

THE OAK LAWN

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 2023

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 - 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—(Call for the 2023 Schedule) 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.

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.

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

January/February 2023

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**REMEMBER
SHOP SMALL
& SHOP LOCAL!**

Chamber President's Message



This is my last letter as president. Jeff Reynolds, Nothing Bundt Cakes, will be leading the chamber later this month. I know he will continue in the tradition of past chamber presidents.

I write these letters every few months, although it seems like every week. That's how fast the year and my term has gone. I know that I've told you that I thoroughly enjoy being your chamber president. I really do. Ours is a vibrant chamber, we continue to grow our membership and expand opportunities for engagement. Anne Fritz our chamber director, Jennifer Villafan, and Julie Miller, our past chamber director, keep the chamber organized and the executive committee and board of directors on task. They really make us look good.

My mantra during my term for the board was to Show Up, Do Your Job, and Get Along. It has worked in my life and at the chamber. It's all about people. These goals may be simple but are not always easy. So much in life is about showing up. If you don't, you'll miss out on something that can change your day or maybe even yourself. Do your job, whether that's as a parent, worker, or friend. It's not always easy. Get along, our diversity, makes us stronger as a chamber and as a community. It's not always easy having your beliefs challenged. In the end, it's about the people, and we have so many great people at the chamber.

I am the owner of Allegra Marketing Print Mail, a print production & marketing services provider and more importantly, a father of 3 daughters. My wife Margie gets all the fun calls from our girls. I get all the I need your help calls. I rely on many chamber members for my business and family. Our directory and website are great resources to find help. I have expanded my network since I joined the chamber. It didn't happen overnight. I showed up to many chamber events and met a lot of great members that either helped my business or I was able to help their business. I would encourage you to start the new year with a commitment to attend one chamber event a month and see how many new people you can meet this year. Whether it's a monthly chamber luncheon, ribbon cutting, new member breakfast, lunch & learn, business showcase, golf outing, health & safety fair, fall family event, or installation dinner, there are many opportunities to meet people.

In the end, it's all about people.

I wish you and yours the very best this new year. I was honored to serve as your president.

Peace- Jim Makina

2023 Officers and Directors

President-Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)

1st Vice President-- Natasha Williams (Three20 Media)

2nd Vice President = Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)

Treasurer/Secretary - Nick Gulino (J.P. Architects, LLC.)

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

Term Expiring 12/31/23

Joe Cwiklinski (Century 21 Affiliated Pro Team)

Bernard Deir (Midwest Business Consulting)

David A. Dewar (Tax-Free Retirement Solutions)

Tom Javorcic (Oak Lawn Public Library)

Susan Latocha (Advocate Aurora Health Christ Medical)

Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster F.H.)

Charlie Shirk (Hilton Chicago / Oak Lawn)

Daniel Stidham (Calvary Church)

Sharon Vetsch (The Quick Books Queen)

Nicole Wetzell (NEW Consulting)

Linda Wong (Express Employment Professionals)

Term Expiring 12/31/24

Dr. Sandra Bury (Complete Vision Care)

George Cachares (Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center)

Shannon Dahlman (Grace Point Place)

Joseph Eaton (Shark Shredding)

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

Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle)

Mike Jacobson (Community High School District 218)

Erin Molek (BEDS Plus Care)

Steve Pappageorge (MVCC)

Jill Stetson (Skin Trust)

Mike Sutko (World Travel Mart)

Justin Waters (Oak Lawn Park District)

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**

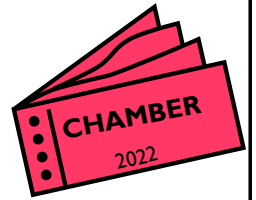
Please check the calendar on page **14** for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:

www.oaklawchamber.com

2023 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!

November Winners

Tricia Marker—\$100

Jim Gorney—\$50

Dr. Vicki Williams—\$25

Laura Swayne—\$25

December Winners

Tom Fox—\$100

Tom Fox—\$50

Leo Gutchewsky—\$25

New Day Spa & Salon—\$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 November 1, 2022

Brad Bandyk Fitness + Lifestyle

Brad Bandyk
9735 Southwest Highway
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(773) 420-8521
www.bradbandyfitness.com

Highpoint Planning Partners

Sean O'Shea
15020 S. Ravinia., Suite 27
Orland Park, IL 60462
(708) 789-9518 x228
www.highpointplanningpartners.com

Five Star Furniture

Mike Suleiman
8716 S Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 425-4000
www.fivestarfurniturestore.com

The Chicago Lighthouse

Katherine Stoeberl
1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331
www.chicagolighthouse.org

Rose Beauty, Inc.

Mike Suleiman
8724 S. Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 658-6473

Montessori Freedom to Learn

Jerry Kohn
5220 W. 105th Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 745-1428
www.montessoriftl.org



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Los Friends Mexican Restaurant Ribbon Cutting



Los Friends
5466 W. 95th Street
Oak Lawn, IL



WELCOME



Non-Profit November Luncheon Hilton Oak Lawn



Welcome New Member
Michele Govea
Your Way to Feng Shui

New & Prospective Member Breakfast Huck Finn Restaurant



Thank you to Huck Finn for hosting!

Kerlin Walsh Law Business After Hours



Photo Credits: Photography by Angel
Thank you to Santa Adam for making this
event special!

December Luncheon Hilton Oak Lawn



***THANK YOU to OLCHS Choir
& Santa Adam for his
Special Appearance!***



Welcome New Members
Brad Brandyk Fitness + Lifestyle
Brad Bandyk



Lunch & Learn

Featuring Nadine Iwema from Primerica



Wednesday, January 18, 2023
11:30AM-1:00PM

Oak Lawn Public Library
Mary Nelson Room
9427 Raymond Ave

Speaker: Nadine Iwema
Primerica

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**Please bring
your own
lunch**

REGISTER HERE!

Annual Installation Dinner is BACK!
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

*The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce
invites you to attend the
2023 Installation Dinner*

Friday, January 20, 2023
Hors D'oeuvres & Cocktails 6:30 pm
Program & Installation 7:30 pm
Dinner 8 pm
Entertainment ~ Precision Sound DJ
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn
9333 S. Cicero Avenue
Cocktail Attire

\$70 Per Person
RSVP by January 13, 2023

Register online at
www.oaklawnchamber.com or
Call the Chamber office (708) 424-8300



REGISTER HERE!

**February Luncheon ~ State of the Village
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn**

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON &
STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS**



February 14, 2023

11:30 AM Registration /Networking

12:00PM Lunch

\$20

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

9333 S Cicero Ave

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

**Presented By:
Village President Terry Vorderer**



**RSVP 708-424-8300 or
www.oaklawnchamber.com**



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

New & Prospective Member Breakfast February 15, 2023, 8 am



New & Prospective Member Breakfast

February 15, 2023

8:00 AM

Les Brothers

8705 Ridgeland 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 2023 new members. \$10 for current members.
Kindly RSVP to the chamber office 708-424-8300.**

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Lunch & Learn	19	20 Installation Dinner	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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.*

February 2023

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

Follow The Chamber!



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