

Luncheons run from 12 noon until 2 p.m., cost \$34 per person, and offer a delicious meal and the best in entertainment and educational programming.

Tuesday, April 16 An Afternoon of Music with Ray Lemieux

Ray Lemieux was born in Chicago and grew up in Oak Lawn. He counts as his influences the Beatles, garage bands, the original Sha Na Na (the early stuff, not the corny TV incarnation), Here's a quote about music from Ray: "I am thrilled to be able to play some of it. Sharing with others just makes it better." Come join us for a great afternoon of oldies, country, and acoustic rock.

Tuesday, April 23 "Famous First Ladies: Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt & Jackie Kennedy" with Jenny Riddle

We know so much about the Presidents and the families who lived there from our history books, and more recently movies and television. But most of what we read or see is about the public personas of those people. Join Jenny Riddle as she dramatizes, in character, the personal lives of three remarkable First Ladies.

Tuesday, April 30 "Mayor Richard J. Daley: The Man, The Legend" with Larry Bergnach

Mayor Richard J. Daley was the most powerful political figure of his time. From his inauspicious youth on Chicago's south side through his rapid growth of power as mayor and boss of the Democratic Party "machine," Larry Bergnach will present the life of a mayor that affected the growth of Chicago and shaped the city during a term that lasted over 20 years!



Tuesday, May 7 Jillann Gabrielle is "Princess Di"

The iconic figure of Princess Diana Spencer shocked the entire world with her death in 1997. Jillann Gabrielle has her speaking from her grave as a spirit haunting the halls of Kensington Palace. And there is a twist...she has aged. She cut a deal with St. Peter at heaven's gate. She would be allowed to stay with her sons at the palace...but in return she would age. Diana had a great sense of humor, played the piano, sang, and danced. All of these skills are utilized as Diana spins the story of her personal and public life and the British Royal Monarchy...then AND now!

Tuesday, May 14 An Afternoon of Stories with Mary Lou Edwards

With divine irreverence, Mary Lou's straight-from-the-heart stories are at once hilarious and traumatic, cutting and poignant. Her take-no-prisoners style exposes the guilty and gives voice to the wounded. Her slice of life stories captivate every man and woman forced to search for the fun in dysfunction or those who appreciate "you are there" experiences. Her comic take on life's absurdities captures painful and outrageous truths, which cut deeply into our modern psyche. Mary Lou is a great friend of The Center and her books and collections include "Look Back, But

Don't Stare," "Little Did We Know," and "You Couldn't Make This Up." Her latest is a children's book, "Only One Me on Our Big Blue Marble."

Tuesday, May 21 "Tales from The Spaghetti Pot" with Greg Weiss

You probably know Greg Weiss from his magnificent performances here on "Bob Cratchit Night," where he tells the tale of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Greg will close out our luncheon season with something new and different: Some of the best stories are shared around the dining room table. Often the meal serves as inspiration. This program invites you to feast at the intersection of food, family, and storytelling...to savor delicious tales from Greg's life and world cultures.

