



Winter 2024 Newsletter

The Snowbird

When all the ground with snow is white,
The merry snowbird comes,
And hops about with great delight
To find the scattered crumbs.
How glad he seems to get to eat
A piece of cake or bread!
He wears no shoes upon his feet,
Nor hat upon his head.
But happiest is he, I know,
Because no care with bars
Keeps him from walking on the snow
And printing it with stars

Frank D Sherman

President's Corner

Welcome back!

Happy New Year to all Renaissance members. Wish you health and happiness all year.

Our 2023-24 has begun well. Thank you to Sue W. and the Curriculum Committee for organizing a fascinating set of classes, to Jim Condon and crew for such a smooth registration process, to our treasurer Sharon for organizing our finances and easy pay via credit card, to the Special Events Committee for the terrific holiday luncheon, and to Carol Conway for the delightful centerpiece game! Good weather permitted full attendance both on campus and via Zoom in the Fall Term.

Be sure to save the date for the Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. followed by the Spring Renaissance Forum on March 7.

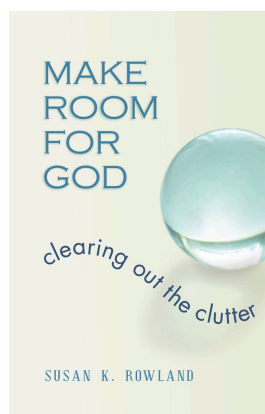
Have you signed up for the Renaissance Facebook page? Pat Schultz and Mike Yaeger have posted many musical memories for us to revisit and enjoy again. Pat has also opened a Flickr account for Renaissance members: lots of fun photos and videos of our recent activities.

Maureen

2024 Dates to Remember



January 9:	Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Zoom
January 15:	Book Club, Oak Lawn Library, 11:00 a.m.
January 16:	First day of winter classes
February 13:	Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Zoom
February 20:	Book Club, Evergreen Park Library, noon
February 21:	Book Club, Zoom, 2:30 p.m.
February 22:	Last day of winter classes
March 7:	Memorial Mass 10 a.m. McDonough Chapel Renaissance Forum 11:30 a.m. Butler Room
March 12:	Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Zoom
April 9:	Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Zoom First day of spring classes
May 16:	Last day of spring classes
May 21:	Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m. Cash Bar 11:30 am. Spring Luncheon Noon Orland Chateau



Book Club – Oak Lawn Library **Monday, January 15, 11:00 – 12:00** Meeting Room C *Carol Conway – Facilitator*

“If you feel lost in our cultural wilderness, in clutter, collecting, consuming, working, worrying, and waiting for something better, I have been lost too. God has shown me a way out. This book is a bit of bright orange paint pointing to the path toward home. Let’s walk it together.”
S. K. Rowland



The Beverly Theatre Guild

announces

Present Laughter

By **Noel Coward**

Is coming to the

Morgan Park Academy Baer Auditorium

2153 W. 111th Street

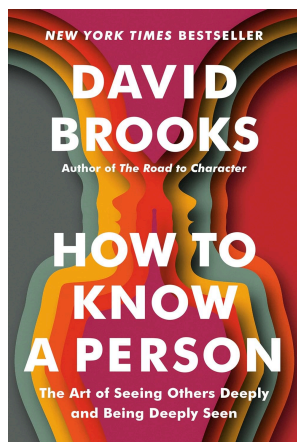
February 16 & 17, 7:30 p.m.

February 18, 2:00 p.m.

Betty Kort is happy to facilitate the purchase of tickets. Please call or email Betty if you want to attend. Let her know *which performance* you want to attend **by January 25**. If there are 12 or more interested, she can order the tickets at the group rate of \$18 each. Otherwise, tickets are \$25, or \$22 for seniors and military veterans.

BTW, Betty is one of the cast members of the play.

She'll be playing Lady Saltburn so please consider supporting this "aging actress"! This show is FUNNY and is bound to sell out before opening day! Phone Betty 708-819-0139 or email candbkort@aol.com



Book Club – Evergreen Park Library

February 20, noon - 1:00

February 21, repeated on Zoom, 2:30

Betty Kort – Facilitator

A practical, heartfelt guide to the art of truly knowing another person to foster deeper connections at home, at work, and throughout our lives.



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Renaissance Email: renaissancechgo@gmail.com

Telephone: 773-298-3149

N.B. Renaissance Office is not staffed; please leave a message or contact us via email.



Join us in prayer...

On **Thursday, March 7, 2024**, Renaissance Academy will hold a **Memorial Mass at 10 a.m.** in McDonough Chapel to remember deceased former members of Renaissance. The last Memorial Mass was in March 2023. We will honor all those who have died since then. If you know of former members, or spouses/children of current

members who have passed away, please send their names to Carol Conway cairec49@yahoo.com



Renaissance Forum: March 7, 11:30 a.m., Butler Room The Six Wives of Henry VIII

Presented by Martina Mathisen

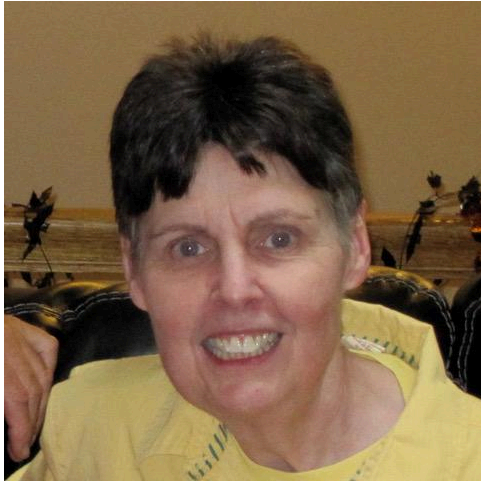
Queen, lover, mother, outcast, victim, survivor: Meet the six wives of Henry VIII as presented by Martina Mathisen of Edutainment Living History in this one-of-a-kind program. You will discover compelling truths about these remarkable women from an intriguing time in history. These

fascinating women led equally fascinating lives apart from how they ended. Martina artfully interweaves tales of power, personality, and politics. Do these six famous wives deserve their popular labels? Meet all six wives of Henry VIII and find out for yourself.

The forum is free of charge for Renaissance Academy members. Guests are welcome for a suggested \$5 **cash** donation. Light refreshments will be served.

ALL attendees (members and guests) must register by sending an email to renaissancechicago@gmail.com

Sneak preview: https://youtu.be/WZa_-Djhwko



A Renaissance Person You Should Know Pat Schultz

by Mary Healy

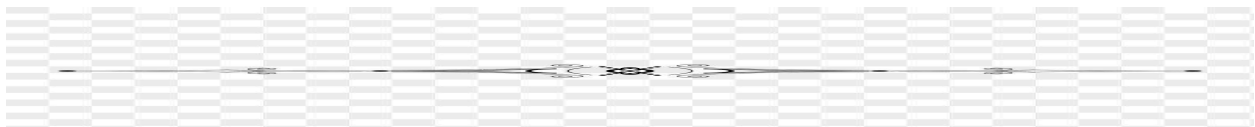
Pat Schultz loves learning and because of that, she loves Renaissance! She has earned many degrees as she traveled through life. Growing up in Ashburn, Pat attended St. Dennis Grammar School and then graduated from The Academy of Our Lady (Longwood). Next was Mundelein where she earned a BA in social science. Eventually, she enrolled at Daley College earning a degree in nursing. But she wasn't finished yet. Later she would be awarded a master's degree from Governor's State in health administration.

Pat began her career as a staff nurse on an in-patient gastroenterology unit at The University of Chicago Hospital. After a couple of years and seeking a new challenge, Pat moved into a position as a research nurse in the Gastroenterology Department. She was privileged to work with a young doctor who achieved considerable success as an IBD specialist.

In this capacity, Pat initiated new research studies, worked on budgets, and maintained the Institutional Review Board (ethics) requirements. She collected relevant data from patients enrolled in the studies. Eventually Pat assumed the duties of supervisor within her research group.

A woman of many interests, Pat was passionate about playing the guitar and singing in her younger years. Perhaps you are enjoying sharing her favorite folk music! She is posting a song a week for a year on our Renaissance Facebook page.

Now in her second year of Renaissance, Pat is enthusiastic about deepening and sharing her many interests: genealogy, digital photography, videography, movie making, and technology. Pat facilitated the AI course during the fall term. And she sits on the board as group historian. Describing her feelings, Pat says Renaissance membership is like being a little kid discovering a playground full of friendly kids always available for making some meaningful fun. She hopes all members experience the great time she is having.



LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

FLICKR SITE!

Photos and videos of Renaissance Academy events are now available to view and download from the Renaissance Academy Flickr site thanks to Pat Schultz!

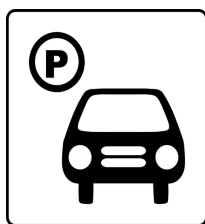
<https://bit.ly/RA-Flickr>

You may also view these albums by going to the Renaissance Academy Home page <https://www.renaissancechgo.org> and clicking on Past Events Photos at the bottom of the page.

Pat would be happy to create a Flickr group for Academy members where their own photos and videos taken at Renaissance events could be shared with other Renaissance members. She'll discuss this in her winter "Fun with Tech" class. She's always looking for others to help capture our events—shoot photos or videos. **Anyone interested can email schultzp@comcast.net.**

FACEBOOK PAGE!

Have you joined the Renaissance group on Facebook? New members should have received an email with a link to join. Any Renaissance member who would like to join should email Pat Schultz: schultzp@comcast.net



Great Money Saving Idea for Downtown Chicago Parking!

Received from "Renaissance Woman" Sue Wrzesinski, a member, great facilitator, and wonderful source of information! Thanks for sharing.

Go to <https://www.millenniumgarages.com/flexdailycard/>

The **Millennium Garages** (Grant Park South, Grant Park North, Millennium Park, and Millenium Lakeside) offer discounted parking rates through a **Flex Daily Card** that you can get for free. (To obtain sign-up in person at one of the garage offices.)

Benefits of Flex Daily Card:

- A discounted 12-hour rate you can use any day, at any time!
- Your credit card on file is only charged upon each use.
- No contracts and no minimum usage.
- Self-manage your account *after* signing up in person through the [Flex Daily Card Portal](#)
- If you would like a discounted rate at one of our 4 garages, please visit the garage office or email us at sales@millenniumgarages.com. Great discounts. (Sue paid \$14.20 on a Friday for several hours. She found this while trying to get parking for the Symphony.) One must provide an ID, credit card, auto license number, and description. You'll then be given a digital touch pass to use entering and leaving the garage. The fee is deducted from your credit card on file, fees vary.

Mission Statement

The Renaissance Academy at Chicago NFP was created for those individuals of the community, retired and semi-retired, who have the desire to learn simply for the joy and excitement of learning. Its primary purpose is to provide forums for participatory group study on topics decided on by the membership. The focus is on member participation and peer teaching. Aims include intellectual stimulation, cultural enrichment, and fellowship.



Renaissance is Pleased to Welcome the Following New Members Winter 2024!

Ms. Laura Amaro
Ms. Jean Catania
Ms. Joann Danczak
Mrs. Pat Donovan
Mr. Bill Hurley
Mrs. Mariann Kwinn
Ms. Diane Oberts
Ms. Kathy O'Brien
Mrs. Denise O'Malley
Ms. Lourdes T. Torres

Shannon Center

We can walk at the Shannon Center any time Tuesdays and Thursdays when our classes are in session **without** a Shannon membership. Shannon Center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Check in at the desk on the first floor. We can not walk at Shannon Center when Renaissance is **not** in session.



Annual Spring Luncheon!

Renaissance Academy is pleased to once again host the Spring Luncheon for current members.

Orland Chateau
14500 S. La Grange Rd.
Orland Park, IL

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Cash Bar - 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon - noon

Reservations will be required, you may invite a guest for a charge tbd.

*"There is no time like Spring
When life's alive in everything."*
Christina Rosetti, "Spring"

TGITT!

The Special Events Committee is working on securing a location for another TGITT gathering toward the end of February. It's a good way to socialize outside of class and get to know Renaissance members. Details will be announced when finalized.



2023 - 2024
Renaissance Academy



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