

Sara Lee Corp  
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September 14, 2007

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**SARA LEE CORPORATION**

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The following materials are available for view:

**Notice and Proxy Statement/Summary Annual Report/Financial Report**

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[www.saralee.com/annualmeeting](http://www.saralee.com/annualmeeting)

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**If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the above listed documents you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before 10/12/07.**

To request material:

**Internet:** [www.saralee.com/annualmeeting](http://www.saralee.com/annualmeeting) **Telephone:** 1-800-579-1639 **\*\*Email:** [sendmaterial@investorEconnect.com](mailto:sendmaterial@investorEconnect.com)

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**SARA LEE CORPORATION**

3500 LACEY ROAD

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-5424

**Vote In Person**

Should you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting you must take certain action. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an admission ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. This notice serves as your admission ticket.

**Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to **WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM**.

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have the 12-digit Control # when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

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The Annual Meeting for holders as of 9/4/07

is to be held on 10/25/07 at 9:30 a.m. CDT

at: Drury Lane Theatre  
100 Drury Lane

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

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**ADMISSION TICKET**

**SARA LEE CORPORATION**

Only stockholders who own Sara Lee common stock as of the close of business on September 4, 2007, will be entitled to attend the Annual Meeting. This notice serves as your admission ticket to the Annual Meeting. This notice admits only the stockholder listed on the reverse side and is not transferable. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, please bring this notice and some form of government-issued photo identification (such as a valid driver's license or passport). If the Sara Lee shares are held in a bank or brokerage account, contact your bank or broker to obtain a written legal proxy in order to vote these shares. If you do not obtain a legal proxy, you will not be entitled to vote these shares, but you can still attend the Annual Meeting if you bring a bank or brokerage statement or other confirmation that you owned shares of Sara Lee common stock on September 4, 2007.

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**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

**From Route 83:**

Exit at Roosevelt Road/Butterfield Road East, follow signs to Drury Lane.

**From Roosevelt Road:**

Exit Route 83 South. On Route 83 South take the Roosevelt Road/Butterfield Road East Exit, follow signs to Drury Lane.

**From Downtown Chicago:**

Take the Eisenhower Expressway/I-290 West to I-88 West. Pay toll and exit at Cermak Road. Proceed through the stoplight so you are heading North. Continue on Spring Road and bear right onto Drury Lane Street. Drury Lane will be on your left at the end of the road.

**From the West on I-88:**

Exit at Midwest Road, turn right, proceed to Butterfield Road and turn right. Proceed to Drury Lane exit.

**From I-294:**

Exit I-88 West. Pay toll, exit at Cermak Road. Proceed through the stoplight so you are heading North. Continue on Spring Road and bear right onto Drury Lane Street. Drury Lane will be on your left at the end of the road.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director, FOR proposals 2 and 3 and AGAINST proposals 4 through 6.**

Proposal 1: Election of 10 directors

- 1a. Brenda C. Barnes
- 1b. Christopher B. Begley
- 1c. Virgis W. Colbert
- 1d. James S. Crown
- 1e. Laurette T. Koellner
- 1f. Cornelis J.A. van Lede
- 1g. Sir Ian Prosser
- 1h. Rozanne L. Ridgway
- 1i. Norman R. Sorensen
- 1j. Jonathan P. Ward

- Proposal 2:  
Ratification of the appointment of  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Sara Lee's  
independent registered public accountants for fiscal  
2008
- Proposal 3:  
To vote on the approval of the Sara Lee Corporation  
Performance-Based Incentive Plan
- Proposal 4:  
To vote on a stockholder proposal regarding submission  
of stockholder proposals
- Proposal 5:  
To vote on a stockholder proposal requesting  
amendments to Sara Lee's Bylaws
- Proposal 6:  
To vote on a stockholder proposal requesting an advisory  
vote on executive compensation

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Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m. CDT  
For holders as of: 9/4/07

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Proposal 6:

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**Voting Instructions**

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