

# 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 - (2022 Full—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** - 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**

## September/October 2022

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**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!

# 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 & digital marketing.

I bought my first starter boat. A month or so later, a once in 30-year storm, passed through our complex and knocks down a half dozen, 50+ year old oak trees. One falls over the middle of my boat and crushes it and blocks the entrance to our complex. Thankfully, no one was injured. It's just a boat and it was insured. Stuff happens, so we start over. The good thing about starting again, is that you can do it in about half time as the first, you're now experienced.

We had a great Business After Hours at Rockefellers a few weeks ago. It's amazing how chatty I can be when I have drink in my hand. I met some great people from the Lion's club. We discussed some ways we can work together to benefit the community. It's always great to see the Mayor Vorderer. It's a tough job and you walk away knowing that he really cares about the village of Oak Lawn.

Our September Family Fall Event is sold out. I know they are looking for more sponsors to accommodate more guests. Pastor Daniel and his committee have done a spectacular job in putting this event together. I hope you made your reservation.

The Oak Lawn Hilton is hosting a business after hours September 20, 2022 from 5-7 pm. This is a great way to unwind after a busy day and meet/make some friends.

How many chamber members do you know? How many chamber members know of you? If we had a contest, our director, Anne Fritz would win hands down. So, how would you fair? Our chamber is the easiest way to network, no pressure to bring leads for others to the table, no pressure to speak in front of a group, the cost of membership is low, and our group is larger than most, certainly larger than all the chambers in our area. My customers and friends often ask me if I can recommend someone for a certain project, most often I can recommend a chamber member or recommend a chamber member that can recommend someone. There's skin in the game when dealing with a chamber member. It's hard to show your face when you let someone down on a project. That edge is good for both parties, certainly something you won't get from an online vendor. So, pick up your chamber directory before you do your next Google search and shop local, shop our chamber members, everyone wins.

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

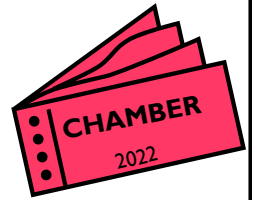
- **Business After Hours—2022**
- **Member in the Spotlight—2022**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**
- **Ribbon Cuttings for New Members**

Please check the calendar on page **19** 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!**

#### **July Winners**

Bob Kuenster—\$100

Kenwood Liquor—\$50

Phil's Pizza—\$25

Kristinna Hart—\$25

#### **August Winners**

Eileen Kerlin Walsh—\$100

David Finkelstein—\$50

Evergreen Door & Window, Inc.—\$25

Blake Mann—\$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 July 1, 2022

### **Alzein Pediatrics**

#### **Nita Widlacki**

5540 W. 111th Street, Suite 2  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 424-7600  
nwidlacki@alzeinpeds.com  
[www.alzeinpeds.com](http://www.alzeinpeds.com)

### **Bearlion ScreenPrinting & Embroidery**

Demiries Mendez  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 369-7519  
[www.bearlionscreenprinting.com](http://www.bearlionscreenprinting.com)

### **Edgar Navia ~ Coldwell Banker Realty**

10916 S Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(773) 690-9063  
[https://www.coldwellbankerhomes.com/il/oak-lawn/agent/edgar-navia/aid\\_245479/](https://www.coldwellbankerhomes.com/il/oak-lawn/agent/edgar-navia/aid_245479/)

### **McDonald's**

JDD Investment—Owner  
10533 S. Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 636-6116

### **Molly Mann Group @ Keller**

#### **Williams Elite**

Molly Mann  
4544 W 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 774-4672  
[www.mollymannhomes.com](http://www.mollymannhomes.com)  
mollymann@kw.com

### **Options Medical Weight Loss**

Kyle Kowka  
5116 W. 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 398-3226  
kkwoka@optionsmedicalweightloss.com  
[www.optionsmedicalweightloss.com](http://www.optionsmedicalweightloss.com)

### **Revitalize Spa**

Corrie Towry  
5913 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 529-5848  
<https://revitalize-spa-108204.square.site/>  
[Revitalizespa21@gmail.com](mailto:Revitalizespa21@gmail.com)

### **The Copper Top**

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

### **Seneca Real Estate**

Peter Giadla  
Joe Padorr  
7702 South Cass Ave., Suite 130  
Darien, IL 60561  
(312) 961-1743  
[www.seneca-re.com](http://www.seneca-re.com)  
pgiadla@seneca-re.com  
jpadorr@seneca-re.com

### **Soledge Solutions**

Simon Rafacz  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(630) 229-4856  
<http://www.soledgesolutions.com/>

### **The Diaz Group @ Keller Williams Elite**

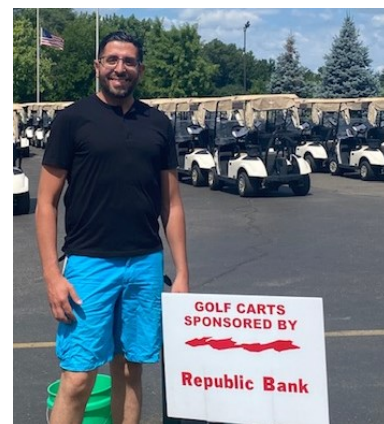
Ubaldo Diaz Jr.  
4544 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 529-8812  
[info@myteamdiaz.com](mailto:info@myteamdiaz.com)  
<http://www.thediazrealestategroup.com/>



# Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing Stony Creek Golf Course



**THANK YOU to our MAJOR SPONSOR!**  
**Oak Lawn Bank & Trust Co.**



**THANK YOU to ALL our Sponsors!**  
We hope you had fun!

# Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing Stony Creek Golf course

***116 Golfers Registered!***

**Great job everyone!**



# Richards High School Business After Hours



Richards High School  
10601 Central Ave  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



Thank you!

# August Chamber Member Luncheon Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn



## **Welcome New Members**

Garry & Sunny Gatdula ~ YSG Dessert Bar

Robert Hanna ~ Buschbach Insurance

McElheny ~ Bearlion Screen Printing & Embroidery

Edgar Navia ~ Coldwell Banker Realty

Simon Rafacz ~ Soledge Solutions

Elizabeth Rios ~ Berkshire Hathaway



# New & Prospective Member Breakfast Stony Creek Golf Course

# WELCOME!



## *New & Prospective Member Breakfast*

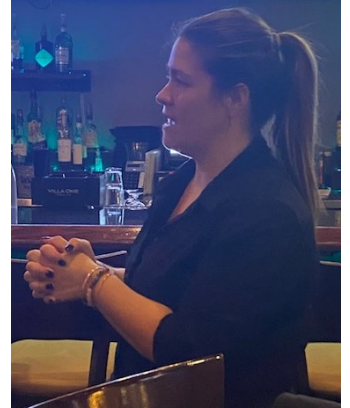
August 17, 2022  
8:00 AM  
Stony Creek Golf Course  
5850 W 103rd St  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
\$10 ~ Current Members

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.



# Rockefeller's Business After Hours



**Rockefeller's**  
4642 W. 103rd Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



**September Chamber Member Luncheon  
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn**



**SEPTEMBER  
MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, September 13**

**11:30 Registration**

**12:00 Lunch**

**\$20**

**Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn**

**9333 S Cicero Ave**

**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**



**Presenting a TEDX Willmette by:  
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce  
Natasha Williams  
One Person Can Challenge an Established System**

[WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM)

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

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce  
Fall Family Fest

# FALL FAMILY FEST

Hosted by:  
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce



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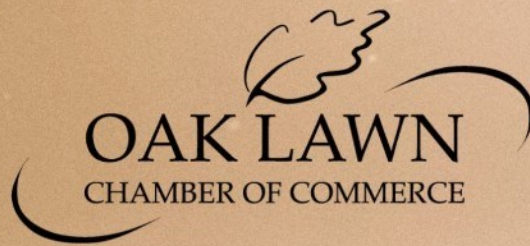
Stony Creek Golf Course  
5850 W 103rd St  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Food available for purchase from  
Smiling Clyde's Hot Dogs  
Fox's Restaurant  
Tone Capone Taco Truck  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Mr. Softee Ice Cream

For More information Contact  
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce  
708-424-8300



# Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn Business After Hours



## **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

September 20, 2022

5:00-7:00 PM



9333 S Cicero Ave  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



**Drinks & appetizers served**  
**Come take a tour of the Hilton**

**Two Drawings for:**  
**Night Stay & Dinner**  
**Sunday Brunch for 2**

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

**Chamber Member Luncheon  
American Legion Evergreen Park Post #854**

# MULTI-CHAMBER LUNCHEON

OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
&  
EVERGREEN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

American Legion Evergreen Park Post 854  
9701 South Kedzie Ave.  
Evergreen Park, IL 60805  
October 11, 2022

Lunch catered by Beggar's Pizza &  
Kesha Kake Boutique

Oak Lawn Chamber Members registration  
[https://www.oaklawnchamber.com/  
events.php](https://www.oaklawnchamber.com/events.php)

Evergreen Park Chamber Members registration  
[https://www.evergreenparkchamber.org/  
event/multi-chamber-luncheon/](https://www.evergreenparkchamber.org/event/multi-chamber-luncheon/)

11:30 Check-In  
12:00 Lunch  
\$20 per person



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

**October Business After Hours  
"Save the Date!"**

**Business  
After  
Hour**

**COMPLETE VISION CARE  
6209 W 95TH ST  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453**

**OCTOBER 12, 2022  
5:00-7:00PM**



**Save the Date  
Business After Hours**

**Tax Free Retirement Solutions**

**October 26th 2022**

**5:00-7:00PM**

**Location TBD**



# Chamber Business Showcase



# BUSINESS SHOWCASE & FALL CRAFT SHOW

**CRAFTS &  
VENDORS TO  
SHOP FROM**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
9400 SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453  
10:00AM-3:00PM

OCTOBER

15

2022

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



# October Lunch & Learn



**Wednesday, October 19 2022**  
**11:30AM-1:00PM**

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

**Speaker: Nicole Wetzell**

**Topic: Creating a YES Customer Experience**

**Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce**  
**708-424-8300**  
**[www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)**

**Please bring  
your own  
lunch**

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

**Speed Networking  
Evergreen Park & Oak Lawn Chambers  
Rockefeller's**

**EVERGREEN PARK & OAK LAWN CHAMBERS'  
SPEED NETWORKING**

**ROCKEFELLER'S  
4642 W 103RD ST  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453**

**OCTOBER 20TH  
5:30 - 8:00PM**

**LIGHT APPETIZERS SERVED**

**\$20**

**CHECK IN 5:30 PM  
NETWORKING 6:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION**

**Oak Lawn Members:  
[https://www.oaklawnchamber.com/  
event.php?ID=518](https://www.oaklawnchamber.com/event.php?ID=518)**

**EVERGREEN PARK MEMBERS:  
[HTTPS://WWW.EVERGREENPARKCHAMBER.ORG/  
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CHAMBERS-SPEED-NETWORKING-EVENT/](https://www.evergreenparkchamber.org/event/evergreen-park-oak-lawn-chambers-speed-networking-event/)**



**[Register Here!](#)**

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Chamber Member Luncheon	14	15	16	17
18 Fall Family Fest	19	20 Business After Hours @ Hilton	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Joint Chamber Member Luncheon	12 Business After Hours @ Complete Vision Care	13	14	15 Business Showcase @ OLCHS
16	17	18	19 Lunch & Learn @ Oak Lawn Public Library	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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

Monday, September 5, 2022  
Labor Day ~ Office Closed

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

Sunday, September 18, 2022  
Fall Family Fest  
Stony Creek Golf Course

Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn  
Business After Hours  
5-7 pm

Tuesday, October 11, 2022  
Joint Chamber Luncheon  
American Legion Hall  
Evergreen Park, IL  
11:30 Check-In

Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
Business After Hours  
Complete Vision Care  
5—7 pm

Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Business Showcase &  
Fall Craft Show  
Oak Lawn High School  
10 am—3 pm

Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
Lunch & Learn  
Oak Lawn Public Library  
11:30 pm

Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
Business After Hours  
Tax-Free Retirement Solutions  
5—7 pm

## Follow The Chamber!



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