





# **Honoring two Amazing Individuals**

Dear Stephanie,

After some late nights and marathon sessions, the 102nd General Assembly adjourned last week! The session has been a busy one, but I believe we passed a lot of good legislation, including a balanced budget along with paying down our remaining outstanding short term debt.

This email is dedicated to highlighting two amazing individuals who gave so much to our community and that I was honored to call each of them my friend, Herschel Luckinbill and Dan Dolan Sr., whom I will miss every day.

I will send a complete recap of some of the meaningful legislation I and my colleagues, passed this session in the upcoming weeks.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend celebrating Easter, Passover, Orthodox Easter, or just relaxing.

Take care and be well.

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### **Honoring Herschel Luckinbill**

Herschel Luckinbill served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War aboard the USS O'Brien, which is the first American ship to receive direct hits from the enemy during the Vietnam War in 1966. After his service, he and his family resided in Montgomery and he served 25 times as a guardian for World War II Veterans participating in Honor Flight Chicago, which takes Veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the many memorials built in tribute to the service of our WW II, Korean and Vietnam War Veterans. Herschel played an instrumental role in bringing the Vietnam Moving Walls to Aurora and Oswego and the Middle East Conflict Wall to Oswego. I along with many others were saddened to learn that he passed away at the age of 75 on July 28, 2021.

### **God Speed Herschel!**



I was honored to call Herschel my friend for many years, and equally honored to introduce House Joint Resolution 79 in his honor (HJR79), which designates a section of Route 30 in Kendall County as Herschel Luckinbill Road. Senator Karina Villa passed this resolution in the Senate.



I was so blessed and honored to call Dan Dolan Sr a friend for many years, and I was equally honored to introduce House Joint Resolution 89 (HJR0089), which names the section of Route 31 in Aurora from East Illinois Avenue to Indian Trail Road at "Dan Dolan Way". Senator Karina Villa passed this resolution in the Senate.

### **Honoring Dan Dolan Senior**

Dan Dolan Sr. served during the Korean War in the US Navy and afterwards was a firefighter, and a mailman, who once sold pots and pans on the side, before he became a successful real estate developer having established Dolan and Murphy Inc. in the 1960s. His real estate company sponsored the Shamrocks Fast Pitch Softball Team for over 35 years and he was inducted into the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame in 2016. He was also proud of his involvement with Aurora Little League Baseball for over 50 years and was a proud East Aurora Tomcat. Mr. Dolan always had a smile that was infectious to anyone he talked to. I along with many others were so saddened to hear of his passing in February of 2020.

God Speed Dan!

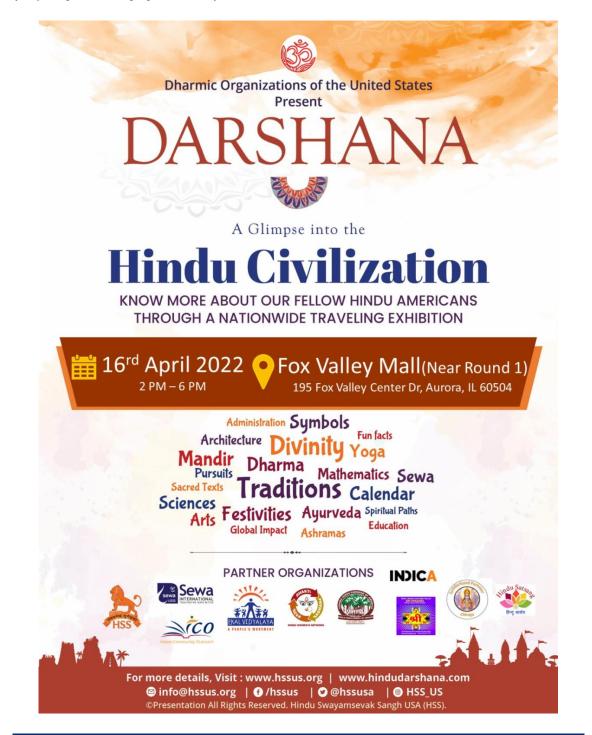
Learn About a Different Culture on April 16th!

DARSHANA: A Glimpse into the Hindu

Civilization

Over 10 Indian-American organizations in Naperville-Aurora area are organizing an exhibition on 'Hindu Civilization' in Naperville-Aurora area. This exhibition is called "Darshana: A Glimpse into Hindu Civilization".

This brief video will give you information about this exhibition (https://youtu.be/yDj4kL3T2LI)



# Mutual Ground Donation Drive Taking Donations until April 29, 2022!

Mutual Ground has been a non-profit organization since 1974 and has worked to assist and provide resources for those who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and substance abuse disorders. Supporting these individuals in crisis is important, which is why I am working with Representative Barbara Hernandez to assist in collecting items for donation to Mutual Ground.

The listed items are below and may be dropped off at our offices during the designated hours. Gift cards and cash donations should be made directly to Mutual Ground in Aurora. Call 630.585.1308 with any questions.

# **Donation Drive for**



Mutual Ground is a non-profit organization providing programs that focus on Safety, Healing and Prevention for victims of domestic and sexual violence and individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

Donations will be collected from:

March 28 - April 29, 2022

(Collection hours listed below)



## Support individuals in crisis. Support our community.

#### Wish List Items

(for the residents and clients of Mutual Ground)

- · Laundry Detergent
- · XL Bath Towels (new)
- · Toilet paper
- Glass Cleaner
- Pine-sol
- · Gas cards
- · Uber/Lyft gift cards
- Gift cards for Amazon, Walmart, Target (for urgent resident needs)

\*Gift Cards and Monetary donations should be sent directly to Mutual Ground at:

418 Oak Avenue | Aurora, IL 60506 | www.mutualground.org



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Office Collection Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm



Sponsored By

Representative Barbara Hernandez-83rd District

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Office Collection Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00am - 5:00pm

# Senior Food Drives Are Here! Next Date is April 25th

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we are partnering with Representative Keith Wheeler and Representative Barbara Hernandez to distribute frozen meals to eligible seniors and all Veterans. You must reside in Kane County, be 60 years of age or older or a Veteran of any age to participate in this program. Additional particulars are on the flyer below. You can call any of our offices for more information.

# Senior Meal Distribution Drive-Thru







Rep. Barbara Hernandez

Rep. Stephanie Kifowit

Rep. Keith Wheeler

# Mondays from 11am -1pm



- March 14th 8 28th
   July 11th 8 25th
- April 11th & 25th
- May 9th & 23th
- June 13 & 27th
- Aug 8th & 22nd
- Sept 12th & 26
- Oct 3rd & 24th



St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, 1855 5th Ave, Aurora, IL 60504

## \*Only Available Via Registration:

To register, call: 630.585.1308 (Kifowit) 630.270.1848 (Hernandez) 630.345.3464 (Wheeler)







Adults who are 60+ and reside in Kane county are eligible for 5 frozen meals. Veterans of all ages, residing in Kane County are eligible. You must call to register to be eligible to participate. You are not eligible if currently enrolled in Meals On Wheels

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Meals Provided by the Kane Senior Council. This is a Temporary Service that may conclude at any time. For more information about Kane Senior Council call 630.338.0999 or email info@kaneseniorouncil.org or visit kaneseniorcouncil.com







# Coffee with Kifowit In Person Returns! Monday, April 25 2022

Join us Monday, April 25 from 9 AM TO 10 AM for free pastries and coffee at the Oswego Library. Come chat with me and in person at the library or join in via Facebook Live. Click on the image below for additional details.

Doors open at 8:30 AM for all those attending in person. See you there!



## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

With April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, I was joined by many of my colleagues in the House to spread awareness on child abuse and neglect by wearing blue on the IL House floor. We must always work collectively to address the challenges and issues many children have to face, throughout the state and society in general. Please report any signs of abuse of on a child to authorities immediately. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out who to contact and how you can help create awareness not only this month, but every month of the year.

In addition, there is always a need for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - if you have time Volunteer, contact **Illinois CASA** or a CASA in the county where you live.



# **Covid-19 Vaccine Updates**

With Covid-19 numbers still low I want to thank everyone who has been vaccinated and followed recommended protocols to get us to this point. The pandemic has effected all of us, but it's because of our actions that we have now been able to resume most of the normal activities of our lives before the pandemic began.

During the recent Omicron surge, those who were boosted were 21 times more protected from death from Covid-19 compared to those who were unvaccinated according to the CDC. All eligible individuals should get their vaccines first and then their initial booster when up to date.

The CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50, who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago, to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection. Please visit the CDC website <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

# COVID BOOSTER ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

Everyone 50+ and certain immunocompromised individuals can get a 2<sup>nd</sup> booster.

You can get a 2<sup>nd</sup> booster 4 months after your initial booster.



# Facebook Live Mondays at 9 AM

I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions.

I realize not everyone has Facebook. The good news is that you can still participate. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings, you can join in via ZOOM! Once connected via ZOOM, you'll be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live - your video feed and mic will be muted.

The ZOOM link will be emailed to everyone separately for Monday morning participation.

If you would like to join us, please email <u>Michelle@ILDistrict84.com</u> or call the office at 630.585.1308.



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