

The Park Bench

AEPNA Newsletter

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President's Letter

Sneak Peek & Sample Spirits

We're going to start our November meeting at the new UNO Community Arena for a free tour of the facility that will be a real presence in the neighborhood. **Everyone should wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and leather shoes or boots (no sneakers). Please do not wear skirts, ties, or other loose clothing. We will be given the proper personal protection equipment upon arrival.** Park by Spirit World and walk across the street.

After the tour, we'll walk back across the street for a wine tasting event at the new Spirit World. Laurie Hellbusch Wolford of Spirit World has arranged a wine tasting for us. We'll meet in Spirit World's big open area with tables, chairs, and a bar which will be available for us. The event will have free samples and wine will be available for purchase.

More than 40 members and guests attended the October meeting and chili fest. Thanks to members who shared their culinary skills and to our guest speakers who shared lots of great information on half a dozen topics. We learned about the Schroder/Vogel Park playground progress, the OPS bond issue, taking care of your tools (so they can take care of you), reinvigorating a neighborhood association, and the Little Free Library. Tim Potter and Scott Swanson accepted AEPNA Good Neighbor Awards for their years of service and contributions to the neighborhood. Marilyn Schwer accepted the coveted Chili Fest trophy for her Smokin' Navy Bean Chili. Check out photos of the meeting and our honorees on our Facebook page.

I hope to see you at the arena and Spirit World on November 20!
Avery Schwer

Calendar notes:
 Exclusive
 UNO Community
 Arena Tour
 &
 Wine Tasting

Thursday, Nov. 20
 6:30 PM

Community Arena
 South 67 & Center St.
 Look for the guy with
 the flashlight

Immediately following
 the tour, go to:
 Spirit World
 6680 Center St.



Tim Potter & Scott Swanson, Good Neighbors.



Marilyn Schwer, Good Cook!



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Little Free Library

Denise Pecha loves to read. So
when her husband asked what
she wanted for her birthday, she
said, “a library”.

Not a big library, just a Little Free
Library.

The Little Free Library is a
basically a box of books that you
can borrow to read or keep. You
are invited to take a book and
return a book – not necessarily
the same one you took. If you
leave notes in the books for the
next readers, you can start or continue a conversation about important
ideas. It’s a way for readers to share their love of reading and good
books.

And it’s a way for communities to connect. Denise walks her dog three
times a day, so she thought she’d already met all of her neighbors. But
once the Little Free Library went in, all kinds of people who she’d never
met were suddenly stopping to chat or browse. Strangers knocked on
the door to ask about it or to leave books when the library was too full
to take any more.

If you love to read and love to meet people, a Little Free Library in your
yard may be a perfect gift or project. If several neighbors express an
interest, perhaps a “build” could be organized so those who have tools,
space and experience can help those who don’t.

Check out Denise’s library on 58th & Rees St. Then get more
information at www.littlefreelibrary.org.



**It’s time to renew your AEPNA membership!
Consider a 3-year membership for just \$25.**

AEPNA Membership Form

Name: _____

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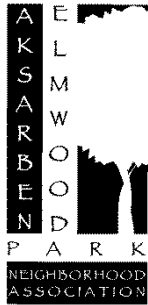
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Household (\$10/1 year or \$25/3 years) Business \$20.00

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Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 9

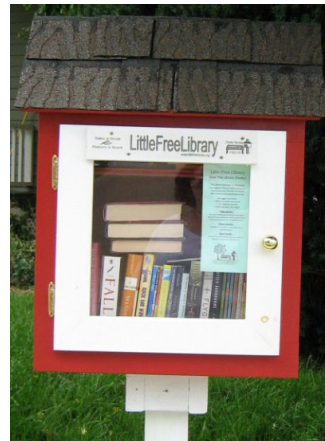
11 AM – 4 PM

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

5529 Leavenworth St.

www.mountcalvary-lcms.org

All are welcome!



“I walk my dog 3 times a day, so I thought I knew everyone in the neighborhood, but when I put in the Library, all kinds of new neighbors turned up on my sidewalk...”

Denise Pecha

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