

CTPA Quarterly Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Monday, June 26, 2017

Roosevelt University, Gage Building, 18 S. Michigan Ave., 7th floor

Chicago's Fabulous Fountains

By Greg Borzo

Wayne Galasek greeted members as they arrived downstairs as all attendees/members/friends may be required to show ID upon entering Roosevelt University.

Doors opened at 5:30p.m. The CTPA sign-in upstairs was manned by Donna Primas until Margaret Hicks arrived.

There were 54 names on the Sign-in Sheet, 47 actually attended. Despite the admonishment on the invitation that "only those who RSVP will be admitted," several additional members arrived, were welcomed and signed in.

Coffee, tea and water only were offered as refreshments.

President Wayne Galasek began the CTPA Business Meeting portion of the evening at approx. 5:45 p.m.

First, he welcomed and invited **new members and guests** to stand and give their 3-minute elevator speech about who they are and what they do.

- Blake Williams– Shoreline guide, Running & Walking tours
- Lori Schreiber – docent at Old Saint Mike's
- Beatrice Hardy (new member) – Worked for Big Bus & involved with South Freedom 13
- Bernie Verweil – Beer Tours, The Chicago Beer Experience, Motor Row Brewing
- Brian Carr – Tour Services Inc. (new member)
- Catherine McKenna – Wrigley Guide
- Patti Swanson (new member) – Chicago for Chicagoans

Associate Members present who hire tour guides were recognized. (Tour Services, Aires Charter, Windy City Limo)

CTPA Board members Feb 2017-Jan 2019 were invited to stand, be introduced and recognized. Present-Wayne Galasek, Marlin Keesler, Margaret Hicks, Donna Primas. Absent – Sharon Sylvester & Wendy Bright. Wayne indicated that the board has been having monthly meetings at the French Market at 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month since Feb 2017. He invited all members to attend the board meetings.

Next Quarterly meeting will be MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017. The time would normally be 5:30 p.m. The location is to be determined due to the sale of the Gage Building (our present location owned by Roosevelt University). Several alternative locations are being considered in case we are unable to be at Roosevelt U. Motor Row Brewing (2337 S. Michigan), Robert Morris College, The Cliff Dwellers Club, and After Words Book store (suggested by member Mike Fitzek) are potential substitute OCT meeting locations.

The speakers lined up for that OCT date are **Ann Williams (D-Chicago, State Representative 11th District) Chair of the Illinois House of Representatives' Tourism, Hospitality & Craft Industries Committee** and **Cory Jobe, Director, Illinois Office of Tourism.**

Committee Reports

Marlin Keesler reported that the **Certification Committee** has not yet met, nor set dates for study or testing sessions. The first committee meeting will be in the next few weeks. When asked, Marlin indicated that testing would likely take place in August or September. When asked about study materials, Donna Primas offered that all new members receive a directory which has a study guide covering a variety of topics (time line, recommended books, things to talk about in different areas of the city, etc.), in all about 15 pages of information about the test.

Margaret Hicks thanked the members who brought items that night for the first event hosted by the small but dedicated **Community Outreach Committee**. The CTPA meeting invitation indicated items that could be brought for use by the **Chicago Canine Rescue** (food, paper towels, toys, etc.). If you did not bring any items, the committee also collected funds to donate. *(NOTE: The committee post event reported that CTPA members donated about 15 rolls of toilet paper, rice, kong toys, garbage bags and \$125 for Chicago Canine Rescue! Antoinette Gonzales brought the donations to CCR.)*

As Wendy Bright was absent, Wayne indicated that she is heading up the **Website committee** and is also in charge of the **CTPA Social Media accounts**. CTPA is paying for a subscription to the Wild Apricot association management software program to design a user-friendly site that will eliminate the need to produce paper directories, job emails, etc. With the new format, each member could upload a photo and post/maintain longer, detailed information themselves. Wayne promised it would be easy to use and members would get help to make it work.

Wayne indicated he is the chair of the **Membership committee**, which wants to grow our membership. No meetings have been held yet.

Sharon Sylvester is the Chair of the **Development, Programs & Education Committee**. Wayne said that he and Sharon had a productive meeting in early June, touching upon many possible venues. He mentioned about ten possibilities, including an overnight trip to Springfield in the winter (early 2018).

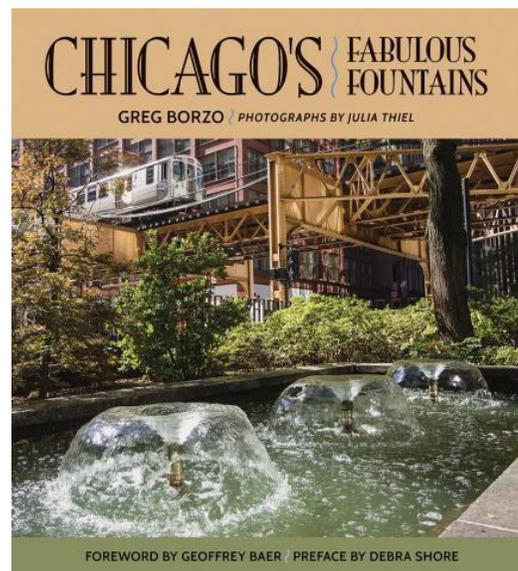
Donna Primas is the Chair of the **Foreign Language Group**. An informal poll was taken of foreign language guides before the start of the business meeting this very night. All those present indicated that getting paid by foreign tour operators is their biggest concern, so that will be the topic of the first group meeting. The meeting will most likely take place in July and in Millennium Park on a concert or movie night. All Foreign language members listed in the CTPA directory will be invited.

Speaker Presentation - Greg Borzo & *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains*

Greg was selling copies of this latest hardcover book, ***Chicago's Fabulous Fountains***, with wonderful color photos by Julia Thiel for \$40. There are about 200 pages, in an 8.25" x 9.25" format, including 139 color photos.

The talk was divided into several sections. The first was about Greg's attraction to the topic of fountains and writing the book. In the beginning, he was going to write about iconic fountains around the world. He showed us several examples far and near. In the end, he narrowed his focus to Chicago Fountains. He said he and his fountain spotters located 135 public fountains in Chicago.

The next section of his presentation included some Notable Fountains. Really old, large or iconic fountains. The 1883 Drexel Fountain, 1893 Fountain Girl, horse



fountains, a fountain with a skyspace located at Roosevelt and Halsted on the UIC campus, The Shit Fountain in the front yard of a Polish artist Jerzy Kenar best known for his religious sculptures, of which we saw many examples.

Fountains with Stories was the next section. Greg related interesting and intricate stories about the Jayne Byrne fountain dedicated to children and the Lorado Taft's Fountain of the Great Lakes (on the south side of the Art Institute).

Favorite Fountains was the next chapter in the presentation. The Aon Center has no fewer than six fountains and deserves a mention here. The colorful Printer's Row fountain, the Gurgoyne Fountain, The Independence Fountain in Douglas Park, and a Lincoln Square Fountain that once had beer piped through it for a commercial for Weinhard's Beer were among the stories related. (Read the book or see Greg speak to know the details!)

The final section of the talk was FUN with Fountains. Greg showed is numerous fountains from around the world and others close to home, Chicago inclusions were the Man with Fish outside of Shedd Aquarium, a fountain made with recycled bathtubs, a video clip of an ice bucket challenge at Chase Plaza and Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain in Millennium Park. All these were presented as examples of fountains that have a sense of humor and/or inspire a playful attitude that Greg hopes will be infectious.

He asked us all to help spread the word about the Fountains of Chicago, to help preserve them and keep people enjoying them for many years to come.

Questions and Answers

After the formal presentation, **Patrick Steffes of Forgotten Chicago** mentioned that there is an article Greg wrote about **Forgotten Fountains** that was posted on July 10, 2017 on the Forgotten Chicago site. READ IT at: <http://forgottenchicago.com/features/chicagos-forgotten-fountains/>

Greg has passed out raffle prizes tickets to everyone at the beginning of the night. At the conclusion, he had his wife (Christine Bertrand) draw the winning tickets.

- A framed photo of a fountain by photographer Julia Thiel was won by Dennis McClendon.
- A book about Loreda Taft was won by Paul Pfeiffer
- Wrapping paper that says READ in 30 languages was won by Bill Schmidt.

Greg also distributed a companion piece—a map of all the fountains in the book—as a free handout to all those present! The map also appears and can be downloaded from his website.

<http://www.gregborzo.com/>

7:15pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Primas, CPPA Secretary