

# First Friday Club of Chicago

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*Come Join us!*

2019-2020 Season Begins October 4th



*Another Season of Great Speakers...*



**ALAN KRASHESKY**  
*News Anchor, WLS-TV, ABC Chicago*

• **October 4, 2019**

**EDWARD WEHMER**  
*President & CEO of Wintrust*

• **November 1, 2019**

**LORI LIGHTFOOT**  
*Mayor of Chicago*

• **March 6, 2020**

# Welcome!



**RICHARD BEDDOME**  
President FFCC Board

My wife and I visited my brother's church on Father's Day. As we left, my brother commented, "didn't I tell you that Fr. Curt gave really good homilies?" He went on to say that even with hundreds of people in attendance it seemed as though the priest was always speaking directly to him, like there was no one else in the room.

Perhaps you've experienced this same feeling. How did the minister, rabbi, or priest know what was bothering you? How did they know that your boss, neighbor, or family member had gotten on your nerves? As my brother noted, "he spoke to ME." Could it be coincidence or divine intervention? Either way, it's an amazing experience.

Over the past 33 seasons, First Friday has asked speakers from the fields of religion, politics, business, the arts, and media to address a wide variety of issues. And it's not unusual for our guests to later comment that they felt as though the speaker was specifically addressing them.

The First Friday Club of Chicago has been fortunate to launch its previous speaker series with such notables as the Cardinal and the new Police Commissioner. This year is no different;

ABC's Alan Krashesky will kickoff the 2019-2020 season on October 4th from noon to 1:15 pm at the Union League Club. Mark your calendar today and join us; reservations open online beginning September 1st.

One last thought. Some of our most memorable talks haven't always come from big names like the Mayor or the Cardinal. Instead they were delivered by individuals who easily could have been discounted or overlooked on First Friday's calendar. Jeanne Bishop is a great example. When we introduced Jeanne to our members as our speaker, we noted that, "you might not recognize her name, but you definitely will remember her story." In her book, "A Change of Heart," and in her talk, she detailed her pain and shock in coming to grips with her pregnant sister's murder.

She came to realize that the only way forward was to forgive the killer. Could you or I have forgiven someone who took so much from us? As one member stated after the talk concluded, "I guess I need to completely re-examine my life and change the way I look at the world."

I hope you can join us for most, if not all, eight luncheons planned for the new season. As in past years, First Friday's lineup of speakers will address a variety of challenging issues not to be missed!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and thank you for your continued support of the First Friday Club of Chicago.

**Rich Beddome**  
**Board President, The First Friday Club of Chicago**

# A Note from the First Friday Club Chaplain



**FR. JOHN C. CUSICK**  
FFCC Chaplain

If you have not done it in a while (or maybe never!), I am asking you to go to the First Friday Club's website ([www.firstfridayclubchicago.org](http://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org)) and click on **Past Speakers**. Please take a few minutes and scan the names of our past speakers along with the titles of their presentations. It is quite an impressive list dating back to 1986.

Most of the speaker topics were suggested by the board of the First Friday Club. They work hard to direct each speaker to shape their material around the triple purpose of this organization: to make connections between our faith, our work, and the issues of the day.

This, I believe, is what makes the First Friday Club so unique and special. I am equally thrilled for all attendees who have been a part of the First Friday lunch gatherings.

Presently the Board is developing the roster of topics and speakers for 2019-2020. They are excited for the new season which will explore a diverse set of topics. Hopefully we will not disappoint! And, as always, our luncheons will take place at the Union League Club.

Last season we surveyed our membership about a number of issues. Several questions focused

on location and affordability of the luncheon. The general consensus was to stay where we are. In addition, we were asked if there was more affordable parking near the Union League Club. We heard you and secured parking for \$10 during our luncheon gatherings through the **iParkit** phone app. The South Loop Self Park is immediately south of the Union League Club at 318 S Federal.

This article is my "ask" to have you join us this year as a member of the First Friday Club. Our new season begins on October 4th when Alan Krashesky addresses our members, their guests, and many friends.

We need your financial support as much as we need your presence on the first Friday of the month. First Friday's luncheons at the Union League Club are special and convenient for many. The location along with a full service luncheon also require a higher cost, which brings me back to my "ask." Please consider becoming a member even if your time is limited. There are a number of membership levels beginning with our basic membership fee of \$50. All membership amounts are tax-deductible and are listed in this annual report. We depend on memberships to keep the FFC in existence. The First Friday Club has been one of the great passions of my life. Your financial support means a lot to me.

In advance, thanks for your support to keep the First Friday Club alive and well. I look forward to welcoming you to Alan Krashesky's presentation on October 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Union League Club.

Keep doing great things with your life!

**Fr. John Cusick**  
**Chaplain, The First Friday Club of Chicago**

# 2018-2019 FFCC Survey Summary

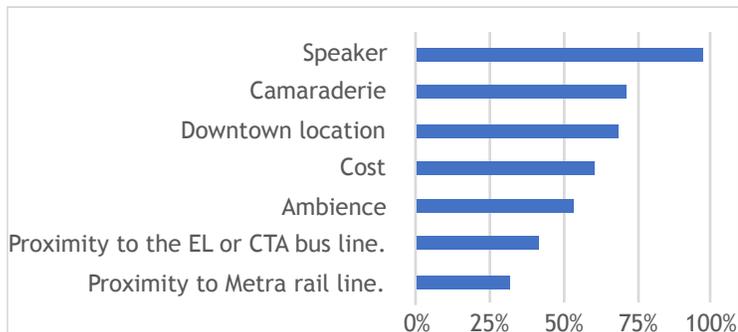
## First Friday Spring Survey: We Heard You and We Thank You

Last spring, the First Friday Club board surveyed its stakeholders to better understand their perceptions and to plan for the future. We were deeply gratified that 183 people, ranging in age from 23 to 91, responded to the survey. Of those, the average age was 68; 56% were retired, and another 42% were working full or part-time. Less than half (42%) attend First Friday often or very often, and 21% held season tickets. What follows are highlights from the results.

### General Levels of Satisfaction

86%	Very satisfied or satisfied that the First Friday Club is addressing its purpose: To address faith, work and issues of the day.
87%	Very satisfied or satisfied with our location at the Union League Club.
79%	Feel that the value of the luncheons is excellent or above average.
84%	Very satisfied or satisfied with the speakers.
88%	Very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of food served at the luncheons.
89%	Very satisfied or satisfied with the day and time of the luncheons.

**What's Important?** The figure below indicates the percentage of respondents who indicated that the item was very important or important to them.



**The Next Generation:** We understand that it is important to attract a younger audience to the First Friday Club. When asked for suggestions, we received over 100 ideas, such as: “Offer a discount to young adults.” “Invite younger, less establishment -oriented speakers.” “Bring one (young adult) along as your guest.” “Find young adults interested in these issues and encourage them to become leaders in the FFC.”

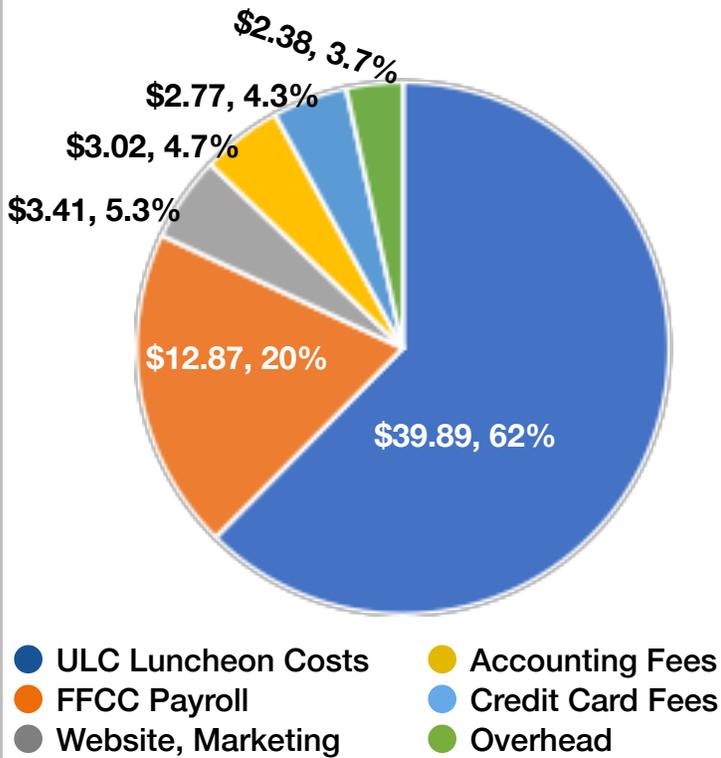
**Summary:** The message that the data delivers is clear. First Friday Club members need to think strategically about its long-term future, addressing issues of faith, work and issues of the day with speakers who resonate with multiple generations. As importantly, this needs to be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to cost while preserving a sense of camaraderie in a dignified downtown setting. This is a big challenge, and the future of this wonderful club depends on the creativity, imagination and courage of all its members.

# 2018-2019 Budget Snapshot:

## FFCC Revenue v. Cost per Attendee

### 2018-2019 Luncheon Expense

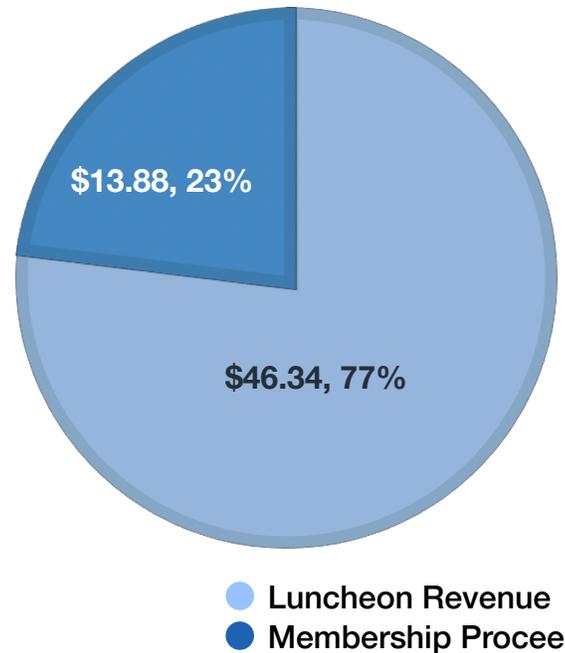
Expenses = \$64.34 / Attendee



Expenses > Revenue by \$4.12/Attendee

### 2018-2019 Luncheon Revenue

Revenue = \$60.22 / Attendee



## What Does This Mean?

**Defining Success:** Over the course of 8 luncheons, there were 1,614 attendees who not only came ready to be engaged but were also generous in their support of the First Friday Club of Chicago.

**Revenue:** The price charged for the ULC Luncheon accounted for 77% of First Friday's revenue. Equally important were the Annual Memberships which generated 23% of First Friday's revenue. Thank You First Friday Members for your generous support!

**Expenses:** Luncheon Costs typically escalate every year with the past "season" being no exception: Total operating costs exceeded total revenue by approximately \$4 per luncheon attendee.

**We Heard You:** The majority of members who participated in last year's survey preferred the Union League Club over alternative locations along with a full service meal.

**The Reconcile:** In order to continue the FFCC Luncheons at the Union League Club, an increase in attendance & memberships are necessary to cover costs. Spread the word & bring a friend!

**Mind the Gap:** We need your support AGAIN. Whether it's a new membership for the 2019-20 season or an increase in your existing pledge, every donation is critical to the success of The First Friday Club of Chicago.

# 2018-2019: Highlights from our 33rd Season

Submitted by FFCC Board Member Terrill L. Stumpf, PhD, MDiv

**Arne Duncan** | January 4, 2019



## Ending Gun Violence in Chicago – Could the Gun Violence Plague in Chicago Become a Thing of the Past?

**Arne Duncan** was the US Secretary of Education (2009-2015) appointed by

the President Barack Obama. While his tenure as Secretary was marked by varying degrees of opposition from both social conservatives and teachers' unions, Duncan enjoyed strong support from the President. Despite antagonism to the push that all states adopt the Common Core Standard to determine what students had learned, Obama praised his work at the Department of Education by saying, "Arne has done more to bring our educational system – sometimes kicking and screaming – into the 21st century than anybody else."

Duncan previously served as CEO of the Chicago Public Schools (2001-2009). He is currently a Senior Fellow at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and a board member for Communities In Schools and Community X. Arne Duncan attended Harvard College where he played on the basketball team and graduated magna cum laude in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. His senior thesis, for which he took a year's leave to do research in the Kenwood neighborhood, was entitled *The Values, Aspirations and Opportunities of the Urban Underclass*.

For nearly 50 years, Sue Duncan, Arne's mother, has run an after-school tutoring project out of

church basements on the South Side (Sue Duncan Children's Center). Her work helped thousands of kids from Chicago's poorest neighborhoods, and inspired Arne to pursue a career in education.

In 2016 Duncan co-founded Chicago CRED (Creating Real Economic Destiny) with the singular purpose to achieve a transformative reduction in Chicago gun violence.

Arne Duncan began with these words on the commitment to end gun violence in Chicago: what a vision, what a mission. Duncan grew up in Hyde Park and played basketball with many young black men from the Kenwood neighborhood. He experienced the loss of fellow players due to gun violence. He spoke of how these experiences shaped him and led him to his current mission.

***You have a destiny.  
Choose it. Create it.  
Demand it. - Arne Duncan***

Under Duncan's watch as the CEO of the Chicago Public Schools, one student was killed every two weeks (thankfully not on a school campus); but in 2018 more than one student was killed every week.

Some facts giving shape to this gun violence plague: Chicago is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in the US. Chicago has more homicides and shootings than combined numbers of Los Angeles and New York City. Seventy-five percent of gun violence in

# 2018-2019: Highlights continued

## Arne Duncan | Continued

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Chicago occurs mostly in 15 South and West side neighborhoods. Young black men aged 17-24 account for 75% of shootings and those shot.

Some opinions from an ordinary citizen: As a society, we often value different lives differently. Loss of life on the south and west sides often fall off the radar of our Chicagoans. Community trust of police is often broken in these communities. These and other factors give rise to the increase of gun violence in these neighborhoods. Chicago has some of the strictest gun laws, but we're not an island; guns pour into Chicago from just 30 miles away, across the border from Indiana, which has some of the most lax gun laws.

As citizens, we can't expect anytime soon that action will be taken by Congress, States, and cities. However, we can facilitate and change the narrative.

Practical and pragmatic prevention and educational actions are needed to stop the shooting and the shooters. Let's give young black men reasons to put down the guns. Give young black men reasons for hope. Doing something different to end the plague of gun violence is needed on the ground level. Let's work with the shooters.

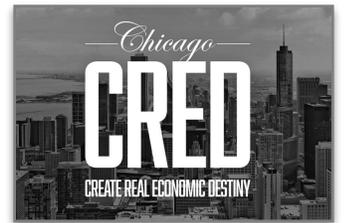
Ask CEOs – what can you do to hire and provide great employment opportunities? Ask faith communities – what can you do to walk alongside these people, engage and embrace them? Ask all of us – what can you do to move outside your comfort zone and make a real impact.

The founding of Chicago CRED (<https://www.chicagocred.org>) started in the south side community of Roseland with the aim of achieving a transformative reduction in gun violence. CRED

targets young black men most likely to be perpetrators or victims of shootings and transitions them to jobs in the legal economy that pay as much or more than what they earn in the violence-plagued illegal economy. Recruits are provided: training in skills needed to become effective employees, supervised transitional jobs, extensive life coaching, and other wrap-around support services including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to manage conflict and emotions effectively. All CRED graduates then receive 12 months of ongoing life coaching once placed in permanent jobs.

Duncan followed his presentation with an audience Q&A which highlighted his facts and added new thoughts to his opinions and course of actions. For the full presentation and to hear again, go to the FFCC website Podcasts.

**Final Note:** In light of the recent mass shootings, the plague of gun violence rages on; as a society, culture, and citizens we are called to practical and pragmatic actions in order to change the narrative and put an end to gun violence. Chicago CRED and Arne Duncan's mission give rise to hope.



# 2018-2019: Highlights continued

**Mary Meg McCarthy** | February 26, 2019



## The Statue of Liberty - Every Immigrant's Dream of a Better Life

**Mary Meg McCarthy's** presentation provided us a look at what's going on through the eyes of a key

person whose life's work is immigration – to protect and promote access to justice for men, women, and children regardless of their legal status. McCarthy is now in her 20th year leading the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) <https://www.immigrantjustice.org>, one of the nation's pre-eminent immigrant rights organizations.

McCarthy received her J.D. degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and her B.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. An expert in immigration law, McCarthy is the immediate past chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration. Several organizations have recognized McCarthy's expertise and commitment to serving the immigrant and refugee community through awards including: the Pax Christi 2013 Teacher of Peace Award, and the Damen Award from Loyola University. In June 2018, she received an honorary degree in law from Knox College (Galesburg, IL).

McCarthy began her presentation with a Somali Poem and stated that today's discussion topic is

ever so timely. The immigration crisis is dynamic and multidimensional in our city, in our nation, and at our borders. Our response to this crisis is formed by work, faith, and personal values. She distilled the topic into three important dimensions.

**Build Bridges, Not Walls.** Building bridges with regards to immigration and welcoming the stranger makes us a stronger and more vibrant democracy. Recently, Pope Francis stated that the fear of immigrants is irrational; he calls us to the Gospel challenge of welcome, hospitality, and mercy.

**Human Rights Crisis.** The immigration crisis is made by inhuman policy and regulations. Human rights violations in Central America lead people to flee in search of protection and safety from violence, persecution, and economic hardship. McCarthy quoted the Somali poem by Warsan Shire to put immigration in perspective.

**Change the Narrative.** Foremost, immigration is a human right; policies and regulations ought to be in place that support human rights

and that are humane. Immigrants at the borders are legally entitled to a defense and legal counsel. Immigrants who have legal counsel are more likely to present their case for fleeing their home country and stand a better chance of success in achieving legal immigration status. To deny them this right is plain wrong.

***No one leaves  
home,  
Unless home is in  
the mouth of a  
shark  
No parent puts  
children in a boat,  
Unless the water is  
safer than the land.***

— Warsan Shire, a  
British-Somali Poet

# 2018-2019: Highlights continued

## Mary Meg McCarthy | Continued

McCarthy introduced us to Carla, a DACA recipient. Carla shared her immigration story and the legal defense and social support she received from NIJC. She is a success story in the making, working and pursuing advanced education. She awaits her upcoming immigration hearing.

Immigration has implications that are legal, social, political, and economic. It calls us to be accountable in enacting the Gospel challenge of welcoming the stranger, hospitality, and mercy.

An engaging audience-speaker Q&A followed, leaving the audience with a challenge to a Gospel

response and their own self-learning activities. McCarthy provided resource material to that end.

***Every immigrant's dream of a better life is ever so pertinent, even today!***

## Patrick J. Kennedy | April 5, 2019



### Challenging One of the Last Social Taboos - Discrimination Against Mental Health, Addiction, and Other Brain Diseases

**Patrick J. Kennedy** is a former U.S. Congressman (D, RI, 1995-2011) and served most recently as a Commissioner on

the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis.

In a society today where few topics are off limits, certain topics are not discussed in polite company or even in private. Mental health and drug addiction lead the list. We find it difficult, if not impossible, to admit to bipolar disorder, alcoholism, or chemical dependency. After all,

people may think less of us. It could cost us our job or stand in the way of a promotion. The world sees a human weakness, not a neurological or psychiatric disease. In fact, it was only in 2010 that the Federal Parity Act began requiring health insurance companies to treat illnesses of the brain such as depression and addiction in the same way they treat illnesses of the body.

During his time in Congress, Kennedy sponsored and was the lead architect of the Federal Parity Act. More than ten years ago, he broke his family's code of silence and publicly acknowledged having bipolar disorder and being a recovering alcoholic. As of 2018, Kennedy says he has been sober for more than six years.

# 2018-2019: Highlights continued

## Patrick J. Kennedy | Continued

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Since leaving Congress in 2011, he founded the nonprofit Kennedy Forum <https://www.thekennedyforum.org> to lead a national dialogue on mental health and addiction involving advocates, business, and government. Locally, Kennedy Forum Illinois works to end discrimination against people with mental health and addiction challenges here in our state. Kennedy also cofounded One Mind, an organization that funds “open science” research on brain diseases, encouraging scientists to widely share their findings about Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, ALS, addiction, depression, and other diseases. His 2015 book, *A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey Through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction*, chronicles his own struggles along with his political advocacy supporting mental health and addiction care.

Kennedy began his presentation by telling us that in Rhode Island, politics is the favorite sport. Since leaving Congress, he feels like he is being dragged back into politics. He finds staying sober and in recovery, along with support from his family and friends, keeps him grounded.

His personal struggle with addiction to cocaine and his recovery journey began at the age of 17 at an addiction rehabilitation facility. Yet, this journey continues and is ever foremost in his every day life. One of his mottos is that in life things happen, they are what they are, and most often they all do work out.

The Mental Health Parity Act (MHPA) legislation was signed into United States law on September 26, 1996, and requires dollar limits on mental health benefits to be no lower than dollar limits for medical and surgical benefits.

Kennedy became the standard-bearer for this Parity Act while he was in Congress. Kennedy shares with us that at that time he was no Profile in Courage – he was a young, low-ranking upstart new Congressman. Other Congressional leaders were not lining up to sign their name to the proposed Act - and then be subject to inquiry regarding their own mental illness history. Kennedy took the lead and propelled the legislation forward. This Act challenged stigmas around mental health and addictive diseases – the brain is part of the body and

ought to have the same standard and same level of care as a physical disease. As in his own recovery, our own perceptions and stigmas about mental illness and addiction can serve as a barrier or a bridge to treatment and recovery.

After coming out with his struggles with mental illness and addiction, he was not championed nor congratulated for his bravery even in his own family. The late Senator Edward Kennedy, Patrick’s father, questioned why he was doing this and warned him of the negative impact it could have on his career and future. Shortly before Ted Kennedy died, however he told Patrick that he was doing good work with mental illness and addiction and to keep up the work. As Patrick states, that’s the best his father could say.

***We stand on the  
doorstep to make  
momentous  
progress in  
advancing the  
cause of this new  
civil rights struggle  
[mental health  
parity] started by  
the work of  
President Kennedy  
over 50 years ago.***

*—Patrick Kennedy*

# 2018-2019: Highlights continued

## Patrick J. Kennedy | Continued

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The audience participated actively in a post presentation Q&A. One question illuminated a new endeavor of the Kennedy Forum Illinois – that of combating the stigma of mental illness and often the lack of parity in the workplace.

Patrick Kennedy's presentation helps us rethink living with a mental illness or addiction, and help us to debunk the stigma and denials, particularly important in seeking treatment and recovery.

To listen for the first time or hear again, go to the FFCC's website Podcasts.

**A Tragic Post Script:** Saoirse Kennedy Hill, grand-daughter of Robert F. Kennedy died on Thursday, August 1, 2019 after suffering an apparent overdose at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port, MA. On her death, Patrick Kennedy, a cousin of Saoirse's mother Courtney Kennedy Hill, saluted Saoirse on social media and in a TV interview for addressing her mental health struggles publicly in 2016. ***"She opened the door for her peers to also come out and not be shamed by this illness, and she's a real hero in my family. She broke the silence."***

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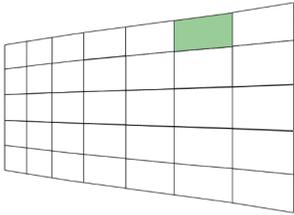
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# Get Connected & Stay Connected with FFCC



**The Mission of the First Friday Club of Chicago** is to provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their

daily lives. FFCC is not a business lunch, but rather a lunch both for those in business as well as other interested people. The club gathers 200 - 400 people monthly from October to May. Following an enjoyable lunch, some of the finest speakers have shared the moral dilemmas and social obligations stemming from their work and involvement in religion, business, education, government, media, health care, and community life.

FFCC was founded in 1986 by Father John Cusick, and today he continues his service as Club Chaplain. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin was FFCC's first speaker.

That's all well and good to know, but how can I get and stay connected with FFCC?

First and foremost, plan to purchase a ticket for a FFCC luncheon by visiting the First Friday Website. You then select Events to purchase a ticket(s) to that month's luncheon, indicate any dietary restrictions, as well as indicate a particular seating affinity group table. Don't hesitate, join us! From your ticket registration information provided, you will be automatically added to the FFCC email distribution list.

When the FFCC Luncheon ends at 1:15 p.m., next month's luncheon ticket(s) are ready for your reservation and payment via your cell phone or on our website. Or you can stop by the Registration Table in the Lobby and register and pre-pay with someone at the table via cash, check, or credit card.

For those of you who attend all or most of the FFCC programs and are currently a member of

FFCC, 2019-20 season tickets for all 8 luncheons are available to purchase for a discount either online (<https://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/season-tickets>), at the registration table, or by U.S. Mail.

FFCC sends out monthly email announcements regarding upcoming guest speakers for the luncheons. Be sure you get your name on that distribution list. You can also complete an FFCC Information Form at a FFCC Luncheon. Otherwise, you can always go to the FFCC website [www.firstfridayclubchicago.org](http://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org) to see any new postings regarding upcoming luncheon guest speakers.

While attending a luncheon, certainly engage in conversation and get to know your table-mates, especially if this is your first time or someone else's first time at your table. Before and after the luncheon, you can take an opportunity to introduce yourself and chat with a FFCC Board Member, our Chaplain, Registration Table volunteers – all are wearing name badges.

What if I miss a luncheon and want to listen to the speaker? Not a problem. Almost all of our luncheon speakers give permission to be taped during their presentation and during the Q&A. You can go to the FFCC website and select Podcast. Then select the speaker you want to hear. Within 7-10 days after a luncheon, the current speaker's presentation is posted on the website. The Podcast listing now goes back to January 2016. That means you can review the listings and select any or all of the podcasts to listen to. It's also a good way to share with a colleague, friend or family member a particular FFCC luncheon speaker that struck a chord with you.

# Get Connected &

## Stay Connected with FFCC continued

FFCC Annual Reports are available on the FFCC website. A limited number of hard copies of this report will be available at the October 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon Registration Table. We also provide via the FFCC website a listing of our past luncheon speakers dating back to 1986. Just select About, then select List of Speakers 2018-1986.

You can make contact with FFCC in the following ways as well:

First Friday Club of Chicago, 711 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60661, by calling 312-466-9610, or email at [ffcc@firstfridayclubchicago.org](mailto:ffcc@firstfridayclubchicago.org)

You can also stay connected with FFCC on Facebook. FFCC's Facebook account has photos, announcements, quotes from luncheon speakers, links, and comments. Go to [www.facebook.com/FirstFridayClubChicago](http://www.facebook.com/FirstFridayClubChicago) to view and post your own comments regarding a lunch speaker's presentation. You can also steer others to that site to pique their interest in FFCC.

Last but not least, you can become a member of FFCC. The club relies heavily on its dues-paying members. A variety of membership levels exist: Member, Patron, Supporter or Benefactor. Go to the FFCC website and select Membership and Become a Member to select your own membership level and follow the prompts to complete payment. At a luncheon, you can also complete a hard copy membership form and pay by cash, check, or credit card.



The FFCC operates on an extremely tight budget. Our food, administrative, and speaker costs are covered by the financial support of our membership dues and the amount charged for luncheons.

An individual can also become a Sponsor of a luncheon, which includes being recognized from the podium if you consent (or you can remain anonymous). As a Sponsor you are invited to sit at the guest speaker's table.

Whether you make a donation in general or in honor or memory of someone, all methods of payment are available.

It is through the support of individuals like you, loyal attendees and supporters of FFCC, that the club continues to thrive.

As a very last resort to get and stay connected, there is always the 20<sup>th</sup> century method: attend a lunch, make an acquaintance or friend at your table, bring a friend to enjoy the discussion, engage in the speaker presentation, discuss your impressions, questions, and personal applications to daily life with those at the table, chat with a FFCC Board Member or staff person, and decide to come back again next month.

**Get connected and stay connected to FFCC!**

# Welcome &

## Hospitality | Cara Program Participants



**As the Union League** dining room begins to fill with First Friday attendees, you may discover a stranger or two at your luncheon table. FFCC provides an opportunity for three participants from the Cara Program to join us at

every luncheon. The Cara Program is a non-profit social service agency which provides job training to people who are affected by poverty and connects with businesses to get participants back to work.

Since 1991, Cara has placed more than 6,500 individuals into more than 10,000 quality jobs with a “one-year, same-firm” retention rate of 70% or better. This helps families to stop the transfer of poverty from one generation to the next. Cara participants, who are individuals affected by poverty and often the challenges of recovery, domestic violence, episodic homelessness, and incarceration, are able to keep quality jobs and

more importantly, rebuild hope, self-esteem and opportunity for themselves and their families in the process. The Cara Program is a full-time participant experience lasting 12 months.

Each month, Cara selects three participants to attend a FFCC luncheon where they will mix with other participants. If you encounter a Cara participant at your affinity table, welcome them and engage in conversation to hear about their experience in the program and what they are aiming for in their future and prospective jobs.

Another important way of welcome and hospitality – you can fund a Cara Program Participant by paying for his or her lunch. When you pay for your own lunch registration online, pull the screen down and there is another option to pay for a Cara participant’s lunch. The FFCC administrator will attempt to sit your funded participant at your table. All of that is anonymous.

The support of individuals like you makes it possible for FFCC to continue providing this special luncheon experience for Cara participants.

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To Provide a Forum for Men & Women to Make Connections between Work, Faith, Values & Issues that Affect Their Daily Lives.

*Come Join us for the 2019-2020 Season!*

Every First Friday of the Month, October through May, from Noon to 1:15, Enjoy Lunch and a Speaker at the Union League Club - 65 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago

# Meet the Board!

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Mark Your Calendar  
2019-2020  
**LUNCHEON DATES**

**October 4, 2019**

**November 1, 2019**

**December 6, 2019**

**January 10, 2020\*\***

**February 7, 2020**

**March 6, 2020**

**April 3, 2020**

**May 1, 2020**

\*\*Changed Date: 2nd Friday

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October 4, 2019



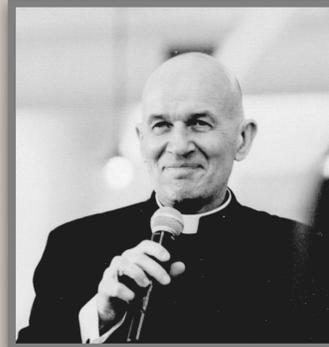
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November 1, 2019



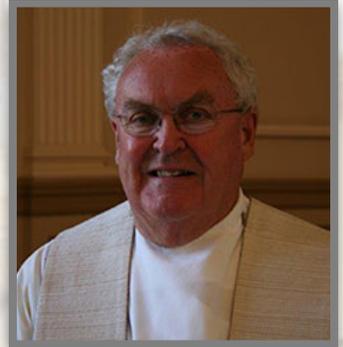
**Edward Wehmer**  
President & CEO of Wintrust

December 6, 2019



**Fr. Edward Foley**  
Duns Scotus  
Professor of Spirituality,  
Professor of Liturgy  
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January 10, 2020



**Fr. Charles Rubey**  
Founder & Director of Catholic  
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February 7, 2020



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November 1, 2019	March 6, 2020
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January 10, 2020**	May 1, 2020

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