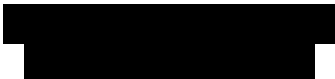


Olivia F. Lakso



I moved to Beach Park, IL with my family in 1973 when our house was built. We lived in a rented house for 1 year in Zion, in 1972.

We previously moved around the country because of Bob's job in computers that controlled different things like the Corona Spy Satellite and the A7 fighter plane simulator. We lived in Minneapolis, MN. San Jose, CA. Jacksonville, FL. Marion, IA before coming to Illinois.

In previous years I have been chairwoman of the Newcomers Club, taught Vacation Bible School in various locations, was a lay speaker for the U.M.C. holding services at churches and nursing homes. I also was co chair of the Parent Bee Network in its early years at ZBTHS.

I worked as an interior designer for Wickes Furniture giving design seminars at their various locations. I also had a fashion window design business. While taking design classes I did research on the architecture in the areas of Waukegan (architect Ganster) the Zion houses built in 1903, Racine and Lake Bluff old school, churches and public buildings. The Waukegan Library use to have a copy of that research.

My interest in genealogy led me to find out my greatgreat grandfather was most likely involved in the underground railroad about 1860 when he lived next to or worked for William Bonner and Rev. Bradford Dodge on Sand Lake Rd. That research prompted me to get together all the known information about the Underground Railroad in Northeast Lake County and put it in a 4" 3 ring binder for the Zion Benton Library, where it is today. I also gave a presentation on the information for Black History Month.

I also worked at ZBTHS and the Zion Elementary Schools.  
I have been a precinct committee person since 2003-4.

My children all attended Beach Park Schools and ZBTHS. They went on to become an     air traffic controller...daughter;  
United Airlines agent; then full time mom...daughter  
Aerospace Engineer...son

I continue to be involved in my community.  
Thank You