## 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 2023**

## Annual Golf Outing Sponsorships AVAILABLE NOW! See Page 19 for more information.

**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. Call to schedule yours now!

**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 800+ 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 \$30 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 -** Advertise in the Metra Patriot station 24/7/365. Quarterly ads \$75 for members.

**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 for a tutorial. This is free to all members.

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

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REMEMBER!!!
SHOP SMALL

&

SHOP LOCAL!

### **Chamber President's Message**



Happy May to all of our Chamber members! This year is just flying by and I hope this note finds all of you well. This is a crazy time of the year with having just had Easter and now Mother's Day is right around the corner along with Nurses and Teacher's appreciates weeks. I hope we can all take a moment to thank all of those

people who take great care of us and our children.

In April, we changed our format and decided to have a member breakfast instead of a luncheon. We realize that not everyone can step away from their busy lives to join us for lunch. It was very well attended with over 50 members in attendance. We would love to hear your thoughts on whether or not this is something you would like to see in the future from time to time.

March and April were very busy with many fantastic events. Some of which were the JDog Junk Removal Ribbon Cutting and Service Project, Clean Cans & Powerwashing Ribbon Cutting, Multi-Business after Hours at the Metra Train Station, Annual Health & Safety Expo & Tax-Free Retirement Solutions Business after Hours. In addition, we have added 11 new members and continue to keep growing.

Our annual golf outing is quickly approaching with this year's event set for July 12<sup>th</sup> at Stony Creek Golf Course. We are looking for sponsors and golfers for our event. Please reach out and let us know if you are interested in participating in the amazing event. It is always a really fun day.

Please join us for our upcoming events. Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 is the Ribbon Cutting for Burke Orthodontics at 4532 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> is our monthly luncheon at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Check in begins at 11:30. Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Ribbon Cutting for Napleton Ford at 11:30 am and Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 is the Pathlights Business after Hours at 7808 West College Drive.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your spring as we look forward to a wonderful summer. Thank you for all of your participation. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions, comments or ideas that you have. Your participation is what makes our Chamber so fantastic.

Regards,

Jeffrey Reynolds, 2023 Chamber President

### **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)

Treadurer/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.)** 

**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

- Ribbon Cuttings
- Business After Hours
- Member in the Spotlight
- Monthly Member Luncheons
- Quarterly Lunch & Learns
- Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts

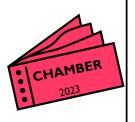
Please check the calendar on page 20 for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:

www.oaklawnchamber.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!**

### **March Winners**

Kelly Webb Roberts—\$100 Brian Murphy—\$50 Dr. Richard Marshall—\$25

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Ryan Devlin—\$25

### **April Winners**

Patricia Joan Murphy—\$100

Dawn Silic—\$50

Michelle Jefferies—\$25

Kathleen Rufferty—\$25

### **NOW** is a GREAT time to ENGAGE with the CHAMBER!

Some reasons Chamber Membership Matters:

- Networking
- Marketing
- Community
  - Referrals
- Credibility
- Resources
  - Visibility



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS Joined after March 1, 2023

### **Slip-Proof Safety**

Mary Jane Mannella
Willow Springs, IL 60480
(708) 839-4775

www.slipproofsafety.com
slipproof.ameriglide@gmail.com

### **Acorn to Oak Studios**

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### **Linx Security**

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alyse@bintheredumptthat.com
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### **JAC Care at Home**

Cherrrylyn Grunberg
Palos Heights, IL 60463
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admin@jaccareathome.com
www.jaccareathome.com

### **OLSA Lightning Swim, LLC.**

Linda Forsythe
PO Box 2411
Bridgeview, IL 60455
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swim@olsalightning.org
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### **KAT Organizing**

Kris Todd
18605 Morris Ave.
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kris@katorganizing.com
www.katorganizing.com

### **Burke Orthodontics**

Dr. John Burke
4532 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street
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Info@smilesbyburke.com
www.smilesbyburke.com

#### **Solix Business Services**

Martha Razo
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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solixbizservices@gmail.com
www.solixservices.com

### **Take 5 Oil Change**

Michael Straus/Griffin Kemp 10901 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (708) 505-9134 gkemp@take5chicago.com www.take5chicago.com



# March Chamber Luncheon Oak Lawn Community High School









# WELCOME New Members! Justin Cardoza ~ Computer Prodigies, Inc. Martha Razo ~ Solix Business Services Dave Wills ~ BBSI, Inc. Michale Straus & Kevin Boyd ~ Take 5 Chicago







# Fire & Safety Coloring Book Drawing Winners







# JDog Junk Removal and Hauling Ribbon Cutting











Thank you to
OLCHS for Hosting!
JDog Junk Removal
Oak Lawn, IL
(708) 940-0615



## **Clean Cans & Powerwashing ~ Ribbon Cutting**





Clean Cans & Powerwashing Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (866) 690-2267



**BEFORE** 









## Multi - Business After Hours Metra Train Station













Delicious Food Provided by: Los Friends

Thank you to ALL the businesses who
participated in this BAH!
Advocate Health Care
KAT Organizing & Relocation Services
Los Friends
Next 2 Level Consulting
Tax-Free Retirement Solutions
Three20 Media
Your Way to Feng Shui



## **April Chamber Networking Breakfast**



### WELCOME New Members!

Rosine Williams ~ New York Life

Laura Cunningham ~
KAT Organizing & Relocations
Services

Steve Raetz ~ Linz Security

Blanca Leanos— Leanos Photography





## **Health & Safety Expo**







Thanks to D123 for Hosting this Annual Event!





# **Tax-Free Retirement Solutions Business After Hours**





Thanks to Cork & Bean for hosting!









# Ribbon Cutting ~ Burke Orthodontics May 4, 2023



YOU ARE INVITED!!
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

Burke Orthodontics 4532 W. 103rd Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453

11:30 AM





# May Chamber Luncheon May 9, 2023

## May Luncheon

Join us for our Monthly Luncheon

May 9th 2023
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn
9333 S Cicero Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

11:30AM Registration/
Networking
12:00PM Lunch
\$20

Don't forget to RSVP www.oaklawnchamber.com or 708-424-8300

# New & Prospective Member Breakfast May 17, 2023



## New & Prospective Member Breakfast

May 17, 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.

# Ribbon Cutting ~ Napleton Ford May 23, 2023

## Napleton Ford

You are Invited!!
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

11:30 AM

Napleton Ford 6100 W 95th Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453







# Business After Hours ~ Pathlights May 24, 2023



# June Chamber Luncheon ~ Wolf Wildlife Pavilion June 13, 2023

# June Luncheon



Join us for our monthly Luncheon

June 13, 2023
Wolfe WildLife Pavillon
109th & Laramie

11:30 AM Registration 12:00 PM Lunch \$20

Don't forget to RSVP www.oaklawnchamber.com or 708-424-8300

**Click Here to Register!** 

# SAVE THE DATE! Annual Golf Outing July 12, 2023



**Click Here to Register!** 

### **May 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	Burke Orthodontics Ribbon Cutting	5	6
7	8	9 Chamber Member Luncheon	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 New Member Breakfast	18	19	20
21	22	23 Napleton Ford Ribbon Cutting	24 Pathlights Business After Hours	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### **June 2023**

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



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

Thursday, May 4, 2023 Burke Orthodontics Ribbon Cutting 4532 W 103rd Street 11:30 am

> Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Chamber Luncheon Hilton Oak Lawn 11:30 am check-in

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 New & Prospective Member Breakfast Les Brothers, 8705 S Ridgeland Ave 8 am

> Tuesday, May 23, 2023 Napleton Ford Ribbon Cutting 6100 W 95th Street 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 Pathlights Business After Hours 7800 W College Drive 5—7 pm

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Chamber Luncheon Wolfe Wildlife, 109th & Laramie Ave. 11:30 am check-in



### Follow The Chamber!







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