



January 2023
Footprints NEW YEAR'S Edition

CLUB ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY Morning: 9:15am Highland Park--Northshore Trail. Meet at the Parking Lot just South of Central on St Johns. Run/Walk and stick around for a pastry and coffee at Curt's Cafe, at 1766 2nd St.

THURSDAY Morning: 11:30 am Lake Forest College run. Six miles through Lake Forest. Meet at the college's Sports & Rec Center.

SATURDAY Morning 8:00am: CLUB RUN: East Lake Forest Train Station. Weekly club run preceded by announcements. Run or walk 6 miles through Lake Forest. Dogs are welcome.

SUNDAY Morning 8:00: Canoe Launch, Rtes. 60&21. 4-6 mile runs around the area.

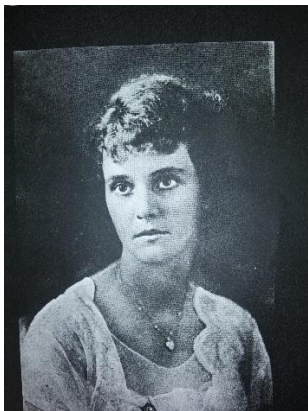
TRAINING PROGRAMS: Check with club coach Jenny Spangler on programs and dates:
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HISTORY ON THE RUN #14

The Great Gatsby – The Lake Forest Connection

I have covered many of the key features along our Saturday running route but there is still a lot of history in the area. Hopefully this next write up will interest you. If not, bring the pitchforks and torches to the next Saturday run and I'll get the hint.

Who out there has read **The Great Gatsby**? Required reading right? The Great American novel like Moby Dick but no whales and lots of wealthy people.



The character of Daisy Buchanan was inspired by a young lady from Lake Forest, Ginevra King, who F. Scott Fitzgerald fell in love with in 1915 when she was visiting St. Paul where he lived. Ginevra was one of the **Big Four**, a name that she and three other girls gave themselves as the most attractive and socially desirable women in the Chicago area. In her words, "I was 16 and quite flirtatious". Apparently, Fitzgerald's love was reciprocated for a while but by 1917, Ginevra, perhaps influenced by her father's fateful words "Poor boys shouldn't think of marrying rich girls" had moved

on to boys in her social and financial circle. At the time the King's lived in the big white house on Ridge Road, just north of Westleigh, around which the Westleigh Farms development is occurring. Adjoining the house was a barn for Mr. King's polo ponies. By the way, one of the other Big Four was Edith Cummings who won the US Amateur golf tournament in 1923, appeared on the cover of Time Magazine in August 1924 and was the inspiration for Jordan Baker in The Great Gatsby.

Back to F. Scott and Ginevra. He apparently never got over her and in The Great Gatsby, based the character of Daisy Buchanan on Ginevra King. Attractive, flirtatious but ultimately interested in staying in her social and financial circles as did Ginevra King. In the book, Daisy stays with Tom Buchanan, who it is noted, brought his polo ponies from his home in **Lake Forest**. In the real world, Ginevra marries Bill Mitchell, polo player, businessman and son of one of her father's business associates. Perhaps Tom Buchanan was modelled after Bill Mitchell. If you follow Rosemary Road west from Mayflower, the large grey house at 901 Rosemary is where Ginevra and Bill lived. After divorcing Mitchell, Ginevra married John Pirie, owner of Carson Pirie Scott so I assume she was able to avoid having to live on food stamps until her death in 1980.

Fitzgerald married Zelda, wrote novels and short stories, became an alcoholic and tried unsuccessfully to reconnect with Ginevra when she was between marriages. She rejected him then as she had 20+ years earlier

LET THOSE WEDDING BELLS RING

Congratulations to 'almost' charter Club member, Marty Rosenthal and Robyn Newman on their marriage. The beautiful ceremony took place on December 18. Here is a photo of the bride and groom along with Marty's twins, Lexi and Levi. Awesome!!

Best wishes for a long and happy life together.



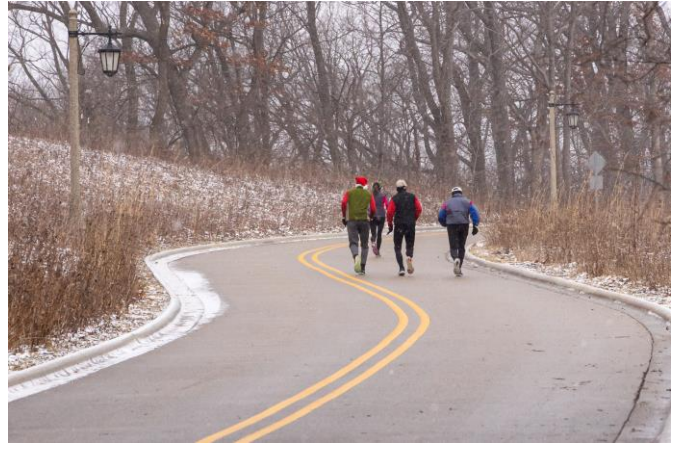
Marty and Robin on Tuesday Run/Walk

DAN AND MIKE'S EXCELLENT VIDEO

Click [here](#) to view the excellent video put together by Dan and Mike to recall the highlights of 2022.

2022 SANTA RUN, aka JINGLE BELL RUN





President Dan and daughters, Ivanka and Tiffany

Patti outkicking the Big Dogs!!



Leslie's chance to crush an Olympian!!

More Carbs!!



Santa doing his magic!

Santa's Wish List 2022

The following are the responses from our running mates and a few random folks at the train station to Santa's iconic question: "What would you like for Christmas?" Also included are Santa's responses to those answers.

Disclaimers: Loose interpretations of "Naughty and Nice" have been determined by the Big Guy in the red suit and are not subject to reality or existing Illinois laws and regulations.

Click [here](#) to see Santa's complete list.

WHO SAID IT WAS COLD OUTSIDE?

On Christmas Eve morning the temperature was below 0 and the wind chill below -25. That did not stop a few hardy souls from going out, braving the elements and running the Saturday course. Fortunately, they all made it back with no trauma. Here are some photos of that group. Diana S is the one hidden behind all the scarves! The other pic are the smart people who were waiting for them at Starbucks!



Hardy group



Smart group

BIKE PATH BRIDGE RE-BUILDING

A few months ago the bike path bridge over Illinois Ave was reconstructed. Click [here](#) for a 2:30 video of the complete rebuilding process. Here are some recent pics of the finished product.



And finally,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The following photos are from our special New Year's Day Run from the Prairie Coffee Shop in Lake Bluff. It was another great event with awesome Jan 1 weather and a turnout of over 35 Club members.

