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July 20—Lynn Osmond, Hon. AIA, President/CEO, Chicago Architecture Foundation

Lynn Osmond assumed the position of President and CEO of the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) in November of 1996. Believing that a public educated and engaged in architecture and design helps all of us make better decisions about the places in which we live, Ms. Osmond has overseen the development of CAF into a premier Chicago cultural institution. In accord with Ms. Osmond's vision, CAF has developed a comprehensive program of tours, exhibitions, lectures, special events, and adult and youth education programs.

Under Ms. Osmond's leadership, CAF experienced an outstanding 300% growth, has been consistently ranked in the list of top ten Chicago cultural institutions, has grown its audience to more than half a million visitors, and manages a budget of $11 million. CAF's docent program has thrived under the guidance of Ms. Osmond, becoming internationally recognized as the leading program of its kind in the world. Today, more than 470 docents volunteer their time to lead over 8000 tours annually.

In 2005, Ms. Osmond was recognized as an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects. In 2002 she was awarded the Paul Berger Arts Entrepreneurship Award presented by Columbia College, and in 2009 she received the Chicago Woman Achievement Award from the Chicago Alliance for Women. During Ms. Osmond's tenure, CAF has received numerous awards including the Chicago Community Trust's James Brown Community Service Award for the Most Outstanding Chicago Community Organization in 1998.

Upcoming Luncheon Programs

Please see page two for bios of next three weeks program speakers.
August 10—Job1 Recognition Luncheon
August 17—TBA
August 24 - William Foley, CEO, Cook County Health & Hospital System
August 31— Professor Tony Jones, School of the Art Institute Chicago
September 7 - NBC 5, Carol Marin and Mary Ann Ahern
September 21 - Richard Rodriguez, CEO, Chicago Transit Authority
September 28 - Toni Preckwinkle, Democratic candidate for Cook County President
October 5 - Roger Keats, Republican candidate for Cook County President
October 12 - Rotary Global History Fellowship - Anniversary Celebration
October 19 - Chris Kennedy

Gus Noble, Programming Director

If you have suggestions for programs please call Gus.

Program: July 27 - Father Michael Pfleger

Rev. Dr. Michael Louis Pfleger received his B.A. in Theology from Loyola University, his Master of Divinity from the University of St. Mary of the Lake and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary. He has also completed post-graduate studies at Mundelein College and the Catholic Theological Union.

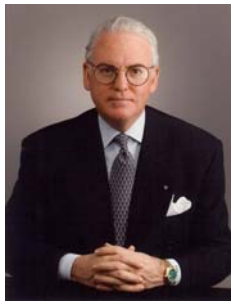
Father Pfleger was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 14, 1975. In 1981, at the age of 31, he became the youngest full pastor in the diocese when he was appointed Pastor of Saint Sabina Church. In 1981, Father Pfleger became the proud adoptive father of an eight-year-old son, Lamar. In 1992, he also became the adoptive father of Beronti. In 1997, he became a foster father to Jarvis Franklin, who was tragically killed as a result of gang crossfire, May 30, 1998. Since 1968, Father Pfleger has lived and ministered in the African-American community on both the west and south sides of Chicago. He spent two summers working in a Native American community in Oklahoma, and did his seminary internship as a Chaplain at Cook County Jail and at Precious Blood Catholic Church, both in Chicago. Father Pfleger has been recognized for his fight against alcohol and tobacco billboards, drugs and racism in People, Time, Ebony, Newsweek and Jet magazines; The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, U.S.A. Today, The Chicago Tribune, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Chicago Reader and numerous other papers and journals. He has also been profiled on the following television shows: "Day One" ABC; "60 Minutes" (CBS); BBC in Great Britain, the Larry King Show and Nightline.

In the course of his extensive and active ministry, Father Pfleger has been recognized for his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice. Some of the awards and honors he has received include: "Keeper of the Dream", Rainbow/Push; Distinguished Service Award, Nation of Islam; "Thurgood Marshall Award", National Black Prosecutors Association; "Monsignor Egan Social Justice Award", DePaul University.

As a minister, Father Pfleger has sought to break down the walls of racism and denominationalism by building unity among all people founded on truth and based on Jesus' command to love one another. This holy calling has led him to be parent, a preacher, a teacher, a lecturer and an activist. However, he believes his most important role is an errand boy for Jesus!

Program: August 3 - Ed Burke, Chicago Alderman

Edward M. Burke, 66, the Dean of the Chicago City Council, has served as Alderman of Chicago's 14th Ward for more than four decades. A recognized expert on city budget matters, Alderman Burke is the Chairman of the City Council Committee on Finance. As Chairman of the City Council's powerful Committee on Finance, Alderman Burke holds the city's purse strings and is responsible for all legislative matters pertaining to the city's finances, including municipal bonds, taxes and revenue matters. He also serves as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission.



Throughout his career in public life, Alderman Burke has been an avid student of Chicago history and is the co-author of three books, Inside the Wigwam: Chicago Presidential Conventions, 1860-1996; End of Watch: Chicago Police Killed in the Line of Duty, 1853-2006; and Glory & Government, Chicago's City Hall at 100.

Alderman Burke is a partner in the law firm of Klafter & Burke and is involved in many civic and charitable organizations, including the One Hundred Club of Cook County, the Knights of Columbus and the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago.

Program: August 10 - Congressman Mark Kirk, Republican Candidate for US Senate and JOB1 Recognition

Mark Kirk represents the 10th Congressional District of Illinois located in the suburbs north of Chicago. Now in his fifth term, Congressman Kirk is s member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and is co-chairman of the moderate GOP Tuesday Group and the bipartisan House US-China Working Group. Congressman Kirk works to advance a Suburban Agenda that is pro-defense, pro-personal responsibility, pro-environment, and pro-science. He wrote a number of provisions which became law, including funding for commuter rail, improving veteran's health care, ensuring military voting, and boosting aviation security.

Kirk was born in Champaign and grew up in Chatham, Downers Grove and Kenilworth. Representative Kirk graduated from New Trier High School (Winnetka) and attended Blackburn College (Carlinville) and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico before earning a B.A. from Cornell. He holds a Masters Degree from the London School of Economics and a law degree from Georgetown. Congressman Kirk began his career on the staff of his predecessor, Congressman John Porter. He later served in the World Bank, the State Department, the law firm of Baker & McKenzie, and the U.S. House International Relations Committee.

Kirk, who holds the rank of Commander, is a Naval Reserve intelligence officer and has served during conflicts with Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, and Bosnia. He recently became the first House member to serve in an imminent danger zone since 1942 when he deployed as a reservist to Afghanistan in December, 2008. He completed his second deployment to Afghanistan in January. Kirk was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his Kosovo service in 1999.