



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..



It's April and once again time for the "State of the Village" update. We will feature Mayor Ross Ferraro at our April luncheon as our speaker, along with our 10 Year Recognition of seven Chamber members who have been active for the past 10 years. This April 13th meeting will be the Annual Meeting for the Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 13th from 11:30am - 1:00pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 150 S. Gary Avenue. Cost for Carol Stream 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. After a few 'dry' months, March's winner took home \$60! Is this your lucky month?

Monthly Mini-Exhibitors will be: Jim Hughes/Citrus Micro, Ken Hannah/West Suburban Bank, Janet Zatto/Carol Stream Park District, Perry Lakhani/AMCORE Bank, Nancy Morrow/AFLAC, Mary Ahart/Fun Stuff for Bars and Business. 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark Your Calendar



APRIL 13

LUNCHEON

11:30- 1pm

Holiday Inn

ANNUAL MEETING

Ross Ferraro

"State of the Village"

10 yr Recognition

\$20 members/\$25 visitors

APRIL 20

BLOOD DRIVE

2:30- 7:30pm

Call to schedule but

Walk-ins accepted.

CS Village Hall

500 N. Gary Ave.

APRIL 21

AFTER HOURS
5:30 - 7:30pm
Brian's Charhouse, WC
\$5 Bring business cards
Joint event w/Winfield
Chmbr

APRIL 28

SPECIAL SEMINAR
5:30 - 7:30pm
Cozymel's, Wheaton
\$10 Bring business cards
With Wheaton Chamber
David Sparkman/Keystaff
Networking:"10
Commandments for
Mastering the Mixer".
RSVP's necessary.

MAY 5

PRAYER BREAKFAST
7:30- 9am
Glendale Lakes Golf
RSVP by 4/30

MAY 11

LUNCHEON
11:30-1pm
Holiday Inn
Elene Cafasso
"Maximize Your Energy,
Enhance Your Life"
\$20 members/\$25 visitors

MAY 19

AFTER HOURS
5:30 - 7:30pm
Outback Steakhouse
\$5 Bring business cards

JUNE 8

LUNCHEON
11:30- 1pm
Holiday Inn
Cheryl Channic
"Identity Theft"
\$20 members/\$25 visitors

JUNE 16

AFTER HOURS

• After Hours at Brian's Charhouse

For some, lunchtime is a difficult time to get away from appointments and meetings. The Chamber offers an alternative for those who have this daytime dilemma -- "Business After Hours"!

This month our "After Hours" will be hosted by Brian Toska and his staff at Brian's Charhouse, located on North Avenue at Morton Road, just west of County Farm Road. Join us Thursday, April 21st from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Brian will have some delicious appetizers sure to give us a thirst. Cash bar will be available.

Joining us will be members of the Winfield Chamber, too. Why not take two hours out of your busy week to network with other Chamber members and guests? RSVP by email or by phone: 630.665.3325.

• Membership Drive is a High-Scorer!

March 31st was the end of a spring month and a very full day for the Carol Stream Chamber -- it was the annual Membership Drive.

Choosing a "March Madness" theme, co-chairs Mike Ashby and Kent Dixon chose team captains, Jim Hodgdon and Mike Holmgren, who held a 'draft' to fill their rosters.

The day OF the event was not dull! Surrounded by Illini colors, teams fervishly worked on getting new members, as Referee Triolo obnoxiously blew the whistle every time a new member signed up. When all was said and done (a week later), Team Holmgren - "The Incredibles" took credit for 23 new members and Team Hodgdon - "The Dominators" dominated the competition with 26 new members. Top recruiter was Jim Hodgdon with 10 new members himself! With the 5 additional new members brought in by "Free Agents" the total outcome of the Membership Drive is officially 54!

We would like to welcome all new members and thank those who participated in this year's drive: Jim Hodgdon/The HBC Group, Mike Ashby/DuPage County Farm Bureau, Dick O'Gorman/Foxfire, Ian Anderson/REMAX AllPro, Patrick Bartel/Bartel's Auto Clinic,

5:30 - 7:30pm
Bartel's Auto Clinic
\$5 Bring business cards

JULY 14
GOLF CLASSIC
Noon Shotgun Start
Eaglewood/Itasca
Sponsorship opportunities

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

Mike Holmgren/Accounting Network, Inc., Christy Ruffino/My Designs, Nancy Morrow/AFLAC, Darrel Malcom/Brust Funeral Preplanning, Don Opperman/Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Ken Hannah/West Suburban Bank, Andy Martello/Entertainer, Ann Kennedy/Carol Stream Public Library, Terri Butler/LaSalle Bank and Kent Dixon/Sunrise Chevrolet.

The Chamber office heartfully thanks all those who helped in growing the Chamber! Congratulations -- we all benefit!

• **Got Blood?**



this outing fill up quickly. When you receive your registration materials, act fast! If you are a non-golfer, not to worry -- we need volunteers to help this day go smoothly. We need you!

Sponsorship opportunities are available for you to get your company name and information in front of many. There are different options: Hole sponsors, Premium, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors, Lunch sponsors, Specialty hole sponsors, and more. We hope lots of our members will get involved in some sponsorship this year - even raffle items and amenity bag giveaways are needed. We get your name out!

Golf registration and sponsorship information will be mailed soon. New this year will be the ability to register for golf, sponsorships, raffle items, even 'gimmies' ONLINE! Watch your mailbox!