

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.

Valerie F. Leonard, Editor

EMPLOYMENT

Thanks to Ms. Yolanda Brownlee of the FAA, and Ms. Sarita Sashington, of the Salem Baptist Church, for forwarding new job postings for FEMA workers and 911 operators with the Cook County Sheriff. For further information, visit <http://www.valeriefleonard.com>.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The Federal Government has recently announced a number of grant opportunities. Please visit <http://www.valeriefleonard.com> for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

I'd like to thank Ms. Yolanda Brownlee for forwarding a list of student scholarships. Please visit <http://www.valeriefleonard.com> for details.

FRANCHISING OPPORTUNITIES

Been There/Done That

The following information was included in the most recent Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter.

Join us and learn about Franchising Opportunities from people who have "Been There / Done That". Each presenter brings specific knowledge from one of a variety of key areas that individuals should consider when exploring franchising as a way to fulfill their dreams of owning their own business.

Franchise Owner - Jeff Miller, Divine Signs

Franchise Coach - Mike Waller, The Entrepreneur's Source

Franchisor Perspective - Steve Vollmer, Cartridge World

Franchise Attorney - Michael Liss, FranLaw

Financing - Meghan Kearns, National City Bank

Additional Registration Information: Reservations required by 12pm on Wednesday, November 2.

Date: Thursday, November 03, 2005

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Cost: Free to Attend

Location: Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

330 North Wabash, Suite 2800

Sponsors: The Entrepreneur's Source, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, DCEO, SBA and the City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development

Contact: Event Hotline, 312-494-6709

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

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Why African Americans and Latinos are Overrepresented in the Juvenile Justice System.

Mr. Yusufu Mosley of Community Panels for Youth, forwarded the following message.

Hey Yusufu:

There is a free forum being held @ the Sheraton in Chicago on 12/8/05 @ noon sponsored by the IL State Bar Association concerning Why African Americans and Latinos are overrepresented in the Juvenile Justice System. Contact Vicki Runkel, ISBA, 217.525.1760 or 800.252.8908, vrunkel@isba.org. Talk with you soon.

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Chicago Area Project
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Chicago, IL 60604
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www.chicagoareaproject.org

Contagious Success: Spreading High Performance Throughout Your Organization

The following information was included in the most recent Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2005
Time: 7:45 am - 9:30 am
Cost: Free
Location: Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, 330 North Wabash, Suite 2800
Sponsors: The Hudson Highland Center for High Performance
Contact: Event Hotline, 312-494-6709
Presenter: Susan Lucia Annunzio, Author of "Contagious Success"

Contagious Success (con't)

The Hudson Highland Center for High Performance conducted the largest, systematic global study of knowledge workers ever undertaken to determine if there are new pathways to growth. The study, which includes the United States, Europe, Australia, Japan and Shanghai/Beijing, not only reveals the characteristics that distinguish high performance work environments, it also uncovers the systematic barriers hindering profitable growth.

The keynote speaker will discuss Hudson's groundbreaking research and detail how companies can use this information to increase performance. Additional Registration Information: For more information, call the Event Hotline at 312-494-6709 Register online at www.chicagolandchamber.org or fax your reservation to 866-607-7649 *Attendees will receive a FREE copy Susan's book "Contagious Success".

Opportunity Conference on November 9, 2005

Ms. Gwen O'Connor Griffin, NCP Director for the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance forwarded the following message.

Once again, under the leadership of Secretary Elaine L. Chao, the U.S. Department of Labor will host an Opportunity Conference focused on economic opportunities for the Asian Pacific, Hispanic, and African American communities. This year marks our first Regional Opportunity Conference, and will be held in the Chicago Metro Area. Cosponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, the Asian American Alliance, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Chicago Urban League, this one-day conference is scheduled for November 9, 2005 at the Waterford Conference Center in Elmhurst/Oakbrook.

The conference features presentations tailored to assist these communities and foster business growth by emphasizing key aspects of economic development, including job training, marketing, and understanding government procurement opportunities. Workshops will focus on developing small businesses, accessing capital, federal contracting, grant application strategies, and assisting faith-based and community organizations. A new addition this year highlights how to access federal resources and information in an easy to use format. Online registration is now available at <http://www.opportunityconference.gov/>. Please forward this information to friends, colleagues, and others who might find this FREE conference useful.

Sincerely,
the Office of the 21st Century Workforce
U.S. Department of Labor

EDUCATION

Illinois College Access Network - Quarterly Meeting

The following information was included in the most recent Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter.

How do the number of high school graduates translate into college access and success? Dr. Cheryl Blanco, Director of Policy Analysis and Research at Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) will present the Illinois State Profile and questions for further thought.

Additional Registration Information: Please notify Wendy Jones, 312-494-6739, wjones@chicagolandchamber.org if you plan to attend so you will be on the Security List and have a name badge.

Date: Thursday, November 03, 2005

Time: 7:15 am - 9:30 am

Cost: Free Event

Location: Jenner & Block, 40th Floor, IBM Bldg.,

330 N. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60611

Contact: Wendy Jones, 312-494-6739 or wjones@chicagolandchamber.org

CPS Public Hearings

The following information was provided by Ms. Willie Cole, of CPS, with background information from CPS' website.

On Friday, November 4, 2005, Mr. Arne Duncan, CEO of Chicago Public Schools (CPS), is expected to announce CPS' recommendations for operators of certain new schools that will be opening in fall of 2006. Public hearings will follow next week. Each new school will host its own public hearing to elicit input from its respective surrounding community. The dates and times are listed below.

Calumet High School Campus

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

8131 South May

6:00 p.m.

Howland School Campus

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

1616 South Spaulding

5:30 p.m.

Bunche School Campus

Thursday, November 10, 2005

6515 South Ashland

6:00 p.m.

Englewood Campus

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

6201 South Stewart

5:30 p.m.

Austin High School Campus

Thursday, November 10, 2005

231 North Pine

5:00 p.m.

High School Scholarship Database

The following information is from the CPS website

High School Scholarship Database is now available! The OHSP Scholarship Log will assist students in finding an ideal college. Students searching for college scholarships will be able to narrow their search down by state, major, tuition, sports, and several other criteria. Additionally, students will be able to search homepages and links of the schools they are interested in, to review, compare, and sort the schools according to detailed profiles. Visit the site at: <http://scholarships.cps.k12.il.us/> for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Whitney Young High School Class of 1980 Hosts 25th Year Reunion

Ms. Alicia Gilmore Catchings, Whitney Young Class of 1980, provided the following information:

So many of you have requested an informal get together and here it is! The 25th Reunion for the Whitney M. Young, Magnet High School Class of 1980 is going to take place at the Marriott on the Magnificent Mile (also our Prom site...remember) on Saturday, November 26th from 10 am. - 2 p.m. We are planning a brunch, a welcome reception, an Achievement and Recognition Program, establishment of a Scholarship Program for a graduating senior from our alma mater; fun for all and much more. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend this Silver Anniversary Reunion.

Our Welcome Reception will be hosted at the school (211 S. Laflin) in the Blue house and on the Bridge on Friday, November 25th from 6-9 p.m. This will be our opportunity to chat and mingle with our classmates. We can catch up and share old and new stories informally all weekend. Bring your photos, scrapbooks and let's Reunite.

Reunion cost for classmates is \$65 and \$50 for guests/spouse. We look forward to seeing all of our Class of 1980 classmates and guests.
E-Mail Address: wyclasof1980@sbcglobal.net or

WY Class of 1980

P.O. Box 1866

Chicago, IL 60690-1866

Or you can contact Loeita Williams at 773.260.2866 for more information.

Class of 1980 Planning Committee

World AIDS Day

The following messages were forwarded to me by Ms. Donna-Shea McGee, Co-Chairperson of WHARP. You may e-mail Mr. Michael Hunter for a copy of the nomination form he references in the second announcement.

Save the Date: December 1, 2005

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2005 Chicagoland
World AIDS Day
Keynote Speaker
Princess Kasune Zule
Lusaka, Zambia
International HIV/AIDS Spokesperson
Chicago Cultural Center
78 East Randolph Street
Sydney Yates Gallery, 4th Floor

Awards Nominations

The 2005 Chicagoland World AIDS Day Steering Committee is accepting nominations for the second annual Chicagoland World AIDS Day - Hope and Spirit award. This award is presented to a community member whose vision, dedication, and leadership has been instrumental in furthering the cumulative HIV/AIDS cause, and has inspired others to do the same.

Please take a moment to nominate the person(s) you believe best represents this year's theme - "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise". The person(s) you nominate should be someone you feel has made significant, if not extraordinary contributions, to the field as a whole.

Once you have determined who you would like to nominate, please forward your nomination(s) before November 3, 2005 for the person(s) you would like to nominate for the Hope and Spirit award.

Thank you all very much for your participation in the 2005 Chicagoland World AIDS Day program!

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RECOMMENDED READING

Navigating the Organizational Lifecycle

Mr. Jerry B. Kelly, financial consultant to nonprofits, provided the following information.

Navigating the Organizational Lifecycle—this new resource will help nonprofit leaders understand, prepare for, and navigate the lifecycle passages and changes experienced by nonprofits. Learn how to assess a nonprofit organization's stage of development in order to align capacities, manage organizational transitions, and anticipate future challenges. Discover strategies for making the case to funders for capacity-building support.

Navigating the Organizational Lifecycle will:

- Make it easier for board members and chief executives to assess where their organizations are in their lifecycle.
- Help determine if capacities are properly aligned with the current stage of development.
- Identify weaknesses and situations that create change, growth, challenges, and opportunities.
- Illustrate how board composition and responsibilities may change as the organization evolves.
- Encourage boards to be more strategic and proactive in planning for the future.

Available November 4th (at Board Source, <http://www.boardsource.org>)

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Family Watchdog

Mr. Keith S. Pye, Vice President of the Whitney Young Alumni Association, provided the following website that provides information on registered sex offenders.

Pass this website to those you love.

<http://www40.familywatchdog.us/>

Peace 

Keith S. Pye