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Hyde Park Office is Moving

In January, our Hyde Park office will be moving from 53rd to 55th street. Our Hyde Park location was one of the first Cremation Society offices that opened in 1989. CSI president, Gerald Sullivan was a member of the Hyde Park Kiwanis Club and some of the members suggested CSI having a presence in the neighborhood. Located at 53rd and Dorchester it has been a staple in Hyde Park with members of the community dropping in and chatting with staff Connie and Cindee. "We will miss the 53rd Street Corridor, but welcome the space on 55th street. We look forward to a more private, functional and healthy facility in order to more efficiently service families in a timely manner," says office manager Connie.

While it has been a great location, it has been a bit cramped for Connie and Cindee. Their new office will offer two arrangement rooms to better serve our families along with a separate office area. Parking will also be available. We plan to have an open house with the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 10am-4pm. You can find us at 1344 E. 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615 in 2019!



Hyde Park Office at 53rd St.



New Office located at 1344 E. 55th St.

Mike Sullivan Retires

After 9 years with Cremation Society of Illinois, Mike Sullivan has retired from our Crystal Lake location. As a family counselor, Mike assisted many families with their cremation arrangements. He also worked alongside his sister, Mary, who retired this past April. He looks forward to traveling with his wife Kathy, visiting with his two grandchildren and enjoying his morning coffee from his back porch. We wish you all the best Mike!



Members of our Executive Board and Crystal Lake Staff with Mike on his last day of work.



Sugar Cookies Like You Remember

Nutmeg lends unmistakable holiday flavor to these puffy, old-fashioned cut-out cookies. They do spread a bit, so don't use this recipe for delicate shapes. It's best-suited for circles, bells and the like.

Ingredients:

- 4 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 ¼ cups shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon lemon extract (optional)
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- Homemade or canned frosting, plus desired decorations such as colored sugar or sprinkles (optional)

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and nutmeg.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat shortening 30 seconds. Add the sugar and beat until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and lemon extract, using; beat well.
3. Add flour mixture and buttermilk alternately to shortening mixture, beating until mixed. Divide in half. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill at least 3 hours for easy handling.
4. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. For small cookies, roll dough 3/8-inch thick on a lightly floured surface and cut into desired shapes with a 2-inch cutter. For large cookies, roll dough 1/2-inch thick and use a 3-inch cutter. Arrange cookies 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
5. Bake small cookies for 8 to 10 minutes and large cookies for 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool. Frost and decorate as desired.

Note

* For a cookie on a stick, tuck a lollipop stick or craft stick under the center of the cookie. Press stick into dough slightly. Bake cookies as directed.

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