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**Solicitation for Speakers** - the next open dates are January 17, 24, 31

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**October 4th** **Three Great American Lies**

****Meeting # 3,838 - Bill Geraci (jer-AW-see) returns to the college

Come learn why all hierarchical societies (and what \*that\* means) must be based on lies. Briefly consider historical examples. Then explore the three greatest lies of our own society and how they show up throughout our lives. See if you agree! Understand what to watch for to understand how you’re being manipulated and therefore how to avoid it. And a new way to see what goes on around you.

**October 11th Trump’s Betrayal of the Free World and Ukrainian Victory,** **notwithstanding**

****Meeting # 3,839 - Derrick Michael Reid BS JD Esq, Libertarian running for the 2028 US Presidency

The Blue Curtain

After Alaska, Trump indicates NATO US peacekeeping in Ukraine is on the table. This is so Wrong. After peace by Russian defeat, by Ukraine arms assistance, NATO secures Ukraine giving US an opportunity to withdraw from NATO and EU. EU then controls the Blue Curtain from the Norwegian Sea to the Caspian Sea for containing imperial Russia without US entanglements

**Oct 18th The Doctor Will See You Now....**

**Preventive Medicine and Lifestyle Management**

**Alternative Ways of Enjoying Good Health**

Meeting # 3,840 - long-time college regular from the past Mike Witort

The speaker will present various alternative medicine therapies.

**October 25th What A Government We Have!**

**What Government Do We Have?**

Meeting # 3,841 - Bill Geraci (jer-AW-see) returns to the college

What are the three ways humans have organized themselves? And how have we Americans set up our "experiment"? Are we a democracy? Spoiler alert: It's not what you think! Come find out just how much our Founding Fathers didn't trust politicians!

**November 1st Mao in China / Trump in US /**

 **and Centrally Planned Economies**

**MAGA calls for Americans to endure higher prices / Is factory work essential to the “spiritual” health of the working class?**

Meeting # 3,842 - college regular Tim Bolger

Donald Trump’s second-term economic vision has taken on an openly nationalist and state-directed character, drawing comparisons—sometimes tongue-in-cheek, sometimes critical—to Mao Zedong’s rhetoric of sacrifice. Critics have dubbed the approach “Mao MAGA,” highlighting the blend of patriotic appeals, centralized economic control, and calls for Americans to endure higher prices for the sake of national strength. Trump has described the U.S. as a “department store” that sets prices for foreign goods, and has pledged to personally decide tariff levels with business leaders, while imposing steep duties—especially on Chinese imports—to force companies to manufacture in America. Supporters see this as bold nation-building to restore manufacturing and worker dignity; opponents see creeping authoritarian economics and politicized price-setting.

**November 8th A Historical Summary Comparing the Mass Displacement** **of Cretan Muslims, Pontic Greeks, & Palestinians**

**Alexandria Keating-Sofiakis, Candidate for US Congress IL-10, Illinois Green Party**

Meetings # 3,843 - video interview <https://youtu.be/xrlVB-iUwZo>

Campaign Information: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Alexandria-Keating-Sofiakis-for-IL-10/61574599503560/>

Illinois Green Party - website - https://www.ilgp.org/ Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ILGreenParty>

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**November 15th Aris F. Yanibas, Candidate for U.S. Congress, 5th District, Independent**

Meeting # 3, 844 - an attorney in Chicago for 55 years, and college regular

Aris F. Yanibas is a Chicago-based attorney specializing in real estate transactions and legal services. He received his law degree from the John Marshall Law School and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1970.

The 5th congressional district of Illinois covers parts of Cook and Lake counties, as of the 2023 redistricting which followed the 2010 census. All or parts of Chicago, Inverness, Arlington Heights, Barrington Hills, Des Plaines, Palatine, Mount Prospect, Deer Park, Kildeer, Lake Zurich, Long Grove, and North Barrington are included.

The district is the wealthiest district in the state of Illinois.

It has been represented by Democrat Mike Quigley since the April 2009 special election.

**November 22nd Open Microphone on Conspiracy Theories**

**Why have 82 shooters been identified, sent by 42 groups, who shot from 14 directions, and not one of 214 alleged conspirators been put on trial and found guilty?**

Meeting # 3,845 - contact the Program Coordinator Charles Paidock if you would like to be one of the three keynote speakers at at (312) 842-5036, (312) 714-7790 cell, or cpaidock@hotmail.com

**November 29th Max Solomon for Governor 2026**

**Christian, Conservative, Republican**

Meetings # 3,846 -

​Born in Lagos, Nigeria, Solomon lost his mother at age 14 and then his father two and a half years later. At age 17, he found himself responsible for supporting his six younger siblings. After immigrating to the United States, Solomon attended South Suburban Community College, earning his associate degree in political science. He graduated with a perfect G.P.A. and received the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship award.



Using the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship award, Solomon attended DePaul University. He earned a B.A. in political science and double minored in religious studies and peace, conflict resolution and social justice.

Solomon went on to receive a master's degree in theology from Valparaiso University and a J.D. from Valparaiso University School of Law. Solomon works as an attorney. He also teaches political science and law-related classes as an adjunct at South Suburban Community College.

**December 6th Barbie Spomenka Vajic**

**Republican Candidate for Congress, in the 3rd District"People First, No Political Career"**

Meeting # 3,847 -

Small Business Owner, Serbian-American, Republican, fighting for America First

Illinois's 3rd congressional district includes parts of Cook County and DuPage County, and has been represented by Democrat Delia Ramirez since January 3, 2023. Prior to being drastically reconfigured to a different region in 2023, when it was created largely out of portions from the 4th 2021 to 2023, Dan Lipinski from 2005 to 2021, and by Lipinski's father Bill from 1983 to 2005.

"I prioritize pro-life values, recognizing America's unique beauty and charm. Americans deserve an improved future, and by seizing the many opportunities available, we can create a better life for all, upholding the America First principle and striving to restore America's former greatness."

**December 13th Chad Koppie**

**Candidate for US Congress, in the 7th District**

**"Patriot – Farmer – Aviator – Family Man"**

Meeting # 3,848 -

Chad believes that education is the key to the future and that means that – in order to improve the educational system – everyday people need to stand up and speak out.

Chad Koppie is a lifetime farmer. He currently lives on an 80 acre farm and currently rents 600 acres that he still farms. A retired jumbo jet Captain with Delta Airlines of 35 years, Chad flew jets out of Chicago's O'Hare Airport domestically then retired as the number one jumbo jet Captain out of New York City's JFK.

Here's Chad's new video: <https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisFamilyAction/videos/970265685128993>

**December 20, 27 Closed**

**Happy Holidays**

**from the Faculty and Students of the CoC**

**January 3rd Open Microphone:**

 **What is Going to Happen to the World**

 **in 2026?**

Everyone will have 5 minutes each to Present their Predictions

Meeting # 3,849 - please contact the Program Coordinator Charles Paidock if you wish to be one of the three (3) keynote speakers to get the conversation going, with 15 to 20 minutes to speak at (312) 714-7790 or cpaidock@hotmail.com

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**Jan 10th College of Complexes Special Program**

**75th Anniversary on January 6th, 2026**

Meeting # 3,850 - established in 1951 - in progress

**Jan 17th Open**

Meeting # 3,851 - contact the Program Coordinator Charles Paidock if you would like to speak at (312) 842-5036, (312) 714-7790 cell, or cpaidock@hotmail.com

**Jan 24**th **Demi Palecek, Candidate for Illinois State Representative, Democrat**

 **“Doesn’t just talk about change, she gets to work and makes it happen”**

Meeting # 3,852.

Progressive veteran, community activist, and Democrat running for State Representative in the 13th District (district includes parts of Northside Chicago and the lakefront, such as Uptown, Andersonville, and Lake View.)

Demi Palecek has dedicated her life to service. A member of the Illinois National Guard, she protected our U.S. Capitol - and our democracy - in the wake of the January 6th insurrection. An advocate for our community, she is an IWIL alum and has held leadership roles with the 46th Ward Democrats & Illinois Veterans for Change. With experience in advocacy, policy, organizing, and communications, she will bring ethics, discipline, empathy, and real-world insight to our legislature.

**Jan 31st** **US Threats to Overthrow the Venezuelan Revolution**

Meeting # 3,853 - Stansfield Smith on central and South American affairs

**Feb 7, 14, 21, 28** **Open**

 Meeting # 3,854+ contact the Program Coordinator Charles Paidock if you would like to speak at (312) 842-5036, (312) 714-7790 cell, or cpaidock@hotmail.com

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