

# THE OAK LAWN NETWORKER

## Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

### Mission Statement:

*“The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.”*

### 2019 Board of Directors

The Chamber would like to thank all the Board Members for volunteering their time to make this Chamber successful.



Congratulations to Nothing Bundt Cake of Oak Lawn who was recognize as the 2018 Outstanding Chamber Member of the year.



### March/April 2019

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## President Remarks



The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is an integral part of our thriving community. I am honored to serve as your president for the 2019 year. Your membership with the chamber is greatly appreciated and it is my hope for this to be our best year yet!

We will continue to provide our members and the community

with worthwhile information and services. I truly appreciate the hardworking board members and committee volunteers who tirelessly ensure events are welcoming and informative. I am also grateful for everyone who works diligently to keep our businesses and community safe.

Last year the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected to develop a strategic plan. This detailed plan will support the continuity of the organization by ensuring that the defined vision and mission of the chamber is carried forward to each term's leadership team. We have received great feedback and are pushing ahead in 2019 to deliver on our 7 core goals. Your partnership during this process has been impactful in creating an even stronger and more viable chamber. We will continue to bring forth new initiatives and solicit your input.

I encourage every member to actively promote the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce through social media, clients, family, friends, etc. Working together gives us a stronger voice with elected officials, new businesses, and the Oak Lawn community. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Remember to shop Oak Lawn!

Sincerely,  
Don Murphy – President

### 2019 Officers and Directors

#### President

Don Murphy (American Family Insurance)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Dr. Katie Narbone (Complete Vision Care)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Erin Foley (Oak Lawn Public Library)

#### Treasurer

Eileen Kerlin-Walsh (Kerlin-Walsh Law)

#### Secretary

Jim Makina (Allegra Marketing \* Print \* Mail)

#### Immediate Past President

Vicki Scanlon (Providence Bank & Trust)

#### Term Expiring 12/31/1

Mike Abdallah (Style 95 Barber Shop)

Carmen Abascal (I Love Blue Pencils)

Joe Cwiklinski (Century 21 Affiliated)

Bernard Deir (Midwest Business Consulting)

David D. Dewar (Tax-Free Retirement Solutions)

Greg Greiman (Hayes Local Marketing)

Jeremy Marek (Marek Lawn & Landscape, Inc.)

Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster F.H.)

Jim Munz (Advocate Aurora Health)

Charlie Shirk (Hilton Chicago / Oak Lawn)

Sharon Vetsch (The Quick Book Pro Advisor)

Natasha Williams (Mass Exodus Adventures)

#### Term Expiring 12/31/20

Paul Belsky (Saint Xavier University)

George Cachares (Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center)

Phil Costello (Oak Lawn Park District)

Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)

Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle)

Ryan Lichter (Evergreen Park Web Solutions)

Jose Pareja (JP Architects Ltd.)

Steve Radice (Village of Oak Lawn)

Mike Riordan (Oak Lawn Community High School)

Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)

Mike Sutko (World Travel Mart)

#### Chamber Staff

Julie Miller - Executive Director

Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant

## Your Chamber at a Glance

- **Ambassador Meetings**
- **Business After Hours**
- **Luncheon**
- **Lunch & Learn**
- **Business After Hours**
- **New & Perspective Breakfast**
- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies**
- **State of the Village Address**

Please check the calendar on page 13 or the Chamber website for time and location. All events are posted on our website: [www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)



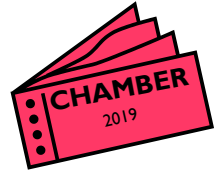
## **Follow The Chamber!**



[www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)

## **2019 Bonanza Raffle on Sale!**

Each ticket price is \$10 and four winners are picked each month: one \$100 winner, one \$50 winner and two \$25 winners.



**Buy now! 48 chances to win with each ticket!**

**Congratulations to winners**

### **January**

New Day Spa - \$100

Bud Stalker -\$50

Dr. David Finkelstein -\$25

Kelly Webb - \$25

### **February**

Jim Prusak - \$100

Jack Baker - \$50

Get Social Communications - \$25

Joan & Chris Lyons - \$25

## **Business of the Week Email Blast**

### **Program - Spots Available for 2019**

Member of the Week email blast program.

Designed to put **YOU** in the spotlight, this program allows information about your business, upcoming events, specials, and more to be sent to nearly 1000+ registered email subscribers. You can even include logo, photos, even links to your website!

These blast go out each Monday and spots are reserved in advance and taken on a first come, first-served basis. The cost to participate is \$25 a week.

If you are interested in one of these Monday Blasts, please contact the Chamber office for a schedule.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

## **AB Renovations Inc**

Art or Andres Montero  
708-682-8907  
9117 S Kenton Ave Suite 4  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
www.abrenovationsinc.com

## **Air Force Reserve**

TSgt Rexford Robb  
708-704-1232  
6330 W 95th St  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
www.afreserve.com

## **American Advisors Group**

Dennis Ryan  
2106 W 103rd St  
Chicago, IL 60643  
773-590-8221

## **Aishling**

Tkira Wilkerson  
708-361-7845  
13255 Southwest Highway #200  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
www.aishlingcare.com

## **Bounce My House Events**

Tariq Elkhatib  
708-586-7360  
11535 183rd PL #119  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
www.bouncemyhouse.com

## **Chicago Billboards**

Todd Sanders  
847-344-2918  
PO Box 5097  
Naperville, IL 60567  
www.chicagobillboards.com

## **Lab Express**

Ginger Pruitte  
708-907-5694  
5000 W 95th St #B  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

## **Three 20 Media**

Jamel Williams  
708-351-3483  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
www.three20media.com

## **Synergize Consulting, LLC**

Frank Ciccarella  
708-972-2846  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

## Community Events

**Breakfast with the Legislators March 11th** will begin with networking at 7:30 a.m. in the [Butler Reception Room](#) located in the Warde Academic Center -- followed by breakfast and the program at 8 a.m. General admissions for the event is \$15 per person and breakfast is included in the cost. Pre-registration is encouraged as limited seating will be available the day of the event. Register online by visiting the [Breakfast With Your Legislators](#) webpage. SXU is delighted to host this annual event and encourages community member to attend and join the conversation with its elected officials. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Special Events at 773-298-3748 or [specialevents@sxu.edu](mailto:specialevents@sxu.edu)

**We cordially invite you to Bethany Christian Services 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser dinner, *Family Changes Everything*.** It is an elegant affair to be held Thursday, March 14, 2019 at The Carlisle. This special event will host nearly 300 attendees from across the Chicagoland area and surrounding suburbs. All the proceeds from the *Families Changes Everything* dinner will benefit Bethany Christian Services and Safe Families for Children (SFFC). This year we seek to enhance our Safe Families for Children program by adding on: 1) hiring a part-time coordinator to support our full-time Safe Families Coordinator, 2) enhance SFFC by providing Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) trauma-informed counseling to the clients served by SFFC; and 3) enhance SFFC by pairing it with evidence-based Nurturing Parenting Program. We welcome you to our event. **No cost to attend.** Please RSVP by contacting Veronica Studnicka, Office Manager, at (708) 385-4889

**Men's Gathering "The Kingdom Man" Oak Lawn, IL, March 9, 2019:** The Church of Chicago will host a Men's Gathering for ALL MEN & BOYS on March 9, 2019. The theme of this event is the "The Kingdom Man." It will be held at 10000 S. Kostner Ave (Elim EFC) from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 9, 2019. This event is created to help God's men to grow. "A kingdom man zeroes in on one purpose only – advancing the kingdom for the betterment of those within it, which glorifies the King. He pursues this at whatever personal cost." (Tony Evans). How can you be the best man that God calls you to be? Join us. Breakfast will be served. If you would like more information please contact our office at 773.672.7230 or connect with us online at [www.churchofchicago.org](http://www.churchofchicago.org).

**Wednesday March 13 2019 10AM Protect your pot of gold with our Wills Trusts & More Estate Planning Basics.** Join Eileen Kerlin Walsh Attorney at Kerlin Walsh Law & Vince Bailey Bank Financial Wealth Advisor at their upcoming workshop on estate planning basics. 11301 Harlem Ave Worth, IL 60482 Refreshments will be served. RSVP your spot today 708-448-5169 or [Christine@kerlinwalshlaw.com](mailto:Christine@kerlinwalshlaw.com)

**March 21st 11:30AM –3:00 PM Lunch & Learn Illinois Higher Education Supplier Diversity.** Joliet Junior College 1215 Houlbolt Rd Joliet, IL 60431 U Building Auditorium to [RSVP.jjc.edu/IHESD](http://RSVP.jjc.edu/IHESD)

**Ice Arena's "Hello Spring" Skate event,** from 1:00-2:30pm, on Sunday, March 24. Join us for a special Open Skate as our favorite Spring-time pal visits on and off the ice. Music will be provided by our DJ. \$7.00 admission and \$3.00 skate rental. Ice Arena is located at 9320 S. Kenton Avenue. For more information, please contact 708-857-5173





**Senior**

**FREE!**



# Health-Safety Expo

**“Our Community, Our Health, Our Future”**

**Wednesday  
March 27, 2019  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Oak Lawn  
Senior Center  
5220 W. 105th St.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

- ♦ **Drug Disposal**
- ♦ **Balance Screening**
- ♦ **Blood Pressure Checks**
- ♦ **Blood Sugar Testing**
- ♦ **Home Security Tips**
- ♦ **Medicare/ VA Benefits**
- ♦ **And Much More**

**Document Shredding  
Sponsored by State Representative  
Kelly Burke 9:00-11:00AM**

## **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

**START AT 9:30 AM**

- **DIABETES**
- **MEDICARE ABC'S**
- **SAFETY & SECURITY**

**FREE GIFTS FOR FIRST 30  
ATTENDEES @ EACH SESSION**

**INFORMATION CALL 708-424-8300 or visit [www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)**



# CHAMBER PHOTO GALLERY

## Installation



## Lunch & Learn



## Ribbon Cutting ~ Jesse Coleman Keller Williams





# CHAMBER PHOTO GALLERY



Ribbon Cutting ~  
Foot & Ankle Health Center

BAH ~ Gracepoint



Business After Hours ~ DGK Realty



# CHAMBER PHOTO GALLERY



February Luncheon

February Breakfast



BAH ~ Cognitive Clinic



Jason Deli Ribbon Cutting





# Business After Hours ~ O'Hara & Friends Salon

## O'HARA & Friends Salon

invites you to...



Oak Lawn Chamber Event:

BUSINESS

*After Hours*

*Come see what our Salon has to offer  
and enjoy the company of fellow  
local businesses in the area!*

*Location:*

O'Hara & Friends Salon

7008 W. 127<sup>th</sup> St.

Palos Heights, IL 60463



- Light snacks & beverages will be provided!
- Enter for a chance to win a gift basket!

RSVP: 708-239-1111



[Click Here to RSVP](#)

# Business After Hours ~ The Foot & Ankle Center

## FOOT & ANKLE *Health Center*



### **Foot & ankle work injuries impact thousands of Americans annually!**

At least 60,000 foot & ankle injuries are responsible for keeping people from work every year<sup>1</sup>.

The average cost of one of those lost workdays is \$9,600<sup>1</sup>.

Eighty (80) percent of foot injuries are caused by objects that weigh 30 pounds or less<sup>1</sup>.



### **FOOT & ANKLE *Health Center***

*Dr. Sonia Goyal, D.P.M.*

708-576-8814 phone  
708-581-3945 fax

5716 W. 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453  
oaklawnfootandankle.com

Dr. Sonia Goyal is a well-known Podiatrist who manages many patients in the south suburbs of Chicago.

She works with employers to manage foot & ankle health safety and injuries.

Come and meet Dr. Goyal at her Business After Hours event and learn if you or your employees can benefit from her care.

Dr. Goyal provides:

- Screening evaluations for foot & ankle safety as per OSHA standards
- Urgent foot & ankle care for acute injuries
- Ongoing chronic management for long term injuries

Her goal is to help employees avoid foot & ankle injuries and optimize job productivity!

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce:

**Business After Hours**

Date: April 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Foot & Ankle Health Center

*Food and refreshments will be served!*

1. Lost Worktime Injuries and Illnesses. Bureau of Labor Statistics. United States Department of Labor. 2005.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Join Us For The

4<sup>th</sup> Annual

 **SMALL BUSINESS  
CLINIC**

Hosted by Midwest Business Consulting, Bedford Park Clearing Industrial Association,  
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, and Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce

May 16, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
(Check-in begins 8:30 a.m.)



**Location:**

**Oak Lawn Pavilion**

9401 S. Oak Park Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

**Come out and take  
advantage of the  
following resources:**

- ✓ Meet and connect with local businesses
- ✓ Access to small business organizations
- ✓ Attend free business seminars and learn from industry professionals
- ✓ Get your product/service in front of local buyers with an exhibit table or sponsorship
- ✓ Participate in raffles and door prizes
- ✓ Network and enjoy light snacks, refreshments, and more!

Register at [www.CSS-SBC.com](http://www.CSS-SBC.com) or by phone at (708) 571-3401

[Sponsorship form](#)

[Exhibitor form](#)



# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 BAH	8	9
10 Daylight Saving	11	12 Luncheon	13 Ambassador Meeting	14	15	16
17 	18	19 Ribbon Cutting	20 BAH	21	22	23
24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27 Health Expo	28	29	30
31						

**March 7th,** Business After Hours Credit Union | 5535 W 95th St 5:00-7:00PM

**March 10th,** Daylight Savings

**March 12th,** March Luncheon,  
Oak Lawn Community High School  
9400 Southwest Highway  
11:30AM Registration 12:00PM Lunch

**March 13th,** Ambassador Meeting  
Les Brothers  
8705 Ridgeland Ave.  
8:00 AM

**March 19th,** Ribbon Cutting  
NovaCare  
4710 W 95th St.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
4:30 PM

**March 20th,** Business After Hours  
O'Hara & Friends Salon  
7008 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL  
5:00-7:00PM

**March 27th,** Annual Health & Safety Expo  
Senior Center  
5220 W 105th St.  
9:00AM-12:00 PM

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Luncheon	10 Ambassador Committee	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Lunch & Learn	18 BAH	19	20
21 	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**April 9th,** April Luncheon  
Hilton Oak Lawn  
9333 S Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn, IL  
11:30 Am 12:00 Lunch

**April 10th,** Ambassador Committee Meeting  
Les Brothers  
8705 Ridgeland Ave.  
8:00 AM

**April 17th,** Lunch & Learn  
Oak Lawn Public Library  
9427 S Raymond Ave.  
11:30AM – 1:00 PM

**April 18th,** Business After Hours  
Foot & Ankle Health Center  
5716 W. 95th St .  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Save the Date!

Annual Golf Outing

Wednesday, July 10th

