

Sara Lee Corp  
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September 16, 2008

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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*SARA LEE CORPORATION*

Stockholder Meeting to be held on 10/30/08

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**Proxy Materials Available**

Proxy Statement  
2008 Annual Report

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**Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual  
  
Meeting Date: 10/30/08  
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m. CDT  
  
For holders as of: 09/03/08

**Meeting Location:**

The Carlisle  
  
435 East Butterfield Road  
  
Lombard, Illinois 60148  
  
(630) 960-0210

**Meeting Directions:**

For Meeting directions please go to:  
  
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**Vote In Person**

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director and FOR proposals 2 and 3.**

**Vote On Proposals**

Proposal 1: Election of 13 directors

1a) Brenda C. Barnes

1b) Christopher B. Begley

1c) Crandall C. Bowles

1d) Virgis W. Colbert

1e) James S. Crown

1f) Laurette T. Koellner

1g) Cornelis J.A. van Lede

1h) Dr. John McAdam

1i) Sir Ian Prosser

1j) Rozanne L. Ridgway

1k) Norman R. Sorensen

1l) Jeffrey W. Ubben

Proposal 2:

Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Sara Lee's independent registered public accountants for fiscal 2009

Proposal 3:

To vote on the reapproval of performance measures under Sara Lee's long-term performance stock plans

1m) Jonathan P. Ward

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