

# 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.”***

## Marketing Opportunities in 2022

**Business After Hours** - BAH's are after work networking events that provide the opportunity for Chamber Members and others to visit your business "after hours:" to learn more about your products and services while networking with fellow members.

**Member in Spotlight** - Member in Spotlight is a program designed to put **YOU** in the spotlight, this program allows information about your business, upcoming events, specials, and more to be sent to 750+ registered email subscribers. Your email can include logo, photos, even links to your website! These blasts 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.

**Metra Station** - The Chamber office is located in the Oak Lawn Metra Station. As a member, you can provide brochures/info about your business inside the station. The Metra station has hundreds of commuters each day. This is free to all members.

**Metra TV Ads**—Advertise in the Metra Patriot station 24/7/365. Quarterly ads \$50 for members.

**Membership Directory** - Your business information is listed categorically and alphabetically in the directory which is distributed annually to all members and made available to residents.

**Website** - All members are listed for free on our website. So don't forget to claim your page. You can post videos, pictures and even blog! If you don't know how to use any of these free marketing tools, contact the Chamber Office. This is free to all members. If you need assistance with your webpage, call the Chamber office.

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

**Weekly Email Blasts**—Free to all members! If you have event information to share with our community, email it to the Chamber office and it will be shared for the weeks leading up to the date.

Please call the chamber office with any questions or if you wish to advertise with us. 708-424-8300

## July/August 2022

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## PLEASE SHOP LOCAL!

Now is the time to step out and enjoy some of the great shops, restaurants, bars and stores that we have in Oak Lawn.

Remember!

SHOP SMALL & SHOP LOCAL!

# Chamber President's Message



We believe family is important, being surrounded by people who support and help you. I'd like to think it's the same way here at the Chamber. We are surrounded by so many members that have skills and life experiences that can benefit so many, personally and professionally. Your membership is your admission to our Chamber family, all you have to do is show up. There are so many opportunities to participate and meet these great people.

Justin Waters at the Oak Lawn Park District provided the Wolfe Wildlife Park for our June Chamber Luncheon with Office Administrator, Jennifer Villafan running the event and more importantly, ensured there was enough water for everyone because it was a hot one. It was nice to see to so many members dressed appropriately for the warm weather, many in shorts. Lunch was provided by new members; Hog Wild and Birdie's Bar & Grill and Cookies & Dreams brought the dessert. I had the honor to present the prestigious 2022 Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year Award to Kathleen Farrell from Oak Lawn Bank & Trust. She and the bank continue to be strong supports of the chamber...very much appreciated, Kathleen.

The Chamber handed off over 200 bags of business related items during the Oak Lawn Independence Day Parade. Jeff Reynolds from Nothing Bundt Cakes stepped in for Anne Fritz our Executive Director and brought his shiny BMW convertible to the parade. Many Chamber members were also at the parade representing the chamber. Many thanks to their participation

Our annual golf outing is next week. I encourage you to bring a foursome to the event or attend the outdoor patio luncheon if you don't golf. (I am expecting a great performance from my foursome.) If you sponsor a hole during the event, you'll have the opportunity to meet over 100 golfers on and off the course. Kathleen Farrell, Anne Marie Casey, Nick Gulino, and their committee will make this a fun and memorable event.

New this year, is our Fall Family event on Sunday, September 18th so mark your calendars. Pastor Daniel Stidham, Daniella Ruiz, Mike Sutko, and Anne Fritz have selected Stony Creek Golf Course as the venue. There will be many activities for the whole family. (Unfortunately, Crazy Buddie will not be able to attend.)

Our chamber membership has increased by close to 10% in the past few months. A testament to our vibrant chamber. Your membership is your ticket to participation and I encourage you to become engaged. Like Emily & Phil, you can start something new in your life by attending one of our events. What are you waiting for?

Peace- Jim Makina, Chamber President

## 2022 Officers and Directors

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

**1st Vice President-Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)**

**2nd Vice President - Natasha Williams (Three20 Media)**

**Treasurer-Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)**

**Secretary - Vacant**

**Immediate Past President-Eileen Kerlin Walsh (Kerlin Walsh Law)**

## Term Expiring 12/31/22

**Dr. Sandra Bury (Complete Vision Care)**

**George Cachares (Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center)**

**Shannon Dahlman (Grace Point Place)**

**Joe Eaton (Shark Shredding)**

**Dr. Paul Enderle (Oak Lawn Hometown School District 123)**

**Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle)**

**Susan Lathocha (Advocate Aurora Health)**

**Ryan Lichter (Evergreen Park Web Solutions)**

**Nael Shalabi (Republic Bank)**

**Jill Stetson (Skin Trust)**

**Mike Sutko (World Travel Mart)**

## Term Expiring 12/31/23

**Joe Cwiklinski (Century 21 Affiliated Pro Team)**

**Bernard Deir (Midwest Business Consulting)**

**David Dewar (Tax-Free Retirement Solutions)**

**Nick Gulino (JP Architects, Ltd.)**

**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 QuickBooks Queen)**

**Nicole Wetzell (NEW Consulting)**

**Linda Wong (Express Employment Professionals)**

## Chamber Staff

**Anne M Fritz - Executive Director**

**Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant**

## **Your Chamber at a Glance**

- **Business After Hours—2022**
- **Member in the Spotlight—2022**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**
- **Ribbon Cuttings for New Members**

Please check the calendar on page **13** for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:  
[www.oaklawchamber.com](http://www.oaklawchamber.com)

## **2022 Bonanza Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!**

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



**Buy now!**

**Winning tickets are placed back for even more chances the following month!**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!**

#### **May Winners**

JoAnn Racevice—\$100

Karen Boll—\$50

Zack Riddle—\$25

Tricia Trendle—\$25

#### **April Winners**

Jim Gorney—\$100

Terry Vorderer—\$50 (donated back to Chamber)

Paul Pijus—\$25

Kate McLaughlin—\$25

**When you see small businesses raising their prices today and over the coming months...**

**it's not to make more money...**

**it's to stay open,**

**keep their employees working &**

**to continue to serve their customers.**

**Please...continue to shop local and support small businesses during these very difficult times.**

**Thank you!**



# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

## Joined after May 1, 2022

### **Berkshire Hathaway Home Services**

Elizabeth Rios  
1644 N Damen Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60467  
(312) 204-5035  
erios@bhhschicago.com

### **Colonial Benefits**

Alexander Hall  
708-897-1248  
1 Tower Lane  
Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181  
<https://www.coloniallife.com/>

### **Cookies & Dreams**

Jason & Lisa Durbin  
10800 S. Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
[jason@idreamaboutcookies.com](mailto:jason@idreamaboutcookies.com)  
[www.idreamaboutcookies.com](http://www.idreamaboutcookies.com)

### **First Centennial Mortgage**

Nick Sherry  
Evergreen Park, IL 60805  
(708) 548-0951  
[www.nicksherry.com](http://www.nicksherry.com)

### **Flowers Within Hours**

Diane Dunlap  
7201 W. College Drive, Unit B  
Palos Heights, IL 60463  
(708) 227-2208  
[Dianedolphin956@gmail.com](mailto:Dianedolphin956@gmail.com)  
[www.flowerswithinhoursill.com](http://www.flowerswithinhoursill.com)

### **Hog Wild**

Rich Wagner  
4040 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 581-4950  
<http://hogwildoaklawn.com/>

### **Marisha Manicures**

Marisha Smith  
5535 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #405  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(773) 245-3053 text or call  
Book Appts Here:  
marishamanicures.as.me  
<https://marishamanicures.com/>

### **Next 2 Level Consulting**

Donnell Mitchell  
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415  
(708) 248-0091  
[www.next2levelconsulting.com](http://www.next2levelconsulting.com)

### **Oak Lawn Army Recruiting Center**

Tim Turpin  
6330 W. 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 430-7039  
[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)

### **Oak Lawn Parks Foundation**

Steve Loulousis  
9400 S Kenton  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 638-1722  
secretaryolpf@gmail.com  
[www.oaklawnparksfoundation.org](http://www.oaklawnparksfoundation.org)

### **PuroClean Disaster Mitigation Services**

John Ryan  
12540 S Holiday Dr., Unit A  
Alsip, Illinois, 60803  
Office: 708-929-9696  
Cell: 312-550-3930  
E-Mail: [jryan@puroclean.com](mailto:jryan@puroclean.com)  
[www.puroclean.com/pdm-il](http://www.puroclean.com/pdm-il)

### **Simply Sweet Creations**

Adriana Gomez  
5712 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(773) 492-8151  
[info@simplysweetnutfree.com](mailto:info@simplysweetnutfree.com)  
[www.simplysweetnutfree.com](http://www.simplysweetnutfree.com)

### **The Copper Top**

Ryan Eber  
5207 W. 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 422-5275  
coppertopoaklawn@gmail.com  
<https://thecoppertop.co/>

### **The Southland Journal**

708-580-6422  
7060 Centennial Ave # 102D  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
<https://thesouthlandjournal.com>

### **Tone Capone Tacos**

Courtney Hoskin  
Evergreen Park, IL 60805  
(708) 966-7449  
<https://www.facebook.com/toncaponetacos>  
toncaponestacos@yahoo.com

### **YSG Dessert Bar, LLC.**

Sunny & Garry Gatlula  
6925 W 111th Street, Unit 104  
Worth, IL 60482  
(773) 313-6449  
[www.ysgdessertbar.com](http://www.ysgdessertbar.com)



# May Luncheon Hilton Oak Lawn



**2021 Outstanding Chamber Member!**  
Helen Cuprisin, Alphabet Soup  
Awarded Posthumously



**Welcome New Member!**  
Marc Dunworth Foundation for the Arts



# Computer Prodigies ~ Ribbon Cutting



**WELCOME!**

Computer Prodigies  
10945 S. Cicero Ave  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(773) 216-0656



# June Luncheon ~ Wolfe Wildlife Park

Food Catered by: Birdies Bar & Grill, Cookies & Dreams and Hog Wild!



## **Welcome New Member!**

Colonial Benefits



## **New Board Member Installed!**

Susan Latocha ~ Advocate Aurora Health



## **2021 Outstanding Chamber Member!**

Kathleen Farrell ~ Oak Lawn  
Bank & Trust

# Cookies & Dreams ~ Ribbon Cutting



**Cookies & Dreams**  
10800 S. Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



# WELCOME!



**Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Golf Outing ~ Stony Creek Golf Course**

**OAK LAWN  
BANK & TRUST™**  
Major Sponsor



**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 13, 2022**

**STONY CREEK GOLF COURSE  
5850 W. 103RD STREET  
OAK LAWN, IL**

**GOLF, LUNCH, DINNER AND OPEN BAR \$125  
LUNCH ONLY \$20**

**REGISTRATION 11:00**

**FREE RANGE BALLS 11:00 - 1:00**

**HOT LUNCH 11:30 - 1:00**

**SHOTGUN START AT 1:00**

**SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

**SANDWICHES, CHIPS, DESSERT, OPEN BAR AFTER GOLF**

**SPONSORSHIPS  
AVAILABLE**

**BEAT THE PRO  
RAFFLE**



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**REGISTER HERE!**

**July Lunch & Learn  
Oak Lawn Public Library**



**Wednesday July 20, 2022  
11:30AM-1:00PM**

**Oak Lawn Public Library  
Mary Nelson Room  
9427 Raymond Ave**

**Topic: Share Your Legacy**

**Speaker: Eileen Kerlin Walsh**

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**REGISTER HERE!**

**Business After Hours ~ Richards High School**

**July 27, 2022, 5—7 pm**



## ***BUSINESS AFTER HOURS***

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Harold L. Richards High School

Home of the Bulldogs!

10601 S. Central Ave.

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

5:00-7:00 PM



To be held in the lobby of the newly renovated Performing Arts Center!

Get a peak behind the scenes.

Tours & Food & drinks & raffles!

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**



# **AUGUST MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, August 9**  
**11:30 Registration**  
**12:00 Lunch**  
**\$20**

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn  
9333 S Cicero Ave  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

**Business After Hours ~ Rockefeller's**

SAVE THE DATE

**Business After Hour**

**Rockefeller's**



**Tuesday August 23, 2022  
5:00-7:00PM**

**4642 W 103rd St  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**More Information Soon!**

# July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Chamber Golf Outing	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Lunch & Learn	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Business After Hours Richards High School	28	29	30
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**Office Hours**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**9 am—3 pm**

Wednesday, July 13, 2022  
 Chamber Golf Outing  
 Stony Creek Golf Course  
 1 pm Shotgun Start

Wednesday, July 20, 2022  
 Lunch & Learn  
 OL Public Library  
 11:30 pm

Wednesday, July 27, 2022  
 Business After Hours  
 Richards High School  
 5—7 pm

Tuesday, August 9, 2022  
 Hilton Oak Lawn  
 12 pm

Wednesday, August 17, 2022  
 New & Prospective Member Break-  
 fast  
 Stony Creek Golf Course  
 8 am

Tuesday, August 23, 2022  
 Business After Hours  
 Rockefeller's  
 5—7 pm

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Chamber Member Luncheon	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 New & Prospective Member Breakfast	18	19	20
21	22	23 Business After Hours Rockefellers	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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