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A NORTHERN KANE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLICATION



Melissa Hernandez

Message from the executive director

Spring is here! Snow piles are shrinking, flower buds are peeking out from branches and birds are singing their tunes.

Now that Mother Nature is marketing her

spring season to us, it reminds me that I want to talk marketing with you.

After you joined the Chamber, did you immediately seize the opportunity to market your business through the Chamber? Did you join with the intention of growing your business and increasing your contacts? I assume that everyone wants to get the most out of their membership, but how do you do that?

Not everyone joins the Chamber with the same goals in mind. Some join to participate in the community. Others join in an attempt to get a new business started. And still others have been in business for a while and need a jumpstart to rejuvenate their company. The best advice I can offer to any member is, "participation is key!" The minute you join the Chamber the benefits begin, but how you get a return on your investment is up to you.

Here's how:

- Each new member is entitled to one introductory e-mail blast to the membership.
- You are automatically listed on our members-only Web site, along with yearly listings in our members-only directory and map.
- Bulk mailing permits and mailing lists (ask me how!)
- Member-only referrals
- Member advantage discount and gift certificate programs
- Ribbon cutting
- Advertisements on the Web site or in the monthly newsletter
- Drawings to be a Member Profile in the newsletter (free advertising!)
- Opportunities for a large stakeholder profile in the newsletter (more free advertising!)
- To get a larger return on your investment, please schedule yourself for at least one Chamber event a month: Business After Hours, General Membership Lunch, SOHO or Women in Business.
- Volunteering at big Chamber events and by participating on a committee is another great way to make new business relationships.
- Community involvement with five villages (rather than just one!)

The Chamber board and committee members are continuing to grow the membership and enhance your prospects. I encourage each member to take advantage of these opportunities.

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Executive Director

PLATINUM MEMBERS



Open house: Verizon Wireless - Spring Hill Mall



Jessica Bathauer, VJ Romero and Jessica Przybysz of Verizon Wireless celebrated a successful open house and sales event.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Northern Kane County Chamber is an advocate for business interests and development by identifying and fulfilling the needs of the business community through leadership, education, support and promotion.



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Village of Gilberts

The Village of Gilberts is the fastest growing zip code in Chicagoland, with an estimated population of over 6,000 people. In spite of the national and regional housing slowdown, this community continues to attract and develop new residents and businesses. Gilberts offers the charm and livability of a small community, while providing convenient access to the attractions of the Chicago area.

The Village offers a variety of housing options that have been particularly attractive to working professionals, families and empty nesters. A new state-of-the-art elementary school is a welcome addition to this growing community. It provides children an excellent educational experience, rich with school programs and after-school activities. The Gilberts branch of the Greater Elgin Area YMCA has partnered with the Village to offer a variety of youth sports programs.

The Village abounds with open spaces, bike paths and recreational areas. Sprinkled among soccer and baseball fields, basketball courts and a skating park, residents also enjoy picnic pavilions that make a great place to host any outdoor event. The Village is currently developing plans to add an additional 20-acre park that will be the backdrop for many of the Village's seasonal events.

Gilberts is growing with vision. Dedicated board members who anticipated the growth are currently giving roadways a major face lift and expansion. The recent improvements to the intersection of Tyrrell Road and Route 72, along with the extension of Tyrrell Road, provide the community and region the ability to access destinations with ease.

~ Darlene Muller, Village of Gilberts

Village of Gilberts

87 Galligan Road
Gilberts, IL 60136
villageofgilberts.com

Important phone numbers

- Police and fire emergency 911
Fire non-emergency 847-426-2522
Police non-emergency 847-428-2954
Administration 847-428-2861
Buildings department 847-428-4167
Dundee Township Park District . . . 847-551-4300
Dundee Township Public Library . . 847-428-3661
Elgin YMCA 847-888-7410
Finance department 847-428-4167
Public works department 847-551-3293

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April Calendar

All meetings held at Chamber office unless indicated with an *.
Call the Chamber office at 847-426-8565 for event reservations.

| SUN/SAT | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---|--|--------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 April 5-6 Chamber Business Expo* | | | | Women In Business* 11:30 am | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Small/Home-based Networking 7:30 am | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | | | | | |
| 13 | 14 Executive Board 12 Noon | 15 | 16 Business After Hours* 5 - 7 pm | 17 Board Meeting 7:30 am | 18 |
| 19 | | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Ambassadors Meeting* 8 am | 24 Progressive Networking Lunch* 11:30 am - 1 pm | 25 |
| 26 | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

April 3
Women In Business*
11:30 am - 1 pm
Suzanne Ness
Living Forward
Dundee Township Park District
665 Barrington Avenue
Carpentersville

April 5 & 6
Chamber Business Expo
Sat - 10 am - 4 pm
Sun - 10 am - 3 pm
Dundee Middle School
Route 72-West Dundee

April 9
Small/Home-based Networking
11:45 am - 1 pm
National City Bank
(formerly Mid America)
Norine Weibmer
Making Your Networking Count
2429 Randall Road
Carpentersville

April 16
Business After Hours
5 - 7 pm
Harris Bank
6900 Huntley Road
Carpentersville

April 23
Ambassadors Meeting
8:00 am
Harris Bank
720 S. Eighth St. (Rte. 31)
West Dundee

April 24
Progressive Networking Lunch
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
The Seville
700 South Barrington Road
Streamwood

Save the date!

June 18
Chamber Golf Outing
Whisper Creek Golf Club
Sun City - Huntley
8 am

BRONZE MEMBERS

- AAA Chicago ~ Geneva
- Advanced Polymer Compounding ~ Carpentersville
- Alan J. Coulson, P.C. ~ West Dundee
- American Financial Associates ~ Schaumburg
- The Anvil Club ~ East Dundee
- Awesome Creations, Inc. ~ Carpentersville
- Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, LLC ~ Algonquin
- The Bicycle Garage ~ East Dundee
- Blackstone Golf Club ~ Marengo
- Business Matters ~ West Dundee
- Capital Financial Bancorp, Inc. ~ Schaumburg
- Center for Chiropractic Medicine ~ West Dundee
- Country Insurance and Financial Services ~ Elgin
- Davey Tree Experts Co. ~ East Dundee
- Dominick's Pizzeria ~ West Dundee
- Dundee Animal Hospital ~ East Dundee
- Dundee Collision, Inc. ~ East Dundee
- Dundee Dermatology ~ West Dundee
- Everything Floral, LLC ~ West Dundee
- Express Personnel Services ~ Carpentersville
- Grainger Industrial Supply ~ Elgin
- Insurance Correlators ~ Elgin
- Jamba Juice ~ Carpentersville
- J.C. Penney Co. ~ West Dundee
- Jim Warner's Monument Company ~ Lake in the Hills
- Kinder Care Learning Center ~ Sleepy Hollow
- Kiss, Ryan & Anderson, LTD., P.C. ~ Carpentersville
- Kwik Kopy Printing ~ Carpentersville
- Landin Chiropractic Care, P.C. ~ Elgin
- Laird Funeral Home P.C. ~ West Dundee
- Leith Heating & Cooling ~ West Dundee
- Martax Company ~ Carpentersville
- Meyer Sign ~ West Dundee
- Northwind Flooring Company ~ Carpentersville
- Office Max ~ West Dundee
- Planet Chiropractic ~ West Dundee
- Realty World Fox Valley, Inc. ~ West Dundee
- Regina's Via Trent Uno ~ West Dundee
- RE/MAX Central West ~ West Dundee
- Right at Home ~ Algonquin
- Rocky Road Power Plant ~ East Dundee
- Rutland Communications, Inc. ~ Huntley
- Select Comfort ~ West Dundee
- Small Operational Business, Inc. ~ Elgin
- Starbucks ~ Elgin
- Starbucks ~ West Dundee
- State Farm-Chad Radtke ~ Huntley
- Sunshine Travel - Elgin
- Total Home Health, Inc. ~ Elgin
- Tri-county Rental and Repair ~ Carpentersville
- Verizon Wireless ~ West Dundee
- White Castle ~ Carpentersville
- William Manny Midwest ~ Rockford

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Web site updates

Our job posting link is up and running, another great benefit to Chamber members.

If you would like to post a job for your business please e-mail the information to the Chamber office. The job will be posted for two weeks. There is no cost for this benefit. Please visit nkchamber.com



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Spa Bleu
West Dundee

Looking for your news

The Chamber office would like to publish more information and announcements about your business and staff. Deadline for newsletter entries is the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.

Welcome new members

Bath Fitter
Paul Fivelson
Acrylic bath systems
2511 Technology Dr. Ste 109
Elgin, IL 60123
847-844-7660
bathfitter.com

Kathy's Pet Salon
Kathy Ramos
Dog grooming & pet supplies
133 E. Higgins Rd.
Gilberts, IL 60136
847-428-1701

Londos Family Chiropractic
Dr. Aaron Londos
Dedicated to helping children and families achieve their optimum health
7006 Huntley Rd.
Carpentersville, IL 60110
847-836-7101

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Children, family and pet portraiture
847-783-0644
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Right at Home
Jeanette Palmer
Non-medical in home care
409 S. Main Street
Algonquin, IL 60102
847-458-8656
nchicago.rightathome.net

Chamber renewal honor roll

| | |
|---|----------|
| Sunshine Travel | 16 years |
| Kwik Kopy Printing..... | 11 years |
| FastSigns | 10 years |
| Baird and Warner/The Hilda Jones Team.. | 8 years |
| 1GR8 Car Wash | 4 years |
| Olive Garden..... | 3 years |
| Costco Wholesale | 1 year |
| Country Financial | 1 year |



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April 2008

Member news

... Lots of upcoming events at Spring Hill Mall: Devin Hester, punt and kick return specialist of the Chicago Bears, will be signing merchandise at the Sports Fanatic store on Wednesday, April 2 at 5 pm. Tickets are on sale now. Call 847-783-6783 for information.

...“Alvin and the Chipmunks” will take the stage in Center Court at Spring Hill Mall for a fun-filled musical extravaganza during a free event on Friday, April 4 at 3 pm, 4:30 pm and 6 pm. Character meet and greets follow each event.

... Spring Hill Mall is planning several home-based business expos this year. The first will be held Saturday, June 28, and Sunday, June 29. Call Neil Lopez at Spring Hill Mall at 847-428-2200.

Dundee Township Park District: what's happening

As the weather becomes warmer, thoughts turn to outdoors. Final planning is underway for the numerous spring and summer activities that are offered at Dundee Township Park District facilities.

Both Bonnie Dundee Golf Club and Randall Oaks Golf Club will be opening within the next month (as soon as the weather permits). New this season, Bonnie Dundee is offering a Rules and Etiquette Clinic, as well as Beginners Clinics, and two Family Nights. Randall Oaks has a major Demo Day planned for Sunday, May 4. All of the top brand equipment companies will be present.

Want to bring your golf game to a new level? The new EGO System GPS, new at Randall

Oaks this year, allows a golfer to quickly find accurate distance to the green select a club and enter your score! Plan to try it out in April or May.

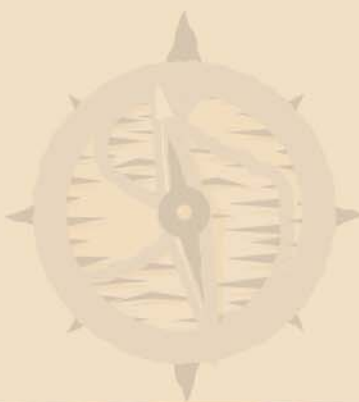
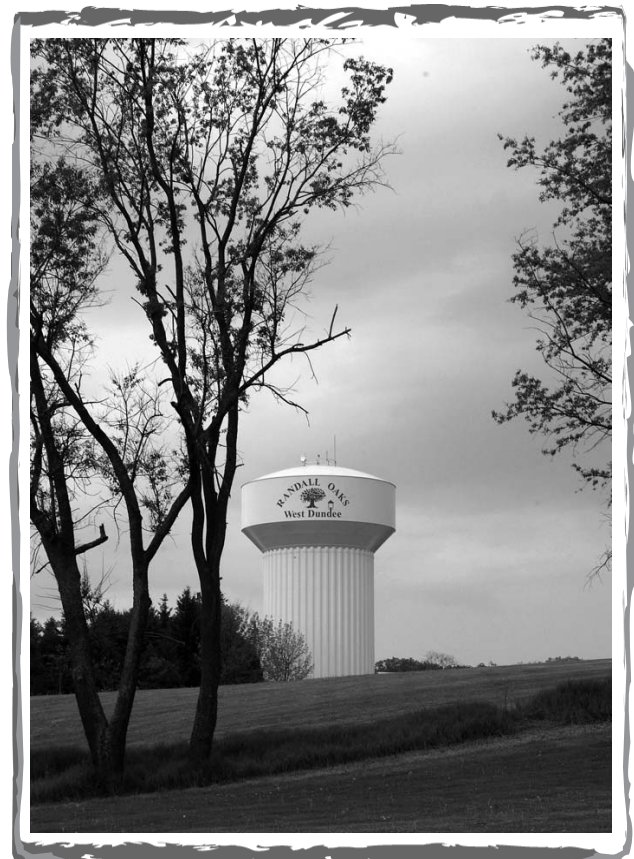
Are you looking for family activities? The Randall Oaks Barnyard Zoo, 1180 N. Randall Road, West Dundee, is open weekends starting April 12 to May 11. It opens daily May 12 to September 1 and provides a variety of farm animals for petting and feeding. Our series of eight Summer Concert/Movies in the Park are sure to delight family audiences of all ages.

Watch for the Summer 2008 brochure, mailed to all Dundee Township residents, containing a complete listing of all upcoming activities. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

~ Helen Shumate, Dundee Township Park District

For more information:

- **Randall Oaks Golf Club**
Binnie Road, just west Randall Road
West Dundee
847-428-5661
randalloaksgc.com
- **Bonnie Dundee Golf Club**
Route 25, just north of Route 68
Carpentersville
847-426-5511
bonniedundeegc.com
- **Dundee Township Park District**
847-428-7131
dtpd.org



SOHO presentation



Dena Napoli, CDM Promotions, and the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce Chair

Business after hours: The Holiday Inn



Karri Klemmer, Marriott, and Jan Montgomery, The Holiday Inn

Special thank yous

... Baird and Warner team for hosting a great February after hours.

... Additional appreciation for the annual dinner auction to:

- Park National Bank
- Lover's Lane
- Court Yard by Marriott
- Hexion Chemical Specialt
- The Larkin Center
- The Anvil Club

... Dena Napoli from CDM Promotions for a great presentation at the March SOHO networking breakfast.

... The Holiday Inn for hosting the St. Patrick's Day March Business After Hours.

... Hollie Kissane from the Kane County Board for speaking at the Women in Business lunch and Emmett's Tavern & Brewing Co. for hosting the lunch.

Women in business



Allison Smith, District 300, and Helen Shumate, Dundee Township Park District



Patricia Mierisch, Village of Gilberts, and Hollie Kissane, Kane County Board



Dr. Melissa Rothenberger, Center for Chiropractic Medicine; Laurie Totton, Sherman Health, and Cheryl Wendt, FastSigns