

**WINNETKA CAUCUS COUNCIL  
2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Biographical Information**

**William N. Krucks, Chair**

Bill, a resident of Precinct 19, is serving his third term on the Winnetka Caucus Council and his second term on the Executive Committee. Born in Chicago and raised in Deerfield, Bill has lived in Winnetka for 31 years. He and his wife, Linda, have five children, three of which attended Winnetka public schools and graduated from New Trier High School. Bill is a founding Partner of the Chicago-based law firm, Freeborn & Peters LLP. He also is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago, the Chicago Yacht Club, and the Lawyers Club of Chicago. In the recent past, he has served a wide-ranging community as a board member for the Foundation for the Mid-South's Raised-Up-Right Fund, as a volunteer attorney with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, and as a member of the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee. Locally, Bill served as a board member and President of the Trevian Girls Softball Association, and as a member of the New Trier Caucus. Bill earned his JD, *with honors*, from The University of Mississippi School of Law, where he graduated first in his class and was honored as an editor of the *Law Review* and as a member of the law school's National Moot Court Team. He earned his undergraduate degree from Tulane University.

**Katie Stevens, Vice Chair**

Katie has lived in Winnetka for 19 years. She graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in Business. She worked for Baxter Healthcare for 12 years in Sales and Marketing. She served on the Winnetka Community Nursery School Board for 5 years. She is currently serving a two year term on the Winnetka Forestry and Environmental Commission. She is the Civic Chair for the Garden Guild of Winnetka, and has held a variety of positions on that Board. She has been a member of the Woman's Board of the Hadley School for the Blind for 10 years, with various positions including: Secretary, Membership, Benefit Chair, and Auction Chair.. Her husband David opened the Chicago office for a California-based semi-conductor company and has been active volunteering to coach many children's sporting activities and has served as an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 18 in Winnetka. Their children have gone through the public school system at Greeley and Skokie School. Her daughter is currently at Washburne, and her son is a Senior at New Trier High School.

**Chris Siavelis, Treasurer**

Chris, along with his wife, Melissa, and their two children have resided in the 16<sup>th</sup> Precinct of Winnetka for 5 years and is serving his second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. Chris is a Senior Vice President at CRM Properties Group, Ltd., a Deerfield, Illinois based commercial real estate development firm, and worked for both LaSalle Bank and First Chicago Bank as a lending officer prior to joining CRM. Chris earned his B.S. in Finance and MBA with a finance/real estate concentration from DePaul University. Chris is an Illinois licensed real estate broker and a member of the Urban Land Institute and the International Council of Shopping Centers. Chris served as Treasurer of the DePaul Real Estate Alumni Association from 2007 to 2009.

**Cathy DeWeirdt, Secretary**

Cathy, a resident of Precinct 10, is serving her first year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. Cathy and her husband, Mike, have lived in Winnetka since 1996. They have a daughter who attends New Trier High School and a son who attends Washburne. Cathy works as a program officer at the Stuart Family Foundation. She serves as a member of the Sacred Heart Religious Ed Board. Cathy received her BS in

International Economics at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and her J.D. at the University of Chicago Law School.

## **MAJOR COMMITTEES**

### **Carol Fessler, Library Chair**

Carol joins the Winnetka Caucus Council this year as a representative of Precinct 11. Having moved to Winnetka in 2000 with her husband, Rick, and three older children, she engaged in school organizations such as the New Trier Fine Arts Association as well as the Women's Board of the Winnetka Community House. Carol's background includes an early career as an opera singer and then a business career in strategic planning and investor relations. She received a B. Music from Lawrence University, M. Music from Northwestern University and M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

### **Scott Hallermann, Parks Chair**

Scott, a resident of Precinct 10, is serving his second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council, having served as a member of the Village Candidates Sub-committee in 2009. Scott and his wife, Neilly, have lived in Winnetka since 2003. They have three boys who attend Skokie, Hubbard Woods and Winnetka Community House. Scott is currently VP of Sterne Agee Capital Markets. He sits on the Kenilworth Winnetka Baseball Association board and is an active youth sports coach. Scott received his BS in engineering from Northwestern University.

### **Kathryn Fink, Schools Committee Chair**

Kathryn is serving her second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council after membership on the Schools Committee last year. Kathy and her husband Karl have lived in Winnetka since 1987 and have two children who attended Crow Island, Skokie and Washburne Schools. Their son graduated from New Trier High School and attends the University of Illinois, and their daughter is a freshman at New Trier. Kathy is a real estate lawyer with her own practice. She sits on the board of directors of the Chicago Christian Industrial League, which provides shelter, job training and supportive services to the homeless. She also participates actively in Parents Association activities at New Trier. Kathy graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. degree in English, and received her J. D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

### **Sandra Berger, Village Chair**

Resident of Precinct 10, serving first year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. Sandy has lived in Winnetka for almost 30 years, her husband Bob owns Hubbard Woods Motors. Sandy has two sons, both attended schools in Winnetka and graduated from New Trier. Sandy is an Enrolled Actuary and President of Consulting Actuarial Group in Northfield (has owned this consulting firm for 29 years). Sandy served as Village Trustee for 2 terms (2005-2009); was President of the Winnetka Police Pension Board for 10 years (1995-2005); served on the Zoning Board of Appeals (1999-2004) and the Winnetka Plan Commission (2001-2004). Sandy received BS in Mathematics and Economics from the University of Illinois.

### **John Mech, Village Candidates sub-Committee Chair**

John, a resident of Precinct 43, is serving his second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council, having served as a member of the Candidate Selection Committee in 2009. John and his wife Laura are originally from the Chicago area. They moved to Winnetka in 2006 after living and working in Europe for three years. They have a daughter attending Washburne, a son who attends Skokie, and a daughter who attends Crow Island. John works as the VP of Application Development for Océ North America, which is a division of Canon USA. John has an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from John Carroll University.

### **David Mulligan, Village Platform sub-Committee Chair**

David, a resident of Precinct 47, is serving his third year on the Winnetka Caucus Council, having served as a member of the Village Platform Sub-committee in 2009 and 2008. David and his wife, Kim, have lived in Winnetka since 1996. They have three girls, ages 13,15 and 18. David is past Chairman and CEO of First Commonwealth, a dental insurance company he co-founded and currently serves on the Board of the Chicago Chapter of the World Presidents Organization. He also serves as a Senior Advisor to Kiva.org, an on-line micro lending site. David received his BA from the University of Rochester and his MBA from Cornell University.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Irma Villarreal, Communications Chair**

Irma, a resident of Precinct 10, is serving her second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. She was a member of the Village Platform Sub-Committee and the Communications Committee in 2009. Irma and her husband, Douglas Uhlinger, moved to Winnetka in 2007. She is Chief Corporate Securities Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Kraft Foods. Irma graduated from the University of Illinois-Urbana with a BA in Political Science, a J.D. from DePaul University and an LL.M. in Financial Services Law from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

**Chris Siavelis, Finance Chair** (See biography for Treasurer)

**Katie Stevens, New Trier High Township High School Caucus Nominators Committee Chair** (See biography for Vice Chair)

#### **Ethan Holland, Rules Chair**

Ethan, a resident of precinct 15 and is serving his second year on the Winnetka Caucus Council. Previously, he served as a member of the Village Candidates Sub-committee and the Rules committee. Ethan grew up in Winnetka and moved back with his wife Christine in 2006. They have two children who attend Greeley and Willow Wood. Ethan is a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney currently assigned to the Cold Case Homicide / Gangs Unit. Ethan also serves as an Executive Vice President and General Partner of Abbell Associates, a family real estate investment, development and management company. Ethan received a B.A. in history from Hamilton College and a J.D. from DePaul University.