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Mission: To promote economic growth and community development on behalf of its members through the forging of partnerships between citizens, local government, and businesses in a manner that fosters civic pride and a sense of community.

FOUR VACANCIES FILLED ON CHAMBER BOARD

The Maywood Chamber of Commerce Board filled four vacancies (three business slots and one not-for-profit slot) during its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 18 November, 2008 at the Maywood Public Library (Board Room, Carnegie Building), 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood.

Marissa Gonzalez, Branch Manager of Banco Popular North America, 1700 West Lake Street, Melrose Park (formerly Melrose Park National bank & Trust Co.), graduated from LaJoya High School, LaJoya, Texas, where she was recognized for exceptional academic performance. She has served in various positions with Banco Popular, Lake Street, including Assistant Branch Manager and Commercial Lending Administrative Assistant and has exhibited an exceptional ability to communicate with bilingual (Spanish) employees and customers. Gonzalez was nominated for the YWCA Award in 2001 and 2004 and has served as a Junior Achievement volunteer.

Jon Grigalunas, Jr., Assistant Dean of Continuing Education, Triton College and Adjunct Faculty, Triton College School of Business, graduated from Illinois State University, Normal with a Bachelor of Science Degree and from Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, with a Master's Degree of Business Administration. He served in the United States Navy, where he re-

ceived an Honorable Discharge with the rank of E-5. He has also served as President, Illinois Economic Workforce Development Association, President of the Illinois Small Business Development Association and Chairman, Economic Development Committee, DuPage Area Association of Business and Industry.

Sean T. McCarthy, Nicor Gas Regional Community Relations Director, 615 Eastern Avenue, Bellwood, graduated from Stonehill College, North Easton, Massachusetts, with a B.A. in Political Science and is presently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Dominican University in River Forest. He has served as Vice President, Business Development of County Partners, Libertyville and Northern Team Leader for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Chicago. He has also served as Research Associate for the Illinois General Assembly, Washington, D.C. and as a Public Funds Officer, Fifth Third Bank, Rolling Meadows.

James Yaccino, Owner & Manager of Mike's Suburban Collision Shop, Inc., 511 West Madison Street, Maywood, was born and grew up in Maywood. His father, Mike Yaccino, founded Mike's Suburban Collision Shop, Inc. and was a longtime member of the Chamber.

Minutes from the Secretary

Minutes of the November 17, 2008, Maywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast General Meeting hosted by Triton College at 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV, who welcomed everyone and invited them to enjoy the continental breakfast provided by Triton College.

Board Members Present: Jason C. Ervin, Stan D. Huntington, and Virginia Olson.

Members Present: Johnny Diggs, Jon Grigalunas, Jr., Lela Gimble, Vicki Haas, Rich Susralski, and Edwin H. Walker IV.

Guests present: Toni Dorris, Lennel Grace, Marcius Scaggs, Dawn Williams, and Alfred Windom.

Edwin H. Walker IV gave the invocation.

Stan Huntington moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion was seconded by Virginia Olson and passed unanimously.

Stan Huntington moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Virginia Olson and passed unanimously.

Triton's Jon Grigalunas, Jr., Assistant Dean of Continuing Education, spoke of the various Triton continuing education classes pertinent to small businesses, as well as SCORE volunteers on campus twice a month and the Corporate Services Department, which offer cus-

tomized on-site training. He noted that during hard economic times, community colleges offer affordable retraining.

New member Rich Susralski of West Suburban YMCA spoke of the Y's programs and noted that it is relocating to Forest Park. Maywood is within the Y's service area, although it does not currently have many members from Maywood. The Y is looking to change that situation.

Lennel Grace, Chair of the Village of Maywood's Special Events Commission, introduced his fellow commissioners and indicated the Special Evenings Commission is seeking to increase its relationship with the Chamber.

Village Manager Jason C. Ervin reported that holiday street decorations will go up as soon as the Madison Street work is completed.

Edwin H. Walker IV noted Maywood had a good turnout at the Concordia Business Breakfast, where the keynote speaker stressed zero compromise on business ethics. Mr. Walker also noted that West Suburban PADS is in its 17th year.

Edwin Walker announced that The Way Back Inn and its Executive Director, Dr. Frank A. Lieggi, have rejoined the Maywood Chamber.

Johnny Diggs invited those present to stay after the meeting to share village event announcements for cable viewers.

For lack of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Haas
Secretary Pro Tem

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

President/CEO: **Edwin H. Walker IV**
Individual Member

Chairman: **Steven E. Fox** (B.C. 09)(B)
1st Suburban National Bank

Immediate Past Chairman: **Jesse L. Howard, Jr.**
(B.C. 09)(B)
Howard Properties, Inc.

1st Vice
Chairman:

2nd Vice **Audrey C. Jaycox** (B.C. 08)(I)
Chairman: Individual Member

Secretary/
Treasurer: **Kathleen I. Carani** (B.C. 08)(I)
Individual Member

Class of 2008

Director: **Patrick J. Durkin** (NFP)
Westlake Hospital

Director: **Jason C. Ervin** (Gvt)
Village Manager

Director: **Marissa Gonzalez** (B)
Banco Popular

Director: **Carolyn Johnson** (I)
Individual Member

Director: **Viola Mims** (B)
Vintage Realtors

Director: **Sean T. McCarthy** (B)
Nicor Gas

Director: **John Murphy** (B)
Cintas Corporation

Director: **James Yaccino** (B)
Mike's Suburban Collision
Shop, Inc.

Class of 2009:

Director: **Sam Balark** (B)
AT&T

Director: **Jon Grigalunas, Jr.** (NFP)
Triton College

Director: **Stan D. Huntington** (NFP)
Maywood Public Library

Director: **Donald A. Offermann** (B)
Forest Park National Bank

Director: **Virginia Olson** (B)
Happy Hounds & Cats

Director: **James E. Whitehead** (NFP)
Loyola University Health System

Director: **Karen A. Yarbrough** (B)
Hathaway Insurance Agency

Chaplain: **Rev. Jacques A. Conway**
Individual Member

Honorary Lifetime Director:
Hugh A. Muir (I)
Individual Member

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

If you have special events scheduled or would like to recommend an article for the Newsletter, please contact the Editor-in-Chief at (708) 345-7077 or fax at (708) 345-9455.

OPERATION UPLIFT TO HOST 21ST ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LUNCHEON

Operation Uplift will host its 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon on Saturday, January 17, 2008, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m., at the Diplomat West Banquet Hall, 641 West North Avenue (at Route 83) in Elmhurst, Illinois.

With the theme "The Dream Endures", the event will celebrate the excellence of Dr. King's legacy by recognizing hometown success stories and community service leaders. The 2008 Award recipients include: Best Buy, Winston Park Corporate "Thank you" Award, Dr. Queenella Miller, Ph.D., Village of North Riverside, Proviso High School NBA Trailblazer of 1969, Jim Brewer, and four youths will be named Vision "21" Community Leader.

The Keynote Speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Esther J. Mitchell, recently retired Co-Pastor of J.W. James Memorial AME Church, Maywood.

The Maywood Chamber of Commerce was the first recipient of the newly inaugurated Dr. Percy L. Julian Community Award during the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon in January 2006.

Individual General Admission is \$60 and Corporate Admission is \$80. For tickets and further information, please call (708) 516-0628. Operation Uplift is the home of the West Town Museum of Cultural History.

WESTLAKE HOSPITAL CONDUCTS COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT & SURVEY

Our Chamber member, Westlake Hospital at 1225 West Lake Street, Melrose Park, is conducting a Community Health Education Needs Assessment & Survey and has requested our participation.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to Mirya Vera, Westlake Hospital, Community Services Department, 1225 West Lake Street, Melrose Park, Illinois 60160.

Patrick J. Durkin, Vice President, Professional Services, Westlake Hospital, was elected to the Chamber Board in October, 2007.

**MAYWOOD, BELLWOOD & BROADVIEW CHAMBERS TO
SPONSOR A JOINT HOLIDAY PARTY ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008, 5:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. AT
BEST WESTERN, HILLSIDE, CHICAGO**

As a result of the difficult economy, Loyola Medical Center made the decision that all departments at Loyola would not be holding any Christmas parties on campus this year. Consequently, the long tradition of a December Chamber Christmas Party at Loyola University Medical Center had to be suspended.

Maywood Chamber Board Chairman Steven E. Fox, who also serves on the Bellwood and Broadview Chamber Boards, initiated the idea of a Regional Cham-

ber Holiday Party, including Maywood, Bellwood and Broadview.

After meeting with Sales Manager Theresa Mathews and Catering Manager John Quaites, Best Western Chicago Hillside, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, Illinois agreed to partially underwrite a joint Holiday Party of the Maywood, Bellwood, and Broadview Chambers with a \$15.00 charge for a buffet turkey dinner, along with a complimentary wine toast and a special \$89 rate for any attendees who desire to

stay overnight after the Holiday Party.

A cash bar will be available, beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Special entertainment will be provided by the Proviso Township High School Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Reginald A. Wright, Jr.

Come and bring a friend, especially a potential new member, and take the opportunity to interact with our neighboring chambers.

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CHAMBER 2008/2009 CALENDAR

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| Dec. | No Board of Directors Meeting
in December |
| Dec. 9 | Maywood-Bellwood-Broadview Joint
Holiday Party
<u>5p.m.-9p.m.</u>
Best Western Chicago Hillside
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside |
| Jan. 13 | Board of Directors
4pm , Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| Jan. 20 | Chamber General Meeting
12:00 Noon
Host: TBA |

**(NOTE: 3rd TUESDAY MEETING DATE
BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY ON THE 19TH)**

POSTMASTER: DO NOT FORWARD

