



# The Buzz

March 2014

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

## Monthly Meeting

The Cook DuPage Beekeepers will hold their monthly meeting on the evening of March 15 at Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, located on the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and 55th Street. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm. Please come early and chat with fellow beekeeping friends.

The program for the evening:

- Treasurer's report - Dan Rubino
- Membership Report - Dan Rubino
- Speaker: Matt LaForge - Dadant
- Bee package door prize – each club member attending this meeting will be automatically entered into a drawing for a free package of bees. You will have to pick them up in April.

Guest speaker Matt LaForge, Branch Manager Dadant Wisconsin, will be speaking on the current state of beekeeping as it relates to diseases and pests of the hive. Matt will also bring down any pre-ordered beekeeping supplies from the Wisconsin Branch at no charge for delivery. Call The Wisconsin Dadant store directly at 920-261-5363 to order your product for our meeting. If you order something for delivery to the meeting, please be at the meeting by 6:30pm to pick it up.

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## CDBA Magazine Discount Rates

Members of CDBA can get the American Bee Journal and Bee Culture at special Association discount rates but there is a procedure for this. Make a check out to "American Bee Journal" or "Bee Culture" for the discount amount and send to membership secretary Dan Rubino (or bring them to the meeting). The magazine check is separate from your dues check. Dan Rubino will group them together each month and send them in with the special Association discount coupon issued by the magazines. Please do not mutilate your membership form by cutting off the bottom as they are kept on file in a 3-ring notebook. Reduced rates for the magazines are published on the membership form located at: [http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/CDBA-membership-form-2014\\_rev-A.pdf](http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/CDBA-membership-form-2014_rev-A.pdf)



## Welcome Our New Members

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association would like to welcome its newest members. Welcome aboard!

John Brauer  
Scott Groch  
Steve Focareto  
Danielle Piraino

Samantha Weter  
Cindy Adams  
Edward Ludwig  
Mel Tracy

## Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2014 at the March meeting if you haven't done so already. New members are welcome too. See the website for more information.

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/about-us/how-to-join/>

# Swarm and Cutout List Renewal

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association Swarm list needs to be renewed for the 2014 beekeeping season. If you would like to be on the swarm removal list for 2014, please click on the link to complete the swarm list volunteer form.

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/contact-us/swarm-capture-volunteer/>

The club will be selling individual Mann Lake pollen patties at the March meeting. Beekeepers with only a few hives can purchase individual patties instead of having to buy more than they need from a supplier.



## Chores of the Month

March is time for the beekeeper to kick it into high gear. The new beekeeping season is almost upon us and you want to be ahead of the wave.

In our area it's time to:

Finish repairing and assembling the equipment you will need for your bees. Be sure you have enough bottom boards, hive bodies, inner covers, frames and telescoping outer covers. The hive bodies and supers may be painted to protect them from the elements, or camouflage them into the background.

Identify where you are going to put your hives. Exposure to the south or east establishes a good location for the hive, especially if it is protected from the north and west winds.

If you are placing hives in a new location, check the local ordinances to be sure that bees are allowed in your location.

On a warm sunny day, do a quick hive inspection to determine the status of the hive. Feed if necessary and if the queen has laid a lot of eggs in the upper brood chamber, reverse the chambers to provide more room for brood so you get a good build up.



Check the hives for lost colonies. Identify the reason and prepare the hive for a new colony.

If feeding is necessary, continue with a candy board or granulated sugar, be prepared to switch over to a 1 – 1 sugar water solution. If you are in doubt on if the bees should be fed, do it. Late winter and early spring are still dangerous time for starvation to occur.

Feed the bees some protein, place a pollen patty into the hive to help build up the colony. There are thoughts that pollen patty can help improve the health of the bees.

If you have determined you will treat your bees for foulbrood and nosema, now is a good time to do so. Follow the directions for using Terramycin or Fumagillin.

As the weather warms, remove the winter wrappings if you applied them last year.

## Mark Your Calendars

Monthly Mentoring Meetup : April 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am Hinsdale McDonalds

Cook Dupage April Meeting – Date Changed to April 12 due to Easter weekend falling on the 3rd weekend of April.

2014 Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS) Conference: July 10 – July 12

Cook Dupage Honey Extraction Demo: July 19th at Christ Lutheran Church. 11am – 2pm



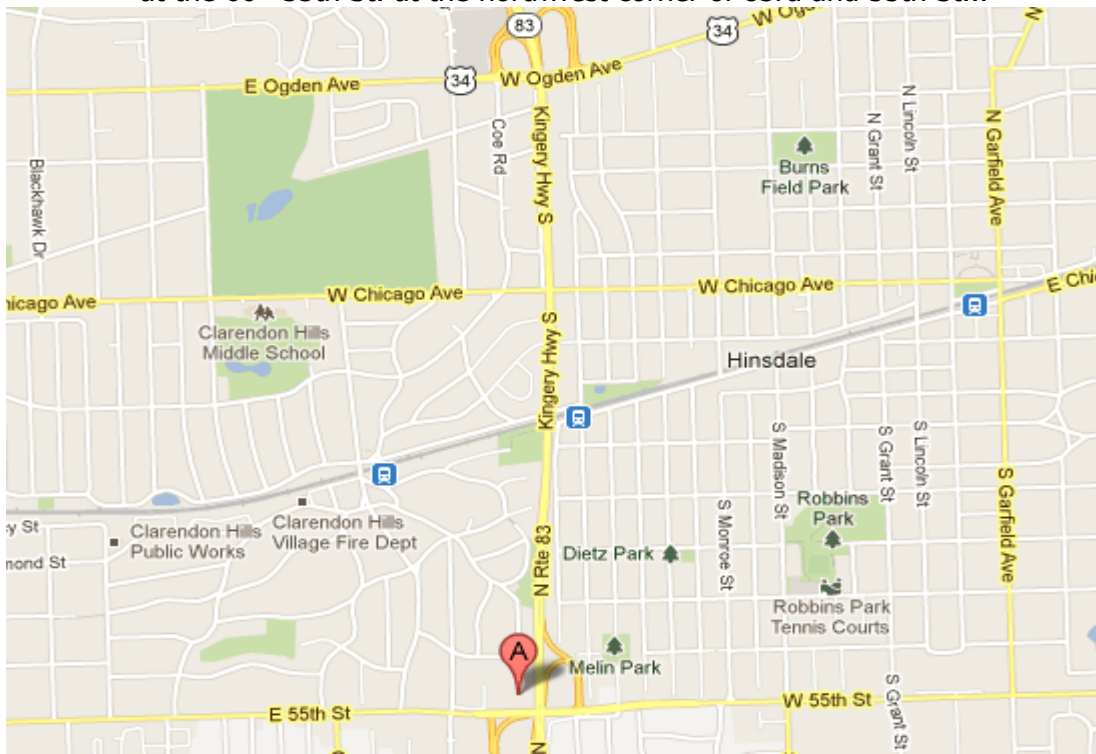
# CDBA Executive Board

<b>President</b>	Pete Soltesz
<b>Vice President</b>	John Hansen
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dan Rubino
<b>Director (2016)</b>	Mark Jusko
<b>Director (2015)</b>	Matt Schmitz
<b>Director (2014)</b>	Marge Trocki

# Committee Chairs

<b>Membership</b>	Dan Rubino
<b>Education</b>	Omar Kumara
<b>Webmaster</b>	Joe Slowinski
<b>Historian</b>	Maureen Kilmer
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Joe Slowinski
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Ed Borsuk
<b>Hosts</b>	Mary Duchinsky Tony Duchinsky Gary McMahon

**CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. March 15, 2014**  
Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills  
at the 60 –55th St. at the northwest corner of 83rd and 55th St...



[Link to map on Google Maps](#)