

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

I would like to thank Ms. Patricia Lard for forwarding information on positions available at CTA. I'd also like to thank Mr. Fred Mitchell of HICA and Mr. Hurley Green, of the Southside Bulletin, for providing information on employment with Greyhound. Also check out summary qualifications for Thomas Tulsie, Beverly Thirus and Tamar Patterson. Please visit <http://www.valeriefleonard.com> for details.

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.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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

Barack's HopeFund America is sponsoring a 5 day learning intensive program to train staffers for upcoming political campaigns. They are especially in need of African-American and Latino applicants. The school will hopefully provide staffers for a number of democrats running for re-election and is invaluable in learning how the political campaign process actually works. More information can be found at:

http://hopefundamerica.com/yeswecan/Yes_We_Can_Application.pdf

Distribute widely.

Dr. Patricia Y. Jones

SOS for FAITH, INC.

As you may have heard from Walter Boyd of Protestants for the Common Good a few weeks ago, the offices of FAITH, Inc. were vandalized while Rev. Crawford was hospitalized. His vault, cash and valuable bank records were stolen, along with furniture and equipment. He is still in need of your support—financial or in-kind. You may contact him at 773-287-5723.



WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Financial Responsibilities of Not-for-Profit Board Members

Mr. Otis Monroe, CEO of the Monroe Foundation, forwarded the following information:

CPA's in the Public Interest will host workshops on the financial responsibilities for Not-for-Profit Board Members on Tuesday, November 17; Thursday, December 1; Wednesday, December 7. You will:

- * Learn about your responsibility for oversight of financial systems, policies, and internal controls.
- * Realize the board's role in the organization's audit.
- * Discuss the basics of financial statements and their relevance to you.
- * Identify critical reporting requirements for your organization.

Board members are encouraged to attend as a team with their organization's executive staff and/or other board members.

5:30 PM - Registration/Food

6:00 - 8:00 PM - Program

C.G. Jung Center, 1567 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL

Code: P153

Cost: \$25 per person

Co-sponsored by: Evanston Community Foundation

5:00 PM - Registration/Food

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Program

ShoreBank Bonzeville Banking Center

3401 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL

Code: P154

Cost: \$25 per person

Co-sponsored by: ShoreBank

5:00 PM - Registration/Food

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Program

Illinois CPA Society Education Center

550 W. Jackson, Suite 900, Chicago, IL

Code: P155

Cost: \$25 per person

CPAs for the Public Interest, the community service arm of the Illinois CPA Society, links the expertise of CPAs and finance professionals with Illinois not-for-profit organizations and community needs. SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY! To register or for more information call the Illinois CPA Society / CPAs for the Public Interest Member Services line at 1.800.993.0393 and refer to the program codes listed above.

Bridging the Digital Divide...Downstate

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

Reminder...A Joint Conference The Opening Plenary Session, the Recycling Workshop and the noon session out will be available to live audiences unable to attend the conference, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 16 at <http://www.alado.net/id9.html>. These sessions will be available on streaming video servers next week.

2nd Annual Illinois Community Technology Coalition (iLCTC) Conference

November 16, 2005

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

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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

EDUCATION

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.

Student-Run Business: Web Ink T-Shirts

The following information was forwarded to me by Ms. Mariame Kaba, of the Steans Family Foundation:

Web Ink T-Shirts is having an open house and you are invited. We are a student business at Theodore Herzl Elementary School. We make t-shirts for all occasions – holidays, churches, community groups, family reunions, picnics, sports, black history, family pictures, retirements, and other special celebrations. We also make magnets.

We would love for you to see our t-shirt lab and the hard work we do with our teammates. We will be giving demonstrations of our t-shirt press. We will be showing samples of our work too, and hearing from some of our happy customers.

Where: Herzl School 3711 W Douglas Blvd.,
When: Thursday, November 17, 3:00-6:00pm

We want the community to know about our student business. So we hope you can stop by and meet us. For more information please call Ms. Rachel Culich at (773) 534-1493.

NEH Seminars and Institutes Accepting Applications

The following information was provided by NEH.

NEH recently announced its schedule of 2006 summer seminars and institutes in separate programs for K-12 teachers and college and university faculty. NEH Seminars and Institutes provide the nation's teachers with summer opportunities for study with top humanities scholars on a wide range of specific topics in history, literature, and other humanities disciplines. The application deadline is March 1, 2006. Seminars and Institutes for School Teachers. For further information, contact <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>

No Child Left Behind Hearing

The following information was provided by Ms. Jacqueline Leavy, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group.

Two national school reform organizations, Cross City Campaign for Urban School REform and the Public Ed. Network ("POEN") are hosting a public hearing to hear from parents, students and teachers about how NCLB is affecting them. They will give the testimonies from the Hearing to federal, state and local policy makers! Thursday, Nov. 17th, 4 - 7 p.m. at the Golden Dome in Garfield Park, 100 N. Central Park. Anyone who wants to attend or testify can RSVP to John Jones at 312-939-7198, X 3868 or jjones@ncbg.org

Grand Boulevard Federation's Bronzeville Education Town Hall Meeting

The following information was forwarded to me by Mr. John Paul Jones, Director of Community Outreach for the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group.

Grand Boulevard Federation's Bronzeville Education Town Hall Meeting

You're Invited to Bronzeville's Education Town Hall Meeting! Achieving High Quality Schools For All Of Bronzeville's Families: It Will Take A Village Of Parents, Youth, Educators, & Community.

Join us for the first community unveiling of the Grand Boulevard Federation Education Committee's 'Bronzeville Education Report' and in determining where your priorities lie for improving schools for all families. Saturday, November 19, 2005 at the DuSable High School Campus (4934 S. Wabash Ave.) from 9 AM-1 PM

Bronzeville area parents, youth, educators, and community are invited to participate. A warm breakfast will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, contact: Andrea Lee, Education Organizer (773) 548-8140 andrealee-gbf@ameritech.net.

Joint Hosted By:

- Grand Boulevard Federation's Education Committee
- Peer Parent Education Network
- Positive Youth Development
- Centers for New Horizon's Teen Reach Program

For further information on NCBBG's 'Rebuild our Schools' Task Force, and the Chicago Public Schools' 2006 Capital Improvement Program, please contact NCBBG's Director of Community Outreach [John Jones](mailto:John.Jones@ncbbg.org) at 312-939-7198, X 3868, or NCBBG's Research Analyst [Travis Stein](mailto:Travis.Stein@ncbbg.org) at X 3879.

Spike Lee/Morgan Freeman HIV Story Writing Contest

The following information was e-mailed to me by [Black Students.com](http://BlackStudents.com)

Deadline Is On Wednesday - November 23, 2005

Applicants must write a story about personal vulnerability to HIV/ AIDS. Your story can be either fiction or non-fiction. The characters in the story must be impacted by HIV/AIDS. This scholarship contest seeks to inspire 14-22 year olds to examine their personal vulnerability to HIV/AIDS, and promote positive health behaviors through media written by and for young people. For more information, visit

<http://www.blackstudents.com/opportunities/11-23-05.html>

MISCELLANEOUS

Bryant-Logan Realty, Ltd Opens Chicago Office

The following information was forwarded to me by Ms. Phyllis Logan, of Bryant-Logan Realty.

Bryant-Logan Realty, Ltd. has opened a Chicago office, conveniently located at 5933 W. Madison Street, Chicago, IL. Visit early and often!

AFGA Salon Coffee House

I received the following message from Mr. Lawrence Dunn of the AFGA Salon Coffeehouse Show.

The first monthly installment of our Cable 19 TV Show, AFGA Salon Coffeehouse, is finished! The project was completed at Chicago CAN Studios and here at the Sullivan House Community Center.

Show times (Channel 19) are:

Tues, Nov 15, 9 PM
Wed, Nov 16, 4 PM
Sun, Nov 20, 12:15 AM

The Coffeehouse consists of several parts -

Ze Inner Urger Jazz Society, a music piece from the jazz band
The Mystery of the Black Stone, Episode One of this video drama
Interview with Okoro Harold Johnson, tied into the drama
Poetry and a PSA.

You can view previews at the link at <http://www.afgasalon.org>. (go to video project or the coffeehouse link) We are presently preparing for the second show. Please let me know what you think of the project!

Sewing Classes for Teen-Aged Girls

Ms. Tiffany Childress, of Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, forwarded the following information.

Ms. Loretta Scott, a resident on Cullerton is forming a class on Saturday afternoons for teenage girls in the neighborhood. The desire is that girls would get basic sewing skills and start to explore the world of design and creation. I have a real passion for this—counterculture is critical in fashion as girls are taught to market their bodies through a lot of the clothing. We're hammering out details. Classes will be held from 1:00-3:00pm on Saturdays. Any interested people can contact Loretta Scott at 522-3252.

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.bz

Stories From the Soul

Mr. Fred Mitchell, Board member of HICA, Inc., provided the following information.

AUDITIONS A new Chicago based television show entitled, Stories from the Soul, is currently auditioning actors and hosts for a weekly series airing on the Black Family Channel in the coming new year.

The 30-minute weekly production is a partnership between Masequa Myers, Pemon Rami and Donald Curry in association with Robert Townsend.

This half hour TV show will highlight professional actors who will interpret stories from the United States and around the world!

Auditions Will Be Held Saturday November 19, 2005, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Negro League Cafe 301 East 43rd. Street Chicago, Illinois 60653 No Appointments Necessary! Early Arrival Encouraged!

We are looking for men and women of all ages. (18 and up)

Please bring a prepared monologue, resume and photograph. Visit www.masequa.com Pemon Rami CTO Masequa Myers & Associates