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State of the Village Address



Village of Orland Park Trustees pose for a photo with members of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Pictured left to right are: Back row: Keith Massey, Marc Lochow, Dan Calandriello, debi Ross, James Dodge, Susan Byrne, Renee Oswald, Keloryn Putnam. Front row: Jim Mehalek, Carole Griffin-Ruzich, Pat Gira, Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Rob Wehmeier, Renee Tabor and Ed Schussler.



Chamber President Rob Wehmeier goes over his notes with Village employee Kelly Calzaretta during the Mayor's Luncheon.



Mayor Dan McLaughlin presents the State of the Village every year to the Chamber. This year, with the help of the Village, we changed this event from a breakfast to a lunch meeting and it was met with huge success. Over 200 people filled Silver Lake Country Club for the event. You can be sure we'll do lunch again next year!



Andrea Justin, Old Plank Trail Community Bank, Sam Balark, AT&T and Phil Maser, Riverdale Body Shop pose for a photo at the Mayor's State of the Village Address Luncheon.



Mayor Dan McLaughlin greets Orland Park Village Trustee Dan Calandriello and Orland School District #135 Board Member Michael Carroll at the Mayor's Luncheon.



Scholarship deadline approaching

Remind those high school seniors in your household to get their scholarship applications in to the Chamber office by Friday, April 4. Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded again this year and application forms are available on the home page of the website.

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President's Message



Wow! We had a great group join us for our February 26th Monthly Membership Meeting. We moved our Mayoral Address from a breakfast

meeting to a luncheon hoping it would be more accessible to local business leaders. From the attendance numbers, I am pleased that we made the switch this year. I would love to hear your feedback on this change so please share your opinion with me at any of our upcoming events or send an email to the Chamber office at donna@orlandparkchamber.org. Thanks for joining us and thank you Mayor McLaughlin for addressing our local businesses at the chamber's Monthly meeting each year!

I hope you all had the chance to attend the LinkedIn informational seminar held at Moraine Valley Community College in March. Learning how to use Social Media tools will help your business move forward in this evolving marketing

world. One of our goals as a Chamber is to help you navigate this ever changing horizon. Be sure to take advantage of these learning sessions when you can. We are eager to offer them to help you stay current.

Our OWN Luncheon is just around the corner (Wednesday, April 10). Have you reserved your sponsorship or luncheon spot? Call the Chamber office (708) 349-2972 to see if there are still openings. Whether you sponsor this unique marketing option or just attend to mix and mingle, be sure to put this one on your calendar!

Maybe you would rather join us for a day of golf. The Golf Outing Committee is looking for Golf Hole Sponsors and golfers. This relaxing day is another fun way to meet the business professionals in the area. Forms for this, our largest fundraiser, can also be downloaded from the home page of our website (www.orlandparkchamber.org) so join us today. Invite a client or have your employees staff your golf hole. It's a great way to catch those warm

sunny rays (I'm an optimist!) and fit in some important relationship building time.

Like everyone, I'm eager to start thinking about summer! Our Fine Art Fair committee is accepting registration forms for artists and sponsors. Be sure to encourage your artist friends to be a part of this family fun weekend. Registration forms can be found on the home page of our website or by calling the Chamber office (708)349-2972. In its third year, the Fine Art Fair is organized with the help of the Village of Orland Park and Orland Park Crossing and has become a summer headliner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 19 and Sunday July 20.

Be sure to visit my Wehmeier Portraits' Facebook page as I chronicle Chamber events. Check out my travels in the world of Chamber events! Think warm...better weather is on the way! Really!

Rob

Rob Wehmeier
Wehmeier Portraits



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Mayor's News and Notes



Thank you to the chamber for again hosting the State of the Village Address.

Judging from the size of the crowd, it looked like a luncheon works better for most people's schedules. It was great to see so many chamber members and others there.

We were proud to unveil two new village videos at this year's address, our flipbook entitled "Enjoy Orland Park" and this year's music video, "Everybody Needs Somebody." Both of these are available on the village's YouTube channel as is the entire address. Businesses wanting to place links on their websites to either of these videos are welcomed to do so.

The three key areas of my address included economic development, finances and transportation. As I noted, the village's sales and home rule sales taxes continue to climb back up to pre-recession levels. We were able to bring back the property tax rebate last year and are pleased that the village is in a position to help make the major road improvements in town realities.

Public safety is a concern for every community and I was pleased

to congratulate Police Chief Tim McCarthy for 20 years of service to the village and highlight the village's public safety numbers. The police department's community outreach programs have resulted in lower crime rates across the board as we've seen a steady decrease in crime over the last few years. Police department initiatives, including the Retail Detail, officers walking and talking in the retail centers, beat officers in the malls and the police working with loss prevention officers at the stores add to Orland Park being not only a great place to shop but a safe place to shop.

More than 100 new businesses opened their doors in Orland Park last year and the village continues to be the location of choice for companies throughout the region and the country. And, Orland Park's commercial vacancy rate remains at 3.87% compared to Chicago at 8.5% and the nationwide rate of 10.4%. I was pleased to report that new businesses will soon occupy the vacant Sam Maguire's and Canoe Club.

I closed my comments noting that Orland Park works to be as business friendly as possible and we are always looking for ways to improve. We appreciate those who participated in

the recent business survey through which we learned about areas that please you and areas that need to be addressed. And, I congratulated the village's Public Works Department for doing an outstanding job throughout this winter that brought more than 70 inches of snow to Orland Park from late November through early March.

A quick note for those not at the luncheon...If you or someone you know has a background in economic development, I am looking for volunteers to serve on the village's Economic Development Advisory Board. Send a letter of interest and resume to my attention at the Village Hall. We are looking for people with strong backgrounds that will help the village attract the high end jobs to Orland Park.

And, we are collecting, scanning and returning Orland Park memorabilia at the Village Hall. Anyone with old photos or items that we can scan and return are asked to contact my office at 708/403-6160 as we work to preserve and save Orland Park's history.

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor
Village of Orland Park

Welcome New Members



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Business As Usual



YUCCA Asian Cuisine Ribbon Cutting



Yucca Asian Cuisine owner Tom Li is joined by Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Chef John Zhao, Paul Duen and Chamber members at a recent ribbon cutting celebration at this new Asian fusion restaurant. Attendees were delighted to taste the delicious samples and see all they had to offer. Yucca Asian Cuisine is located at 16081 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Meet the Ambassador: KEVIN DOMENICK



Name: Kevin Domenick
Birthplace: El Paso, Texas
Childhood home: Wheeling, IL
High School or College: Northern Illinois University
Present Home: Orland Park
Current Employer: Kevron Printing & Mailing, Inc.

Job Responsibilities: Manage operations, marketing and sales and clean the bathroom!

In my spare time I like to: Spend time with my wife and kids and extended family

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, fishing, kayaking bike riding

Share the name of someone that has had an influence on your life and why. My father always reminded me to do the things most important to me but do them very well.

Share a personal goal (travel, career, and/or personal) that you would like to achieve. \$1 million in sales at Kevron Printing by 2015

Share a fun fact about yourself that people would be surprised to know.

I can walk on my hands!

Involvement with Other Service/Civic Organizations: BNI, Orland Park and Oak Lawn Chambers of Commerce



Longtime customer Patrick Zomparelli shows off his Marquette Bank checkbook (complete with register) to Paul McCarthy, Chairman of Marquette Bank and 1st Vice President and Director Joyce Latkowski at a business after hours at the beautiful new Marquette facility at 9612 W. 143rd Street, Orland Park. Although they offer a complete range of mobile banking services, you can still use your passbook if you are hesitant to move into the 21st century!



Chamber Members joined Angie Dalrymple and the staff at Pure Bare Orland Park for their Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening. Chamber members were encouraged to wear stretchy clothing and take part in a one hour session of the exercise. Pure Bare is located at 14932 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

OPACC Happenings



ITALIO Ribbon Cutting

President Rob Wehmeier and Village Trustee Ed Schussler congratulate Italo's General Manager Louis Duran and Asst. Manager Monty Easley on the opening of their new location in Orland Park. It is the first out of state location for the Florida based company.



ART A LA CARTE Ribbon



Budding artists discover their talent during a session at the new Art a la Carte facility.



Mayor Dan McLaughlin welcomes Art a la Carte to the Orland Park business community. Pictured are (left to right): Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Kathie Almeda, Jojie Almeda, Nikki Frank, Marco Almeda, Marissa Almeda and debi Ross, Inside Looks by debi Ross.

Drawing Up Plans for the 2014 Fine Art Fair

Plans for the 2014 Fine Art Fair are well underway and we need your help to get the word out. The Village of Orland Park is working with us to organize a weekend filled with options for all ages and Orland Park Crossing will be the sight of this year's fair.

We are currently accepting registration forms from artists for the fair. To be considered for the Fine Art Fair, artists must submit a registration form, two photo samples of the work they wish to display/sell and the \$95 application fee.

The Fine Art Fair Committee will review their work and notify them if they have been accepted as a participating artist. We are looking for all mediums of art so help us get the word out. Early Bird Rates are in effect until Thursday, May 1 so encourage artists to register early as there are

a limited number of spaces available. The registration form is available on the home page of the Chamber's website at www.orlandparkchamber.org or by calling the Chamber office at (708) 349-2972.

Won't you help us support the Arts? We are also looking for sponsors for the event.

There are three levels of sponsorship.

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Sponsors receive their business logo on signage and can display their business information at the Chamber of Commerce booth.

Bronze Sponsor \$100

Sponsors receive their business name listed on signage.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20 and be sure to bring the kids and grandkids. The Fine Art Fair will offer fun community art projects for the whole family's participation,



great musical entertainment, and a very talented caricature artist for those one of a kind portraits. Food and drink will be available for purchase from Orland Park Crossing restaurants. Join us and help us support the arts in the south suburban area!

Resource Corner

10 Steps to a Pain Free Remodel

Submitted by Omar Chahin, New Line Design Center



A home remodel can be a stressful time. Here are some tips to manage the stress levels.

1. Make it your own. Don't design for your neighbors or other people's perception of beautiful design. Collect as many pictures as possible and identify what specifically you like about them. Is it the color? Is it the cabinet color? Or is it the layout?

2. Visit a showroom. Consult with one of their designers and share your ideas with them. Good designers will guide you through the process to reach a coherent design.

3. Don't be discouraged. Design is an evolution, not a revolution. It might take a few tries to get the looks and design that fits your style.

4. Select a one-stop-shop showroom that can provide design that fits your style.

5. Construction services are not the same from one company to another. It's not like buying

a car that is made by the same manufacturer. The way your space is put together is critical.

6. Insist on using trade professionals for electrical and plumbing work, even if you are not obtaining a permit. This will depend on the scope and complexity of the project.

7. Obtain a print-out of the construction schedule to keep the project on schedule and make sure it is progressing on time with no unjustified delays.

8. Obtain a detailed contract. To avoid any financial disagreements, obtain a detailed contract with clearly defined scope. Specify all model numbers and allowances on the invoice.

9. Avoid delivery delays. Don't start until all items have arrived to the contractor.

10. Don't stress over unexpected issues that you will certainly run into. Talk to your contractor and work through them quickly and professionally. Don't delay your decisions because you eventually

Use Your Head-Wear A Helmet

Submitted by Tracy Simons, Silver Cross Hospital

Going for a bike ride can be enjoyable, relaxing, and sometimes even therapeutic. Unfortunately, not everyone will wear a helmet while riding their bike this summer. In Illinois, there are no laws enforcing the use of bike helmets. Bike riding can be a lot of fun, but accidents do happen. If you are going to ride a bike this summer, make sure you wear a bike helmet to protect yourself from serious injury.

According to U.S. Department of Transportation, over 600 people lost their lives in bicycle related accidents in 2011. This is an astounding statistic in which case many of the injuries could have been prevented with the use of a helmet. The Silver Cross Emergency Care Center in Homer Glen offers some guidelines detailing what kind of helmet to use and how to correctly use it:

- Your helmet should have a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- Wear a helmet every time you ride a bicycle, even if you are going for a short ride!
- Your bike helmet should fit you properly. You don't want it too big or too small!
- NEVER wear a hat under your helmet.



- Your helmet should be worn level and cover your forehead.
- Always have the helmet straps fastened.
- If you do have an accident and your helmet does its job, consider buying a new one because they don't work as well after a major crash!
- Reflective stickers are a great choice for your bike helmet for they make you more recognizable to people driving cars.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more children ages 5 to 14 go to emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries than with any other sport; many are head injuries. "Helmets are the single most effective piece of safety equipment for riders of all ages," urges Dr. Daniel Checco, Medical Director of the Silver Cross Emergency Care Center of Homer Glen.

"Be a role model for others and make sure to wear a helmet. It just makes sense."

"News" From Orland Township



Here's a look at what's happening at Orland Township this month:

Purchase your tickets at the Township today for Senior American Idol and join us on May 6

from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park. HGTV designer and Windy City Live's Kevin Grace will join American Idol finalists Gina Glocksen and Kyle Dee, radio personality Rich Renik, and entertainers Mr. & Mrs. O as judges.

Senior American Idol benefits the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation so don't miss this entertaining evening!

Sustainable Saturdays are back! Join the Orland Township Highway Department the second Saturday

of every month and recycle your unwanted electronics. April's event is set for April 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Highway Department, 16125 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park.

The next immunization clinic is on Tuesday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Township. Due to recent changes in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program guidelines, immunization clinics are now offered to underinsured children. For more information, call (708)403-4222.

Orland Township's monthly television program, Township Tempo, is now on air! Tune into Orland Park Television and Tinley Park Television (both Comcast Cable channel 4, AT&T U-Verse channel 99) to see what's new at the Township.

Keep up with the Township on their new website at www.orlandtownship.org or follow us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/supervisorogrady, or call (708)403-4222.

And Finally...

Golf With SuperHeroes!

We've got some great things planned to make this year's Annual Golf Outing fun! We want to make sure our "Superhero members" know we appreciate their loyalty to the Chamber. Don't be surprised if your golf skills are challenged by one of our Superheroes! Registration forms are available on the home page of the website so send it in right away because spots fill up fast!

Silver Lake Country Club will again host the golf outing. Your \$110 fee (\$460 foursome) will include all that you will need to enjoy a SUPER day on the course: golf, golf cart, continental breakfast provided by The Egg & I Restaurant, lunch provided by Rocco Vino's Italian Restaurant and dinner. There will be games to challenge you throughout the day and a chance to win some terrific raffle prizes

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OASIS SPONSOR \$300 (only 3 available) THANK YOU TO THE HORTON GROUP! COMBINED WITH FOURSOME \$750

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PRIZE SPONSOR \$50 - We're putting together some great prizes and will be sure YOUR company name is listed in our program, advertising and on our signage.

Send in your registration form today and reserve your spot to be part of the fun!

Meet the Speakers for the Upcoming OWN Luncheon



Erin Dubich

Erin Dubich attended Allegheny College and graduated with a Bachelor's degrees

in Neuroscience and Psychology in 2004. In 2010, she earned a Master's degree in Nutrition Communication from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in Boston. She also graduated from Simmons College's didactic program in Dietetics.

In 2011, Erin completed a year-long dietetic internship at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in the South Chicagoland area. Here, she gave a presentation on Sustainable Eating to an audience of 100 nutrition and dietetic professionals. That experience encouraged her to pursue a career in professional speaking. Erin contributed research and writing for David Grotto's well-reviewed book *The Best Things You Can Eat: From Aches to Zzzz* and in the last two years she has facilitated more than 100 small group conversations about nutrition, behavior change, and reframing mindset.

She teaches nutrition through grocery store tours and cooking demonstrations to help others reach their health goals. Erin is a passionate young entrepreneur, which means most of her interests are in the realm of

education/personal development/motivation. She is also passionate about strength training that plays a significant, essential role in her life. Getting physically stronger has given her strength and confidence in every single area of her life. You can follow her blog at ErinDubichNutrition.com.

Priscilla Steinmetz

Founder & Executive Director, The Bridge Teen Center
Ambassador Emeritus, Afterschool Alliance



A graduate of Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, her background can best be described as a blend of youth work, business, and organizational development. She helped launch a multi-million dollar family center in the St. Louis area, raised millions of dollars for both national and community-based nonprofit organizations, and has served thousands of teens and families in both Chicago and St. Louis over the last two decades.

Priscilla and her husband (Rob) conceptualized and founded The Bridge Teen Center after seeing a growing need for a safe and positive environment where students in the community can be accepted, supported, and encouraged. Since opening the doors of The Bridge Teen Center in June of 2010, thousands of teens

have benefited from FREE holistic afterschool programming.

Priscilla regularly speaks in schools and churches on the subjects of social entrepreneurship, breaking down barriers, student's futures, and more. Once dubbed the "Michael Jordan of Youth Ministry" by a prominent Chicago area Pastor, Priscilla continues to consult and mentor youth workers both nationally and locally.

In recognition of the innovative programs provided by The Bridge Teen Center, Priscilla was named one of the 20 national Ambassadors for the Afterschool Alliance (a national advocate for afterschool programs) in 2011. In that role, Priscilla spoke to representatives on Capitol Hill about the importance of afterschool programs in the United States. Priscilla remains an Ambassador Emeritus for the organization.

In 2013, Priscilla received a Business Champion Award from Moraine Valley Community College in the category of Development and Training in recognition of the programs and services provided to students at The Bridge Teen Center. Later in that same year, Priscilla was selected as a "Top 100" nominee for the first-ever John Maxwell Leadership Awards - one of just 10 finalists from across the country in the youth and family category.

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APRIL 2014

1 Golf Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 1st, 2:30pm
Silver Lake Country Club
Hope you can join us!

2 Ambassadors Club Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 7:45am
BMO Harris Bank
18084 S. Wolf Road, OP

3 Member Orientation
Thursday, April 3,
7:45-9:00am
Parkway Bank & Trust
14345 S. LaGrange Road, OP
Meet the Board, Committee Chairs and learn how to make the most of your membership!

9 Legislative Committee
Wednesday, April 9,
8:30am
Chamber Office

9 Young Professionals' Meet Up
Wednesday, April 9, 5:30pm
Mama Maria's Taco & Tequila Bar
16117 S. La Grange Road, OP

10 Orland Women's Networking Spring Luncheon
Thursday, April 10, 11:00am – 1:30pm
Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Avenue, OP
"Embrace Your Challenge"
Speakers, Lunch, Networking, Vendors, Raffles and a Guaranteed Great Time!
Members w/RSVP \$26
Non-Members & at the door \$36

16 Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 16,
7:45am
Silver Lake Country Club

16 Business After Hours
Wednesday, April 16,
5:00 – 8:00pm
Co-hosted by The Challenge & Dynamic Professional Women's Network
9807 West Somerset Lane,
Palos Park

23 Business After Hours
Wednesday, April 23,
4:30 to 6:30pm
Avanzato Salon
13117 W. 159th Street, OP
Visit the salon and enjoy paraffin dips, lashes, chair massage and more. Enter to win raffle prizes, enjoy refreshments and networking!

30 Monthly Membership Meeting
Don't Go Breaking the Law!
Learn what laws affect your business from our Legislative Team
Wednesday, April 30
7:45am to 9:00am
Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Avenue,
Orland Park
\$15/member with RSVP
\$20/non-member & at the door.

