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**IMPORTANT
DATES**

Oct. 2 1:00 pm	75th Anniversary Committee Meeting at Chamber Office
Oct. 3rd and Oct. 4th	BINGO at the Sokol Community Center, 4855 N. Elston Avenue
Oct. 21 5:30 pm	Installation Dinner and Show at Colletti's Restaurant
Nov. 6 1:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting at Copernicus
Nov. 18 8:30 am	General Membership Business Meeting at Gale Street Inn

NO OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be no October General Membership Meeting due to the Installation Dinner and Show on Tuesday, October 21st.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE CHANGED

Our November General Membership Meeting date has been changed, due to the fact that November 11th, Veteran's Day, is a holiday for many businesses.

The **new date for our November Meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th** at 8:30 am at the Gale Street Inn, 4914 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Coffee and breakfast treats will be served.



74TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER AND SHOW

By now you all should have received your invitation to our Annual Installation Dinner and Show on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at Colletti's Restaurant, 5707 N. Central Ave. Festivities begin with a cocktail hour at 5:30 pm (cash bar) followed by a 6:30 dinner. Following dinner we will have the installation of our new officers and directors, and then we will be delightfully entertained by comedian, Sonya White, who will surely bring many laughs to our evening. The conclusion will be the winners of the "Silent Auction".

We are looking for donations of gifts for the "Silent Auction" table. This can be a gift, gift card, gift certificate, a "free" item from your business or a certain % off, etc. Please contact the chamber office and let Carol know what you are planning to donate (the more the merrier). If you don't know what to donate you can give cash and we will buy a gift for you. Any questions regarding the auction give the office a call.

Please fill in the form on the invitation and either mail it, fax it, phone it or email your reservations to the chamber office and make sure you mark your food choices. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, October 16th.

If you have any questions regarding the dinner, please do not hesitate to contact the chamber office.

Don't forget to change your clock back 1 hour before retiring on Saturday, November 1st!

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BINGO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

AND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Won't you come and join us for our final two sessions of BINGO for 2008 on Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th at the Sokol Community Center located at 4855 N. Elston Avenue (free parking provided by Parkway Bank at the corner of Elston and Lawrence). Let your employees know and bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun evening on Friday or in the afternoon on Saturday, October 4th. Friday, doors open at 5:30 with early bingo at 6:30 and regular bingo from 7-9—on Saturday, doors open at 12:30 (lunch available), early bingo at 1:30 and regular bingo from 2-4 pm.

When you bring a friend you will both receive a FREE bingo card to play on one of our special Bingo games and a chance to win \$100. We've also got raffle tabs and some cute give-aways throughout both sessions. We are still looking for a few volunteers for Saturday afternoon. Call the chamber office to volunteer. We want to thank our great sponsors of this event: PARKWAYN BANK, FISCHMAN LIQUORS, MC DONALDS, HOYNE SAVINGS BANK, THE MEGA GROUP AND THE FIRST CHICAGO BANK AND TRUST .

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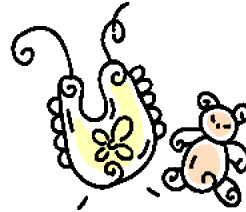
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to chamber member Anna Klocek on the birth of her son, Kuba Klocek who was born on June 23rd, 2008 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21" long.

Mom and baby are doing fine and the whole Klocek family is so happy that "It's A Boy".

Our congratulations to the whole family!



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WSMRCA will be holding their second BINGO for the year on Saturday, November 1st at their Development Training Center located at 5414 W. Diversey. Door open at 12 Noon and BINGO starts at 1:00 pm (no computers). Join them for a fun-filled afternoon (food will be available for sale including for hot dogs, chips, coffee, and pop), Bring your luck and play raffle tabs along with the bingo.



LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL HOSTS

LIONS CLUB CANDY DAY

Another chamber member, Lions Club International, will once again host their Annual Candy Day on Friday, October 10, 2008 and they are asking for donations from local businesses. Whatever you feel your business can afford would be deeply appreciated. Make whatever donation you feel comfortable with. Over 93% of your donation will go directly to the many organizations and causes that serve our community, the rest is for direct expenses only. Our local Lions Club has no paid staff-only volunteers. You can make your check payable to: Lions Club Candy Day and mail it to: Pete Klein, 8410 N. Osceola Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714.



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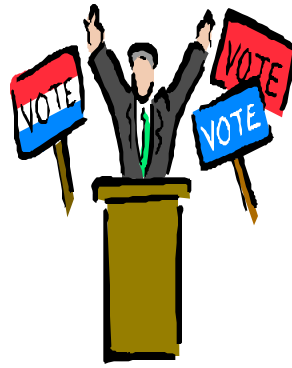
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CHICAGO BOARD OF ELECTIONS

This year's Presidential Election has generated very strong interest, and the Board of Elections want to make certain that every eligible citizen who wants to participate has the option to be a part of this historic event. .

If someone else prepares your W-2s, please share this info with them. If you want to know more about filing W-2s online, go to: www.socialsecurity.gov/employer and select "First Time Filers" or call them toll free at 1-800-772-6270.

We have enclosed a wallet-size "Fast Fact" card in this newsletter that provide key dates in the coming election cycle. If you should want cards for your employees you can contact the Communications Department at 312-269-7857 (they are available in English, Spanish, Polish, Chinese and Korean). Just a reminder that if you are not a registered voter the deadline is Tuesday, October 7th. You can also go to chicagoelections.com for more information.



MILWAUKEE AVE. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Businesses at the south end of our business district have had to suffer through several delays with the Milwaukee Avenue Improvement Project, which—when it's finally over—will bring a beautiful streetscape to our area.

The west side of Milwaukee Avenue between Montrose and Giddings has been dug up for 3 months. There is no parking in the construction zone, and there are turning bans at the Milwaukee-Montrose intersection. Unfortunately, further delays are possible, and it is not known if the project will meet its goal of having the west side of Milwaukee between Montrose and Gale Street completed by December 1st. Construction on the east side is scheduled for next year. Initially, an unforeseen problem with underground utilities at Milwaukee-Montrose delayed the project. That problem is nearly resolved, but a water main problem at Milwaukee-Agatite is now causing additional delays. It is not unusual for surprises to pop up once a street is dug up, but, nevertheless, these delays are causing hardships for several of our members. Your concerns and questions about the project can be addressed to the project manager, Bridget Stalla, who can be reached at: bridget.stalla@cityofchicago.org. In addition, the chamber does have "OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION" signs for your windows. Please contact the chamber office, (773) 736-6697, if you would like a sign.

JEFF PARK POST OFFICE

The U.S. Postal Service has named Katrina Poxson to head operations in Jefferson Park, replacing longtime area manager Gary Como. As manager of customer service in the 60630 Zip Code area, Poxson will oversee the Postal Store at 5401 W. Lawrence Ave. and the Carrier Annex at 4810 N. Milwaukee Ave. Poxson is a 10-year veteran of the postal service, holding several positions in Lansing, MI

JEFF PARK LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS FOR OCT.

Wed., Oct. 8 @ 2 pm—Afternoon discussion group will feature *Innocent in Death* by J.D. Robb. Call to reserve a copy; Wed., Oct. 15 @ 7 pm—Evening discussion group will feature One Boo/One Chicago title *The Right Stuff* by Tom Wolfe. Call to reserve a copy; Thurs., Oct. 23 @ 7 pm—Rep. from Social Security will inform you how to apply for retirement, spouse or disability benefits, or estimate future benefits, all online; Sat., Oct. 25 @ 2 pm Are you prepared for a natural disaster? Do you have a fire evacuation plan? The Red Cross will present a Disaster Preparedness Program. Call to register.

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