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The Conference in Action:

HPKCC Schedules Annual Meeting, Busy Autumn!

by George W. Rumsey

This autumn promises to be a hectic season for members of the Conference, as HPKCC-sponsored events will begin shortly after Labor Day and proceed at a non-stop pace throughout the fall. Tops on the agenda will be the HPKCC Annual Meeting, being held Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:00 at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club; at this meeting, members of the Conference will elect new board members for three-year terms (see bios on pages 7-8), as well as hear from community leaders.

The Annual Meeting always coincides with the Fall Garden Fair bulb and mum sale, this year on Saturday, September 20. The Garden Fair Committee has found a new supplier for bulbs, so this year will feature new attractions and *lower prices*. Remember that 40% of the profits go to support the work of the Conference, so buying bulbs and mums not only helps make Hyde Park prettier, it also keeps the Conference working.

The Special Projects Committee of the Garden Fair will also meet in early September to finalize plans for its winter lecture series and the celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2009.

The Conference will also co-sponsor a community forum in early fall with the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce and University of Chicago, focussing on the University's development plans. Dates and times are still being arranged.

On September 10, the next meeting of the Kenwood Park Usage Committee will be held, to continue an ongoing examination of problems and solutions for
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Garden Fair Dedicates Memorial Trees

by Bam Postell

One of the signs of an aging organization is the need to memorialize members who have died, and in the case of the Garden Fair Committee, beloved children of members who have passed away all too soon. Naturally, we wanted to remember our friends by means of living trees, in centrally located Nichols Park. These trees were dedicated on Sunday, June 1. The children's tree, a Kousa dogwood, is located in a stone-framed plot facing 55th Street, near Kimbark, and the adults' tree, an American yellowwood, is located behind it on the far side of the pool.

At the same time we honored the installation of the Mary Milner memorial bench, which is located just north of the Neighborhood Club facing the baseball diamond. This was financed by Mary's life companion, Eugenia Fawcett, and the Committee.

A third memorial was the relocation of
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HPKCC MISSION

The purpose of the Conference is to attend to the civic needs of the community; work toward an attractive, secure, diverse, and caring community; and to promote participation of residents, businesses, institutions, and organizations in programs and activities that advance the interests and concerns of the community. It serves the community as a watchdog, independent voice, and clearing house in the community's ongoing conversation and decisions about those matters which affect and define community life.

HPKCC Plans Busy Autumn

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the use and maintenance of Farmer's Field. The public is invited to attend (7:00, 4th Floor, Hyde Park Bank). HPKCC is currently working on setting up an online calendar for scheduling events in Kenwood Park, to help eliminate schedule conflicts.

The Hyde Park Disabilities Task Force will hold another community meeting to examine the state of accessibility in Hyde Park. This is particularly important, since many new development projects will impact the community, and the concerns for disabled and senior access are growing.

And, of course, the biggest fund-raiser for the Conference is the Columbus Day weekend Used Book Sale. This year, with the generous support of Treasure Island, the Conference is hoping to exceed last year's very successful sale.

The Book Sale depends upon the donations of books from the community. Anyone wishing to donate can bring books to the basement of Treasure Island, where there is a giant "watermelon box" for dropoffs.

The Book Sale also needs volunteers to help sort books. Board members are each taking one night a week to help with the sorting, but more people means the task goes faster. Volunteers are especially needed in later September, when the volume of donations tends to increase.

Volunteers are also needed on the days of the sale, for tallying sales, helping keep the floor organized, or working as cashiers. If interested, please contact the Conference at hpkcc@aol.com or the temporary phone number (773) 955-4455.

On-going meetings will continue for Friends of Blackstone Library, the Environmental Sustainability Task Force, the Nichols Park Advisory Council, and the Development/Preservation Committee. Stay informed at www.hydepark.org.

Garden Fair Dedicates Memorial Trees

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a group of roses in honor of Ruth Billingsley to the bed fronting the new Park District Field House at the north end of the park.

Those present, Garden Fair members and some family members, toasted the memorials in lemonade as they walked from one to another, reading the names of the children at the Kousa dogwood:

Diana Van Valen
David Scheunemann
Norman Nakama
Darcy Black
Reed Schug
Lily Klinger

And the names of the adult members at the yellowwood:

Sophie Rudin
Richard Kersting
Mollie Salmon
Betty Wagner
Janet Shepherd
Miyo Schug
Maxine Brown
Mary Milner
Sue Cullen
Tamara Mendis
Cherry Nakama
Kit Klinger
Cynthia Pittman
Ruth Billingsley
Jim Lichon
Larayne Black

We were pleased to find that the Park District, which governs the planting of

memorial trees in parks, has broadened its list of choices to include some beautiful and lesser known trees. *Cornus kousa*, the Kousa Dogwood, is related to our American dogwood, *Cornus florida*, but is native to Japan, Korea, and China. We chose this tree for its many fine features: smaller size (20 to 30 feet), strong horizontal branching pattern, and bloom time 2 or 3 weeks later than the local dogwood. Kousa's "flowers" are 4 white, pointed bracts around a green center and when they cover the tree make a starry effect. The bracts often turn pink as they age. Raspberry-like fruits follow in August to October, 1 inch in diameter, very decorative and edible. In addition, the tree turns maroon to scarlet in the fall, and the bark, as the tree ages, exfoliates neatly into patterns of grey, tan, warm brown, and pale green.

Cladastris lutea, American yellowwood, is a member of the pea family which will grow 2 to 3 feet per year into an open-arching, dome-shaped tree, to 50 feet or larger, with a spread almost as wide. It casts a dense shade. The foliage is dark green and dense, and turns clear yellow in autumn. In June, it bears long (to 15") panicles of fragrant white flowers, followed by flat, thin pods. It has smooth gray bark which is seen best in winter, accenting the dramatic framework of the branches.

Each of these trees is the only example of its kind in the park, and will grow in size and beauty with the years.

Members of the Hyde Park Garden Fair Committee dedicate memorial trees in Nichols Park (below left). Eugenia Fawcett (below right, right side) helps inaugurate the Mary Milner Memorial Bench in Nichols Park.



Swimming or Drifting at the Point?

by Gary Ossewaarde

The ticketing and surprise harassment of swimmers off Promontory Point, east of 55th Street, raised the ire of residents and Alderman Hairston this summer. Recurrence of the same matter every year led to determination this year to do something about it. Opinion is that for no good reason both people and communities are being disrespected as well as restricted in use of their lakefront. HPKCC wrote a letter to Ald. Hairston thanking her for her efforts to seek a standing solution and asking that this be open rather than some kind of licensed swimming, whether under a lifeguard or “at risk.” We also called for presentation of the resolution at a community meeting. Alderman Hairston, having received slow or no answer from government agencies, requested a public hearing on deep water swimming from the City Council Committee on Parks and Recreation, which we hope will spur resolution that can then be explained to and considered by the community.

Kenwood Community Park

The Kenwood Park Usage Committee, open to anyone in the community, was able with Alderman Preckwinkle (4th) to gain many park improvements from drainage to trash that have languished for years, and the playing fields may be redone in grass in better soil. A schedule to avoid conflicts in team and other park use is being developed that will eventually be kept by the park supervisor and council. A solution to the larger field size and use issue is being worked on in a spirit of cooperation between teams, schools and the advisory council. The council will elect a new board September 24, 7 pm at the fieldhouse, 1330 E. 50th St. The Usage Committee meets again Wednesday, September 10, 7 pm, Hyde Park Bank Bldg., 1525 E. 53rd St., fourth floor conference room.

Olympics

Alderman Hairston holds a monthly 5th Ward Olympics Task Force meeting between residents and agen-

cies 4th Thursdays at Jackson Park field house, 6401 S. Stony Island. A broad area coalition of organizations including SOUL (Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation) with encouragement from officials including Ald. Preckwinkle are forming a Coalition for Equitable Olympics, one objective being community benefits agreements—for information contact James Withrow at jamesdwithrow@mac.com. And the Washington Park Olympics Coalition meets at Washington Park field house, 5531 S. King Drive first Saturdays at 9 am. Several foundations and academic institutions are stepping forward to conduct or fund studies of negative and positive impacts that must be planned for.

Other Matters

New park council guidelines are still being refined by a joint committee and the park district. A few key differences remained at this point.

Chicago Park District will hold its annual council recognition party and ceremonies, with performances including by area children, September 6, 11 am, Northerly Island. Please register through your nearest council if you wish to attend.

The Conference Parks Committee would like to see more parks have councils with regularly scheduled meetings and larger neighbor attendance and will plan a networking and planning meeting to facilitate this.

Plan to attend council meetings and help monitor/improve your park and plan special events. Those with regular meetings include:

- Jackson, 2nd Monday (except day after in October), 7:30 pm, 6401 S. Stony I. (Note exception below)
- Nichols, 2nd Thursday, 7 pm, 1355 E. 53rd St.
- Washington, 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm, 5531 S. King Dr.

Jackson Park's September 8 meeting is superseded by a special community meeting at South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive called by JPAC and Alderman Hairston to review a proposed dome sports facility proposed to be built at the tennis court southeast of Hays and Cornell drives intersection and run by a private foundation, Athletes for Excellence. JPAC asks that residents come, listen, and help decide if this use is appropriate for this park and location.

Finally, there are many volunteer opportunities and groups in our parks, especially gardens and nature areas. Contacts include George Davis (gw.davis@ezi.net) for Burnham Sanctuary at 47th and Metra (generally first Saturdays at 9), Ross Petersen for Jackson/Wooded Island (second and fourth Saturdays 10-1, 773-486-0505), Carol Schneider for Nichols Wildflower Meadow (generally second and fourth Sundays after 3), and Madiem (773-203-3418) for Washington Park natural areas (third Saturdays).

From Park to Farmer's Market and Your Table

The Jackson Park Urban Farm, run by Growing Power, is among the suppliers of the Bronzeville Farmer's Market and fair at 44th and Cottage Grove on Sundays. The HPKCC Sustainable Environment Committee reminds you of other local markets, and that markets and stores are increasingly turning to local and Midwest producers and distributors, reducing energy and chemical use. Farmer's markets include those at 61st and Blackstone/Dorchester on Saturdays, and the Hyde Park Farmer's Market in Harper Court on Thursdays.

Developments in Hyde Park

By Gary Ossewaarde

Where is development going in Hyde Park? Ask people who would like to see much redevelopment and it looks stalled. Ask others who want the neighborhood to stay pretty much as is and they see development occurring fast with little overall planning or consideration for what residents want.

A particular concern is that the University expanded its commercial land purchases and development role—including Harper Court—in addition to fast campus growth. But the University has not communicated decisions about its directions, or whether it will heed findings of community input processes, including meetings and surveys to which so many residents and organizations have committed their time. These processes have included (1) the now-suspended Harper Theater and commercial block, reversing a decision announced following a public-input Request for Proposals that would keep the facades; (2) the RFP guidelines process for Harper Court and the city lot; and (3) the 53rd St. Visioning process. The Conference sent a letter with concerns and preferences to President Zimmer and Alderman Preckwinkle.

Concerns include whether the university will follow the widely expressed desire for development that attracts a wide and neighborhood and university-sought market, serves nightlife revitalization, and serves the practical needs of residents; development should also have structures and layout that is contextual and people-friendly with open space and parking, all of which have been sought in TIF vetting and by HPKCC. For now, groups such as the Conference's Development committee hold to their support for refinement and issuance in late fall of the Harper Court RFP and public review of proposals, as well as to continuing the Visioning program.

Adding to community anxiety is the perception that the University and its development partner for Doctors Hospital have disregarded interests of neighbors and the community during planning on Stony Island Avenue for a much-desired hotel.

Because of these anxieties, the Chamber of Commerce, the Conference, and the University are discussing holding a forum in the near future on Hyde Park development, with focus on the University's role neighborhood-wide. The Conference also wants to ensure that ongoing means of community input and planning remain open. Watch for announcements, input opportunities and news, at hydepark.org and at the TIF meetings (next September 8, 7 pm, at Kenwood Academy).

What Else Is in Play?

Moving most rapidly is **Antheus Capital**, which has fast-tracked two arresting, progressive projects that have garnered praise. These developments are condo/residential Solstice on the Park at 56th and Cornell and (rolled out at the July TIF meeting) a mixed-use development at the key gateway site of Village Center on development-ripe Lake Park Ave. at E. Hyde Park Blvd. In these developments Antheus has taken into account community desire for varied affordable and accessible set-aside units, pedestrian friendliness, sustainable and environmentally friendly LEEDS certification, and thoughtful, innovative design by Studio Gang architects.

Antheus Capital seriously negotiated over affordability with such groups as Coalition for Equitable Community Development, providing perpetual affordable rental units in the building north of Solstice (provided the latter is built) and 15% affordable units and 20% accessible scattered seamlessly through the residential parts of Lake Village Center. Antheus has also consulted on ways to make or include senior-friendliness in developments and some of its rental buildings.

Village Center will embrace the street as well as adjacent public transportation, with uses designed to stay open well into the night, including the popular Original House of Pancakes with longer hours, and tuck ample parking inside the development. There is concern over loss of Village Foods or, should the latter not agree to end its lease early, half a development

for many years. The TIF Planning and Development Committee was scheduled to hold an open review of the Lake Village proposal Monday, August 18, 6:30 pm at Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell.

L3 Development, LLC, set forward at a public meeting and at the TIF this summer a revised proposal for an approximately 18-story rental housing and retail block at 53rd and Cornell Ave. This upscale rental building would house 15% affordable units and a large contingent of accessible units. Design was praised by many. Concerns were expressed about infringement on neighbors and for congestion. Separately Alderman Hairston has held hearings on zoning east Hyde Park between 53rd and 56th for lower buildings so that new proposals for high buildings will have to seek zoning change.

L3 also holds the rights on the sites of the Mobil service station and former McDonald's on 53rd St. west of Kenwood Ave. No definite plans have been revealed.

For Doctors (Illinois Central) Hospital, 5800 S. Stony Island, **White Lodging and the University of Chicago** in July held the first public meeting in a year on the hotel redevelopment project announced in 2007. Alderman Hairston had suspended support and discussion of the proposal (requiring zoning change) last winter after strong neighbor and community objection and presentation of an alternate plan by JG Johnson architects, Hyde Park Historical Society, and Landmarks Illinois that would have adapted the existing building, rated Orange in the Chicago survey of historic resources. Discussions with the alderman were renewed this summer. At the meeting, no specific plan was presented, and the purpose of this and future meetings was given as hearing community expressions of what residents want. White Lodging said the hotel project is marginal for this neighborhood (its first foray into an urban market), gave reasons it did not wish to reuse the present building or have a different scale or significantly different architecture. They did say they had now factored in parking concerns and would do a full traffic and environmental studies if the project is approved and goes into design. They agreed to meet with supporters of an alternative. At least one more public meeting would be held by early fall.

Bulb and Mum Fair to Feature Bulb Collections and Chrysanthemums

by Joy Rosner

The Annual Fall Bulb and Mum Garden Fair of the Hyde Park Garden Fair Committee will be September 20 at the Hyde Park Shopping Center from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Sometimes, when buying bulbs in the fall for spring flowering, it is hard to decide what colors to use together. After all, it's not like buying an annual or perennial plant which might have flowers on it already. It takes a lot of imagination to see these brown lopsided balls turn into the incredibly beautiful flowers during the awakening of spring!

The bulbs on sale at the Hyde Park Garden Fair come with a picture of what you can expect, planting and cultivation instruction, the size of the plant, and when to expect it to flower.

This year we are featuring various collections of bulbs, both samplers of different daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and crocuses as well as collections of different bulbs that will bloom at the same time or under similar conditions.

Some examples include *Butterfly Daffodils Mix*, which are very showy and charming, and *Trumpet Daffodil Mix*, a mix of long

cupped daffodils; *Purple Rain Tulip Mix*, purple, white, and purple-with-white-edged flowers; *Tequila Sunrise Tulip Mix*, which includes tulips that are bright red, yellow, and red with yellow edges; *Summer Sunset Hyacinth Mix*, which is a mixture of purple, red violet, lilac, dark blue, and light blue hyacinths; and *Fat Tuesday Hyacinth Mix*, which includes dark blue violet and yellow hyacinths. Specialty Bulb mixtures include a lovely sampling of Muscari of various blues and white.

If you would like to mix different kinds of bulbs but would like them to bloom at the same time, try the *Early Spring Delight* collection, which includes the miniature and adorable yellow daffodil Tete a tete and blue muscari (grape hyacinths) or the *Firecracker Mix*, which teams yellow and orange Jetfire daffodils with wonderful blue Scilla siberica.

There are many other collections, combinations, and samplers available but as usual we have packs of single types of bulbs that you can combine as you wish. Garden Fair members can also help you make selections.

This year we are featuring more crocuses and colchicums that are planted immedi-

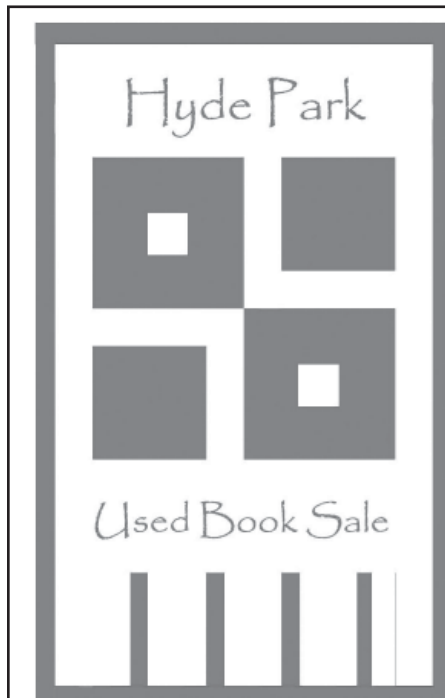
ately after the fair and that will bloom this fall. We will have *Crocus sativus* (the saffron crocus) and the blue *Crocus cartwrightianus* and both pink and white *Colchicum*.



There are also lots of new bulbs that we have never sold before. For indoor planting, try the beautiful Amazon Lily and Paperwhite Inbal. New Daffodils include *Passionale*, a charming white flower with a pink trumpet; *Smokey Bear*, a double flowering narcissus with orange and yellow petals; and *Double Campernelle*, a sweet smelling daffodil that Thomas Jefferson grew at Montecello. New tulips include a glorious dark-red double late tulip called *Double Emblazon* and *Giant John*, a large red-violet beauty. First-time Iris Germanica are *Mariposa Skies*, a white iris with deep blue falls and the delicately colored yellow *Harvest Memories*.

Many other new bulbs and collections can be purchased at the Fall Garden as well as many old favorites too. We will have perennials, ornamental grasses, ornamental cabbages and kales, and pansies that can be planted in the fall. And, of course, we will have hundreds of the always loved blue, purple and pink asters and many-colored chrysanthemums.

This year, there will be a *substantial* drop in prices of our bulbs. We have a new supplier of Dutch bulbs that will be of the highest quality.



Hyde Park Used Book Sale:

We Want Your Books!

HPKCC will once again sponsor the annual Hyde Park Used Book Sale!

Mark your calendars for Columbus Day weekend (October 11-13) in the Hyde Park Shopping Center at 55th and Lake Park.

Book dropoffs are now accepted in the basement of Treasure Island, through the end of September. We also need volunteers to help sort the books and to help staff the sale.

We look forward to seeing you at the sale!

773-419-1384 or online at www.hydepark.org

Income Diversity and Community Development in Hyde Park: A Conversation with D. Garth Taylor (Ph.D. '77)

by Joanne E. Howard

Hyde Park has gone through various changes since the 1960s when urban renewal spread like wildfire across cities around the country. In order to get a perspective on how Hyde Park has changed over the years, the Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference interviewed D. Garth Taylor (Ph.D. '77), President of the Metro Chicago Information Center (MCIC) on his views about Hyde Park, neighborhood institutions as anchors, income diversity, and neighborhood vitality. Dr. Taylor is a national expert on community economic development and his most recent study "Income Diversity and the Context of Community Development" was funded by the MacArthur Foundation.

Q: You came to Hyde Park in 1972 to attend graduate school. Why did you pick The University of Chicago?

I chose the University of Chicago to learn how to be a public opinion pollster. I learned a great deal from working at NORC (National Opinion Research Center) and studying Sociology at the U of C.

Q: Can you relate how Hyde Park has changed over the years?

In the 1960s, Hyde Park implemented an urban renewal plan that resulted in the move-out of low-income renters. This resulted in a major change to the housing stock. Literally, hundreds of rental apartments were demolished to try to stabilize the neighborhood. There was some replacement housing built—most of what you see on 55th Street between Lake Park and Woodlawn dates from this era.

When I arrived in Hyde Park there were definite boundaries to the neighborhood. These boundaries have expanded a lot since the 1970s.

Q: You have written extensively on income diversity in Chicago. How does Hyde Park compare with other parts of the city?

During the 1980s, 1990s and up until a couple of years ago the housing market of Chicago seemed to be rising with no top end in sight. But interestingly, the number of low income families in Chicago



is about the same as in 1970 and the number of high income families is also about the same. What is mostly happening is that the city is becoming a place where there are fewer and fewer middle income families (say, between \$40,000 and \$80,000 in today's dollars) and neighborhoods are rearranging themselves as places where there are: more low income families; more high income families; or both.

Hyde Park is a place where the middle income category is on a rapid decline. There is a big growth in the number of high income families, and recently some small growth in low income families as well—making it a "bimodal" type of community. It's tough to build a neighborhood around two widely divergent income levels—the tastes for services, retail stores, restaurants, types of food in the groceries vary quite a bit. Some people like the diversity, that becomes an important asset for the community.

Neighborhoods need to be really careful about shifting too much in the high income direction. If the guy who fixes bicycles can't afford to live in Hyde Park that means that there's not going to be a bicycle store for several miles and something will be lost to the community.

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Q: What do you have to say about the "anchors" in Hyde Park?

The communities that most successfully weathered the challenges of living in Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s are the ones that had major anchor institutions—major employers that were committed to staying—such as hospitals and universities. University of Chicago played a huge role in defining and managing the urban renewal era in Hyde Park, and in encouraging new home buyers to move in and improve their property. Now, ironically the role of the anchor institution in gentrifying places is often to assist with more balanced growth—finding ways to support the credit and the housing opportunities for an economically diverse population.

Q: From your broad perspective, what are Hyde Park's plusses?

Compared to the rest of the city, Hyde Park has a lot of amenities that will always make it a desirable place to be. I would say the most important are:

1. Public education—Hyde Park has done well in maintaining excellence with its schools
2. Reasonably good linkages to public transportation
3. The lakefront and the parks
4. Good neighbors—a high concentration of interesting people per square mile
5. Diversity—The genome project hasn't yet located the gene for being stimulated by diversity, but I'll bet there is one. At some point this will be viewed unambiguously as an asset in Hyde Park.

We've Moved!

The Hyde Park-Kenwood Conference has a new address. We're now located in the Hyde Park Bank Building at 1525 East 53rd Street, Suite 907.

Although we're still setting up the new office, Conference committees have already started holding meetings there. There's no telephone number yet, but we hope that having a more accessible office (including wheelchair access) increases our communication and interaction with the community!

Special thanks to the South East Chicago Commission for their many years as friendly neighbor and landlord!

2008 Nominees for Election to the HPKCC Board

The following names have been placed in nomination for election to three-year terms to the Board of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference. Elections will be held at the HPKCC Annual Meeting on September 14, 2:30, HP Neighborhood Club.

Jay N. Ammerman

Jay N. Ammerman seeks an opportunity to be a candidate for another term on the HPKCC Board of Directors. He served on the Board of Directors from 2001 through 2007 and held positions of First Vice-President, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, and Chair of the Condo/Co-ops Committee. He also served on the Finance Committee. In the past year, he has continued to monitor and participate in community meetings related to the Development Committee and TIF Advisory Council. Ammerman has been a Hyde Park resident since 1972 and is an alumnus of both the College and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago. Following a professional management career with the American Bar Association, he founded Ammerman Consulting and has applied business, technology, and mathematical problem-solving skills to support business ventures, community banks, and a variety of technological and financial applications. Ammerman has worked with Boards of Directors, Officers, and Committees from a number of diverse organizations including the American Bar Association, The National Judicial College, TASA (Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys), United Way Crusade of Mercy, "The Manor" Condominium Association, BRASS (Behavior Research and Action in the Social Sciences) Foundation, and the Hyde Park Co-op Federal Credit Union.

Amy Becker

I was born and raised on the East Coast, in a suburb of New York City known as Franklin Square. In 1977, I graduated from the University of Rochester with a B.A. in Biology. After working in a research laboratory at Yale University for a year, I came to Chicago to attend graduate school at Northwestern University. In 1983, I completed a Ph.D. program there in Cell Biology and Anatomy.

I have lived in Hyde Park and Kenwood for 30 years. During that time, I raised three children, two of whom are currently attending college. I have served as Secretary on the board of the Akiba Schechter Jewish Day School and as Special Events Chair for the board of Keshet, an organization of Jewish families which serves handicapped children. In addition, I have served on a Research Review Committee for the Michael Reese Child Development Center, done volunteer work in a laboratory at the Field Museum, and taught Folk Dancing at the International House.

I have worked in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Chicago as a laboratory technician and on a health follow-up study of mothers and their children exposed to Diethylstilbestrol (DES) in the 1950s. Currently, I am doing research there which involves coordinating clinical trials for patients with ovarian cancer and maintaining a research database of subjects involved in the studies.

Amy L. Girst

My involvement in downtown redevelopment began in 1978 when, fresh out of law school, I volunteered my services to a redevelopment task force seeking to revitalize Topeka, Kansas' downtown to better appeal to the community, including students at the local university.

I later moved to a larger city where I represented financial institutions and public financing entities in connection with private and public financing of industrial and commercial transactions. In 1993 I moved to Hyde Park to obtain a Master's degree. Since then I have worked primarily in the management consulting field.

I am quite attached to Hyde Park, yet at the same time eager for the community to develop rational plans for redeveloping 53rd Street and other commercial areas to better serve Hyde Park and its neighbors. I am an active member of First Unitarian Church of Chicago.

Wallace E. Goode, Jr.

Wallace E. Goode, Jr. currently serves as an Associate Dean of Students and Director of the University Community Service Center (UCSC) at the University of Chicago.

Goode regularly cites the Marian Wright Edelman quote, "Community Service is the rent we pay for living" and constantly reminds his students not to let their academics get in the way of their education. He speaks throughout the city on the importance of service to our community and on the value of cultivating community service leadership skills.

As Director of the University of Chicago's Community Service Center (UCSC), Mr. Goode encourages students to experience community through service learning, to cultivate their cross-cultural dexterity and to broaden their perspectives through partnerships with community based organizations.

Prior to joining the University of Chicago, Mr. Goode worked for seven years with the City of Chicago as: Special Assistant to the Mayor; Executive Director of Chicago's Empowerment Zone; Assistant Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and the Director of the Mayor's Workforce Solutions Division.

Wallace Goode has 22 years of experience in higher education. He has served as Assistant Dean of Students at both Earlham College and at the Illinois Institute of Technology; Dean of International programs at Allegheny College and did his time as a Residence Hall Director at the University of Vermont.

Mr. Goode has lived and traveled to 39 countries. He managed offices in Jakarta, Berlin, London and Detroit for an international training company that

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Why Not Join or Renew Your Membership TODAY?

Membership Form

Level:

- Family \$30
- Individual \$20
- Senior..... \$15
- Friend \$100
- Supporter \$200
- Sponsor \$500
- Other _____

I am interested in the following programs:

- CAGL (Academic Games)
- Condos/Coops
- Development/Preservation
- Disabilities Task Force
- Environmental Sustainability
- Friends of Blackstone Library
- Hyde Park Garden Fair
- Hyde Park Used Book Sale
- Nichols Park Advisory Council
- Parks Committee
- Schools Committee
- Transit Task Force
- Website and *Reporter*
- WhistleStop/Safety

A community issue that concerns me is:

Member Information:

Your Name:

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prepared senior level executives, of Fortune 100 companies on how the negotiate internationally.

Mr. Goode has served two tours of duty as a Peace Corps Volunteer (Central African Republic and the Solomon Islands). He currently serves as the "vice-president-for-life" for the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association Board of Directors; serves on the Board of Directors of Mt. Carmel High School; the Board of Patrons of St. Thomas Elementary School; the Board of Directors of Elliott Donnelley Youth Center; the Board of Directors of the Canareyville Lions and the Board of Directors of Archi-treasures.

Anita R. Hollins

Upon returning to Chicago from South Carolina in 2000, Anita Hollins became a resident of the Hyde Park-Kenwood area in 2001. Ms. Hollins was familiar with the community as she attended the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and frequented the local businesses prior to moving to the southern part of the country in the 1980s. Ms. Hollins is interested in the community's continued socio-economic growth and looks forward to serving on the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference in that capacity.

Julie Monberg

Julie Monberg is a lawyer and has lived in Hyde Park for approximately five years. She moved to Chicago after graduating from Indiana University - Bloomington, where she earned a joint Juris Doctorate/Master of Public Affairs degree. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University, with a major in French and Political Science and a minor in German. She spent her senior year of college studying in Germany after having spent her senior year of high school in Belgium.

While in graduate school, Julie worked for more than three years in assisted-living homes for adults afflicted with mental illnesses. Upon graduating from law school, Julie practiced in a small general practice firm. She later worked in university administration, where, among other duties, she was responsible for advising international faculty and staff of immigration regulations. After leaving university administration, Julie returned to the private practice of law with a firm in downtown Chicago that specializes in immigration law.

She is licensed to practice law in the states of Illinois and Indiana. She is a member of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives, Chicago Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association. She recently formed her own law practice, Law Office of Julie A. Monberg, P.C., which is located in the Hyde Park Bank Building. Her practice focuses on administrative and general civil law, including Residential Real Estate, Estate Planning, Social Security Disability and Immigration Law.

Julie lives with her husband, Jeff, and their 15-month-old son, Nathan. She regularly uses public transportation and recognizes its importance to the Hyde Park neighborhood. As a mother, Julie is also very interested in Hyde Park's schools and parks.

James Withrow

B.A.-Government, University of Texas at Austin, certified teacher of Social Studies in the State of Texas, 12 years working in retail, currently employed at the University of Chicago supporting desktop computers. Former 2nd Vice-President of the Conference and active on public transportation issues, interested in zoning and retail issues in Hyde Park and Kenwood and owner of the blog Hyde Park Urbanist.

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