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publisher's note

The official start of summer! School is out, and it's time for days spent poolside, bonding at summer camps, long family bike rides, and backyard BBQs. And, we can't wait to see all the fun you will be having! Send us your photos and share your summer adventures with us!

As full as our summer days this year will be, so too is the June issue! Once again, we have so many amazing stories to share. Our cover features are the beautiful (and very successful) owners of The Joy Bar, Alicia Skodol and Megan Scheck, who just recently celebrated their four-year anniversary with the juice bar. It has been such a "joy" watching their business grow to what is now a downtown Glen Ellyn staple. We get to know the two and their families a little better this month! And we hope you stop in to say hi soon!

Our Athlete of the Month is Glenbard West senior and dance sensation Mary

Crum. Mary, on her way to Chapman University in California this fall, credits dance with giving her an outlet to express her creativity, as well as inspiring her daily to not only be a better dancer but human, and has taught Mary lessons that will stick with her forever.

We go inside the home (well, let's be real — it's a mansion) at 583 Hill Ave. This historical landmark, formally built and owned by J.K. Marshall, was the site of a labor-related bombing during its construction in 1931. Now, longtime Glen Ellyn resident Dave O'Neill resides here after retiring from a career down south as a pilot. Dave, as you will read, has ties dating back to this home since his childhood.

This month we feature one of our amazing business partners and Glen Ellyn resident, Tom Anderson, owner of Red Oak Disposal Services. After being a carpenter and general contractor for three decades, Tom has entered

the dumpster rental business with his new company. Dumpsters may be the butt of countless jokes and insinuations with negative connotations, but Tom approaches the dumpster business like he does everything else: With pride. One may say he *wants* his business to go into the dumpster. Read more about how Tom is redefining the image of hauling the old away!

June 2022 also marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX. And there is no one more qualified in Glen Ellyn to speak to the changes of Title IX than the legendary Glenbard West Coach Karen Judge. She has made such an impact on hundreds — maybe thousands — of young girls in this community. She is a legend. And we get to read all about her this month!

There are these stories, plus so many other amazing and inspiring features to enjoy, and we can't wait for you to take in each page!

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THE JOY BAR

WITH *Alicia Skodol* AND *Megan Scheck*

Two women passionate about their community and focused on spreading health and joy, Alicia Skodol and Megan Scheck want to make a difference.

Alicia and Megan have been good friends for more than a decade, while raising their families here in Glen Ellyn. In the beginning, they were busy volunteering for their kids' schools and focusing on growing their young families. As the children grew, Alicia and Megan became increasingly interested in healthy living and wanted to share it with the community. Alicia's passion on creating healthy plant based meals and Megan's passion to serve the community along with the management knowledge made this duo the perfect fit to team together. The Joy Bar was dreamed of and became a reality in May of 2018 and will be celebrating its 4th year anniversary this year!

ABOUT OUR FAMILIES AND CAREERS
Alicia

Married to Ted for 20 years, we have three kids Dylan 17, Lexi 14 and Trey 11. We also have two dogs, CC (Chicago Cubs) and a pandemic puppy Lola. I was born in Denver and lived in New Mexico and Kansas before settling to Wheaton. Ted was born in New Hampshire then moved to Wheaton. Ted's sister, Julie whom I consider one of my closest friends, also lives in Glen Ellyn. Julie, her husband Brian and two kids Jack and Kate live only 2 blocks from us. We



are grateful that we get to see all our children grow up together.

Ted and I both went to high school in Wheaton and we both also attended the University of Iowa. I graduated with a major in journalism and mass communications. After graduation I worked at Fox Television and in media relations for The Oprah Winfrey Show, followed by a 8 year career in media relations at Edelman Chicago. Ted graduated with a degree

in business then received his MBA from Kellstadt Graduate School of Business in Chicago. Ted worked for Unilever for 17 years. Our family moved to the Netherlands as he took a global position. We lived there for three years and made some great memories while living abroad. Ted now works as vice president of sales for Intelligentsia coffee. Which by the way we proudly serve at The Joy Bar.



We loved how Glen Ellyn reminded us of the village we lived in The Netherlands. It's been almost 12 years since we've renovated our 106 year old home. We love seeing the street change through the decade.

Dylan is finishing his junior year at Glenbard West. Dylan enjoys playing on the Glenbard Hockey team as well as travel hockey team. We look forward to see what future college plans lay ahead for him. Lexi is finishing her freshman year at West. She enjoys dance and field hockey. It was fun to watch her perform with the West dance team this past year. Trey is finishing up his 6th grade year at Hadley. He also is a dedicated hockey and lacrosse player. Trey is also looking forward to the football



season. We have loved watching our kids grow up here. The community events, traditions, schools, and sports provided them such wonderful opportunities.

Megan

I grew up in Homewood and attended Homewood Flossmoor High School, then Millikin University where I played basketball and I eventually graduated from St. Xavier with a bachelors degree in Nursing. My husband Rick grew up in North Riverside and graduated with a bachelors degree in Business Construction Technology from Purdue University. Both Rick and I had worked for Ricks' family's national contracting company, myself for 10 years and Rick for 20 plus years. For the past 4 years I have been a co-owner of The JOY Bar and Rick is pursuing investment and real estate opportunities.

We have been married 21 years and have 4 children. Clancy is a senior who has enjoyed dance for many years. She will be graduating Glenbard West and will be attending The University of Oregon the Clark Honors program to pursue Business Entrepreneurship. Declan is a junior who plays basketball. Breccan is a sophomore and plays volleyball. And Tierney is in 8th grade and looking forward to being a freshman next year and playing volleyball. Between all of the sports and extracurricular activities, we live a life of happy chaos and would not have it any other way. We have lived in Glen Ellyn for almost 19 years. During our time here we feel lucky to have met so many wonderful friends and neighbors and truly believe it has taken a village to help raise our family.

TOGETHER LOVING OUR COMMUNITY AND GIVING BACK
Alicia & Megan

We love that there are so many ways to get involved in the community no matter what season in life you are.

Between the two of us we have chosen to give back through the following philanthropies over the last 18 plus years- PTA, CCW at St. Petronille and Glen Ellyn Infant Welfare. Most currently we are involved in Glenbard West Boosters, West Nation and Hephzibah Children's Association - which we hold near and dear to our heart.

GRATITUDE FROM THE JOY BAR AND WHAT'S AHEAD

Alicia & Megan

The Joy Bar is our happy place and we hope those that visit feel the same. We wanted to create a space that has a joyful vibe (thank you Two Hands Interior) where you can get healthy and nourishing food to go. Everything we serve is made in house including our cold pressed juices, smoothies, acai bowls, toasts and salads.

The pandemic taught us important lessons and make us grateful for the future. We are thankful for our families' love, health and support. We are incredibly grateful for our loyal customers and community, with a special thanks to RISE Fitness who has been a proud partner and supporter of JOY. Lastly we are most grateful for our staff, we could not do it without them, they are hard working, kind, and we have grown with their support.



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Starting Early

financial fitness

By Erik Ford



As another academic year comes to a close, another cohort of young adults starts their career journeys. Career advice is readily offered by “sage” elders, sometimes well-received, and sometimes received with an eye roll. Perhaps the advice that may be most valuable, and not frequently offered, is to begin the habit of saving and investing early. It is easily put off as the excitement of a new job, independent life, and a real paycheck take hold. However, making it a habit early can pay rich dividends (pun intended) in the future.

Starting small can make it a relatively painless set aside, and today there are several alternatives available for even the smallest investors to invest and learn at a minimal cost. It is likely that one’s job will offer an employee-sponsored savings plan, such as a 401(k), which makes the saving and investing habit easy to start as contributions come directly out of pay without the need to act beyond signing up. As more plans add an automatic enrollment feature, actively signing up is not even necessary. In any case, participating is the key.

Those starting careers now will likely make many job changes in their working lives and perhaps even a total career change or two. Building a nest egg early can provide a cushion and safety net for facing these changes and challenges and perhaps provide the confidence to pursue a career change in a dynamic, ever-changing economy.

We do not know what the future holds and preparation for this uncertainty is important. The young tend to take their robust health for granted, perhaps less so after the last few years. A career disruption due to a health event can be financially devastating. Retirement funding for those starting their careers today is also a big question mark, and the responsibility increasingly falls on individuals to prepare for themselves. Social Security has a questionable ability to fulfill its anticipated obligations for the future, especially for the youngest just joining the workforce, and pensions have become more and more rare. It is estimated that only 8% of Generation Z will have a pension to supplement their retirement. Adding to this is longer life expectations, resulting in longer retirement periods.

Some numerical examples illustrate the benefits of starting early. We will consider three alternatives, all investing \$200 a month and earning an assumed 6.25% per year. Our first investor begins saving at age 25 and continues until retirement at 65. The total invested over their career is \$96,000, while the ending balance is \$420,300. Our second investor does not begin saving until age 35. They have invested a total of \$72,000 by age 65, but the portfolio is only worth \$210,700. The third saver starts early at age 25 but stops at age 35, resulting in investing a total of \$24,000

and a portfolio value at age 65 of \$209,600. Clearly, the early starter, making only modest contributions over the longer period, is in the better position at retirement. To get to the same point at retirement, the latter two savers above will obviously need to increase their contributions to catch up. These examples are courtesy of JP Morgan Asset Management.

The lesson from the above examples is the power of starting early and being consistent. Even small amounts consistently saved and invested can build to a nice sum with even modest returns. Increasing amounts saved as compensation increases only adds to this. More valuable perhaps than career advice is what to do with those paychecks. The advice to “pay yourself first,” i.e., prioritize saving, is a good lesson to put into practice early.

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By Marissa Cook

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Reflecting on this past year as president, I am humbled and filled with gratitude to have served our glorious community that I am so passionate about. As I am about to hand off the gavel to the next president, Jodie

Vedder, to continue the legacy, I could not be more excited to see what next year will bring with our astounding new leaders!

Founded in 1952 by Kathleen Culp, Newcomers has touched many throughout its 70 years in Glen Ellyn!

A few of our members express their experience with GENNC below:

“Newcomers has introduced us to amazing people that we wouldn’t have met without it and has given us a community to lean on and give back to. Becoming a mom during the pandemic has been very isolating, but GENNC gave me a way to connect with other moms in the area and form relationships that I’m so grateful for!” — Olivia Puinsky

“My mom, Linda Breclaw, joined Newcomers when we moved from Connecticut in 1983 — she went to Diners Delight (going to restaurants in Chicago), recipe exchange, book club, and met so many wonderful friends. She still gets together with her Newcomer friends monthly for dinner. When I became a wife and mother and started a new stage in life, I joined Newcomers and made dear, life-long friends. I found that planning events and serving on committees was the best way to meet people, and I am so grateful for these connections. I also really enjoyed welcoming so many new families to Glen Ellyn when I served as the president and making it feel like home right away. Newcomers is just the best way to feel a part of our community.” — Diana Laufenberg

“Moving across the country to a town where you don’t know anyone was a scary endeavor, but finding Newcomers became so much more than a safety net. It gave me confidence we would settle in well to this amazing town. The new member events are so approachable and make it easy to put yourself out there, and rookie parties have been so much fun and have helped us meet other couples who are becoming our close friends. There is something for everyone with Newcomers, and I’m so grateful to be a member!” — Lisa Baker

“Some of the most influential women in my life to date were connected to me through Newcomers events and members. I had the opportunity to co-chair the Women in Networking group, and each time we met, inspiration and uplifting energy wrapped the room! I am so lucky to have found this group, and that it is run from end-to-end like a business I want to be a part of.” — Kristin Bond

“Being a part of Newcomers has been one of the highlights of living in Glen Ellyn. Not only have I made life-long friends, but it has also helped my small business grow.” — Anna Semprevivo



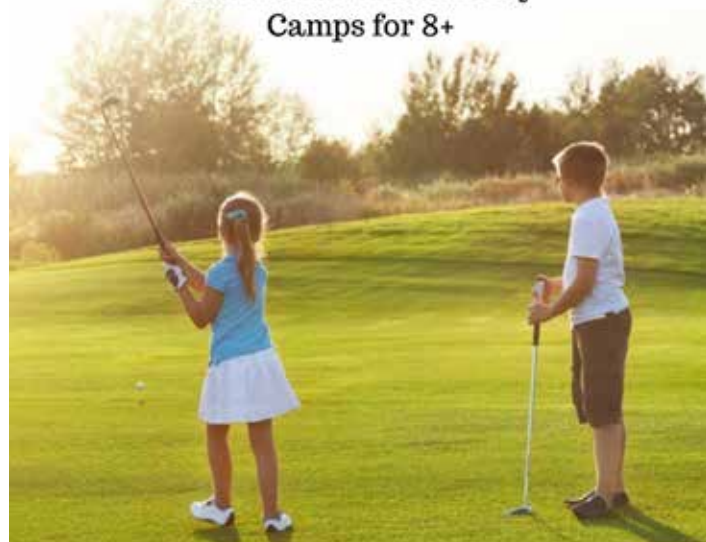
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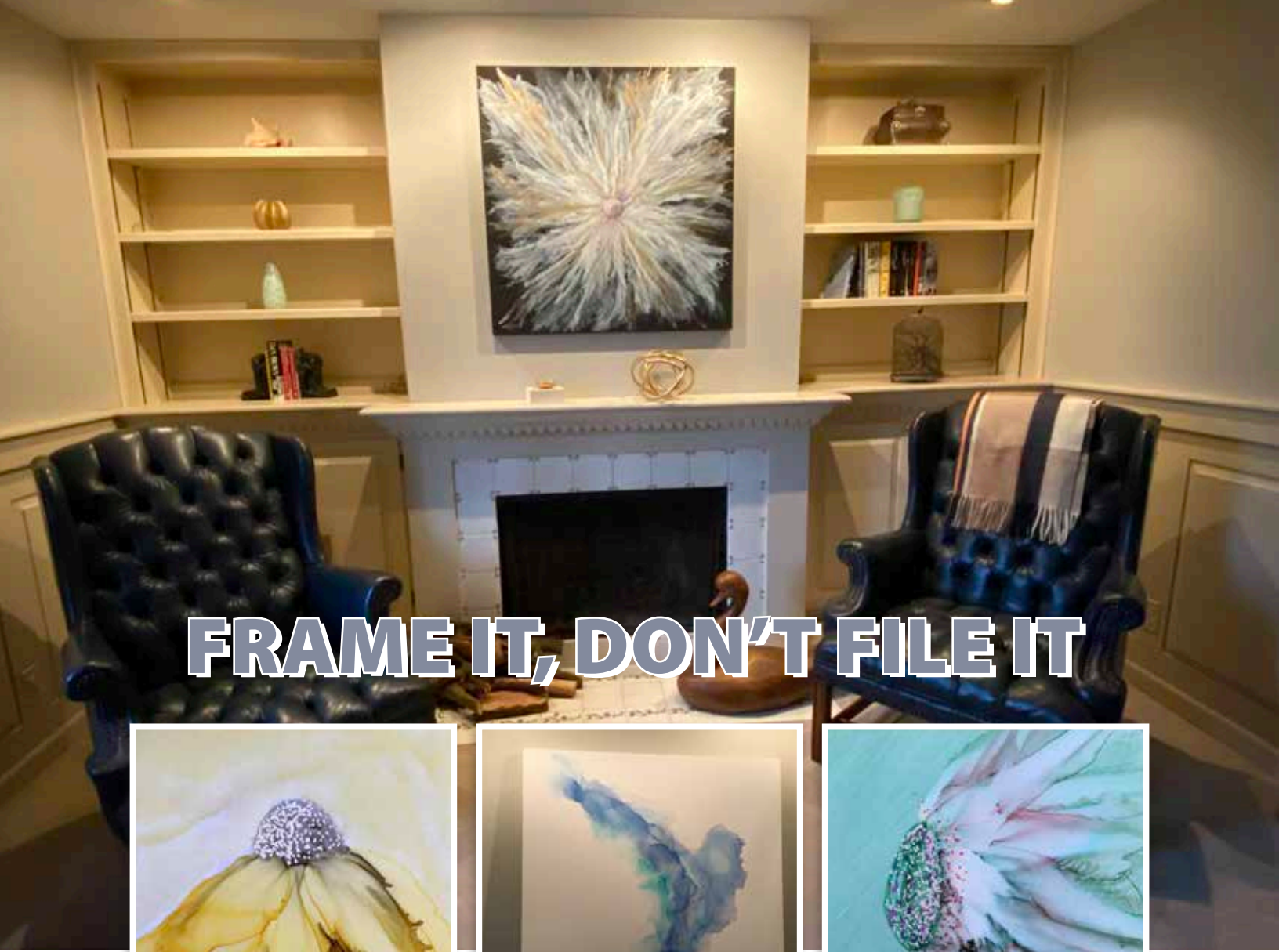
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The Story Behind MoesArt Studios

business beat

MoesArt Studios, now in business for three years, is a design and creative company specializing in Wall Art and Stationery. Glen Ellyn Living recently had a chance to meet the owner, Maureen Shaughnessy Schmidt, to learn a little more about the story behind the studio. Here is a look at our conversation.

ABOUT MOESART STUDIO

What inspired you to start your own business?
I had wanted to create some kind of art-inspired

business for years. While my kids were growing up, I painted murals for friends and commercial businesses.

My inspiration came while studying art history in Rome, Italy, for a year at Loyola University of Chicago Rome Center. I was inspired by the frescoes as well as the artists who created “Trompe L’oeil.”

While no one was calling me to design the next Sistine Chapel, I did design and paint some local “hot spots”



around DuPage. One of the finest and oldest establishments in the area, John’s Buffet, is no longer standing — but the mural behind their “Old Bar” was one of my first commercial works. It has been moved to the Winfield Historical Museum on Winfield Road.

When entering St. John the Baptist, also in Winfield, through the gym entrance, you will run smack dab into the St. John’s Wildcat mascot that I painted for the school. Numerous residential as well as commercial projects followed.

My husband was then offered an opportunity in San Diego, CA. This was in the dead of winter in Chicago. Ahhh, let me think — “Absolutely, don’t ask questions. We are outta here!” Our kids were all happy on their own. And it was on my bucket list to live somewhere warm and sunny.

While in San Diego, I had the itch to try something new in art. I found this new medium to work with, alcohol inks. The inks created these magical, ethereal images when they hit the paper. I was hooked. But how could I share these newfound beauties with the world? The answer was with greeting cards.

These greeting cards, created as “everyday cards,” started to take shape and were sold in San Diego shops. I wanted the cards to be sent to that special someone whenever. The cards could then be framed — not tossed. “Frame it. Don’t file it”

became my motto. As my cards evolved, so did my audience. My customers wanted to see these images larger. I happily obliged.

While my kids were all happy in the city of Chicago and the Western Burbs, their families were growing, and we were missing a lot back home. So we decided the adventure was over and headed back to Chicago in January of 2020. Yep, we really did leave that beautiful perfect climate of Southern California and returned to Chicago in January. After returning and getting a few retailers to pick up my line, the pandemic hit. Well, we all know what happened after this. This gave me time to create new lines, new art, and a new website. Take a peek at [Moesartstudios.com](https://www.moesartstudios.com) or Instagram [@moesartstudios](https://www.instagram.com/moesartstudios).

What makes your company unique and stand out from your competition?

I have to say, in all of my time researching new mediums to work with, alcohol inks fascinated me the most. I was looking for an effect I hadn’t seen before. After a few years of fooling around with the inks, I found the abstract fluidness of florals and surface patterns was creating something I love. My cards can be used on a daily basis. Everyone loves to get a “just because” card. And the designs can be created in most sizes — from small enclosure cards up to 60-by-40 wall art. How about a custom canvas? Let’s create a canvas that fits perfectly with your space, whether residential or commercial.

What do you take the most pride in?

As far as my work goes, I take the most

pride in the fact that I was picked up by John Richard Collection. Three of my prints, 60-by-40, now hang in their showroom in High Point, SC. As far as my personal life, hands down my family. I could not be more blessed.

Given your business expertise and the nature of what you do, what advice can you offer?

Please never give up on yourself. I started a business when I was 60! That is correct. I waited and waited for that perfect time. It does not exist. I would hate for you to wish in 10 years that you had done what you wanted 10 years ago. Those years will pass whether you are ready or not. Just do it. You can always evolve and change things up. Life is a work in progress, and so are you. Go for it!

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Glen Ellyn. It was a time when we would run home from school, drop our books, and in the winter, skate until dark at Lake Ellyn. In the summer, we would play outside until dinner and then go back out and play until we were too tired to run anymore. I went to St. Pet’s for grade school and St. Francis for high school.

Tell us about your family.

I am married to the love of my life. Our first date was Senior Prom at St. Francis. Yep, a true statement! We have three children and six grandchildren. Two of our kids live in Glen Ellyn with their families. We have one son that lives in Geneva with his family.

What are your hobbies/interests?

My hobbies are reading and traveling. I can find myself deep in a book until the wee hours of the night. Travel has always been at the top of my list. Finding new spots and meeting new people (as well as cuisines) is truly a joy.

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athlete of the month

By Ella Champagne

Dancing Sensation



Mary Crum

For Glenbard West senior Mary Crum, dance has provided her with more than just an outlet to express herself creatively; it has also developed into a deep passion that she will carry with her next year to college and beyond.

Mary's dance journey first began when she was only 2 years old. Her love for the sport intensified as the years went on, and in fifth grade, she decided to join Sunshine Dance in Glen Ellyn. Some of her earliest

memories of dancing for Sunshine include competing in her first trio with her friends Livy and Kara and walking from Hadley to the studio every day with all her dance friends.

Mary explained, "Dancing for Sunshine is truly the best! Whether you are in the company or just there to take classes, the teachers do such an amazing job of making the studio feel like home. I see my dance family more than my own family most days, and they never fail to make me laugh until I cry. Rehearsals can be tough at times, but in the end, we all just have to remember why we love to dance."



At Sunshine, Mary's fondest memory was competing at Nationals last summer. Their team spent hours outside of rehearsal time polishing their dance and making it "stage-ready." Ultimately, all of their hard work paid off when they ended up as national champions for the teen division. "This was an extremely exciting and rewarding week for our team," Mary shared.

Beyond receiving various top solo placements with her studio, Mary also



has developed her passion for dance in other exciting areas. She had the opportunity to sign with a talent agency called "Go 2 Talent," became a part of "The Collective" assistant company for Dupree Dance, and regionally assisted for Heat Dance. Mary emphasized, "I am extremely thankful for these opportunities and would not be able to reach my goals without the help of my dance teachers and family."

Mary's dance teachers all have held a special place in her heart because of the amount of time, opportunities, and love they have given her over the past several years at Sunshine. Mary started with one of her dance teachers, Alanna Kletcke, nine years ago in her recreational jazz class. Mary shared, "Alanna inspires me daily to not only be a better dancer, but human, and has taught me lessons that will stick with me forever. I am so insanely thankful for her."

Mary's family also has been extremely supportive of her with dance. Mary's sister Anne is a sophomore at Glenbard West and dances alongside her at Sunshine. Her other sister, Maggie, is a seventh-grader at Hadley and has cheered her along every step of the way throughout the sport. As for her parents, Mary emphasized, "They have supported me since the beginning with dance, and I am so incredibly thankful for the amount of time and resources they have put into my training. I would not be here without them."

Mary will continue her dance journey next year at Chapman University in California. "Chapman quite honestly has everything I would ever want out of a collegiate dance program. The moment I visited for the first time back in December for my callback, I knew I wanted to spend my next four years of school there," she noted. Mary ultimately chose Chapman because of its high-level training regimen, emphasis on the importance of connections in the industry, and commitment to working one-on-one with every dancer in the program. After college, Mary would love to dance on tour for pop artists, teach and choreograph for studios all over the world, and possibly even open her own studio one day.

Ultimately, Mary's hope for her future is to have success in sharing her love of dance with those around her. She explained, "The arts can be a tough field, but I feel that every artist has a gift that deserves to be shared and noticed by the world." We cannot wait to see where Mary's gift for dance will take her in the coming years!



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By Ginger Wheeler



meet Karen Judge

And Guess What's 50? Title IX!

June 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the landmark federal legislation that prevents discrimination on the basis of sex by any education program receiving federal funds. One consequence of the law that has literally changed the world for the better is empowering women in sports. And there is no one more qualified in Glen Ellyn to speak to the changes of Title IX than the legendary Glenbard West Coach Karen Judge.

Judge is well known among Glenbard students — and their parents — who have played girls' sports at Glenbard West. She has been coaching at Glenbard West since 1979, so needless to say, there are hundreds of women who can say they have benefitted from Judge's tutelage in some capacity.



Sally Goggin and Jenna Ortega, both of Glen Ellyn, work for USA Field Hockey, an Olympic sport for men and women. Goggin was instrumental in developing Memorial Field for Glenbard West and in bringing field hockey to Glen Ellyn. Photo courtesy USA Field Hockey.

One such parent is Sally Goggin. Goggin, an all-Ivy League field hockey player from Dartmouth, is now national development director for Colorado Springs-based USA Field Hockey (an Olympic sport for women and men!). Goggin worked with Judge

and others to launch Glen Ellyn's field hockey program in the 1990s, first through the Glen Ellyn Park District, then through Glenbard District 87. Goggin said, "There is no one more dedicated to the positive development of young women in our community than Karen Judge. She has made such an impact, not only on my daughter but on hundreds — maybe thousands — of other people's daughters in this community. She is a legend."

Judge herself deflects any praise back onto others: supportive parents, positive communities, visionary administrators, and the student-athletes she has coached. She said she feels lucky to have come of age when Title IX passed so she could take advantage of the opportunity to work in sports and help others enjoy and learn from the world of sports.

Judge said, "When I first stepped into the door, our teams were still wearing their gym suits to compete, but that changed fast in 1974 and 1975. It was an educational system and Title IX that made that happen."

And coaches, like Judge, of course!

Judge has coached so many sports over the years at Glenbard West and for five years prior to that at downstate Pekin High School that it's difficult to list them all. In addition to field hockey, the list includes volleyball, badminton, track and field, lacrosse, basketball, and softball.

Since launching Glenbard West's field hockey program in 2006, Judge has taken the girls to the state field hockey championships in 2008, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. They placed 2nd in 2015. Four times, the girls placed 3rd, and twice they have placed 4th.

Judge noted dozens of her student-athletes have gone on to play sports in college, and one, Nancy Reno, even played professionally (beach volleyball). Others are now coaching or working in sports, including Kristi Moore, Liz Filmore, Jessica Crowley, Hannah Paterakis, and Jenna Ortega.

Ortega, who also now works for USA Field Hockey, credits Coach Judge for helping her to complete two marathons *as an adult*. She said, "I had this aha moment several years ago when I was training for my first marathon. She offered to bike with me while I trained. I took her up on that offer, and she talked to and motivated me the whole way. She shared stories of when she first started off with running, coaching, and teaching. She had a lot of obstacles and failed attempts, but always persevered and always was able to have a good laugh about things later on."

Judge said 15 of her field hockey players went on to play college field hockey in the past 10 years prior to COVID.



Coach Judge with three Glenbard West field hockey players who are all now playing at the collegiate level. They are Sarah Fondal (Ball State), Tessa Erickson (Johns Hopkins), and Amber Bode (William and Mary).

One former Glenbard West player, Chaney Kalinich, who played goalie at Yale and will be graduating from the Yale School of Medicine in 2024, said because of Coach Judge and her assistant coach, Enrique Zorrilla, "I've been lucky to have had opportunities to play field hockey since high school for club teams, in college, and internationally. But the lessons I learned from Coach Judge about respect, teamwork, resilience, and work ethic are lessons I still carry with me."

Judge credits the students themselves for working hard, being dedicated to their sport, and giving it their all. She said, "The camaraderie you get in a team sport is a life lesson. They all have to learn together at the same rate. We know it's hard work, but when your teammates are all on the same page, it's fun. Those are lessons boys have learned for decades, and thanks to Title IX, now girls are learning those life lessons as well."

While gender parity in sports isn't perfect, the past 50 years have seen remarkable growth for women's and girls' sports. Before Title IX, one in 27 girls participated in sports. Today, two in five participate, according to the Women's Sports Foundation. Their website said due to Title IX, there is "a 545% increase in the percentage of women playing college sports and a 990% increase in the percentage of women playing high school sports."

But, according to Sarah Kustok, the NBA's first-ever solo female on-air analyst (for the Brooklyn Nets)



Coach Judge (right) with her field hockey assistant youth coach, Enrique Zorrilla. Judge said Coach Zorrilla helped start the first-eighth grade field hockey program at the Glen Ellyn Park District in 2008 and continued with the program through 2019. Judge said Zorrilla was "a huge influence in involving girls in youth sports" in Glen Ellyn.

from Orland Park, IL, "Title IX is everything! But, there's still progress to be made. There's a long road ahead."

With leaders and mentors like Karen Judge, and those she's coached who go on to coach others, the future is bright.

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Tell us a little bit about yourself, your family, and your background.

I grew up in a small rural community in Iowa — Carroll, Iowa — attended college at the University of Iowa, graduating from the business school with a degree in management information systems and marketing. Upon graduation, I made the big move to Chicago and joined the firm of Ernst & Young, where I was part of the IT Consulting division. It proved to be a great move for me as it was at Ernst & Young that I met my husband, Brian Diver. After many years, I took a new position with a wireless carrier and enjoyed being the Director of Marketing Communications, Advertising, and Retail Store Design. This was such a wonderful and challenging position, and I soon realized my love for the creative side of my job. After enjoying the wonderful city of Chicago for many years, Brian and I looked to move to the suburbs.

Brian grew up in Oak Park, but we were looking for something that fit us for our new life together. We concentrated our efforts in the western suburbs and absolutely fell in love with Glen Ellyn after we visited the downtown area and looked for homes here. That was 29 years ago and one of the best decisions we could have made.

We have been blessed with three children who had the pleasure of growing up in Glen Ellyn. Sarah, Nick, and Ryan all attended college at TCU in Fort Worth, Texas, graduating from the Neeley School of Business. Sarah currently resides in Manhattan, while Nick and Ryan reside in Dallas.

Tell us when and why you started Deb Diver Interior Design and how has it evolved?

Deb Diver Interior Design opened for business in October of 2013 when my oldest child went off to college. My path to opening Deb Diver Interior Design was not typical but a journey that was meant to be. After moving to Glen Ellyn in 1993, I hired an interior designer from Chicago to help me furnish and update my first home. It was a wonderful experience, and together we created a beautiful and functional home for my family. We put a plan together and slowly transformed our family home into a place we



loved. Years later, our family outgrew our first home, and we decided to build a new home with Ray Whalen Builders. I was no longer working in the corporate world but busy with my three kids, all their activities, and volunteering throughout the community. I once again reached out to my same interior designer, and we worked together on the design, layout, selection of all the finishes, and then the furnishings for our new home. It turned out beautiful, and I enjoyed every minute of the process. I wanted to build another house, but Brian felt differently. I knew interior design was my passion, and I was constantly making updates to my home to make it even more beautiful. My interior designer became my mentor, encouraged me to take classes, and encouraged me to work with him and his clients, and the rest is history. I feel so fortunate to have learned from one of the best.

After Sarah went to college, I had more time on my hands and knew it was time for me to do this for myself. Interior design was it for me! That is how Deb Diver Interior Design came to be, and it has been a fabulous nine years. The company grew very fast, and I needed some additional design assistance, so I added my client, who I loved working with, Kathy Malpede, to my staff a few years ago, and her contribution has been key to our success and the ability to take on additional clients. She has a great eye for design and is the master scheduler, always keeping us organized. She has been instrumental in organizing our photo shoots, launching our website, and organizing our social media. I am truly so grateful for her contributions and the fun we have working together.

Tell us about what your firm specializes in? How many projects do you typically have

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- Kitchen and bath design and the selection of cabinetry and tile
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Based on the type of project, we collaborate with builders, contractors, suppliers, showrooms, upholsterers, designers, and manufacturers, to name just a few. We have great relationships with the trades who we trust will do great work for our clients. We don't have a minimum project budget; rather we work to put together a plan that works for our clients. We are good at multitasking and can take on many projects at one time because they are all so different and often are at different points in the process. We work hard to balance our time and want to make sure our clients know we are always here for them during the process. Some of our clients prefer to space out the projects they want to complete in their homes, and we are fine with that as well. I would estimate we have between eight and 15 projects we are working on at one time.

Please tell us about some of the fun successes Deb Diver Interiors has had.

There have been so many fun successes. Every time our customers are happy, it is a success. Some notable successes have been completing projects for our clients, not only in the Chicago area but also in Iowa, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, and Costa Rica. It is great to work in other places and with slightly different design styles. The first time I sent furnishings in a 40-foot container on a ship across the ocean to Costa Rica was beyond stressful. This was for my sister's home and my friend's home. It was so much work organizing all the items to ship to the receiver in Florida,

We try to be great listeners with our clients — really listening to what they like, don't like, what they need, their vision, etc. Then we come to them with solutions we feel they will love



and some they never knew were possible. There is nothing more satisfying than sitting with my clients and showing them furnishing and fabric options and watching them become so excited about what they are seeing. We realize there are so many decisions to be made during a project and we are there every step of the way.

I love beautiful design elements, and I love to blend colors, textures, and unique items into the décor of someone's home to create the look of being stylish, warm, and inviting. Every item my clients purchase is special, so each decision is important. My goal is always to have my clients LOVE their homes.

then loading the container to go to Costa Rica, sealing the container, and crossing my fingers all would be good. I kept tabs on the ship as it made its way across the ocean and was so hopeful the items arrived without any damage. It was a huge success! Everything arrived safe and sound! This made it so much easier for my next three containers that would eventually ship there. This was one success that we truly celebrated, and their homes turned out to be just stunning! Other fun successes were assisting my clients upsize and downsize to new homes and wanting a fresh new look for their new place. They want to start with a clean slate, and it is so fun to watch them discover how their tastes have changed as we put together a gorgeous new space for them. I love watching this process and am thrilled to see them so happy. Other personal successes are having my work published in *Architectural Digest*, featured in showroom posts, being asked to sit on showroom committees, and collaborating with amazing designers in the Chicago area.

Raising your family in Glen Ellyn, what has been your favorite part of being in this community?

The favorite part of living in Glen Ellyn has been getting to know the amazing people that live here. The kindness, willingness to look out for one another, and spirit of being a good neighbor are what keep us

here. The special friendships we have developed over the last 29 years are forever. We are so lucky to have found this village, and our kids are so fortunate to have grown up in such a wonderful community. Glen Ellyn is truly a unique place.

What do you want our moms to know about Deb Diver Interior Design, and how can they connect and learn more?

There are a lot of great interior designers in the western suburbs. I believe my niche in offering such a wide variety of services is what a lot of my clients are looking for. I can assist you in the selection and purchasing of one piece of furniture, paint colors, furnishing your entire home, assisting with your remodel, building a home, or furnishing a second home in another state or country. I am happy to meet with you for a consultation to discuss ways to refresh the look of your home, small or big. I am also happy to help you put together an overall plan for your home and help you execute it. Feel free to contact me if you want a consultation! Here are some ways to look at our work and understand better the services we offer:

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What is something important to you that you would like to share with our followers?

Starting a business is no easy task, and I am so very grateful for the support I have received from my family, friends, mentor, colleagues, employees, subcontractors, showroom reps, and especially each and every one of my wonderful clients.

Deb Diver Interior Design has made me so happy doing what I love to do, and the love and support I have felt in this community have inspired me beyond what I ever thought was possible. Some key local businesses that I have leaned on to help me grow my business include Sunset6 Web Design and Kristi Hughes Photography. It is such a pleasure to work with these wonderful companies and these talented ladies.

I am a huge fan of Glen Ellyn Moms Village — a great way to connect all of us to help one another meet our goals and just get to know each other and gather support for one another. Thanks so much for all you do for our community.

I have loved getting to know Deb and her husband, Brian. They have always been so involved in Glen Ellyn through St. Petronille, Glenbard West Boosters, and



organizations like Bridge Communities, Glen Ellyn Infant Welfare, Hephzibah, and Misericordia. And then, as Deb Diver Interiors has grown, it has also allowed her to be a sponsor of these organizations and their events. Getting involved and giving back has always been important to the Diver family. I hope if you run into Deb in town that you stop and introduce yourself or that

you reach out on social media. That is why we love showcasing local residents and their stories.

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Dave O'Neill

After growing up in Glen Ellyn in the '50s and '60s, David O'Neill moved on after high school to pursue a career in aviation. He made several moves around the country over the years with his occupation but spent the last 35 years in Memphis as a pilot for Northwest Airlines and then FedEx.



Dave and his late wife, Cindy, who was also a lifelong resident of Glen Ellyn, had often planned on moving back to their hometown someday. They even

subscribed to the Glen Ellyn News mail delivery to their home in Memphis to "keep track of things going on at home." They would fly up at least once a year to visit family and old friends and witnessed the changes over the years.

Well, along came retirement, and it was time to start house hunting. "Our hearts were still in Glen Ellyn."

Then, the house that Dave had admired since his childhood, only three blocks from where he grew up, came on the market "I had a paper route when I was in grade school and delivered the *Chicago Daily News* there. It was a large, unique house, and I always remembered it."

The house that he bought has quite an interesting history.

Construction on the house began in 1930, but it was built on the foundation of the old Glen Ellyn Cross Country Club, which was established in 1865. The club, which consisted of many acres, described its objective as "to encourage equestrian and other outdoor sports and to promote physical culture." The grounds, now the site of numerous houses, included polo grounds, lawn tennis, equestrian grounds, and pavilions for dancing and outdoor activities. The club moved to Hill Avenue in 1895. J.K. Marshall, owner of the Marshall Watch Company of Chicago, purchased the property in 1930 and built his mansion on its foundation.

But a labor dispute almost 100 years ago nearly destroyed the house.



After making the move, O'Neill discovered a *Chicago Tribune* article about a labor dispute during the building of his home, which arose regarding the hiring of the construction workers. Marshall hired both union and non-union workers during the two-year construction. After repeated warnings about his hiring practices of laborers, on February 10, 1931, a black powder bomb was set off in the building during its construction. Reports stated that "dwellings many blocks away were jarred and scores of windows were broken," according to the *Wheaton Illinoian* newspaper. It went on to say that the bombing would have "a dampening effect on construction plans of any sort in the county, and the men that have been idle much of the time for the past two years will suffer in the end."

Despite the attack, the mansion was completed the following year and Marshall and his family lived there until 1955.

The house is only blocks from downtown Glen Ellyn. "Downtown Glen Ellyn has changed quite a bit over the years, and it's wonderful. Restaurants, shops, and entertainment have made downtown the place to visit," O'Neill said.

"I don't plan on making any major changes to the house. Its character and charm are unique, and I intend to keep it very much that way. Minor upgrades such as carpeting, paint, and tile are in the works."

"I had a fascinating career. It gave me the opportunity to fly around the world — Europe, South America, and Asia — but it is wonderful to be back 'home.'"

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Let's Hit the Road

By Kathryn Alcock, bench492

The question we get asked most frequently from our customers is by far: "Where do you find everything?" Everyone loves the thrill of the hunt — especially me! The only thing better than the thrill of the hunt, is the thrill of the FIND! This month we'll hit the road and talk about where we go to hunt for treasures.

ROAD TRIP!

I love me a good road trip. In fact, my staff jokes that I like to drive so much that maybe I should have been a truck driver... Some of our favorite trips are just day trips right here in the Midwest. It's fun to combine an antique show or event with stops along the way. Do a little research and plan your drive before you go. If you find a little gem along the way, you can always add it in. I like to have more options than I think because one might be a dud or be closed so it's nice to have a back-up.



Some great destinations are Holland or mid-Michigan, Milwaukee, and Des Moines. Last month I attended Junk Jubilee in Des Moines and stopped at antique stores along the way. One of my favorites was Reclaimed - she has a great eye and has lots of garden and home decor.



Another fun stop was Antique Archaeology - from the show Pickers, very high prices but fun to see some of the over-the-top pieces they have. Decades also has some authentic antiques and collectibles. Finally, I visited a great home decor store in Le Claire called Dwellings- got some inspiration from their beautiful merchandising and a few cute pieces for my house.



Another easy road trip is Milwaukee; it's less than 2 hours away and you can add in a lot of stops. My favorite shops are Antiques on Pierce - this place is huge and I always find a few unique treasures- and I always stop at Clinton Street Antiques and Riverview Antique Mall. The Historic Third Ward District has lots of shops and restaurants to explore.



ANTIQUE SHOWS

If you live in the Midwest, most of the big antique shows run May - September. If you are going to a show, try to get there early for the best selection. Many shows offer early bird entry for a little extra admission fee - it's worth it to get the best selection! Don't forget the Kane County Flea Market - it's hit or miss, but I've never left there empty-handed. Here are a few shows not too far from home.

ANTIQUE SHOWS AND FLEA MARKETS

Here are a few we like! Dates are for 2022 but always check before you go

- Junk Jubilee**, Des Moines, April 22-24
- Pec Thing**, Rockford, May 14-15, Sept. 17-18
- Elkhorn Flea Market**, May 15, June 26, Aug. 14, Sept. 25
- Main Street Market**, Belvidere, May 21 and Sept. 10th
- Kane County Flea Market**, 1st weekend monthly
- Allegan Antiques** (near Grand Rapids) last Sunday of the month
- Walnut Antique Show**, Walnut, Iowa, June 17-18
- Vintage Shop Hop**, 400+ Participating Vintage Shops and Boutiques throughout IL and WI, March 4-5, Oct. 7-8

If you ever are looking for a really big road trip, head to Brimfield, MA or Round Top, TX. These two shows are huge, so you better bring your truck.

CLOSER TO HOME

I also love visiting some of the larger local antique and vintage stores. A few of my favorite are Trend & Relic, Winfield Antiques, Warehouse 55, and The Rustic Fox. The prices might be a little higher than the shows because they are all more curated shops - meaning they pick through the junk so you don't have to. These stores are made up of multiple dealers so they have a good variety. I always manage to find a little something every time I'm out!



WHERE ELSE

If you're looking for something in particular or are looking for a bargain a few other avenues to explore are Auctions (many are online but watch out for commission and shipping, they can really add up), Estate Sales, and Facebook Marketplace. Finally, make contacts and don't be afraid to talk to the dealers and sellers. They love to talk about their love of antiques and they can be a great source of information!

Good luck on your next hunt!



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Is today the day you need to rent a dumpster? Sooner or later, that day comes for most adults.

After being a carpenter and general contractor for three decades, Glen Ellyn's Tom Anderson has entered the dumpster rental business with his new company, Red Oak Disposal Services. Readers are aware that the dumpster is the butt of countless jokes and insinuations with negative connotations, like *"Your cooking belongs in the dumpster."* But Tom approaches the dumpster business like he does everything else: With pride. One may say he *wants* his business to go into the dumpster.

Tom and his wife, Jennifer, have lived in Glen Ellyn for close to 30 years. They have two college-age children: Jack, who is studying maritime sciences at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy, and Paige, who is studying elementary education at Drake University. Residing close to downtown, Tom and Jenni have enjoyed taking advantage of all of the family-oriented activities that Glen Ellyn has to offer,

including shopping/dining in-town, hiking and biking along the Prairie Path, 4th of July Parade and Fireworks, cheering on the Hilltoppers, and just about everything else that Glen Ellyn has to offer.

The Anderson family has a long local history of providing services to the area. Tom's dad, Glen Anderson, operated the Lombard and Wheaton Dairy Queen stores for years, giving happy customers sweet relief. And his grandfather, Victor Jachino, operated a small engine repair shop in Lombard for decades. The legacy of engines, ice cream, and dumpsters has a uniquely American ring to it, no?

Equal parts tradesman, entrepreneur, and business owner, here is Tom in his own words: "I've been a general contractor in both residential and commercial for over 30 years. I started as a carpenter and worked my way up to a business owner. As a general contractor, I often dealt with larger companies for



waste removal, and I always thought the process was more difficult than it needed to be. This is what prompted me to begin handling waste removal internally for my own projects. I bought a few dump trailers, which worked well for my projects. After a while, sub-contractors and others began asking if I could handle clean-up for them. I realized where a small container dumpster company could be a viable business. That's how Red Oak Disposal Services came to be created."

Red Oak serves contractors, commercial building owners, nonprofits, and especially homeowners who want to empty a basement, clean out a garage, or remove landscaping debris. "Residential customers often tell me how wonderful they feel after getting rid of years of rubbish. It's a stress reliever," says Tom, who strives to be available to help his clients through de-cluttering or clean-up needs. "I'm always ready to help with any special requests, determining the size of the dumpster or preferred placement." Another Red Oak service is load-and-go, where Red Oak supplies both the dumpster and the labor to fill it.

People often wonder where waste material ends up. Every Red Oak dumpster goes to a material recycling facility where the

debris is sorted through. They pull out wood, metal, and cardboard. Seventy percent gets recycled as opposed to going directly to a landfill.

A passion project of the Anderson family is volunteering at the Danada Model Farm in DuPage County, where Tom is VP of the Friends of Danada. The model farm gives tours to grade school kids, educating them on the agricultural practices of the 1950s. Tom also feels that Red Oak can be a fund-raising tool for schools, churches, and community organizations. If you have an idea or a community need, let him know. Contact info: redoaktogo.com or call 630-523-0502.

Red Oak's unique branding message is *Best Dumpsters Ever*. "We set that

as a goal. That's how we treat our customers, the environment, and the community," explains Tom. "Every workday I try to meet the needs of my customers to the best of my ability. Life is stressful enough — renting a dumpster shouldn't be."

Visit redoaktogo.com and click on the YouTube icon to find customers declaring Red Oak to be "the best dumpsters ever." (And stay tuned for *Dumpster Appreciation Month*.)

"I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community," says Tom. "And I would be grateful if you think of Red Oak for your future dumpster needs."

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Members of Infant Welfare said they were excited to bring back this beloved event after pausing the annual tour due to Covid in recent years. But even without hosting in-person events, many of our loyal business partners and donors continued to provide financial support during the pandemic so we could continue in some way to fulfill funding requests for our partners and scholarship recipients.

With the return of Housewalk in 2022, the community really came out in full force, and with the Housewalk, we were able to raise more than \$100,000 from ticket sales and business sponsorships — the highest we've ever raised from a single event.

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GEIW began in 1926 when five Glen Ellyn women noticed children in the community lacking basic nutrition — so they came together, made and sold aprons, and bought milk for the families.

Early in our history, we paid half the salary of the first village nurse and purchased the first isolette for premature babies for Memorial Hospital of DuPage County, as well as a children's defibrillator for the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company.

Almost 100 years later, the women of Infant Welfare remain committed to the well-being of local children. We support more than 20 trusted and vetted local agencies serving children, including Family Shelter Services, NAMI DuPage, Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center, Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, Teen Parent Connection, CASA, Philip Rock Center, Bridge Communities, DuPage Pads, Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center, and many others.

Our Scholarship Committee works closely with the high school counselors to identify and award full-time two-year scholarships to high achieving seniors who would otherwise not be able to continue their education. Our Emergency Fund Team

works with local agencies to find ways to meet the immediate needs of a family in crisis, such as purchasing a mattress for a homeless family moving into their first apartment, a car seat for a new mom in need, or a warm coat for a student facing winter without one.

Our Volunteer and Fundraising Teams mobilize women to volunteer at local agencies like the Food Pantry and host fundraising events like the Housewalk, annual flower sales, and Monte Carlo Night. **Save the date for an exciting new event on Oct. 8: Dancing with the Stars!**

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