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“March Madness” Membership Drive Shoots For Sixty

3 team captains. 10 players per team. 2 exciting sessions. 60 as a goal. PLAY BALL!

March 24th will be a busy day for a group of chamber members as they gear up for the 2006 Membership Drive. Pulling from the March Madness theme and adding a third team into the mix, Membership committee John Gul/Fresh & Silk Flowers and Kent Dixon/Sunrise Chevrolet have planned a fantastic drive.

Jim Hodgdon/The HBC Group, Mike Holmgren/Accounting Network and Jacki Skolnik/Reflections/Weekenders are team captains of a very intense competition for which team can procure the most new members for the Carol Stream Chamber. All three will meet in the Garden Room at Alberto's on the morning of the 24th to make phone calls and turn in applications for new members. Sessions are from 9:00 until noon and 1:00 until 3:00pm. The team with the most new applicants will win a 'pizza party' and there will be prizes for the top three individuals with the most new members.

All Chamber members will be winners as this will growth will benefit us all.



If you would like to be a part of the 'team spirit' stop by on the 24th or call the Chamber office at 630.665.3325.

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Reverse Raffle will be a Night of 100 Prizes... and much more!

What would make a Chamber member say, "I want to buy a **lot** of tickets, I want to lose **right away** and I want to lose **often!**"? Could it be that she heard about the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle "Night of 100 Prizes"? That's it!



It's time once again for the annual Reverse Raffle and this year it will be held on Thursday, March 16th at the Holiday Inn sponsored by West Suburban Bank and National City Bank. It's a raffle of a different kind. In a usual raffle, the ball chosen wins, but not in this case. A number is picked; it loses. Next number chosen loses, and so on. The hope is that your number goes all the way until the end and you are the \$5,000 grand prize winner. Tickets are \$100 each and only 200 will be sold.

To make it more interesting this year, Raffle chairman Dick O'Gorman chose to make it the "Night of 100 Prizes" so that every **other** losing number in attendance will get to choose from tables of prizes. Items range from \$25 gift certificates to Waterford vases to photo printers to labeling systems. So even when you lose, you win! The 42" Plasma TV is what 'grabs' you, though. How do I win that, you ask? If you are the owner of a raffle ticket, and are in attendance, you will have a better than 1 in 200 chance to go home with that big-screen TV! "In attendance" are the key words here so join us for a cash bar that opens at 5:30, some butler-served sandwiches at 6 and a 6:30-9:30pm drawing.

Assisting us with this event are two highly respected gentlemen who have 'no skin' in the game. Along the way, special 'chamber' balls will be added to 'mix it up' a bit. Don't worry, as the losing numbers are called, we'll do our best to let you know **who** that unlucky guy or gal was.

Now is your chance — get your raffle tickets from a Chamber director or stop by the office. You can split the \$100 price with a friend, but remember, that means you split your winnings, too! Tickets are going fast — hurry and be a part of this special **FUN**draiser for the Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce.



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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members,

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Jay Stream, developer and founder of Carol Stream. His vision in the 1950s made our town and businesses what they are today. He leaves behind his daughter, Carol, namesake of our Village and our chamber, who is an Arizona resident.



On a lighter note, the Carol Stream Chamber has some positive and valuable events planned. Our April luncheon — “State of the Village” — is always very popular and we thank our Mayor for offering to present this. We all have seen golf tournaments on TV but in May we will have the opportunity to meet, in person, a member of the PGA planning committee and hear about the financial impact this event will have on our communities and businesses.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers and exhibitors who made this year’s Five Star Expo a huge success. What a phenomenal day this was! Were you there? If not, make a point to visit next year — it’s definitely worth your while!

If you are looking for a bit of socializing mixed in with some business networking, check out the “St. Patrick’s Day Reverse Raffle” and you may be **very** lucky at the same time!

As we look forward to the end of winter and the blossoming of spring weather, remember to use your fellow Chamber members for all your shopping, dining and service needs. By doing so, it strengthens these businesses and the Chamber. Shop the Chamber!

We thank you for your patience as we ‘rollover’ to a new database management system, web host and a new office look! We strive to represent our members as best we can and you will learn more in the near future as to what that will mean for you and your business. Thank you for your membership!

Luanne Triolo, Executive Director

**The creation of a
thousand forests
is in one acorn.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Spotlight on our Featured Businesses of the Month

It's our mission to get your business name out there whenever we can and one of our Directors found a unique way to do that.

Ken Hannah/West Suburban Bank proposed a program which the Board quickly adopted and called "Featured Business of the Month". Basically it is this: every month, cards are collected at the luncheon and



four are randomly picked and will be featured as "Business of the Month" on the website and in the newsletter. It's a way to thank our members for attending our luncheons and give them a chance to 'get a plug.'

In a chamber of 350+ members it's hard to know everyone but this program will help shine a quick spotlight on four businesses each and every month in 2006.

Beginning at the December Holiday

Social, four businesses were chosen and announced that night, as they are at each luncheon. The following week, their photo and business information will be posted on a special webpage dedicated to "Featured Business of the Month". Their information will stay up until after the next four are 'pulled' and posted.

Congratulate and get to know these featured members. And come to a lunch — you may be the lucky one next time!

December

Brunswick Zone Carol Stream

170 W. North Avenue
Carol Stream, IL 60188
One of Illinois Largest Entertainment Centers! We have bowling, billiards, snack bar, bar, laser tag, rides, and a huge arcade!
Gina Johansen
630-682-0150

Splat Pest Control, Inc.

1012 Evergreen Dr
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Pest control of rodents, stinging insects and crawling insects provided for your home or business.
Joe Kozlowski
630-231-0766

Staples

525 West Army Trail
Bloomington, IL 60108
Ernie Lozano
630-893-0497

Total Staffing Solutions, Inc.

150 N. Gary Ave
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Christie Ruffino
630-221-8100

January

Bartel's Auto Clinic

190 S. Gary Ave.
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Car Trouble? We fix everything. On the corner of Gary Ave. and St. Charles Rd.
Rich Kamphaus
630-653-2336

Improve Life (Shaklee)

786 N. Geneva Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Nutritional Counseling, Natural Vitamins, Herbs, Sports Nutrition, Weight Mgmt, Skincare & color Cosmetics, Non-toxic Cleaning Products, Air Purification, Home Business

Dev.

Chris Schmidt
630-832-6056

McNees & Associates, Robert A.

195 Hiawatha Drive
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Engaged in the general practice of law, concentrating in real estate law, business law, estate planning, civil litigation and probate.
Robert McNees
630-665-8811

St. Charles Square Apartments

607 E. Gundersen
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Luxury Apartments Community
Risa Rosenthal
630-665-9800

February

Allcheck Inspections, Inc.

27W461 Timber Ln
West Chicago, IL 60185
Allcheck Inspections, Inc is a full service home inspection company that includes home/commercial/radon/mold inspections and realty service. Licensed and insured with the state of Illinois.
Jerry Young
630-876-8500

Essence Quality Life Center

25 W 330 Geneva Rd.
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Experience Bio-Geometric Integration and free your mind, body and spirit from stored tension. Release and express your true potential through the power of BGI.
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630-310-0680

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150 S. Gary Avenue
Carol Stream, IL 60188
The Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites-Carol Stream offers an ideal location, flexible banquet and meeting facilities, and

outstanding culinary selections. We have complimentary high speed wireless internet.
Peter Pell, GM & Barb Spall/Sales
630-665-3000

Reflections - Weekender's Fashions and more

694 Mayfair Drive
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Image Consulting & Private Label Wardrobing Concept of Weekenders
Jacki Skolnik
847-275-0000

March

Amari & Locallo

One Tiffany Pointe-Suite G12
Bloomington, IL 60108
Attorney at Law - real estate tax & assessment reduction.
Franco Coladipietro
630-307-3702

Amlings Interior Landscape

281 Commonwealth Dr.
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Interior live plant installation and maintenance.
Carolyn Ascher - President
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Community Auto Body, Inc.

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Carol Stream, IL 60188
Your Insurance collision repair center using the latest technology for all your vehicle needs. I-car certified.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
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Sunrise Chevrolet

414 E. North Avenue
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The #1 Dealer in DuPage County!
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Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce — Upcoming Events

March



- 3/2/2006** **Multi-Chamber Luncheon** The Abbington, 3S022 Route 53, Glen Ellyn
11:30-1:30 PM Business speaker and humorist Conor Cunneen; Joint event with
 Warrenville, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton and Addison Chambers \$20 / Members \$25 / Visitors
- 3/16/2006** **St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle** Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 150 S. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream
5:30-9:30 PM 200 tickets @ \$100 each; \$10 admission Sponsors: West Suburban Bank & National City Bank
- 3/22/2006** **Women In Business Luncheon** St. Andrew's Golf Club, Rte 59, West Chicago
 Progressive Networking Luncheon; Philanthropy: DuCAP—Sports equipment & board games
11:30 AM-1:30 PM \$20 / Members \$25 / Visitors
- 3/24/2006** **Membership Drive** Holiday Inn/Alberto's Restaurant Garden Room, 150 S. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream
9:00-Noon or 1:00-3:00 PM The competition is on for the team and individual with the most new members!



April

- 4/12/2006** **Monthly Luncheon** Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites/Carol Stream, 150 S. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream
 "State of the Village" by Mayor Ross Ferraro
11:30 AM-1:00 PM \$20 / Members \$25 / Visitors
- 4/18/2006** **"Technology For 'Em" AM-Style** COD Carol Stream, 500 N. Kuhn Rd, Carol Stream
8:00-10:00 AM FREE Hear Tech experts share info & bring issues or questions to ask
- 4/20/2006** **Business After Hours** Shanahan's Pub, County Farm at North Avenue, West Chicago
5:30-7:30 PM \$5 /Members—bring business cards

May

- 5/10/2006** **Monthly Luncheon** Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites/Carol Stream, 150 S. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Speaker: Michael Belot of the PGA addressing economic impact of PGA Championship at
 Medinah August 14-20, 2006 \$20 / Members \$25 / Visitors
- 5/15/2006** **Women In Business Luncheon** Glendale Lake Golf Club, 1550 President St, Glendale Heights
 "Smart Marketing" with Pat Price
11:30 AM-1:30 PM \$20 / Members \$25 / Visitors
- 5/17/2006** **Joint Business After Hours** With the West Chicago Chamber—St. Andrew's Golf Club, West Chicago
5:00-7:00 PM Bring business cards



Business-Community Expo in June

The Business-Community Expo has, in the past, been a great way for businesses to connect with the residents and families in the community.

This year the Village has made it possible for us to hold the Expo during the well-attended "Summer in the Center" festival held at the Town Center in June. Chamber members can reserve at table *either* June 10th or June 11th from noon until 5:00pm. Held

under the Festival Tent, this Expo will give members the opportunity to 'meet and greet' the residents and let them know about their businesses and products or services.

Applications are in this mailing and on the website and will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Space is limited to 15 businesses on each day.

Five Star “Shines” Celebrating 10 Years of Success

The Five Star Business Expo has been a solid event for ten years and this year was better than ever.

With record attendance, businesses from six chambers displayed their features, benefits or products. Set at Indian Lakes on February 17th, this exposition was chock-full of 120 companies and restaurants who were crowd pleasers.



Starting with a Keynote speaker on marketing, the day kicked off at 9:00am and continued with five full hours on the Expo floor. Breakout seminars held on the hour featured local businesses addressing pertinent topics and the day ended with a “Kick Back” After Hours event for all.

Noted on the website — FiveStarExpo.com — are the sponsors and the participating businesses. Super Sponsors this year were **Advantage National Bank, Allied Waster Services, LaSalle Bank and Sunrise Chevrolet**. Sponsors were **The Addison Independent, Addison Physical Medicine & Rehab, Allegra Print & Imaging, Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, The Business Ledger, Daily Herald, Harris Bank, Liberty Suburban Newspapers/Press Publications, Midwest Bank & Trust Co., National City Bank, Sign*A*Rama, Village of Addison, and West Suburban Bank**. We thank these businesses for their support of the Five Star!

Thanks!!

From the Carol Stream Chamber were 48 businesses: **2nd Opinion Nutrition, Accountemps, Advantage National Bank, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Alberto's Italian Restaurant, Allcheck Inspections, Inc., Allegra Print & Imaging, Amari & Locallo Law Office, American Chartered Bank, Amlings Interior Landscape, Bloomingdale Park District/WDSRA, Brunswick Zone, Brust Funeral Home, Business Ledger, The, Carol Ann Marketing, Central DuPage Hospital, College of DuPage, Community Bank-Wheaton/Glen Ellyn, Computer Services & Networking, Inc., Costco Wholesale, Daily Herald, DuPage Cellular Communications, Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Fast Signs of Wheaton, First Suburban National Bank, Foxfire, Glendale Lakes Golf Club, Harris Bank, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - Carol Stream, Indian Lakes Resort, LaSalle Bank, Local Area Fire Departments, Lou Malnati's, Mystery Shop, National City Bank, OfficeTeam, Painted Penguin, Rapid Rental & Sales, Inc., Results One Financial LLC, Sam's Club, Sign*A*Rama, Staples, State Senator Carole Pankau, Stratford Square Mall, Sunrise Chevrolet, West Suburban Bank, White Hen Pantry, You're #1, Inc.**



Comments from the exhibitors were very positive: *“The best contacts were made in a great environment” “A lot of exposure” “Great traffic flow” and “Prospects and meeting new people.”* With that inspiration, the committee is planning next year’s Five Star for February 16, 2007 and is striving to top this already successful event.

**The best thing
about the future
is that it only comes
one day at a time.**

Abraham Lincoln

WOMEN IN BUSINESS...

Witness the energy!

For more info call

Jacki @ 847-275-0000 or

Renee @ 630-830-4700

New Chamber Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members since December 2005:



Alicia's Gift Shop
P.O. Box 88714
Carol Stream 60188
Alicia Figueroa
630-682-0482

Allcheck Inspections, Inc.
27W461 Timber Ln
West Chicago 60185
Jerry Young
630-876-8500
jerry@allcheckinspections.com

Carol Ann Marketing
338 S Main St
Bartlett 60103
DALE DWYER
630-830-2174
Dale@carolann.com

CENTURY 21 Lullo
16 W. Lake St.
Addison 60101
Frank Demarest
630-543-5640
fdemarest@c21lullo.com

Citizens for Pam Fenner
1172 Cactus Trail
Carol Stream 60188
Pam Fenner
630-981-7006
pfenner@pamelafenner.com

Comcast
2001 S. York Rd.
OakBrook 60542
Sharon Douglas Kuglich
630-288-1203
sharon_kuglich@cable.comcast.com

DeSitter Flooring, Inc.
925 E. Geneva Road
Carol Stream 60188
Steve DeSitter
630-327-7221
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Gift Basket by BonnieLass
P.O. Box 88634
Carol Stream 60188
Bonita (Bonnie) Gilliam
630-668-4495
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Happy Paws Pet Resort
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Carol Stream 60188
Kathy Loftus
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IRA Store, The
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Elmhurst 60126
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Jubilee Furniture Co.
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Wheaton 60187
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MassMutual Life Investors Services Inc.
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Old Country Buffet
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People's Resource Center
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Carol Stream 60188
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Carol Stream 60188
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630-483-1495

NEW MEMBERS!!



Snippets...

..Are you interested in supporting the annual Carol Stream 4th of July Parade? The committee is looking for floats, volunteers and donations. If you are interested, call the Chamber office at (630) 665-3325 or go to carolstreamparade.com for a parade application... ..Plan ahead - **July 18th** for the annual **Golf Outing** at Klein Creek... ..Need services or products? **Shop the Chamber**

FIRST! If you'd like a **magnetic name badge** instead of an adhesive hand-written one, look for the blue half-sheet form in this newsletter.. .. Visit our new **"Technology For 'Em"** held at COD on April 18th 8-10 AM for sharing and learning about technology.. .. Look for changes to our Membership Directory on our **website** www.carolstreamchamber.com.. .. Check out the Women In Business— come to a luncheon! See the link on our website for more information.. .. Happy Spring!!!!