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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.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO TO HOST SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008 AT OAK PARK COUNTRY CLUB

Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Illinois will host its semi-annual Community Business Leaders' Breakfast on Friday, October 24, 2008, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., at the Oak Park Country Club, 2001 Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, Illinois. Breakfast is complimentary and all Chamber members are urged to attend.

The Keynote Presenter will be Richard Notebaert, Past Chairman & CEO of Qwest Communications International, Inc. and until recently President & CEO of Tellabs,

Inc., Naperville. The title of his presentation will be "Through the Eyes of the Customer".

The morning schedule will be as follows:

7:00 a.m.—Registration & Networking

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast

8:00 a.m.—Brief update on Concordia University Chicago

8:10 a.m.—Keynote Address, followed by questions from the audience

9:00 a.m.—Adjourn.

Please contact Megan Parker at Megan.Parker@CUChicago.edu or (708) 209-3555 to reserve your space.

Minutes from the Secretary

Minutes of the September 15, 2008, Maywood Chamber of Commerce After Hours General Meeting hosted by 1st Suburban National Bank at Mariella's Banquet Hall in Maywood.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Board Chairman Steven E. Fox, who welcomed everyone and invited them to enjoy the buffet spread.

Board Members Present: Kathleen I. Carani, Steven E. Fox, Jason C. Ervin, Stan D. Huntington, Audrey C. Jaycox, and Virginia Olson.

Members Present: Lela Grimble, Vicki Haas, Col. Richard A. McMahon, Jr., Modupe Oladeinde, Edwin H. Walker IV, and Gary Woll.

Col. Richard A. McMahon, Jr., President of the Maywood Bataan Organization, reported on the Bataan Day Observance held Sunday, September 14, 2008. Due to the heavy rains, the outdoor ceremony was washed out but the Library graciously moved it indoors. Steve Gibson gave a talk about the hellships, wherein U.S. prisoners were taken to Asia as slaves. There is a Maywood obelisk in San Fernando and last year it was possible to obtain one of the boxcars used. Made for 40 people, they were filled with 80. 1,600 died in the first 40 days in the prison camp. 20 Bataan survivors remained of the initial 580. The organization's website, www.maywoodbataandayorganization.org links to the Proviso East High School

award winning Bataan Commemorative Research Project.

Responding to questioning by Audrey C. Jaycox, Vicki Haas reported that the former National Guard Armory at Madison could qualify for historic designation which could then offer additional incentives for development. Ms. Jaycox noted that since the property is currently for sale, such information should be made available to prospective buyers.

Village Manager Jason C. Ervin reported that due to the 4 days of continuous heavy rains, the village has been in emergency operations mode since Saturday and is commencing clean-up mode. The Police Station experienced flooding and will be back on line by Tuesday, September 16. He advised all who experienced problems from these rains to document everything with photographs as federal assistance may be available.

Manager Ervin invited all to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new condominium development at 221 North 1st Avenue, to be held Wednesday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Audrey C. Jaycox reminded everyone that voter registration ends October 7, 2008.

For lack of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Haas
Secretary Pro Tem

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) 347-7077 or fax at (708) 345-9455.

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CHAMBER SUPPORTS "PROJECT BUTTERFLY" OF MEMBER MAYWOOD YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

Continuing its support of youth activities in our community, the Maywood Chamber of Commerce sponsored two young girls with Maywood Youth Mentoring Program for an Educational Field Trip to the Nation's capital during the final week of June, 2008.

Thirty girls, ages 7-16, and ten adult mentor chaperones participated in the field trip, which included visits to "Egypt on the Potomac," Mary McLeod Bethune Council House, the White House, the Frederick Douglas National Historic Site, and the Anacostia Community Museum.

Upon their return, Founder/Director Barbara D. Cole

reported in a thank-you letter to the Chamber that the trip was a meaningful learning experience for the youth. Included in the letter were comments from the participants under the headings "I learned ...," "I was surprised ...," "I wonder ...," and "I hope ...".

Maywood Youth Mentoring, Inc., organized in 1994 as a 501©(3) organization, has a small board and is sustained by small periodic grants from both state funds and private donors. Under the inspired leadership of Barbara D. Cole, the group has done an extraordinary job, with limited resources, to ensure that Maywood's youth have increased support to succeed in life.

SUNDAY CHICAGO TRIBUNE FULL-PAGE STORY RECOGNIZES CHAMBER LONGTIME MEMBER, THE J.W. JAMES MEMORIAL A.M.E. CHURCH, & ITS PASTORAL TEAM, REV. ESTHER J. MITCHELL & REV. LUCILLE L. JACKSON

The Sunday, September 21, 2008 issue of the *Chicago Tribune* (Questions & Answers, Section 13) featured a full-page story on the team ministry of Rev. Esther J. Mitchell and Rev. Lucille L. Jackson at the J.W. James Memorial A.M.E. Church in Maywood.

Daughter of A.M.E. pastor, Rev. J.W. James, Rev. Mitchell married insurance agent, Jim Mitchell and had three children before answering the call to the Christian ministry. Overcoming obstacles presented by the A.M.E. Church hierarchy, as well as the Village of Maywood, Rev. Mitchell and her friend, Rev. Lucille Jackson, held their first service in the basement of the Mitchell's bungalow on December 26, 1971. In February 16, 1972, an empty dentist's office at 6th Avenue and School Street became the

new home for the church.

The James Memorial has grown through the years with the addition of the James Memorial Christian Academy and a new house of worship. The ministers are about to enter a new phase of their lives. Both turned 75 this year, the African Methodist Episcopal Church's mandatory retirement age for pastors. Always active in her community, Rev. Mitchell has, for the past several years, offered the Memorial Prayer to open the annual Maywood Bataan Day Memorial Service on the 2nd Sunday of September each year.

The Chamber joins in lauding the thirty-seven years of ministry of Reverence Mitchell and Reverend Jackson in our Village.

WESTLAKE HOSPITAL OFFERS FREE MAMMOGRAMS DURING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Chamber member, Westlake Hospital, 1225 West Lake Street, Melrose Park, Illinois, is offering free mammograms during the entire month of October (Breast Cancer Awareness Month). Appointments are available six days a week. To schedule your free mammogram, call (877) 737-4636.

THE GREAT AMERICAN BAGEL, BERWYN, TO HOST OCTOBER CHAMBER GENERAL MEETING

Jesse L. Howard, Jr., Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, welcomes all members and guests to the October General Meeting of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce on Monday, October 20, 2008, 12:00 Noon, at the Maywood Public Library (Carnegie Building, Room 201), 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

The Great American Bagel, Berwyn, located at 6641 West Roosevelt Road, Berwyn (one block east of Oak Park Avenue), features sandwiches, made fresh daily, with the choice of sixteen different hand made cream cheese flavors and sixteen different bagels. Catering is available as well as delivery. Telephone: (708) 484-6600, Fax: (708) 484-6611.

The Great American Bagel corporate office is at 519 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois. In addition to Berwyn, outlets are located in Westmont and Western Springs and in Chicago at 5600 North Mannheim Road (O'Hare Airport) and 4634 North Cumberland Avenue.

COME AND BRING A FRIEND, ESPECIALLY A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER.!

The charge for the event is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Please RSVP by Friday, October 17, 2008. Tel: (708) 373-6809.

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CHAMBER 2008 CALENDAR

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| Oct. 14 | Board of Directors 4pm, Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| Oct. 20 | Chamber General Luncheon Meeting 12:00 noon Host: The Great American Bagel Maywood Public Library (Carnegie Bldg, Room 201), 121 S. 5th Avenue Maywood |
| Nov. 9 | Board of Directors 4pm, Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| Nov 17 | Chamber General Meeting 7:30 a.m. Host: Triton College Location: TBA |

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