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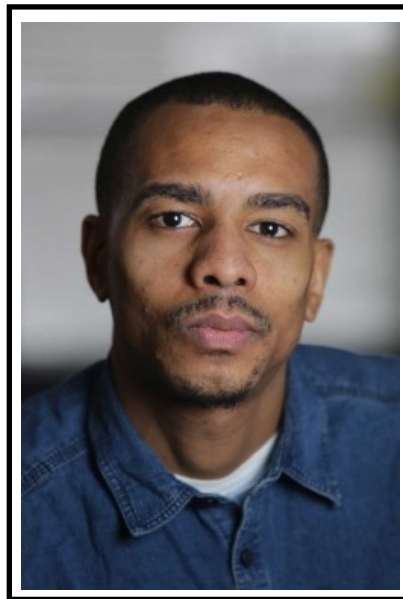
The MCC is a partnership among businesses, individuals and governments to support, promote and grow businesses in Maywood, through advocacy, education, information and networking.

MICHAEL ROMAIN, EDITOR & PUBLISHER OF THE VILLAGE FREE PRESS, LAUNCHES THE FIRST MONTHLY PRINT EDITION AT THE MAYWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Thursday, 23 March 2017, Michael Roman, Editor & Publisher of The Village Free Press, launched the first monthly print edition at the Maywood Public Library, Room 201.

Accompanied by staff Shanel Romain, Editorial Designer; Kamil Brady, Strategic Consultant; Advertising Director, Dawn Ferencak; and Publishing Partner, Dan Haley, Mr. Romain gave a moving account of his journey from 2013 to the present, with tributes to those present, who had helped him along the way. Dedicating the first print edition to his great-grandmother, Venida Perkins, his grandparents Jeff and Frances Harris, and also to his friend Lennel Grace, Romain renewed his

commitment to the creation of a community in Maywood, characterized by meaningful work and experiences, new memories and bonds of love.



Michael Romain

Among those attending were Chamber members Stan D.

Huntington, Acting Chairman; Edwin H. Walker IV, President/CEO; Albertine Alexander, Board Member; Phyllis Clifton, Vena Nelson, and Richard van der Molen. Also attending were Rose Mosely, President, Maywood Public District Board; and Jose R. Galarza, Jr., Member, Maywood Library District Board.

The event is of major importance for Maywood, which has been without a village newspaper for nearly a decade. Citizens are urged to contact the newspaper with current news items and to consider working for, or with, the VFP as a volunteer or a paid employee. Please check the enclosed flyer with locations for free pick up.

**CHAMBER ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE
SHIRLEY S. NAGEL MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROCEDURES
FOR 2017**

The Maywood Chamber Academic Excellence Committee has announced plans for the 2017 Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund Program..

The Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 to honor the lady, who made a tremendous contribution to the Chamber's outreach to the young people of the community. Since the inception of the Academic Excellence Committee in 1988, over 100 scholarships, totaling over \$100,000, have been awarded to honor roll students, residing in Maywood. This year makes the 15th anniversary of the Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Applicants for a scholarship must be a Maywood resident and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B average) or better for the last three grading periods. Applicants must show proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning. In addition, the applicant is required to submit an essay, not to exceed 500 words, and financial need. The due date for the applications to be returned is 14 April 2017.

Students, who are interested in applying for a scholarship, should contact their high school counselor, who will provide an application form, along with the instructions and deadlines for submission. Counselors include Bonnie R. Libka, College Career Center, PEHS; George Pappas, PEHS; Amy Paulus, PMSA and T. Dwayne Smith, Walther Christian Academy.

The scholarships will be presented during the Chamber General Meeting on Wednesday, 17 May, 2017 at Triton College Student Center, Building B, Room 204, 2000 5th Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171.

Chairman of the Academic Excellence Committee is Chamber Board Member, Amanda A. Turner, Ph.D., Dean of Enrollment Services, Triton College. For further information, call (708) 456-0300, x3593..

Chamber members are urged to contribute to the Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund, by sending a donation to the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 172, Maywood, Illinois 60153.

COMING EVENTS

Save the Date! - Wednesday, 7 June 2017
Annual Awards Banquet with Bellwood & Broadview Chambers of Commerce
Location—Proviso West High School, 4701 West Harrison Street, Hillside, Illinois

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Acting Chairman: **Stan D. Huntington**
Maywood Public Library
(B.C. 17)(NFP)

Immediate Past Chairman:
Anthony J. Williams (B)

President/CEO: **Edwin H. Walker IV**
Individual Member

Treasurer: Kathleen I. Carani

Class of 2017:

Director: **Cory L. Foster (B)**
ComEd
Director: **Stan D. Huntington (NFP)**
Maywood Public Library
Director: **Amanda A. Turner, Ph.D. (NFP)**
Triton College
Director: **Jennifer L. Koehler (NFP)**
Loyola University Health System
Director: **Karen A. Yarbrough (B)**
Hathaway Insurance Agency

Class of 2018:

Director: **Adiel Abelar (B)**
First Midwest Bank
Director: **Albertine Alexander (I)**
Director: **Marta E. Alvarado, Ph.D. (B)**
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Director: **Dawood I. Burhani (B)**
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Director: **Thomas J. Engoren (B)**
Seaway Supply Co.
Director: **Audrey C. Jaycox (I)**
Director: **Viola Mims (B)**
Vintage Realtors
Director: **Willie Norfleet, Jr. (Govt)**
Village Manager
Director: **Christopher J. Parker (B)**
Pan American Bank & Trust

CHAMBER BOARD ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS

At its monthly meeting on 14 March 2017, the Chamber Board elected two new members—Jennifer L. Koehler, JD and Christopher J. Parker.

Jennifer L. Koehler, elected to the Class of 2017, replaces recently retired James E. Whitehead as Loyola Medical Center's representative on the Chamber Board. Jennifer, recently named as Loyola's new Vice President for External Affairs, has extensive experience in healthcare, nonprofits and government and will oversee advocacy (government affairs) and community benefit.

Jennifer already has close ties to Loyola, having earned her juris doctor and bachelor degrees from Loyola University Chicago and is a current board member of Access to Care, whose largest partner is Loyola Center for Health on Roosevelt Road, Maywood.

Christopher J. Parker, elected to the Class of 2018, replaces Venus L. Meadows, recently resigned Branch Manager of Seaway Bank, Maywood. Mr. Parker, who served as Financial Center Manager II, Urban Partnership Bank, Bellwood, for the past three years, was recently named as Vice President, Relationship Executive & Office Manager, Pan American Bank & Trust. Mr. Parker has a wide range of experience in civic affairs, having served on the Greater Joliet Area YMCA as a Board Member and Budget & Finance Committee as well as participating in the Chambers of Commerce of Bellwood, Hillside-Berkeley and Maywood.

Mr. Parker is presently serving as the President of the Bellwood Chamber of Commerce.

THOM ALCAZAR, FOUNDER & MEMBER OF EATS GROCERIES, WAS THE SPEAKER AT THE CHAMBER GENERAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH AT THE QUINN COMMUNITY CENTER OF ST. EULALIA

On Wednesday, 15 March 2017, the General Meeting of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce took place at The Quinn Center of St. Eulalia at 1832 South 8th Avenue, Maywood.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the program featured as Keynote Speaker, Thom Alcazar, Founder and Member of EATS Groceries, who presented a proposal to establish a full-range grocery store in Maywood, based on new and innovative concepts. Mr. Alcazar recently presented his proposal at a meeting of the Maywood Economic Development Commission.

More than a mere supermarket, EATS would focus not just on profits, but on creating promising career paths, providing healthy food options, and stimulating customer traffic for local businesses in areas that have suffered from decades of economic disinvestment.

Founded in 2008 and named for Monsignor William Quinn, pastor of St. Eulalia's for 21 years, The Quinn Community Center is the principal social outreach program of St. Eulalia's Parish. The Center works in collaboration with community organizations and community residents to promote health-related change in Maywood, and is a member of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

The ladies of The Quinn Center of St. Eulalia, whose director is Gabriel Lara, will provide light refreshments.

Chamber members attending included Acting Chairman Stan D. Huntington, President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV, Albertine Alexander, Phyllis Clifton, Victoria Haas, Viola Mims, Dan Perkins, Police Chief Valdimir Talley, Bradford Trayford, and Richard van der Molen. Also attending were James Gardner, Jose Galarza, Jr., Mary "May" Larry, Anita Rancher, Florelder Rosenberg. Accompanying Mr. Alcazar were Rodney Brown, Vice President, New Covenant Community Development Corporation and President, North Lawndale Chamber of Commerce and Walter Kindred, Manager Investor EATS.

**THE PROVISO TOWNSHIP MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (PTMAN)
CALLS FOR BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN A SUMMER YOUTH
JOB INITIATIVE FOR YOUTHS 13-17**

During a visit to the Board meeting on Tuesday, 14 March 2017, Rev. Albert Johnson, representing PTMAN, announced the P.T.M.A.N. Summer Youth Job Initiative, 26 June—21 July. The job initiative, known as the 4x4x4 Plan, seeks to keep our youth active, while helping them to develop a good work ethic, enhance their skills for future employment aspirations, and acquire money management skills.

Businesses interested in becoming a Job Site should contact Rev. Albert Johnson at (708) 369-0681.

The Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance (PTMAN) is a group of area clergymen, who are committed to serving their communities, especially the youth, with bold initiatives.

The Chamber Newsletter is published by the Maywood Chamber of Commerce monthly, except July and August.

Letters to the editor should be addressed to:
P.O. Box 172, Maywood, IL 60153

Editor-in-Chief: Edwin H. Walker IV

**The Maywood Chamber of Commerce
Box 172
Maywood, Illinois 60153**

CHAMBER 2017 CALENDAR

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| April 11 | Board of Directors
4 pm Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| April 19 | NO GENERAL MEETING |
| May 9 | Board of Directors
4 pm Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| May 15 | General Meeting—Presentation of
Scholarships
Time: 12 Noon
Location: Triton College, 2000 5th Avenue,
Student Center, Bldg. B, Room 204,
River Grove |
| June 7 | Annual Awards Banquet with
Bellwood and Broadview Chambers of
Commerce
Location: Proviso West High School |

POSTMASTER: DO NOT FORWARD



**MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND WESTLAKE HOSPITAL**
invite you to our
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Join elected officials, community & business leaders for an opportunity to learn more about and discuss important issues with legislators over breakfast.

GUEST SPEAKER:

"The End of the Tax Season; Things you Should Know"
Yolanda Ruiz, Internal Revenue Service

WHEN:

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
8 - 10 a.m.

WHERE:

Westlake Hospital
Brewster Hall Auditorium*
1225 Lake Street, Melrose Park, Illinois

*Brewster Hall is located on the Westlake Hospital campus (Corner of 14th & Superior)

RSVP - KINDLY REPLY BY MARCH 28TH

Please call Marta Alvarado at (708) 938-7585 or email malvarad@westlakehosp.com





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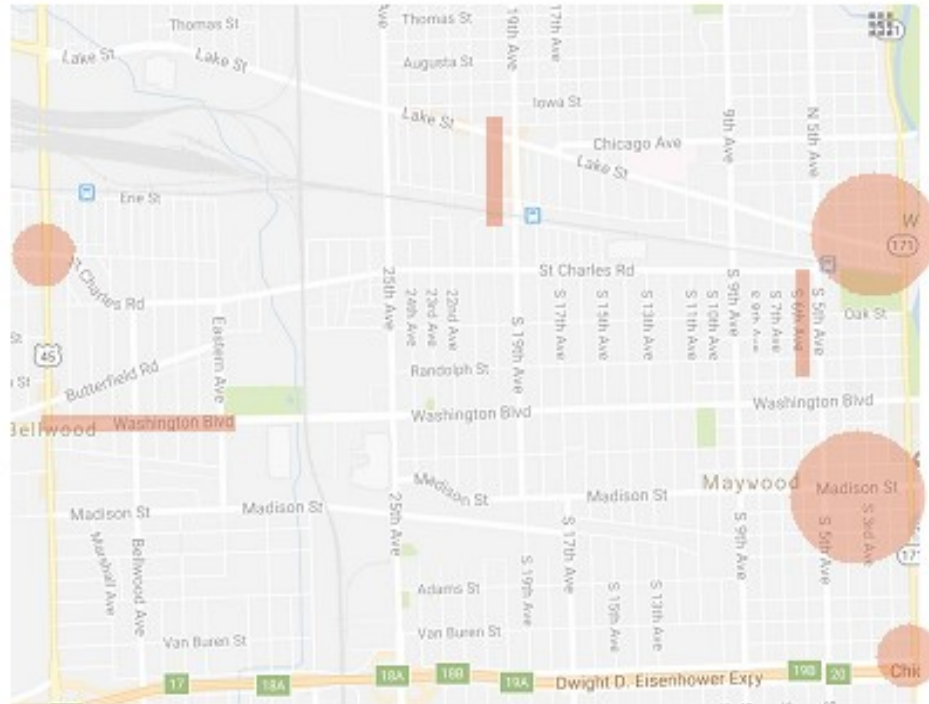
- Marathon Gas Station | 600 Eastern Ave.
- Bellwood Village Hall | 3200 Washington Blvd.
- Senior Suites of Bellwood | 3201 Randolph St.
- Little Achievers Child Care Development Center | 539 Bellwood Ave.
- Bellwood Public Library | 600 Bohland Ave.
- John's Beauty Supply | 3209 St. Charles Rd.
- Convenient Food & Liquor | 3219 St. Charles Rd.
- Pan American Bank | 2801 St. Charles Rd.
- Urban Partnership Bank | 4310 St. Charles Rd.
- Burger King | 220 Mannheim Rd.
- Tops & Bottoms | 219 Mannheim Rd.

BROADVIEW

- Hair Therapy | 1720 W. Roosevelt Rd.
- Hildebrand Sports | 1809 W. Roosevelt Rd.
- Uncle Remus Saucy Fried Chicken | 1801 W. Roosevelt Rd.
- Liberty Tax Service | 1805 W. Roosevelt Rd.
- Gold Elite Jewelry & Loans | 1824 W. Roosevelt Rd.

MAYWOOD

- Operation Uplift | 104 S. 5th Ave.
- Maywood Public Library | 121 S. 5th Ave.



Mariella's Banquet Hall | 124 S. 5th Ave.

Maywood Police Station | 125 S. 5th Ave.

Dadda Tax Service | 906 S. 5th Ave.

Citgo Gas Station | 15 N. 1st Ave.

AfriWare Books | 1701 S. 1st Ave. (Suite 503)

Walgreen's | 100 Lake St.

Marathon Gas Station | 204 Lake St.

Belleza Latina Beauty Salon | 319 Lake St.

El Duranguito | 402 Lake St.

Wash Land | 406 Lake St.

BP Gas Station | 1001 S. 1st Ave.

Maywood Village Hall | 40 Madison St.

AI's Drive-In | 80 Madison St.

Super Save Mart | 101 Madison St.

MELROSE PARK

El Taconazo | 114 N. 19th Ave.

Diana's Shoe Boutique | 122 N. 19th Ave.

Torres Fresh Market | 124 N. 19th Ave.

Melrose Park Public Library | 801 N. 19th Ave.

Lovely Girl Jeans | 141 N. Broadway

OAK PARK/RIVER FOREST

Community Bank of Oak Park & River Forest | 7777 Lake St., River Forest | 1001 Lake St., Oak Park



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Women Heroes of WW I and II

The First Installment of
WW1 to Bataan

A Series of Discussions with Noted Authors and Others

Marking the Centennial of America's Entry into WW I,
and the 75th Anniversary of the Battle for Bataan (WW II)

	<p>Saturday May 6, 2017 – 2 pm</p>		
<p>Maywood Public Library 121 S. 5th Avenue Maywood, Illinois</p>			
<p>Featured Author</p>			
<p>All are welcomed to attend this FREE Conversation on Women in World Wars I and II.</p>			
<p>This series is produced and hosted by Dan Perkins, a cultural historian and Maywoodian, in association with the Maywood Public Library and the Maywood Bataan Day Organization. Copyright 2017</p>			



The National Civil Rights Library



“The Cornerstone Of The Civil Rights Community”

Press Release!

Civil Rights Weekend In America 2017

What: The ***30th Anniversary MLK Dinner & National Civil Rights Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony***

When: April 7, 2017, 7:30pm.

Dedicatee: *The Late Dr. Charles Austin Thurman-Greenwood, MS

Dedicatee: Mrs. Elaine Steele-Raymond & Rosa Parks Inst.-Detroit, MI

Dedicatee: *Mr. Chuck Hughes-Gary Chamber of Commerce

Where: The Charles A. Hayes Center, 4859 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL

Musical Theme: “I Feel Like Going On” Movie “The Five Heartbeats”

Theme: “How Long, Not Long”

Invited Keynote Speaker: Dr. Calvin E. Collins; Greenwood, MS.

Special Thanks: Mr. Tom Hincks; Lakeshore Beverages

Special Thanks: Ms. Espy McSween & Veronica; McSween Enterprises

Celebration Highlight’s: Some of the Highlights featured at this year’s Celebration is the wearing of the Gold Blazers for the Hall Of Fame Members as well as the New Inductees, we will have a Champagne Toast to 30 Years Of Service, with the understanding that we are charged with the responsibility of taking this Organization well into the 21st Century and Points beyond.

Tickets: \$52.00 per Person

Contacts: * William G. Thurman *Dr. Homer Walker Jr.

****Mr. Clarence Glover *Mr. Andy Turner***

Title Sponsor: Bud Light

Ticket & Event Information: (312) 545-0017

Special Invited Guest: *R&B Singer; Mr. Glenn Jones-4-8-2017

VIP Host Hotel: The Chicago South Loop Hotel, 11 West 26th Street, Chicago, IL Reservations (312) 225-7000

