



The Buzz

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

Monthly Meeting – CDDBA Banquet

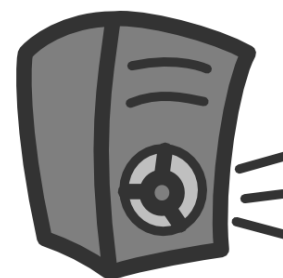
In lieu of the normal monthly meeting, the Cook DuPage Beekeepers will hold their annual banquet on the evening of October 18th at Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, located on the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and 55th Street. **The doors open at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30pm.** 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. Featured guest speaker will be Trevor Qualls. Information about Mr. Qualls can be found at basprings.com.

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

- The 2015 Board of Directors will be sworn in.
- If you have a question for Mr. Qualls prior to the presentation, please write it on the white board as there will be time for Q&A after the presentation.
- Winter patties will be for sale at the banquet.

New A/V Equipment

The club has purchased a new projection screen and a new sound system to be used at our monthly meetings at Christ Lutheran Church. The screen is actually a gift to the church to say thank you for letting us use the facility for events. The sound system can be used for CDDBA events as needed. Thanks to Matt Schmitz for pulling it all together.



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New 2015 Board Members

Please welcome three new members to the Board of Directors for 2015. They are:

Thad Smith

Kim Kulton

Jacque Schuelke

A full list of the 2015 Board of Directors will be available at the CDDBA website.

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 Annual Fall Meeting

The ISBA Annual Fall Meeting for 2014 is scheduled for November 8, 2014 (a Saturday). The location will be the Illinois Department of Agriculture Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The registration form, meeting agenda, and map to the fairgrounds can be obtained at the [ISBA Summary of Events Page](#) on their site.

The registration form is also being included in the September/October issue of the ISBA Bulletin which will be mailed to all ISBA members.

Attendees who wish to have the catered lunch MUST register and pay in advance by November 3, 2014 (must be postmarked by 11/3/14).

They will accept walk-in registrations without the catered lunch on the day of the event (November 8, 2014).

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 x5 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.

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.

Mark Your Calendars



November 2: Monthly Mentoring Meet up, 8:00am
Hinsdale McDonalds

November 8: ISBA Annual Fall Meeting

November 15: Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm Christ Lutheran Church



CDBA Executive Board

President	Pete Soltesz
Vice President	John Hansen
Secretary	Marilyn Ellison
Treasurer	Dan Rubino
Director (2016)	Mark Jusko
Director (2015)	Matt Schmitz
Director (2014)	Marge Trocki

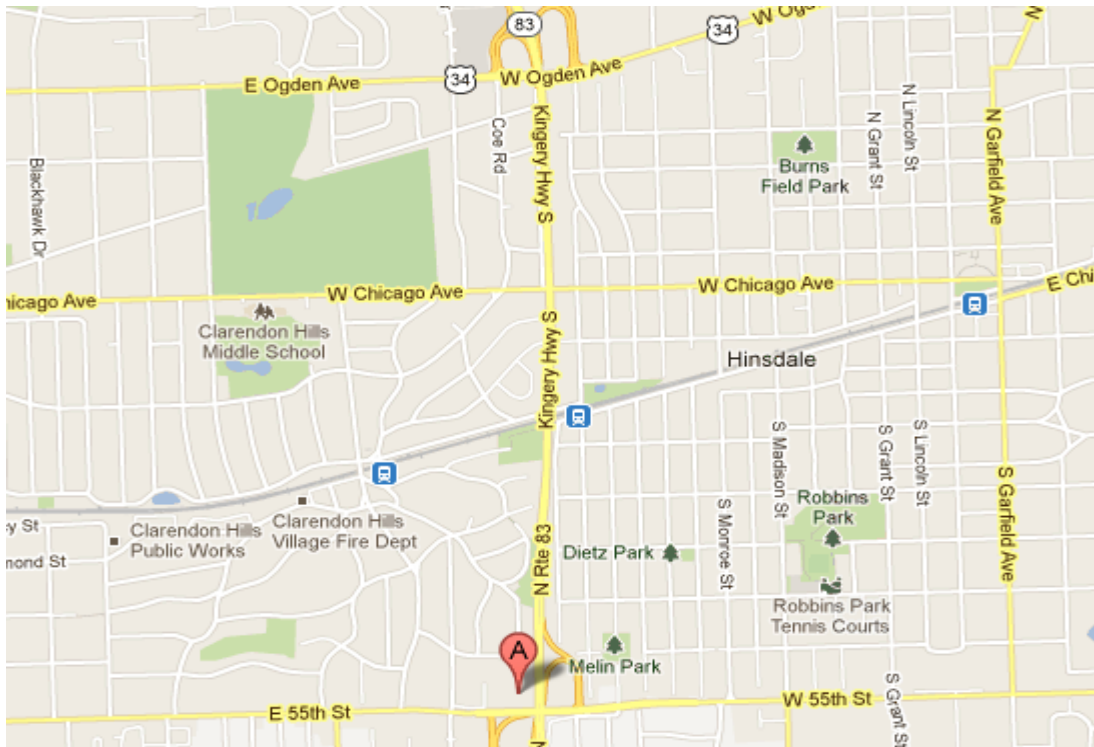
Committee Chairs

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

CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. Oct. 18, 2014

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](#)