

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

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 700+ 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.

2022 Schedule is available—CALL NOW!

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

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 over 1000 commuters each day. This is free to all members.

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.

2022 Schedule is available—CALL NOW!

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.

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

March/April 2022

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**5120 Museum Drive
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

PLEASE SHOP LOCAL!

Most businesses are now open at 100% capacity. 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

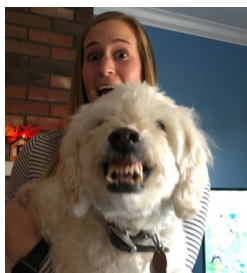
Hello- I'm Jim Makina, your new chamber president. I own Allegra Marketing Print Mail in Alsip, IL. We are a marketing services provider that specializes in print & digital marketing. I've been on the executive committee for a handful of years, and I've seen some great chamber leaders. Our past president, Eileen Kerlin Walsh is incredibly welcoming, professional, and personal. I know firsthand that she is proficient in legal matters and values family. Before President Eileen, President Dr. Katie Narbone lead the chamber. I also know firsthand that she is proficient in her profession, (everyone in our family likes their eye doc), she's confident, (who would start a business during COVID?), intelligent, and is genuinely a nice person, (I've never seen her have a bad day.) I could go on and on about our leadership, I'll just say that we've been blessed. These are some pretty big shoes (or high heels) to fill. I will do my best to continue on this tradition of leadership, (mostly relying on my executive committee, especial Phil Costello, my First Vice-President.) :-)

I've included a picture of my youngest daughter with our dog, Buddie, (or "Crazy Buddie"). This picture was taken by Emily's, now fiancé, Phil. It was unexpected, yet somewhat predictable. He's a rescue (Buddie, not Phil) and has some issues, (don't we all?). Everyone gets a kick out of this picture, especially creating their own captions. Being a chamber member has introduced me to many great people. Sometimes I do business with them, sometimes they do business with me. Every time, I learn something new that helps me or my business. It works both ways sometimes. I would encourage you to make participating in the chamber a part of your work schedule. It's the easiest way to meet people and maybe, even people who could use your products or services.

I shared my goals with our board of directors last month. They are- Show Up, Do Your Job, Get Along. I encourage you to "Show Up." We have a number of events each month that will get you out of the office and meeting someone or learning something new. (Most of the time, we'll feed you, too!) Upcoming events include our monthly Chamber luncheons on March 8th & April 12th, the Ambassador Committee's April Lunch & Learn on 4/20/22 and the returning Health & Safety Expo on April 27th. Looking ahead, make sure to mark your calendars for my personal favorite, the 2022 Golf Outing on July 13, 2022!

Our chamber has over 300 members, almost a dozen committees and numerous events each month. If you show up to one event a month, I can promise you, your life will be enriched. And if you don't believe me, I'll introduce you to Buddie. :-)
(OK, Buddie still has some work to do on "Get Along." :-))

Peace- Jim Makina
Honored to be your Chamber
President



2022 Officers and Directors

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

1st Vice President-Phil Costello (Oak Lawn Park District)

2nd Vice President - Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)

Treasurer-Natasha Williams (Three20 Media)

Secretary - Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)

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)

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 A. 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 Quick Book Pro Advisor)

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

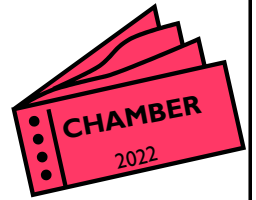
- **Ambassador Committee Meetings**
- **Marketing Committee Meetings**
- **Business After Hours—2022**
- **Member in the Spotlight—2022**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**

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

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!

January Winners

Leo Gutchewsky—\$100

Jim & Lisa Gorney—\$50

Tom Fox—\$25

Dr. David Finklestein—\$25

February Winners

Leo Gutchewsky—\$100

Gabriela Suarez—\$50

Gene Bochinski—\$25

Shannon Dahlman—\$25

NOW is a GREAT time to ENGAGE with the CHAMBER!

We know these last two years has been really challenging for many of our small and local businesses.

NOW would be a great time to become more engaged with the Oak Lawn Chamber.

Get first choice of the 2022 Member in the Spotlight and Business After Hours schedules. They fill up fast.

Call or email Anne Fritz at the Chamber Office for more information.

(708) 424-8300 office@oaklawchamber.com



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Joined after 12/31/21

Gordon Flesch Company

Chris Hobbs
200 S. Wacker Dr., Ste 675
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 545-3442
chobbs@gflesch.com
www.gflesch.com

JMD Defense, LLC.

Javondlynn Dunagan
9501 S. New England Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(773) 217-0488
jmddefense@gmail.com
www.jmddefense.com

Ridgeland Church

Pastor Jared Richey
6343 W 90th Place
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 599-5559
jrichey@ridgeland.church
www.ridgeland.church

Hibernian Home Care

Mary Murphy
4550 W 103rd Street, Suite #304
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 634-2450
m.murphy@hibernianhomecareservice.com

Photography by Angel

Angel Malone
10708 S. Roberts Rd.
Palos Hills, IL 60465
(708) 361-7750
photobyangel@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.angelphoto.com/>

TBK Promotions, Inc.

Tom Flynn
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(773) 239-2222
mc@tbkpromotions.com
www.tbkpromotions.com



February New & Prospective Member Breakfast

Thank you Less Brothers!



2022 Dates are Open...Call & Schedule today!

Member in Spotlight 2022

Sign up Today!

Reserve your spot today to get your information out to other chamber members. 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

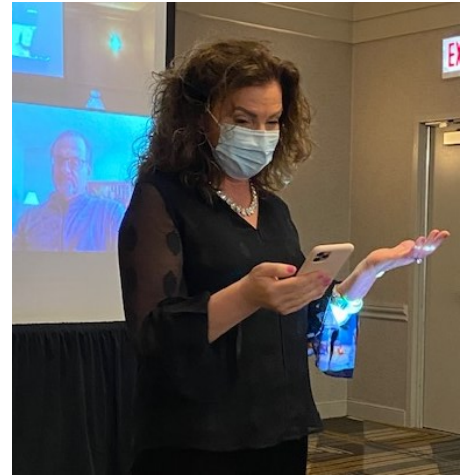
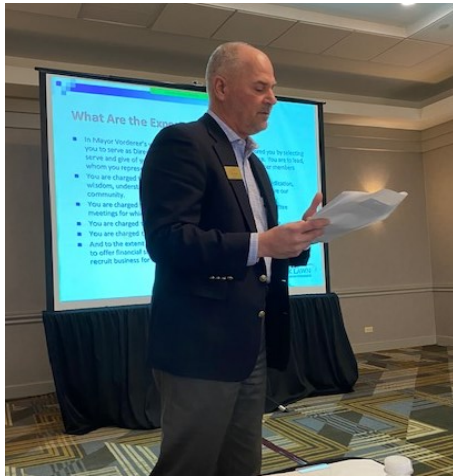
*Business After Hours
2022*

Schedule is open for 2022
Business After Hours. First come
first serve. Call today to make
sure you get the date you want!
Contact the Oak Lawn Chamber!



708-424-8300

January Installation of Officers & Directors



Thank you to Claire Henning, Village Clerk



Cork & Bean Ribbon Cutting



WELCOME!



Cork & Bean
4931 W. 95th Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



February Luncheon ~ Hilton Oak Lawn Welcome New Members!



March Luncheon ~ State of the Village Hilton Oak Lawn



Join us for the Oak Lawn Chamber
March Luncheon &
State of the Village 2022

Presented by:
Terry Vorderer, Village President

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

11:30 AM Networking/
Registration

12:00 PM Lunch

Cost \$20

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

Dont forget to RSVP 708-424-8300

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

April Luncheon

Oak Lawn Community High School



We will be acknowledging the OLCHS artists whose illustrations were used in the 2021 Fire & Safety Coloring Book!



Join us at the Oak Lawn Chamber April Luncheon

Tuesday April 12, 2022

11:30 AM Networking/
Registration

12:00 PM Lunch

Cost \$20

Oak Lawn Community
High School
9400 Southwest Highway
Oak Lawn IL 60453

OLCHS Choir will be
performing

Dont forget to RSVP 708-424-8300

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

Virtual Lunch & Learn
April 20, 2022 ~ 11:30 am

**Lunch
& Learn**



Virtual Lunch & Learn
April 20, 2022
11:30AM-1:00PM

Daniel Stidham presents:
"The Necessity of Emotional Intelligence"

Leadership Coach Jim Herrington says, "emotional intelligence is more important than IQ, technology, or strategy when it comes to mission achievement in your business, in your family, or in your community."
Come learn why and how it can change the way you lead!

Daniel Stidham is the husband of Megan, and father of two children and resides in Oak Lawn where he is also the pastor of Calvary Church Oak Lawn. He has started two organizations, Forward Mentoring Program and Grove Coffee, which are committed to making a lasting impact in the Oak Lawn community.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Health & Safety Expo
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 ~ 9 AM—12 PM



OUR COMMUNITY, OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE

HEALTH & SAFETY EXPO 2022

Over 30 health & safety
vendors will be on-site!

APRIL 27TH, 2022
9:00AM-12:00PM
5220 W 105TH ST
OAK LAWN, IL 60453



Admission Free
Free Raffles

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 708-424-8300
OFFICE@OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM

[Application Link](#)

March 2022

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



Office Hours Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Chamber Member Luncheon
Hilton Oak Lawn
12 pm

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Chamber Member Luncheon
Oak Lawn Community High
School, 12 pm

Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Lunch & Learn via Zoom
11:30 am

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Health & Safety Expo
9 am—12 pm

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Chamber Luncheon 12 pm	13	14	15	16
17 Easter	18	19	20 Lunch & Learn 11:30 am	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Health & Safety Expo 9 am	28	29	30



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