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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear CHPV Members & Friends,

We have just begun our end of year fundraising appeal. *Our goal is \$25,000.* With your generosity, we will meet this ambitious goal!

As Margaret Huyck & Kathy Huff noted in the appeal letter, we have been busy throughout the pandemic! We have hosted more than 300 virtual programs since March and welcomed over 200 individuals to our programs. Two programs, the RBG tour and the Tech-enhanced Life program, drew participants from all over the country! Several of our programs regularly have higher attendance on Zoom than they did in-person. We have also added additional programs, such as exercise five days a week. We have had some “first annual” events as well, including a virtual garden tour in July and the “Festival of the Arts” in October (more on pg. 3).

In addition to our programs, we have also refreshed our website and brought 12 community organizations and 5 elected officials together to establish Hyde Park as the first “Dementia Friendly Community” in Chicago (more on pg. 11).

We hope you will consider supporting the on-going work of CHPV as you plan your end of the year charitable donations. You can donate by:

- Clicking [HERE](#) or
- Mailing a check to the Chicago Hyde Park Village office (5500 S Woodlawn Ave, Chicago, IL 60637).

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



Michelle Dassinger
Executive Director

Special Thanks to Kathy Huff for her work on the fundraising appeal letter.



REVIEWS OF RECENT EVENTS

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS: SHELTERED IN PLACE CREATIVITY

October 28th 2020 Drop-in

Sylvia Dawson

A chance communication between Lily Fieg and Susan Alitto led to this exciting program. Susan's thought was that there must be many crafters in Hyde Park who would like to share their work. We were delighted to present the work of eight Hyde Parkers.

Here is a small selection of the crafts we saw at the Drop-in in October.



Lily Fieg has recently learned the art of quilling and paper folding. Here is a picture entitled "Flower in Bucket" made with construction paper and small pebbles. "White Swans made by Paper" was her first project.



Sensory Tactile Mats are the latest project from **The Benevolent Guild at Fourth Presbyterian Church**.

Members: *Cathy Davis*, *Linda Landrum*, and *Gini Lloyd* have been using their sewing skills to make these activity mats to help people with dementia. This year they are creating sensory tactile mats. These unique mats are



made of a variety of textures and familiar objects to provide sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless hands of someone with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. **Linda** told us how they design the mats using familiar objects, interesting textures and include activities like zippers, laces and buttons to stimulate the mind and keep fingers busy.

Kristin Woods showed us some Halloween decorations She has enjoyed making these as well as quilts using different techniques.

This large quilt was a special gift for her husband Morteza. The Dolphins and Sea Turtle quilt was a wedding gift for a Godchild who loves dolphins.



Linda Erf Swift shared her Painting with Light photos where she has taken objects under interesting lighting conditions producing photos like this telephone. She also shared a chrysanthemum from set of flowers she completed while “sheltering in place”.



Linda also showed examples of her High School Photo Project featuring High School Students with a quote they thought best described themselves. This was written on a chalkboard.



Linda has calendars featuring her photos. Email her at swiftimages@gmail.com for more information.

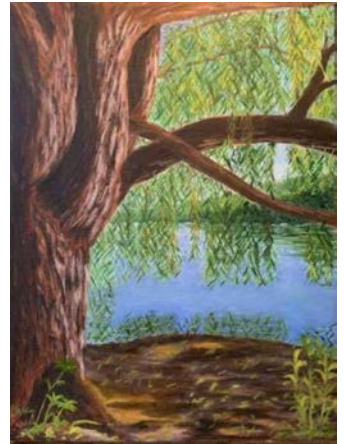


Terry Stumpf has a collection of lovable animals and angels that he has been collecting since he lived in Fresno, California a long time ago. The artist died recently at age 94. Her family are maintaining the traditions so more can be collected. He showed us groups of squirrels, bears, lions, angels and a nativity scene.



Ruth Woll has been taking painting classes and chose her paintings of Promontory Point and Bobolink Meadow in Jackson Park for our craft show. She told us that it was

hard work at the beginning but she has persevered and now loves painting. She has wonderful tales about her favorite places in Hyde Park. Ruth has greeting cards for sale to benefit her Church where her paintings have been on display. Email her at ruthewoll@gmail.com.



Ann Audrain Has many crafting talents. For the Drop-in she showed us some of her seasonal hangings and some tree ornaments. She has hangings for all seasons and likes to rotate them on a



door with a window in her home.



Sylvia Dawson likes to knit and crochet. It is a relaxing and calming activity. My family have especially enjoyed the blankets she has made for them.

If you were not at the Drop-in, CHPV members can view a recording of the Craft show by going CHPV.org > Member Resources > Program Recordings.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Holiday Cookie Recipes and Tea: Exchange and Gathering

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:00 p.m.

*ME LIKE ALL COOKIES
BUT FRESH BAKED COOKIE
IS BEST COOKIE.
– COOKIE MONSTER*

You are invited to submit a favorite holiday cookie recipe for the
CHPV Holiday Cookie Recipe Booklet.

During our Cookie and Tea Exchange Gathering you can share a story about your recipe.

Submit recipes by **Monday, November 30, 2020** to info@chpv.org

Please submit your recipe(s) via a Word document, a PDF, inside a body of an email, or as a photo of a handwritten or typed card or paper - perhaps even an heirloom.

***All are Welcome -
Even if you have not submitted a recipe or don't bake!
Invite a friend!***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062859400?pwd=ck5vUHdYZFZTbW5TdZJrL09jc2RwZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 6285 9400 Passcode: Cookies

Join by phone - call 312-626-6799 & enter ID: 890 6285 9400

Holiday Cookie and Tea Exchange Team

Dottie Jeffries – Lead

Terry Stumpf

Michelle Dassinger



NEW MEMBER

Michele Childers

I was born in France. My parents left their home in

Paris with me just before the Nazis invaded and raised me in New York.

I graduated from Oberlin College where I studied French literature and history and spent my junior year at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Then worked for Spanish Refugee Aid where I corresponded with the Republican exiles from the Spanish civil war who were still refugees in France.

I married Rory Childers, a cardiologist from Ireland doing a post-doc in Boston and moved to Dublin where we lived for almost four years and had our first son.

In 1963 Rory accepted a fellowship at the University of Chicago.

We moved to Hyde Park, for one year, but Rory became a professor at the University; we had our second son and, as long as Rory was going to teach and practice at the university, we never considered living anywhere but Hyde Park.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Medicare Coverage for Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses

Kristin Woods, CHPV Member

Did you know? Although Medicare doesn't usually cover eyeglasses or contact lenses, there *is* coverage after cataract surgery.

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) helps pay for corrective lenses if you have cataract surgery to implant an intraocular lens. Corrective lenses include one pair of eyeglasses with standard frames or one set of contact lenses.

In original Medicare, you pay 100% for non-covered services, including most eyeglasses or contact lenses.



However, after cataract surgery, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for corrective lenses after each cataract surgery with an intraocular lens, and the Part B deductible applies. You pay any additional costs for upgraded frames. Medicare will only pay for contact lenses or eyeglasses from a supplier enrolled in Medicare, no matter if you or your supplier submits the claim.

Be sure to ask your provider if s/he accepts Medicare; do not expect the provider to ask you. Find out how much your test, item, or service will cost, by talking to your doctor or health care provider. The specific amount you'll owe may depend on several things, like:

- Other insurance you may have
- How much your doctor charges
- Whether your doctor accepts assignment
- The type of facility
- Where you get your test, item, or service

Some Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover - like vision, hearing, or dental. Contact the plan for more information.

Contact number 1-800-633-4227, or 1-800-MEDICARE.

PARTNERS/COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TABLE FOR ONE THIS THANKSGIVING? HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR A FESTIVE SOLO HOLIDAY

Make Room @ The Table is a Chicago-based Affinity Group focused on developing strategies to alleviate isolation and loneliness among older people.

Many holiday traditions may be upended this year because of the coronavirus pandemic and the danger it poses – particularly to older folks. Consequently, a number of older people may forgo traditional celebrations with friends and family and opt for a solitary Thanksgiving to stay safe and COVID-19-free.

Recognizing this possible change of Thanksgiving plans, Make Room @ The Table has put together a list of ways to enjoy the holiday on your own.

Make Room @ The Table also has created a cornucopia of ideas to help people reach out and provide holiday cheer to someone who's celebrating alone.

All of these Make Room @ The Table recommendations take into account the need for mask wearing, social distancing and other appropriate restrictions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. They also include ideas appropriate for a wide range of budgets.

MAKE ROOM @ THE TABLE TIPS FOR SPENDING THANKSGIVING ALONE

1. Invite someone you know will also be alone to share Thanksgiving dinner via zoom. Talk about the dishes you've made for each course and why you included them on your Thanksgiving menu.



2. Bake some goodies to share with friends during the Christmas/Hanukkah/New Year's holidays.

Experiment with new recipes. Share them on social media.

3. Schedule a zoom meal with friends on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving or during the three-day weekend following Thanksgiving. Make that your "holiday celebration."

4. Make a list of people you've been thinking about and call them to say, "have a lovely day."

5. Stream a virtual film you've been wanting to see. Fix a snack that carries out the theme of the movie – a soda if watching Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney or some warm croissants, if watching a French film with subtitles.

6. Dive into a project that you've been meaning to do but haven't had time to tackle.

7. Go through photo albums, diaries and calendars and relive Thanksgivings past when you celebrated with friends and family.

8. Take a walk or go for a ride. Or, ask a friend or neighbor to join you on a socially distanced stroll.

9. Write a note to people you are thankful are in your life. Or, reach out to them by phone, e-mail or text.

10. Curl up in your favorite chair with a book you've been wanting to read.

11. Begin a journal or add to one you already have. Consider starting work on a memoir. Emphasize gratitude and the things in your life for which you are thankful.

12. Attend a virtual religious service.

13. Get tickets to an online play, musical, jazz performance or concert during the weekend after Thanksgiving.



14. Offer to take care of a pet for a friend or neighbor who will be out of town over Thanksgiving.
15. Plan ahead to cook a special holiday dish or entire meal. Or, place an order for Thanksgiving treats from a restaurant or grocery store. Set the table with your favorite dishes. Gather up some brightly colored gourds, autumn leaves or your household treasures to use as a centerpiece -- and dress up in your holiday best.
16. Ignore the holiday and view it as just another day. Stick to your usual routine, take something out of the freezer and chill.

TIPS FOR REACHING OUT TO THOSE YOU KNOW WILL BE ALONE ON THANKSGIVING



1. Call or email someone on Thanksgiving you know will be alone on the holiday. Perhaps you can coordinate with others who know the person, to space out calls throughout the day.
2. Leave a plant, homemade goodies or a card at the door of a neighbor you know is alone on Thanksgiving.
3. Send a humorous e-card to be delivered on Thanksgiving. Have the personal message on the card reflect your thankfulness that the person is in your life.
4. Set aside a portion of your Thanksgiving dinner for a friend who is observing the holiday alone and deliver it to their door.
5. Screen share a movie or football game via zoom with someone alone ...or, view the football game or movie separately...and text or talk by phone afterward.
6. Cook on zoom with friends who will be alone. Make dishes for your Thanksgiving dinners -- or snack treats like pizza or brownies. Then eat some of your concoctions together virtually.
7. Write “letters of gratitude” to friends you know will be alone. Mail them so they will arrive the day before Thanksgiving but write “Do Not Open Until Thanksgiving” on the envelopes.
8. Make room at your table virtually. Add a person who is alone to your guest list to dine via zoom with you and your family on Thanksgiving for the whole meal or have them join for dessert.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HYDE PARK UPDATE

Dorothy Pytel, CHPV Special Projects Coordinator

The Chicago Hyde Park Village collaborated with other local organizations and elected officials to receive a designation as a Dementia Friendly community from [Dementia Friendly America](#) in September. We are particularly proud to be the first Chicago neighborhood to get this designation. Since receiving the designation, there have been two in-depth articles written about this initiative in [Block Club Chicago](#) and [Hyde Park Herald](#). Community members have also reached out to thank us because they are proud that our neighborhood is doing this important work.

The press coverage has already begun to raise awareness and attract new volunteers. One new volunteer, whose 84 year old mother with dementia lives with her and for whom she is a caregiver, has joined the DFHP Advisory Committee and will soon begin providing Dementia Friends workshops in our neighborhood. If you would like to become a Dementia Friend, someone who learns about dementia and then turns that understanding into action, contact the Village office to sign up for the next session.

A second new volunteer just started a postdoc this fall at the U of C in the Neurobiology Department. He heard about the initiative from a family member living on the northside of Chicago. *Block Club Chicago* sends out a daily email blast with the top stories to all of their subscribers. The Dementia Friendly Hyde Park initiative article made into this e-blast so people all over Chicago became aware of our great work! To find out more about Dementia Friendly Hyde Park you can visit the [Chicago Hyde Park Village](#) website.

Baskets bring joy, but so do rakes!

Dorothy Pytel

Much joy was brought to us by a group called the Gratitude Project which is composed of U of C Lab School students & their parents. In early October they gathered on the Midway on a sunny afternoon to create





10 spectacular care baskets which Village staff members ***Michelle Dassinger and Dorothy Pytel*** delivered to older adults in our Village Visitor program and several members of the Village. The goal of the group is to provide service learning opportunities to help raise spirits and make a difference in the community.

“Wow! The beautiful basket of treats is simply fabulous. And there’s even a plant! And masks and candies and nuts and fruit. I’m amazed and simply love it.” Geri Cunningham

[Photo]: Ellie Hall with her basket from the Gratitude Project

This lovely project brought many smiles to the faces of older adults throughout Hyde Park.

Later in October and then once again in November, the Gratitude Project came back and organized two volunteer work days to help several seniors in the community clean up their gardens for the winter. They raked leaves, trimmed perennials, planted bulbs, discarded trash and had a great time. We look forward to partnering with the Gratitude Project again in the spring!



AN INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERS

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IN OUR NEXT

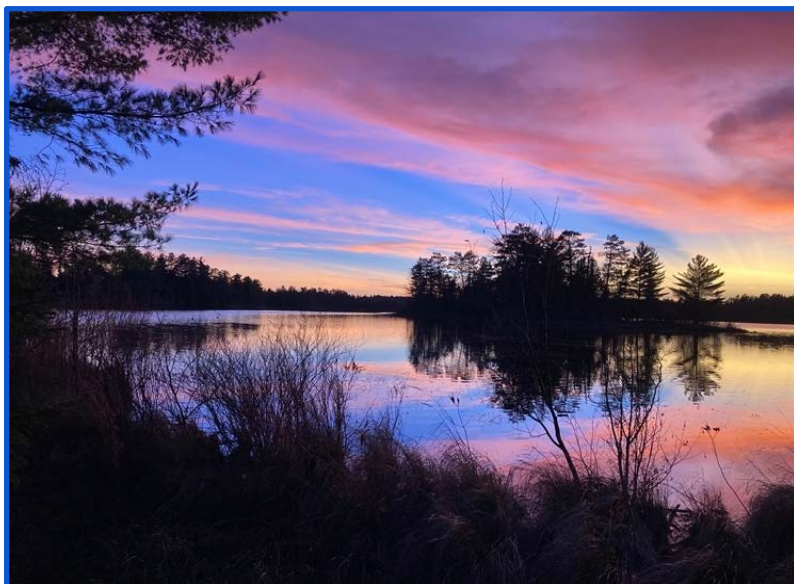
NEWSLETTER (FEBRUARY) EMAIL IT TO NEWSLETTER@CHPV.ORG

WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS & CONTRIBUTIONS!

FROM AND ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Member *Jay Franke* sent us this unretouched photo taken from his cabin in Wisconsin.

*Thank you Jay –
so calm and peaceful.*



The Chicago Hyde Park Village wishes these members a **Happy Birthday!**

October	November	December	January
Barbara Wagner Dorothy Pytel (CHPV staff) Fran Gordon Judy Morgan	Astrid Fuller Jay Franke Michal Safar Marlene Szymanski Kathy Williams	None that we know of	Bob Naftzger James Mann Ruth Woll Joan Novick Kay P. Brown Dottie Jeffries Sharon Heald



Want to send birthday greetings to someone you know on this list? Remember that if you don't have their contact information, you can find it in the [CHPV membership directory](#).

If you would like to have your birthday acknowledged in our newsletter, make sure we have your birthday. You can email info@chpv.org to confirm this information.

IN MEMORIAM

Vreni Naess (Brechtbühl) April 7, 1933 - September 26, 2020



Born in Muri, Switzerland (near Bern), the first child of Otto and Dora Brechtbühl. She received an excellent Swiss education, attending schools for girls, including Mädchensekundarschule Laubegg, where she met her best friend for life, Sünni Lundsgaard-Hansen.

Vreni spoke five languages fluently, with some knowledge of three other languages. Always adventurous, as a young woman she traveled and studied abroad, including coursework at the Sorbonne in Paris, at Cambridge University in London, and at the University of Perugia in Italy. She worked one year in the Economic Section of the US Embassy in Bern.

Eventually she landed in New York City (sailing on one of the last successful voyages of the Andrea Doria and having cocktails with Ernest Hemingway on the way), where she planned to work to earn money to travel on to Peru. In New York, she met Per, a tall handsome Norwegian who liked to cook, and together they moved to Hyde Park in Chicago in 1958. She attended the "local school" in Hyde Park, the University of Chicago, receiving her B.A. in Romance Languages in June, 1961, after just one year of studies.

In 1965, now with two children (Mark and Ralph—Barbara arrived not long after), they bought a large apartment on the third floor of the second building in Chicago to be converted to condominiums. Her first job in Chicago was at WFMT radio, where Studs Terkel was a close colleague. She loved culture, the arts and artists, and was involved with all the arts her whole life, with season subscriptions to most. For some years she ran the Hyde Park in-school music programs for the PTA as a volunteer. She wrote often and well, in multiple languages, including a monthly column about America for her Swiss alma mater's newspaper. She was a voracious reader in multiple languages and genres, and an unrepentant grammarian.

Her second job, from 1970 to 1987, was as office manager, babysitter, life organizer and fixer at the Chicago Children's Choir, housed in the First Unitarian Church in Hyde Park, under the direction of Chris Moore. She kept the Choir going by booking and organizing concerts, and has been credited with keeping the Choir afloat during those years, so it could become the super organization it is today. She deeply shared the Choir's vision for a multi-racial, multi-class melting pot of opportunity for all.

She was deeply committed to civil rights, marching with Dr. King in Chicago in 1963, and continued to fight for this and other causes her whole life. She was very proud that Obama was a nearby neighbor in Hyde Park, and ran into him and Michelle from time to time, as they both took small children to school—she, her grandchildren and their two girls.

Her last job was as the administrator for the University of Chicago Department of Germanic Studies, where her language and administrative skills--and her will--kept things running, whether the professors were on the ball or not. In particular, she took good care of the graduate students and visiting academics.

After retiring she befriended and worked closely with Lisa Fittko, a German Jewish refugee who wrote two books about the experience of leading fleeing refugees over the Pyrenees—most famously Walter Benjamin.

Vreni helped with correspondence, translation and company as Lisa grew increasingly famous. Vreni was instrumental in setting up an internship fund in Lisa's memory at Crossroads, to train new generations of young

activists. You can learn about the Fund from Vreni herself in an interview she gave about it online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqvmQXm1SJY>

She loved having visitors and in later years, student renters, at her house. She was a fierce fan of the city of Chicago and of Hyde Park, and often gave tours of both to her guests, who came from around the world. She did not like the summer heat, however, and every summer took her three children on long trips--sometimes camping by car

across the U.S., sometimes traveling to Europe and Switzerland. She was ahead of her time, as a woman traveling alone with children.



Unfailingly polite and well-spoken, she nevertheless had strong opinions and did not suffer fools (or dullards) gladly. Her highest compliment for someone she had recently met was that they were “interesting.” She was always cheerful, loved to laugh, loved chocolate, cheese, good company and good food (she was not a fan of cooking, however). She could yodel, play the piano and the accordion.

She liked to help people and she liked to get things fixed, in the world and in the neighborhood. She never hesitated to jump into any situation where things needed doing. When U of C students rode their bikes down the sidewalk, she fearlessly leapt in front of their moving bicycles and explained to the shocked student where they should be riding. She was very involved in all matters pertaining to administration of the condominium for over 50 years, serving many times as President. She loved flowers, and planted and took care of outdoor flowers around the condominium for many years.



She touched many, many lives, helping people make connections and get where they were trying to go (some she introduced even got married to each other!). She always went the extra mile to shape the outcome she felt should happen. She cared deeply about many issues, often writing to legislators, newspapers, companies and organizations with suggestions, concerns and advice. With her deep decency, she brought out the best in people.

She died suddenly at home, without experiencing major disability or lingering illness, exactly as she had wished. She leaves behind three children, two grandsons, Lauritz and Marco Naess, daughter-in-law Denise Dahn, her sister Käti Rytz Brechbühl and family, sister-in-law Heidi Brechbühl, brother-in-law Res Wyss and family. Her wish was to be cremated and her ashes stay with the family.

Condolences can be mailed to: Naess Family, 5492 S. Everett Ave #3, Chicago, IL 60615, USA. A memorial service may be held at a later, post- Covid date. The family asks that The family asks that memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers or gifts, be made to:

The Lisa Fittko Internship, Crossroads Fund, 3411 W. Diversey Ave # 20, Chicago, IL 60647: or online at: crossroadsfund.org/vreni

Thanks to Vreni's son Mark Naess for this remembrance.

Cindy Pardo March 17, 1946 - October 25, 2020

Cindy Pardo, a quilter known for her elaborately patterned, particolored designs and leadership in the local arts scene, as well as her work with First Unitarian Church, died on Oct. 25 at 74.

Pardo came to Hyde Park in 1999, after marrying second husband Dr. Richard Pardo and moving into his home in the Rosalie Villas section of Harper Avenue.

She quickly became involved with Artisans 21, a cooperative gallery located in the old Harper Court shopping center. She served for a period as the group's president, and would sell glass jewelry and quilts — she had sewed since childhood, and one of her dolls once made it onto the White House's annual Christmas tree.



"When I am making something, my relatives are honor-bound to say, 'It's terrific,' " she told the Tribune in a 2003 feature about Artisans 21. "But here, the other artists can tell me what they actually think: 'It's fine.' Or, 'Here's something you need to fix.' "

In 2007, Pardo, along with co-owners Evelyn Johnson and Madeiria Myrieckes, opened the Fair Trader at 1623 East 55th Street, in a space that had previously housed a dentist's office. The trio, who developed the idea for the store after selling fair trade coffee and tea through First Unitarian, bought goods from artisans in developing countries and resold them in Chicago.

They paid the artisans, predominantly women, half the value up front for the items they created: textiles from Nepal, Ugandan baskets made of raffia and millet, and tagua nuts, the small seeds of palm trees, carved into imitation ivory.

The store, which came into the world shortly before the 2008 recession and struggled in its aftermath, made it to 2013. "We're closing because we don't have enough business to stay open. That'll do the trick," Pardo told the Herald at the time. She continued to sell fair trade items at Christmas shows in the suburbs and at an annual Chicago Fair Trade pop-up shop in Lincoln Park.

Artisans 21 also shuttered in 2013 — after the old Harper Court was demolished by the University of Chicago in 2008, the group couldn't find another affordable space.

"Cindy was a very positive person — things didn't affect her from the point of view of being frustrated and so forth," said Richard, her husband, about the twin closings. "She would just move on to something else."

Apart from her freelance fair trading, she worked on finding ways to showcase other talented craftspeople on the South Side. She ran knitting workshops for members of Hyde Park Village, the neighborhood's senior community, and she continued with her own work.

"They turned their attic into a studio, and it was just a fabric haven," said Ann Maffeo, her daughter. "Richard would always joke there were just bags of knitting supplies around the house."

During the COVID-19 crisis, Pardo sewed 200 masks for Lawrence Hall, a nonprofit that works with at-risk youth.

"This is a woman who knew she was having surgery on her heart, but come May 1, when the mask mandate went into effect, she was like, 'Well, I gotta make masks for these kids because they need some way to protect themselves,' " said Maffeo.

Pardo was born March 17, 1946 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In her early teens, she moved to Chicago, where her mother had a job at the West Side's Fred Niles Studios, in a set of buildings that would eventually give way to Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Productions. Pardo's mother, a classically trained opera singer, also worked as a radio DJ — she was once arrested for obscenity after reading Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer" on air.

"My mother came from a long line of feather rufflers," said Maffeo. "The fact that my mother was marching in the Civil Rights Movement in the sixties was not totally surprising to anybody who knew my Nana."

Pardo attended Francis Parker High School, 330 W. Webster Ave., where she met Marilyn Sheperd. The pair got to know each other at a coffee shop across from the school.

"You could meet there and sit, have a cup of coffee and smoke — that was the important part," said Sheperd. "We both smoked. At 14 years old we thought we were extremely sophisticated." Sheperd would go on to found the Hyde Park School of Dance in the early '90s and, a few years later, indirectly bring Pardo to the neighborhood. "She was at a point in her life where she needed to do something different, to explore some other avenues, and I said you should come to First Unitarian Church," Sheperd recalled telling Pardo. "It would be an opportunity for you to meet some really different people and all, and I think you'd love it."

It was at First Unitarian that Cindy met Richard Pardo.

"There were so many things she was involved in, mostly surrounding church activities," he recalled. "For example, she worked at (Parkway Gardens) over in Woodlawn for many years both training and finding jobs for the residents of that community."

Cindy also helped with fundraising for the church's capital campaign, and sang in the church choir — that's where the couple became acquainted with one another.

“She was mostly a soprano. She could sing alto very easily, and hit low notes extremely well,” Richard said.

Sheperd has her own memory of Pardo’s singing. After Sheperd’s father died, she and her siblings were trying to figure out a program for the funeral.

“I asked Cindy just to sing, if she would sing a song at the funeral. And she said, ‘I couldn’t do that. First of all, I would look at you and get hysterical.’ We were both also big criers,” Sheperd said.

“A couple of hours later, she calls me back. She said, ‘Okay, here’s the deal. I’ll sing, but the only way I can do that is if I can’t see you. I can’t look at your face and do this. So I’ll sing the song from the back of the church, and you have to promise me that you will not turn around,’ ” Sheperd continued. “And she did. She did, and I didn’t turn around. After that, that was always sort of one of our codes, like, ‘Don’t turn around.’ ”

Cindy Pardo is survived by her stepmother, Roberta Klaeser, and her husband, Dr. Richard Pardo, as well as her children James Carroll, Thomas Carroll, Ann Maffeo and Chris Pardo, and their spouses Andrea, Jennifer, Michael and Laura, respectively. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren: Conor, Alex, Benjamin, Mia, Max, Marnie and Kiara.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Cindy Pardo Memorial Fund at Lawrence Hall, 4833 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60625, or at lawrencehall.org.

Obituary from the Hyde Park Herald



The Village office will be closed December 21 – January 3. You will, however, be able to reach someone by phone during this time by calling 773-363-1933.