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Photo of the Ballroom of the Union League Club, Located at 65 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois (site of all Luncheons) Ms. Maureen Maher, pictured



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A Note from the Desk of the Chaplain

Father John Cusick Founder of The First Friday Club of Chicago

In my humble (!) opinion....there is nothing like it. That's right! There is nothing like The First Friday Club.

There are a number of clubs, forums, groups and presentations that take place on a regular basis in the downtown area. Each one touts the importance of their programs and the high quality of the speakers. And they are right.

Some focus on religious issues, others on economic and business issues, and still others emphasize the political climate in our city and country.

But, it is The First Friday Club that attempts on the first Friday of the month to integrate our faith, our work, and the issues of the day. That has been the consistent goal of the First Friday Club since 1986. That is the goal again this season for our gatherings beginning on October 5th, at noon, at the Union League Club.

Annually, my letter seeks your support for The First Friday Club. And this one is no different. But there is a bit of a twist for this season.

I am asking for your presence at our monthly gatherings. I am asking you to go the extra mile to attend the 1 hour and 15 minute lunch and presentations of The First Friday Club.

To be honest, attendance is down. We have discovered that this is not unique to our organization. A number of clubs, groups, and organizations are dealing with this phenomenon. Here are some of the factors at work:

More people are retiring at an earlier age.

More people are working from home.

More people have a shorter workday on Friday.

More people are working through their lunchtime in order to leave earlier.

More people are working harder and longer due to downsizing.

More people simply do not have time in the middle of the workday.

If any of these or other contemporary issues affect you, I am asking you to go the extra mile one Friday a month for 75 minutes to join us on the first Friday of the month for lunch and a lot more.

We begin on October 5th when Joel Weisman, our noted Chicago journalist, will provide his insights into one of the hot ethical issues of today: namely, the truthfulness and freedom of the press. Can I ask you to make every effort to join us?

As I mentioned above, the First Friday Club means a lot to me. I want to keep sharing the dream of this club with you. I know it is not as easy as it was a few years ago for you to attend.

My father gave me a piece of advice about life when I was a younger man. He simply said, "Try hard." Now it is my turn to use my dad's wisdom with you. Can you "try hard" to join us on the first Friday of the month from this October 5th through May 3, 2019?

I look forward to being with you.

Fr. John C. Cusick Chaplain

First Friday Club of Chicago

FFCC President's Letter

Welcome to the 33rd Season of the First Friday Club of Chicago.

Do you remember the first time that you attended a First Friday luncheon? Was the speaker the Cardinal, the Mayor, or a best selling author? Did you share the experience with friends, family, or neighbors? Did it make a lasting impression and make you want to come back for more?

Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke helped us kick-off the season last October. CBS TV Journalist Maureen Maher concluded the season as the May speaker. Their voices were very timely in the year of the #metoo movement. These two women were trailblazers in their fields. They persevered and ultimately achieved success, despite having to endure discrimination, setbacks and disappointment. For new generations of women looking for leaders and role models, here were two shining examples to follow.

Father David Kelley's Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation reaches out to those who have been harmed, the one who has done the harm, and the community through a Restorative Justice Program. He has served as a chaplain at the Cook County Jail. Patrick Magoon, of Lurie Childrens Hospital, discussed the difficulties of ensuring that the sickest children receive the care they need at a time of state budget cuts and healthcare insurance upheaval. After 40 years, he is still motivated to advocate tirelessly in Springfield and Washington, DC. on behalf of the powerless.

Mark McGreevy has worked for decades, around the world, to end global homelessness. He believes that the goal is within reach. His optimism and conviction made us believe that it's possible, too. Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, has worked to improve the lives of former gang members for 30 years. His stories made us laugh and made us cry. Although he has officiated at hundreds of funerals for "homies" who were gunned down, he stated that he has never seen the face of evil. What he sees are people living on the Margins of society. He invited us to go meet them there.

You can hear all these recorded talks again by visiting the First Friday Club website.

What's next? For starters, we have an Advocate for Mental Health issues, an Author who specializes in Eldercare, a Voice for Immigrants, and a College Coach who strives to develop students who will contribute to society and not just to the sports world. Join us for another thought provoking year of extraordinary speakers.

Our Mission is to make connections between our work, our values, and the issues of the day. Please support us in that mission by reaching out to invite a coworker, a neighbor, or a family member to join you this season. You and they will be pleased that you did. Thanks again for your continued support.

What a great season we recently concluded. Can we do it again? Stay tuned!

Richard Beddome First Friday Club of Chicago President, 2018-2019 Season

Friday, October 5, 2018 Joel Weisman, WTTW TV Channel 11 Host of "Chicago Tonight, The Week in Review"

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Friday, November 2, 2018 Fr. Thomas J. Hurley Pastor, Old St. Patrick's Church

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Friday, December 7, 2018

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Friday, January 4, 2019

Friday, February 1, 2019
Mary Meg McCarthy
Executive Director, Heartland Alliance
National Immigrant Justice Center



Friday, March 1, 2019
Joy Loverde
Eldercare Expert, TV Commentator
Author, "Who Will Take Care of Me
When I'm Old?"



Friday April 5, 2019
Congressman, Patrick J. Kennedy II (ret.)
Mental Health Advocate

Friday, May 3, 2019
Porter Moser
Head Men's Basketball Coach
Loyola Ramblers Final 4 Team



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(photo above, L-R), Fr. John Cusick, Rose Ann Anschuetz, Rich Beddome, Judy Josephs, David Dault, Ethel Gillespie, Catherine Brokenshire, & Terry Stumpf

Upcoming Speakers:



Joy Loverde Eldercare Expert

Friday March 1, 2019

Author, "Who Will Take Care of Me When I'm Old?" The Honorable Patrick J. Kennedy

Friday April 5, 2019





Joy Loverde is the author of <u>Who Will Take</u>
<u>Care Of Me When I'm Old?</u> and the bestseller, <u>The Complete Eldercare Planner.</u>

The American Medical Association says, "It's the best book we've seen" and USA TODAY ran a four-part series on Joy's eldercare programs.

Joy has over 30 years' experience as a media spokesperson, including appearances on the TODAY Show, Good Morning America, CBS Early Show, ABC News, Fox News, National Public Radio, SiriusXM, and others.

During her career, she has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal, TIME, Money, New York Times, U.S. News & World Report, Reuters, Reader's Digest, Family Circle, Psychology Today, Good Housekeeping, among others.

The National Institutes of Health says, "Joy's presentation was creative, thoughtful, funny, touching, and practical all at the same time. She received rave reviews from attendees."

Joy speaks to family members and professionals, women's groups, centers for healthy aging, law firms, financial institutions, alumni associations, senior housing, health care providers, and retreat centers.

Joy serves as a consultant to senior housing, financial planners, clergy, and the fast-growing eldercare industry.

Former Congressman (D-RI);

Founder, The Kennedy Forum; Co-Founder, One Mind; Commissioner, President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis

Patrick J. Kennedy fought to end discrimination against mental illness, addiction, and other brain diseases. Lead sponsor of the groundbreaking Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), Kennedy authored and co-sponsored dozens of bills during his time in Congress to increase the understanding and treatment of neurological and psychiatric disorders, including the Positive Aging Act; Foundations for Learning Act; National Neurotechnology Initiative Act; Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act; COMBAT PTSD Act; Nurse-Family Partnership Act; and Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act.

In 2013, he founded a non-profit, The Kennedy Forum. The Forum aims to achieve health equity by advancing evidence-based practices, policies, political will and programming in mental health and substance use.

Co-founder of One Mind, Kennedy helped spark a global revolution in scientific collaboration for brain diseases. The organization pushes for greater global investment and pioneers a worldwide approach to share scientific research, results, and data of brain research.

Kennedy co-authored his personal narrative, the New York Times Bestseller, *A Common Struggle*, which ends with Kennedy's detailed roadmap to achieve health equity in the United States; and in 2017, Kennedy served on the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis

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Highlights of 3 Luncheons from Last Season:

Rev. Greg Boyle, SJ Founder, Homeboy Industries Friday, January 5, 2018



Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, is a Jesuit Priest, and founder of Homeboy Industries. Thirty years ago, he started the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world in the gang capital of the world, Los Angeles. Fr. Boyle received the California Peace Prize, was inducted into the California Hall of Fame, and was awarded a Champion of Change Award by President Obama in 2014, at the White House. He also received the 2016 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the James Beard Foundation, the national culinary-arts organization.

Fr. Boyle shared with us what he has been taught about faith, compassion, and the enduring *power of radical kinship*. To lighten the mood, Fr. Boyle told several humorous stories about life in the projects. While working with gang members, he was once challenged by a "homie" to pepper his presentations with "self-defecating" humor. By sharing horrific and painful stories from homies, our spirits were raised and he opened us to the joy of kinship. We live today in a society in which we long for and search for something better, a world that is different than the way it is now. He gives us hope for the way we wish life could be.

Gang violence, he noted, is "the lethal absence of hope". Fr. Boyle's challenge is to stand at the margins; to stand with and among those who are despised, forgotten, discarded, disposable, voiceless, and disrespected. Standing at the margins requires dismantling barriers of shame and disgrace with compassion. This will return people to themselves, as created in the image of God. Standing at the margins as enlightened witnesses of compassion and kindness, allows us to bring hope, kinship, and closeness to God. Fr. Boyle invites us to find kinship with one another and reconvinces us all of our own goodness.

From this perspective of the *power of radical kinship*, Fr. Boyle concludes with the words from the prophet Jeremiah "in this place you say is a wasteland and deserted..., there will be heard again the sounds of joy and gladness."

Fr. Boyle, spoke about his latest book: *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship.* He is also the author of the *New York Times*-bestseller: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*

Fr. Boyle's FFCC Luncheon Podcast

http://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/podcasts/2018/fr-gregory-boyle-founder-of-homeboy-industries

Home Boy Industries Website https://www.homeboyindustries.org/

Mark McGreevy DePaul International CEO Homeless Advocate February 2, 2018



Our February speaker was Mark McGreevy, Depaul International Co-Founder and Chief Executive. Mark has worked tirelessly for the last 27 years to bring an end to homelessness.

Volunteering on the streets out of college, led to his calling. He founded a small shelter for young people in north London. This led to more than 100 projects in six countries focusing on the poorest of the poor... and it continues to grow. These efforts have supported over 23,000 individuals in 2017, including homeless college students in Chicago.

We learned about his extraordinary life work through fascinating stories that McGreevy told about making a difference, where most thought it to be impossible. Mark also shared information about his incredible project to end street homelessness in 150 major global cities by 2030 and the success they are having.

Mark ended with a profound message about what each one of us can do. He relayed how smoking on airlines and in public, as well as drinking and driving, as well as sexual harassment, was at one time common and accepted... until many people stood up and said that it was not.

McGreevy encouraged us to stand up, in much the same way. We need to stand up and proclaim that "homelessness is unacceptable".

Ms. Maureen Maher Award-Winning Investigative Journalist CBS News Magazine, "48 Hours" Friday, May 5, 2018



On nearly all fronts, the events of the last 16-18 months have been turbulent. It started with an unexpected presidential election, moved into the #metoo issue, and more recently, the ongoing scourge of mass school shootings.

Politics, immigration, harassment, equal rights... gun control. How do we speak to our children about these important topics if we as adults can hardly have a civil conversation with anyone other than like-minded people? How do we teach our children and grandchildren to navigate this world that we have created for them? What lessons have we, as adults, learned along our way?

Maureen Maher challenged us to consider "the world I want for my daughter and son" – using lessons from our time to create a better future. Maher shared the story of her own #metoo moment. As an upstart young journalist, her boss invited her into his office where she was confronted with overt and unthinkable sexual harassment. The experience resulted in her resignation from her job. For the next several years, the former boss continued undermining her career by providing negative and denigrating references to any potential employers. Maher set that experience of sexual harassment as the focus to how we can make our world a better place.

Sexual harassment is an uncomfortable conversation to have, let alone experience. Yet, by beginning the conversation and taking action, hopefully it stops! We have to talk about it and move forward.

Taking action – we must remember that we are all created equal and in the image of God. However, we are different by the very nature of how life has treated us. Maureen shared a story that took place during a multi-ethnic dinner conversation. She learned to take action and be brave so that she could move forward. There is a time in which we can turn the other cheek, but also knowing when to turn over the tables in the temple.

Turning the other cheek and turning over the table embodies treating people instinctively and not reactively. Finding the common humanity within all of us, we recognize that all of us can strive to do what is right, admit when we are wrong, and allow for forgiveness. Maher concluded by saying that we cannot stop searching for what we have in common. This self-reflection will create the kind of world that we want for all of our daughters and sons.

Maureen Maher has reported on National and International events for over 25 years, including the War on Terror and the fall of the Taliban in Afghanistan. Most recently, Maher won an Edward R. Murrow Award and an Emmy Award for two investigations into International Adoption, one of which, helped to change Federal Laws. She also received honors for an investigation on Chicago Crime, including coverage of Hadiya Pendleton's drive-by shooting death.

Ms. Maher's FFCC Luncheon Podcast

http://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/podcasts/2018/maureen-maher-investigative-journalist

DID YOU KNOW?

The Cara Program

For many years, the First Friday Club has invited and sponsored three Cara Program participants to join us for lunch each month.

The Cara Program is a non-profit social service agency located in the west Loop that was inspired by the good work of Mother Teresa. Cara helps people affected by poverty (and often the challenges of recovery, domestic violence, episodic homelessness, and incarceration) to get and keep quality jobs and, more importantly, rebuild hope, self-esteem and opportunity for themselves and their families in the process.

One recent individual in the Cara Program says, participating in Cara "is my new start!" One of these Graduates of the Program is now a valued employee of the Union League Club and was recently selected as the employee of the month!

Each Cara guest is assigned a seat at a table with a Board Member or Table Captain each month on a rotating basis. So, the table where you sit for the luncheon may have (or has had) a Cara guest.

They enjoy sharing their progress and successes in Cara. Each guest may be at a different stage in the program. Make a special note to Welcome a Cara guest at your table and engage in conversation.

If you would like to Sponsor one of these inspiring guests, you may make a reservation for their lunch, when you make your own FFCC Luncheon reservation. You can make a \$45.00 contribution to pay for their lunch reservation at the same time as you reserve your own seat. Indicate and designate that your contribution is for a Cara Program Guest Lunch.

If you prefer to sponsor a guest for one or more luncheons, you may also contact our Administrator to pay in advance of the luncheon for their ticket. You may also request to have the Cara guest seated at your table.

Want to do more to help these remarkable people? You can learn more about the organization, make a contribution, or volunteer by visiting their website: www.carachicago.org



Seen at far Left: Dr. Terrill Stumpf, Board Member, Editor, & Writer Annual Report



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photo above: Patrick Magoon, CEO of Lurie Childrens Hospital



photo above: Joyce Volakakis, Ethel Gillespie, Judy Josephs

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The website for FFCC is user-friendly and easily navigated. Explore and take advantage of the site to keep in touch with FFCC.

Besides current FFCC Luncheon Event, the site also has the following:

- Contact information
- Location of the Monthly Luncheon
- Mission and History
- Board of Directors
- Annual Report
- Listing of Past Speakers
- Podcasts of Speakers

You can do the following:

- Make a pre-paid reservation for a luncheon (preferred method)
- Indicate your table-seating request
- Indicate food allergies
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- Become a member and choose your member level
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The Board of Directors welcomes your comments and ideas.

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So, if you have missed a FFCC luncheon, want to listen again to a speaker's presentation, and/or share with someone, FFCC is recording (with the speaker's permission) each of the luncheon speakers. Each podcast also includes the Q & A. By weeks end, each recording is available as a podcast on the FFCC website at www.firstfridayclubchicago.org

On the webpage, select PODCAST, then scroll down and select the podcast you are looking for. FFCC podcasts are listed from the most current going backwards to January 2016.

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