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HEAR THE HISTORY OF “KAAGE’S KORNER AND THE NEWSBOY WHO
BECAME A CEO” ON MARCH 18
AT NORWOOD PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Some newsstands have staying power, remaining in business 75 years or more. They are often considered fixtures in their community, involving generations of family members and neighborhood youngsters. One of the last of this city-wide breed was family-owned Kaage’s Korner in Edison Park at Oliphant and Northwest Highway. Its history and founder are weaved into the Edison Park community and Chicago’s far northwest side. Discussing the history of “Kaage’s Korner and the Newsboy who became a CEO” will be Irv Kaage III, one of two sons of Irv Kaage, Jr., who started the newsstand several years after WWII and was a mainstay in its operation until the COVID-19 epidemic in 2020 took his life and that of his wife, Muriel. In his talk, Irv III will cover the early days of the newsstand along with its mentoring of neighborhood boys who held part-time jobs there. He will relate how the sound principles and interpersonal relationships he learned as a boy selling newspapers enabled him to move forward and establish his own international company. This will be a local Horatio Alger story for all to enjoy.

The program will be held at 7 p.m., on Mar. 18, at the non-profit Norwood Park Historical Society’s historic Noble-Seymour-Crippen House (Chicago’s oldest). 5624 N. Newark Ave. For those who cannot attend, the program can be viewed on Zoom interactively with a question-and-answer session following the talk.

Copies of Irv III's book, "Extra! Extra! Stories of my Route from Newsboy to CEO" will be on sale following the program. Refreshments will be available. Later, the program will appear on the organization's website: www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Near the back entrance of the House, the small museum store will be open and attendees are encouraged to examine inscribed books by local authors that are available for purchase as are photocopied maps of early Norwood Park, along with a variety of other interesting items. For additional information, please call the Norwood Park Historical Society at (773) 631-4633.