



Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Dear Chamber Members,

The Chamber office would like to offer electronic newsletters in between our quarterly mailed version. It is our hope that you would be notified of upcoming events and be informed in a timely manner. Feel free to forward this to others in your company. Please offer any comments or feedback, at any time.

• Come to the Monthly Luncheon..

We are very fortunate to have with us at our January luncheon, the President of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Doug Whitley. He will speak to us about the Illinois economy and the challenges that face Illinois government and employers. Joining us will be Rich Bysina and the Winfield Chamber.

The luncheon will be held Wednesday, January 12th from 11:30am - 1:00pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 150 S. Gary Avenue. Cost for Carol Stream and Winfield Chamber members is \$20; \$25/visitors.

Don't forget we are still holding the \$20 drawing until June. This means that a lucky member who either is there at this luncheon or has been at a luncheon since September will be drawn to win \$20 cash. Are you feeling lucky?

In order for us to prepare for the correct amount of people, please call in your reservation to us at (630) 665-3325 or email us. Why not bring a co-worker, business associate or prospective Chamber member to benefit from Doug Whitley's talk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark Your Calendar



JANUARY 12

LUNCHEON

11:30- 1pm

Holiday Inn

Doug Whitley, IL Chamber President

Joint lunch w/Winfield Ch.

\$20 members/\$25 visitors

JANUARY 19

AFTER HOURS

5:30 - 7:30pm

"Legends Lounge"

Brunswick Zone

\$5 Bring business cards

JANUARY 20

5 STAR KICK-OFF

5:30 - 7:30pm

BL Golf Club

FREE to Chamber

members

Network w/SIX chambers!!

JANUARY 27

EXTRA AFTER HOURS

5 - 8pm

Signs By Tomorrow

Networking, wine- tasting in their beautiful facility

110 Ridge, BL

Network w/Greater O'Hare

• Business & Community Directory



members. Here in the Chamber office we constantly receive requests for directories, whether they are picked up, dropped off, or mailed. Directories are currently available in the Village Hall and at the Library, too. They will be hand delivered to 12,000 residences in Carol Stream in March 2005 along with thousands more for us to hand out here in the Chamber offices or in your businesses.

It's hard to beat the cost effectiveness of reaching so many for so low a cost. Please support this Chamber project and get the word out about your business through an ad. Call the Chamber office if you have any questions.

• After Hours - Times TWO.. or THREE!

What a month! We are starting off your new year with a BANG! This month you have more chances than ever to network with other members. Our

Chamber
RSVP by 1/24
to:630.980.4567

FEBRUARY 9
LUNCHEON
11:30- 1pm
Holiday Inn

Networking event
\$20 members/\$25 visitors

FEBRUARY 17
AFTER HOURS
5:30 - 7:30pm
Klein Creek Golf Club
\$5 Bring business cards

FEBRUARY 25
5 STAR EXPO
9am-3pm Indian Lakes
Resort
FREE admission w/Bus. cd.

MARCH 9
LUNCHEON
11:30- 1pm Holiday Inn
Al Lautenslager
"Guerilla Marketing in 30
Days"
\$20 members/\$25 visitors

MARCH 10
ST. PATTY'S DAY
REVERSE RAFFLE
5:30-10pm Holiday Inn
Dinner: 15/person,
reserv. req'd; Raffle
tickets: \$100 (limited #)

MARCH 24
AFTER HOURS
5:30 - 7:30pm
Hilton Garden Inn/St.
Chas.
\$5 Bring business cards
Joint event w/St. Chas.
Chamber

APRIL 13
LUNCHEON
11:30- 1pm Holiday Inn
ANNUAL MEETING
\$20 members/\$25 visitors

APRIL 21
AFTER HOURS
5:30 - 7:30pm
Brian's Charhouse, WC
\$5 Bring business cards

APRIL 28
EXTRA AFTER HOURS
5:30 - 7:30pm



\$10/chance.

7:30pm at BRUNSWICK ZONE on North Avenue just west of Gary. Gina Johansen and her staff are putting us up in the "Legends Lounge" and will have some delicious appetizers and door prizes. A cash bar will be available, too and the cost for the After Hours is \$5. To celebrate our upcoming GOLF OUTING which is only 6 months away, you will have the chance to play FANTASY GOLF, the scratch-off game with a split- the-pot prize for

A networking extravaganza --the 5 STAR KICK-OFF-- will be held Thursday, January 20th 5:30-7:30pm at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Whether you are exhibiting in the Feb. 25th Expo or not, you are invited to attend this night of mingling with SIX CHAMBERS of people. Chamber members only, please, and we need you to RSVP. This is a FREE event with appetizers and a cash bar.

A new member, Signs By Tomorrow, has invited the Carol Stream Chamber members to join in with their AFTER HOURS in conjunction with the Greater O'Hare Association on Thursday, January 27th 5-8pm. Please RSVP to Jason Deckard (630-980-4567) before the 24th to join them for networking, wine-tasting and more. Thank you, Jason and family for including the CS Chamber!! And welcome!

• 5-Star Expo Coming Soon

If you would benefit from being one of 120 exhibitors at a trade show that has a Business-to-business emphasis, you would be a perfect candidate for the 5 STAR BUSINESS EXPO. This show will be held at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale on Friday, February 25th from 9am to 3pm. Keynote speaker will be Tim Goergen, speaking on how to read people; a topic that we can all relate to.

Registration fees are: \$1200 for a Super Star Sponsorship, \$600 for Expo Sponsorship, or \$250 to be a standard Exhibitor. There are only 120 spots and as of 1/6/05 we are over 60% filled. Last year there was a waiting list.

Promote your business as an Expo Seminar Speaker for \$100, where you will have 45 minutes and a room to present an educational seminar to interested people. Your business name and topic will be posted at the Expo and on the 5Star Web site: www.fivestarexpo.com

If you choose to participate in the 5 Star, please let everyone know! Why not invite your prospects and current customers to this free event? If each of the 120 exhibitors reaches out to their circle of clients and prospects, all exhibitors benefit. Plan on a mailing or emailing to let all know about the 5 Star Expo!

• TIDBITS.. ..



...We have made it! We are over the 300-member mark!! Thanks for your support! ...Please visit our web site to see our NEW MEMBER page (December brought us 15 new members) ...To see what is 'going on' in the community, visit COMMUNITY CONNECTION CORNER.. .. Did you turn in your PINK SHEET? Check your listing on the Chamber web site and let us know any changes today. We want all information in the Directory as accurate as possible.. .. If you would like a flyer in the next newsletter, the deadline is February 25th.. .. What a great Holiday Social! Dick O'Gorman is still laughing at the comedians' jokes! Were you there? Check out pictures and sponsor info on our web site: EVENTS - WERE YOU THERE.. .. We thank you for your membership!

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With Wheaton Chamber

***Call today to register
for the Luncheon!***