



# Directions

A NORTHERN KANE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLICATION



Melissa Hernandez

## Message from the executive director

Our golf outing was held at the beautiful Whisper Creek Golf Club in Huntley and this year, it was bigger and better than ever!

With the commitment dedication, and hard

work of the golf committee and everyone in attendance, we were able to bring community leaders and businesses together for a full day of relaxation and fun. Thank you everyone who attended and participated in this great event to make it such a success.

I would especially like to express my appreciation to the golf committee members who made sure our golf outing was a great experience for all: Lynn Past, Bank of America and golf outing chair, with Chuck Doebler, Hexion Specialty Chemicals; Mark Harms, First Midwest Bank; and Chad Radtke, State Farm Insurance. Thank you for your dedication and support!

I also want to thank our Ace golf outing

sponsors: Bank of America, Hexion Specialty Chemicals, FastSigns, First Midwest Bank, National City Bank and The Anvil Club. Thank you for stepping up and helping to make the outing a wonderful experience for all.

The Chamber recently hosted a special meeting held by our State Representatives Ruth Munson and Tim Schmitz, along with community stakeholders and businesses, to discuss the start of a local Economic Development Council. Feedback was very positive from those in attendance. The next step will be further discussions with our five Villages. If you are interested in finding out more and would like to participate, please call me at the Chamber office at 847-426-8565.

When you call the Chamber office and you hear a new voice, please say hello to Lauren Perrine who will be available several days a week.

It's going to be a busy July with a variety of Chamber and community activities. Take a break and network with Chamber members.

*Melissa Hernandez*

## General membership meeting May 14, 2008

Otto Engineering, Carpentersville



Kevin Brown, Park National Bank;  
Matt Hackney and Carmen Mendez,  
National City Bank



Lynn Past, Bank of America;  
Tom Roeser, Otto Engineering

### PLATINUM MEMBERS



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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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**Member news:**

Jenny Wagner is the Branch Manager of Park National Bank in West Dundee. She has been with the bank since 2002 and has been a long time resident of West Dundee. She now resides in Pingree Grove.

Park National Bank is a community bank with a focus on outstanding personal service. With over \$4 billion in assets and more than thirty locations throughout the Chicago area, Park National Bank is a financially strong, growing community bank.

Its financial strength and profitability has earned Park National Bank the Veribanc's highest rating of Green, with three stars (\*\*\*) . It has also received the Blue Ribbon Bank® Commendation of Excellence, the country's oldest formal

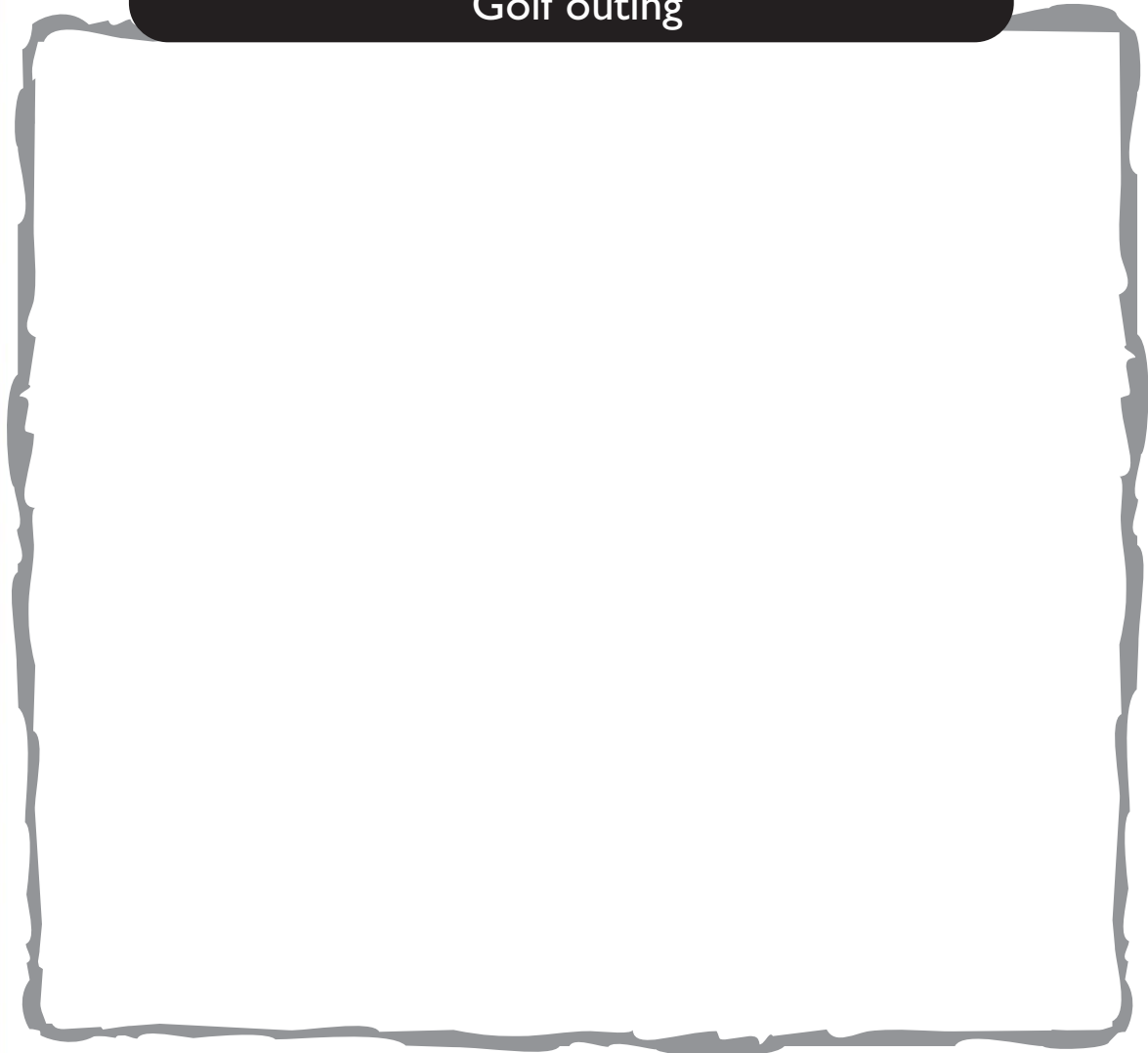
recognition of banks that have met exceptionally high standards.

Park National Bank is committed to investing in the communities it serves. In addition to providing loans and other financial services, Park National Bank participates in activities that improve the lives of the residents within its communities.

As Park National Bank has grown, it has continued to maintain the welcoming atmosphere and exceptional personal service of a community bank. At the same time, it is pleased to be able to offer its customers great products and services they won't find anywhere else.

For more information, contact Jenny at 847-851-8400.

**Golf outing**



# July 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					
6	7	8	9	10	11
12			Small/Home-based Breakfast 7:45 am - 9 am		
13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Members Appreciation* 10 am - 2 pm	Executive Board 12 Noon		General Membership Meeting* 11:30 am	Board Meeting 7:30 am	
20	21	22	23	24	25
26			Ambassadors Meeting* 8 am	Business After Hours* 5 - 7 pm	
27	28	29	30	31	
				Business After Hours* 5 - 7 pm	

Please note: \* below indicates fee involved

**July 9**  
**Small/Home based  
Breakfast**  
7:45 am - 9:00 am  
National City Bank  
2429 Randall Road  
Carpentersville

**July 16**  
**General Membership  
Meeting\***  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Presentation by Provena  
Saint Joseph Hospital  
Francesca's Campagna  
127 West Main Street  
(Route 72)  
West Dundee

**July 19**  
**Members Appreciation**  
10 am - 2 pm  
The Bicycle Garage  
11 Jackson Street  
East Dundee

**July 23**  
**Ambassador's Meeting**  
8:00 am  
Harris Bank  
720 South Eighth Street  
(Route 31)  
West Dundee

**July 24**  
**Business After Hours**  
5-7 pm  
Dundee Township Park  
District  
Randall Oaks Golf Club  
4101 West Binnie Road  
West Dundee

**July 31**  
**Business After Hours**  
5-7 pm  
Park National Bank  
704 West Main Street  
(Route 72)  
West Dundee



## 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
- Barson Chemical company ~ Elgin
- Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, LLC ~ Algonquin
- The Bicycle Garage ~ East Dundee
- Blackstone Golf Club ~ Marengo
- Business Matters ~ West Dundee
- Capital Financial Bancorp, Inc. ~ Schaumburg
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel ~ West Dundee
- 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 Employment Professional ~ Carpentersville
- Grainger Industrial Supply ~ Elgin
- Hammerhead Billard Pub ~ West Dundee
- Insurance Correlators ~ Elgin
- Jamba Juice ~ Carpentersville
- J.C. Penney Co. ~ West Dundee
- Jim Warner's Monument Company ~ Lake in the Hills
- Kamin Technologies, Inc. ~ Schaumburg
- 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
- Rosati's Pizza ~ Sleepy Hollow
- Rutland Communications, Inc. ~ Huntley
- Savage Entertainment ~ Carpentersville
- Select Comfort ~ West Dundee
- Small Operational Business, Inc. ~ Elgin
- Starbucks ~ Elgin
- Starbucks ~ West Dundee
- State Farm-Chad Radtke ~ Huntley
- Sunshine Travel ~ Elgin
- Tighe, Kress & Orr, P.C. ~ Elgin
- Total Home Health, Inc. ~ Elgin
- Tri-county Rental and Repair ~ Carpentersville
- Tri-Tel Technical Services ~ Elgin
- Verizon Wireless ~ West Dundee
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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 at [nkccchamber.com](http://nkccchamber.com). The job will be posted for two weeks and there is no cost for this benefit.

## GOLD MEMBERS

**Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Inc.**  
Carpentersville

## SILVER MEMBERS

**Best Buy**  
West Dundee

**DreamCo Design**  
West Dundee

**First Midwest Bank**  
Carpentersville

**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.



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## Welcome new members

### Boy Scouts of America/Three Fires Council

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## Chamber renewal honor roll

Spring Hill Mall/  
General Growth Properties ..... 28 years  
Cardinal Office Supply ..... 27 years  
Sherman Health Resource Center ..... 23 years  
Advanced Polymer Compounding ..... 11 years  
Laird Funeral Home ..... 10 years  
Village of Carpentersville ..... 9 years  
Lovers Lane ..... 8 years  
Culvers of Carpentersville ..... 6 years  
CDM Promotions ..... 3 years  
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### Benefits of Chamber Membership

Membership alone provides your business with several benefits. Your active participation will enhance the value of your membership.

### Networking

- Build business relationships through several monthly and annual Chamber events
- Use volunteer opportunities to meet your fellow members
- Expand your networking abilities by becoming a Chamber Ambassador

### Promotion

- Promote your business through Chamber events: Business Expo, Ribbon Cuttings, Sponsorships
- Use Chamber services to market your business: e.g., Membership Directory
- Advertise through the Chamber: Newsletter Ads, Directory Ads

### Information

- Stay "in the know" on business-related topics through monthly newsletters
- Access Chamber event and program information online anytime you need it

## Sleepy Hollow celebrates 50 years

Members of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club are anticipating a great year and celebration of Sleepy Hollow's 50th anniversary with a variety of events.

The Service Club also acknowledges and will pay tribute to Sleepy Hollow's founding father, Floyd Falese. While other towns developed over time as settlers eventually formed a community, Sleepy Hollow sprung to life from Floyd's lightning bolt of a vision in 1958.

Neighbors and friends are invited to mark this truly special time in the history of Sleepy Hollow. The Service Club, an integral contributor to Village life since 1973, is teaming with the Village and other groups to put on events and activities that reflect the Village's spirit and honor everyone who has helped make Sleepy Hollow a unique place to live.

The Sleepy Hollow events are:

- The Sleepy Hollow traditional Fourth of July festivities, featuring the traditional games, food, drink, and entertainment. A spectacular fireworks



extravaganza begins at 9 p.m. (Gates open at 7:00 p.m., with rain date on Saturday, July 5)

- Dance under the stars on August 23
- Town picnic on September 20

Congratulations to the Village of Sleepy Hollow on its milestone year and to the hard-working members of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club.

Find out more by visiting the Sleepy Hollow Service Club's web site, [www.shsc-il.org](http://www.shsc-il.org) and the Village of Sleepy Hollow's 50th anniversary web site, [www.vosh50.org](http://www.vosh50.org).

## New retailing opportunities under construction in West Dundee

Construction of new retail opportunities are underway in West Dundee on Randall Road at Carrington Crossing, Spring Hill Gateway just southeast of Spring Hill Mall and on Route 72 at Oakview Corporate Park.

Carrington Crossing is a 27 acre subdivision located on the east side of Randall, south of Route 72. The land has been subdivided into eleven commercial lots connected by internal private drives. New businesses planned for the subdivision include BP Amoco and AM/PM store; Beef Villa; Bickford Senior Living; and a multi tenant strip center.

Oakview Corporate Park on Route 72 west of Randall Road will soon have its first retail and office tenants. A 17,000 square foot 2- story prairie style commercial building on Route 72 west of Randall at Oakview corporate park is under construction. The upper floor will house

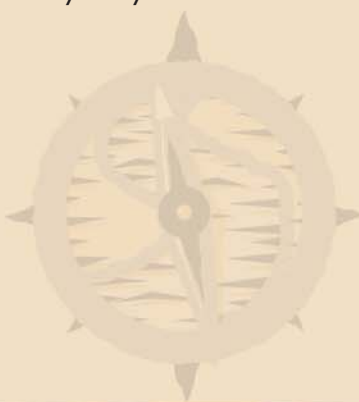
office tenants and the lower level is available for retailers. Future tenants will join the Leaf's Ice Centre already in operation at the park.

At Spring Hill Gateway, construction continues to transform the 80,000 square foot retail center formerly known as Spring Hill Fashion Corner located at the corner of Routes 31 and 72. Improvements include updating facades with unifying architecture, canopies, lighting and signage, removing physical barriers between the buildings and adjacent properties, enhancing roadway visibility, reorienting the buildings at the rear, improving contiguity with the mall roadways and neighboring property parking lots and aligning entrance roads.

For more information on these or other business opportunities in West Dundee, contact the West Dundee Community Development Department at 847 551-3805.

## ComEd offers assistance

As part of ComEd's CARE assistance programs, the utility is distributing \$300,000 to help small business and nonprofits with their electricity bills. The program provides a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 for eligible non-residential ComEd customers that are experiencing a special circumstance or hardship. The program runs now through October 1, 2008, on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more and to apply, go to [www.ComEdCARE.com](http://www.ComEdCARE.com) (business section) or call 773-269-4037.



## Otto Engineering invests in the community

OTTO designs and manufactures products that are used in “demanding applications” through two product divisions; OTTO Controls and OTTO Communications. OTTO’s control products are used in diverse applications like the control stick for a fighter plane, switches to operate fork lifts that have abusive use, heart defibrillators where a life depends on its performance, or a call button on a gas pump that needs protection from rain, snow and abuse. Our communication products are made on the west side of the river and are used with two-way radios where high performance for the fire, police and public safety markets is needed. Our audio accessories can also be found in restaurant, retail and industrial use.

OTTO is a vertically integrated manufacturer. Our skills include tool and die, CNC machining, plastic molding, assembly, testing and engineering. All of our 57 employees are located in Carpentersville.

OTTO moved to Carpentersville in 1968 into an abandoned building at 36 E Main St. The general area was in disrepair, but could be fixed. OTTO, Quiltmaster, the Fryer’s and some local homeowners started the Old Town Association to organize stakeholders to improve the area and to get involved with local governments. OTTO has continued to make investments in the area expecting to return the Old Downtown Carpentersville to its historic charm.

The buildings once owned by Star Manufacturing were purchased in 1979. The Illinois Iron & Bolt buildings on the west side of the river north of Main St were purchased in 2004 and the remaining buildings south of Main St were purchased in 2008. Renovation will begin this year for retail and office uses. To continue to enhance the downtown area, several homes surrounding OTTO and Triangle Park have been renovated and the nearby Carpentersville Elementary School has been turned into offices for rent. The 10 acres north of OTTO on either side of the river have been made into parks for public use.

These investments have been good for OTTO, but also for Carpentersville. Many of our employees live here and investments in the community help them, too. With that spirit in mind, OTTO has begun a revitalization of the 138 townhome community, Morningside. This area has fallen into disrepair and overcrowding. 40 of these townhomes have been purchased by OTTO, renovated and are occupied by employees. Eventually we can return the neighborhood to a safe, clean environment.

There are other areas of Carpentersville that need focus. The Route 25 corridor and the area to the east need attention. As we learned from the Old Town Association, stakeholders with proper leadership can make significant improvement. All of us should think of what can be done to improve this area.

~ Tom Roeser, President, Otto Engineering



## Thank you!

... to Vicki Gerson, President of Vicki Gerson and Associates for speaking at the June SOHO Networking Group

... to Whisper Creek Golf Course in Huntley for hosting the May business after hours and the chamber’s annual golf outing

... to the Marriott in West Dundee for hosting a Multi Chamber mixer for May

... to the Ace and Eagle Sponsors for the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce golf outing:

- Bank of America
- Hexion Specialty Chemicals
- FastSigns
- First Midwest Bank
- National City Bank
- The Anvil Club

Additional Golf Outing Sponsors:

- Advanced Mortgage Systems
- American Financial Associates
- Center for Chiropractic Medicine
- Chili’s
- Midwest Home Inspections
- National Realty Network
- Pathways Solutions
- Provena Saint Joseph Hospital
- Re/Max Innovations/Jen Bywalec
- Re/Max Jeff Lipson
- Sportsclips

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- American Financial Associates
- The Anvil Club
- Benedicts
- CDM Promotions
- National City Bank
- Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce
- Otto Engineering