



# The Buzz

March 2015

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 21 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. Snacks to share are welcome.

The program for the evening:

- Call to order
- Introduction of New Members and Guests
- Treasurer's Financial Report
- Secretary's report on correspondence
- 2016 ISBA Summer Meeting – Jim Belli
- Report of Committees
  - State and County Fairs
  - Club logo merchandise
- Discussions about early spring hive management including package installation for less experienced beekeepers.

## Bee Package Raffle

Don't forget, the club will be raffling another package of bees in the March meeting. Get to the meeting early and pick up that winning ticket!

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.



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## Welcome Our New Members

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

Jim Blugh	Hassan Dallal
Nancy Cistaro	Garon Fyffe
Iulian Costea	George Guzman
Gary Crawford	John Hayse

## Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2015 at the February meeting if you haven't done so already. New members are welcome to register too. See the website for more information.

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

Please note: Magazine subscription rates on the registration form have changed for 2015.

# Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association Merchandise

In the month of March, The CDBA will be offering members the ability to purchase CDBA logo merchandise. Items included in the offering will include:

Men and Women's full zipper fleece jackets in black and dark green

Men and Women's pullover hooded sweatshirts in black and green

Men and Women's polos in black and green

Men and Women's crew neck t-shirts in white and gold

Mesh baseball cap in black and green



The CDBA logo, shown at the top of this newsletter, will be embroidered on the front of all the merchandise except the t-shirts. Logo will be screen printed on the t-shirts. To keep costs down, items will only be available on-line and for a limited time only. Similar merchandise will be offered again in the fall if there is sufficient interest. More information will be available at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.



## 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.

## Swarm Removers and Cutout List

Through our club website, the Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association offers a convenient way for residents of local towns to contact a beekeeper when the need arises to remove and relocate honeybees that are currently swarming or have moved into a house, garage, tree or some other unwelcomed location. For beekeepers, it's a way to obtain free bees. If you would like to be on the list beekeepers available to remove swarms and/or cutout existing hives, please click on the link to complete the swarm list volunteer form. Members on the list will have to re-enroll to be included on the list for 2015. This will ensure the list is current. Click on the link below to visit the website and sign up.

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

# Mark Your Calendars



March 21<sup>st</sup>: CDBA Membership Meeting,  
7:00pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Clarendon  
Hills.

April 12<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Mentoring Meet up,  
8:00am Hinsdale McDonalds

April 18<sup>th</sup>: CDBA Membership Meeting,  
7:00pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Clarendon  
Hills.



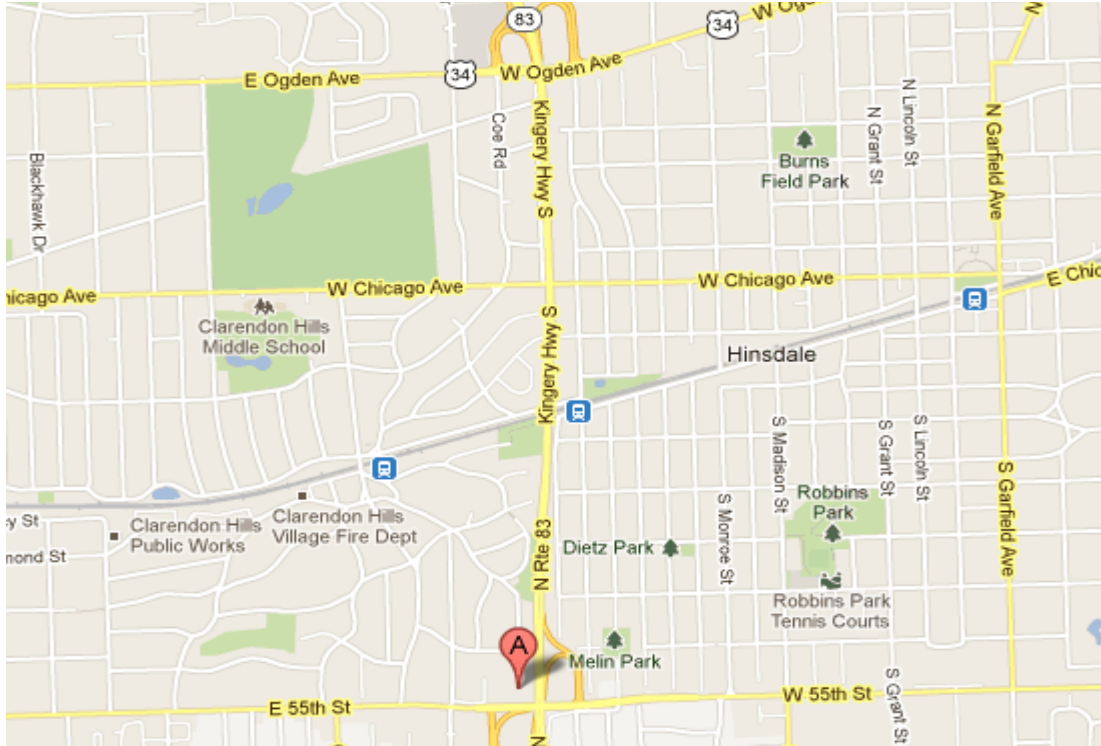
## 2015 CDBA Executive Board

<b>President</b>	Pete Soltesz	<b>Membership</b>	Jacquie Schuelke
<b>Vice President</b>	John Hansen	<b>Education</b>	Omar Kamara
<b>Secretary</b>	Thad Smith	<b>Historian</b>	Maureen Kilmer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jacquie Schuelke	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Joe Slowinski
<b>Directors (2017)</b>	Kim Kulton	<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Ed Borsuk
	Jennifer Colandrea	<b>Hosts</b>	Mary Duchinsky
<b>Director (2016)</b>	Mark Jusko		Tony Duchinsky
<b>Director (2015)</b>	Matt Schmitz		Gary McMahan

**CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. March 21, 2015**

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](#)