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About Know Your Chicago

The Know Your Chicago Committee takes great pleasure in presenting the 2012 program celebrating 64 years of service to the Chicago community. Founded in 1948 by Mary Ward Wolkonsky, Know Your Chicago strives to foster understanding and appreciation of the complexity, diversity, and richness inherent in this great American city. The fall season begins with a daylong symposium featuring speakers who will address topics of the ensuing tours from a national or international as well as a Chicago perspective. Each of the tours is given twice

for 100-150 participants each day. Over the years, programs have explored a wide range of issues including culture, the arts, technology, education, housing, urban renewal, and social change. Unique access to the inner workings of Chicago institutions and organizations has been a hallmark of Know Your Chicago since its inception. The symposium and the tours are researched, planned, and implemented by the Know Your Chicago committee members, who represent a broad spectrum of organizations, communities, and interests.

Welcome to our 64th season!

KNOW YOUR CHICAGO 2012 SYMPOSIUM

Welcome

Pam Sheffield, Chairman, Know your Chicago

Robert J. Zimmer, President, University of Chicago

Connected Learning: Creating Digital Pathways to Lifelong Learning (Tour Two)

Connie Yowell,

Director of Education for U.S. Programs, MacArthur Foundation

Science Rules! (Tour One)

David R. Mosena,

President and CEO, Museum of Science and Industry

Survival Training for Food Buyers (Tour Four)

Daniel J. Rosenthal,

Founder of The Green Chicago Restaurant Coalition

Human Trafficking: Justice through the Eyes of Sheriff Dart (Tour Five)

Thomas J. Dart,

Cook County Sheriff

Boomers As Game Changers (Tour Three)

Robyn L. Golden,

Director of Health and Aging, Rush University Medical Center

About the 2012 Symposium Speakers

Know Your Chicago is pleased to present a distinguished roster of speakers for its 2012 Symposium. The speakers will address important issues related to the season's tours—ranging from digital learning and science museums to the sustainable food movement, how boomers are facing the challenges of aging, and how Cook County is dealing with the commercial sex trade. Whether or not you will be participating in a particular tour, we hope you will find the day's presentations interesting and thought-provoking.

Connie Yowell oversees the MacArthur Foundation's \$85 million program on Digital Media and Learning, one of the first philanthropic efforts in the country to systematically explore the impact of digital media on young people and implications for the future of learning.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Yowell was an Associate Professor at the University of Illinois, publishing scholarly work that examined the complex interplay among young people's emerging identity, their social context and achievement. Her research integrated the fields of adolescent psychological development and organization change to address the problem of high school dropout among immigrant students in America. Yowell briefly served as Policy Analyst in the U.S. Department of Education during the Clinton Administration, and has worked closely with teachers and administrators to develop and implement literacy curricula for Latino youth, and as evaluator and program coordinator for youth development programs in New York City.

Yowell received the Distinguished Fellows Award from the William T. Grant Foundation, an award to support scholars seeking to bridge research and practice, under which she worked with the National Writing Project to

develop approaches that integrate web 2.0 technologies into the social practices of teachers.

Yowell earned her Bachelor's degree from Yale, and her PhD from Stanford University.

David R. Mosena is the sixth President and CEO of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, which opened in 1933. MSI welcomes an average of 1.5 million guests annually, presents a wide range of iconic and cutting-edge exhibits, offers strong education programs designed to inspire and motivate student interest in science and technology, and trains teachers to improve science instruction in primary and secondary schools. In December 2010, the Museum concluded a \$205 million capital campaign to renew its permanent exhibitions, transform its education programs and reinvent the guest experience.

Active in Chicago's civic and business community, Mosena served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (which owns and operates McCormick Place and Navy Pier), Co-Chaired the Transition Committee for Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and is a member of the Illinois Institute of Technology's College of Science and Letters Board of Overseers.

Before MSI, Mosena was President of the Chicago Transit Authority, the nation's second largest transit system, served as Chicago Commissioner of Aviation, overseeing the expansion and operations of O'Hare and Midway Airports, served as Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's Chief of Staff and was Chicago's City Planning Commissioner.

Daniel J. Rosenthal is the President of The Rosenthal Group and the Founder of the Green Chicago Restaurant Coalition. He has over forty years of experience in all aspects of the restaurant industry. Since 1988, Rosenthal has opened and operated over 40 restaurants around the country. His Chicago restaurant ventures include Trattoria No.10, 5 Soprallina Marketcaffès and Poag Mahone's Carvery and Ale House.

In October 2007 he and fellow restaurateur Ina Pinkney founded the Green Chicago Restaurant Coalition which has now grown to a sizeable force of over 300 restaurant and 150 affiliated business members. Over the years, the Coalition's original mission of bringing sustainable products and services to restaurants at affordable prices has also grown and now includes educational initiatives, targeted advocacy on behalf of its membership, and the creation of the GUARANTEED GREEN certification program for restaurants. Rosenthal has been recognized for his environmental efforts with awards from The Chicago Tribune, Chicago Magazine, and the Illinois Environmental Council, and has spoken widely on the subject of sustainability in the foodservice industry at numerous schools and before national audiences at the National Restaurant Association Show, the Chef's Collaborative Annual Conference, the DC State of the Plate Conference, and the International Foodservice Sustainability Symposium.

Tom Dart has brought an aggressive and innovative approach to law enforcement. As a state legislator, Dart re-wrote child welfare bills, wrote the Sexually Violent Predators Commitment Act and led the state's first study connecting homelessness and prostitution. Since becoming Sheriff, he has introduced sweeping changes at the Cook County Jail - the nation's largest single site jail.

The Sheriff's Department has curbed suburban gang activity by focusing on aggressive regional tactical work. The animal crimes unit works diligently to stop dogfighting and animal cruelty. The internet sex crimes unit, founded under Dart, pursues child pornography and human trafficking cases. He filed the first federal lawsuit against Craigslist, leading to the removal of the Adult Services section from their website.

He has changed the way Sheriff's Police handle arrests in prostitution cases - steering prostitutes toward rehabilitative services through the Sheriff's Women's Justice Program, while pursuing those who pimp these women and buy their services.

Sheriff Dart changed the county's approach to evictions—ensuring that families receive proper notice before being put out on the street, offering on-site social services, and refusing to evict after banks admitted to robo-signing foreclosure documents.

In 2009, Time magazine named Sheriff Dart one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Robyn L. Golden is Director of Health and Aging at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago with academic appointments in the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Health Systems Management.

Ms. Golden's national, regional and local leadership in service provision, program development, education, research and public policy spans more than 25 years. She currently co-chairs the National Coalition on Care Coordination at the New York Academy of Medicine, is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and is past Chair of the American Society on Aging. Ms. Golden's work targets the development of new initiatives and systems integration to improve the health and well-being of older adults and their families. As Director of Health and Aging at Rush, she is responsible for developing and overseeing health promotion and disease prevention, mental health, care coordination and transitional care services for senior adults, family caregivers and those with chronic conditions.

In 2003-04, she was the John Heinz Senate Fellow based in Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's Washington, DC Office. Ms. Golden holds a Master's degree from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago and a Bachelor's degree from Miami University.

2012 Know Your Chicago Tours

Tour One

Whoosh, Whirl, Splash, Chirp & You: MSI Rediscovered
Wednesday, September 19

Thursday, September 20

Tour Two

The Digital World: A New Literacy

Monday, September 24

Tuesday, September 25

Tour Three

The Senior Class

Tuesday, October 2

Wednesday, October 3

Tour Four

What's on YOUR Plate?

Tuesday, October 23

Wednesday, October 24

Tour Five

Body and Soul: Human Trafficking in Chicago

Thursday, November 1

Friday, November 2

For questions concerning tour availability, please email kyclist@uchicago.edu or call 773.702.1727.

Know Your Chicago Founder Mary Ward Wolkonsky (1907-2002)

Mary Ward Wolkonsky was an extraordinary woman who made a major and lasting contribution to the educational and philanthropic world of Chicago. Throughout her long life, she offered her talents in a multitude of ways, focusing particularly on issues and organizations that advanced the role of women.

Mrs. Wolkonsky loved Chicago. In 1948, she founded Know Your Chicago, not only as a way to share her excitement about our city, but also to educate women for civic participation. Over its long year history, Know Your Chicago has enabled thousands to experience the unique, the serious, the humorous, the beautiful and, often, the little-known aspects of this wonderful city.

Born in Michigan, Mrs. Wolkonsky moved to Chicago in 1939 and quickly became involved in the life of the city. Her remarkable intelligence, charm, and leadership abilities made her an asset to many of the area's leading institutions including the University of Chicago. This affiliation was a source of particular pride to her. She founded the Women's Board of the University, served as its chairman for eight years, and in 1975 she was named a University trustee.

Music was one of Mrs. Wolkonsky's great interests. She was an excellent pianist, both classical and jazz; knew the lyrics of an amazing number of cabaret songs; and, even in her 90s, was always ready to put on her dancing shoes. She followed the careers of many of the great jazz ensembles of Chicago, often visiting the clubs where they played. This love of music led to her long involvement with the University of Chicago's music program where she served as chairman of the Visiting Committee of the Music Department and founded the Jazz Archive.

Mrs. Wolkonsky also founded Bright New City, a series of lectures and seminars on the physical and cultural aspects of Chicago. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Lyric Opera and was instrumental in creating its Women's Board. She served on the boards of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, the Chicago Symphony, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Field Museum, the Chicago Art Institute, and Planned Parenthood. Her numerous awards and honors are a testament to the vision and character of Know Your Chicago's founder, Mary Ward Wolkonsky.

The University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies

The University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies has provided diverse educational programs for adults since the University's founding over one hundred years ago. The Graham School

includes Know Your Chicago in its continuing education program and provides extensive administrative and logistical support to all aspects of the symposium and the tours. Know Your Chicago is grateful for this partnership.

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