

# 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**

## May/June 2022

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**The Networker is a publication of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.**

**5120 Museum Drive**

**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**(708) 424-8300**

## 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



Hello- I'm Jim Makina, honored to serve as your 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 included a picture of my family that was taken during the holidays. As you can see, I'm surrounded by women, (and our newest addition, Phil, Emily's fiancé.) Just as my family is increasing in numbers, so is our chamber. My goal this year is to increase member engagement. It's part of our strategic plan and crucial for our chamber and your success. As a young man, while attending Sunday Mass, I saw the same people each week, but I didn't know them. It wasn't until I attended a small group outside of Mass that I met some of these same parishioners and got to know them and I felt my church wasn't so big. It was a life changing experience for me and then for my family. I believe the same can thing can happen here at our chamber. All you have to do is show up, (part of my "Show up, Do your job, Get along" mantra.) If you get out of your seat and attend an event or better yet, join one of our dynamic committees, I know you will meet a handful of members that will enrich your day.

Here are some of the committees that are doing great things...

George Cachares and Dr. David Finkelstein chaired the Health and Safety Expo committee that just hosted a wonderful event with over 40 vendors for the seniors in our community. My daughter and her team from the emergency room at Christ Hospital were there, along with many other health providers. The excitement and the smell of popcorn filled the event space, and I walked away with some good swag, too.

Our annual golf outing is only a few months away. 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.) Even if Les Brothers wins, I know we'll have fun trying to recapture the prestigious trophy. Kathleen Farrell, Anne Marie Casey, Nick Gulino, and their committee will make this a fun and memorable event.

New this year, will be our Fall Family event. Pastor Daniel Stidham, Daniella Ruiz, Mike Sutko, and their committee have had their initial planning meeting and from what I've seen so far, you'll want to bring the whole family. The event will be outdoors, family friendly. (I'm not sure if Crazy Buddie will be able to attend.)

Our chamber has over 300 members, over a dozen committees and numerous events each month, your membership is your ticket to participation and I encourage you to become engaged...like Phil, now being part of my family, you can be part of our chamber family. Your cost of membership is much lower than Phil's. 😊

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)  
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

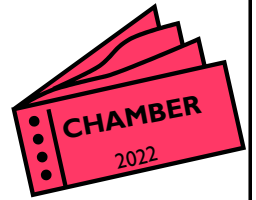
- **Business After Hours—2022**
- **Member in the Spotlight—2022**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**
- **Ribbon Cuttings for New Members**

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!**

#### **March Winners**

Lex Dalseth—\$100

Dave Huekstra—\$50

Michelle Jeffries—\$25

OLCHS—\$25

#### **April Winners**

Tom Fox—\$100

Dr. Vicki Williams—\$50

Phil Costello—\$25

Dave Huekstra—\$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 2/28/22

### **Avon**

Robbie K Segina

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(708) 289-9952

[www.youravon.com/rsegina](http://www.youravon.com/rsegina)

### **Blackbird Construction Group**

Derek Hassan

14400 John Humphrey Drive, Suite  
200

Orland Park, IL 60462

(708) 646-3726

<https://>

[www.blackbirdconstructiongroup.com/](https://www.blackbirdconstructiongroup.com/)

### **Blue Cross Blue Shield**

Glen Brooks

1020 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street

Downers Grove, IL 60515

(630) 824-6025

[Glen\\_brooks@bcbsil.com](mailto:Glen_brooks@bcbsil.com)

### **Carson Wealth**

Connor Butler

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(219) 476-3696

(704) 351-0411 Cell

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

### **Computer Prodigies**

Justin Cardoza

10945 S. Cicero Ave.

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(773) 216-0656

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

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

### **GG'Spot Bar and Grill**

Geneva Griffith

9600 South Pulaski Road

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(708) 636-9927

<https://www.facebook.com/ggspotbarandgrill>

### **Healthmarkets Insurance Agency**

Millie Lumpkin

9449 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 519

Evergreen Park, IL 60805

(312) 217-5644

[www.HealthMarkets.com/mlumpkin](http://www.HealthMarkets.com/mlumpkin)

### **TriCon Group**

Gilbert Sandholzer

P.O. Box PMB147

Chicago, IL 60655

(773) 681-4331

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





**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](mailto: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**



# March Luncheon—State of the Village Hilton Oak Lawn





# March Luncheon—State of the Village Hilton Oak Lawn



**Welcome New Members!**  
TBK Promotions  
Hibernian Home Health Care  
Photography by Angel  
G G'Spot Bar & Grill  
Carson Wealth





# JMD Defense, LLC. Ribbon Cutting



JMD Defense, LLC.  
9501 S. New England  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



# WELCOME!



# April Luncheon ~ Oak Lawn Community High School Thank you Artists of the Fire & Safety Coloring Book!



**Welcome New Members!**  
Avon  
Healthmarkets Insurance Agency





# Congratulations to the Winners of the Fire & Safety Coloring Contest! April Village Board of Trustees Meeting



**1st Place Safety Award**  
Niso Amriddinzadda  
Kolb Elementary School



**2nd Place Safety Award**  
Samuel Hogue  
SW Christian Chicago School



**3rd Place Safety Award**  
Maeve Curley  
St. Catherine School



**1st Place Safety Award**  
Giovanni Heredia  
Harnew Elementary School



**2nd Place Safety Award**  
Maryam Karimova  
Kolb Elementary School



**3rd Place Safety Award**  
Ivan Covarrubias  
St. Germaine School






# Congratulations to our Winners!



A special THANK YOU to  
*Oak Lawn Bank & Trust  
and  
The Children's Museum in  
Oak Lawn*

for providing the  
**Museum Memberships &  
Gift Certificates!**



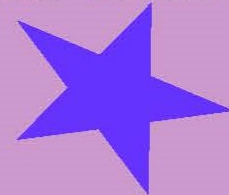
*Snacks & Goodies provided by:  
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce  
and  
Nothing Bundt Cakes!  
Candy Suitcases donated by  
Ferrara Candy*

## Fire Safety Coloring Contest

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
Giovanni Heredia

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
Maryam Karimova

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:  
Ivan Covarrubias



## Public Safety Coloring Contest

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
Niso Amriddinzoda

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
Samuel Hogue

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:  
Maeve Curley





# 2022 Annual Health & Safety Expo



**Food Donated By:**

Dunkin Donuts, Great American Bagel,  
Huck Finn Restaurant, Mariano's  
& Oak Lawn Chamber,

**Shred Event Sponsored By:**

State Representative Kelly Burke





**Big Thanks to all those attended the  
Oak Lawn Chamber's**

# **Health & Safety Expo!**

**TREATS  
GENEROUSLY  
DONATED BY:**

*Dunkin Donuts*

*Huck Finn Restaurant*

*Mariano's*

*Oak Lawn Chamber*

*The Great American Bagel*

*Thank you to:*

*Oak Lawn Bank & Trust  
For  
Donating Bags*

*Garvey Office Products  
For  
Donating First Aid Kits*

*Thank you to Chicago Billboards for the  
donation of advertising!*

**RAFFLE ITEMS  
DONATED BY:**

*Donna's Distinctive Designs—Oak  
Lawn*

*Fry the Coop*

*Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center*

*Nothing Bundt Cakes*

*Nursepower*

*Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce*

*Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle*

*Promedica*

*Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home*

*Thank You to Oak Lawn Hometown  
School District 123 and The Oak Lawn  
Senior Center for hosting this amazing  
event!*

*Thank you to the Village of Oak Lawn for  
their continued support!*

# May Luncheon ~ Hilton Oak Lawn

**JOIN US!**



## Oak Lawn Chamber May Luncheon

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

**We will be announcing  
the 2021 Outstanding  
Chamber Member  
Winner!**

**11:30 Registration/Networking  
12:00Pm Lunch  
\$20**

Tuesday  
**10TH**  
May 2022

Don't forget to RSVP  
<https://www.oaklawnchamber.com/event.php?ID=449>

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



# Computer Prodigies Ribbon Cutting

May 11, 2022 10 AM



**COMPUTER  
PRODIGIES**

**YOU ARE INVITED!!**

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022**

Computer Prodigies  
10945 S. Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
773-916-0146

**10:00 AM**



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

**New & Prospective Member Breakfast**  
**The Original House of Pancakes**  
**May 18, 2022 8:00 AM**



***New & Prospective  
Member Breakfast***

**May 18, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

**The Original Pancake House**

**10900 S Cicero Ave**

**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**\$10 ~ Current Members**

**This will be a great opportunity for new & prospective members to learn about the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's activities, to be given the chance to join 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 members and one complimentary for 2022 new members. \$10 for current members.  
Kindly RSVP to the chamber office.**

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



**Grace Point Place  
Business After Hours  
June 8, 2022 5:30—8 PM**



**BUSINESS  
AFTER HOURS**

**June 8th 5:30-8:00PM**

**Grace Point Place  
5701 W 101st St  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**Come check out what Grace Point Place has to offer.  
They will be offering tours.  
Food & Drinks served. Free Raffles!**



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

# June Luncheon ~ Wolf Wildlife Park



OAK LAWN CHAMBER

## JOIN US JUNE LUNCHEON

**Wolfe Wildlife Park**  
**109th St & Laramie Ave**  
**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**



**JUNE 14, 2022 | TUESDAY**  
**11:30 AM NETWORKING**  
**12:00 PM LUNCH**  
**\$20**

Please don't forget to RSVP [www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)

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



# May 2022



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

**Office Hours**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**9 am—3 pm**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
 Chamber Member Luncheon  
 Hilton Oak Lawn  
 12 pm

Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
 Ribbon Cutting  
 Computer Prodigies  
 10 am

Wednesday, May 18, 2022  
 New & Prospective Member  
 Breakfast  
 Original Pancake House  
 8 am

Wednesday, June 8, 2022  
 Business After Hours  
 Grace Point Place 5:30—8 pm

Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
 Chamber Member Luncheon  
 Wolfe Wildlife Park  
 12 pm

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Grace Point Place Business After Hours	9	10	11
12	13	14 June Luncheon Wolfe Wildlife	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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