04/25/09 Meeting Highlights:

Scott Saffner, reunion co-chair did a great job leading the meeting and everyone enjoyed the chips and salsa.

Quite a few of us stayed for dinner also. Everyone agreed the food was good and the meeting room was very pleasant as were the staff.

John McDermott of Logan Square Neighborhood Assoc. gave a wonderful presentation and provided handouts to notify alumni of upcoming events that they can attend to help support the preservation of Lathrop. He said the next six months are vital for a positive outcome.

Jason Reblando photographed the meeting in session.

Fran Ferrandino (Miller) drove in from WI & George Nowacki swept in from TN to meet with old friends; Pete Santos, Joannie & Lazaro Montanez, Carol & Bill Aichast, Joe Ferrandino & Bill Carmichael.

Anna (Maldonado) Hernandez, Facilities Committee presented copies of the menu for the event.

Chris Corrado, reunion chair; set the dress code for the reunion as “All Dolled Up” and joined in the meeting via telephone conference.

We took in $250.00 in ticket sales and recruited members for the Marketing/promo committee. (cont. pg. 4)

Reunion Program and Theme Winner!

Theme:

The winner of the “Name the Reunion Contest” is Francine Ferrandino (Miller) with her entry of - "Lathrop LIVES"

Whether you use the long or short rendition - “Lathrop LIVES” illustrates the tenacity and spirit of the former and current residents of Lathrop and is a fitting theme for our celebration.

Congratulations Francine!
What needs to be done...

Finding People!

*We still need help finding people and getting address/email records for those on the list.
*We have over 516 people on our list but we only have contact info for approx. 374 records.
*We also have 331 people signed up on our Facebook web Go to www.Facebook.com

Create a profile and then sign-in. (It’s free!)

Once you are registered, go to the “search” option and type in “Lathrop Homes Alumni Chicago”

When you see our group, make sure to click “JOIN THIS GROUP,” then check to see if you are listed on our web page to confirm.

Once you’ve joined our site – you can access the latest news about the reunion as well as pictures both recent and past to enjoy or even copy for your own records.

There are historic pictures of the projects taken while construction was in progress in the 30’s and even vintage video footage …enjoy!

Why the list is important

We need YOU to help find friends and neighbors you saw everyday while living in the "projects," or visiting the club.

Please spread the word and send us any ideas you might have to get the word out to others.

We have developed a LIST that includes addresses and phone numbers.

A special THANK YOU goes out to several Alumni helping locate missing Alumni:

Fran Ferrandino (Miller) & Joan Carlisle (Montanez) are calling Alumni to verify email addresses and confirm reunion attendance.

Chris Michael (Sermonti) is searching on the internet for missing Alumni.

You can help too...

“Happenings”

Birth Announcement!

Cyndi Quiñones
Administrative Assist.
BGCC - Cotter Club
Gave birth to a son on March 14, 2009. His name is Jayden Monis; his arrival weight was 6 lbs 5 ounces and now weighs in at about 11 lbs and stands 22 inches. Jayden is getting big very fast!

The Logan Square Neighborhood Assoc held their 47th Convention on Saturday, May 16th. Several members of our Alumni group attended including Betty Howard (Nowacki), Scott Shaffer, Perry Parsino, Chris Balboa, Jose Zayas, Jason Reblando and Jimmy Carlisle. In addition, there was a great showing of current Lathrop residents.

Low-income housing was the focus.
Committees - Opportunities to Serve

We need volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- **Facility/Food Committee** - Assist with finding a facility and plan the menu - also handle all event management logistics and secure overnight accommodations rate with a local hotel) - we need two more people on this committee.

- **Activity Committee** - Based on our budget, assist with planning the event for the evening/day - secure speakers from alumni resources, secure decorations, banner, music, find, secure a pro-bono photographer, an idea of a “gift” for everyone who attends (that is within our budget) and implement any other ideas that the group might have!

- **Marketing and Promotion** - We have a good start with this committee but always need savvy volunteers who are familiar with this all important process to get the connections we need.

- **Funding (Finance) Committee** - Work along with the Cotter Boys & Girls Club, research funding resources, work out the budget and expenses for the event. We are set with finance but need additional people to help secure funds to underwrite this event.

- **History Committee** - Individuals who would like to take on specific research projects involving the history of our community and the surrounding area are needed.

- **Presentation Committee** - We are still in need of pictures/film footage and artifacts to use in the many presentations that will run throughout the reunion! Please forward these to facebook or email them to Bill Aichast @ bill47a@aol.com or Scott Shaffer @ zoe1638@sbcglobal.net

- **Publications Committee** - we need memories of individuals who lived in the community as well as surrounding businesses to add to our ever-expanding history.

Goals and support:

We will be working through the Cotter Boys & Girls Club for the banquet facility deposits, mailings and other start up costs.

**Tickets can be purchased by calling Cyndi Quiñones at:**

(773) 348-1866 Ext. 4602 - there is a deadline to purchase by 9/17/09 or when we run out!

The Cotter Club staff will mail all tickets out prior to the October 17th date.

To do list:

- Meet at least half of our goal by the end of June. We have a long way to go!

- Secure sponsorships that will help off-set the cost of the event.

- Make it affordable for all to attend the reunion by subsidizing those that need help with the admission price.

- Be able to make a significant financial contribution to the Club.

**Tax Deductible Sponsorships**

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If you are interested in giving, complete the sponsorship form attached to this newsletter.

Levels of giving are: $1,000 and up, $500 and up, $100 and up, Under $100 (whatever you can afford).

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Lathrop Homes Alumni Chicago

Lathrop Homes Alumni Chicago hopes to form a permanent Alumni Association to continue after our planned October 17th reunion.

Some goals might be to maintain a social network with periodic events to meet, celebrate, raise funds, compile and preserve our history and help to provide support to the Boys & Girls Cotter Club and the community.

We hope that this ongoing effort to support Lathrop and the club is one of your interests as well.

In the spirit of President Obama's principles of justice and equity - we need to continue to provide for those in our community that need help.

Preserving Lathrop as affordable housing would maximize opportunities for low- and moderate-income families to access an area with an exceptional variety of job opportunities and educational resources.

Preserving Lathrop Homes would create a housing continuum that would allow families, over time, to move out of public housing without having to move out of their community.

Stay tuned for new developments...

Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Saturday, June 13 -

Save the date:

Summer Campaign Kick-off to Preserve Lathrop Homes

Time & location to be finalized

*Meet current resident leaders, allies and other alumni.

*Gear up for summer events to demonstrate public, political and media support for historic preservation/revitalization of Lathrop Homes as a combination of public housing, affordable rental and affordable homeownership.

... not more market-rate housing.

For information, contact Tami Love
(773) 549-2525 ext. 1
tlove@lsna.net
Riverview/ Groundbreaker Sponsors -

**Riverview Sponsors!**
$1,000. and up
- Dan Cotter - historical sponsor of the Cotter Boys and Girls Club
- Jim Alford (pledge) - former Dir. Cotter BGC - Lathrop

**Groundbreakers!**
$500. and up
- Chris Corrado - Reunion Chairperson
  Dir. Of Training - Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Gary Chavarria (pledge) - Lathrop Alumni & Facility

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If you can afford to sponsor at this level - please do so!
The Cotter BGC needs your help and your support will help provide the kind of programming to today’s kids that you experienced while you were growing up at Lathrop.

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Leavitt/ Clybourn Level Sponsors -

**Leavitt Sponsors!**
$100/ and up
- George Nowacki - Lathrop Alumni

**Clybourn Sponsors!**
- Betty (Nowacki) & Eddie Howard - Lathrop Alumni
- Bill Carmichael - Alumni & Marketing/Promo Lead
- Joe Ferrandino - Lathrop Alumni
- Ellen (Siebenhauer) & Greg Shey - Lathrop Alumni
- Fran (Ferrandino) & Larry Miller - Lathrop Alumni
- Joan & Lazaro Montanez - Lathrop Alumni
- Laurie (Patitucci) & Jose Mercado - L. Alumni
- Michael & Lucy Ferrandino - L. Alumni
- Santa (Chavaria) Garcia - Lathrop Alumni

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Times are hard and everyone is feeling the impact but...
The hardest hit are those families who live in places like Lathrop. Remember how it was for you?

Every little bit counts. Even a few dollars will add up if everyone contributes.

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Service Recognition

**Thank you...Alumni & Friends** who have provided materials and services for our reunion...

- Adrian Ruiz - talented pianist, will be performing during the “meet & greet” portion of the reunion on October 17th!

- Evelyn Dejesus - superb choreographer will be planning a performance at the pre-event.

- Jason Reblando - our gifted photographer who is also active in the Lathrop Preservation effort.

- Mike Huey - Account Relationship Dir - BGCA has volunteered to oversee the fundraising committee! Welcome Mike, we appreciate your help with coordinating our fundraising efforts!

- All committee leads and members who have donated so much of their personal time to make this an event to remember!

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The Cotter Boy & Girls Club needs your help!

... and your support will provide the kind of programming to today’s kids that you experienced while you were growing up at Lathrop.
4/25/09 Meeting Highlights (cont)

(Cont. from pg. 1)

The Cotter Club will be ordering a bus to provide transportation to the reunion in October.

He will need a head count prior to the event. There is limited space for 40 passengers.

If you would like to sign up – contact:

Jim Pottinger
Club Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago
Phone: (773) 348-1866 ext. 4604
Fax: (773) 348-4643
Email: jpottinger@bgcc.org

Ramiro Medrano, Joannie Montanez and Laura Corbett have stepped up to the bat and Bill Camiclaihle & Chris Balboa have agreed to lead this effort.

Fran Miller, Anita Finley, Greg Martens and Michelle Frost have volunteered to make phone calls once we get our fundraising efforts underway.

New faces included Barbara Lee, Gregory Woods and Laura Foley.

Rev. Leeveater Pumell was in attendance and is interested in providing a non-denominational blessing before the meal on the evening of the reunion.

We also talked about an “In Memoriam” topic on our facebook site to post the names of deceased alumni and family members and this has been added and is ready for viewing on the site.

Next Meeting 6/26/09!

Please make it a point to join us on –

Friday, June 26th,
from 7:00-9:00 PM
Cotter Club
2915 N. Leavitt 60618

In order to help raise funds, we will be throwing a “Pot Luck” dinner.

We will be collecting optional donations that will go directly into our reunion fund; ultimately to go to Cotter Club.

Please let me know how many will be attending and what dish you plan to bring to this event.

Contact me at:
Bett123@comcast.net

Hope to see you there!

Daniel A. Cotter Club
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