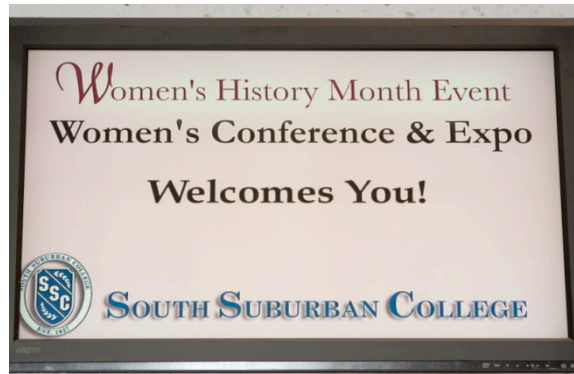


The Chicago Women's Conference & Expo



"The Women's Conference was a perfect combination of learning, inspiration and fun! I certainly look forward to next year."

March 12, 2010. Attended by over 200 women of all ages and cultural backgrounds, the 2010 Chicago's Women's Conference & Expo was deemed "spectacular" and "outstanding" by attendees, speakers and exhibitors. Hosted by the Business & Career Institute of South Suburban College, over 20 speakers provided participants with the latest information on personal wellness, business & finance, parenting & family issues.

More than 50 exhibitors were on hand to showcase and sell jewelry, accessories, apparel, cosmetics, nutritional supplements and other household items. Information was also made available on financial, health and wellness, social and government services. Participants were treated to a phenomenal keynote address given by local physician, author and speaker Dr. Cheryl Woodson. Her speech entitled, "If You Don't Have Tickets for the Space Shuttle, You'd Better Make It Work Down Here: Live Your Dreams" inspired the audience to strive for excellence by changing simple behaviors and thought processes.

Robin Kelly, Chief of Staff for Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, provided closing remarks to the audience, highlighting her struggles and efforts to be successful in the world of politics. Ms. Kelly's presentation, "Succeeding Against the Odds" was the perfect way to end a wonderful event.

The 2010 Women's Conference & Expo was sponsored in part by the following companies: MetroSouth Medical Center (\$1,000 sponsor), Ed Miniati, Inc. (\$750 sponsor), Harris Bank and AT&T (\$500 sponsors). The conference was also made possible by Walt's (South Holland), Walgreens (South Holland), Ultra Foods (Lansing), The Shopper Newspaper, Costco, Jewel-Osco

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Advisory board members (Patrice Burton, Sharon Case, Jennifer Holmes, Erica Humphrey, Shari Lewis, Blevian Moore, Jacki Rivera, and Sheree Sanderson) also contributed time and dedication to this important event.

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2009 Public Works Snow & Ice Conference

Winter in the Chicago area is not for the faint of heart. But most of us are not really aware of what public works departments must do to prepare for and deal with winter operations. Winter preparedness is an all year issue. In November, the Business & Career Institute hosted its second annual public works snow and ice conference, moving it to the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Tinley Park.

The conference focused on winter operations, sustainable winter services, new techniques in snow and ice management, sensible salting, environmental issues, and other challenges and concerns facing public works departments. Special breakout sessions were held for public works management on leadership, regional partnership opportunities, and other issues, while public works operators attended breakout sessions on salting and calibration, plowing techniques, achieving excellence, and hands-on calibration training.

Two nationally acclaimed speakers presented: Mark DeVries, Maintenance Superintendent for the McHenry County Illinois Division of Transportation and Bret Hodne, Public Works Director, West Des Moines, Iowa. Both deliver training nationally and internationally, including Argentina, where they traveled the country speaking on winter maintenance procedures and environmentally friendly materials. For DeVries, this was his third presentation at South Suburban College public works conferences. (Watch for him whenever there are newspaper articles or news conferences about snow in the Greater Chicago region.) Additionally, four operators offered the non-management perspective, providing valuable insights for directors and other operators.

Most of our local municipalities have been unable to send public works professionals to the regional or national snow and ice conferences. The South Suburban College solution: bring the conference here!

For more information on public works training or to suggest topics, contact BCI, at (708) 596-2000 ext. 2556 or email NBurrows@ssc.edu.

