



Feb 15, 2023
Chicago's Pizza, Wednesdays

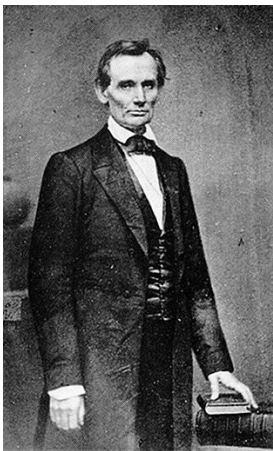
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VICE PRESIDENT – RYAN RASH
SECRETARY – JOHN BAER
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Abraham Lincoln

Feb 12, 1809 - Apr 15, 1865



Matthew Brady photo of Abraham Lincoln taken on 2/27/1860 just hours before his famous Cooper Union speech

As Presidents' Day approaches, this week we remember our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, born in Kentucky, raised in Indiana, and made famous in Illinois. Many historians, and Americans, consider Lincoln to have been our greatest President to date. Many also consider him to have been our most eloquent Commander-in-Chief. The Gettysburg Address, his farewell speech to the people of Springfield, and his Second Inaugural address are considered among the greatest writings in western literature. Winston Churchill described the Gettysburg Address as "the ultimate expression of the majesty of Shakespeare's language". Lincoln revered our nation's Founding Documents, and truly believed that all men were created equal. He understood the Founders as prudent revolutionaries, not as hypocritical politicians. He knew they recognized that circumstances, like a war with England, long-standing prejudice, fear of retribution, could all impose obstacles to their attempts to secure independence and equal rights.

Lincoln gave a famous speech at the Cooper Union in New York City in 1860. With this speech before over 1500, he solidified his position as leader of the Republican Party. In it Lincoln made a very strong denunciation of slavery, in particular outside the South. He also made the claim that the South would not just settle for allowing its own states to continue slavery, but that it would not rest until "the whole atmosphere...be disinfected from all taint of opposition to slavery..." Further, Lincoln stated about the South that "it is what we say, which dissatisfies them. They will continue to accuse us of doing, until we cease saying." He ended the speech with the famous line, "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

At the dedication of the Freedman's Monument in Washington, D.C. on April 14, 1876, sometime Lincoln antagonist Frederick Douglass said the following of him, "that taking him for all in all, measuring the tremendous magnitude of the work before him, considering the necessary means to ends, and surveying the end from the beginning, infinite wisdom has seldom sent any man into the world better fitted for his mission than Abraham Lincoln."

President Lincoln believed in reconciliation - at the end of his 2nd Inaugural Address, a little over a month before his death, he said "With malice toward none: with charity for all... let us bind up the nation's wounds..." At an impromptu celebration at the end of the war, when asked what song the band should reply, our 16th President replied, "Dixie". He saved the Union and freed the slaves...

Charlie's \$2 Worth

BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN...

(re: the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution)

"Of our political revolution of '76, we all are justly proud. It has given us a degree of political freedom, far exceeding that of any other nation of the earth. In it the world has found a solution of the long mooted problem, as to the capability of man to govern himself. In it was the germ which has vegetated, and still is to grow and expand into the universal liberty of mankind."
- Feb 22, 1842

"Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties. And not to Democrats alone do I make this appeal, but to all who love these great and true principles."
- Aug 27, 1856

"Let us then turn this government back into the channel in which the framers of the Constitution originally placed it."
- Jul 10, 1858

"I hold, that in contemplation of universal law, and of the Constitution, the Union of these States is perpetual."
- Mar 4, 1861

"My countrymen, if you have been taught doctrines [that] conflict with the great landmarks of the Declaration of Independence; if you have listened to suggestions which would take away from its grandeur and mutilate the fair symmetry of its proportions; if you have been inclined to believe that all men are not created equal in those inalienable rights enumerated in our charter of liberty, let me entreat you to come back. Return to the fountain whose waters spring close by the blood of the revolution. Think nothing of me - take no thought for the political fate of any man whomsoever - but come back to the truths that are in the Declaration of Independence. You may do anything with me you choose, if you will but heed these sacred principles."
- Summer, 1858

Upcoming Speakers/Events

Feb 15 - Scott Olinger - Tyler Bless, new PHS Football Coach
Feb 22 - Selina Lewis - Patrick Keller, the Prewitt
Mar 1 - Ryan Rash
Mar 8 - Board Meeting & Club Assembly
Mar 15 - Brian Culp - Melissa Plunkett, League of Miracles
Mar 22 - John Baer
Mar 29 - Diane Burks
Apr 5 - Joe Bennett
Apr 12 - Board Meeting & Club Assembly
Apr 19 - Sherry Sighting
Apr 26 - Brad DuBois
May 3 - Susan Ament

Club Meeting Attendance

Plainfield (3417)

Monthly Attendance Detail

December 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Member Name	Dec 7 2022	Dec 14 2022	Dec 21 2022	%
Ament, Susan Beth	Yes	Yes	M	100
Baer, Janet S	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Baer, John M	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Balzano, Candace				0
Bennett, Joseph D			Yes	33.3
Booher, Tom				0
Burks, Diane Arnold	Yes	Yes	M	100
Carter, Royce	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Culp, Brian N	Yes			33.3
DuBois, Brad	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Emerson, Donnie			Yes	33
Hank, Max C	Yes	Yes	M	100
Kinnamon, Daniel L		Yes		33.3
Klinger, Andrew				0
Lewis, Selina J			Yes	33.3
Olinger, Scott				0
Poray, Reann		Yes		33.3
Rash, Ryan Allen				0
Sichting, Sherry D		Yes	Yes	66.7
Turner, Dean F Jr.		Yes		33.3

LEGEND: Y or Yes=Attended, X=Excused Absence, M=Make-Up



UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Jan 4 Donnie Emerson	Jun 21 Andrew Klinger
Jan 18 Max Hank	Jun 28 Selina Lewis
Jan 25 Daniel Kinnamon	Jul 5 Donnie Emerson
Feb 1 Andrew Klinger	Jul 19 Royce Carter
Feb 15 Selina Lewis	Jul 26 Scott Olinger
Feb 22 Scott Olinger	Aug 2 Ryan Rash
Mar 1 Ryan Rash	Aug 16 Sherry Sichting
Mar 15 Brian Culp	Aug 23 Diane Burks
Mar 22 John Baer	Aug 30 Brian Culp
Mar 29 Diane Burks	Sep 6 Brad DuBois
Apr 5 Joe Bennett	Sep 20 Reann Poray
Apr 19 Sherry Sichting	Sep 27 Rocky Turner
Apr 26 Brad DuBois	Oct 4 Susan Ament
May 3 Susan Ament	Oct 18 Candace Balzano
May 17 Rocky Turner	Oct 25 Max Hank
May 24 Reann Poray	Nov 1 John Baer
May 31 Candace Balzano	Nov 15 Joe Bennett
Jun 7 Jan Baer	Nov 29 Jan Baer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FEBRUARY

Pat Cooney - Feb 1
Joe Bennett - Feb 25

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Dec 28-Jan 3 - Brad DuBois
Jan 4-10 - Brian Culp
Jan 11-17 - Royce Carter
Jan 18-24 - Donnie Emerson
Jan 25-31 - Joe Bennett
Feb 1-7 - Ryan Rash
Feb 8-14 - Max Hank
Feb 15-21 - Brian Culp
Feb 22-28 - Reann Poray

Please check supply, refill as needed.
Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank
Finance: Joe Bennett
Foundation: John Baer
Fundraising : Selina Lewis
Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois
Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sichting
Membership: Daniel Kinnamon
Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks
Programs: Daniel Kinnamon
PR & Website: John Baer
Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD
Service Committees: Royce Carter
Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett
Teacher of the Year: Max Hank
Youth: Diane Burks
Interact and RYLA: Diane Burks
Scholarships: Max Hank
Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sichting
The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)