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**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

Nov. 1 – Midnight	Turn your clocks back One hour
Nov 6 1:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting At Copernicus
Nov 18 8:30 AM	General Membership Meet- ing—Gale Street Inn
Nov 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Dec 16 11:30 AM	Holiday Luncheon in Lobby Of Copernicus

**BOARD MEETING**

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 6th, at 1:00 pm at the Copernicus Foundation second floor meeting room.

NEW DATE FOR NOVEMBER

CHAMBER MEETING

Our November chamber meeting date has been changed to **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH** due to the fact that our regular date of November 11th is a holiday for some businesses. The meeting will begin, as usual, at 8:30 am. Our guest speaker for this meeting is Mr. Jeffrey Singer from the City of Chicago 311 City Services. We will also have our last two businesses whose business card was picked to speak at this meeting, Mr. Dimetrios Kriaras of Northwestern Business College and Mr. Jeff Merritt of Homestead Inspections. Remember to bring your business card to all of our chamber meetings and if yours is picked, you can make a presentation at the next regular scheduled chamber meeting.

**INSTALLATION DINNER**

Another Installation Dinner is now behind us and for those of you who did not attend you missed a wonderful evening of great networking, drinks, food, and the best entertainment the chamber has ever had. The Comedian, Sonya White, was just fantastic. We'd like to thank all those who donated "Silent Auction" items: Dr. Cory Chen, DeVry University, Parkway Bank, L & J Services, Tastefully Simple, Dr. Antonio Bifero, Dr. Rae Bouvin, Midwest Bank, Nadig Newspapers, Gale Street Inn, Whole Foods and Joan Younger. We thank you for your donations and thank those who bid and won the items for their support. Mark your calendar now for next years 75th Anniversary Dinner on October 25th at Café LaCave.(more on pg.2 & 3)

**PLEASE NOTE: The chamber office will be closed November 26th, 27th, and 28th!**

**Board of Directors**

**Letecia M. Puttrich**  
L & J Services, Shaklee Dist.  
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Mega Properties, Inc.

**Susan Bouzide**  
West Side Mentally Retarded  
Children's Aid/Austin Special

**Ralph Carstensen**  
Hoyne Savings Bank

**Dr. Cory Chen**  
Resurrection Health Care

**Karen Deal**  
Midwest Bank

**Alice Dungey**  
DeVry University

**Larry Fisher**  
Heatmasters, Inc.

**Dr. Cesar Lau**  
Optometrist

**Patrick J. Levar**  
Alderman, 45<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Jeff Merritt**  
Homestead Inspections

**HONORARY MEMBERS**

Joseph P. Stanton, Retired  
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**BUSINESS LICENSES**

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[www.cityofchicago.org/business affairs](http://www.cityofchicago.org/business%20affairs)

**COSTCO AFTER HOURS**

Chamber member, Costco, is inviting all chamber members to attend their "After Hours" on Thursday, November 6th, from 5-7:30 pm at their 7311 N Melvina, Niles, Illinois location. (You do not have to be a Costco Member to attend). They'll have goodie bags, food and beverage and free raffles. Hope you can come out and join the fun! RSVP by Friday, October 31, 2008 to Costco Marketing at (847) 647-9187. See you there!

**Officers**

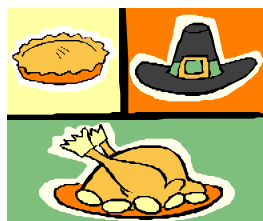
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

From the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce





**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2008/2009 TERM OF OFFICE**

The following are our new Officers and Directors that were installed by Alderman Patrick J. Levar at the October 21st Installation Dinner: President, Brian Nadig, Nadig Newspapers; Vice President, Thomas Byrne, Byrne Realty Group LLC; Treasurer, Charlie Mayer, Eight Winds Home Inspections; Secretary, Gus Karamaniolas, Fischman Liquors. Directors: Chairman of the Board, Letecia Puttrich, L & J Services, Shaklee Distributors; Nicholas Black, Mega Properties, Inc.; Susan Bouzide, West Side Mentally Retarded Children's Aid; Ralph Carstensen, Hoyne Savings Bank, Dr. Cory Chen, Resurrection Health Care; Karen Deal, Midwest Bank; Alice Dungey, DeVry University; Larry Fisher, Heatmasters, Inc.; Dr. Cesar Lau, Patrick J. Levar, Alderman, 45th Ward; and Jeff Merritt, Homestead Inspections.

We would also like to thank Stephanie Brown of Lawrence Funeral Home, Michael Pontarelli, Pontarelli & Company and Kevin Walsh, Accu-Comp Appraisals for their past service on the board.



**MILWAUKEE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

The following update information was received from Bridget Stalla from the City of Chicago on the Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project on Friday, Oct. 24th: "G&V will restore the pavement on Montrose by 10/31 and we can open Montrose back up to traffic and parking on 11/3/08 as we will be placing high early strength concrete. (Not noted in attached 2 week schedule). There will be a couple days worth of work left in this area to complete the sidewalk and temporary asphalt, but impact will be a couple of days over the next couple of months.

Next two weeks:

G&V will be working on curb and gutter and new pavement between Montrose and Windsor. Their subcontractor, Aldridge, will be installing underground facilities for the new traffic signals at Laramie and Sunnyside as well as for the new lights between Giddings and Windsor. And as discussed, the target date for completion of this years work is December 5th. Contractor hopes to be completely cleaned up and off the street by that date. There may be some light poles left to erect and turn on the week following, but pavement, temporary asphalt and pavement markings, sidewalk curb and gutter should be complete in the areas we are currently working by that date. Sewer work in this section is complete."



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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Our recent installation banquet, the 74<sup>th</sup> in the chamber’s history, was a great celebration of our accomplishments during the past year. The dinner provided a great networking opportunity for all attendees, and, judging from all the comments which I’ve heard, the entertainment was enjoyed by all. Some of us are still laughing at the comedian’s jokes. Thanks go to our executive director, Carol Gawron, for organizing the banquet and to the many members who donated gifts for the successful silent auction.

I am especially grateful to those who were honored at the banquet. Service Awards were presented to Vice President Thomas Byrne of Byrne Realty for the endless hours he spent volunteering at JEFF FEST, Director Karen Deal of Midwest Bank for her dedication to the Bingo Committee and Volunteer Joan Younger for her role in instructing the Bingo Committee in how to run the event. And, finally, the Member of the Year Award went to Michael Swinford of Parkway Bank and Trust. Michael was honored for the strong leadership which he has provided the chamber during the past year. Michael chaired the Bingo Committee, which raised several thousands of dollars for the chamber (in addition to lots of fun for all those involved) and co-chaired the Flea Market/Kids Garage Sale Committee. Michael also has been extremely dedicated with his treasurer duties. He has set the standard for all future treasurers of this chamber to follow.

The chamber plans to undertake several new initiatives in the next year, including the creation of an e-mail networking club and the design of new member profiles on the chamber’s Web site. We also have several challenges ahead, including the headaches associated with all of the road construction which we are facing on Milwaukee Avenue next year. While the project will

result in beautiful new roadways, better traffic flow and decorative lampposts, its construction phase has had at least one casualty, the closing of the Original Papanicholas Café, whose owners say that they could not recover from the decrease in business during the lane closures in front of their establishment. The chamber has been working with city officials to ensure that there will be temporary parking lots in the business district during the next construction phase.

Please join us as the chamber enters its 75th Year. Several exciting, fun activities are being planned. These events are designed to help you meet new potential clients, helping your business grow!

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

Mark your calendar now for our **Annual Holiday Luncheon** to be held in the lobby of the Copernicus Foundation on **Tuesday, December 16th** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

We will also be honoring several Fire Fighters from the Jefferson Park Fire Station.

Once again we ask you to please bring a knitted item (gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, etc.) which we will donate to the 16th District Battered Women and Children Program. More info next month.



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### BINGO

The West Side Mentally Retarded Children's Aid will hold a Bingo Session on Saturday, November 1st at its Special Developmental Training Center located at 5414 W. Diversey. The door will open at 12 Noon. Games start at 1:00 pm and end at approximately 4:00 pm. (no computers—all paper cards) All cash prizes. Food will be available including: Hot dogs, chips, coffee, pop, water. Join them for a fun-filled afternoon. Bring your luck and play raffle tabs too!

### BAKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS JUST GOT A LOT EASIER

New this year for the West Side Mentally Retarded Children's Aid is a Cookie Dough Fundraiser and Gourmet Popcorn Buckets.

With the Cookie Dough Fundraiser, you are provided with pre-made dough for a variety of your favorite cookies including chocolate chunk, peanut butter, sugar, oatmeal as well as several other flavorful cookies. The dough comes in a 3 lb. tub and can be easily rozen for future baking needs. Each tub makes about 4 dozen cookies. I don't know about a lot of you but with there is to do at holiday time who needs to stand there and measure, sift, roll, when all you have to do is drop spoonful of the dough on a cookie sheet and bake. (Now "that's a good thing").

Also available are gourmet popcorn handled buckets. Flavors include Chicago style (1 gal.); buttery caramel (1 gal.); buttery caramel with peanuts (1/2 gal.); and chocolate delight (1/2 gal.) They make great gifts.

Each of the cookie dough and the popcorn buckets sell for \$12 each. For more information on how to order, call Susan Bouzide at WSMRCA at 773-282-9992 .



Our warmest CONGRATULATIONS to State Representative Joseph M. Lyons who was recently awarded the 2008 Legislative Service Award from the Illinois Press Association for his sponsorship of legislation regarding the IPA's dispute with the IHSA over the use of photographers at sporting events. State Senator James DeLeo also received this award.

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