

THE OAK LAWN NETWORKER

Brought to you by the 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.”

2020 A YEAR OF CHANGE

By now I am sure that most of you have heard that I am moving on to a new chapter in my life. I will be retiring as of December 31, 2020. Working for the community in which I live has always been a goal of mine and the Oak Lawn Chamber has given me this satisfaction for the past 13 year.

I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to all of you who have made my tenor with the Chamber one that both professional and personally fulfilling: the Executive Board, Directors, Members as well as the Village of Oak Lawn. Together we have made our chamber one of the most successful chambers on the Southside.

This job has truly been an amazing experience for me as well as humbling. I have learned so much about Small Business and the great people who own/manage them. Especially now in these tough times, our owners/managers are showing us what endurance and kindness looks like, that success in business must be rooted in strong sense of community.

The Chamber is strong because the community is strong. I have met so many wonderful people through the Chamber that are dedicated to keeping Oak Lawn strong.

I would like to introduce Anne Fritz who will take over after I retire, Anne has been a resident of the Oak Lawn Community for 20 years and has raised her 4 children here. She’s been a part of the PTSA for many years at Oak Lawn Community High School in many positions. She has been active in many local organizations in the past including Oak Lawn Park District Special Recreation and Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School. I am positive that Anne will do a remarkable job as the Chamber Executive Director. So, please make sure to welcome her at our next event.

I will miss all of you, but I’m sure I’ll see you out and about our community.

Thank you again for the many years.

Julie Miller
Oak Lawn Chamber Executive Director

November / December

2020

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President's Message



Greetings Chamber Friends!

As the year winds down, and the weather gets cold, this chamber is really heating up! We have lots of exciting changes coming in the next few months.

Perhaps most important, we have a new executive director, Anne Fritz, training with our current executive director, Julie Miller, through the end

of the year, at which time Julie will retire (see her article in this newsletter). We wish Julie nothing but the best as she enjoys retirement with her family. The success of this chamber over the last decade is a testament to Julie's hard work and dedication. Thank you, Julie, for keeping us organized, and for constantly pushing us forward. We will miss you dearly.

Two of our newest programs officially launch this month. The Mentorship Program, co-chaired by Eileen Kerlin-Walsh and Dr. Mike Riordan, has finalized their plans and has reached out to members who joined in September. Another program, the Business Advisory Committee, chaired by Bernie Deir, will host their first meeting this week. Look for more information on the chamber website or in your emails regarding these new initiatives that are a direct result of our strategic plan. Thank you to all those involved in seeing this through.

It sure was nice to see a lot of you at our in-person October luncheon! Gathering and networking safely was so therapeutic and worthwhile. While we hope to have more in-person events, the current situation makes it hard to plan, which is probably why last month's luncheon was so special. Fingers crossed, I will see you all in-person this month, but if not, we will still host a virtual luncheon on November 10th. Look for registration information in your emails this week.

As the year 2020 comes to an end, so does my time as your chamber president. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you all. I will always cherish this time spent, as it has allowed me to deepen relationships and grow both personally and professionally. As I have all year long, I strongly encourage you to become more involved in this amazing organization. Join a committee, consider a board position, or attend more meetings. You'll never find a more diverse and dedicated group of individuals. Together we all make an unstoppable team.

Sincerely,
Dr. Katie Narbone
2020 Chamber President

2020 Officers and Directors

President

Dr. Katie Narbone (Premier Vision Care)

1st Vice President

Eileen Kerlin-Walsh (Kerlin-Walsh Law)

2nd Vice President

Jim Makina (Allegra Marketing * Print * Mail)

Treasurer

Phil Costello (Oak Lawn Park District)

Secretary

Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)

Immediate Past President

Don Murphy (American Family Insurance)

Term Expiring 12/31/20

George Cachares (Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center)

Mary Downing (Complete Vision Care)

Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)

Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle)

Ryan Lichter (Evergreen Park Web Solutions)

Jose Pareja (JP Architects Ltd.)

Mike Riordan (Oak Lawn Community High School)

Nael Shalabi (Republic Bank)

Tatiana Stantier (Jason's Deli)

Mike Sutko (World Travel Mart)

Term Expiring 12/31/21

Mike Abdallah (Style 95 Barber Shop)

Joe Cwiklinski (Century 21 Affiliated Pro Team)

Bernard Deir (Midwest Business Consulting)

David A. Dewar (Tax-Free Retirement Solutions)

Greg Greiman (Hayes Local Marketing)

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)

Chamber Staff

Julie Miller - Executive Director

Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant

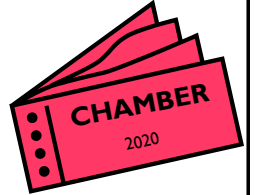
Your Chamber at a Glance

- **Ambassador Meetings**
- **Business After Hours**
- **Business Showcase**
- **Luncheon**
- **Lunch & Learn**

Please check the calendar on page 13 or the Chamber website for time and location. All events are posted on our website: www.oaklawchamber.com

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.



**Buy now! 8 chances to win
with each ticket!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

October Winners

James Buschback—\$100

Tom Fox Jr—\$50

Bob Kuenster—\$25

Tom Fox Jr—\$25

November winners

Eileen Kerlin Walsh—\$100

Katherine Narbone—\$50

Gail Egan—\$25

Richard Marshall—\$25

**Reminder 2021 Membership Renewal is due by
November 16th in order to be list in the
Alphabetical and Category lists of the
2021 Membership Directory.**

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

B Allan Graphic

Bruce Smith
11629 S. Mayfield Ave.
Alsip, IL 60803
708-396-1700
www.ballangraphics.com

Banh Mi Café'

Thai Le
5137 W 95th St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-581-3912
banhmicafe19@gmail.com

Cleanwell Building Maintenance

John Barrett
10956 S. Ridgeway
Chicago, IL 60655
773-233-9734

Duffy Media Group

Max Rodriguez
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-297-7167
www.duffymediatroup.com/contact us

Malcom Energy Solutions

Daniel St. John / Rick Sensenbrenner
655 Deerfield Rd., Set 100-147
Deerfield, IL 60015
847-849-1607

Oberweis Dairy Home Delivery

Debbie Smith
951 Icre Cream Dr.
North Aurora, IL 60542
630-465-1425
www.oberweis.com

Shark Shredding & Document Management Services

Joe Eaton

18781 S. 90th Ave., Ste. G
Mokena, IL 60448
708-388-0011
sharkshredding.com

Style Exteriors by Corley

Patrick McGowan
4905 W. 95th St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-292-0410
www.styleexteriorsbc.com

Supercuts Hair Salon

Shirin Komanduri
9532 S. Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-425-4434



2021 Business After Hours

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Sign up today



Are you interested in showcasing your business. Registration is now open for 2021 Business After Hours. If you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours contact the Chamber office 708-424-8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS AFTER HOURS CLICK HERE.](#)

2021 "Member in the Spotlight"

Member in Spotlight 2021

Sign up today



Registration for 2021 Member in a Spotlight is now open. This is your chance to digitally promote your business to our members for only \$25. If you would like to sign up please contact the chamber office 708-424-8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com
These spots fill up fast so call today!

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ON "MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT CLICK HERE.](#)

New & Prospective Breakfast



**Wednesday, November
18th
8:00 AM
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**



Chamber Ambassadors



Virtual Networking Member Breakfast

This will be a great opportunity for you to get reconnected with your fellow chamber members.

Prepare your breakfast and join us via Zoom to participate in an online networking event to learn more about the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's activities during these times. There will be a link to register in our weekly blasts, starting May 1st.

There will be Zoom breakout rooms moderated by your chamber leadership. They will be offering you an opportunity to share how you and your business are faring during this time. We also want to use it as an opportunity to ask how the chamber can help you get back to business. We look forward to connecting online with you for this event!

[Zoom link for November 18th](#)

Photo Gallery

United Vein Clinic Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



October Chamber Luncheon

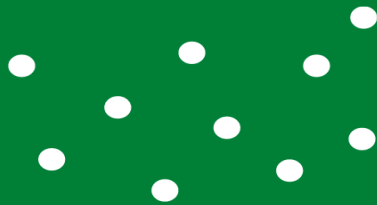


December Luncheon

Dec 8

SAVE THE DATE

**December Monthly
Luncheon**



**Location TBA
11:30AM**

Follow The Chamber!



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November 2020

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

Tuesday, November 10th
Luncheon 11:30 AM

Thursday, November 26th
Thanksgiving
Office Closed

December 2020

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

Tuesday, December 8th
Luncheon 11:30AM

Chamber office will be closed from
Friday, December 18, 2020 - Friday,
January 1 2021.

We will reopen on Monday, January
3, 2021.

