

In the Loop™

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Please Forward...

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome!

Welcome to *In the Loop*, an eclectic compilation of e-mail transmittals that I have received during the past week. From time to time, you will find announcements of events, grant opportunities, job postings, links to websites and articles of interest or notes of encouragement. I hope that you, or someone you know, would find the information to be of use. If you would like to unsubscribe, submit material, or make general comments, you may contact me at valeriefleonard@msn.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Testing...1-2-3

I have launched the first phase of my website, which includes a description of my services, background and links to resources. In the very near future, there will be an online store where people can buy reference books, office supplies and computer software to keep their organizations and small businesses running more effectively. There will also be more resources for small businesses and a blog for nonprofit practitioners and small business owners to share experiences. When you get a chance, check it out and let me know what you think. I'd be interested in hearing suggestions for improvements, whether you had technical difficulties, etc. The URL is <http://www.valeriefleonard.com>.

I have not yet registered the site with the major search engines. It may be easiest to use the Google search engine to access it at this point. Whether you are a nonprofit practitioner, small business owner, intermediary, attorney, financial institution, or foundation, you are welcome to submit material for publishing, or a link to the website. Again, please feel free to e-mail me at valeriefleonard@msn.com, or call me at 773-521-3137 if you have further questions. I look forward to the wonderful exchange of information.

EMPLOYMENT

Equip for Equality

The following message was forwarded from Ms. Kimberly Roberts of NTIC.

An exciting new position is open in the Chicago office of Equip for Equality (EFE), a cross-disability legal rights advocacy organization in Illinois. EFE is seeking an individual to develop, manage and grow an effective advocacy network of voluntary individuals, community leaders and advocacy organizations to collectively and effectively work to improve the public policies and programs that influence the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, including individuals with developmental psychiatric, physical and sensory disabilities. The candidate must have strong writing, communication, project planning and organizing skills. Candidates should forward resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to the Human Resource Office, 20 N. Michigan, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois, 60602, and email to brenda@equipforequality.org by October 17, 2005.

If a job seeker gets hired due to this resource, please let Joe Chiappetta know at jchiappetta@chicagolandchamber.org. Visit www.chicagolandchamber.org disabilityworks: Increasing economic opportunity in Illinois

Teacher Seeking Employment

Ms. Tamar Patterson seeks a position as an elementary school teacher that will utilize strong teaching abilities to create a nurturing, motivational, and stimulating learning environment for students. Teaching responsibilities included working with students in all classrooms, K-8th grade. Qualifications include Type 10, APT and Basic Skills examinations, and Spanish- reading knowledge and conversational ability. Please contact Ms. Patterson at (708) 415-4412 or tampatterson@yahoo.com.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Young Women's Leadership Council at Chicago Foundation for Women

I received the following announcement from Ms. Mariam Kaba of the Steans Family Foundation.

Calling all younger women (ages 18-30) who care about women and girls' economic security, health and safety! If you're looking for opportunities to

- use and build leadership skills
- collaborate with other progressive women to create your own educational programs, events and advocacy initiatives around the issues that matter most to you
- get involved with a feminist organization that makes a broad impact for women and girls all across metropolitan Chicago

Then Join Us! Tuesday October 25th for the Kick-off of the Young Women's Leadership Council

5:00 - 7:30 pm
DePaul Club
1 E. Jackson, 11th Floor
(light dinner will be provided)

RSVP to Dinah Zebot (dzebot@cfw.org) or (312.836.0126 x218)

Chicago Foundation for Women believes that Advocacy plus Action equals Impact- at all levels of community, society and government. We are a 20-year-old nonprofit organization that promotes women and girls' economic security, freedom from violence and access to healthcare. We build leaders, fund community organizations, educate the public, and are loud, proud advocates for women and girls and the issues we care about. We know that there are many ways to effect change, and that's why we need you to join us. **(check us out at: www.cfw.org) Please feel free to forward this email and attached flyer widely- We appreciate your help in spreading the word!**

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Echoing Green Fellowship: Change the World

The following information was forwarded to me by Mr. Yusufu Masley, of Community Panels for Youth.

For anyone you can think of who might be interested in the fellowship listed below. It's a wonderful opportunity for someone who has an idea and a dream to achieve social change.

The Echoing Green Fellowship (<http://www.echoinggreen.org/>) supports emerging leaders with innovative ideas for tackling seemingly unsolvable social challenges. Fellows receive two years of financial support and strategic counsel to help them develop and test their ideas. Each year, Echoing Green holds an open application process through which anyone who meets the program's eligibility criteria and has a compelling new idea for social change is welcome to apply.

Echoing Green offers fellowships to individuals and to partnerships of no more than two individuals. Individual Fellowships provide \$30,000 per year for two years for a total of \$60,000. Partnership Fellowships provide \$45,000 per year (per project, not per individual) for two years for a total of \$90,000. The stipend can be used for any purpose related to the start up of the organization or project. In addition to the two-year stipend, Echoing Green offers a monthly stipend for health insurance. Fellows also receive a range of support through a variety of media and activities, including the Internet, conferences, site visits, and phone contact. The program offers guidance in strategic and financial planning, staff and board development, fundraising, legal and accounting practices, and many other aspects of starting and building a nonprofit organization.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must be willing to make a full-time commitment to the proposed project's development. Applicants do not need to be U.S. citizens. Projects must be the original idea of the individual applying and must be in start-up phase.

Complete program guidelines, eligibility criteria, and information on previous fellows are available on the Echoing Green Web site. The online application form will be available on the site shortly.

RFP Link:
<http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5000758/echoing>

For additional RFPs in Philanthropy and Voluntarism, visit:
http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_philanthropy.html

FUNDRAISING

The Village Store

Mr. Hurley Green III, Publisher of The Bulletin, provided the following link:

IS YOUR GROUP LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RAISE FUNDS? We put the FUN back into fund-raising! Visit the Village Store at www.villagestore.biz

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Georgia Doty Health Education Fund 2005 Hepatitis & HIV Health Disparity Conference and Awards Ceremony

I received the following information from Mr. Don Doty, CEO of the Georgia Doty Health Education Fund.

Reminder: The Georgia Doty Health Education Fund will host its 2005 Hepatitis & HIV Health Disparity Conference and Awards Ceremony. The 2-day conference is for community leaders and health care professionals and providers who are interested in understanding more about HIV and Hepatitis, A, B and C and HIV and their growing prevalence within communities of color. Friday's workshops are targeted to community leaders and other stakeholders. The Saturday Train the Trainer education program is targeted to clinicians and healthcare providers. 3.6 CE credits will be given by the Midwest AIDS Testing and Education Center of UIC.

General Public Session (Admission Free)

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, October 28
Olive Harvey College
Bruce Cherry Theater
10001 South Woodlawn
Chicago, IL

Health Care Professionals Session (Admission \$35.00)

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 29
Radisson Chicago & Suites
160 East Huron
Chicago, IL

Breakfast and Lunch served at each session. Advance registration required for health care professionals session. For further information visit www.georgiadotyfund.org or call 773-221-1426.

Faith Works Conference

Ms. Yolanda Brownlee forwarded the following information.

Greetings!! I pray that this message is finding you well. I just wanted to forward to you some information about an upcoming event that you don't want to miss. Faith Works October 12th - the 15th 2005, is THE place to be next week. Noel Jones, Paula White, and T. D. Jakes!!! All at the new 'House of Hope' mega facility on Chicago's south side (752 East 114th Street), each speaking their own night, each evening service free and open to the public ... no registration... no ticket... no preferred seating cost... just FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The conference itself is a registered event \$70.00 for all the day time sessions and seminars, which I must say are going to be delivered by one of the most powerful groups of people assembled anywhere ever to deliver the 'word of the Lord', Rev. James Meeks, Pastor Bill Winston, Pastor Steve Munsey, Evang. Jeremiah Cummings & Elder David Hollis, whew (the only person you could add is Jesus... and He'll be there too!) however all evening services including the bible classes which begin at 6:00pm daily are FREE. 12,000 seats for each service (which is plenty of room) and you need to be in one of em' each night. Call (866) 26-FAITH for more information or visit their website at WWW.AFCSEV.ORG God is going to do some awesomely wonderful things, and you don't want to miss it. God bless you in all of His endeavors!

Nate Jiles

Save the Date: Whitney Young High School Celebrates 30 Years of Academic Excellence

Whitney M. Young Magnet High School will host a 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at the school, in the Arts Building, located at 1430 West Jackson Boulevard, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Honorary Chairpersons of the Celebration include: Mayor Richard M. Daley; Whitney Young alumna Michelle Obama, Vice President, Community and External Affairs, University of Chicago Hospitals, who will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies; Arne Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools; and Michael W. Scott, President of the Chicago Public School Board. Proceeds will be used to further educational developments at Whitney Young High School. For further information, e-mail wproject30@aol.com or call 773.534.7500, ext. 7055.

Howland TAC Meeting

Renaissance 2010: You're invited to meet the teams. Ask the questions. The Howland Transition Advisory Council (TAC) is hosting a Community Forum on Saturday, October 22nd at the 10th District Police Station, 3315 W. Ogden Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Parents, students, residents, teachers, community leaders and others are all invited to attend this event where design teams will present their proposals to the Howland Transition Advisory Council and the Community. This is your opportunity to meet the applicants and ask them questions about the schools they have proposed. For more information: visit the Renaissance 2010 Website at <http://www/ren2010/cps.k12/il.us/> or contact Ms. Willie Cole, TAC Liaison, at 773-259-6192.

Bridging the Digital Divide...in Chicago

Mr. Michael Maranda, President, Association for Community Networking, provided the following information.

Chicago is known as a City of Neighborhoods. We've seen hearings on the North, West and South sides regarding the prospects for community wireless for Chicago. Community Technology Centers (CTCs) and other groups are based in the neighborhoods and need to be a part of any viable solution that addresses Digital Literacy, Access and Equity in a serious way in Chicago and Illinois. The CTCs of Chicago have been playing a national leadership role in this effort, CTCNet Chicago being the first Chapter in a National Network addressing the Digital Divide from the grassroots, but who in our state is aware of this other than ourselves? Who else should be made aware of what we have been doing? Find them and get them to our event: *Digital Neighborhoods* on October 20. This is your chance to support our work and it represents a great opportunity connect and promote a common vision. Tickets are available at <http://www.ctcnetchicago.org/event>. Please distribute, and please invite others to attend! We look forward to seeing you there!

Bridging the Digital Divide...In Lawndale

I received the following information from Mr. Lowry Taylor, Chairman of the Digital Development Corporation And Oversight Committee. .

The 2005 Digital Divide Town Hall Meeting and Community Resource Event will take place on October 22, 2005 at the Sinai Community Institute, 2653 West Ogden in Chicago, Illinois, from 12 noon until 6PM. To find out how your organization may participate as a co-sponsor or (nonprofit) exhibitor, please call Lowry Taylor at 773 379-4048.

Bridging the Digital Divide...Downstate

The following information was provided by the Digital Divide Elimination Advisory Committee, chaired by State Representative Constance Howard.

A Joint Conference

2nd Annual Illinois Community Technology Coalition (iLCTC) Conference
November 16, 2005

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
\$75.00

&

6th Annual Building a Brighter Future:
Connecting the e to Rural Illinois... What Urban Areas Can Learn
November 17, 2005

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
\$75.00

University of Illinois at Springfield Campus

November 16, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ... iLCTC 2nd Annual Conference

Community Technology leaders will build upon the achievements that have given Illinois a prominent role in the community technology sector, to develop and enhance the collaborative network among community-based enterprises dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Illinoisans, especially low-income and unconnected rural and urban residents.

November 17, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ... 6th Annual Building a Brighter Future: Connecting the e to Rural Illinois...

What Urban Areas Can Learn

Featured speakers include: Commissioner Robert Lieberman, Illinois Commerce Commission; Jack Lavin, Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; TeleHealth national speaker; Edward Feser, associate professor, University of Illinois Department of Urban and Regional Planning; and Gene Crick, member, Consumer Advisory Committee of the Federal Communications Commission.

Breakout sessions feature the latest in Telehealth; including electronic health records and telepharmacy; case studies and demonstrations of innovative communities; and a showcase panel of best practices from Illinois community technology centers.

Participants can choose to attend either or both days of the conference.

For further information, visit

www.communitydevelopment.uiuc.edu/Telecom2005

If you plan on attending both days of the conference, the combined registration fee is \$100.00