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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.

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The cost per attendee is \$25.00. Payment must be submitted with your reservation(s) by Monday, March 2, 2009. Please make your check payable to Maywood Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 172, Maywood, IL 60153. Born at 1216 South Third Avenue

in Maywood, Hugh attended Emerson Elementary School in Maywood and graduated from Proviso Township High School in 1927. His first job was as a butcher at Jerry F. Coughlin Meat Market, 10 North 5th Avenue in Maywood, where he became the Manager in 1936.

In 1932, Hugh married Natalie Jacobson, who died in 1997. They had three children. In 1939, Hugh signed the original charter of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

During World War II, Hugh served as the Assistant Fire Chief of the

Maywood Civil Defense Fire Department. From 1948-1977, he served as a Village Trustee, during which time he was Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of the Fire Committee. In addition, Hugh served as a Member of the Police Pension Board from 1981-1992.

In 1990, the Village of Maywood honored Muir by renaming Iowa Street as Hugh A. Muir Lane. In 1993, he received the Maywood-Broadview Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year Award and was named an Honorary Lifetime Director of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce. In 1999, he received the Person of the Year Award at the Chamber's Annual Installation & Awards Banquet. Operation Uplift presented Hugh with the Golden Heritage Award in 2001.

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Minutes from the Secretary

Minutes of the February 17, 2009, Maywood Chamber of Commerce Luncheon General Meeting, hosted by the Village of Maywood, at Maywood Public Library, Room 201 (Carnegie Bldg.), 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Steven E. Fox.

Board Members Present: Sam Balark, Jason C. Ervin, Steven E. Fox, Jon Grigalunas, Jr., Stan D. Huntington, Audrey C. Jaycox, Carolyn Johnson, John Murphy, James E. Whitehead, Karen Yarbrough.

Members Present: Enrique Aroyo, Ernie Baumann, Lois Baumann, Barbara D. Cole, Johnny Diggs, Cheryl A. Ealey, Kathy Flynn, Kim D. Johnson, Thomas J. Kus, Richard Lopez, Yvette Lovely, Col. Richard A. McMahon, Jr., Modupe Oladeinde, Jan Pete, Joseph L. Ponsetto, Loretta L. Robinson, Stephanie Joy Samuel, Marvin Savage, Rich Sursalski, Edwin H. Walker IV.

Others present included members of the Village Staff, the Police Department, and the Fire Department.

President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV gave the invocation.

Chairman Fox thanked everyone for coming, especially to hear the Mayor's Annual State of the Village Address.

Chairman Fox also thanked the Village of Maywood for hosting the luncheon, catered by Great American Bagel, 6641 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn, owned by Chamber Immediate Past Chairman, Jesse L. Howard, Jr.

Following the luncheon, Audrey C. Jaycox made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Johnson, to approve the minutes of the November 2008 General Meeting and the January 2009 General Meeting. All present approved the motion.

Karen A. Yarbrough made a motion, seconded by Stan D. Huntington, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All present approved the motion.

Jesse L. Howard, Jr., Immediate Past Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of Board members for the Class of 2010, already approved by the Board. The slate included Audrey C. Jaycox (Individual), Kathleen I. Carani (Individual), Patrick J. Durbin (Not-for-Profit), Jason C. Ervin (Government), Marissa Gonzalez (Business), Carolyn Johnson (Individual), Viola Sims (Business), Sean T. McCarthy (Business), John Murphy (Business), Latoya Campbell-Stansbury (Business), and James Yaccino (Business). Chairman Fox asked for any further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he requested a motion to close the nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Karen Yarbrough made the motion, seconded by Stan D. Huntington.

Chairman Fox introduced the special speaker, Mayor Henderson Yarbrough, Sr., who gave his Annual State of the Village Address. After posing the question, "Is Maywood better off today than it was four years ago?", the Mayor pointed to improvements in the Water Department, a reduction in crime, a balanced budget, updated technologies in the Finance Department, the institution of a Combined Economic Development and Code Enforcement Department, a new Comprehensive Plan, and the acquiring and development of clean sites for future economic development opportunities.

Following the Mayor's presentation, the audience of approximately sixty people asked various questions for some thirty minutes.

Prior to adjournment, Stan D. Huntington reminded all of the special March General Chamber Meeting, which will consist of a Banquet, honoring our sole surviving Founding Father, Hugh A. Muir, on his 100th birthday anniversary. The banquet will take place at the Best Western Chicago Hillside, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, Illinois, on Monday, March 16, 2009, 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. A

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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.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

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

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

Secretary/
Treasurer: **Kathleen I. Carani** (B.C. 09)(I)
Individual Member

Class of 2009:

Director: **Fabiola Amezcua** (B)
ComEd

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

Class of 2010

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: **Latoya Campbell-Stansbury** (B)
Park National Bank

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

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

Honorary Lifetime Director:

Hugh A. Muir (I)
Individual Member

HUGH A. MUIR 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—Continued from Page 1.

Hugh has been a lifetime participant in the Boy Scouts, having served as Assistant Scoutmaster and Board Member of the Thatcher-Woods Area Council. In addition, he has been a longtime member of The Wesleyan Church, Broadview, the Maywood Lions Club, and the Masonic Fraternity.

The Chamber salutes
“Mr. Maywood” - Hugh A. Muir.

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Maywood Chamber of Commerce Luncheon General Meeting—continued from Page 2.

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Loretta L. Robinson announced the 43rd Annual Cotillion, sponsored by the John C. Vaughns Scholarship Fund, to be held on May 9, 2009, at the Westin Hotel, Rosemont, Illinois.

John Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m., which was seconded by Jason C. Ervin.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin H. Walker IV
Secretary Pro Tempore

TRITON COLLEGE TO SPONSOR WOMEN’S CAREER CONFERENCE

Triton College will host a Women’s Career Conference on Thursday, March 5, 2009, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., in the Student Center on Triton’s Main Campus, 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171.

Breakout sessions include: Power Negotiations, The Future of Business Careers, Beyond Words: The Other Ways We Communicate, Pathways to the Field of Engineering, Careers in Law Enforcement, Health Issues Facing Women, Stress Management and more.

For further information, call (708)456-0300, Ext. 3130.

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Maywood, Illinois 60153**

CHAMBER 2009 CALENDAR

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| Mar. 10 | Board of Directors
4pm , Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| Mar. 16 | Celebration of Hugh A. Muir's
100th Birthday
<u>6p.m.-10 p.m.</u>
Best Western Chicago Hillside
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside |
| Apr. 14 | Board of Directors
4pm , Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| Apr. 20 | Chamber General Meeting
12:00 Noon
Host: Park National Bank
Maywood Public Library, Room 201
(Carnegie Bldg.), 121 S. 5th Avenue
Maywood |

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