences. "We want this place to have a family vibe, one that is clean for the moms, and kid-friendly, but also cool for the dads," he said.

Charlotte's Pizza was around for 50 some years before it was relocated to Palatine in the late 1980s where it didn't last for long and closed for good. The building sat up against Route 14 at Ela Road with a narrow parking lot as the only buffer to cars speeding by. It was the site of far too many serious car accidents because drivers would have to back up into the road to leave the parking lot. When Remember Charlotte's opens, there will be plenty of parking at its location next door to, and connected inside with, McGonigal's Pub on Park Avenue.

#### THE CRISPY TEST

While the nostalgic price of the 75-cent bottled beer you could get at Charlotte's Pizza has gone up, McManus and his team are planning to recreate a similar overall experience as he remembers. The pizza sauce will be as close to the original recipe as possible—tangy with a touch of sweetness—and the famous thin crust



Charlottes Pizza was open for 50 years before it was moved to Palatine due to road widening projects at Rte. 14 at Ela Road near Dundee Rd.

pizza, when cut in squares, should hold up flat when held by one of its corners—known as the "crispy test."

The Charlotte's Pizza that McManus went to as a boy had no telephone. People wanting takeout would have to order at the counter and wait until their pizza was ready. Perhaps they'd have a beer, a smart marketing idea says McManus. As for electronics, Remember Charlotte's will have several table games such as Pac-Man, and Donkey Kong— now retro—to entertain people of all ages.

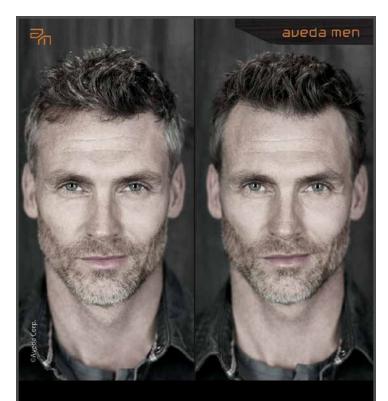
Delivery will take on a whole new meaning when Remember Charlotte's pizzas can await a commuters return to Barrington via rail. Call ahead, and your pizza will be delivered at the station when you step off the train. Or, order from the full menu of sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Old-fashioned shakes, sodas, and floats, as well as bottled sodas with candy flavors, will please the kids.

McManus and his wife hope that someday their four children will reminisce about the good 'ole days when they were young and went to Remember Charlotte's Pizza in Barrington.

Remember Charlotte's is located at 205 Park Ave. in Barrington. The will have a phone there, and the number is 847-382-3900.



Old album covers and a Tiffany-style Schlitz beer lamp are among the memorabilia at Remember Charlotte's.



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#### The First Tee of Greater Chicago Partners with Barrington Park District

**MATT MCLAUGHLIN** (pictured) of Barrington has worked the past couple of years to expand The First Tee Program to the Barrington area. "I am excited to announce it has finally come to fruition," he says.

The First Tee of Greater Chicago ("The First Tee") announces the formation of a new partnership with the Barrington Park District, bringing a comprehensive golf and life skills program to young people. This First Tee Program, offered internationally through nearly 200 First Tee chapters, focuses on teaching the game of golf to boys and girls age seven through 17 while also teaching them core values, such as honesty, integrity, respect and perseverance, and habits that promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

The First Tee will host an Open House that will include interactive golf activities. Clubs will be available if needed. First Tee Coaches will also be on hand to answer any questions and provide more information about this year's programs (date TBD). Programs will begin at Langendorf Park starting in June. Langendorf Park is an 5-hole public course operated by the Barrington Park District. It is an ideal facility for junior golf development. To learn more about The First Tee of Greater Chicago programs, visit: www.TheFirstTeeGreaterChicago.org. To register for The First Tee at Langendorf Park, visit: www.barringtonparkdistrict.org

#### Meet "Connect to Community"

**CONNECT TO COMMUNITY** was founded in 2013 by a group of parents who wanted to build a better future for their children with developmental disabilities. Looking ahead when their children would exit the school system at age 22, they realized that the supports they had always relied upon would be gone and they would need to find other ways to create a meaningful, quality day. Concerned that the kind of services they were looking for were not available in their area and realizing that other parents probably faced the same dilemma, they decided to forge their own path and form a not-for-profit, human service corporation serving clients in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. At the center of the mission is employment. Many people with developmental disabilities are either unemployed or spend their days in a sheltered workshop with little exposure to their own community. With a customized employment model, the focus is on an individual's strengths and skills in an effort to find employment opportunities that benefit both the job-seeker and the employer. We believe that employment is for everyone. Learn more at www.connecttocommunity.org.

#### What's Happening at the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce





#### BACC 31st Annual Golf Classic at Wynstone Golf Club

**THE BARRINGTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (BACC)** will host its 31st annual Golf Classic at Wynstone Golf Club, 1 S. Wynstone Dr., North Barrington, on Monday, July 17.

The BACC Golf Classic is a scramble and includes contests, games, celebratory dinner, and prizes. Golfers begin the day's events with a buffet lunch on Wynstone's patio and practice at the driving range. Shotgun tee off begins at noon, concluding with the 19th Hole Celebration open bar, dinner and award ceremony.

Chamber members promote their businesses with exclusive hole sponsorships, tee sponsorships, gift bag and raffle item donations. Golfers will enjoy tastings, games, and giveaways the sponsors present while mingling with local businesses at each hole. Tickets can be purchased for individual golfers, foursomes or the 19th Hole Celebration with dinner and open bar only. Treat clients or vendors to a day out on this prestigious course. The 19th Hole Celebration and dinner ceremony end the day with networking, good food and great company.

#### **New Members**

The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed the following new members in March:

Aligned Family Spinal Care

**Beaird Dermatology** 

Castleford Hearthstone Homeowners Association

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage-Teri Denis Group

Edward Jones-Michael Desens

Elite Remodeling Group

Glam & Glitz

Heil & Kay Insurance Agency

John Minalt DDS & Associates— Minalt Dental

Montessori Childrens House of North Barrington

Parker Playhouse Barrington

Snow Angels Academy

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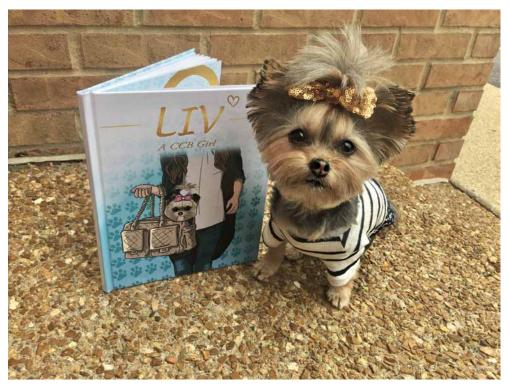


Glam & Glitz Ribbon Cutting The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce and Village of Barrington gathered on Tues., April 13, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Glam & Glitz Boutique located at 232 E. Main St. Glam & Glitz Boutique offers a variety of styles and price points in both women's apparel and accessories. Hours are Mon. through Fri., 11.a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun. by appointment.

# Tickets on Sale Now for 13th Annual Uncork Barrington Held on July 7

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE for Uncork Barrington, a charitable wine-tasting event to be held Friday, July 7, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Barrington Metra Station-Tent Pavilion. Now in its 13th year, this premier event attracts over 1,000 people from the Barrington and Chicagoland areas to sample wines from around the world, enjoy live entertainment, and support important community organizations.

Co-hosted by the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) and Barrington Village Association, Uncork is an important funding source for local charities. This year the event proceeds will benefit the Barrington Children's Choir, BACOA, Barrington Area United Way, Barrington Youth and Family Services and Samaritan Counseling Center. For more information or to purchase tickets to the event visit www. UncorkBarrington.com. All guests must be at least 21 years old to attend. For information about Uncork Barrington sponsorship opportunities contact Suzanne Corr at Suzanne@BarringtonChamber. com or call (847) 381-2525.



# A Dog's Tale

BARRINGTON NATIVE "LIV", AN ADVANCED TRICK DOG, STARS IN A NEW SERIES OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

by Melanie Kalmar

#### AGAINST ALL ODDS, LIV, A TEACUP MORKIE

born in a Barrington home on August 21, 2013, was the only puppy from a litter of five to survive. Three and a half years following her harrowing birth, Liv is an advanced trick dog starring in a new series of children's books for young readers. The engaging stories, accompanied by bright illustrations, follow Liv on exciting adventures and end with an important lesson.

In the first book from the series, "LIV: A CCB Girl," by Lotie Bagottie [Fulton Books, 2017], the Teacup Morkie visits her favorite doggy boutique in Barrington, Cody & Carl's Blvd., and is treated to a shopping spree. At the end of the day, she realizes it's more important to collect moments than things; that the time she spent visiting with friends at the boutique is more meaningful than anything money could buy.

The books open with a page reserved for Liv's "Pawtograph." To make reading an interactive experience, coloring pages from the

story are included at the end of it, encouraging children to pick up a box of crayons and fill in the illustrations. In place of an author's page is a photograph of Liv, her bio and a message about the next book in the series.

Readers can meet Liv for a "pawtograph" on her book tour. Find out where she will make an appearance next on her Facebook page @ liviethemork. She goes by the same address on Instagram. On her You Tube channel, Liv Morkie, she can be seen wearing adorable outfits and doing tricks.

Liv caught the modeling bug at 4 weeks old, the first time she appeared in an ad for Cody & Carl's Blvd. She was discovered by the owner, a pet photographer, while shopping there. The ad features Liv next to a can of dog food, a pumpkin add-in. She was about the same size as the can. A big hit with customers, it continues to be used today. At 8 weeks old, Liv appeared on Instagram and calls started coming in from talent agents

who liked her look. Her fur is dark, like a Yorkie's. She has a dual-colored nose, part pale rose, part black, a pushed-in baby doll face, a fountain tale, short cobble legs, and tipped ears. She's used to wearing clothes, because she has dressed up most of her life.

An advanced trick dog, Liv is trained to do 30 to 35 stunts. She is also a certified emotional support dog. At just under five pounds, Liv is strong. She can sit up in her battery-operated, white Lamborghini with her paws on the steering wheel, honk the horn and wave as it goes 7 miles per hour, and not fall out. A true diva, Liv visits the groomer every three weeks and never leaves the house without dressing up. First, she has her fur combed and brushed. Then, she gets a spritz of doggy perfume that smells fresh and keeps away fleas and ticks. She prefers to wear a tutu, a rhinestone dog collar, and an up-do. She only eats organic dog food, free of gluten and grains. To promote a healthy coat and teeth, salmon oil is added to her meals. She also takes a collagen supplement for her muscles. Every night at 9 p.m., Liv crawls under the duvet in her plush, teepee style doggy-bed and falls asleep. On days when she has nowhere to go, she prefers to let her "hair" down and walk around the house "nude."

Liv works with a trainer for about 1 ½ hours a week. The rest of the time, it's up to her "momager" to practice stunts with her. Training is laid back and involves positive reinforcement. Waving to a barista at Starbucks or running around in a circle will earn her a Puppuchino, a shot glass size of fresh whipped cream. Liv lives in Barrington with her mom Sophie, dad Brinker, and baby sister from another litter, Tori. Tori is a big motivator for Liv. When Liv is not in the mood to do a trick, Tori will do it until Liv gets jealous and decides to show off. Tori already has about half a dozen tricks under her belt and she's only 5 months old.

Liv is in demand in the entertainment industry. She had several offers to model during Fashion Week in New York City, to walk the runway in doggy couture and be held in the arms of models. Unfortunately, she had to turn them all down. It was bad timing. But she plans to do it next year. Lately, she has been busy auditioning for television commercials and movies.



Her entry into the world came as a surprise. Nobody knew Liv's mom Sophie was pregnant. She ate 12 grapes, which are poisonous for dogs and can cause renal failure, while under the care of a babysitter. The ER Veterinarian who treated her for food poisoning said she didn't show any signs of pregnancy. One day, she shocked her owner and gave birth to a litter of five puppies. One died after the other, except for Liv. She was found huddled by a floor vent. Puppies already have a difficult time regulating their body temperature and the vent only worsened matters. Unfortunately, Sophie wasn't interested in cuddling to keep her warm. The treatments she had for food poisoning made her body unaware it was pregnant and caused her to lack the maternal instinct to bond with her newborn puppy. As a result, Liv had to be bottle-fed formula every 15 minutes, around the clock, for three weeks. Miraculously, she survived. Her family thought the name Liv was fitting.

The book "LIV: A CCB Girl" is available at Barnes & Noble in Deer Park and Schaumburg, Cody & Carl's Blvd. in Barrington, and online at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.

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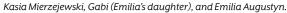
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# A Visit to The Heart of Europe Café

BY MELANIE KALMAR

**MODELED AFTER TRENDY COFFEE HOUSES IN POLAND,** The Heart of Europe Café's unique menu has made it a destination for customers who are craving an authentic European experience.

Kasia Mierzejewska, 25 and her sister Emilia Augustyn, 29, arrived in Barrington from Poland two years ago to set up shop at 113 S. Cook Street. "A wise man once told me, 'if you love what you're doing, you won't have to work a day in your life," Mierzejewska said. "It's having fun."

In Poland, the sisters lived far apart. When together, they baked and enjoyed it so much, that they left behind their corporate jobs to bring a European café to America. They shipped ovens here from Europe designed to bake Kurtős, donuts referred to as chimney cakes because of their towering shape. The Kurtős come with toppings on the outside, such as cinnamon, M&M's, Oreos, sprinkles, vanilla, walnuts or coconut, and fillings like Nutella, peanut butter, and honey spread onto the hollow inside. Its tower shape results from the baker swirling a rope of simple yeast dough around a cooking rod. Cinnamon and sugar Kurtős with Nutella is the top-seller.

You won't find Kurtős anywhere else in the state, Mierzejewska said, noting it was recently named "Best donut in Illinois" by BuzzFeed. The positive press helped get the word out to











locals and out-of-towners. During spring break, customers from Missouri, Wisconsin, and Colorado came by for a treat, as did a customer from California who heard about the café at home.

Made daily with fresh yeast, the Kurtős dough is vegan; prepared without eggs, milk, or butter. It does, however, contain gluten, in the flour. The café's small menu allows its owners to maintain control over quality. Everything on it is made with real food, not preservatives, Mierzejewska said. The gourmet coffees, served in a glass to show off all the decadent layers, contain pure caramel and natural chocolates, not syrups. For kids, there are coffee-free Frappuccinos in whimsical "candy" flavors: bubblegum, cotton candy, cookies 'n' cream, and honey dew. To give the smoothies a slushy texture without using ice, one of the fruits blended is frozen. Customers can order a Panini for lunch, made with fresh mozzarella and ripe vegetables bursting with flavor.

Augustyn bakes something new every day and tries out recipes from customers who bring in their family's European favorites. She also makes custom birthday cakes, never the same design twice, and enjoys working out the details with customers, revising the drawings until she gets their vision down on paper.

The café's eclectic décor mirrors that of trendy coffee houses in Europe. Tiffany-style lamps on vintage tables and comfy, mismatched upholstered chairs in artsy patterns beg for customers to take a seat and relax. There is a stack of magazines, books, and board games to choose from, a kid's play area with a small table and chairs, and brilliant-colored paintings on the walls, complements of the Barrington Cultural Arts Center, that are switched out on a regular basis and available for purchase. Also for sale are handcrafted cloth dolls from Poland.

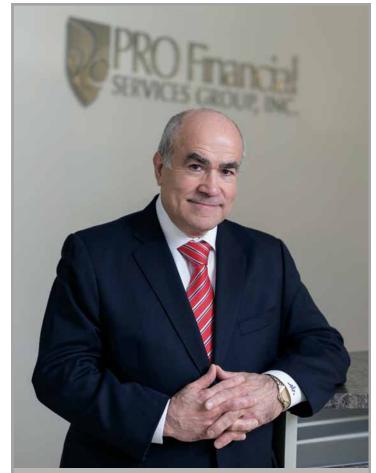
The sisters will soon add homemade vanilla ice cream to the list of Kurtős fillings. Presently, they are writing a cookbook of easy recipes for people who don't have a lot of time to bake. It should be available in bookstores and at the café by October, in time for the coffee house's two-year anniversary.

"Making great food requires more than just a passion for cooking," Mierzejewska said. "It's about the friendship I have with my sister. It's about the love within these walls. People can feel it. It's a good vibe."

The Heart of Europe Café is located at 113 S. Cook Street, and is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on Mondays.

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Left: Kasia Mierzejewska demonstrates how a Kurtos is made by rolling the dough into a rope, wrapping it around a metal baking rod, rolling the dough to gently flatten it, and then a light vegetable oil wash is brushed on the dough and the pastry is baked. When hot out of the oven (the pastry takes just a few minutes to bake) toppings are added and a thin coat of filling is added to the inside. Bottom photo: Gabi enjoys a freshly made Kurtos with sprinkles.



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