



The Buzz

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Newsletter for the Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association
An Affiliate of Illinois State Beekeepers Association

Monthly Meeting – CDDBA Banquet

In lieu of the normal monthly meeting, the Cook DuPage Beekeepers will hold their annual banquet on the evening of October 19th at Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, located on the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and 55th Street. **The doors open at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30pm.** Sticky name tags will be ready for all guests with a reservation. The name tag will be coded to let the servers know what you ordered as there is a vegetarian option on the catered menu. There will be no “pay at the door” option. All mail in reservations must reach us before October 11. **Seats are still available.** Reservations are also open to friends and family of CDDBA members. Featured guest speaker will be Michael Bush. A brief bio for Mr. Bush is on the reservation form. The banquet reservation form can be downloaded here.

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/CDDBA-2013-Banquet-Reservation-rev-B.pdf>

In addition to Mr. Bush’s presentation and dinner, we will be briefly attending to the following business:

- The 2014 Board of Directors will be sworn in.
- Recognition of Honorary Members.
- Attendees will also be entered in a raffle to win a one year membership to the American Bee Federation.
- Mr. Bush’s book sale and signing.
- If you have a question for Mr. Bush prior to the presentation, please write it on the white board as their will be time for Q&A after the presentation.

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2014 Board of Directors

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Hostess	no nominee

Got Honey?

Don’t forget - Members can be listed on the Local Honey Providers page of the CDDBA web at no charge. If you would like to be listed, please contact Joe Slowinski (jslo722@msn.com) or through the CDDBA [Contact Us](#) page.



Illinois State Beekeepers Association 122nd Annual Fall Meeting

The Illinois State Beekeepers Association will be holding their 122nd Annual Fall Meeting on November 9, 2013. The meeting location will be the Illinois Department of Agriculture Building located on the State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois 62794. Registration is \$35.00 per person for ISBA members and \$45.00 per person for individuals who are not members of ISBA. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will commence at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Medhat Nasr, Provincial Apiculturist, Crop Research and Extension Division, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For over 35 years he has been working on honeybee genetics, breeding, bee pest surveillance, and integrated pest management of tracheal and varroa mites.

Dr. Roger Hoopingarner, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University, will also speak at the Meeting. Dr. Hoopingarner has done research on the genetics and environmental effects in rearing queen bees. He has also worked on some of the many problems facing the beekeeping industry including European foulbrood disease, pollination topics and varroa population dynamics and its control.

Richard E. L. Rogers, Entomologist and Apiologist for Bayer CropScience, will also give a presentation at the Fall Meeting. Richard has been a professional entomologist for more than 35 years and is an authority on pollination and apiculture. He has been coordinator for the International Apis Health Assessment Committee, and currently plans and coordinates bee studies and honeybee health investigations and research.

Catered lunch (\$10.00 per person) is available to individuals who register by November 1, 2013. The registration form is available on the Illinois state Beekeepers Association website, www.ilsba.com. Please join us for this interesting and informative meeting.

From the Kitchen



Pumpkin Honey Bread

- 1 cup - honey
- 1/2 cup - butter or margarine, softened
- 1 can (16 oz.) - solid-pack pumpkin
- 4 - eggs
- 4 cups - flour
- 4 teaspoons - baking powder
- 2 teaspoons - ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons - ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon - baking soda
- 1 teaspoon - salt
- 1 teaspoon - ground nutmeg

In large bowl, cream honey with butter until light and fluffy. Stir in pumpkin. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until thoroughly incorporated. Sift together remaining ingredients. Stir into pumpkin mixture. Divide batter equally between two well-greased 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Let loaves cool in pans for 10 minutes; invert pans to remove loaves and allow to finish cooling on racks.

CDBA Executive Board:

President John Hansen	Director (2015) Matt Schmitz
Vice President Open	Director (2014) Marge Trocki
Treasurer Dan Rubino	Director (2013) Tony Gedritis
Secretary Marilyn Ellison	

Committee Chairs:

Membership Dan Rubino	Historian Maureen Kilmer
Education Patrice Beal	Hostess Sharon Tworek
Webmaster Joe Slowinski	Sergeant at Arms Ed Borsuk

Newsletter Editor
Joe Slowinski



Chores of the Month

A rainbow of colors from trees and mums and cooling nights help Bold Orion bring autumn into our area. By the end of the month the honey bee form their winter cluster. In our area it's time to:



- Mouse-proof all the hives. Place the cleats or restricted hive entrances into place to keep the mice out of the hives.
- Look for signs of skunk activity. Bees are favorite sources of protein for skunks and they love to hang out in front of the hive at night and eat the bees as they come out to see what the fuss is. Placing carpet tack strips in front of the hive will deter the skunks, or a longer length of window screen will push the skunks back and give the bees a chance to get out and sting the skunk in the stomach.
- Assess your hives to see if you need to combine weak hives to survive the winter. Smaller hives may not survive a cold winter if the cluster is not large enough to maintain the necessary temperature in the hive.
- Continue feeding colonies for winter with the 2:1 sugar recipe. The bees will continue to feed as long as the daytime temperature remains warm.
- If you are chemically treating your colonies continue along the recommended path.
- Allow for upper ventilation of the hive to help remove some of the humidity from the hive during the winter months.
- Determine if you are going to protect the colonies over the winter by wrapping them, covering them or using a wind break and order or prep the materials for November placement.
- Plan to attend the Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association Banquet.

From the Bookstore

Don't forget to return any audio visual materials you've borrowed. Patrice will have the check out book with her at the October banquet meeting.

The bookstore will not be set up at the banquet, however Michael Bush will be bringing his books to sell (and sign).

The bookstore will re-open at the November meeting with lots of new titles.

Member in the News



Our very own John Hansen was recently showcased on NBC News as part of Sweet Beginnings. Watch John as he helps some people get back on their feet through beekeeping.

<http://www.today.com/video/today/52827955#52827955>



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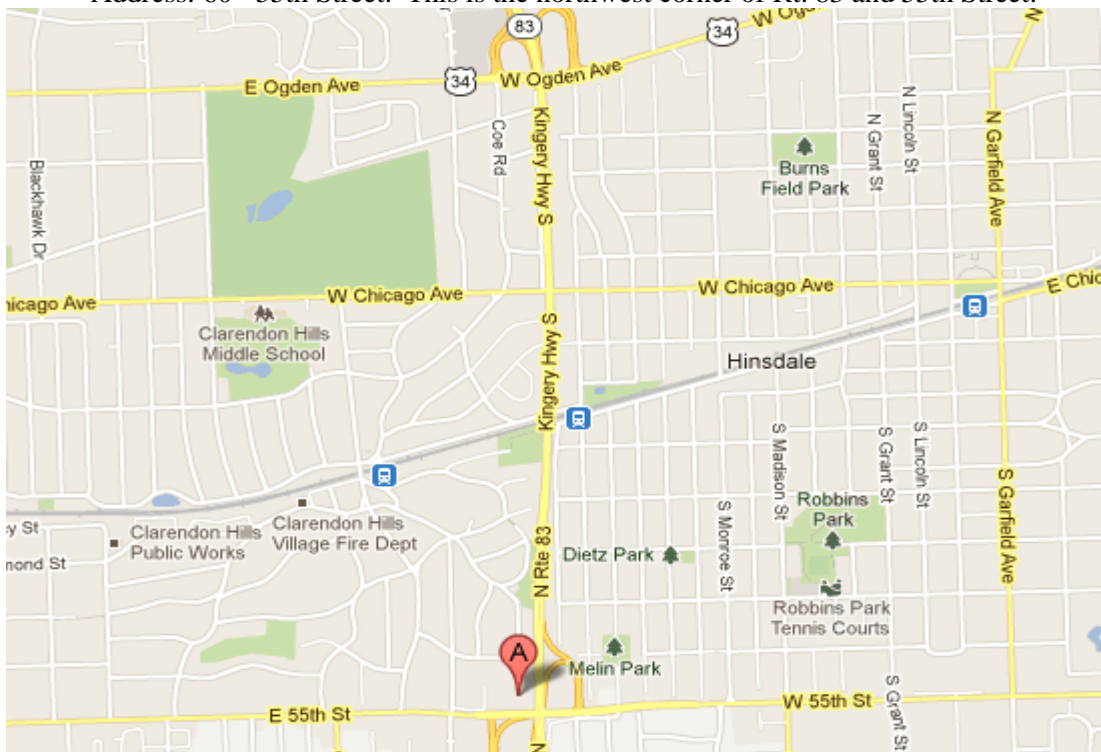
Next meeting **October 19, 2013**

First Class Mail

CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. Oct. 19, 2013

Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills

Address: 60 - 55th Street. This is the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and 55th Street.



[Link to map on Google Maps](#)