

# 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 - (Call for 2023 Schedule)** 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 - (Call for 2023 Schedule)** 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 Stacks - (Call for 2023 Schedule)** 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 \$75 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. **2023 Dues deadline is NOW. Please renew!**

**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. (708) 424-8300

**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

## November/December 2022

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**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. We are a marketing services provider that specializes in print production & digital marketing services.

It seems I write these newsletters every week, that's how fast this year has gone. Have I told you how thoroughly I enjoy being president of the chamber? It didn't start out that way. Following in the footsteps of past president Eileen Kerlin Walsh was intimidating. She is such a wonderful person, she made everyone feel welcome, and has great wisdom. I found my way and led the best I could, with what I had, and I think, carried on the spirit of leadership of past presidents. Have I told you how thoroughly I enjoy being president of the chamber? It's been a great ride, unfortunately, the rollercoaster is heading back to the station. I look at our executive board and know the chamber will continue to bring great value to our members, and our next president, Jeff Reynolds, will bring his leadership style to the team. I'm looking forward to supporting him. Jeff, it will be your turn to drive the rollercoaster. Hang on, it's a great ride. Have I told you how thoroughly I enjoy being president of the chamber?

Here's what you may have missed during the past few months.

Our September Family Fall Event was our first family-focused chamber event. Pastor Daniel Stidham and his committee did a spectacular job in organizing this event. The response from the community was outstanding and it looks like this might become an annual event.

Nichole Wetzell, from NEW Consulting presented, "Creating a YES Customer Experience" at our October Lunch & Learn. I learned much and it reinforced the 5-star customer experience we strive for at Allegra, as do other chamber members. It's good for business.

Our Business Showcase at Oak Lawn High School was well attended. It brought the business and local community together. If your customer base in B2C, this is a great opportunity to showcase your company's products and or services.

The legislative committee continues to bring the latest information to our membership. They hosted two focus groups featuring District 6 candidates Sean Casten and Keith Pekau. It's interesting how much more you can learn about a person in a face-to-face meeting rather than on a political postcard. And that's a lot like our chamber.

The marketing committee is working on the latest edition of the chamber directory. So, renew your dues and be part of this shopping saver. It more reliable than an Amazon or Google search, and you'll feel good about shopping local.

I've heard that people buy from people they know, and maybe even like. There's no easier way to meet people than at one of our chamber events. My mantra to the board of directors is "Show up, Do your job, Get along." I would like to suggest that you show up to one or all of our upcoming events, the November Luncheon at the Oak Lawn Hilton on November 8th, the Member Breakfast at Huck Finn on November 16th, the December Business After Hours Event on 12/6/22 and the December Holiday Luncheon on 12/13/22.

Have I told you how thoroughly I enjoy being president of the chamber? ☐

Blessed Thanksgiving- 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**
- **Member in the Spotlight**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**
- **Ribbon Cuttings for New Members**

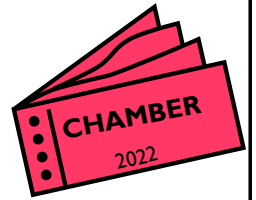
Please check the calendar on page **17** for the Chamber website for time and location.

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!**

#### **September Winners**

Jack Farrell—\$100

Vill Woods—\$50

Maryann Sarice—\$25

Buddie Makina—\$25

#### **October Winners**

Eileen Kerlin Walsh—\$100

Blake Mann—\$50

Beggars Pizza—\$25

Tricia Marker—\$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 September 1, 2022

### **BBSI**

Dave Wills  
Chicago, IL 60655  
(708) 927-0085  
[Dave.wills@bbsi.com](mailto:Dave.wills@bbsi.com)  
[www.bbsi.com](http://www.bbsi.com)

### **BeingSeen360**

Nora Abdelqader  
10470 164<sup>th</sup> Place  
Orland Park, IL 60647  
(312) 358-7560  
Nora.a.beingseen360.com  
<http://beingseen360.com/index.php>

### **Clean Cans & Powerwashing, Inc.**

Kiara Tierney  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(866) 690-2267  
Cleancans4u@gmail.com  
[www.cleancansandpowerwashing.com](http://www.cleancansandpowerwashing.com)

### **Express Med Spa**

Tina Bauman  
3537 W 111<sup>th</sup> St.  
Chicago, IL 60655  
(877) 363-3772  
[www.expressmedspa.com](http://www.expressmedspa.com)  
expressmedspa@hotmail.com

### **Grinderz**

David Torres  
4520 Rumsey Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 305-7648  
grinderzacademy@gmail.com  
[www.grinderzacademy.com](http://www.grinderzacademy.com)

### **Hayat Home Medical Equipment - 2023**

Mubarak Amine  
3518 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
Evergreen Park, IL 60805  
(708) 422-2300  
[mbarak@hhme.com](mailto:mbarak@hhme.com)  
[www.hhme.com](http://www.hhme.com)

### **It Takes a Village**

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[ittakes@villagechildcarellc.com](mailto:ittakes@villagechildcarellc.com)  
[www.villagechildcarellc.com](http://www.villagechildcarellc.com)

### **JDOG Junk Removal**

Rob Reichardt  
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415  
(708) 940-0615  
[www.jdogjunkremoval.com](http://www.jdogjunkremoval.com)

### **Los Friends Mexican Restaurant**

Selena Flores  
5366 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 634-2310  
[www.losfriendsm.com](http://www.losfriendsm.com)  
[losfriendsm@gmail.com](mailto:losfriendsm@gmail.com)

### **Nations Lending**

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
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[moe.alali@nationslending.com](mailto:moe.alali@nationslending.com)

### **Next Stage Senior Downsizing, LLC.**

Teresa Shane  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
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[tmshane@gmail.com](mailto:tmshane@gmail.com)

### **Northwestern College**

Gail Schumacher  
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[gschumacher@nc.edu](mailto:gschumacher@nc.edu)

### **Official Towing**

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 407-3400  
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### **Your Way to Feng Shui**

Michele Govea  
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[www.yourwaytofengshui.life](http://www.yourwaytofengshui.life)

### **Zraiks Web Design & Development**

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
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[pharmamay2012@gmail.com](mailto:pharmamay2012@gmail.com)



# September Luncheon Hilton Oak Lawn

**Thank you to Natasha Williams!**

TEDx Wilmette Talk Presenter  
“One Person Can Challenge  
an Established System”

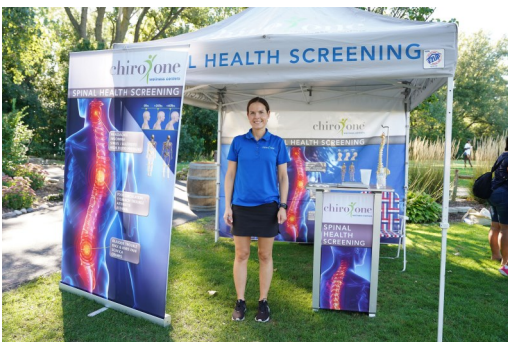


**Welcome New Members**

Tina Bauman ~ Express Med Spa  
Teresa Shane ~ Next Stage Senior Downsizing

# Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Fall Family Fest

*Thank you to all our sponsors & families that attended!*



Photos taken by THREE20 Media

# Options Medical Weight Loss Ribbon Cutting



**WELCOME**



Options Medical Weight Loss  
5116 W. 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



# Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn Business After Hours



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



Thank you!





# October Joint Chamber Luncheon Evergreen Park & Oak Lawn Chambers *American Legion Evergreen Park Post #854*



**Welcome New Members**  
 John Ryan ~ Puro Clean  
 Kyle Kowka ~ Options Medical Weight Loss  
 Jim Regan ~ Sure Step  
 Charessia Ross ~ It Takes a Village  
 Sgt. Lewis ~ US Army Recruiting



**Thank you to the  
Evergreen Park Chamber!**



# Complete Vision Care Business After Hours

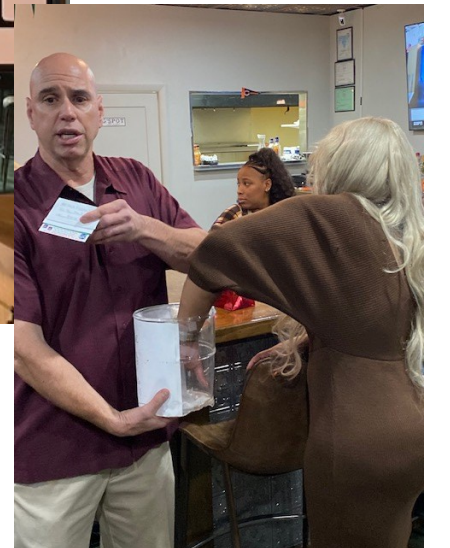


## Complete Visions Care

6209 W. 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



# Tax-Free Retirement Solutions Business After Hours



**Tax-Free Retirement Solutions**  
708-369-1153  
[www.taxfreeretirementsolutions.com](http://www.taxfreeretirementsolutions.com)

**Los Friends Mexican Restaurant  
Ribbon Cutting ~ November 2, 2022 9 am**



**YOU ARE INVITED!!**

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

Los Friends Mexican Restaurant

5366 W. 95th Street

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(708) 634-2310

**9:00 AM**



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

**November Luncheon  
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn**



***"Non-Profit" November  
Monthly Luncheon***

**Chamber Member Non-Profits are invited to  
share ways you can help our community!**

**Tuesday, November 8**

**11:30 Registration**

**12:00 Lunch**

**\$20**

**Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn**

**9333 S Cicero Ave**

**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

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# New & Prospective Member Breakfast Huck Finn ~ November 16, 2022 8 am



## *New & Prospective Member Breakfast*

November 16, 2022

8:00 AM

Huck Finn

10501 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!**

**Kerlin Walsh Law**  
**Business After Hours**

*save the date*

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

KERLIN WALSH LAW  
11757 Southwest Highway  
Palos Heights, IL 60463  
December 6, 2022  
5:00-7:00PM



**KERLIN WALSH LAW**

**December Luncheon  
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn**



  
**OAK LAWN**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**DECEMBER**  
**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, December 13**  
**11:30 Registration**  
**12:00 Lunch**  
**\$20**

**Hilton Chicago / Oak Lawn**  
**9333 S Cicero Ave**  
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# November 2022



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

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

Wednesday, November 2, 2022  
Los Friends Mexican Restaurant  
Ribbon Cutting 9 AM

Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
Chamber Member Luncheon  
Hilton Oak Lawn  
11:30 Check-In

Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
New & Prospective Member  
Breakfast @ Huck Finn 8 AM

Thursday, November 24, 2022  
Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, December 6, 2022  
Kerlin Walsh Law  
Business After Hours  
5—7 pm

Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
Chamber Member Luncheon  
Hilton Oak Lawn  
11:30 Check-In

*Chamber Office will be closed:  
Monday, December 26, 2022 to  
Friday, December 30, 2022  
We will reopen on  
Monday, January 2, 2023.*

# December 2022

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



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