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The summer brought a record breaking number of ribbon cuttings to the area. Battery Giant and CherryBerry Self Serve Yogurt Bar were among the businesses that have recently opened in Orland Park.



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Summer is the time to be outdoors and two of the Chamber's events provided that opportunity. Our annual golf outing at Silver Lake was held on a gorgeous day in June. President Marc Lochow (in his golfing finest) posed for a photo with co-chair Karen Nemeth, BMO Harris Bank.



The 2nd Annual Fine Art Fair was a huge success and brought many newcomers to Orland Park Crossing. Chamber Board members Renee Oswald, Your Mind Over Matter and Susan Byrne, Coldwell Banker greeted everyone with enthusiasm.



New Ambassadors Kevin Domenick, Kevron Printing & Mailing and Scott Hejna, Pro Sports Performance & Fitness join returning Ambassador Jackie Love, Autumn Leaves to receive their yellow ribbons at the Ambassadors meeting in July. Thank you to Orland Square for hosting our meeting!

From the Top...

President's Message



As the school year resumes, so does our routine. The air turns crisp and, as schools prepare for homecomings, so does our Chamber.

Monthly Breakfast meetings will begin again on Wednesday, September 25 from 7:45 am to 9:00 am at Silver Lake Country Club. This month's speaker will be Renee Tabor, CEO/Founder of Metamorphosis. Renee has already planned an exciting, tactile activity that is sure to engage the audience and keep you on your toes. Member Orientations are also picking up. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 24, 7:45 am to 9:00 am at Peace Village in Palos Heights. Whether you are a new member or just want to learn what benefits are available to you as a Chamber member, this is a great event to attend. Our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs will be on hand to answer questions and share with you how to optimize the your Chamber membership. Light breakfast will also be served.

The Fine Art Fair in July had 55 artists participate; double the

participation from last year! I want to thank Fine Art Fair Chairperson, Heather Warthen, and the Fine Art Fair committee for all of the time and effort that went into organizing this newest of Chamber events.

The support and assistance of Orland Park Crossing and the Village of Orland Park was invaluable to organizing this newest Chamber venture. This event is generating a great deal of excitement in the Village and we are thrilled to help promote the Arts in our community!

Thank you to everyone that volunteered time to staff our booth at the Taste of Orland in August. Susan Byrne was instrumental in creating activities that would draw participants of all ages to explore the Chamber booth. Our goal is to remind everyone that shopping local is important to the future of all of us.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging a challenge that many will face in the months ahead. Road construction has begun on LaGrange road and we know that many will be affected by this project. As a Chamber, we feel it is our responsibility to help

local small businesses as much as possible. Our goal is to be sure that we help these businesses in whatever capacity we are able.

We encourage those of you in this construction corridor to share with us what your business has changed or done differently to keep your customers walking through your doors. We have much to learn from each other. Through sharing our challenges and successes, we have an opportunity to grow even stronger as a community.

In the interest of "Shopping local," the Orland Park Community Expo is going to take place on October 19, 2013. September 20, 2013 is the Early Bird deadline for booth registration. This is a great opportunity to connect face to face with potential clients and our exhibitors return year after year because it is a terrific return on their investment. I encourage you to participate either as a vendor or attendee.

Marc

Sincerely,
Marc Lochow
PrintSource Plus, Inc.



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Mayor's News and Notes

AWESOME ART FAIR
Congratulations to the Orland Park Chamber for an outstanding Fine

Art Fair. The village was very proud to co-sponsor this great event that will hopefully continue to get bigger and bigger. It was wonderful to see so many local artists featured and people from throughout the region coming into Orland Park for such a great showcase.

IDOT'S LaGRANGE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) long awaited widening of LaGrange Road from 131st Street to 179th Street has begun. This major transportation improvement affects portions of Palos Park, small portions of Orland Hills and Tinley Park and travels through the center of the Village of Orland Park. It is a primary roadway that provides access to shopping and employment as well as access to Interstate 80.

Learn more about the project by visiting IDOT's LaGrange Road Widening Project website at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/US45lagrange/index.html>. Questions for IDOT can be submitted via the "contact us" tab on the website. Regular

construction updates appear on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us, accessible via the "construction updates" on the left margin of the page.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPEN

The pedestrian bridge crossing LaGrange Road at 140th Street officially debuted on July 27 with bicyclists and walkers helping us open the bridge. This is a great addition to the pedestrian friendly atmosphere of Downtown Orland Park, providing safe travel from Orland Park Crossing to the Main Street area, Old Orland and the civic corridor. It also adds to the many miles of bike paths in and around the village, giving thousands of bicyclists a safe way to travel from one side of the village to the other.

VILLAGE SPECIAL EVENTS

Everyone loves a party and we've had some great ones this summer. I hope everyone was able to participate in the many events the village hosted. We welcomed summer Memorial Day Weekend, celebrated the 10th annual Taste of Orland Park and hosted a number of events all the way through Labor Weekend. Thank you to the many chamber members who generously help to make these activities possible.

We close our summer celebration on September 1 when Maggie Speaks takes the stage at Centennial Park West from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks for a great farewell to summer at the village's newest concert venue.

Join us for the village's Open Lands Golf Outing on September 17 at Silver Lake. Spend the day on the links or join us for dinner. Call the Recreation Department at 708/403-PARK for ticket and sponsor information.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The village's busy calendar continues through the end of the year and we warmly invite everyone to be a part of the many exciting events and activities we have planned. Visit the village's website at www.orlandpark.org for the latest news and information and those who use social media are invited to like the village's Facebook page at Village of Orland Park, Illinois and follow us on Twitter @VillageOrlandPk. Or, visit us at the Village Hall for printed information about all that's happening in the Village of Orland Park.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin
Village of Orland Park

Welcome New Members



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The USA Detective Agency is an independent agency that has the flexibility to give the maximum attention to each and every case. Our Agency offers a full array of investigative services including criminal, civil and domestic. Remember nothing happens until you take action. You can reach owner Al Usatuck at (708) 361-2872 or by email at usadetective@gmail.com.

Giant is owned and operated by the father and son duo of Brian Nolen Sr. and Brian Nolen II. The vision for Battery Giant sprouted from a need to serve the community with a service that would benefit everyone.

You can reach Brian Nolen at 708.460.4664 or by email at bnolenii@batterygiant.com. Their store is located at 15006 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

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Business As Usual



Ribbon Cuttings



Steve Purvin, co-owner of Pro Sports Performance & Fitness, enjoys time with his dog during the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery Doggie Happy Hour.



LaBelle Jewelry owner Lana Sweis shows jewelry pieces to Mayor Dan McLaughlin during the store's grand opening celebration.



CPR Cell Phone Repair opened their doors for cell phone repair business in June. Pictured are: Village of Orland Park Trustee Pat Gira, owners, Larry and Paula Leonard and OPACC Marc Lochow.



Members of the Orland Park Area and Palos Area Chambers joined together for a ribbon cutting for new member Kerry Funeral Home in June.



Board members Mike Buck and Renee Oswald celebrate the ribbon cutting of Synergy Home Care of Orland Park with Synergy employee Vikki Valente and owner Kevin Little.

Giordano's BAH



Chris Bell owner of Side Six Media, LLC was the winner of a raffle prize at Giordano's Business After Hours.

Pictured are: Carol Inyart, Primerica; Chris Bell, Russ Leonard, CPR Cell Phone Repair; Mary Whiteman, Cherry Berry Self-Serve Yogurt Bar.

OPACC Happenings



OPACC Golf Outing



The Orland Chamber's Golf Outing has been going on for more years than anyone can imagine. Al Gierut, President of The Auburn Corp (third from left in back row) believed this year was his group's 34th consecutive year of participation! The outing raises funds for scholarships and assists in financing the chamber's many activities. We are very fortunate to have members who are so generous and dedicated and we send out heartfelt thanks to all of you who made this year a success.



Fine Arts Fair



OPACC's Fine Art Fair, held in partnership with the Village of Orland Park and Orland Park Crossing was a hit this year. Fortunately, the killer heat ended just before our event so we stayed comfortably warm for the weekend. The House of Music provided stellar musical entertainment and the Village of Orland Park Dance Troupe performed for the crowd.

We thank our in kind sponsors – Mission Signs, Orland Park Prairie, PrintSource Plus, and Whole Foods Market. This could not have happened without our committee – Heather Warthen, Ellen Baer, Village Trustees Pat Gira and Ed Schussler, Sandra Marshall, Karen Nemeth, Linda Oetjen, debi Ross, Joanne Sicher, Rob and Elise Wehmeier. A HUGE Thank You also goes out to all of the volunteers and Chamber members who so eagerly donated their time to make this such a success. We're already making plans for next year!



Thank you to our Sponsors – Edwards Realty Company, Darvin Furniture, The Horton Group, First American Bank, Inside Looks by debi Ross and Wehmeier Portraits.

Resource Corner

Are You Ready For Some Football?

Submitted by Drs. Dino Fappas and Marie Tholl-Pappas,
Center for Integrated Medicine



School is back in session and many children are running off to practices after homework. As the aches become

strains and sprains, it's a good time to reconnect with your children's healthcare professionals. Of course, you should have readily available the contact details of your pediatrician and dentist. However, with school sports programs starting now, it's also a smart idea to include the

phone number of a chiropractor who can treat a variety of medical issues.

School sports-related injuries have become increasingly common. This certainly includes broken bones due to contact sports such as football and basketball. However, soft tissue injuries affecting muscles, tendons, and ligaments are happening more frequently as children are increasingly participating in competitive sports, and at a younger age.

While some of these injuries will heal on their own by taking the RICE approach of Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation, others will be more serious requiring the care of a doctor with special training in these

types of injuries.

Strains and sprains are the most common types of soft tissue injuries and commonly occur in active children who do sports or just play hard. They often happen due to ankle twisting or by a trip or fall. Symptoms are typically similar to those of a broken bone. If an injured area is significantly painful, bruised, or swollen, it is a good idea to seek medical assistance. In many cases, a splint or temporary cast can support and protect the injured area until it is healed.

Other times, follow-up care that includes specialized chiropractic treatments such as Active Release Technique (ART) can help separate,

release, and stretch connective tissue to help restore the vascular and lymphatic circulation of the injured area. The goal is always to increase range of motion, strength, and flexibility while also eliminating pain and discomfort. These treatments can also help prevent re-injury.

Without a doubt, school sports can help children gain confidence and self-esteem, and also help promote long-term health and fitness. By taking a proactive approach when sports-related injuries occur, you can help your child heal quicker while also minimizing the chance of chronic or permanent injuries.

Fall Into the EXPO!

Fall in the Chamber office means Expo time! Forms are available on the home page of our website so reserve your space before the September 20th Early Bird deadline expires. There are a few ways to get involved in this year's Expo.

Exhibitor Booth Reservation
Sales are permitted at our Expo! This makes it a great event for the home-based businesses. Encourage your



friends that have been thinking about chamber membership to take advantage of our Expo membership special that runs through the first week in October. Join the Chamber and reserve a booth at the Expo and you will receive three months of membership at no cost! That's 15 months of membership for the annual rate. It's our way of encouraging

businesses to give Chamber membership a try.

You do not have to be a member of the Chamber to reserve a booth. Early Bird Rates are \$199 for members and \$349 for non-members. After September 20th, rate is \$250 for current members and \$400 for non-members. We even have a discounted rate for 501c3 Non-profit organizations: the Early Bird rate is \$149 before September 20th and \$200 after the 20th.

The Welcome Bag Program

The Welcome Bag Program is open to current Chamber members ONLY. The program lets our membership place a promotional item or coupon in the Welcome Bag distributed to all adult Expo attendees. The cost is \$75. You provide the item and we will place it in the bag for you. The forms for this member exclusive benefit can be found on the homepage of our website.

Culinary Corner Booth Reservation

This section of the Expo will showcase our restaurant and catering members. Booth reservation for the Corner is FREE! We appreciate the small samples our restaurants



will provide for our Expo attendees so we do not charge for booth space. This is a very popular part of our Expo and gives residents a chance to sample your fare. Bring your coupons and menus to encourage Expo attendees to visit after the Expo!

This year we are encouraging our exhibitors to create an activity at their booth. The Expo attracts local families and an activity is a great way to spotlight your booth. A fun game or other attraction will be remembered and help you get the most from your Expo Marketing dollars!

Join us and reserve your booth today!



Government Contracts Seminar to be Held October 2

"The Fed's Buy Everything ... and it's time you learned how to provide your goods and services to this huge customer. Join us at a multi-chamber breakfast meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at Moraine Valley Community College. Our guest speakers are Eileen Kent, Sales Strategist and National Seminar Leader- Custom Keynotes and Rita Haake, Director, Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) who will provide information on how to play the Federal Marketplace game. Learn what the government buys, how to sell and how to succeed in your bidding process. Come hear the realities and basic steps necessary so you can begin moving forward.

This event will take place at Moraine Valley Community College - M Building and the cost is \$15 per attendee. Registration begins at 7:45am and the presentation will start at 8am. This is a joint event with the Orland Park Area, Alsip, Burbank and Oak Lawn Chambers of Commerce and the Bedford Park-Clearing Industrial Association. For more information, please contact Keloryn at 708-349-2972 or visit www.orlandparkchamber.org.

And Finally...

Submitted by Drs. Dino Pappas and MarieTholl-Pappas.



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On the Fast Track Members In the News

👉 Congratulations to Amy Grace Coghill, Silver Lake Country Club..... and her husband Mariano on the birth of their son, William John Sanchez.

Baby Will was born on July 11 and weighed 8 lbs. 8 ounces and 21 1/2" long. Mom and baby Will are home and doing fine!



👉 A grateful salute goes out to United States Navy Commander Paul Alberts, part-owner of P A & T Insurance.....Paul retired from the United States Navy in May after 42 years of service. Paul's outstanding service to his country resulted in several medals and honors including Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon, Navy & Marine Overseas Service Ribbon and Navy Rifle Marksmanship Expert to name a few. Paul

was honored in a ceremony at the Naval Operational Support Center-Chicago with family and friends in attendance. Thank you, Paul, for your service to our country.

👉 Congratulations to Robert F. Sheehy Funeral Home who recently celebrated their 100 year anniversary. Sheehy has been a longtime Chamber member and supporter. The Chamber looks forward to working with them for another 100 years!

👉 A milestone business marker was reached by Fox's Restaurant in Orland Park.....Fox's celebrated the 50th anniversary for their Orland Park location this year. Fox's also has been a longtime chamber member from the beginning and we thank them for their years of dedication to the Orland Park business community.

Hats off to Palos Community

👉 Hospital....The hospital was awarded renewed recognition by the American Diabetes Association for its quality diabetes program. Programs achieving ADA recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals providing comprehensive information about diabetes management. The education recognition status is awarded for four-year periods. Palos originally received the certification in 1997.

👉 Moving on up.....2008 Chamber President Keith Massey has accepted a position with Standard Bank & Trust at their main bank located in Hickory Hills. Keith is now Vice President of Cash Management. His new phone number is (708) 499-2062 x 2140 and new email is keith.massey@standardbanks.com. Keith was formerly employed with First Data.

Join Us!

Are you a new Chamber member unsure how to get involved in your new membership? Have you been a member of the Chamber for a while and need a refresher to use your chamber benefits? You need to be at our next Member Orientation.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 24, 7:45 am to 9:00 am. Our gracious host will be Peace Village which is located at 10300 Village Circle Drive in Palos Park. Bring your questions and we'll do the best to get the answers as you mingle with fellow members: new, old and prospective. Members of our Board of Directors and various Committee Chairs will be on hand to share their advice and experience regarding chamber membership.

Bring a friend and encourage them to discover the Chamber! With our Community Expo

coming up, this is the time to give Chamber membership a try as they will receive three months of membership free if they become a member AND reserve a booth at the Expo. We won't bill you for renewal until January 2015! The Community Expo will be Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Carl Sandburg High School so become a member today and save your booth for the Expo before the Early Bird deadline expires on Friday, September 20.

There's no charge to attend the orientation and a light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Friday September 20 so our hosts can plan accordingly.

Let this be the year you use your membership to the fullest benefit. Call our office at (708) 349-2972 or visit our website at www.orlandparkchamber.org to RSVP for the Member Orientation.



The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce awarded three scholarships to children of current Chamber members during a celebration at the Chamber's office in June. Pictured are (left to right): Heather Warthen, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Kevin Sicher, Village of Orland Park Trustee Ed Schussler, Dana Anderson, Scholarship Committee member, Marisa Garoufalos, Melanie Adams and Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce President Marc Lochow.



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12 Business After Hours
Thursday, Sept. 12,
4:30-6:30pm
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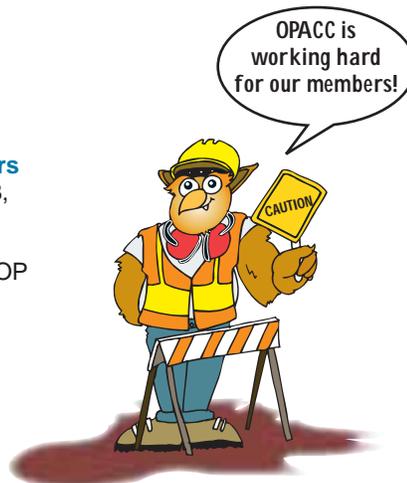
24 Member Orientation
Tuesday, Sept. 24,
7:45am-9:00am
Peace Village
10300 Village Circle Drive,
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Learn to make the most of your
membership!

25 Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 25,
7:45am
Silver Lake Country Club
Spontaneous Speaking with
Renee Tabor

11 Networking Season Kick-Off BASH
hosted by American Family
Insurance, Waddell & Reed and
Centrue Bank
Wednesday, Sept. 11,
5:00-8:00pm
Ribbon Cutting at 5:30pm
10600 W. 143rd Street, OP
Live Music, Refreshments,
Firefighters and more as we
remember 9/11
The Young Professionals will
join us at this event. You do
NOT want to miss this!

18 Board Meeting
Wednesday,
September 18, 7:45 a.m.
Silver Lake Country Club

18 Business After Hours
Wednesday, Sept. 18,
4:30-6:30pm
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