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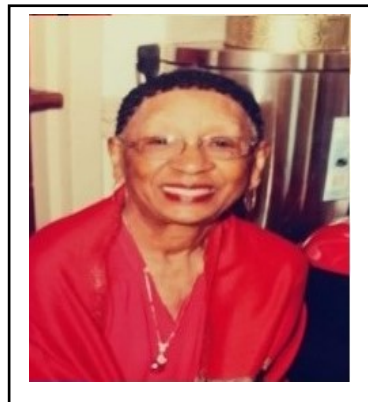
OPERATION UPLIFT, INC. TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR. COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET AT THE DIPLOMAT WEST BANQUET HALL IN ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Diplomat West Banquet Hall, 681 West North Avenue in Elmhurst, Operation Uplift, Inc. will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker will be Pastor Otis Moses III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois. A Community Awards Celebration will follow.



Northica H. Stone
President/CEO
Operation Uplift, Inc.



Laurietta "Jeri" Stenson
Curator, West Town Museum
of Cultural History

Operation Uplift, Inc. is a long-time member of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

**BELLWOOD & MAYWOOD CHAMBERS JOIN
IN THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AT
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO STRITCH
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, 2160 S. 1ST AVE
(BLDG #120)(ROOM 100), MAYWOOD**

On Thursday, 7 December 2017, the Bellwood and Maywood Chambers of Commerce joined in an Annual Holiday Party at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2160 South 1st Avenue (Bldg. 120)(Room 100), Maywood, Illinois. Cocktails began with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m. by heavy hors d'oeuvres, and dessert.

As during the past several years, the Joint Holiday Party took the place of the monthly General Meeting in December.

Among the some 70 people present were Maywood Chamber Board Members Adiel Abelar, Albertine Alexander, Dawood Burhani, Chairman Thomas J. Engoren, Cory Foster, Audrey C. Jaycox, Viola Mims, Christopher J. Parker, and Karen A. Yarbrough; along with Chamber Members Mary Badger, Sam Balark, Isiah Brandon, Dorothy Brown, Kathleen I. Carani, Robert J. Carani, Readith Ester, Sandra Gates, Gabriel Lara, Mayor Edwenna Perkins, Loretta Robinson, Michael A. Rogers, Michael Romain, Police Chief Valdimir Talley, Jr., James Whitehead, Anthony Williams, Donald Williams, Deborah Wright, and Trustee Henderson Yarbrough. Also present was Commissioner Richard R. Boykin, 1st District.

Thanks to Event Chairman, Christopher J. Parker, Board Member of the Maywood Chamber and the President of the Bellwood Chamber, for an enjoyable get-to-gether. Sincere thanks also to Jennifer Koehler, VP for External Relations, Loyola University Medical Center and Maywood Chamber Board Member for providing, on short notice, a beautiful venue for the event.

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Seaway Supply Co.
(B.C. 18)(B)

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**DISTRICT 209 SUPERINTENDENT DR. JESSE I. RODRIGUEZ
HOSTS A COMMUNITY LEADERS BREAKFAST “ESTABLISHING
PROVISO’S PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS”**

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, Dr. Jesse J. Rodriguez, Superintendent, District 209, hosted a Community Leaders Breakfast “Establishing Proviso’s Pathways to Success”, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the District Office, 8601 West Roosevelt Road, Forest Park, Illinois.

Building upon Town Hall meetings held across the District in 2016, the foundation was laid for District 209’s Strategic Plan ONE PROVISO—a collaborative approach for addressing achievement and opportunity gaps for all students.

In April of 2017, Dr. Rodriguez and his administrative team presented to the community the framework to District 209’s Three-year Strategic Plan, that focused on strategic objectives and initiatives, aligned to District goals.

Continuing to “Establish Proviso’s Pathways to Success” during the 2017-2018 school year, community leaders were urged to continue discussions with the District 209 Team, that will enhance academic achievement.

**EDITOR/PUBLISHER MICHAEL ROMAIN URGES VILLAGE
TRUSTEES TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT
CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN
MANAGING THE VILLAGE FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

In the Village Free Press of 13 December 2017, Editor/Publisher Michael Romain provided a cogent and insightful account of the financial problems facing the Village after years of neglect and mismanagement.

Further, he set forth a list of questions that need to be asked and answered, concerning the Board’s collective vision for the immediate and long-term future. Where is a five-year Capitol Improvement Program or a Long-term Strategic Plan, which can be utilized when trying to attract prospective developers? What means does the Board have of regularly tracking the progress of various Village Departments and Department heads? What are the ideas of the Board Trustees for reducing the property tax burden on average homeowners and business owners in the Village?

Finally, authorizing a budget is perhaps the single most responsibility of Board members and the attention they give to this task should be commensurate with its importance. The Maywood Board of Directors were urged to take a look at the best practices and due diligence of nearby municipalities, like Oak Park and River Forest, as well as the efforts of the Proviso Township District 209 Superintendent, Dr. Jesse J. Rodriguez in nearby Forest Park.

Maywood is, indeed, blessed to count Michael Romain as one of its citizens. He has not only provided us with a much needed Village newspaper, but has also challenged the citizens to demand more of its Mayor, Trustees, and Department Heads. We are all called to respond positively to his challenge to participate in the process of reform and growth.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOVES FORWARD IN MAYWOOD AS PLANS FOR A SHIPPING COMPANY ARE PROPOSED ALONG ST. CHARLES ROAD

On Tuesday, 19 December 2017, during a regular Maywood Board of Trustees Meeting, Michal Usika, President & Owner of MIT Express, presented a proposal for the purchase of land along St. Charles Road between 9th Avenue and the Cintas property for the building of a domestic transportation facility.

MIT Express is a domestic shipping company, that is currently headquartered in Broadview and that has operations in four states. Michal Usika, President and Owner of MIT Express, pointed out that, in addition to engine overhauls and other truck repairs, the proposed Maywood facility would handle quick deliveries and drop-offs for companies like Amazon.

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CHAMBER 2018 CALENDAR

January 9 (Tuesday)	Board of Directors 4 pm Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood
January 17 (Wednesday)	General Meeting TBA
February 13 (Tuesday)	Board of Directors 4 pm Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood
February 21 (Wednesday)	General Meeting TBA

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