

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.”



Shop Oak Lawn Businesses and celebrate this holiday season at our free family event.

Saturday, November 30, 2019
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Trolley rides every 15 minutes between the Metra Station & Santa on the Green
Visit our website for more information
www.oaklawnchamber.com

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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GET ENGAGED !!!



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Past President's Club Luncheon

The first Past Presidents' Club luncheon took place on Thursday, October 17th at Francesca's on 95th St. We had 15 past presidents in attendance.

The Past Presidents Club luncheon was created through the Strategic Plan as one of the initiatives, part of goal #5 Improve / Strengthen the Board of Directors. We wanted to get input from these past president's and business people of Oak Lawn about the history and the workings of the Chamber in the past.

In attendance was Milt Anderson (1977), Jim Buschbach, (1985), Brian Anderson (1994), Klem Brzuskiwicz (1995, Joan Buschbach (1996), Laura Shallow (1998), Anne Marie Casey (2004), Leo Gutchewsky (2006), Rita Olsen (2010), Karen Boll (2012), Jeff Reichl (2013), Michelle Williams (2014), Jennifer Villafan (2015), Adam Woodworth (2017)



Save the date!

The Annual
Installation of Officers & Directors
January 18, 2020

Formal invitation will be mailed in December.

2019 Officers and Directors

President

Don Murphy (American Family Insurance)

1st Vice President

Dr. Katie Narbone (Complete Vision Care)

2nd 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)

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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**
- **Multi Chamber BAH**
- **New & Prospective Breakfast**
- **Shop Oak Lawn & Santa on the Green**

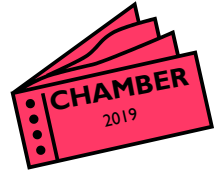
Please check the calendar on page 11 or the Chamber website for time and location. All events are posted on our website: www.oaklawchamber.com



On behalf of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, we would like to thank all of the **BUSINESSES** for their membership and all of you who have participated in our events this year. We hope to continue this success through to the new year. The Chamber of Commerce is expanding every week and this could not happen without you it's members.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

2020 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.



Congratulations to the winners

September Winners

\$100 Jim Deiters, OL Library Director
\$50 Amy Valle
\$25 Evergreen Door & Window
\$25 Robert Kuenster, Thompson & Kuenster F.H.

October Winners

\$100 Genesis Therapy Center
\$50 Al Czeszak, Fifth Third
\$25 Sharon Vetsch, Quickbooks Queen
\$25 Jon & Peggy Schaefer

REMINDER! 2020 Membership Dues Annual membership invoices were mailed out in early September. Please contact the office if you did not receive your invoice for renewal.

Follow The Chamber!



www.oaklawchamber.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

79 Ratio

Matt Strle
9804 Cook Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-214-8606
www.79ratio.com

Alive Church

Phillip Perkins
8844 Austin Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-599-3660
www.livealive.church

Batteries Plus Bulbs

Michael Kendryna
6227 W 95th St
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-499-6977
www.batteriesplus.com

Gallagher Murphy Insurance Agency

Bob Gallagher
10236 S Kenton Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-398-6730

www.gallaghermurphy.com

Gateway Foundation

Ida Westlove
55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 663-1130
www.gatewayfoundation.com

Jackson Hewitt

Susan Callan
10939 S Cicero Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-425-9090
www.jacksonhewitt.com

Mary Kay

Marquita Johnson
10133 S. Karlov
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(773) 612-0508

O'Keefe Rivera & Berk, LLC

Peter Berk
5620 W 95th St
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-576-6376

Premier Family Vision Care

Katie Narbone
12131 S Harlem Ave
Palos Heights, IL 60463
708-550-2020
www.premierfamilyvisioncare.com

The Benefit Den

Melissa Jackson
57 W 146th St
Riverdale, IL 60827
773-606-5583
www.thebenefitden.com

TVG Medulla LLC for Chiro One Wellness Centers

Rene Myers
2625 Butterfield Rd Suite 301N
Oak Brook, IL 60523
630-413-4561
www.chiroone.net

Webbed Feet Inc.

Jassie Wang
8649 W. 145th Pl
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-515-6631
www.webbedfeetpro.com

Community Events

Oak Lawn Park District Collecting Treats for Troops. The Oak Lawn Park District's Ice Arena will hold its 9th Annual Treats for Troops collection throughout the month of October and into November.

The public is also encouraged to participate by dropping off bags of candy to the Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave, by Saturday, November 9th. For more information on donating to the troops, please contact 708-857-5173.

Monday, November 4th, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Oak Lawn Park District Gardening Without Pesticides Class. Join the Oak Lawn Park District at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., for a Gardening Without Pesticides class.

Fee is \$10 per participant. Register online at www.olparks.com or any Park District facility. For more information, please call 708-857-2201.

Thursday, November 7th, 12:00 P - 4:00 PM
College to Career Expo (formerly Internship and Job Fair)

All booths include 1 six foot table, 2 chairs, registration for 2 representatives, lunch, and a plastic tablecloth:

Standard Rate: \$200.00
Non-Profit Rate (requires verification): \$100.00
Graduate and Professional School Rate: \$100.00
3700 West 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois 60655

Friday November 8, 2019 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
Peace Officers Memorial Foundation -16th Annual Fall Fundraiser Honoring our fallen Police Officers
115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W 115th St, Marionette Park, IL
DJ, Prize Wheel, New Games, Split the pot, Silent auction. Donation \$35, Food, Draft Beer, Wine, Soda. Tickets Available at the door or by calling 708-424-6749

November 16th, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Vine & Dine
Join Together We Cope for our inaugural Vine & Dine event featuring: Craft Beer & Spirit Tasting
Wiley's Grill 800 Kedzie Ave Flossmoor,
[Click Here for more information](#)

Sunday, November 17th, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Oak Lawn Park District's 25th Annual Turkey Shoot at the Community Pavilion located at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave.

This event is free for residents. The fee for non-residents is \$6. Please register in advance at www.olparks.com. The registration code is 216101. For more information, please contact 708-857-2420.

Tuesday, November 17th
Thompson & Kuenster (5570 W. 95th St.) will host Coping with the Holidays. Presented by: Rev. James Heneghan RSVP by November 15th 708-425-0502

Friday, December 13th, 4:30 PM
Calvary Church of Oak Lawn
Event: Oak Lawn Christmas Tree Lighting
10056 Central Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
In partnership with local sponsors, Calvary Church of Oak Lawn will host their first annual Christmas tree lighting at 101st and Central. There will be warm drinks, ornaments decorating for kids, music, and the lighting of their 40ft tree. You're invited to join us, and invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate the Christmas Season!

CHAMBER PHOTO GALLERY

BAH ~ Fannie May



September Luncheon



Multi~Business After Hours



CHAMBER PHOTO GALLERY

BAH ~ Webb Chevy



October Luncheon

BAH ~ JenCare



Business Showcase



Business After Hours ~ Bethany

We belong to each other. You can help.



National Adoption Month
NOVEMBER 2019

Bethany.org/NAM
#NotAlone



NOVEMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 6
5–7 P.M.**

Bethany Christian Services
12416 S Harlem Ave, Ste 200
Palos Heights, IL 60463

ENJOY

- Pizza, warm apple cider, and desserts
- *Stories of Hope* tours
- Plinko game prizes (please bring business cards)

RSVP to this FREE event by November 1
to Veronica at vstudnicka@bethany.org or 1.708.385.4889

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Big thank you to our awesome sponsors!



[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Business After Hours ~ Fannie May

Fannie May

Oak Lawn Chamber Members are invited to

Business After Hours

Wednesday November 20th

5pm - 7pm

Fannie May Chocolates

6351 West 95th street

Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

(95th and Ridgeland near Chicago Ridge Mall)

Come network while sampling our top confections at Fannie May.

Chamber Members receive a special discount of

15% OFF

your entire purchase*



* Offer valid through 11/20/2019 or while supplies last. Offer valid only at Store#201 Ridgeland Fannie May retail store. Items are subject to availability. Offer not valid at FannieMay.com, Fannie May Outlets, orders placed via phone or at other retail locations where Fannie May products are sold. Customer pays applicable taxes. 15% discount will be applied to entire order. The discount will be applied at checkout. Offer is not valid on the purchase of gift cards, special value products or discounted merchandise. Offer cannot be combined with other offers, discounts or promotions and is subject to restrictions and limitations. Prices and charges are subject to change without notice. Void where prohibited or if coupon is altered, reproduced or transferred.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Business After Hours ~ Sassy Girl

Sassy Girl Chalet Marketplace



**HOLLY
JOLLY**

Business After Hours

Networking, Food & Drinks

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 5 - 7 p.m.

**Sassy Girl Chalet Marketplace
9920 South Ridgeland Avenue
Chicago Ridge IL 60415
708-752-5397**

SHOPPING LIST

OAK LAWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

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James Huelsman (Christ Medical Center)
Tom Javorcic (Oak Lawn Public Library)
Jeremy Marek (Marek Lawn & Landscape, Inc)
Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster F.H.)
Charlie Shirk (Hilton Chicago / Oak Lawn)
Sharon Vetsch (The Quick Book Pro Advisor)
Natasha Williams (Three 20 Media)

ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES:

VOTING MEMBER:

COMPANY NAME:

SIGNATURE:

Please fax or email to the Chamber office (708) 229-2236. by Monday, November 11, 2019

New & Prospective Member Breakfast



Wednesday, November 20

8:00 AM

**Les Brothers Restaurant
8705 Ridgeland Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**



Chamber Ambassadors



New and Prospective Member Breakfast

This is a great opportunity for new and prospective members to learn more about the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's activities, to be given the chance to join event committees, and to network with Chamber leadership. You'll get an overview of the Chamber and the many benefits and opportunities that we offer to our members.

Free for prospective and one complimentary for 2019 new members. \$5 for current members. Kindly RSVP to the Chamber office.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)



Plan Ahead for 2020

Wondering how to showcase your business?

How about a Business After Hours.

Sign up now and have your date put into the

2020 Membership Directory.

Contact the Chamber office for more information.

For more information or to register for this event, visit our website

www.oaklawnchamber.com

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 BAH	7	8	9
10	11	12 Multi Chamber Monthly Luncheon	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 New & Prospective Breakfast BAH	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

Wednesday, November 6th

Multi Chamber Business After Hours
Bethany Christian Services
12416 S. Harlem Ave.
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 12th

Multi Chamber Monthly Luncheon
Doubletree Hilton Chicago/Alsip
5000 W. 127th St.
11:30 AM Networking & Registration
12:00 PM Lunch
12:45 PM Panel Discussion

Wednesday, November 20th

New & Prospective Breakfast
Les Brothers
8750 S. Ridgeland Ave.
8:00 AM

Wednesday, November 20th

Business After Hours
Fannie May
95th St. & Ridgeland Ave.
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 28th


Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, November 29th - Office Closed

Saturday, November 30th

Shop Oak Lawn & Santa on the Green
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

December 2019

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

Wednesday, December 4th

Business After Hours
Sassy Girl Chalet Marketplace
9920 S. Ridgeland Ave.
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 10th

Holiday Luncheon
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn
9333 S. Cicero Ave.
11:30 AM Networking & Registration
12:00 PM Lunch
12:45 Oak Lawn Community High School Choir

Chamber office will be closed from Friday, December 20, 2019 - Friday, January 3, 2020.
We will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2020.

