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A NORTHERN KANE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLICATION



Melissa Hernandez

## Message from the executive director

The chamber was pleased to recently host the second Regional Economic Development meeting of government representatives held by State Representatives Ruth Munson and Tim Schmitz. Village officials

from Carpentersville, East Dundee, Gilberts, Sleepy Hollow and West Dundee, along with local business representatives, were in attendance.

Everyone was given the opportunity to share their ideas and goals in order to solidify and strengthen the Northern Kane County area as a thriving and viable area. Many benefits were noted both for residents and businesses because of our enhanced quality of life.

Participants discussed the area's strengths and weaknesses and the goals to move the Regional Economic Development group forward. Many of the goals include: increasing minority participation, a business attraction and retention plan, addressing transportation needs, identifying business participation, and more.

A sub-committee was formed to provide the council direction for the future. The results will be presented at the next Regional Economic Development meeting.

If your business is interested in getting involved, or you would like more information, please give me a call at the Chamber office at 847-426-8565.

*Melissa Hernandez*

## Member appreciation

Bicycle Garage, East Dundee



Board members (left to right) Dan Poglajen, Suzanne Ness, Joe Middaugh and Jeff Lipson

### 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 profile: Mark Harms

As a new father and banking specialist, Mark Harms of First Midwest Bank in Buffalo Grove is one busy fella’.

As an on-the-job banking specialist, he covers 10 branches from McHenry to O’Hare, helping the bank bring its On-The-Job Banking program to businesses in the communities it serves. The program is an offering of financial benefits that employers provide their employees at no cost to the company, including direct deposit education and enrollment, financial education seminars and health savings account education and enrollment.

“Essentially, we bring banking to the employees at the work site,” said Harms. “We work with the employer and employees to make their personal lives more stable and profitable, thus making their work life more stable and productive.”

Harms graduated from Hoffman Estates High School before earning his bachelor’s degree at Adelphi University on Long Island in New York.

While he studied to become a minister, he found after college that he needed to pay bills before moving forward with his education. Sales jobs to make ends meet led to sales management jobs, which ultimately led him to banking.

“I’ve been with First Midwest since 2006 and I have loved every minute of it,” said Harms. “Coming from a background of faith and service, it’s my belief that this path I’m currently on has been the best of all possible outcomes. Every day is an opportunity to help people in real world aspects of their lives.”

Harms lives with wife Holly and daughter Lauren Katherine in Grayslake. Holly is a teacher and Lauren Katherine is learning the joys of colors and light fixtures. “We’re a small family,” said Harms, “but it’s the most important thing in the world to me.”

For more information about on-the-job banking with First Midwest Bank, contact Harms at 847-670-3061 or [Mark.Harms@Firstmidwest.com](mailto:Mark.Harms@Firstmidwest.com).

Chamber member news

... A ribbon cutting will be held on Friday, September 19 at noon at Cherished Place and @Home Matters, located at 417 West Main Street in West Dundee. Cherished Place is a unique adult day services club which focuses on the individuality and dignity of each individual. @Home Matters, a program of Lutheran Life Communities, is a licensed agency offering companion and professional care services to adults living in the West Dundee area.

... Dr. David Sam, president of Elgin Community College is pleased to welcome Dr. Norman Madsen, as the new executive director of the Elgin Community College Foundation. Through the generous support of individuals and businesses, the ECC Foundation is able to provide students and returning adults with monetary support and scholarships to attain their goals. These resources support scholarships, invigorate academic programs, sustain staff development and training, and maintain diverse educational opportunities.

... Pathwave Solutions Inc. in Algonquin launched the third generation of its mobile wireless product and service supporting New York City’s scofflaw parking violations enforcement program. TowpathLX is a complete end-to-end solution utilized by New York City marshals to identify vehicles whose owners have excessive outstanding parking violations. Ed Mesker, president of Pathwave Solutions, said, “The development and deployment of TowpathLX is representative of Pathwave’s mission to be a true business partner, not just another vendor.”

... Congratulations to our entire community and Community Unit School District 300 for the opening of the beautiful new Hampshire High School.

... Cinema 12 in Carpentersville, a family-owned company, is currently celebrating their 30th anniversary. Owners Shirley and Chris Johnson operate 12 theatres with 91 screens in 11 communities throughout the Chicagoland and Northern Illinois area.

September 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	Office closed Labor Day			Women in Business* 11:30 am	
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	Executive Board Meeting 12 Noon		General Membership Meeting* 11:30 am - 1 pm	October Fest* 5-7 pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19
20			Launch of Networking Business Power Connections 11:45 am	Board Meeting 7:30 am	
21	22	23	24	25	26
27			Ambassadors Meeting* 8 am	Business After Hours* 5 - 7 pm	
28	29	30			

Please note: \* below indicates fee involved

**September 4**

**Women in Business**

11:30 am - 1 pm  
Speaker: Mr. Douglas Smith,  
World Vision  
Randall Oaks Golf Club  
4101 Binnie Road  
West Dundee

**September 10**

**General Membership Meeting\***

11:30 am - 1 pm  
Presentation by Amy Prew,  
Spring Hill Mall  
Emmett's  
128 West Main Street (Route 72)  
West Dundee

**September 11**

**Business After Hours**

October Fest  
5 - 7 pm  
Park National Bank  
704 West Main Street  
(Route 72)  
West Dundee

**September 17**

**Launch of  
Networking  
Business Power  
Connections**

11:45 am  
Call the Chamber for  
details

**September 24**

**Ambassador's Meeting**

8:00 am  
Harris Bank  
720 South Eighth Street  
(Route 31)  
West Dundee

**September 25**

**Business After  
Hours**

5 - 7 pm  
The Anvil Club  
Meier  
East Dundee

**Save the date!**

**November 14  
Annual Turkey Bowl  
Brunswick Zone  
Algonquin**

**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
- Bright Horizons Child Care Center ~ Elgin
- Business Matters ~ West Dundee
- Capital Financial Bancorp, Inc. ~ Schaumburg
- Caribou Coffee ~ Carpentersville
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel ~ West Dundee
- Center for Chiropractic Medicine ~ West Dundee
- CDM Promotions ~ Roselle
- 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
- Exercise in Disguise ~ Carpentersville
- Express Employment Professional ~ Carpentersville
- First Midwest Bank ~ Carpentersville
- Grainger Industrial Supply ~ Elgin
- Hammerhead Billard Pub ~ West Dundee
- Insurance Correlators ~ Elgin
- 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
- James Kiss, Attorney ~ 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
- Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. ~ 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
- State Farm-Chad Radtke ~ Huntley
- Sunshine Travel ~ Elgin
- Tighe, Kress & Orr, P.C. ~ Elgin
- Total Home Health, Inc. ~ Elgin
- Tri-Tel Technical Services ~ Elgin
- Valvoline Instant Oil Change ~ Carpentersville
- Verizon Wireless ~ West Dundee
- The Village Vintner ~ Carpentersville
- 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 at [nkcchamber.com](mailto:nkcchamber.com). The job will be posted for two weeks and there is no cost for this benefit.

## GOLD MEMBERS

## 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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## Thank you!

... Stephan Pickett, owner of the Bicycle Garage, for hosting the Annual Membership Appreciation.

... Jeff Lipson, Re/Max Central West and Dena Napoli, CDM Promotions, for planning and making this year's membership appreciation a great success.

... Helen Shumate, Dundee Township Park District, Jenny Wagner, Branch Manager, Park National Bank, and Randi Errington, owner, Hammerhead Billiard Pub for hosting the Chamber Business After Hours in July and August.

## The Eagles Club 1047

The Eagles Club 1047 contributes to the community, offers events and activities to its members and the public, and has services to host any special occasion or event.

The not-for-profit club was founded in Elgin and has been contributing to the surrounding communities since 1905. The new location is 325 Raymond Road, Gilberts.

Currently the club has approximately 600 members who enjoy the picnic grounds, athletic field and members' area, which includes a full kitchen, meeting room and 5,000 square foot banquet room. A number of events are held each year for members and their guests, including New Years Eve, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance parties, as well as a yearly family picnic and golf outing.

The club is hosting its next fundraising event September 27 – a night of laughter and delight! All are welcome, club members and the public alike, to enjoy an evening of comedy and dinner with comedian Vito Zatto. The event begins with drinks at 6 p.m. with dinner and a show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each and a cash bar will be available.

Overall, The Eagles Club 1047 has a lot to offer to its members and the public. For membership information, to hold an event, or to purchase tickets for the September 27 fundraiser, call 847-695-7919.

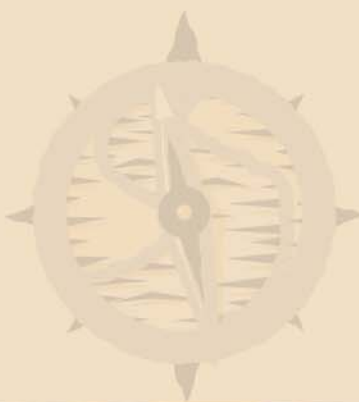
### Ribbon cutting

#### Boy Scout Pinewood Derby



### Business after hours

#### Hammerhead Billiard Club, West Dundee



## Village profile: East Dundee

This year is a busy for the Village of East Dundee. Here are some highlights:

- Thornton's Gas station will break ground in early fall at the corner of Routes 68 and 72.
- Dunkin Donuts will build a new and improved store at its current location at the corner of Routes 25 and 72.
- A new Italian restaurant named Ciao located on River Street in downtown East Dundee will open shortly.
- Palumbo is set to build a 120-acre business park located off of Route 72. Phase I includes a 50,000 square foot industrial/office building.
- In June, the Village of East Dundee approved a new TIF district for the downtown. This will significantly facilitate redevelopment efforts in the downtown area.

### Upcoming Events:

- After much success, The Village of East Dundee will host the Second Annual Main Street Art Fair and Wine Tasting on Sunday, September 14.

For more information about current events or projects, contact the village hall at 847-426-2822 or [eastdundee@eastdundee.net](mailto:eastdundee@eastdundee.net).

## Business after hours

### Randall Oaks Golf Club, West Dundee



## Chamber renewal honor roll

Elgin Community College	28 years
Otto Engineering, Inc.	28 years
Ziegler's Ace Hardware	28 years
Daily Herald	27 years
Lamp Incorporated	23 years
Dundee Township Public Library	20 years
Sylvan Learning Center	20 years
Dundee Animal Hospital	17 years
Dominick's Pizzeria & Ristorante	13 years
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	5 years
Celebrate with Signs	3 years
Everything Floral	3 years
Prudential First Realty	3 years
Regina's Via Trent Uno	3 years
State Representative Ruth Munson	3 years
CM IT Solutions	2 years
Independent Sale Representative for nationally known sterling silver company	2 years
Leith Heating and Air Conditioning	1 year
Panache Interiors	1 year
Re/Max Central West	1 year
Whoast, Inc.	1 year

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