

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

October 9, 2009

## Message from County Executive Walker

*Thanks to the members of the County Board Finance and Audit Committee for voting in support of a plan to save \$1.6 million in the 2009 county budget through furlough days.*

*Earlier this year, I pushed a plan to enact 35-hour workweeks. While this plan is slightly different, it does provide significant savings. I will sign it once it is passed by the full County Board.*

*To keep this from becoming an annual event, we need to pass major reforms to public employee wage and benefits. Without substantive changes, the county will continue to feel budget crunches in future years.*

*Like the automobile manufacturers, county government must deal with the legacy costs to insure financial sustainability.*

Scott



## Heart Hospital recognized



County Executive Walker joined Wauwatosa Mayor Jill Didier, hospital leadership, and staff of the Wheaton Franciscan-Wisconsin Heart Hospital to celebrate two consecutive years receiving the Top 1% Patient Satisfaction ranking. (Press Ganey collected data from more than 40% of hospitals nationwide). The hospital opened in 2004.

## Grand reopening



(Photo L-R) West Allis Mayor Dan Devine, County Executive Walker, and Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust VP and Executive VP Ed Wizner and Tom Litzler participated in grand re-opening ceremonies at the West Allis Towne Centre this week. The shopping center was originally constructed in 1986.

## Community Development



(Photo L-R) Giacomo Fallucca – Palermo president and CEO, José Mantilla – President of Legacy Bank, County Executive Walker, and Alderman Willie Hines participated in an event held by the U.S. Treasury Department to announce \$53 million in awards for community development. The awards will build the capacity of 62 Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) across the nation who serve economically distressed communities. Three of the CDFI to receive funding are located in Milwaukee.

## Catholic Knights 125th



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation to Bill O'Toole, President of Catholic Knights, at their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary kickoff celebration. 650 delegates and guests attended the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention in Milwaukee.

## United Way Campaign



Kinyada Watts, Children's Outing Association (COA) Student of the Year, addresses the leadership of the United Way "Live United" charitable giving campaign. Walker participated in the meeting at the COA Goldin Center, one of United Way's agency partners. County Executive Walker is a community leader on the committee to help raise \$45 million. Visit [www.reasonstogive.org](http://www.reasonstogive.org) for more information or to donate to this cause.

## Community Events

County Executive Walker organized a team for both the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk and the American Lung Association Lung Walk this past weekend.

Petr Kolar, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States from the Czech Republic, visited Milwaukee this week and met with County Executive Walker and Ambassador Rick Graber (photo below). Graber recently completed serving as the US Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

