



On The Go

Send event details by **December 10** to:
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Ballet Légère ~ The Nutcracker

Dec. 6–10, 2018. The holiday is a time for special get togethers and creating traditions. This year add Ballet Legere's Nutcracker to your list. Tickets can be ordered online at balletlegere.org or call 708-488-5000. At Dominican University Performing Arts Center, River Forest.

Naper Nights Tickets

Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Settlement!

Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15, 2018, 9–11 a.m. Craft two ornaments in Santa's Workshop and prepare a magical treat for Santa's reindeer in the Reindeer Food Factory. Be sure to visit Mrs. Claus' Bakery to help her decorate cookies. Bring your cameras for a special photo with Santa! \$15/\$13 member.

Sun., Dec. 9, 2018, 4–5 p.m. Three of Naperville's top chefs square off to see who can make the best dish using Popeil and Ronco products! Adults \$10/\$8, Youth \$9/\$7.

Registration required for these events. Call 630-420-6010 and visit napersettlement.org. At 523 S. Webster Ave., Naperville.

Polish American Cultural Club Christmas Party

Sun., Dec. 16, 2018, noon, dinner at 1 p.m. Entertainment provided by Rick Bubula and Rene Wyrobek. \$25, cash bar. Make check payable to PACC by Dec. 10, 2018. Mail to: Maria Kula, 1931 Newton, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Call 847-823-6358. At Mabenka, 7844 S. Cicero, Burbank.

Lambs Farm ~ Breakfast with Santa

December 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2018, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon. Santa is making his annual trek to Lambs Farm to celebrate the holidays at our famous brunch. Embrace the greatest time of year with family and friends! After brunch, an abundance of festive crafts will be available for decorating. Guests will have opportunity to take memorable photos and children will receive a special gift from the North Pole. Brunch is \$17.95 per person, \$7.95 for children under 23 months. Call the Magnolia Café & Bakery at 847-362-5050. At 14245 W Rockland Road, Libertyville.

CLUBS

Helen Plum Library

Sun., Dec. 9, 2018, 2 p.m. **Music Under the Mistletoe.** A holiday cabaret performed by Matt and Cynthia Gruel is sure to make your season bright. This joyful, nostalgic show features favorites such as "Let It Snow," "Jingle Bell Rock" and "White Christmas." To register, visit helenplum.org or call 630-627-0316. At 110 W. Maple St., Lombard.

DANCE

Dress Up & Dance!

Mon., Dec. 31, 2018, 8 p.m.–1 a.m. New Years Eve Celebration, "All That Glitters." Dinner, dancing and games. Free party favors, balloon drop and NYE Toast! \$50 per guest. Ticket and reservation only. Fee if paid on-line. dressndance@aol.com.

Call 224-475-0984 and visit <http://www.dress-dance.com/>. At 206 Terrace Dr., Mundelein.

Floating on a Melody Ballroom

Make your reservation now for New Year's Eve: dinner buffet, dancing from 8 p.m.–1 a.m., champagne toast, balloon drop and party favors at midnight. \$70. Call 630-546-0050 or visit <http://www.floating-on-a-melody.com>. At Floating on a Melody Ballroom, 7905 Ogden Ave., Lyons.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart Christmas Dinner Dance

Fri., Dec. 14, 2018, 6–10 p.m. **Christmas dinner dance.** Four course plated dinner, wine served during dinner with local high school choir singing during dinner. Band is Variety Pak. Members \$35, Guests \$40, Cash Bar. Large dance floor and plenty of free parking. Reservations only.

For our schedule, more information or directions, please call 773-203-2053. At the American Legion, 9757 W. Pacific, Franklin Park.

GARDENS AND GARDEN CLUBS

Darien Garden Club

5th Annual Spring Gardening Inspiration

Sat., March 9, 2019, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. "Birds and the Bees, and the Flowers and the Trees."

"Masons, Miners & Thieves—The Real Lives of America's Bees" by Paige Embry, BS, MS.

"Trees and Quality of Life—What we know about where you live" by Lydia Scott, MS.

"Birds in the Garden: Tips for Creating & Enjoying a Bird Oasis" by Pam Karlson.

\$50. Registration required. Farm to table luncheon at Chateau Orleans, Chuck's Southern Comforts Café, Darien. Presentation information at dariengardenclub.com. Call 630-253-2125 or email dariengardenclub@gmail.com.

MUSIC

Fox Valley Philharmonic Aurora and Community Chorale

Free-Admission Celtic Christmas Concert

Sun., Dec. 9, 2018, 3 p.m. Selections from Joseph Martin's Christmas cantata, *Tapestry of Light*, music that "illuminates" the Christmas story of prophecy, nativity, hope and salvation. English folksongs and lively Celtic rhythms, rich choral sonorities accompanied by sparkling instrumental orchestration.

Steamroller instrumental of Gruber's *Silent Night* and Holt's *Fantasia on the Dargason* which contains foot-tapping country dance tune with the gentle, lyrical folk song melody of *What Child is This*.

Audience participation in a "sing-along" with the orchestra and choir performing several well-known traditional Christmas carols.

There will be a reception with refreshments will after the concert. An appeal is made for free-will, tax-deductible donations to help with partially defraying concert expenses. Call 708-579-2878 or email info@FVacademy.org. At Our Savior Lutheran Church, 420 W. Downer Place, Aurora.



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Still going...

MUSIC

Midwest Ballroom

- Sat., Dec. 8, 2018. Musical Memories
- Sat., Dec. 15, 2018. Holiday Dance Party
- Sat., Dec. 22, 2018. Christmas Show
- Sat., Dec. 29, 2018. New Year's Show

Midwest Ballroom is hosted by John "Radio" Russell and airs each Saturday from 5-7 p.m. over WDCB 90.9 FM and worldwide on the Internet at wdcb.org. The show maybe contacted at P.O. Box 1073, Dundee, IL 60118 or at midwestballroom@yahoo.com. Reruns of older shows air on WTPB LP in Rockford 99.3 FM.

Sinfonietta Bel Canto

Tues., Jan. 1, 2019, 3 p.m. **New Year's Day Gala.** Our benefit fundraiser features "pops" music, Strauss waltzes, SBC soloists, opportunities to conduct the orchestra and more, including a reception following the performance and a raffle of unique items! For more information on tickets, dates, locations, and repertoire visit sinfoniettabelcanto.org or call 630-384-5007. At Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove.

Southwest Symphony Orchestra (SSO)

Holiday Cheer with Old Friends

Fri., Dec. 7, 2018, 7:30 p.m. The SSO collaborates with the St. Michael's Music Ministry and the Oak Lawn Park District's Voices of the Valley. At St. Michael's Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park.

Sun., Dec. 9, 2018, 4 p.m. The SSO, will join with the St. Francis of Assisi Music Ministry and the Voices of the Valley. At St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park.

These collaborations between the SSO, St. Michael's and St. Francis of Assisi's Music Ministries and the Southwest Symphony Orchestra have become a regular Christmas-tide tradition. Start your holiday season on a joyful note with a program of holiday favorites!

\$20 for adults/seniors, \$7 for students, children 10 and under are free. Both concerts are partially supported by Busey Bank. Call 708-802-0686. Learn more at southwestsymphony.com or for more information, email southwestsymphony@gmail.com.

West Suburban Symphony of Hinsdale

Sun., Dec. 9, 2018, 3:30 p.m. **Merry.** Our holiday concert will delight all generations of your family, with selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker ballet and a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Chicago TV personality Rich Koz, set to music. Visit westsubsymphony.org or call 630-887-7464. At Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant Streets.

Moving Forward

Moving Forward formerly Movin' On, welcomes all singles over the age of 60 in the Northwest suburbs. Come join us for a monthly lunch, dinner and/or happy hour. Come and make new friendships. Call Diane at 708-212-5792 for more information on the next outing.

New Horizons Singles

Mon., Dec. 31, 2018, 7 p.m. **Ring in 2019 with a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance.** Great appetizers and dinner. Followed by dancing with DJ Fast Freddy. \$80 members, \$95 non-members. Please contact Jim at 630-877-7771 for tickets and details. At Glendale Lakes Golf Club, 1550 President St., Glendale Heights.

New Start Club

Mon., Dec. 31, 2018, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance.** Ring in the 2019 New Year, and enjoy an evening of dining and dancing. Catered buffet dinner will be served. \$50, paid in advance--no tickets at door. Call Joan Neville at 847-397-9643 or email nevillejoan1@aol.com. Visit anewstartclub.com. At St. Peter Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg.

Southwest Suburban W.O.W.

Fri., Dec. 14, 2018. **Winter Wonderland Christmas Party. \$25.**

Call Phyllis at 708-636-6534. At Zion Lutheran Church, 17100 W. 69th Ave., Tinley Park.

The Original WOW

Widow or Widowers of the Western Suburbs. Regular meeting on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Rd., Elmhurst. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m. \$5 for members and guests. Come and see what we have to offer! Contact Dave for 630-620-4060 for more information. Or visit wow.cfsites.org, check it out!



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