



# The Buzz

May 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 May 16 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
  - CDBA Summer Picnic
- Discussion on hive beetles

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The Illinois State Fair will be held from August 13 through August 23. Pack up your families and head to Springfield to enjoy the festivities. While you are at it, bring some honey and enter the honey competition and meet some beekeepers from around the state. Visit the state fair site for more information.

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/>



The Dupage County Fair will be held July 22 through July 26. Bring the family and visit the Cook Dupage

Beekeepers Association booth. Try some honey spun cotton candy. Check out the Dupage County Fair website for more information and the schedule of events.

<http://www.dupagecountyfair.org/>



# CDBA Summer Picnic

The 2015 CDBA summer picnic is a "GO".

## Who:

Everybody who responded "yes" to the survey.  
Previous "no" responses that change their mind (or members who did not receive a survey) please email Dan Rubino at [danrubeeno@gmail.com](mailto:danrubeeno@gmail.com) so the order with the caterers can be adjusted.

**When:** Saturday, June 20.

**Rain or shine. We have a picnic shelter.**

Arrive before 11:00 am for brief CDBA meeting.

Lunch starts noon.



## Where:

Churchill Woods Forest Preserve Picnic Shelter, Glen Ellyn  
On St. Charles Road between I-355 and Swift Road.  
Enter parking with "Shelter" sign just west of I-355 overpass.

Look for "CDBA Picnic" signs.

Detail map:

[http://www.dupageforest.com/Conservation/Forest\\_Preserves/Churchill\\_Woods/Maps/Churchill\\_Woods\\_Map.aspx](http://www.dupageforest.com/Conservation/Forest_Preserves/Churchill_Woods/Maps/Churchill_Woods_Map.aspx)

Photo of shelter: <http://www.dupageforest.com/PhotoGallery.pb.aspx?pageid=1895&id=3301&i=5>

Standard Forest Preserve latrines available near (not too near) picnic shelter.

## What (to bring):

Last name A - M bring a salad (cold pasta, green bean, 3 bean, 5 bean, crunchy, baked beans, etc)

Last name N - Z bring a dessert (cookies, pie, cake, muffins, etc)

Bring your own soft drinks.

CDBA will supply bottled water, ice, cups, napkins, plates, plastic utensils, tablecloths, hand sanitizer.

CDBA will supply chicken tenders and bratwurst from Sporty's Catering.

## Additional:

If you have beekeeping equipment for sale (including wax, honey, candles, molds) bring it for display.

There is no charge for the picnic but plan ahead if you might want to buy something from the members.

## CDBA Merchandise Pickup

Those members who have ordered CDBA logo merchandise may pick it up at the May meeting. Those members who have purchased merchandise, but are unable to attend the May meeting may pick up their purchases at the picnic or contact Joe Slowinski at [jslo722@msn.com](mailto:jslo722@msn.com) to make pick up arrangements. Thank you to all those who purchased merchandise and made it a successful sale. Wear it proudly!



## Chores of the Month

May begins with one of the most important holiday to the bees, May Day! A chance to celebrate the workers of the world. After the traditional May Day parade, it is time for the worker bees to get busy. This is the beginning of the major nectar and pollen time in our area.

In our area it's time to:

- Make sure your bees have enough room and are kept busy. For a new hive, monitor how much comb has been drawn out in the hive bodies and add another body as they "run out of room". If necessary, move some of the undrawn frames in a space or two to allow the bees to draw comb there. Be careful though that you do not compromise the brood pattern. It may also be the time to reverse the hive bodies if you haven't done this already.
- For an older hive, it may be time to review the frames and see if you can swap out some older pollen filled frames for new ones. This gives the bees an opportunity to be busy as well as increase some of the space in the hive and improve circulation.
- Be prepared to "super up". If medicating remember that FOUR (4) weeks need to pass from the last medication treatment until the super can be added to the hive. For new beekeepers, think of adding the super once 8 frames have been drawn out in the last hive body of the core hive area (the yearly living space for your bees).
- Review the strength of your hive. By mid May it will be time to remove the entrance reducer and allow the bees to have free access in and out, they are going to be busy and you don't want to slow down the movement of honey and pollen in and out of the hive.
- Monitor the hive for queen cups and cells. It's especially important to watch for Swarm Cells. These cells usually are found at the bottom of the frame and are an indication that the hive may be too crowded and ready to swarm.
- If feeding your hive, keep an eye on the volume, we are approaching a time when the natural nectar will take over and the need for feed drops to nothing. Remove the feeder if they are not taking any nourishment.

## 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



May 16<sup>th</sup>: CDBA Membership Meeting, 7:00pm,  
Christ Lutheran Church, Clarendon Hills.

June 7<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Mentoring Meet up, 8:00am  
Hinsdale McDonalds

June 20<sup>th</sup>: CDBA Picnic, Glen Ellyn

July 22 – 26: Dupage County Fair, Wheaton

August 13 – 23: Illinois State Fair, Springfield



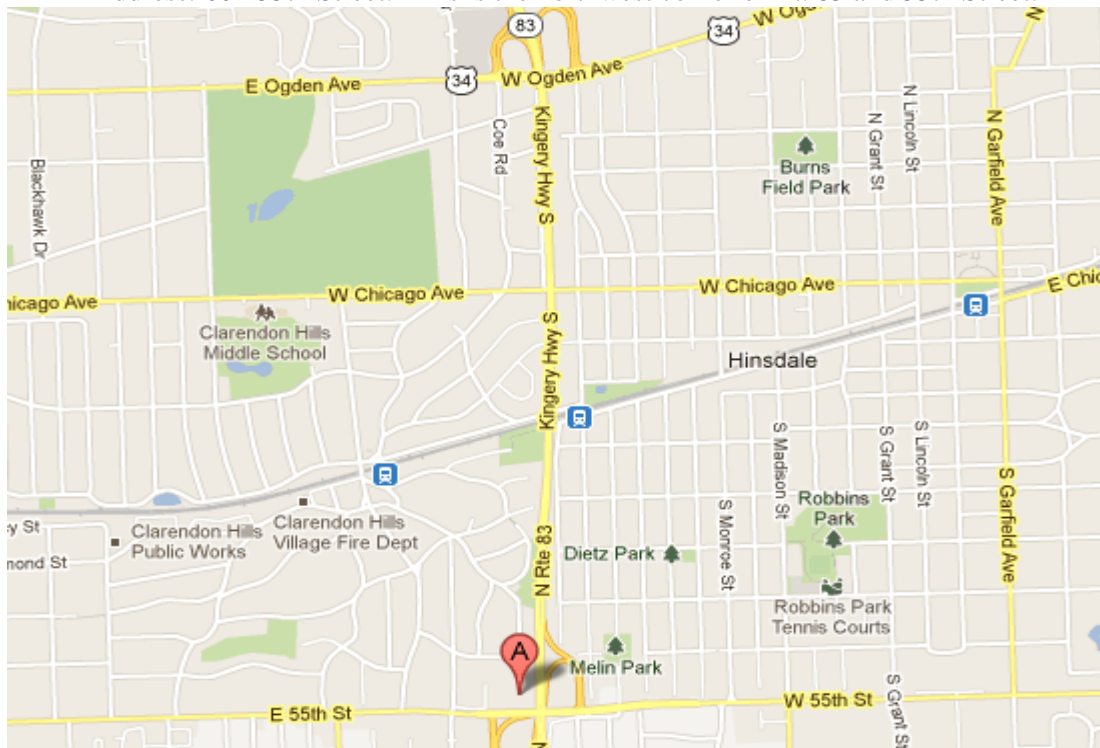
## 2015 CDBA Executive Board

<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

### CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. May 16, 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](#)