

# 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

**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. **2024 Schedule is NOW AVAILABLE.**

**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 900+ 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. **2024 Schedule is NOW AVAILABLE.**

**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. **2024 Schedule is NOW AVAILABLE.**

**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**

## November/December 2023

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5120 Museum Drive  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**REMEMBER!!!**

**SHOP SMALL! SHOP LOCAL!  
SHOP OAK LAWN!**

# Chamber President's Message



Hello Chamber Members! I hope you all had a great, however snowy, Halloween. We certainly didn't get as many trick or treaters this year but everyone still had a great time.

September and October were extremely busy. We held our joint luncheon with the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. It was a very

well attended event with great networking and getting to know our neighbors. In addition, we held our second annual Fall Family Fest at Stony Creek. We had over 400 parents and children in attendance. It was a fantastic event and we are already talking about next year! The Business After Hours at the Hilton was also another well attended business after hours. Thanks to all of you that came out.

Our October luncheon was held at Richards High School. We were entertained by the band and choir. The annual Business Showcase in collaboration with the Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA Fall Craft Show took place on October 21<sup>st</sup> where the Chamber handed out 250 bags to those in attendance.

November 1<sup>st</sup> was the ribbon cutting for Blueberry Hill. All of those in attendance were treated to a fantastic breakfast. There will also be a New & Prospective Member Breakfast at Blueberry Hill on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Don't forget to check your emails for our 2024 Membership renewal! Now is the time to place your ads in the 2024 Membership Directory. Please reach out to the chamber office with any questions.

Please join us for our upcoming events. The November Chamber Member Luncheon will be at the Hilton on November 14, 2023. There is also a Business After Hours at Kiswani Law (with Insperity) on 12/7 from 5-7pm. The December Chamber Member Luncheon will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> with a performance by the OLCHS Choir and maybe a visit from Santa! The Kerlin Walsh Law Business After Hours will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Please check our calendar for addresses and any other events.

Some exciting news.....there will be a new website released later this month! Watch for the announcement.

I hope you all have an amazing holiday season! Be safe and please come out and join us for our events. The more involved you become the more valuable the Chamber will be for you. 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)**

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

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

### Term Expiring 12/31/23

**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

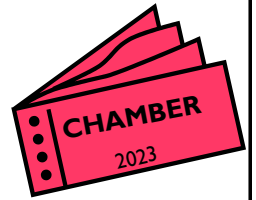
Please check the calendar on page 16 for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:

[www.oaklawchamber.com](http://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!

#### September Winners

Dr. David Finklestein—\$100

Joe Lloyd—\$50

G&L Trophies—\$25

D&D Printing—\$25

#### October Winners

Donna Herpich—\$100

D&D Printing—\$50

Maryanne Sunce—\$25

Don Simental—\$25

## JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE TO:

- ♥ SHOP
- ♥ DINE IN
- ♥ TAKE OUT
- ♥ STOP BY
- ♥ SUPPORT
- ♥ BROWSE
- ♥ LEAVE A REVIEW FOR

## A LOCAL BUSINESS



#SmallBusinessSeason

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

## Joined after September 1, 2023

### Farmer's Insurance

Brenda Haynes Wallace  
10402 S. Cicero Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 599-0695

bhayneswallace@farmersagent.com

[www.agents.farmers.com/bhayneswallace](http://www.agents.farmers.com/bhayneswallace)

### Chicago Swim School

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10200 191<sup>st</sup> Street  
Mokena, IL 60448  
(708)593-5919

[mokena@chicagoswimschool.com](mailto:mokena@chicagoswimschool.com)

<https://www.chicagoswimschool.com/>

### iDream Realty

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(312) 927-0374

rosa@idreamrealtygroup.com

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

### CC Homes

Caroline Cunningham  
2000 West 111th Sr., Suite 201  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(773) 909-1888

cchomeschicago@gmail.com

[Www.thecchomes.com](http://Www.thecchomes.com)

### Country Financial

Julissa Sprycha  
9100 Ogden Ave  
Brookfield, IL 60513

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<https://agents.countryfinancial.com/usa/il/brookfield/julissa-sprycha>

### KNB Enterprises, LLC.

Dave Brethaur  
10724 S Albany Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60655  
davel@knbenterprisesllc.  
[www.knbenterprisesllc.com](http://www.knbenterprisesllc.com)

### Foreelo Web Design & SEO Digital Marketing Experts

Andrew Hucher  
9631 S Cicero Ave., #1161  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(773) 599-9328  
help@foreelo.com  
[www.foreelo.com](http://www.foreelo.com)



*Welcome*  
*Glad you're here!*

# Co-Chamber Member Luncheon with Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce DoubleTree Hilton Alsip



**New Members**  
Cherrylyn Cardenas—  
JAC Care at Home  
Kandis Draw—  
The HAP Foundation  
Xuel Bella Beauty  
Arlene Scott—  
Keller Williams Preferred Realty

# Fall Family Fest Stony Creek Golf Course



Thank you to all  
our Sponsors!

Thanks to all the  
Volunteers!

**What a FUN  
DAY!**



# Business After Hours Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn



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



# October Chamber Member Luncheon

## Richards High School



**New Members**  
Dave Brethauer—  
KNB Enterprises, LLC.  
Rosa Bulza—  
iDream Realty  
Brenda Haynes  
Wallace—  
Farmers Insurance  
Jennifer Nolan—  
Rush Oak Lawn  
Julissa Sprycha—





# Business Showcase

## Oak Lawn Community High School



# RENEW NOW!

**To ensure your business is included in our 2024 directory renew now.**

**Invoices have been sent out via email if you have't received contact the office so we can verify your email address.**

**708-424-8300**



# Blueberry Hill Café

## Ribbon Cutting

5769 W 95th Street, Oak Lawn



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



**NOVEMBER  
LUNCHEON**

**HILTON CHICAGO/OAK LAWN  
9333 S CIGERO AVE  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2003**

**11:30 AM NETWORKING  
12:00 PM LUNCH  
\$20**

**RSVP [WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM) OR  
708-424-8300**

**RSVP Here!**

**New & Prospective Member Breakfast**  
**Blueberry Hill Café**



***New & Prospective Member Breakfast***

**November 15, 2023**

**8:00 AM**

**Blueberry Hill Cafe**

**5769 W 95th 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 2023 new members. \$10 for current members.  
Kindly RSVP to the chamber office 708-424-8300.**

# Lunch & Learn ~ Pathlights Calvary Church

## Lunch & Learn

### *The Path Ahead: Supporting Family Caregivers*



- *Join Pathlights for a conversation on resources and support available for caregivers & older adults.*
- *Informal caregivers juggling a family, career & household, along with caring for a loved one are often overlooked & undervalued.*

*Presenters:*

Elaine Grande, Executive Director, Pathlights  
Lynn Reasonover, Caregiver, Pathlights' Board Member



*Elaine Grande*



*Lynn Reasonover*



Oak Lawn Calvary Church  
10056 S. Central  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

November 29, 2023  
11:30AM-1:00PM

Bring your lunch and come hear what Elaine & Lynn have to say!

**Business After Hours**

December

**SAVE**  
*the*  
**DATE**

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS  
IN DECEMBER!**

**KISWANI LAW & INSPIRITY**

**12/7/23 5-7 PM**

**KERLIN WALSH LAW**

**12/18/23 5-7 PM**

# December Chamber Member Luncheon

## Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

**DECEMBER  
LUNCHEON**

OAK LAWN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**12TH  
DEC** | **NETWORKING 11:30  
LUNCH 12:00PM  
\$20**

**HILTON CHICAGO/OAK LAWN  
9333 S CICERO AVE  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453**

Oak Lawn Community High School  
Choir will be performing

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# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Blueberry Hill Ribbon-Cutting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chamber Luncheon	15 New & Prospective Member Breakfast	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lunch & Learn Pathlights	30		

# December 2023

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



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

November 1st @ 9:30 AM  
Blueberry Hill Café Ribbon-Cutting

November 14th @ 11:30 AM  
Chamber Member Luncheon  
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

November 15th @ 8:30 AM  
New & Prospective Member Breakfast

November 29th @ 11:30 AM  
Lunch & Learn ~ Pathlights

December 7th 5-7 PM  
Kiswani Law & Insperty  
Business After Hours

December 12th @ 11:30 AM  
Chamber Luncheon  
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

December 18th 5-7 PM  
Kerlin Walsh Law  
Business After Hours

December 25, 2023—January 5, 2024  
Chamber Office Closed



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