

# Our 70th Anniversary Year (1939 - 2009)



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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.**

## **PRESIDENT/CEO SHEHORN DELIVERS CHALLENGING KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET**

M. Patricia Shehorn, Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer for RHC Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, delivered the Keynote Address at the Chamber's Awards Banquet 2009, held at the Grand Ballroom of the Best Western Chicago Hillside in Hillside, Illinois on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

A large turnout of some 120 people gave Ms. Shehorn an enthusiastic welcome and listened attentively to her informative and challenging message, concerning the work of RHC Westlake Hospital Team in our area, the vicious attack of the American Federation of State County & Municipal Employees, known as the "Corporate Campaign" against the Hospital, and finally, the issue of healthcare reform.

Ms. Shehorn pointed to the recent accreditations received by the hospital in the fields of chest pain and stroke, two of the major killers, as well as the numerous community outreach activities, including over 30 Community Health Fairs during the past year, the

placing of a dietician in the schools of the community to teach young school aged children about healthy eating choices and the importance of being more physically active as well as the issue of obesity and a partnership with Triton College to offer health career scholarships.

In response to the attacks by AFSME, President Shehorn characterized its activities as immoral, unjust, and a travesty and its innuendos as unfair to the incredibly gifted and committed employees, and physicians, harming the hospital's reputation and jeopardizing its future as one of the largest employers in the community. Needless to say, the President's remarks elicited an enthusiastic response of approval from the audience.

Finally, Ms. Shehorn urged us all to read and question the current healthcare reform proposals in the U.S. Congress.

**CHAMBER LEADERSHIP ATTENDS  
ANNUAL MEETINGS OF MAJOR  
AREA CHAMBERS & ORGANIZATIONS**

On Thursday, 4 June 2009, Board Chairman Steven E. Fox and President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV attended a Catholic Charities Community Leadership Breakfast at the Oak Park Country Club on 2001 North Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, Illinois. A group of over 100 community leaders in the western suburbs were given an overview of the impact of Catholic Charities by its Administrator, President & CEO, Fr. Michael M. Boland. In the West Region of Cook County alone, Catholic Charities provides some nineteen different service categories in ten locations, including Cicero, Oak Park, Berwyn, Forest Park, Hines, Maywood, Northlake, and Western Springs.

President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV attended the 105th Annual Meeting of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Over one thousand people heard an inspiring keynote address by Steve Ballmer, CEO Microsoft Corporation, who stressed the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship. Microsoft is building a new Computer Center in Northlake, the size of sixteen football fields, costing \$300,000,000. Governor Patrick Quinn closed the meeting with a call for collaboration in addressing the problem of a balanced budget in the State.

One week later, President Walker attended the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, again at the Hilton Chicago. After the presentation of the 2008 Economic Development in Illinois Awards (The Edies), Governor Patrick Quinn addressed the pressing issue of a balanced budget for the State of Illinois, including several actions already taken to cut costs, among them a wage freeze, 2,000 government employees to be laid off, furlough days, reforming of the Medicare System, reforming of the budget process, no new programs in FY 2010, and reforming of public pensions. Even with these cuts, totaling nearly one billion dollars, the budget shortfall still totals nearly two billion dollars. Consequently, we must increase our revenue by a 3% to 4% temporary increase in the income tax over a period of 3-4 years. Only in this way can we maintain critical human care services while, at the same time, financing a Capital Improvements Bill (roads, water, school buildings), high speed rail (Chicago-St. Louis-1st step), and services for Veterans, including the Illinois National Guard. The Governor stressed the importance of "open government" and the necessity for shared sacrifices in solving the budget crisis.

Douglas L. Whitley, President & CEO, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, closed the meeting by sounding the call to action in defending the principles of capitalism and the free market in addressing the fiscal problems of the State and Nation.

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## **AWARDS HIGHLIGHT THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

### **THREE MAJOR AWARDS WERE PRESENTED**

Three major awards were presented during the annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday, 16 June, 2009. The awards were presented by President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV and Board Chairman, Steven E. Fox.

**The Community Service Award** was presented to **Patricia H. Besaw** in recognition of her enthusiastic, untiring, and productive efforts in initiating, planning, and participating in various activities to improve the quality of life in Maywood during the past eight decades, including the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, the Maywood Historical Society, the Maywood Bataan Day Organization and the Proviso Alliance for Community Action.

**The Business of the Year Award** was presented to **RHC Westlake Hospital, M. Patricia Shehorn, Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership in directing a community hospital with effective outreach programs for the Proviso Township Area.

**The Person of the Year Award** was presented to **Hugh A. Muir** for his faithful and loyal membership in the Maywood Chamber of Commerce since its inception in 1939.

## **PRESIDENT/CEO'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL**

One outstanding individual, who has made a significant contribution to the Chamber and the community, received the President/CEO's Certificate of Appreciation during the 70th Anniversary Awards Banquet at the Best Western Chicago Hillside, Hillside, Illinois on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

**ROBERT P. CARANI, RKC Consulting, Inc.**, received the Certificate of Appreciation for his quiet, professional, and effective "behind-the-scenes" support in assisting the President/CEO and Executive Secretary/Treasurer in producing the 2009 Maywood Community Guide, on schedule, and in ensuring the success of the Chamber's 2009 Annual Awards Banquet.

## **2009 MAYWOOD COMMUNITY GUIDE FEATURES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & THE STATE OF EDUCATION**

The 2009 Maywood Community Guide was released at the Chamber Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, 16 June, 2009, at the Best Western Chicago Hillside, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, Illinois.

The theme for this year's Guide is threefold—the 100th Birthday Anniversary of our Sole Surviving Founding Father, Hugh A. Muir; Current and Proposed Economic Development Projects, and the State of Education (District 89 (elementary) and District 209 (high school)). Economic Development and Education are inextricably linked together, since without an educated workforce, economic development will not be possible.

The 40 page 2009 Maywood Community Guide is distributed, free-of-charge, to all 8,277 households in Maywood and additional copies are available at the Maywood Public Library, Maywood Village Hall (Public Works Building), 1st Suburban National Bank and other major business members.

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### CHAMBER 2009 CALENDAR

#### MAYWOOD BATAAN DAY 2009

**67th Annual Memorial Service**  
**Sunday, 13 September 2009, 3:00 P.M.**  
**Veterans Memorial, Maywood Park**  
**1st Avenue & Oak Street, Maywood**

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| September 15 | Board of Directors<br>4 pm Maywood Public Library<br>(Board Room)<br>121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| September 21 | Chamber General Luncheon Meeting<br>12:00 Noon<br>Location: To be announced                     |

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