

# Hoffman Estates

*Chamber of Commerce*

Large Enough to Serve You  
Small Enough to Care

MARCH 2011

## We're Flipped!

This year's annual Spring Golf outing and Fall Expo have flipped!!

Join us this year for our widely successful Business To Consumer Expo Saturday May 14. The Expo fondly named Business Under the Big Top will be held in the Lakeside Pavilion at the Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre.

The theme this year is "Get into the Game" and will be centered around sports. Activities will include football demonstrations and football pass contest by the Chicago Slaughter, hockey demonstrations by the Chicago Express and soccer by Grand Sports Arena's Mustangs.

Special low cost early bird packages for exhibitors include climate controlled pavilion area, draped and skirted display table, 6"by 3' basic sign, preferred parking, name badge and exhibitor ribbon, boxed lunch and a special tabloid insert in the Daily Herald will be available to anyone signing up by April 15.

Get in to the Game and kick off your summer sales by signing up for Expo 2011. Great way to meet your target audience and showcase your products or services. Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling the Chamber offices early bird registration is now available on the web site.

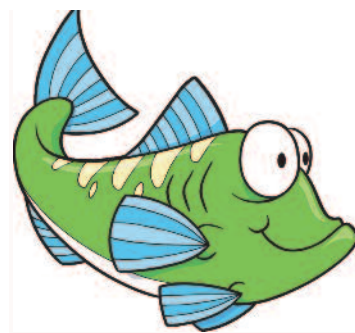
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## Save the Date for the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce & Sears Holdings Corporation Fishing Derby 2011

Join us for Fishing Derby 2011 at South Ridge Lake June 11, 2011.

Fish sponsorships are now available for \$110, \$60, \$35 and \$15. All \$110 sponsors will receive a Cabela's cap and a multi-tool; all \$60 sponsors receive a Cabela's cap, and all fish sponsors will receive a colorful fish poster to display as a thank you for sponsorship in this exciting community event.



Thank you to our **Benefactor Sears Holdings Corporation** and major sponsors **Hoffman Estates Community Bank** and **Cabela's**.

T-shirts will be available to the first 200 kids to check in at the event courtesy of **BIK & Co, LLP, St. Alexis Medical Center** and **Harris Bank**.



## Plum Grove Printers,

(847) 882-4020, is offering a helping hand to the unemployed during these difficult economic times by providing free printing of 100 business cards, 50 resumes, 50 pieces of blank stationary, and 50 blank envelopes, all designed to help in a job search. For further information about this offer, go to [www.plumgroveprints.com](http://www.plumgroveprints.com) or call Peter.

**AT&T is asking for assistance from its wireless customers to identify specific locations where there is weak signal strength or dropped calls.** If you would like to report such areas to AT&T, you should provide specific address(es), and/or location(s) of the occurrences. AT&T will then work to resolve those issues. Responses should be sent to Dave Strahl at AT&T, [ds3876@att.com](mailto:ds3876@att.com).

**Harper College, (847) 925-6000,** is hosting "ENTREPRENEUR'S QUEST 2011: Facing Change and Challenge Head-On to Unleash Opportunity and Fuel Growth" on March 12 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This unique opportunity allows participants to choose from 16 different seminar topics, in five business success tracks so you can focus on building your knowledge in contemporary business management topics. The five tracks are:

1. Strategy and Planning
2. Management and Leadership Mastery
3. Sales and Marketing Success
4. Financial Management
5. Modern Technology Expertise

The event also includes several breakout sessions Register now at [HarperCollege.biz](http://HarperCollege.biz).

Harper College is also continuing its annual leadership training and networking opportunity. Next in the series is **Developing Others: March 9, 2011 from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.** The seminar is designed to help you increase productivity, acquire or refine specific skills, and learn and share best practices. Upcoming seminar topics include: Leading High

Performance Teams, April 13, 2011; and Coaching for Success, May 18, 2011. Cost is \$149 per seminar. Registration fee includes breakfast and all seminar materials. Register at [HarperCollege.biz](http://HarperCollege.biz).

## Schaumburg Township District Library, (847) 923-3120,

will be hosting free concerts and movies at the main library, 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Movies are also available at the Hoffman Estates and Hanover Park branches. Upcoming events include New York based pianist Louis Landon conducting a musical improve class and performing a short concert of piano favorites from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 in the library's Audiovisual Theatre. All ages are invited to help pianist Wayne

Richards celebrate 40 years in music as he joins friends Samy Scot and Robin Lukas in a musical evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m., on Monday, March 21 in the Audiovisual Theatre. "Wayne Richards and Friends" will provide a delightful evening of film and stage musical selections. For those who enjoy movies but not the price of going to a theater, the library presents free movies on Wednesday nights and Thursday and Saturday afternoons at the central branch. Additionally, the Hoffman Estates and Hanover Park branches offer movies on Thursdays and Saturdays. For titles, dates and times, check online at [www.schaumburglibrary.org](http://www.schaumburglibrary.org).

## WELCOME CHICAGO MEDICAL INNOVATIONS

Mayor William McLeod and Chamber Executive Director Cheri Sisson joined Dr. Eugene Lipov and other officials from Chicago Medical Innovations in a ribbon cutting on February 17. Chicago Medical Innovations (CMI) is a non-for-profit devoted to bringing medical advancements to those in need. Its founder

and Medical Director Eugene Lipov, MD developed an innovative treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). To date, he has successfully treated more than a dozen soldiers. His treatment has been replicated at Walter Reed

Medical Center, as well as two other military hospitals with amazing results.



Others attending the ribbon cutting included government representatives from Illinois; Debra Rickert, Director of Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois; as well as veterans who will share their experiences of having lived with PTSD and how the Chicago Block changed their lives.

## REGIONAL BUSINESS EXPO & RESTAURANT SHOWCASE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6

Showcase your business at the largest Chamber of Commerce networking event in 2011! The expo will be held at the Meadow Club, 2950 Golf Road in Rolling Meadows from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$250 and \$500. Exhibit tables are priced at \$200 early bird price, \$225 after March 15. Restaurant exhibit space is priced at \$50.00.

The registration form is available on the Hoffman Estates Chamber's website, [www.hechamber.org](http://www.hechamber.org).

In addition to Hoffman Estates, participating chambers include Arlington Heights, Barrington Area, Buffalo Grove Area, Des Plaines, GLMV Area, Grayslake, Greater Lincolnshire, Mount Prospect, Palatine Area, Park Ridge, Rolling Meadows, and Wheeling/Prospect Heights Area.

## MULTI-CHAMBER PROGRESSIVE LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR APRIL 21

The chambers of Hoffman Estates, Elgin, Hanover Park, Northern Kane County and Streamwood are planning their annual progressive networking luncheon which will be held at the Seville in Streamwood.

This was a very successful event last year with over 130 people attending. This year we are planning for tables of 8 people. The three course networking luncheon will give you the opportunity to meet one on one with up to 22 new contacts. This is a great opportunity to meet your next customer from one of our neighboring communities.

Registration is available on the website or call the Chamber office.

## RECORD NUMBERS ATTEND MAYOR'S 2011 ANNUAL UPDATE BREAKFAST

The Sears Centre Arena was host for this year's annual Mayor's Update Breakfast on February 23. Georgeanna Mehr, Chairman of the Board, welcomed over 120 guests to hear Mayor McLeod's State of the Village message. John Erickson, the chair of the Chamber's Government Relations Committee, introduced Mayor McLeod and thanked him for his support of the Chamber.

The Mayor gave an overview of the many new businesses that have opened within the last year, and provided details about several more that will be moving into the Village this year.

Additional topics that were highlighted included upgrading the interchange at the Barrington Road and the I-90 tollway to a full interchange, a \$50 million project that will be signed in the coming months with the Illinois Department of Transportation; a new Japanese restaurant that will be going into the Harlem Furniture location; and the good news that several area strip malls are scheduled for facade improvements. In addition, the Mayor said that the Village has been in meetings with the bank and Meijer representatives to talk about the Meijer site on Barrington Road.

Major McLeod is confident that the now-closed LaSrada restaurant at this location will eventually reopen as a new restaurant.



## NEW MEMBERS

### JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBERS

*People do business with people  
they know. Support your fellow  
Chamber members*

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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
847-885-2043  
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[www.caragrapesagency.com](http://www.caragrapesagency.com)  
Provides auto, property, life, health  
& commercial insurance.

#### Non Profit

**CHICAGO MEDICAL INNOVATIONS**  
1800 McDonough Rd., Ste. 175  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
847-760-9307  
Dr. Eugene Lipov, MD  
[www.chicagomedicalinnovations.com](http://www.chicagomedicalinnovations.com)  
Non profit organization to raise money  
for Innovative treatments.

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUSING

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Non profit organization

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Full service moving & storage, office,  
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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
847-233-8000  
Mr. Nasser Rafidia

## WHAT IS THE GOLDEN CORRIDOR MANUFACTURING GROUP?

*by Gary Skoog, Hoffman Estates Director of Economic Development*

If you attended the Mayor's State of the Village address on February 23, 2011, you heard him mention the Golden Corridor Manufacturing Group. First of all, the term "Golden Corridor" (Google Golden Corridor or check Wikipedia) was initiated approximately 30 years ago in conjunction with the Woodfield Convention Bureau. It was coined "Golden" because of the gold mine of economic profits generated by the Fortune 500 companies located along I-90, basically from east of O'Hare International Airport, all the way out to IL-47 (Elgin, IL).

There are a multitude of entities along the "Corridor" from cities, to major companies, higher education, shopping centers, entertainment facilities, healthcare, hotels, and restaurants.

The Golden Corridor Manufacturing Group focuses on hi-tech manufacturing and precision toolmakers who design and build the manufacturing tools and robots. This cluster of companies is primarily located in Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg, but also has participating companies in Rolling Meadows and Elgin.

What is unique about this group is that municipalities are working together with private industry and higher education institutions (Elgin Community College, Harper Community College, and Northern Illinois University) in a collaborative manner. At the moment, the focus of activity is to change high school advisors'/students' and parents' perceptions about manufacturing as a career. The hi-tech manufacturing of today is far different than the dark and dirty factories of yesterday. Math, technology, computing, and engineering skills are needed today. Jobs are open now because companies cannot find qualified applicants. The average age of manufacturing workers is over 50 and workers will be retiring. Jobs in the field pay \$60,000-\$80,000, and more.

The Golden Corridor Manufacturing Group hopes to get the message out that there is a career worth exploring in an environment with high unemployment, and students should be on the right technical path today for a good future tomorrow.

## START-UP, EXPAND AND GROW YOUR SMALL BUSINESS WITH ROTARY MICROLOAN PROGRAM

The Barrington Business Rotary Club is providing an opportunity for low or moderate income residents to start or expand an income-generating business venture. The loans, with a maximum amount of \$5,000, are granted at a modest interest rate - prime plus two points - with the full expectation that the principal will be repaid. It is anticipated that the loan will enable families, couples or individuals to create an income-generating venture.

#### Eligibility

A MicroLoan recipient must be an American citizen or green card holder and live or conduct business in Barrington, Carpentersville, Dundee Township, Lake Zurich, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Schaumburg. An applicant must be "sponsored" by a local service club, a business, or an individual in the local community. The sponsor's role is to provide a reference - to vouch for the applicant's honesty, integrity and character, but the sponsor will not be involved in handling any money nor will the sponsor be asked to co-sign for the loan.

#### Summary

The Rotary MicroLoan Program focuses on creating new sources of income and is intended to help people working to help themselves.

**For more information, visit:** [www.BarringtonBreakfastRotary.org](http://www.BarringtonBreakfastRotary.org)  
**Contact via email:** [Narayan Murarka - npmurarka@comcast.net](mailto:Narayan.Murarka@comcast.net)

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Please join us in recognizing the following organizations and individuals who are celebrating the anniversary of their membership in the Chamber during March.

Dover Straits *	20 years
Signs Now *	20 years
Hampton Inn & Suites **	14 years
Hoffman Estates BP Amoco **	10 years
Document Retention Services	8 years
Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts	7 years
Rahl Jewelers	7 years
Integrity Physical Therapy	6 years
St. Hubert Church	5 years
Cabela's	4 years
Algonquin Longhouse, Inc.	3 years
Chicagoland Transportation Solutions	3 years
State Rep. Fred Crespo	3 years
AI's CRM, Inc.	2 years
Burdick & Lee Gallery **	2 years
Dominick's	2 years
Facelogic Essential Skincare Spa	2 years
Van Galder Bus Company	2 years
A1 Trophies & Awards, Inc.	1 year
Fifth Third Bank	1 year
Robert Morris University	1 year
Rookies Pub	1 year
VIP Services Group	1 year

\*Charter member

\*\*Platinum member

# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS, CHAMBER STYLE!

Each year the Chamber coordinates the distribution of hundreds of handmade valentines to our area senior centers. The school children from School District 54 out did themselves again this year with over 1,000 valentines. Donna Anderson from School District 54 coordinated this project with the area schools and the Chamber office was filled with colorful, creative and heartfelt valentines. Karen Arnet, the Chamber's chair for this event, along with Don Arnet, Mona Morrison and Myrtle Montag, all from HECPAAA, sorted, counted, and distributed the Valentines to the senior centers.



On Monday, Feb 14, Alden Poplar Creek held its annual Crowning of the new Valentine's Day King and Queen. The valentines were then presented to all of the residences and the staff.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this event for all of your kindness in bringing a smile to so many on Valentines Day 2011!



## Save the date for Golf Outing 2011

Tuesday September 13 at the all  
new Bridges of Poplar Creek  
Country Club



# GREEN MONEY: LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS LINE OF CREDIT, INVESTMENT COUNSELOR, ACCOUNTANT, HOME MORTGAGE, OR OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICE?

**Check out what's available from these Chamber members!**

## Accounting Services

Admin and Beyond, LLC	(800) 850-3907
ATC Services, Inc.	(630) 622-5157
BIK & Co., LLP	(847) 358-1170
James F. Sexton & Assoc., Ltd., CPAs	(847) 605-0700
Management Accounting Services, Ltd.	(847) 428-5050
Metmox, Inc.	(847) 310-8600
Porte Brown LLC	(847) 956-1040

## Financial Planning/Organizing

Edward Jones/Golf Road	(847) 885-7202
Harris Bank/Gannon Drive	(847) 885-0700
Harris Bank/Roselle Road	(847) 885-5858
PNC	(847) 963-0048

## Mortgages

Active Mortgage Partners	(773) 395-3566
Charter National Bank and Trust Barrington Road	(847) 882-1000
Charter National Bank and Trust Higgins Road	(847) 882-1000
CitiBank - Hoffman Estates	(847) 645-3997
Consulting by Sebastian Dolce, PC	(800) 708-0440
Fifth Third Bank	(847) 240-6690
Harris Bank N.A. - South Barrington	(847) 765-5850
Harris Bank/Gannon Drive	(847) 885-0700
Harris Bank/Roselle Road	(847) 885-5858
Hoffman Estates Community Bank	(847) 963-9500
Milestone Mortgage	(847) 494-4068
Parkway Bank & Trust Co.	(847) 310-3800
PNC	(847) 963-0048

## Tax Service

James F. Sexton & Assoc., Ltd., CPAs	(847) 605-0700
Porte Brown LLC	(847) 956-1040

## Investment/Financial Services

Brazelton Insurance Agency	(847) 882-4800
Charter National Bank and Trust Barrington Road	(847) 882-1000
Charter National Bank and Trust Higgins Road	(847) 882-1000
CitiBank - Hoffman Estates	(847) 645-3997
Edward Jones	(847) 285-3215
Harris Bank N.A. - South Barrington	(847) 765-5850
Harris Bank/Gannon Drive	(847) 885-0700
Harris Bank/Roselle Road	(847) 885-5858
Hoffman Estates Community Bank South	(847) 842-2633
Porte Brown LLC	(847) 956-1040

## Banks/Financial Institutions

American Chartered Bank	(847) 551-8550
Brazelton Insurance Agency, Inc.	(847) 882-4800
Charter National Bank and Trust Barrington Road	(847) 882-1000
Charter National Bank and Trust Higgins Road	(847) 882-1000
CitiBank - Hoffman Estates	(847) 645-3997
Fifth Third Bank	(847) 240-6690
First American Bank	(847) 586-2424
Harris Bank N. A./South Barrington	(847) 756-5850
Harris Bank/Gannon Drive	(847) 885-0700
Harris Bank H.E./Algonquin Rd	(847) 705-9006
Harris Bank/Roselle Road	(847) 885-5858
Harris Bank N. A./Schaumburg	(847) 891-4340
Hoffman Estates Community Bank	(847) 963-9500
Hoffman Estates Community Bank South	(847) 842-2633
Parkway Bank & Trust Co.	(847) 310-3800
PNC	(847) 963-0048

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## Thanks, Platinum Members, For Investing in the Chamber's Future!

The heart of any organization is its members. No matter how large or how small, forward motion depends directly on the efforts of its volunteers and the income generated by membership dollars. A special group of Chamber members are our Platinum members. These members have made a strong investment in the future of The Chamber of Commerce and its members. Please frequent these businesses and support the people who are investing in your success.

### **Auto Dealers**

*Land Rover of Hoffman Estates*  
(847) 252-7800

*Woodfield Nissan*  
(847) 310-1900

### **Auto Repairs/Suppliers**

*Hoffman Estates BP Amoco*  
(847) 843-0399

### **Banquet/Conference Center**

*Stonegate Conference & Banquet Center*  
(847) 884-7000

### **Banks/Financial/Mortgage/Planning**

*Affiliated Financing Services, Ltd.*  
(872) 884-8686

*Charter National Bank & Trust*  
(847) 882-1000

*Citi Bank N.A.*  
(847) 645-3998

*Harris Bank N.A.*  
(847) 885-0700 – Gannon Drive, HE  
(847) 756-5850 – South Barrington  
(847) 756-5766 – Algonquin Road, HE  
(847) 891-4340 – Schaumburg  
(847) 885-5858 – Roselle Rd

*Hoffman Estates Community Bank*  
(847) 963-9500  
(847) 884-0500 - South

### **Construction**

*Leopardo Companies, Inc.*  
(847) 783-3000

*Carpenter's Local Union 839*  
(847) 490-8839

### **Consultants/Workforce Education**

*B&F Tech. Code Services*  
(847) 490-1443

*Building and Fire Code Academy*  
(847) 884-4969

### **Education/Non-Profit**

*The Illinois Institute of Art –Schaumburg*  
(847) 619-3450

### **Engineering**

*W-T Engineering, Inc.*  
(224) 293-6333

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*Dr. Robert S. Steinberg DPM*  
(847) 885-8806

*Alden Poplar Creek*  
(847) 884-0011

*Alexian Bros. Behavioral Health*  
(847) 882-1600

*Chicago Cornea Consultants*  
(847) 882-5900

*Dr. Thomas J. Hoover D.D.S.*  
(847) 310-9600

*Leyden Family Service/  
S.H.A.R.E Program.*  
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*LifeSource Blood Services*  
(847) 884-7766

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(847) 885-4343

*St. Alexius Medical Center*  
(847) 884-3759

### **Hotel/Motel**

*Chicago Marriott NW*  
(847) 645-9500

*Hampton Inn & Suites*  
(847) 882-4301

*Hilton Garden Inn*  
(847) 277-7889

*Holiday Inn Express*  
(847) 310-0500

*Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites*  
(847) 645-9500

*Holiday Inn – Schaumburg/HE*  
(847) 310-0500

*LaQuinta Inn*  
(847) 517-8484

### **Landscaping/Snow Plowing/Valet Services**

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(847) 760-5080

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*Sears Holdings Corporation*  
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*Daily Herald*  
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*Admin and Beyond, LLC*  
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*Hamilton Partners*  
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*Ryland Homes*  
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(847) 645-1455

### **Retirement Housing**

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*Hoffman Estates Park District*  
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*Midwest Elite Gymnastics Academy*  
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(847) 248-2312

*U.S. Cellular*  
(815) 289-7921

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### **Lawyer**

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(847) 241-5000



# WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ...

New format for "Meet the Member" begins with the this edition. Highlight your company in a brief profile about your business. Contact the Chamber office if you would like your business featured. Phone (847) 781-9100 or email [info@hechamber.com](mailto:info@hechamber.com).

**Name:** Cara Grapenthien,  
Agent, American Family  
Insurance

**Phone number:**  
(847) 885-2043

**How long in the business:**  
2 years

**Born in:** Arlington Heights

**Professional background:**

Illinois State University –  
Bachelors Degree in Human Resource Management,  
Insurance Minor; Life/Health & Property/Casualty  
Insurance Licenses; Cambridge Who's Who Honored  
Member 2011-2012.



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**Interesting facts:** American Family Insurance is a Mutual Insurance Company which means we are owned by our Policy Holders and not stockholders. We are a full service insurance company so whether you need personal insurance, business insurance or both we can get you the coverage you need!

**The best business advice I ever heard:** If you don't want to quit this job at least 100 times in your 1st 5 years of agency then you know you are doing something wrong. Insurance is a tough industry and you need to have self determination and the will to succeed in order to be successful in this career.

**The best business advice I could give:** Hard work and determination will pay off.

**My company's mission statement:** To be the most trusted and valued service-driven insurance company.

**The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is:** By attending business before and after hours events to make the most out of my Chamber membership.

**I joined the Chamber:** To establish relationships in the Hoffman Estates area with local businesses and business owners.

**The next Chamber event I will be attending is:** The March 16 Business After Hours.

**Name:** Jorja L. Boiley,  
President, Ploegman Moving &  
Storage

**Phone number:** (847) 596-6000

**How long in business:**  
Since 1910

**Born in:** Madison, Wisconsin

**Educational background:**

University of Wisconsin-  
Madison B.S. English  
Education; University of Colorado – Boulder graduate  
studies. Sales, management and ownership in  
transportation industry since 1979. Earned Certified  
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**I'd like you to know:** We are a locally owned full service relocation company. We provide services for companies who are up-sizing, down-sizing, remodeling, needing storage. We facilitate moves for families and individuals who are relocating locally, interstate or internationally. Our service includes new product distribution: eg: medical equipment, hotel installations, and other new facility construction.

**Interesting facts:** The owners of the company are totally involved in the day-to-day business of the company. There are no barriers between our customers and company decision makers. A fun fact is that the Ploegman company in the "hey-day" of Chicago and the 1920's sold Christmas trees as an added revenue opportunity and their most famous customer was Al Capone.

**The best business advice I ever heard:** Do not make business decisions for personal reasons.

**The best business advice I could give:** Share your business vision with everyone involved in your company in order to insure that the company is moving towards the same goals. Listen with an open mind. Make quality and consistency the main goal for your daily activities.

**My company joined the Chamber to:** Become involved in the local business community through networking opportunities and participation in Chamber events.

**The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is:** Attendance at business after hours; lunches; committee participation.

**The Chamber committee I serve on is:** When a member in other chambers, I was on the board of directors, chairman of the scholarship committee, active in networking breakfast groups, and an exhibitor for the business expo..



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Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Cheri Sisson, Executive Director

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# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE SEVILLE



Thank you to our host The Seville for a very well attended multi-Chamber Business After Hours. There were over 125 people in attendance. Great Networking, Great Food, Great Time was had by all.

Thank you Patty and Sam for a wonderful evening.

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING: Calendar of Upcoming Chamber Events

### March

Thurs., March 10	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., March. 10	Fishing Derby Committee	8:00 A.M.
Thurs., March 10	Chit & Chat/Panera Bread	11:30 A.M.
Mon., March 14	Membership Committee	8:00 A.M.
Wed., March 16	Business After Hours/Chicago Slugther at Sears Centre Arena	5:00 P.M.
Thurs, March 17	A.M. Business Connection Committee	7:30 A.M.
Thurs, March 17	Marketing Committee	3:00 P.M.
Fri., March 18	Government Relations Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., March 22	A.M. Business Connection/ Triphahan Center	7:30 A.M.
Tues., March 22	Golf Committee	12:00 noon
Thurs., March 24	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., March 24	Expo Committee	8:30 A.M.
Mon., March 28	Board of Directors meeting	7:30 A.M.

Check the Chamber website for driving directions, locations or changes to the calendar.

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