



SONIC DRIVE IN OPENS GRANDLY



The much awaited Sonic Drive In at 1200 Torrence Avenue in River Oaks Mall East, opened on Monday June 13th to much fanfare and a steady stream of guests who could hardly wait to have their cherry limeades and Sonic Burgers! Pictured here along with Calumet City Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush are Mike Perry of Sonic; John Campbell of River Oaks/Simon Mall; 2nd Ward Alderman Antione Collins; Chamber Directors, President Yolanda Lott, Branch Manager of Bank Financial, Chamber Director Archie Graham, Chamber Director Tom Cornwell and wife Lois, Jim Gigliotti and as they say, "many, many more!" Sonic employs over 120 locals in 3 shifts and plans to keep at least 80 on past the grand opening festivities. **WELCOME ABOARD SONIC DRIVE IN!**

CALUMET CITY CHAMBER TO HOST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Set for Friday September 30, 2011 at the River Oaks Billy Caspar Golf Course, 159th Street just east of the Bishop Ford Xway. Golf Outing gets underway with lunch at 12:30 and shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to sign up for the golf outing or as a foursome or would like to be a sponsor or raffle prize donor, please call Golf Outing Co-chair Loren Bult at 708-862-9400 or Archie Graham at 708-868-8180.



STEFFENS SAYS 'SO LONG'

The gals at Steffens, Ann, Mary and Mrs. Steffens on their last day at the Bakery in June. In the family for almost 40 years, the Steffens decided it was time to retire. Steffens Bakery has been members of the Calumet City Chamber of Commerce for many years with Paul taking a leadership role from time to time. The Calumet City Chamber of Commerce wishes the Steffens family the very best of luck in the future!

CALUMET CITY CHAMBER TO HOST ANNUAL CAR AND TRUCK SHOW



Set for Saturday September 17th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the River Oaks Center East along Torrence Avenue, the car show

this year promises to be bigger and better than ever! If you are looking to be a vendor, sponsor or a raffle prize donor call Car Show Chairman John Campbell, General Manager of River Oaks Mall/Simon Properties at 708-868-0600. If you are making a donation, please send checks to Loren Bult and Associates, 1467 Ring Road, Calumet City, IL 60409. All payments and applications must be received by September 2nd, 2011 to be guaranteed a spot.



CALUMET MEMORIAL PARK DISTRICT HOSTS CHAMBER MEETING

Pictured here are members of the Calumet City Chamber along with the Calumet Memorial Park District Communications Director Eric Schneider who gave an overview of what the park district has to offer and concluded with a charming video rendition of pre-schoolers enjoying their "Happy Trails" park experiences. Included are Jim Gigliotti, City Development Director along with Chamber Director



Geraldine Jones of Hennessy-Nowak Dignity Memorial Funeral Home, Chamber Director Michelle Santos, GoSmallBiz and PrePaid Legal; Lorraine Szoke of MB Financial Bank; Keith Speaks of Neighborhoods, Inc; Eric Schneider and Chamber Director Chris Martin. Due to inclement weather, the Chamber could not partake of the Family Fun Center, but was instead entertained in the park offices with a promise to return in better weather to stay and play!



LOCAL AUTHOR HOSTS BOOK SIGNING

A close friend of Chamber Director Chris Martin has written a critically acclaimed book called "Identity Lost," a thriller set in Chicago. Author Pat Marco, formerly of the East Side and now of Phoenix is pictured here with Chris Martin, Lou Bufano and David Zadnik during his book signing at O'Hara's Tap on 106th on Chicago's East Side. Lou and Chris are fellow insurance guys (Chris with State Farm and Lou with his own brand Lou Bufano and Associates—Lou is also president of NAIFA-Illinois, the Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors) along with buddy David were on hand that day to celebrate the book signing with their lifelong friend Pat Marco!



PAST CHAMBER DIRECTOR DENISE RZONCA AND HUBBY AT LANSING AIR SHOW

The recent air show at the Lansing Airport brought out fans of unique aircraft and the Rzonca's are front and center pictured here on that bright, sunny Sunday enjoying the planes, the crowds and the pancake breakfast!

EVERY DOOR DIRECT MAIL FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

The Calumet City Post Office is hosting a "Grow Your Business Days" seminar on Friday August 19th from 11 a.m to 12: 30 p.m. and another on the same day, Friday August 19th from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Postal Services offers to help us learn to grow our businesses with "Every Door Direct Mail." We are invited to come to the upcoming Grow Your Business Days seminar, which are part of an ongoing series for businesses. This is a cost effective way to promote our businesses to customers in our areas with a mailing list: Every mailing address—No mailing list. Saturate a target area with our marketing message by utilizing carrier routes instead of mailing lists and save on lists and printing. No need to rent mailing lists or print specific names and street addresses on your mailpieces. Visit USPS.com/growyourbusinessdays to reserve your space for the next Grow Your Business Days Seminar at the Calumet City Post Office, 1200 Ring Road, Calumet City, IL. For more information call 708-563-7701. Thanks to Chamber Director Archie Graham of Sure Facts Investigations for this item.

WELCOME IMANI PROJECTS INC!

New member Dr. Imani Akin, Education Consultant, is a Certified Special Educator with a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Imani Projects, Inc. offers "where learning occurs by experience." She can be reached at 708-612-3795 or by email imanirising@hotmail.com



Dr. Akin incorporated Imani Projects, Inc. in April 1999.

Dr. Imani Akin is an independent education consultant and professional development service provider. She is an associate faculty member of a University's local ground campus, college of education, and her responsibilities include facilitating the teaching and learning experiences in special education courses and during the supervision of student-teacher's placement in the classroom for real world teaching experiences. Her service and leadership experiences occurred in elementary and high school parochial, public, and charter schools in the suburban and urban school districts. She has held leadership roles as:

- Board of Director of a parochial elementary school
- Coordinator of Specialized Services at a Charter high school
- Chair of Special Education Department
- Case manager of an urban public high school
- Instructional Leadership member of school improvement team
- Consulting and collaborative-teacher

Imani's certifications include elementary education with an endorsement in middle school, and a special education K - 12. She is an advance candidate for National Board Certification for exceptional needs students. Imani earned her Bachelor of Arts at DePaul University, her Master of Science in Special Education at Chicago State University and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with the University of Phoenix.

Imani's work in the community includes mentoring with the Black Star Project of Chicago, hosting a focus group of educators and mothers regarding Change in Education, providing free consulting and educational services to local day care staff and preservice educators. She seeks opportunities to collaborate with education professionals by participating in programs of study such as student assessment with Pearson, measuring effective teaching, and attending research training programs of the Institute of Education Sciences.

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CHAMBER JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY JULY 27TH, 2011

At Tom's Restaurant, 894 Burnham Avenue, Calumet City starting at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Three entrees are available Julienne salad, chicken breast sandwich, chopped sirloin steak. Tab is \$15 per person. Members and their guests are invited as well as potential members. Come join us and see how we can help your business succeed in this tough economy! Call Director Chris Martin at 708-862-3737 for reservations.



WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN



to join the Calumet City Chamber of Commerce. We are here to promote YOU and YOUR BUSINESS. Call us at 708-891-5888 and leave a message or call any of the Directors listed here and hear all about us.



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JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday June 27, 2011
 Tom's Restaurant
 894 Burnham Avenue, Calumet City
 starting at 11:30 a.m.

ANNUAL CHAMBER CAR SHOW

Saturday September 17th, 2011
 at River Oaks Center
 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 (rain date Sept. 18th)



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Friday September 30, 2011
 River Oaks Golf Course
 Calumet City
 starting at 11:30 with lunch.
 Shotgun start, 1:30 p.m.