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Letter from the President

By Ed Hammond

The 2007 year has been really special for the IABA. As always, we had some fantastic speakers and very accommodating host sites for our meetings. In April we convened at Kenwood Heights Christian Church, where we heard a presentation from the Dream Foundation about the new playground at Iroquois Park. Along with the excellent lunch provided by our host, we also had a very successful Red Cross Blood Drive for IABA members.

In May and June, we held informative sessions at Iroquois High School and Iroquois Golf Course. A GE Motivational speaker presented a short talk on "Managing Interpersonal Relationships", while Bud Shardein, Executive Director of MSD, spoke about proposed rate hikes.

We have also been busy networking in our diverse community, holding an International Business Reception at National City Bank. Eleven international businesses were represented and one new member was signed.

Other meeting information: July 12th: Our annual Amphitheatre evening event with dinner and a show at MTL; Aug 23th: Congressman Yarmuth addressed issues for SCBA & IABA; Sept 20th: International Breakfast at Americana Community Center. We were also proud sponsors of the National Jug Band Jubilee event at the Amphitheatre on Oct. 12-13.

All in all, we have tried to bring to you, our membership, speakers and meetings of educational and informative interest. If you have any suggestions about *YOUR* meeting format or subjects *YOU* would like discussed in the future, please let us know!



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IABA Members Honored at SoLo Awards

Recognizing some of the best and brightest individuals and organizations in the region, Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital hosted the second annual South Louisville (SoLo) Awards luncheon on September 18 at Churchill Downs. President Tom Gessel was on hand to present eight awards this year, and the IABA was well-represented.

Taking home the award for education was St. Nicholas Academy, led by Head of School Carol Nord. IABA member Delta Direct Staffing was presented with the award in the "Small Business" category. Iroquois High School senior Marquese Carter was honored with the very special SoLo Junior Citizen Award, recognizing his involvement in social issues in his community. Congratulations to all for a honor well-deserved!

New Health Center a Win-Win for the Community

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening was held for the new "Family Health Center – Americana" on September 10 at the facility located at 4805 Southside Drive.

JHSMH President/CEO Bob Shircliff provided remarks at the event, along with Family Health Centers Executive Director Bill Wagner, Mayor Jerry Abramson, Americana Community Center Executive Director Edgardo Mansillia, Congressman Yarmuth's Office representative Marty Meyer and UofL Hospital CEO James Taylor.

The "Family Health Center – Americana" will provide primary and preventative health care services to the community, regardless of the ability to pay for those services.

This is the seventh location established by Family Health Centers. Because the facility will provide services to everyone, it is

**Next IABA Meeting
January 10, 6:00 PM
Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital**

**Join us for this very special
first meeting of 2008. Complimentary refreshments served.**

expected to lower the number of unnecessary visits to hospital emergency rooms in the area.

Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation has committed \$150,000 per year for three years to help fund the new facility in South Louisville.

Mayor Abramson remarked that this was an excellent example of the city expanding services to help meet the needs of its diverse population, while Mansillia expressed excitement about the contribution the Medical Center will make to the local community.

IABA Seeking New Board Nominations

Time is running out to nominate yourself or a colleague for the IABA Board.

Nominations are being taken through November 30, 2007 for the 2008 IABA Board of Directors. Board terms typically run for two years, and the Board meets once a month at Republic

Bank. There are five current members rolling off the Board this year, and each spot will need to be filled.

Elections for the Board will take place at the January meeting of the IABA at Sts. Elizabeth and Mary Hospital on January 10, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Participation on the Board is a great way to build new connections and strengthen existing networks. Please contact Brian Shumate of the Nominations Committee if you are interested in serving. Brian may be reached by phone at 485-3664 or by email at

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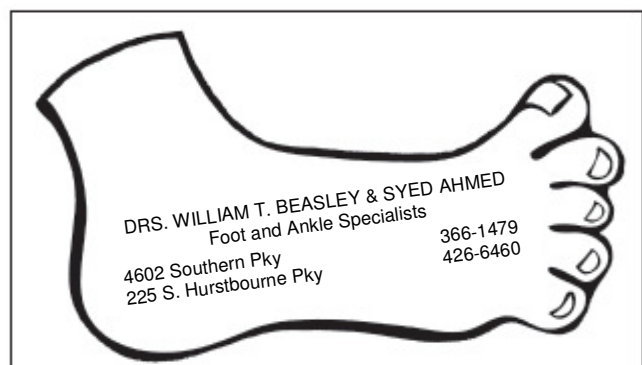
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Metro Parks Earns National Accreditation

On September 27, Louisville Metro Parks became one of only 73 parks and recreation agencies in the nation to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

The announcement, made during the National Recreation and Park Association's annual conference in Indianapolis, places Metro Parks among the nation's best

parks and recreation departments in the nation.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association website, "CAPRA administers a rigorous program based on self-assessment and peer review using national standards of best practice" in evaluating agencies.

Metro Parks spent three years pursuing accreditation, in-

cluding a comprehensive self-assessment of its policies and procedures. In July, a team of experienced parks and recreation professionals from accredited agencies visited Louisville for a three-day review of the department's operations. The commission determined that Metro Parks met 150 of 155 industry standards. To become accredited, agencies must meet 36 fundamental standards and 102 of the remaining standards.

Congratulations to Louisville's "City of Parks", and especially to our own Iroquois Park!



An increasing number of parks and recreation agencies across the country are applying for this Agency Accreditation Program.

Park Hosts National Jug Band Jubilee

The IABA was a proud sponsor of the third annual National Jug Band Jubilee at the Iroquois Amphitheater on Oct 12-14. Jug bands from six states provided the unique form of music to which Louisville has historic ties. Included in the lineup was Louisville's own "Juggernaut Jug Band".

"Jug bands and their fans around the world consider Louisville the early home—perhaps the birthplace—of jug band music," said National Jug Band Jubilee President Rod Wenz.

National Jug Band Jubilee, Inc. is a volunteer, non-profit corporation.



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