



# The Buzz

April 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 April 18 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 guest speaker for meeting will be Kelly Ksiazek, a graduate student from Northwestern University. Kelly's focus is on urban ecology and using green roofs as a habitat for native plant and pollinator conservation. Because our group is interested primarily in honey bees, she will present information about local native bees and other types of pollinators in the area, as well as tips for gardening that can provide resources for a wide variety of pollinators.

The program for the evening:

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

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## Welcome Our New Members

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

Jim Belli	Daniel Sutherland
Karen Belli	Amparo Alvarez
John-Marc Bilezikian	Rose Titus
Iulian Costea	Joshau Nova

## Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2015 at the April 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/>



# 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. To keep costs down, items will only be available on-line and for a limited time only. **Last day to order on-line is Sunday, April 19.** All merchandise will be available for pickup at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at Christ Lutheran Church. Similar merchandise will be offered again in the fall if there is sufficient interest. Click on the link below to access the merchandise up for sale.

<http://www.selectcorporatewear.com/shop4/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=47>

## Chores of the Month

HAPPY NEW BEEKEEPING YEAR!!!!

April is typically the month that new hives starts in our Area. The first package bees are delivered and installed and the buzz of bee's wings fill the air. In our area it's time to:

- Finish the assembly and preparation of your hives, hive stands and other parts.
- For new beekeepers, download the forms to register your bees with the Illinois Department of Agriculture ([click here](#)).
- Mix up some bee food. Springtime is the "light" syrup time where 1 part sugar is mixed with 1 part water (a 5 lb bag of sugar to 2.5 quarts of water). Heat the mixture until it is clear. Cool and store until needed.
- Monitor the pollen patty, if necessary you may need to add another.
- Inspect your existing hives for strength and any diseases or mites.
- Review your in hive frames to see if you should remove any that are damaged, or have an excess amount of pollen. You may even want to replace a few frames of drawn comb to provide more room and ventilation for your overwintered bees.
- Check to see if the brood boxes should be flipped to put the empty bottom box on the top and allow the bees to move up. The more space the bees think they have the less likely they are to swarm.
- Review the procedure for installing your bees and prepare to install any packages you receive.
- If you have ordered a package of bees by mail, be sure to let your post office know so they won't be surprised.
- If treating with chemicals, be sure to complete your treatments 4 weeks before the first serious nectar flow begins. DO NOT add supers before the 4 weeks have passed.

## 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



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

April 19<sup>th</sup>: Last day to order CDBA merchandise.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Monthly Mentoring Meet up, 8:00am Hinsdale McDonalds

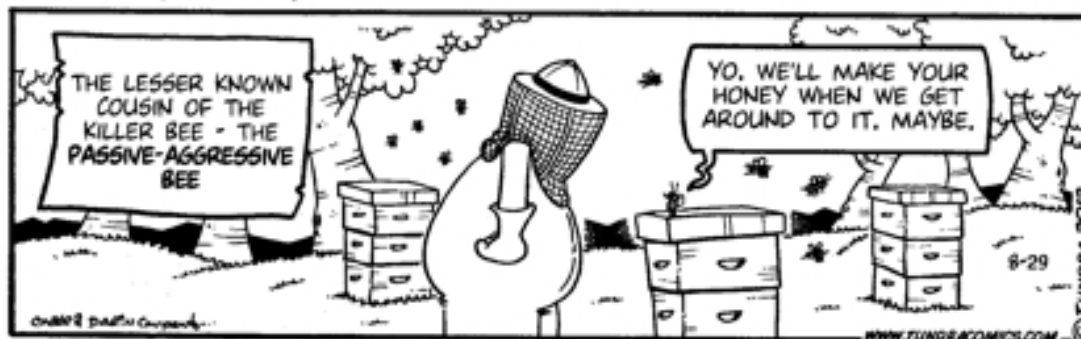
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## 2015 CDBA Executive Board

<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 McMahon

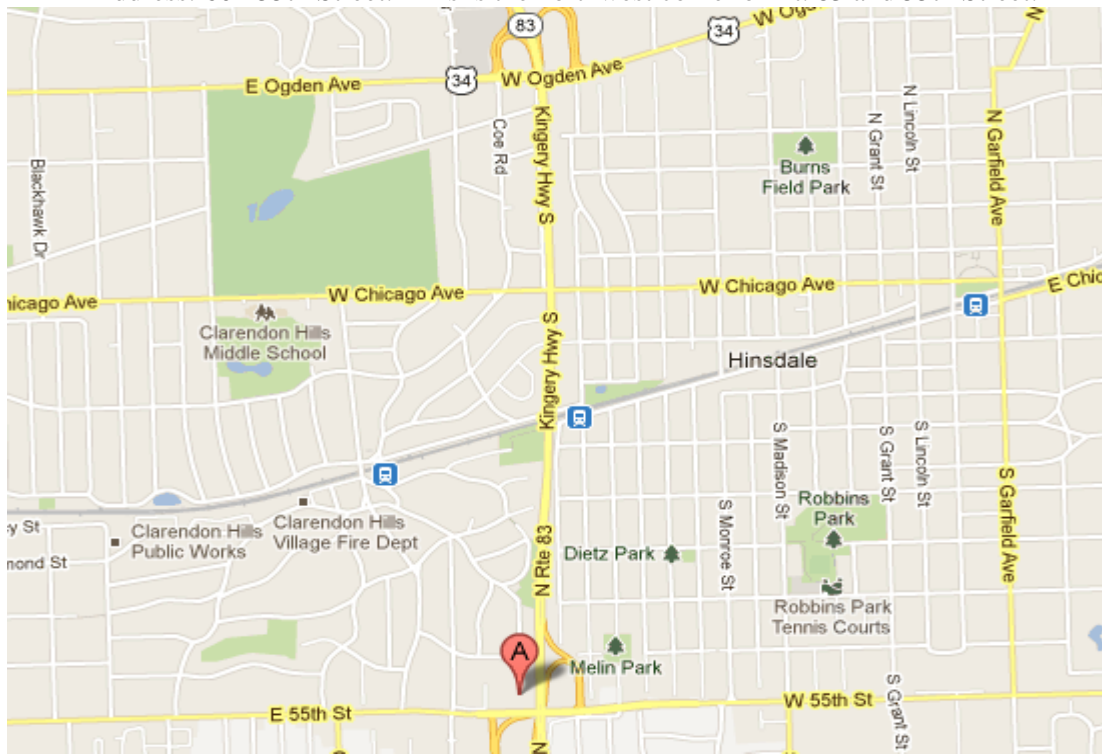
**TUNDRA** by Chad Carpenter



**CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. April 18, 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](#)