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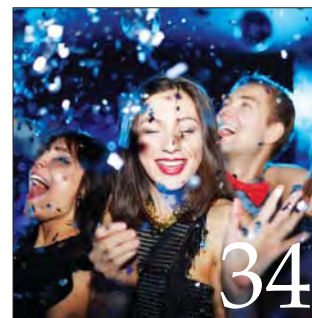
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Hello!

15 MOST CHARITABLE WOMEN OF 2017

As we are busy celebrating the season with friends and loved ones, join us in also celebrating some pretty amazing local women who give back in countless ways. On page 12 of this issue we highlight Glancer Magazine's *15 Most Charitable Women of 2017*, nominated by our readers.

Each story is truly awe-inspiring, teaching us that no matter how busy our lives are, there's always time to help those in need. These women each share a story of their west suburban charitable involvement. They help in ways that mean so much to so many. Each makes the lives of others better through their selfless efforts and their acts of graciousness and kindness are felt throughout the community all year long in many different ways. We hope you enjoy this special feature!

If you love this issue, be sure to subscribe so you don't miss a single feature, photo or fabulous event invitation. 2018 will kick off with our annual *Healthy Vibes* issue arriving January 2. Many more captivating themes will follow including *The Besties Issue*, *Fit N' Happy Kids*, *It's Porch Party Time*, *20 Under 35*, *Cozy House* and many more.

Be sure to view the new online business magazine *Local Influential-Chicago* where members of the business community mentor the marketplace with their story of inspiration and perseverance. As the exclusive marketing partner for *Local Influential-Chicago*, we will publish a different local influencer from the site inside each printed edition of Glancer Magazine. Visit the site today at www.LocalInfluential.com to learn more and watch as it blooms with new Local Influencers added weekly. Each story is so inspiring!

Please remember to celebrate the season safely and help someone in need. You could change someone's life with a simple act of kindness and graciousness. Happy Holidays to you and yours and thank you so much for reading.

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Join in on the colorful fun for the 7th Annual Holiday Lights display, opening on Friday, November 24 and running 5-9pm nightly through Sunday, December 31. Holiday Lights at Mooseheart is one of Chicagoland's largest light displays! The lighted route is approximately 1.8 miles and has more than 80 lighted displays to view. It's so much fun for the entire family. For a list of FAQs visit www.mooseheart.org/event/holiday-lights/



NAPER LIGHTS Various Dates In December

Stroll the museum grounds and experience a magical holiday lights celebration! Naper Lights, presented by The Sunrise Rotary Club of Naperville, will be open Thursdays from 4-7pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 4-9pm and Sundays from 4 to 6pm from Nov. 24 to Dec. 17. Guests will also be able to enjoy Naper Lights from Dec. 18 to 23 Sunday through Thursday from 4-8pm and Friday and Saturday from 4pm-9pm. The lights will be viewable from outside of Naper Settlement from Dec. 24-26. Admission is free. Visit www.naperlights.com.

ELF THE MUSICAL Through January 7 • Paramount Theatre In Aurora

Based on the hilarious 2003 Will Ferrell movie, Elf is one of those rare holiday shows that will have both kids and adults lighting up with laughter, humming tunes like "A Christmas Song" and "Sparkle-jolly-tinkle-jingle" for days and rediscovering what it means to be a family. And Paramount has become the place that families head to for memorable holiday experiences. From the two-story Christmas tree in the lobby, to the thousands of sparkling lights adorning the banisters, to the carolers filling the air with song, you can't help but get into the spirit the minute you walk through the doors. So this holiday season, join the Paramount family for the perfect feel-good show that will turn even the grumpiest of grinchers into a happy-go-lucky bearer of Christmas cheer, singing loud for all to hear. Tickets \$38-74 www.paramountaurora.com/events/elf-the-musical/



CHRISTKINDLMARKET NAPERVILLE RETURNS THIS YEAR

The Christkindlmarket is one of the most spectacular outdoor events in the holiday season. Let your family discover this festive German and European tradition with international flair and local charm at Naper Settlement. Enjoy high quality gifts and food and create lasting memories! Running through December 24: Thurs 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm Also open: December 18-21 11am-8pm, December 24 11am-4pm Explore special events and entertainment at www.christkindlmarket.com/naperville.

THE WAILERS AT NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE • January 27

The legendary Wailers band returns to bring its revolutionary sound to fans around the world. Steered by famed bassist and founder Aston "Familyman" Barrett and joined in solidarity with original Wailers' guitarists Julian Junior Marvin and Donald Kinsey, The Wailers continue to make musical history. Don't miss this once in a lifetime experience on Saturday, January 27 at North Central College. For tickets visit, www.northcentralcollege.edu/tickets.



STAND UP COMIC DENNIS MILLER AT ARCADE THEATRE • St. Charles • January 11

Dave Miller the stand-up comedian, talk show host, political commentator, sports commentator, actor, and television and radio personality joins the Arcade to have a laugh at the world around us!

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Oak Brook • January 18-March 25 Music by: Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by: Tim Rice

The meteoric first collaboration of Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, finishes our season with a bang. Join Israel's favorite son, Joseph, through his tumultuous ascent to the top in this timeless reminder of the unquenchable thirst of a man with a dream who had the courage to forge the destiny of a people and its powerful message of hope. The classic story of Joseph is paired with exuberant music, featuring favorites such as "Close Every Door," "Go, Go, Go Joseph" and "Any Dream Will Do." Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is recommended for audiences ages 5+. www.drurylane.com



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Noah's Hope "A Fifth Season" Benefit (Nov 11)
 Noah's Hope-Hope4Bridget Foundation hosted a fundraiser titled: "A Fifth Season" at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Brook. Funds raised will further scientific research for a terminal pediatric brain disease called CLN2 Batten disease. Nearly 500 attendees raised over \$200,000 for future research. Attendees from many nearby communities came out in force to support the Noah's Hope - Hope4Bridget Foundation, headquartered in Downers Grove. More information at www.NoahsHope.com Photos by Mike Catuara

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YOU'VE BEEN GLANCED AT....
Glen Ellyn Ladies Night Out (Nov 14)
 Glen Ellyn Ladies Night Out (Nov 14) – Downtown Glen Ellyn was the place to be on Tuesday evening as countless ladies enjoyed shopping and dining on the town. The night was full of music, cocktails, appetizers, special deals and plenty of holiday inspiration. Ladies Night Out is an annual event that offers something for everyone: shopping, quality time with friends and new boutiques to explore! . For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.downtownglenellyn.com. Photos by Mike Catuara



HOLIDAY FUN 2017

5 Things to Do



1. SHOP & GIVE BACK AT NANETTE'S

Known as the "Giving Boutique" this west suburban shop has beautiful items and adorable gifts for all occasions with new items arriving weekly! Be sure to visit today and support the many charities that Nanette's gives to throughout the year. Formerly in Yorkville, the boutique is now located in Sugar Grove. Nanette's has made each of the selected lines affordable, providing quality and services similar to a high end store on Michigan Avenue with warmth and a personal shopping experience. *Nanette's, 50 Cross Street, Sugar Grove • Follow Nanette's on Facebook Today!*

2. ILLUMINATION: TREE LIGHTS AT THE MORTON ARBORETUM • Through January 1

The Morton Arboretum is glowing with luminous, multi-colored LED light, mesmerizing projections, and trees that respond to touch and sound, as Illumination: Tree Lights makes its return. In its fifth year, Illumination has become a tradition and a can't-miss holiday event that encourages visitors to see trees in a different light. www.mortonarb.org



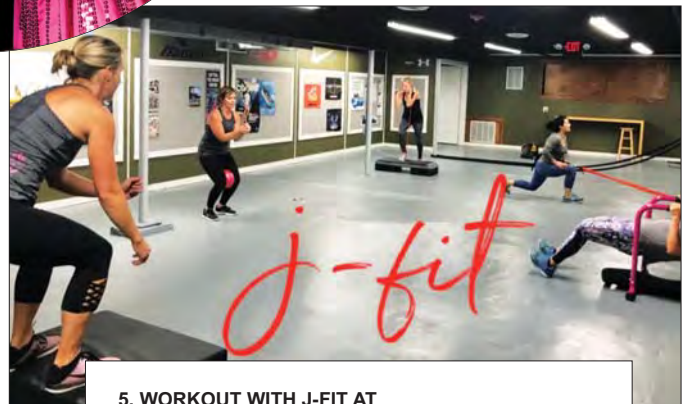
3. SHOP LOCAL, BUY LOCAL IN BEAUTIFUL GLEN ELLYN

Shopping locally gives the economy tools to thrive. Research shows that for every \$100 you spend in a local small business, \$68 stays in the community. Buying locally supports local jobs, funds more local services through sales tax and invests in neighborhood improvement and development. With nearly 50 unique shops in the downtown and even more on Roosevelt Road, the community invites you to shop Glen Ellyn this holiday season. These locally owned businesses offer unique and diverse gift giving opportunities for all of your holiday shopping needs.



4. VISIT SANTA @ THE SETTLEMENT

Get in the spirit this holiday season by visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Santa @ the Settlement taking place on Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 9am-12pm. Visitors will be able to share their wishes in their letter to Santa, craft two ornaments in Santa's Workshop and prepare a magical treat for Santa's reindeer in the Reindeer Food Factory. Be sure to visit Mrs. Claus' Bakery to help her decorate cookies, then gather around for story time. Bring your cameras for a special photo with Santa. Admission is \$15 per person and \$13 per member. Children under 1 year old are free. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call (630) 420-6010. *Naper Settlement's winter programming is provided by The Stenger Devermann Group at Morgan Stanley.*



5. WORKOUT WITH J-FIT AT THE UNDERGROUND PLAYGROUND

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15 Most Charitable Women of the year

Each of These Women Were Nominated by Our Readers for Their Love of Helping Others, Inspiring While Giving Back with Passion & Kindness

Tonya Harris, Geneva

CLUBS TO CURE KIDS

Tonya Harris was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of seven, so being involved in organizations that supported children with cancer was always an important one for her. Clubs to Cure Kids was created ten years ago to celebrate her 25th anniversary as a childhood leukemia survivor. A present to give forward. The Clubs to Cure Kids golf outing, now on its 8th event, has donated over \$160,000 to support childhood cancer research and family support programs.

"The day of the event is always so fun," says Tonya. "I love being able to present a check to the doctor who treated me. It makes all the hard work worth it!" Besides her own events, she supports other organizations that work to help pediatric cancer patients including The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. Although she will always continue to support cancer research, she hopes to expand her scope to include the child and their families during their hospital stay. "The hospital can be a lonely place," explains Tonya, "so I would like to do what I can to bring them a sense of comfort and normalcy." -MK



Missy Donovan of Geneva

MISSY DONOVAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Missy uses her talent as a photographer to generously give back. "I love anything that has to do with children and recently did a photoshoot benefiting Gigi's Playhouse, where I collaborated with Flair on 3rd," she says. "I took photos of families, who donated what money they could to Gigi's, and I then gave them the images from their shoot."

This is daily living for Missy who is mother to 7 children and 1 grandchild. She started

her photography career by taking photos during her son's sporting events, which developed into a lifestyle. Years later, she still donates her time back to the high school's games, events, and ceremonies, as well as many other local organizations, such as Living Well Cancer Center.

"My family has been affected by cancer too many times for me to count and I just want to give families a moment to celebrate life," she says of photographing cancer patients at every stage. "It really puts things into perspective."

Missy's big-heartedness also extends to CASA Kane County raising almost \$20,000 spearheading two different fashion shows over the years. She believes in seizing the moment and capturing the essence of life in photographs.

www.missydonovanphotography.com -KK



Holly Simon of Chicago

I AM WHO I AM

"I will roar louder than any lion - these children deserve it. It's time for our world to change. We need acceptance, awareness, inclusion, friendships, understanding, kindness and love." A powerful statement by Holly Simon, who founded "I Am Who I Am" after being inspired by an insensitive statement made after the birth of her son, Nate, who was born with Down Syndrome. "The doctors told me they were sorry," Holly shares. "I immediately realized that no child should be born into the world with an 'I'm sorry'."

Holly has five children (14 to 23 years old); she is a breast cancer survivor; the author of "I Am Who I Am" (<https://www.amazon.com/I-Am-Who/dp/1329911997>); and spends 40 hours a week running the foundation and their new "I Am" bath and body products line created to give teens and adults with special abilities something to work at and to believe in. They currently sell soaps, bath bombs, lotions, lip balm and inspirational jewelry. Holly has created a job platform for all abilities, which also includes designing beautiful artwork and producing posters, holiday cards, and ornaments. (www.iam-wholam.com).

Holly's commitment is fueled by passion and the aspiration to create positive change. -KK





Adriana Francois of Aurora

**SIMPLY DESTINEE/
PEACEJAM/
HOPE TAKES ACTION**
Giving all her free time to countless not-for-profit youth organizations, Adriana actively volunteers with the hope she can create a better future for local youth. Her family transferred from Panama to Chicago in 1988 and she understood firsthand how a community can make you feel alienated and unwanted, so she became active with PeaceJam Aurora, Hope

Takes Action Aurora, and Simply Destinee.

"I feel these organizations are tackling a lot of local issues, such as, poverty, the attack of middle class, and noncompetitive after-school activities; while also providing tools to grow for families that desperately need it," Adriana says. She is passionate about helping the kids at Simply Destinee because they are fervent about tough topics like suicide, bullying and depression and use the art of dance to help kids ages 7 to 18 build confidence and self-esteem. Adriana volunteers nearly 30 hours a week maintaining a focus on education, tutoring kids and connecting them with scholarships for summer camps; meanwhile working to raise funds for building rent, so they can continue to provide free dance opportunities to area youths.

With a never-ending positive spirit, Adriana works tirelessly to create a better life for the youth in her community. www.simplydestinee.com -KK

Danielle Tufano of Aurora

**CONTENT AND PROGRAM
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Danielle's work schedule allows her the flexibility to volunteer often. "I didn't grow up with a lot of money or fancy things, but I did grow up surrounded by love," Danielle says. "I think that it is important to show love to people that need it most and volunteering is one of the best ways to do that."

Danielle joined the Naperville Jaycees in 2013 because she sought to partner with an organization that made a large impact. Throughout her years, Danielle has served on the Board of Directors, the Last Fling Executive Committee, and led various committees, such as the Distinguished Service Awards, Food Giving, and Lobster Day.

Beyond Jaycees, Danielle has immersed herself into an organization called Miss Amazing which hosts pageant-like events for females with disabilities. "These events give a platform for the girls to shine," she shares. "This is a judgement free zone that allows these girls to build self-confidence and show how AMAZING they are."

Danielle's acts of service also reach to "Game On" for Naperville Community Television, the American Cancer Society's Fox Valley Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, and Dancing With the Celebrities for the Community Career Center! -KK



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Crystal Krueger of South Elgin

**SIMPLY CRYSTAL
ELECTROLYSIS AND
SKIN CARE**
When Crystal was in high school, she started to develop unwanted facial hair. Having no education or direction to follow, she looked into a more permanent solution for hair removal instead of continual waxing and tweezing.

Inspired by her own journey, Crystal became a licensed Esthetician and Electrologist and opened her own business. She discovered that many women suffered from Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) which can

leave them with excessive unwanted facial hair, weight gain, acne, and infertility. Knowing electrolysis is costly and the only proven method of permanent hair removal; Crystal decided to offer approximately \$30,000/year in scholarship monies providing free treatments to selected women to help re-establish their self-esteem and confidence.

Crystal is all about supporting women and their fight to feel beautiful. As the daughter of a breast cancer victim, she also created a Breast Cancer Awareness program at the all-boys Marmion Academy in Aurora and spearheaded fundraisers which accrued \$30,000+ for The LivingWell Cancer Resource Center in Geneva, her favorite charity.

Living out the essence of generosity daily, Crystal is demonstrating the art of selfless giving for her children, Brock and Brienna. -KK

Stacey Sutter of St. Charles

CAL'S ANGELS

In June of 2005, Stacey Sutter's life was turned upside down when her stepson, Cal, then 12, was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. Cal ultimately lost his battle with leukemia, but the courage he had throughout his treatments inspired the start of the Cal's All-Star Angel Foundation, Inc.. Since their inception in 2007, Cal's Angels has raised over 6.5 million dollars and helped thousands of families in the Chicagoland area.

As President and Co-Founder of Cal's Angels, Stacey spends her days honoring their mission of granting wishes, raising awareness and funding research to help kids fight cancer. More than just a spokesperson, Stacey is hands-on with the children and their families providing pizza parties at the hospitals, delivering comfort kits filled with goodies to make their stay more comfortable, and most importantly hugs!

Remembering how difficult the Christmas holiday was for their family during Cal's sickness, Stacey has created her favorite program, the 12 Days of Christmas. This program assists families with shopping for all the family's children, wrapping and tagging gifts, delivering baked goods and a gingerbread house and a holiday meal gift card. She never forgets the siblings. "Pediatric cancer is not only a struggle for the sick child and their parents, but affects the siblings as well," says Stacey. "It's important to take care of the whole family." -MK



Nettie Badgley of Yorkville

100+ WOMEN WHO
CARE OSWEGO/
MONTGOMERY/
YORKVILLE (OMY)

Starting with her first church work camp at just 3 years old, Nettie has always been a part of some type of philanthropic effort or group. A long-time Jaycee and Rotarian, she missed being a part of something, but after being blessed with children, simply did not have the time she had before to volunteer. Having been a part of the Naperville chapter of 100+ Women Who Care, Nettie could see the immediate impact this type of effort can make; hence, formed 100+ Women Who Care OMY in 2015 with just 11 members. To date, they have 58 members/teams who faithfully write \$100 checks and have donated over \$34,000 to local organizations.

In the words of the first founder, Karen Dunigan, "The rules are simple, any member can present a need in the community, the need has to be immediate and the money has to remain local. The idea is that a worthy cause benefits many in the community."

With just four, one-hour meetings/year on the 2nd Monday of every February, April, September and November, Nettie loves sharing precious time with like-minded, kind-hearted women. Their ultimate goal is to reach 100+ members and present a \$10,000 gift all at once to a deserving local organization! www.100WWC-OMY.org -KK



Becky Beilfuss of Glen Ellyn

TEEN PARENT CONNECTION

Long time Glen Ellyn resident, Becky Beilfuss was just sixteen when she became pregnant with her first child and became a teenage mother. "There was no shortage of people to tell me how I had ruined my life," says Becky. "My goals have always been on proving them wrong." She worked hard taking night classes, working part-time jobs and caring for her children to provide a solid home. One day, while skimming through the local newspaper, she stumbled upon an article about Teen Parent Connection and knew in an instant this was an organization she could put her whole heart into.

The goal of Teen Parent Connection is to provide teenage parents in DuPage County with parenting education, support and resources to improve outcomes for both parent and child alike. In addition, the organization provides prevention education to more than 14,000 middle and high school students each year delivering a powerful message on the risks and responsibilities of adolescent pregnancy and parenting.

Becky has worked and volunteered with Teen Parent Connection now for roughly 27 years, starting out facilitating peer led support groups then with the speaker's bureau speaking to students about the realities of teenage pregnancy. As she grew with the organization, so did her role. She now serves as their Executive Director, constantly looking for ways to serve the teenage moms. -MK



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To Ondrea, giving is its own reward no matter how cliché that sounds. She fully believes in doing what makes you happy as much as possible.

"After all, we only get one go around at life, we might as well make it memorable," she says after realizing this first hand when her brother lost his battle with cancer.

He was a patient at Comer Children's Hospital in Chicago for 6 years. Once witnessing many sick children during the holidays, she wanted to do something special and began doing a toy drive 13 years ago.

"I collect toys every year - they go directly to the Child Life Specialists Director who takes them to the gift room so they have toys for each boy/girl," Ondrea says. "They get presents to help them through being in the hospital during the time where kids should be carefree and not concerned if Santa is going to be able to find them or not."

The toy drive has grown exponentially over the years and donations are surpassing \$7000 each year in products and monetary contributions. Ondrea hopes to continue to grow and welcomes any interest in helping to email her at ondrea@ondreaweikum.com. -KK



Jessi Harnish of Naperville

ILLINOIS MISS
AMAZING

As a healthcare professional, Jessi Harnish is always looking for ways to give back. When she volunteered the first time at Illinois Miss Amazing, she fell in love with the organization and their mission. Miss Amazing, Inc. holds annual events on the state and national level for girls and women with disabilities to promote confidence in a supportive environment. Each event includes a talent show, interviews, and onstage introductions. Every participant is crowned a princess and six are selected as representatives to use Illinois Miss Amazing as a platform to raise awareness for girls and women with disabilities.

After that day, Jessi wanted to take a more active role as the Illinois Director. Come this April she will have been Director for four years. Over the last 3 years, 130 girls and women with disabilities from across the state have participated, 300+ volunteers have given their time, and over 1,500 pounds of canned food have been collected and donated to local food pantries.

"I love seeing the growth in a participant's confidence," says Jessi. "We hear countless stories that families saw a visible positive change in their daughter's confidence from the event. This is the most rewarding part of what we do." -MK



April Schipper of Montgomery

CAMP OUT FROM CANCER

April's son, Isaac was diagnosed with brain cancer when he was just 5 years old. He went through brain surgery, 30 days of radiation, and nine rounds of chemotherapy over 15 months. Currently in remission, April feels very blessed by all the support they received and recognized she wanted to "Pay it Forward" by providing comfort for others who also were enduring similar circumstances.

Knowing it was a scary time for her son, she wanted to give families something fun to do to help take their mind off of cancer; hence, Camp Out From Cancer was formed (www.facebook.com/CampOutFromCancer/) in 2013.

"We are 100% volunteer-based and our care packages include: an indoor pop-up play tent, books, flashlight, glow bracelet, s'mores snack, reusable book bag, a Lego set, and socks that say "I Am Brave!", April says. "We have sent 800+ care packages to children with cancer. All of this is done in our basement and 90% of the care packages have been packed by Isaac and my daughter Ivy."

April finds solace in their organization. As a 1st grade teacher and busy mom, COFC is her therapy to keep her "cancer mom mind focused in a positive



Alta Goldstein of Naperville

CHABAD JEWISH CENTER OF NAPERVILLE

For the past twelve years, Alta Goldstein and her husband, Rabbi Mendy Goldstein have worked diligently to create a community that welcomes every Jewish person, regardless of their affiliations. The Chabad Jewish Center of Naperville is a non-profit organization that caters to every age and stage in the Jewish community.

Alta provides many different services for the center. She ensures that Jewish education is provided in an engaging environment by overseeing and teaching at the Hebrew School, running the CTeen program and organizing events for Jewish families. She also mentors the women in the community with monthly Torah and Tea gatherings, provides individual support to congregants in need, and visits with local seniors in nursing homes. One of her most important roles is to extend love and kindness to the entire community by organizing events around the Jewish holidays and welcoming Jewish families into her home for Shabbat meals. She and her husband are working toward creating a bigger Chabad Center—including a synagogue, classrooms, a commercial kitchen where families can cook together before events, and a social hall for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs—where every Jew would feel welcome and included. Chabad of Naperville is entirely funded by local generous supporters, and they are always grateful for the donations and volunteers that help make Chabad what it is. —MK



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Dr. Alvenia Rhea Albright of Naperville

RHEA OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Thirteen years ago, Dr. Alvenia Rhea Albright had a holiday party at her home and shared her vision for a foundation that would support underserved, at-risk girls, teens and young women. She asked her guests to join her in this work. That was the beginning of the Rhea of Hope Foundation. Today they work with multiple organizations, schools and community organizations to provide mentoring, coaching, academic support and programs to expose these underserved girls to a wide array of cultural, intellectual, spiritual, psychological and economic experiences. "I find the most fulfillment when working directly with our girls," says Alvenia. "To witness the broad array of talent and their full potential is always uplifting and motivational." The foundation has maintained the philosophy, "Changing One Life at a Time, One Day at a Time" and can proudly state they have affected close to 3,000 at-risk young women. Six years ago, they started their scholarship program and have provided \$30,000 in scholarships to 33 recipients.

Alvenia has recently published her first book, They Matter...Leadership Lessons from Everyday Heroes and Heroines. It is a collection of stories and critical lessons that have impacted her life's journey. The book can be purchased directly through www.rheaofohopefoundation.org. All proceeds from the sale of the book are donated to Rhea of Hope's future programs. —MK



Nicole Suchevis of Naperville

360 FIT STUDIO

Nicole Suchevis of Naperville has found a unique way to giving back to her community. She owns 360 Fit Naperville, a fitness studio located on Washington Street that has become more than just a place to work out. "My goal was to open a studio that would be part of the surrounding community to help foster connections," says Nicole. "What evolved was so much greater and rewarding than I ever expected."

360 Fit has hosted several fundraisers for various charities that offered group fitness classes where instructors donate their time and people pay for classes. All of the proceeds from each event went to the respective charity. Along with these large fundraiser events, Nicole discounts monthly memberships to local school district employees, hosts free yoga classes for Veterans of War and post-marathon, half-marathon and triathlon participants, hosts girl scout troops earning their Fitness Badge, and donated to many local organizations and schools fundraising programs.

"It didn't take long to discover that even a small local business could make a positive difference," states Nicole. "I'm thrilled that 360 Fit is more than just a work out facility. 360 Fit is a community!" —MK



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MONTHLY FEATURE

Literary Locals

Jennifer Meiring, Batavia A TRUE TALE OF A CHICKEN-DUCK NAMED CHUCK

Batavia resident Jennifer Meiring is an animal lover through and through. As a stay-at-home mom, she found some extra time once her kids started school to become a pet sitter, a dog walker and to write a fun children's book about animals.



A True Tale of a Chicken-Duck Named Chuck is a book based on a true story. "My parents live in Michigan, and chickens and ducks are always coming and going near their barn," says Jennifer. "When my mom told me about one chicken that was raising a duckling, I knew it would make a great children's story. I like the message of unconditional love."

When Jennifer first wrote the story six years ago, she found it was difficult as a new author to get published. She chose to self-publish, but to do that, she needed an illustrator. Luckily, a friend of hers, Carmen Hampson, also of Batavia, was interested in taking on the project. "What she came up with was perfect for the story," claims Jennifer.

Their book can be found at Town House Books in St. Charles, as well as Kiss the Sky and 715 Vintage in Batavia. It can also be purchased directly by emailing chickenduckbook@gmail.com. —Mindy Kyle

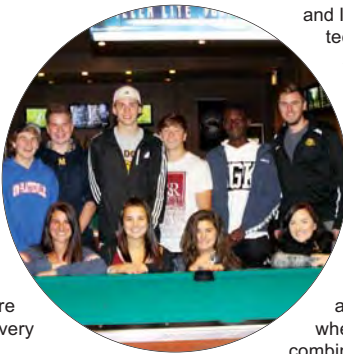
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ABOUT THE WRITER

Naperville mom Kristen Kucharski graduated from Illinois State University in 1992 with an International Business Degree. She is married and has two energetic daughters and her house is always full of children. Kristen's column titled, Mom's Little Black Book, is a monthly feature written for moms who are looking for ways to keep their kids busy.



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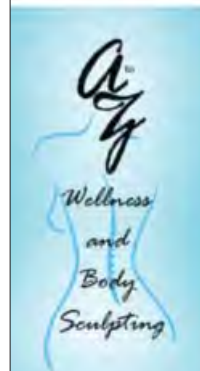
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Yup, it’s that time of year again! I’m not just talking about the beautiful holiday decorations and music, the rush of gift shopping, and the gathering of families. I’m talking about my kids asking to make holiday cookies every day starting December 1st. It is a fun time in our house as we sing carols and decorate our treats (and the kitchen counter) in every color frosting there is. It always feels so festive, and the kids love giving away plates to our neighbors and friends. Home-baked cookies tend to put a smile on your face. This is the emotion that volunteers of all ages hope to evoke during the holidays for families staying at Chicagoland Ronald McDonald Houses (RMH) through the Cookies from the Heart program.

The Ronald McDonald Houses are built near local hospitals to provide accommodations to families with sick children so they can stay together. “It’s not unusual for families to stay for weeks or months as their child receives treatment,” says Lisa Mitchell, Vice President of Programs and Services for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. “We want to do as much as we can to make them feel they are at home during their stay. Something as simple as a freshly baked cookie can make a big difference.”

Cookies from the Heart offers volunteer groups of up to ten people the opportunity to bake cookies for families staying at the houses. From

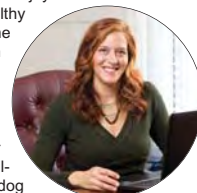
corporate groups, scout troops, to friends and families, volunteers come together in the RMH kitchens to prepare treats and fill the home with a welcoming aroma of freshly baked cookies. Last year, 838 Cookies from the Heart groups graced their five RMH kitchens with an estimated 90,000 cookies lovingly prepared.

The closest RMH kitchen in the Western suburbs is near Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield. The Ronald McDonald Family Room at Edward Hospital in Naperville has also been a recipient of cookies. Groups of up to ten people interested in baking Cookies from the Heart can visit www.rmhcni.org/volunteercdh/ to select a date. If baking isn’t your forte, there are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available as well from preparing a meal for their families, helping with housework, and working at events. Everyone is always welcome!

Mindy’s December Giving Inspiration: While doing your own holiday cookies this year, make a batch for the local fire or police station and/or consider your mailman and garbage man.

ABOUT THE WRITER

Mindy Kyle is the owner of Be Inspired Studios and is passionate about helping people discover what brings them joy and to live a full, healthy and happy life. She has her Masters in Fine Arts degree in creative writing from DePaul University and lives in Naperville with her husband, three children and the cutest dog





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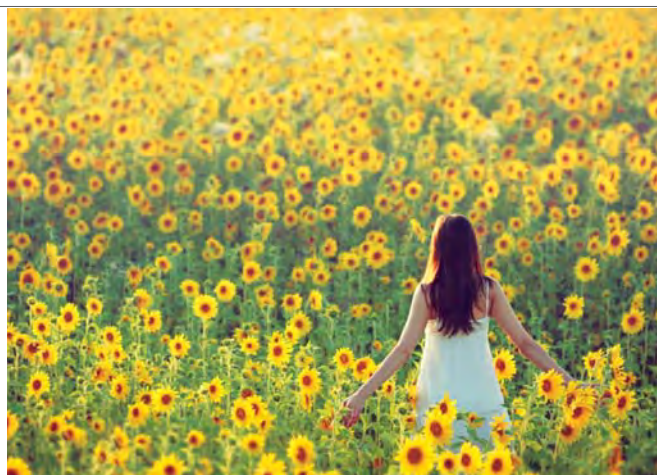
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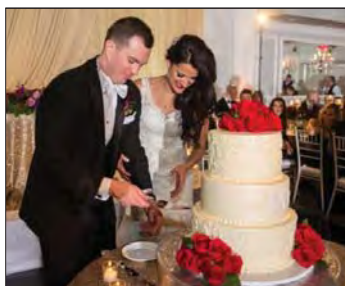
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THE MAGIC BEHIND THE RED DOOR

Measuring only forty-nine inches wide and sixty feet long The Little Popcorn Store is the smallest shop around but has a long history. In 1921 Wheaton resident E. Claire Brown put a roof over an alleyway and with the secret popcorn recipe in hand opened his door. In 1935 the popularity of his popcorn drove him to want a little more space. He found another alley at 111 ¼ Front Street, put a roof over it and popcorn has been popping inside ever since. A Wheaton local, Bill Wakefield took over in 1979 and keeps the memories alive.

As you pull open the red door sandwiched between two storefronts, the smell of freshly popped popcorn brings back many memories. A favorite of young and old Mr. Wakefield sells eight tons of popcorn a year! He uses only white corn, veggie oil and salt. The simple recipe helps to keep the popcorn allergy safe for many children. The narrow store is lined with nostalgic penny candy. From root beer barrels, wax teeth and swirled lollipops to giant jaw breakers and Satellite wafers. You are bound to find a childhood favorite. Although Mr. Wakefield loves chocolate his favorite candy is the grapefruit gummy and we must agree it bursts with flavor.

Mr. Wakefield shared that his favorite part of the day is when the children come in. As we talked a smiling young girl with excitement on her face eyed each candy jar trying to pick just the right sweet treat. She was clenching in her hand a token. Each token awards the lucky child one dollar worth of candy.

This holiday season enjoy some sweet treats from yesteryear, grab a bag of fresh popcorn and make memories with your family. One family started as a proposal with a ring pop and now it is tradition to bring their children. Just look for the red door on Front Street!

ABOUT THE CRITICS Stephanie (right) & Tiffany (left) Schmoker are west suburban sisters who have always shared a love for dining out and they also enjoy cooking together. They came from a family of 7 and grew up on farm with fresh fruits, veggies and more. Watch for their review of a different west suburban restaurant in each issue of *Glancer Magazine*. Invite them to your eatery at editorial@glancermagazine.com.





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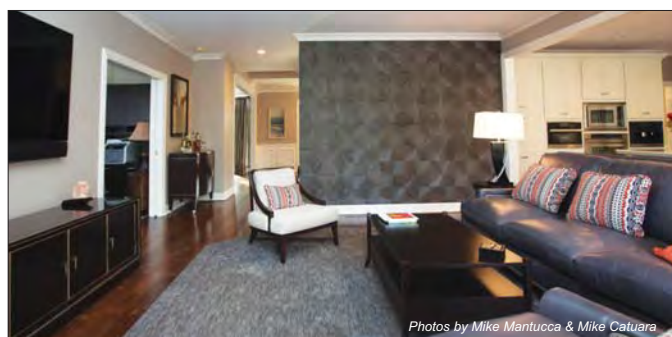
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Inspired by a Love for the Arts, Meet Joan Kaufman, Local Interior Design Influencer

Story by Kristen Kucharski

Joan's love for the arts started in junior high. She gravitated to the Beckman Art Room at Nichols Library in Naperville enjoying books and paintings about art and artists. She loved to draw and paint and proceeded to take classes and learn new techniques. Joan loved to attend special tours and peruse the expansive library at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Joan furthered her studies at the University of Illinois Krannert Art School in both Art and Interior Design, and pursued international education while living in Rome. Joan's interests span into sustainability, creating beautiful spaces that also support health. Owning her own business provides her the flexibility to devote time to family.

"Wearing all hats from mom, to business owner is both exciting and challenging," Joan says. "Staying fresh and relevant in today's ever-changing world is especially important."

Demonstrating a high level of design expertise and dedication to quality service, Joan is a leader in the community; in 2016 Joan earned the Designer of Distinction Award which honors a professional designer who has established a body of superior work demonstrating creativity, excellence, and innovation. A strong leader in eco-friendly design, Joan Kaufman's firm, Interior Planning & Design, Inc., received the 2015 Design Excellence Award for Springbrook Animal Care Center. Her firm is nationally recognized for Lighting Design and

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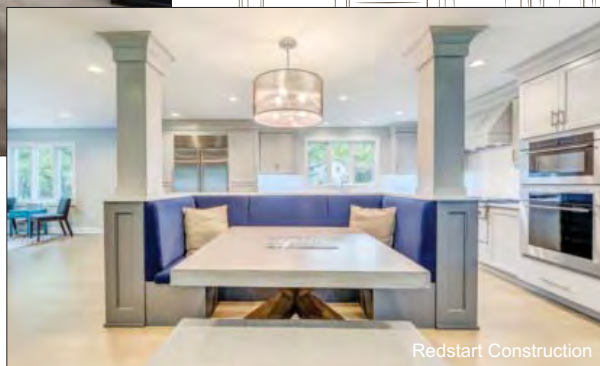
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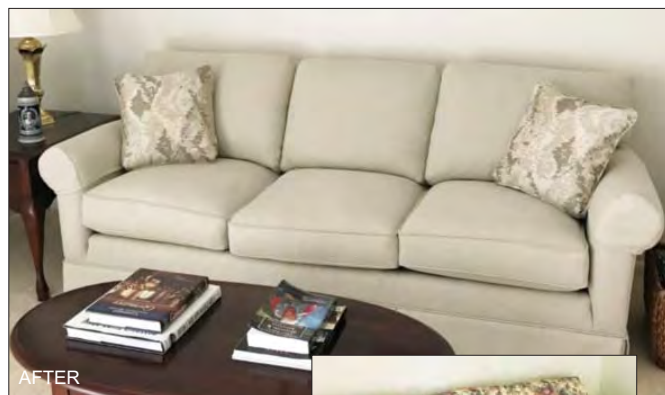
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ABOUT THE WRITER Hank Ebeling is the Owner and Lead Coach at H4 Training. His training systems have helped countless clients achieve their goals and get into the best shape of their lives. Hank has a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine. Hank has been in the training industry for 8+ years working on his craft at numerous health clubs and private training studios. With a passion for fitness, he strives to empower his athletes and clients with knowledge so that they may continue to improve throughout their lives.



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WEST SUBURBAN CHICAGO—For nearly 20 years, founders, Dr. Paul Singh and Dr. Pradeep Khurana have shared their vision of uncompromising excellence in dentistry by offering superior service and the latest in dental technology, innovation and training. With three west suburban Valley View Dental locations, it has fast become a preferred dental practice in the area. The Naperville location recently celebrated 10 years. Area families are invited in to see why so many residents are pleased with both Catherine Rhim, DMD and Homam W. Saadi, DDS, MS, the dentists at this location. "I was very impressed with the services, technology and level of professionalism I experienced in my first visit to Valley View Dental," said Cindy Chrzanowski, a patient at the Naperville location.

The practice offers general, cosmetic, periodontal, implant and orthodontic procedures, in addition to Invisalign, BOOST Teeth Whitening, CEREC one-day crowns and even same day emergency visits. For a complete list of services visit their website.

As a family practice, Valley View Dental listens to and cares for their patients, just as they do for their own family members—extending the philosophy of family in every treatment and service. Valley View Dental recently opened a location on Route 34 in the Ogden Hill Shopping Center in the Montgomery-Oswego area. Call or visit the location nearest you to discover what Valley View Dental is doing right!

By combining gentle care, genuine concern and experience, integrated with on-site labs, a large staff of doctors and extended business hours, Valley View Dental can meet your family's dental needs. As 2017 comes to a close, consider using your insurance benefits and flex spending accounts to make your smile even more memorable this holiday season. —Kristen Kucharski

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Spectacular

PARTIES TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR

"Youth is when you are allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you are forced to. ~Bill Vaughn (1915-1977)

It's time to celebrate the old and ring in the new! Plan a fun celebration with family and friends at one of these local establishments. Each has created a party that is sure to meet expectations, leaving you with special memories to last a lifetime. Some parties listed are perfect for families, others are fit for adults only. Remember to celebrate safely. Here is Glancer Magazine's list of 7 Spectacular Parties to Ring in the New Year.

1.



1. FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE AT FUNWAY

Batavia • 5pm-1:30am

Bowl: Early Bird Bowling Party! Join us for 2 hours of bowling, food, fun and games! Also an early countdown and balloon drop for the little ones! (5-7pm) **Skate:** Bring your friends and family out for a night full of skating, games, a countdown and balloon drop! Noise makers, glow sticks and party hats will get you ready for the epic balloon and confetti drop! (6-9:30pm) **Late:** Ring in the New Year the Funway! Enjoy everything Funway has to offer with this party package, from bowling to skating, to laser tag! You won't want to miss the countdown and balloon drop at midnight! (10pm-1:30am) 1335 S. River St. | Batavia, (630) 879-8717 • www.funway.com

4. NEW YEAR'S EVE AT TOP GOLF

Everyone's favorite, Top Golf, will be decked out in all gold, celebrating with live entertainment, a chef-inspired menu and a midnight celebration to remember. Make your reservation now! General Bay Reservation (1st floor & 3rd floor \$225 per bay) and VIP Bay Reservation (2nd Floor | \$450 per bay) available. www.topgolf.com/us/naperville/

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2. 2017 BUBBLE BASH

DuPage Children's Museum • Naperville
Ring in the New Year with a ROAR at the Museum's 2017 Bubble Bash New Year's Eve celebration on Sunday, December 31, 9am-Noon. This event is loved by all! www.dupagechildrens.org (630) 637-8000

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5. KIDS CLUB NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Pinstripes • Oak Brook

Gather with friends and family for the ultimate "Noon" Year's Eve Celebration! A \$10 ticket includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, NYE party favors, a sparkling cider toast at noon, and a \$5 off brunch voucher. Enjoy our Sunday Brunch buffet during the party, or head over to the bistro for brunch after the fun! Brunch is not included in admission price. *Pinstripes, Oak Brook, www.pinstripes.com*

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7. ARCADE THEATRE'S NEW YEAR'S EVE

WITH THE DIVA MONTELL BAND! • St. Charles

Includes a premium buffet with east coast shrimp cocktail, slow roasted prime rib and more... plus - champagne toast at midnight and a three hour open bar from 8-11! www.arcadalive.com/event/new-years/



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3. RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT PHEASANT RUN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

ST CHARLES—Ring In 2018 at Pheasant Run Resort! Packages include an upscale gala with dinner, drinks and a band, a dance party with drinks, and a night of dining and laughter at Zanies. Options include a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight. Those who prefer to head home at midnight can enjoy dinner, comedy, or the dance party. Pheasant Run is THE New Year's Eve celebration location. See all package options at www.pheasantrun.com.



6. NEW YEAR'S EVE TIMELESS

Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort

Enjoy an elegant evening celebrating in Hollywood style. Enjoy The Rat Pack performance, Open Bar, Opulent Food and Dessert Stations, Party Favors, and a Balloon Drop at Midnight with Champagne Toast. Many packages available. Reserve on www.Eventbrite.com

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The Reindeer Run, holiday treats, caroling,
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Wheaton Christmas Art Walk

December 12th-24th

12 fine art pieces displayed in selected shops
that tell the Biblical story of Christmas

*Celebrate Christmas in Downtown Wheaton
in December*

Holiday Gingerbread House Contest

December 16th • 10am

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are offered each

Saturday from 12pm to 3pm

starting Nov. 25-Dec. 23rd

at Martin Memorial Plaza on Front Street.

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