

## Japanese Garden embraces winter

The annual Winter Walk tours through the Fabyan Japanese Garden are scheduled for Feb. 8 and 18. Walks begin at 1pm. Snow-covered ground is necessary for the tour so call the day of the tour to confirm. The tour includes history of the garden along with facts about Japanese gardens in all seasons. A donation of \$2 per person is requested. 630-377-6424 [ppfv.org](http://ppfv.org)

## Join the St. Charles Mothers' Club

The St. Charles Mothers' Club (SCMC) invites all Fox Valley area women to attend its upcoming monthly meetings. The SCMC meets on the third Monday of every month. The Feb. 20 meeting is at Great Harvest Bread Company in Geneva and the Mar. 19 meeting is at St. Charles Bowl. 847-372-5153 [stcharlesmothersclub.org](http://stcharlesmothersclub.org)

## Teaching positive communication skills

Area moms and children are invited to MOMS TOGETHER featuring speaker Julie Dougherty,

who will be presenting "Take a Pass on the Sass: Teaching Our Children to Communicate Positively With Their Words, Tones and Attitudes." Cost is \$6 per mom, \$8 for a mom with one child and \$10 for a mom with two or more children. Program dates: Feb. 2 or 16 at the West Campus of First Baptist Church of Geneva. 630-232-7068 ext. 137 [fbcg.com](http://fbcg.com)

## Tri-Cities twins and triplets moms hold resale event

Get amazing deals at the Tri-Cities Mothers of Twins and Triplets Club resale event Mar. 17, 8am-1pm. Admission is \$1 for adults. No bags, backpacks or closed shopping containers are permitted. Strollers are allowed. Cash or personal checks only. Mooseheart Field house. 630-375-7111 [tcmottc.org](http://tcmottc.org)

## Newcomers Club welcomes new members

The Fox Valley Newcomers & Neighbors Club invites women who are new to the area, had a lifestyle change, or are just looking for a friendly, social organization, to a get acquainted membership cof-

fee, 10am, Feb. 28. Monthly meetings include a luncheon and an informative program. Next regular meeting is Feb. 15, 11:30am. 630-549-0068 [foxvalleynewcomers.com](http://foxvalleynewcomers.com)

## Class for caregivers of individuals with mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, DeKalb, Kane South & Kendall Counties will hold "Family To Family," a series of 12 weekly classes structured to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness. Free course is taught by trained NAMI volunteers and covers Brain Biology, Symptoms and Subtypes, Problem Solving, and Self Care. Call 630-405-9336 for more information.

## Bean Bags and Bunco for AID

Association for Individual Development (AID) will host a Bean Bags tournament with prizes on Feb. 25. If bags are not for you, take part in the "Ready to Roll" bunco event. For registration, visit [the-association.org](http://the-association.org). AID provides programs and services for over 5100 adults and children with disabilities in the

Fox Valley area.

They will also host the annual telethon on Mar. 17. To volunteer, take part in the talent showcase or make a pledge visit [the-association.org](http://the-association.org) or call Wendy Bialek, 847-931-2294. The telethon can be viewed 9am-7pm on Comcast Channel 17 or streaming live on line at [the-association.org](http://the-association.org).

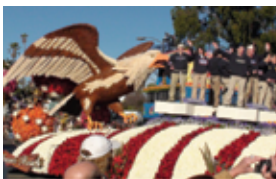
## Bereavement programs offer guidance

"Pathways" is a seven-week support group for those who are grieving the death of a spouse or life partner. Choose between an afternoon session beginning Feb. 15 at 1pm or evening session beginning Feb. 13 at 7pm.

"Light Finders" is a six-week support group for survivors of suicide loss beginning Feb. 23 at 6:30pm. Registration is required one week in advance for all programs. Call Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice, 630-232-2233 or visit [fvvh.org](http://fvvh.org)

## Registration underway for fastpitch softball

Wasco Girls Fastpitch Softball is a recreational softball league open to all area girls



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in grades K through 12. Spring/Summer registration is underway now through Feb. 29. The season begins in April and concludes late June/early July. No "out-of-district" fees. 630-513-1200 [wascofastpitch.com](http://wascofastpitch.com)

### Celebrate St. Patrick's Day downtown

The 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festivities will be held on Mar. 10, 11am. The route runs down Main St. from Sixth St. to Fourth Ave. This year the parade is hosted by Pride of the Fox Inc. In addition to the parade, the Arcada Theatre will host a dance show and a daylong Irish Fest will be held featuring traditional family activities, music and contests. [prideofthefox.com](http://prideofthefox.com)

### 100 delicious years of Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scouts are celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting at cookie booths Feb. 24–Mar. 18. Find the closest cookie booth with the Cookie Locator App or at [girlscoutsni.org](http://girlscoutsni.org). Girls will also be connecting with former Girl Scouts at the booths to share favorite scout memories. [girlscoutsni.org](http://girlscoutsni.org)

### Trivia Bee supports literacy

Three-person teams compete to answer questions Mar. 17 from 9am–12pm at Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley's Trivia Bee for Literacy. This year's theme is "Bee 3D—Celebrating the "B" Movie" and other topics. Win awards, prizes and bragging rights for one year. To register call 630-584-4428 or visit [lvfv.org/events/trivia\\_bee](http://lvfv.org/events/trivia_bee)

### Unemployment Group meets

TUG (Tri-City Unemployment Group) provides career management services and job-seeking skills; encourages and facilitates networking, mutual support, and maintaining a positive attitude, all with the ultimate goal of attaining meaningful employment. Each meeting features a speaker followed by networking. Meetings are held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, 6:30pm on Feb. 13, 27 and Mar. 12, 26. 630-631-1871 [tricityug.org](http://tricityug.org)

### Genealogy society brings past to life

On Feb. 23 Kane County Genealogical Society guest speaker Jane Halde-man discusses land records and how to utilize Google Earth as a research tool. Mar. 22 attendees will learn about the resources available within the DAR and have an opportunity to view their member-only on-line records. Meetings begin at 7:30pm at the Geneva History Center. 847-697-1029 [rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilkcgs](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilkcgs)

### Chamber group highlights Mozart

The St. Charles Singers highlight works from Mozart's teenage years Mar. 10, 8pm at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church. Featured are Mozart motets, a short mass, and two instrumental works. Choral works will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra. Tickets \$40 or \$30 for students and seniors. 630-513-5272 [stcharlessingers.com](http://stcharlessingers.com)

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## Take a step back in time

Durant House Museum will host its annual Fireside Fun event. Visitors of all ages can take a tour and learn to play fun 19th century games by the fire on Feb. 19, 1–4pm. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under twelve. 630-377-6424 [ppfv.org](http://ppfv.org)

## LWV forum

The League of Women Voters of Central Kane County will host a candidate forum Thurs., Feb. 23, at Batavia City Council Chambers, 7pm. For the 25th State Senate District seat, Republicans Jim Oberweis, Dave Richmond, and Richard C. Slocum will face off, as will Democrats Corinne M. Pierog and Steven L. Hunter. Republicans Karen McCounaughay and Cliff Surges are seeking the 33rd district nomination.

## New cycling club focuses on rider

Sammys Cycling Club is focused on the cyclist and exposing them to new and interesting places to ride, cycling advocacy, social activities, training, and safe cycling instructions. For scheduled meetings visit [sammyscyclingclub.org](http://sammyscyclingclub.org).

Democratic candidates for the newly redrawn 14th Congressional district, Dennis Anderson and Jonathan Farnick, are also being invited.

For updated information, visit [lwvckc.org](http://lwvckc.org).

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