



December 2024 Monthly News

Art at Irvington—Xochilt Ruvalcaba Opening Reception—12/5

We currently have an exhibit by artist Xochilt Ruvalcaba.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH THE ARTIST!

On Thursday, December 5th from 6-8pm, we are hosting an Opening Reception in the upstairs lounge. This event is open to all.

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Xochilt Ruvalcaba is a full-time artist based in Portland, Oregon. Specializing in original, one-of-a-kind paintings (no prints, her current collection focuses on florals, though she also has extensive abstract and landscape works, among other styles. For Xochilt, art serves as both communication and a reflection of her mind's evolving response to experiences and the world around her. Growing up in a home without access to art, she gained a deep appreciation for how transformative and powerful it can be, which now fuels her passion to share it with others.



Grant Holiday Wishes for MLK Jr. Elementary Students

The Community Involvement Committee (CIC) invites you to help grant holiday wishes for 33 students from Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School.

First, select a card or two hanging from the lights in front on the trophy case.

Next cut the green card in half, keep the top half of the card to do your shopping.

Then write your name on the bottom half of the card and leave that part in the basket.

Finally, return the gift(s) wrapped, labeled with the child's name and family # **by noon on Tuesday, December 17th**, or tape the top half of the green card on the wrapped gift(s).

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

- December 5th, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Art at Irvington—Xochilt Ruvalcaba Opening Reception
- December 10th, 7:00pm, Diversity and Equity Initiative Meeting
- December 12th, 10:30am-2:30pm, White Elephant Tennis Drill, Potluck, and Gift Exchange
- December 13th, 6:15pm-10:00pm, Kids N' Tennis Junior Mixer
- December 14th, 9:00am-12:30pm, Junior Volunteer Opportunity at the NEFP
- December 18th, 9:00am, Community Involvement Committee Meeting
- December 18th, 6:15pm, Tennis Committee Meeting
- December 24th, The Club closes at 1:30pm
- December 25th, The Club is closed
- December 31st, The Club closes at 6:00pm

New Members:

Madelyne Pepple

WELCOME!

Outgoing

Members:

Griff & Susan
Wilson

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President's Message

Dear Irvington Club Members,

As you most likely know, we are currently without a general manager now that our interim manager, John Thomas, has completed his contracted time with us. This presents us with challenges for our employees, our committees, and our Board. The good news is that all these Club leaders are dedicated and hardworking people who are capable of cooperating to get things done and keep operations running smoothly. Here's a sample of some of the work all these good people are doing:

- **The Board** is deciding on a search firm to assist us in finding and interviewing highly-qualified general manager candidates. Right now that is priority number one for us. At the same time vice president, Cathy Porter, and I are supporting our staff as they take on additional responsibilities. And all other Board members continue to lead committees and offer their assistance during this transition in any way they can.
- **Our Staff** has not missed a beat! We are very lucky to have such a committed team. Brian has recently overseen the complete cleaning and upkeep of our courts. Noriko, Anita, and Kevin keep schedules working, orders placed, bills paid, communications sent, questions answered... Walter and Cris continue to provide us with drills, classes, and lessons while they also work with the **Tennis Committee** to continually make program adjustments to best meet members' needs. And our front desk staff can always be relied on to take care of you.
- **The Strategic Planning Committee** has presented an annual survey to the Board which has been approved. Soon you will get a personal link to take the survey. We want every member's participation! Your input will provide the critical information that guides the direction of continued strategic planning. Special thanks to Bill Malloch who has led this effort.
- **Diversity and Equity Initiative** members recently sponsored a half-day equity and inclusion workshop for all Club leaders (Board, committees, employees). 25 people attended and learned more about how to support this diversity initiative that is now approaching its fourth successful year. Sincere appreciation for: Omar Martinez who has been leading the work of this committee; and May Albano, Timora KonigWilcox, and Randolph Carter, who all lead subcommittees that brought us art shows, community outreach mixers, increased youth involvement and much more.
- **The Community Involvement Committee** is sponsoring holiday giving projects and a collaboration with Kids N' Tennis. Thank you to Lisa Lyon, committee chair, and all the dedicated members of the CIC.
- **The Pool Committee** is assessing the extended pool season trial and preparing recommendations for the Board for next season. Jenny MacNichol is the chair to whom we owe thanks for leading that work.
- **The Building and Grounds Committee** has worked with Brian in getting maintenance projects taken care of. They have also recommended replacing two very old elliptical trainers in the weight room fitness center, which the Board has approved. That equipment will be ordered and installed as soon as possible. Thanks to Willis Boyer for chairing this committee.

As I mentioned, this is just a sample of all the work going on. We are fortunate to have so many folks who love our Club stepping up to make sure all you members are taken care of!

Yours in service, Jonathan Steinhoff

Irvington Club Community Foundation News

The Irvington Club Community Foundation is up and running! The Foundation debuted with a dunk tank at the Club BBQ this summer, which raised \$500, and then launched into its inaugural “*Friendraiser*” in September. The *Friendraiser* introduced the Foundation to many current and former Club members, including a moving talk by Carolyn Lumber, who is on the Foundation Board. And with the gracious hosting of the event by Realtor, Susie Moran and two exceptionally generous matching grants, and the generous gifts made by many of you, the Foundation has already raised more than \$20,000.

The Foundation seeks to support the overall health and well-being of the community in North and Northeast Portland, as well as historic Club activities, by leveraging individual contributions to the Foundation into impactful grants to small local non-profits. The Foundation Board is setting policies that initially will include twice-annual grantmaking for sports and athletics, food insecurity, and education.

The Foundation’s Board was intent on raising enough money so that the Foundation could establish a necessary reserve and also still make some grants in 2024. The Foundation Board just concluded its first round of grantmaking and is excited to announce the results of the Foundation’s first steps into the community. In taking those steps, the Foundation sought to honor existing Club relationships while also branching out to others in the community.

ICCF Committees

The ICCF Board welcomes interested people who may wish to work on any of the ICCF committees (Technology/Communications, Grants or Fundraising). If you are interested, email the ICCF @ irvingtonclubcommunityfoundation@irvingtonclub.com.

This month the ICCF Board awarded four grants of \$1,000 each to the following local 501(c)(3) charitable organizations:

Kids N' Tennis Inc. <https://www.kids-n-tennis.org>

The Foundation is honoring the Club’s longstanding commitment to Kids N' Tennis Inc., (“KNT”), which includes events coordinated by the Club’s Community Involvement Committee (“CIC”). The Foundation will be the principal sponsor of the week-long camps that KNT has for kids during winter break and spring break.

Milk Crate Kitchen <https://www.milkcratekitchen.org>

The Foundation is recognizing that the Club’s CIC has been considering a commitment to Milk Crate Kitchen (“MCK”), which cooks, packages and delivers meals made from surplus food to families in need. MCK is a young local non-profit and the Foundation grant will contribute materially to their provisioning.

Community Transitional School <https://www.transitionalschool.org>

The Community Transitional School (“CTS”) provides meals and education to children experiencing homelessness or who may need a safe harbor from an abusive situation. Although CTS receives its food without cost, the Foundation grant will completely cover the delivery costs for the food.

Ethos Music Center <https://www.ethos.org>

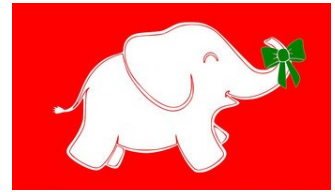
Ethos offers sliding scale music lessons and loaner instruments in North Portland, while also facilitating music outreach to under-resourced schools. The Foundation grant will purchase a healthy list of much-needed instruments and parts that will expand their capacity to teach music to children.

End of the Year donation

The ICCF Board would like to encourage any member who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the ICCF before the end of the year to please do so. Donations can be made with a check that can be left at the front desk. Be sure to label the envelope for the ICCF. And until the ICCF has its own website (coming soon), if you wish to make a credit card donation, email Fred Kowell @ fjkowell@hotmail.com, who will contact you to donate with your credit card.

White Elephant Gift Exchange—12/12

Our annual White Elephant Tennis Drill, Potluck, and Gift Exchange is Thursday, December 12th, 10:30am-2:30pm. Bring your favorite dish to share and a fun item for the gift exchange. Cris and Walter will lead the tennis drill. Sign up at the front desk.



Kids N' Tennis Mixer—12/13



The Club is hosting an evening of junior tennis with Kids N' Tennis (kids-n-tennis.org) on Friday, December 13th from 6:15pm-10:00pm. There will be pizza and parents are invited. Special Guest: Gundars Tilmanis. Join us for the fun!

Junior Volunteer Opportunity

On Saturday, December 14th from 9am-12:30pm, Juniors 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us for a morning of volunteering at the Northeast Emergency Food Program with a post pizza lunch at the Club.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

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