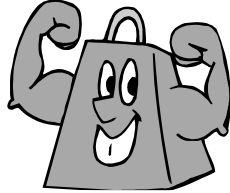


## SHOP the Chamber... ...FIRST!

The holidays are coming soon and most of us buy for many, many people.



As you are planning your holiday shopping, please think of the Chamber first and...SHOP THE CHAMBER...first! To assist you with that, we have put together a listing of Chamber members and what they offer as a gift-giving idea. You can find this list in your email, on our website and on a flyer in this newsletter.

What do some of the Chamber businesses have to offer? Well our restaurants always have gift certificates, as do most retail stores. Some of our service companies can offer special ideas – perhaps a favorite family photo enlarged to poster size will warm someone’s heart – see a printer or sign company! For those who have it all, a donation to one of our non-profits can be the perfect present. Grocery stores in the Chamber can provide your holiday dinner fixins’ and more. Did you get your Christmas cards? We have multiple printers and office supply companies that can help you with that order.

Shopping the Chamber can help strengthen our businesses and also give you that warm glow as you help others this Holiday Season!

## Holiday Social: Something to Laugh About!

Your Chamber plans networking events, valuable to business people like yourself and that’s nothing to laugh at. Or is it? It is if it’s the annual Holiday Comedy Social on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn.

Straight from the “Tonight Show with Jay Leno” is our comedian Jim Wiggins, known by some as “The Last Hippie.” This evening will be full of holiday spirit -- from the green and red décor, to the holiday ‘spirits’, to the “Giving Tree” – it will be just what you need to get geared up for the host of holiday happenings.

Thanks to our sponsors, Brian Flood/Flood Brothers, Don Oppermann/Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, and Matthew Stanio/National City Bank, this will be a delicious and delightful night.

The bar will open at 5:30, appetizers will arrive at 6:00 and the comedian will entertain at 7:00pm. All evening, the Silent Auction items will be lavishly displayed. Will you be the lucky one to take home a sleigh-full of ‘toys’? Join us after 9:00 in Fitzgerald’s for music, karaoke and dancing with DJ Perry Johnson of Echo Entertainment.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go towards the Village of Carol Stream’s “Christmas Sharing” and a portion to the Outreach Community Center. Ornaments may be purchased for \$5 to decorate the tree and to benefit your choice of the following organizations: Christmas Sharing, Western DuPage Special Rec. Association, Outreach Community Center and DuCAP.

Cost for chamber members is \$5 per person, based on how many members your business pays membership for. Inquire in the Chamber office for clarification. Non-members or visitors pay \$10 each.

Donate your Silent Auction items by December 2<sup>nd</sup> and let us know you are going to be laughing with us at this year’s

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## From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members,

Does it feel like you are at the starting line and the gun has been fired and it's a race to the end of the year? Well the Holiday rush **IS** on but before it gets too crazy I would like us to take a moment and reflect. What a wonderful Chamber we have! YOU members are the lifeblood of our organization. It is YOU who the visitors meet and it is because of YOU that they decide to join. YOU are the ones who attend, network and make it a valuable experience for all. YOU make the Chamber work and I would like to say "Thank YOU!"



As I begin my third year with the Carol Stream Chamber, I would like to thank you all for your enthusiasm, your patience, your friendship, your participation, your generosity, your wisdom, your kindness, your vision. We are a strong Chamber, 350 strong, thanks to YOU!

As you plan your company parties, family gathering and holiday shopping, keep the Chamber in mind. Visit "Shop the Chamber First" on the website to help you fill all your holiday needs.

When you hear the phrase "the perfect 10" do you think of an outstanding gymnastic feat or Bo Derek running on the beach? This February, our very own Five Star Expo is 10 years old! Celebrate the success of this business expo by either being an exhibitor or attending. See the article inside and visit the expo website at FiveStarExpo.com.

As the year draws to a close and we make our New Year's resolutions and plans for 2006 please consider spending one to three hours each month with the Chamber. It can be the most effective use of your time and it has its rewards. Whether it's winning a prize or getting new leads, there is value in attending chamber events. We have some exciting things planned for 2006 — stay tuned and enjoy the program! Happy Holidays!

Luanne Triolo, Executive Director

**Character is a diamond  
that scratches every  
other stone.**

Cyrus A. Bartol

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## New Community Map in the Works

One of the 'tools' that the Chamber distributes daily is our community map. This full-color detailed map reaches many different sectors, from residents to prospective residents to businesses. Beginning soon, Village Profile will be 'tackling' this project with us to produce a beautiful and valuable publication.

The New 2006 Edition map will have 'pinpoints' for each advertiser which will also be viewable on the web. Technology has advanced and Village Profile is on the cutting edge. The capability is there to download this map to a PDA for portable viewing. Isn't it amazing?

Village Profile has always

produced a high quality product and we enthusiastically look forward to working with them again on the new map.



### TIDBITS .....

.. .. ICE your phone: ICE = "In Case of Emergency" - put your emergency contacts in your cell phone to help paramedics or police know quickly who to contact. See the *ICE BLUE* flyer in this newsletter for all the details, thanks to the Carol Stream Fire Protection District and the Illinois Fire Chief's Association..

.. If you would like to get your message out to fellow Chamber members, why not purchase pre-printed mailing labels from the Chamber office? Cost is \$35; your choice of font color! Spread the word, spread the Holiday Cheer and order your labels today.. .. Donate an item to the Silent Auction today!.. .. Do you know someone who could benefit from networking with other women over lunch? Invite

them to the next Women In Business luncheon on January 27th at Hilton Garden Inn/St. Charles. RSVP early!.. .. Visit our website for: listing of members, calendar of events, SHOP THE CHAMBER ideas, benefits of Chamber membership, photos of past events, Community Connection corner, archive of newsletters.. .. RSVP for the Holiday Comedy Social today!

## We "Reached Out" and Made A Difference

For "Make A Difference Day" 2005 the Carol Stream Chamber and community joined together to help a food pantry in Carol Stream, the Interfaith Food Pantry at the Outreach Community Center. Chamber members gathered and collected food for two weeks - October 10-21st -- all culminating on Saturday, the 22nd when volunteers gathered and delivered food donations to the Pantry. October 22<sup>nd</sup> was USA Weekend's "Make A Difference Day" - a national day of 'doing good' when people all across America choose projects to benefit others.

We thank the following members who helped by being a collection point: **Carol Stream Public Library, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, National City Bank, Glenbard North High School, Simkus Recreation Center, Harris of Carol Stream, Western DuPage Special Rec. Association, College of DuPage/CSCEC, Augustino's Rock & Roll Deli, Sunrise Chevrolet, Bartel's Classic Fuel Mart, Dominick's Finer Foods, Charter One Bank, Brunswick Zone.**

THANK YOU to our generous Chamber volunteers: **Kent Dixon/Sunrise Chevrolet**

(complete with Chevy truck to transport), **Matthew Stanio/National City Bank, Renee Vennero/Harris of Carol Stream, Mary Bresnahan/the Bresnahan Group, Steve Luckman/Life House Ministries.** Thanks to **WASTE MANAGEMENT** who donated boxes this year and **FLOOD BROTHERS** who donated them last year (we reused some of them!).

Also, a huge thank you to the **Glenbard North NHS students** who helped!! For more information on volunteering at the food pantry, call Mary Newman @ (630) 665-3182.

## Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce — Upcoming Events

### December

- 12/9/2005**      **Holiday Comedy Social** Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 150 S. Gary, Carol Stream  
**5:30-9:00pm** Comedian Jim Wiggins, 'heavy' appetizers, "The Giving Tree", Silent Auction  
 Cost: \$5/members or \$10/non-members. RSVP today!

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS! SHOP THE CHAMBER FOR YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!*

### January

- 1/11/2006**      **Monthly Luncheon** Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites/Carol Stream, 150 S. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream  
**11:30 AM-1:00 PM** \$20 / Members \$25 / Guests
- 1/12/2006**      **5 Star Business Expo Kick-off Event** Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Rd, Bloomingdale  
**5:30-7:30 PM** Expo participants and chamber members—bring lots of business cards
- 1/19/2006**      **Business After Hours** American Chartered Bank Grand Opening, 485 W. Army Trail, Bloomingdale  
**\*5:00-8:00 PM** \$5 /Members—bring business cards **\*note time change**

### February

- 2/8/2006**      **Monthly Luncheon** Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites/Carol Stream, 150 S. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream  
**11:30 AM-1:00 PM** "Networking — We're on a Roll!!" Join us for this progressive luncheon.  
 \$20 / Members \$25 / Guests
- 2/17/2006**      **Five Star Business Expo** Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Rd, Bloomingdale  
 120 Exhibitors from 6 Chambers for a Business –to-Business Expo. Keynote speaker at 9:00 AM  
 Exhibit opens at 10:00 AM–3:00 PM FREE admission with business card **FiveStarExpo.com**



## Five Star Business Expo is 10!

Celebrating "10 Years of Success" the Five Star Business Expo is just around the corner. Held on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, this year's expo will undoubtedly be a "perfect 10." Each of the six chambers involved – Addison, Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights and Wheaton – will have their members as exhibitors with 120 booths in all. Fifteen food booths will hand out their delicious delicacies as visitors to the Expo network.

Beginning with a 9:00am Keynote speaker, the booths will open at 10:00am until 3:00pm. There will be door prize drawings immediately following and an "After Hours" for the exhibitors from 3:30-5:30pm.

Admission to the Expo is free; Sponsor and Super Star Sponsor opportunities are available. The Fee for an exhibitor is \$225. Extra registration forms can be found on the website: [FiveStarExpo.com](http://FiveStarExpo.com).

*Jess Freeman from Crown Trophy is a happy Expo participant*

All Chamber members, exhibitors and non-exhibitors, are invited to network with others from the six chambers at the Five Star Expo Kick Off Event, held at Bloomingdale Golf Club on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm. The Bloomingdale Golf Club is located at 181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale.

## Safety Tips from the Carol Stream Police Department

The Carol Stream Police Department wants you to be safe over the Holiday Season and as a reminder, your personal safety should always be considered whenever you leave your home or business. Here are some helpful hints for you to remember every time you leave:



**Stay Alert:** Wherever you are, keep your mind on your surroundings- who is in front of you and who is behind you. Don't become distracted.

**Stand Tall & Walk Confidently:** Communicate the message that you are calm, confident and know where you are going. Never look down at your feet while walking. When someone approaches you, sweep your gaze across him and then over his head; this projects a strong secure self-image.

**Trust your instincts:** If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, LEAVE.

You should develop a positive, realistic attitude that you can and will take action to prevent and avoid crime. It's really just using common sense and thinking ahead. It's that easy. Have fun over this holiday season, but most importantly be *SAFE*.

### WOMEN IN BUSINESS

*New to the Chamber!  
For more info call*

*Jacki @ 847-275-0000 or  
Renee @ 630-830-4700*

**Extending your hand  
is extending yourself.**

Rod McKuen

## Fire Safety Tips from the Carol Stream Fire Protection District

By Greg Schwarze, Public Education Coordinator

The Carol Stream Fire District encourages area businesses to always be prepared for a fire emergency, and offers the following fire safety tips:

- Make sure all employees read and know your building's evacuation plan.
- Employees should know where the fire alarms are located and learn how to use them.
- All employees should know at least two ways out of their work area, and participate in regular fire drills.
- Make sure those with disabilities are included in, and aware of, your emergency evacuation plans.
- Keep exits and stairways clear of trash and other debris.
- Unplug coffee makers before leaving for the day.
- Make sure space heaters are at least 3-feet from any combustible items and always unplug them before leaving.
- Extension cords should not be used. Only use properly rated power strips with surge protectors.
  - Smoke only in designated areas and always discard your smoking materials in proper ashtrays.
  - If there is a fire in your workplace, get out and stay out.



The Carol Stream Fire District offers fire safety education for the workplace, including fire extinguisher training. Call us at 630-668-4836 or visit us at [www.carolstreamfire.org](http://www.carolstreamfire.org) to learn more. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

## New Chamber Members

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

# WELCOME!

### AAMCO Transmissions

600 E. North Ave.

Lombard 60148

bmoussa777@aol.com

**BILL MOUSSA 630-889-8500**

### American Chartered Bank

485 W. Army Trail Rd.

Bloomington 60108

ltumminaro@americanchartered.com

**Lynn Tumminaro 630-510-4310**

### Amlings Interior Landscape

281 Commonwealth Dr.

Carol Stream 60188

info@amlingsinterior.com

**Carolyn Ascher- President 888-880-8733**

### D & D Home Inspection Services, Inc.

1369 New London Ct.

Carol Stream 60188

eeyonan@yahoo.com

**Ed Yonan 630-544-9915**

### Dinner By Design

366 W Amy Trail Rd Suite 360

Bloomington 60108

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**Charunee Boni & Jenn Tohtz 630-893-0300**

### FASTSIGNS

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**Ern Kovacs 630-221-1090**

### Fannie May Candies #395

107 East North Ave.

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### Lighting The Dark

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### Mr. David's Carpet Store

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claran@mrdavidscarpet.com

**David Zmijewski 630-260-9400**

### New Perspective Data Solutions, LLC

796 Ottawa Ct

Carol Stream 60188

jim@npdsolutions.net

**James Sitman 630-668-3129**

### Sam's Club

1006 Rohlwing Rd.

Addison 60101

**Romunda Wells 630-678-0681**

### Staples

525 West Army Trail

Bloomington 60108

**Ernie Lozano 630-893-0497**

### Tri-County Woman's Papers

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Barrington Hills 60102

tchristensen40@hotmail.com

**Traci Christensen 847-854-2744**

### the Bresnahan Group

P.O. Box 393

Wheaton 60189-0393

BresGroup@4u.net

**Mary Bresnahan 630-653-1933**

### 2nd Opinion- Nutrition

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Marseilles, IL 61341

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donwa@mtco.com

**Donna Schroeder**



Chamber members and Glenbard North students help with a food drive at Outreach for Make A Difference Day in October 2005.

### ..FROM THE CHAMBER OFFICE

*We wish for you and your family a very  
Happy Holiday Season and a  
Prosperous & Healthy 2006!*

*Quinn & Jan*

## "Business of the Month?" YOU?

Now more than ever it's worth your time to come to a Monthly Luncheon or After Hours with the Carol Stream Chamber.

Beginning at the Holiday Comedy Social and kicking off in January, the Chamber will now feature four Businesses of the Month. Drawn at our monthly luncheons will be four business cards of those in attendance. If you are an attendee of an After Hours, you will get an additional chance. These four businesses will have their photos taken for posting

on the website as a "Featured Business of the Month" along with information about each company. The posting will remain on the website for a month until the next luncheon when the next four names will be drawn.

So be sure you have your business cards with you and, even more important, be sure to come to our luncheons and after hours and you could be featured as "Business of the Month!"