

**WINNETKA CAUCUS COUNCIL
2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Biographical Information**

Sandra Berger, Chair

Sandy Berger, a resident of Precinct 47, is serving her second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. Sandy served as the Village Platform Chair in 2011. She has lived in Winnetka for almost 30 years; her husband Bob owns Hubbard Woods Motors. Sandy has two sons who attended schools in Winnetka and graduated from New Trier. Sandy is an Enrolled Actuary and President of Consulting Actuarial Group in Northfield; she has owned this consulting firm for 30 years. Sandy served as Village Trustee for 2 terms (2005-2009); was President of the Winnetka Police Pension Board for 10 years (1995-2005); served on the Zoning Board of Appeals (1999-2004) and the Winnetka Plan Commission (2001-2004). Sandy received her B.S. in Mathematics and Economics from the University of Illinois. In April 2010, Sandy received the George Noyes Community Service Award from New Trier Township.

Jeff Hoch, Vice Chair

Jeff Hoch, a resident of Precinct 17, is serving his second year on Winnetka Caucus Council, having served as Parks Chair in 2011. Jeff is a lifelong resident of Winnetka and has been a coach, ref and administrator of AYSO Region 425, a long term Sunday School teacher at Kenilworth Union Church and served as a member of the Winnetka District #36 School Board from 2003-09. Jeff's three daughters, 20, 18, and 16 were all active participants in Winnetka Park District activities in their day.

Dale Wyant, Fundraising Chair

Dale Wyant, Precinct 19, is serving her second year as Fundraising Chair, after serving in 2007 and 2008 on the Winnetka Caucus Council. She has lived in Winnetka for more than 14 years and is married with two boys - one at Washburne School and one at New Trier. She is on the Executive Board and is the Treasurer of The H.O.S.T. Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that serves Chicagoland's underprivileged. She has also served on many local boards, including District 36's Central PTO, the Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood, the Winnetka Community Nursery School, and the New Trier Oversight Committee. She also continues to volunteer in various capacities at both Washburne and New Trier. Dale graduated from Kenyon College and worked as an Institutional Equity Salesperson at Robert Fleming Inc., Piper Jaffray and Hopwood and William Blair and Company, LLC where she was a Principal.

Victoria McDonough, Secretary

Victoria McDonough, a resident of Precinct 12, is in her second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. Victoria previously served on the Village Platform Committee. She and her husband, Joshua, have lived in Winnetka since 2008. Victoria also volunteers as an advisor for the Northwestern chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, as a chaperone for high school mission trips at Kenilworth Union Church, and at the Kenilworth Union Church Rummage Sale. She graduated high school from New Trier and received her B.S. in Economics with a minor in Japanese from the University of Alabama.

MAJOR COMMITTEES

Irvina Warren, Library Chair

Irvina Warren, Precinct 8, and her husband have lived in Winnetka for 44 years . Their children attended Winnetka public schools and graduated from New Trier High School. She received her B.A. from the University of Chicago and M.S. in social work from Case Western Reserve and worked for several hospitals and nonprofit agencies in the Chicago area. For eight years, she was a trustee for New Trier Township. She was one of the founders of the Winnetka Friends of the Library. This is her second year on the caucus; she served previously in 1980.

John Riddle, Parks Chair

John Riddle is a first year member of the Winnetka Caucus Council. He and his wife Nancy have lived in Winnetka since 2008. John has a son at Hubbard Woods School, and his family are all active participants in Winnetka Park District activities. John is a partner with Brown Gibbons Lang & Company. He has a B.A. from Wabash College, and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Alice Clark, Schools Committee Chair

Alice Clark, Precinct 9, moved with her family to Winnetka in 1999 from Paris. Her two children are graduates of New Trier High School. Alice spent thirty years working as an international banker with postings in Chicago, Paris and Moscow, among others; she recently retired. She has an undergraduate degree in Russian and advanced degrees in history and economics. Most of Alice's earlier education took place abroad: she attended much of elementary school in Germany and middle school in Haiti. Her college work included time in Russia. Alice remains deeply interested in educational issues. Since her retirement she has enjoyed volunteering for the Caucus and the League of Women Voters. She is also managing several genetic genealogy projects.

Susan Harris, Village Candidates sub-Committee Chair

Susan Harris, a resident of Precinct 19, is serving her second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council and her first year on the Executive Committee. She has been a resident of Winnetka for 15 years. During that time Susan served two elected terms on the Winnetka District 36 School Board, including one year as Vice President and 6 years as Secretary. Susan served on the District 36 Strategic Planning Committee as a Subject Matter Expert and has been on The Strategic Planning Committee for the Music Institute of Chicago since 2006. She served on the Board of the New Trier Swim Club for 5 years, including 4 years on the Executive Committee. She was a Girl Scout leader for 8 years and taught Sunday school at Christ Church for a decade. Susan is a Senior Partner/Owner of NorthStar Strategies, a marketing consulting firm. She holds a B.A. from Vassar College and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Carol Fessler, Village Platform sub-Committee Chair

Carol Fessler, a resident of Precinct 11, is serving her third year on the Winnetka Caucus Council and her second year on the Executive Committee. In the previous two years she has served as Chair of the Library Committee and as a member of the Village Platform Committee and Communications Committee. Carol and her husband Rick returned to the Chicago area in 2000 after eleven years in Florida. Here the two youngest of their three children attended Washburne and New Trier. Carol engaged in volunteer activities through the two schools and with the Winnetka Community House Women's Board. While in Florida, Carol served on and chaired the city-county board for cultural affairs. A graduate of Lawrence University (B. Music), Northwestern University (M. Music) and University of Chicago (M.B.A.), Caro has professional experience in strategic planning, finance and marketing, and as an opera singer with the Chicago Opera Theater.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Marie DeLean, Communications Co-Chair

Marie DeLean, a resident of precinct 14, has lived in Winnetka with her husband and two sons since June 2007. Her children attend Crow Island and North Shore Academy Elementary. This is her second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. In 2011, Marie served on the Library and Communications Committees. Marie attended the University of Arizona and Thunderbird School of Global Management and worked in Cross-Cultural Communications, Product Management, and Corporate Marketing Communications for several years before redirecting her talents and interests toward a career in Fine Art Photography.

Kimberly Handler, Communications Co-Chair

Kimberly Handler, a resident of Precinct 47, is returning for her second stint on the Caucus Council. Kim and her husband Tom have lived in Winnetka over 25 years where their three children attended Winnetka Public Schools and New Trier High School. Kim was a financial officer at Kraft Foods and began her professional career at Price Waterhouse. She is a CPA with an B.A. in Economics and Finance from the University of Illinois and a M. Acc. from DePaul University. Kim has volunteered in various capacities for Winnetka and New Trier schools, Kenilworth Union Church and has held numerous positions on the North Shore Board of the Northwestern University Settlement House and the What Women Want!! Board benefiting the Juvenile Protective Association.

Jeff Hoch, New Trier High Township High School Caucus Nominators Committee Chair (See biography for Vice Chair)

Dawn Schiller Livingston, Rules Chair

Dawn Schiller Livingston, Precinct 19, is serving her first year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. She was a corporate lawyer with the Chicago office of Latham & Watkins but is currently not working outside the home. Dawn and her husband, John, have 3 children ages 10, 8, and 4. They have lived in Winnetka for 10 years after living and working in Southeast Asia for 3 years. Dawn received her J.D. from The University of Chicago Law School, an L.L.M. in International Business Law from The University of Exeter in England, and a B.A. in Political Science and International Studies from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Dawn is also a Corporate Board member of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, the Women's Board of the Chicago Boys and Girls Club and the Northwestern University Women's Board.

