



## Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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#### **Mark Your Calendar**



**OCTOBER 12**  
COMMUNITY-CHAMBER  
OPEN HOUSE  
6:30-9PM  
National City Bank  
Meet leaders of commun.  
groups. RSVP

**OCTOBER 13**

### 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. Please offer any comments or feedback, at any time.

#### • **[Come to the Monthly Luncheon..](#)**



Each month the Chamber provides you with at least two opportunities to network with other members. One of these opportunities is our Luncheons.

Join us on Wednesday, October 13th, 2004 11:30- 1:00pm at the Holiday Inn/Carol Stream. The first half- hour is the perfect time to meet new members, visit Mini-Exhibitors and catch-up with some old friends. Our speaker this month will be the Principal of Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream, Prentiss Lea.

If you plan on attending, please call the Carol Stream Chamber office (630) 665-3325 to reserve your seat or email us at: [info@carolstreamchamber.com](mailto:info@carolstreamchamber.com). Cost of the luncheon is \$25 for guests and \$20 for Carol Stream Chamber members.

[RSVP by clicking here.. ..](#)

#### • **[Business After Hours](#)**

What is the back door called on an SUV or station wagon?

LUNCHEON  
11:30- 1pm  
Holiday Inn  
Prentiss Lea/Glenbard  
North

**OCTOBER 21**  
AFTER HOURS  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
Sunrise Chevrolet  
"Tailgate Party"  
\$5 Bring business cards

**NOVEMBER 10**  
LUNCHEON  
11:30- 1pm  
Holiday Inn  
Rick Willing, Chief of Police

**NOVEMBER 18**  
AFTER HOURS  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
Family Foods  
"Wine Tasting"  
\$5 Bring business cards

**DECEMBER 10**  
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL  
5:30- 9pm  
Holiday Inn  
*More info later*

**JANUARY 12**  
LUNCHEON  
11:30- 1pm  
Holiday Inn  
Doug Whitley, IL Chamber  
President

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

[For a list of upcoming  
calendar events...](#)

After Hours at Sunrise Chevrolet will have a "Tailgate Party" theme to it.

Join us as we network with other Chamber members on Thursday, October 21st from 5:30-7:30pm. Kent Dixon, Gordon Kohnke and crew will serve 'tailgate fare' as they prepare food on the grill. Regardless of how the Bears are doing, this event will lift your spirits. Come dressed as creative as you want as a sports fan or as you are dressed straight from work.

Don't forget your business cards and your \$5. If you bring in canned goods for our food collection, we will waive the \$5 fee. RSVP at 630.665.3325 or email us to tell us you will be a part of this social/business event. Don't miss it!

[Let us know you will attend the After Hours.. ..](#)

#### • **Oktoberfest Recap**

This year's Oktoberfest (in September? Yes!) was 'sehr gut!' The event was run jointly by the Carol Stream Chamber, the Village of Carol Stream and Rotary Club of Carol Stream. New this year were the children's events held outside the Festival tent in the afternoon, which were extremely popular. Five hundred children participated and enjoyed the games and entertainment. In the evening, Chamber and Rotary members, village residents and their friends were treated to a delicious German meal. Oompah music played and German dancers performed, joined by some of our very own amateur performers. Rotarians kept the beer flowing. Even though attendance was low, the people who attended seemed to enjoy this year's Oktoberfest! Wunderbar!!

We would like to thank our volunteers who made things run smoothly: Renee and Tom Vennero, Darrel and Karen Malcom, Mike Holmgren, Kent Dixon, Pedro Zavala, Ann Kennedy, Bob McNees, Mark Bodane, Mike Hall, Suzanne Hlotke, Dick O'Gorman, Oktoberfest Committee chairman, Jim Hodgdon, Mike Ashby, Victoria Phillip, Robyn Frangione, Jacki and Jim Hudmon, Terry Croson, and Steve Luckman.



In order to strengthen the relationship between our businesses and the community, we have planned a "Business-Community Open House" on Tuesday, October 12th, 6:30-9PM at National City Bank, 560 W. Army Trail, CS.

Join us for an informal gathering of community leaders and members of the Carol Stream Chamber. This is an opportunity to further communication between the two groups. We hope this venue will build new bonds and reinforce existing ones.

So as to provide enough refreshments, we need anyone interested in attending to RSVP to the Chamber office: 665-3325.

If you would like to donate some refreshments, please notify us. This won't be a business expo with exhibitors but rather a get-together with some refreshments served. We will display and serve the snacks and beverages on a table with signs posted noting business names and phone numbers. If you would like to be a part of this event, please call us or email us. Feel free to call the Chamber office with any questions.

We hope you will join us -- If it's good for the community, it's good for business!

[Click here to donate food items or RSVP.. ..](#)

#### • **Let's Make A Difference!**



We've seen it before; one person, alone, struggles to accomplish something that a collaborative group can complete easily. "Make A Difference Day" is a national day of 'doing good'. It's a day when anyone and everyone throughout the US can put some time aside and do something for others. There is a feeling of peace and harmony found in something so positive.

The Carol Stream Chamber Community Relations Committee is announcing this year's project: "Making A

collection points throughout the village and business community. Volunteers will pick-up the collection bins on October 23rd, "Make A Difference Day".

How can you help? We need volunteers, donors, and collection points. If you would like to inspire others to show their generosity and collect food, please contact the Chamber office. Perhaps you can offer a special incentive to your employees, customers or clients in exchange for bring in food items. If so, please let us know how creative you got with this idea.

The Interfaith Food Pantry at the Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream, which serves 900 each month, will be the recipient of our donations this year. If you attend the October 21st After Hours and bring a canned good, we will waive the \$5 fee.

Be involved...be a help...let's work together on this worthwhile project for our community. If it's good for the community, it's good for business!

#### [Information on Make A Difference Day](#)

- **The Community Directory is "In the Works"**

One of the most popular products the Chamber offers on a daily basis is our printed Business & Community Directory. The Chamber office receives requests from many sources for this publication. The Chamber's Directory Committee has begun work on a new directory which is anticipated to be distributed to 12,000 households in late March 2005.

In October, November and December you will have the opportunity to advertise in this popular marketing tool. Look for upcoming information on how to be a part of the 2005 Business & Community Directory.