

Hoffman Estates

Chamber of Commerce

Large Enough to Serve You
Small Enough to Care

FEBRUARY 2011

Please join us for the **Mayor's Annual Update Breakfast**

Wednesday, February 23

Sears Centre Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates

7:30 AM: Registration & breakfast buffet; 8:00-9:30 AM: Presentation

\$25.00 Chamber members; \$35.00 non-members

This is the perfect opportunity to meet with colleagues and civic leaders, as well as to hear the latest news and information about what's happening in the Village. This annual event is essential for anyone who lives or works in the Hoffman Estates community. Stay connected with the Village as it strives to improve the quality of life and services for our residents and business community. This event is a great opportunity to ask the Mayor questions and give feedback.

Some of the hot topics that will be addressed will include:

- The economy
- Economic development
- Recent State legislative impacts on the Village
- And more!



2011: A Year of Growing Relationships for the Hoffman Estates Chamber

2010 was a year that the Chamber not only had a balanced budget, but actually showed a slight profit. In these economic times, that says a lot about the leadership of the Executive Director, Cheri Sisson and the Board of Directors and Committee members who designed creative ways for the Chamber members to network with potential clients and acquire marketing techniques to better communicate their message. The planned events such as the Golf Outing, Fashion Show, Expo and Fishing Derby brought together local businesses and the Hoffman Estates community. The Government Relations committee stayed in touch

with local legislators and kept the Chamber Board and membership abreast of pending legislation that affected their businesses. They also provided a means for the Chamber members to voice their opinion directly to their local legislators because **one person can make a difference**. With the tools of Constant Contact, the Chamber office is able to communicate on a regular basis with all our members. The newsletter is circulated electronically and past issues are archived on our website, www.hechamber.com.

I look forward, as the Chairman of the Board, to help all members take advantage of the benefits that accompany active Chamber membership. The Board will not only address increasing our membership in 2011, but also will work to retain our existing members whose success will be the source of new jobs for our community. The Chamber will advocate for our members, offer education to help our members continually develop their resources and provide opportunities for our members to network with fellow members as well as the Village and community. Please feel free to let me know how the Hoffman Estates Chamber can help your business succeed in 2011.

Georgeanna Mehr, 2011 Chairman of the Board of Directors

Harper College announces the opening of its Entrepreneur's Café, located at the Harper Professional Center, ISBDC at Harper College, Ste. 18N, 650 E. Higgins Road in Schaumburg. The Entrepreneur's Café offers three essential elements every successful business needs:

1. Productive workspace
2. Professional impact
3. Effective ideas and learning opportunities

Whether you need an office for a few hours or a day...a supportive work environment to retreat to... or a training room to lead your own educational session or meeting...it's all at the Entrepreneur's Café.

FREE Features

- 3 semi-private cubicle workspaces (bring your own laptop)
- Wi-Fi access
- 2-hard-wired computer workstations, with Internet access
- Business library stocked with popular business books, audio and DVDs

The Entrepreneur's Café is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The "Café" is closed Friday through Sunday, and Harper College holidays.

For more information call Bonnie Richter at (847) 925-6520.

The Village of Hoffman Estates, (847) 882-9100, was a 2009 recipient of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. One of the projects funded by this grant will be to improve the recycling program at Village facilities, and those improvements are now in full swing, saving both money and natural resources. You can make similar "green" improvements at your workplace. See page 3 for the most up-to-date recycling information from the Village.

McShane Construction Company, (847) 292-4300, was selected as the 2010 General Contractor of the Year by the Chicago Chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Development Association. McShane's nomination featured several recent projects including the 28-unit, six story LEED-registered Hairpin Lofts and LEED-registered built-to-suit headquarters office facility for Medline Industries in Mundelein. Congratulations!

The Chicago Slaughter, (847) 310-3190, has recruited two outstanding players, Running Back Kevin Grady from the University of Michigan and Ben Sankey from Wake Forest University. The Chicago Slaughter is a member of the Indoor Football League. All home games are played in the Sears Centre.

Curves, (847) 241-5550, is now offering Zumba Fitness® classes and Hoffman Estates-area residents can try it free for a week. The 30-minute class mixes the moves of Zumba with the proven strength training of Curves for one wildly effective workout. It's definitely NOT your Mother's workout—BUT even your Mother can do it! It combines Curves' proven strength-training program—where you can burn up to 500 calories in just 30 minutes—with the Latin and international inspired music and exhilarating, simple dance moves that have made Zumba so popular. All ages, fitness levels and dance abilities can participate in and benefit from Curves Circuit with Zumba Fitness classes.

THE EXCHANGE OFFICERS FOR 2011

At their annual Holiday Luncheon the Exchange announced the selection of their officers for 2011.

The Exchange is a professional organization of men and women dedicated to the highest standards of competence and service. Their primary purpose is

to give and receive qualified business tips or leads. Members will, at all times, maintain the highest professional integrity. Each business category is represented by one member and conflicts of interest are disallowed. For more information about the Exchange, please visit their web site at www.heexchange.com.

Chairman: Keith Evans
Key Financial Insurance Agency
(847) 874-7016

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Affordable Healthcare Solutions
(847) 401-6049

Program: Mike Anzalone
Blueprints by Design, Inc.
(847) 417-8558

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American Chartered Bank
(847) 551-8550



Pictured: Keith Evans, Sebastian Dolce, Joe Lagioia, Tommy Ponsot, Mike Hanson, John Albright, Mike Anzalone, Pete Justen, Tony Saviano, Becky Jahnke, Connie McKeogh. Missing from picture: Allen Gabe, Bill Harper, Chris Sobey, Jim Liggett, Jim Sexton, Tim Sullivan

RECYCLING 101

The Village of Hoffman Estates offers these tips on recycling preparation:

- All materials may be mixed together.
- Flatten all boxes.
- Remove any non-paper packing material.
- Rinse all recyclables free of food residue and remove lids.
- It is okay to leave the caps on your plastic containers.

For more information, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/green



What can I Recycle?

PAPER

- Paper Bags
- Newspaper
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Telephone Directories
- Office Paper
- Advertising/Junk Mail
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard

PLASTIC

- All plastic bottles and containers with # 1-5
- Plastic beverage and food containers
- Microwave meal containers
- Milk, water and juice bottles
- Liquid detergent
- Yogurt cups

METAL

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel or tin cans

GLASS

- Bottles and jars only.
- Brown, green and clear.

TAX RELIEF/JOB CREATION ACT OF 2010: HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Following is an overview of key provisions in the act signed into law December 17, 2010:

- **Current income tax rates** (10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33% and 35%) will stay the same for two more years (2011 & 2012) with a top rate of 15% on qualified dividends and long-term capital gains.
- Employees and self-employed workers will receive a **reduction of two percentage points in Social Security payroll tax** in 2011, bringing the rate down from 6.2% to 4.2% for employees, and from 12.4% to 10.4% for the self-employed.
- A two-year **AMT "patch"** for 2010 and 2011 will keep the AMT exemption near current levels and allow personal credits to offset AMT. Without the patch, an estimated 21 million additional taxpayers would have owed AMT for 2010.
- Personal Exemption phase-outs and Itemized deduction limitations are repealed through 2012.
- **Key tax credits for working families** that were enacted or expanded in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be retained. Specifically, the new law extends the \$1,000 child tax credit and maintains its expanded refundability for two years, extends rules expanding the earned income credit for larger families and married couples, and extends the higher education tax credit (the American Opportunity tax credit) and its partial refundability for two years.
- The **credit for energy improvements to existing homes** is extended through 2011. The lifetime maximum remains \$1,500.
- **Businesses can write off 100% of their equipment and machinery purchases**, effective for property placed in service after September 8, 2010 and through December 31, 2011. For property placed in service in 2012, the new law provides for 50% additional first-year depreciation.
- **Many of the "traditional" tax extenders are extended for two years**, retroactively to 2010 and through the end of 2011:
 - The election to take an itemized deduction for state and local general sales taxes in lieu of the itemized deduction for state and local income taxes.
 - The \$250 above-the-line deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.
 - Higher education tuition deduction.
 - The provision that permits tax-free distributions to charity from an IRA up to \$100,000.
 - The rule allowing mortgage insurance premiums to be deductible as qualified residence interest.
 - Research and development credit for businesses.
- After a one-year hiatus, **the estate tax will be reinstated for 2011 and 2012, with a top rate of 35%**. The exemption amount will be \$5 million per individual in 2011 and will be indexed to inflation in 2012. Estates of people who died in 2010 can choose to follow either 2010's or 2011's rules. This is important because inherited assets under the 2010 rules have a tax basis equal to the price when they were purchased rather than the price at death. They can only increase the basis of assets by a total of \$1.3 million. That could lead to a significant tax burden for heirs who sell assets with a high appreciation in value. Under the 2011 rules, heirs will be allowed to inherit assets that receive a "step up" in basis equal to the fair market value of the property on the date of decedent's death.
- **The executor of a deceased spouse's estate can now transfer any unused exemption to the surviving spouse without such planning.** The surviving spouse would therefore have a larger exclusion amount. The new law is effective for estates of decedents dying after December 31, 2010.
- Omitted from the new law: Repeal of a controversial expansion of Form 1099 reporting requirements that was passed by the Healthcare Act.

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NEW MEMBERS

Dentistry

SCOTT BERDELLE DDS

990 Grand Canyon Pkwy.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
847-885-4343
Dr. Scott Berdelle
General Dentistry

Entertainment

PUTTING EDGE

2535 W. Golf Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
847-885-1701
Mr. Dennis Streeter
www.puttingedge.com

Glow in the dark mini golf, birthday parties, group and corporate outings

Hotels

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES

495 Airport Road
Elgin, IL 60123
847-488-9000
Wendy Cozzi
www.holidayinn.com/elginil
Full service hotel & conference center, Bennigan's Bar/Grill

REFER A NEW MEMBER AND RECEIVE \$\$\$\$

Remember:

Every time you refer someone who becomes a new Chamber member, you will receive \$25.00.

Refer a new member!
It's a Win-Win for everyone!

2011 CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE BY 3%

Our Chamber membership continues to be strong and we are receiving great support for our members from the community. The Chamber strives to bring you the most innovative ways for you to get your business in front of hundreds of potential new customers.

Our new membership data base now allows all of our members to update and maintain their own company profiles on line. Members are also able to add "Hot Deals", "Job Postings" and "Company Events" to the Chamber's web site as well. New programs and technology are also planned for 2011 which include more changes to the website. We are now providing electric Member to Member news and a new Coupon Page to help members connect and get their information out to the membership faster than ever before.

These changes, along with the increasing operating cost, have lead to a slight increase in our membership dues for 2011. The Board of Directors has voted to increase all membership rates by .3% per company. This will amount to an increase of between \$5.00 and \$15.00 per company. This increase will allow us to continue to give our members the best possible service while expanding our programs and technology.

COLLEGE OF NURSING COMES TO HOFFMAN ESTATES

by Gary Skoog, Hoffman Estates Director of Economic Development

Americare College of Nursing is building a new 24,000 square foot facility in Hoffman Estates at 5210 Trillium Boulevard. Two other Americare locations, one in Schaumburg and one in Hanover Park, will be consolidated into the new Prairie Stone Business Park location just northeast of Pratum Avenue at Trillium Boulevard sometime in summer 2011.

Americare offers a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate program, as well as Registered Nurse (RN) accreditation. As the college is accredited by Board of Higher Education, financial aid is available to both full and part-time students who may attend classes during the day or in the evening if in the workforce. The college will accommodate 100+ nursing students.

If you know somebody interested in nursing, have them contact the school, as there is an entrance examination to gauge both general skill sets and educational background to get started. Prior courses may transfer from other accredited higher education schools. For further information, go to www.americancollegeofnursing.com.

Welcome Americare and future nurses.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Management Accounting Services, Ltd.*	20 years
AlphaGraphics	16 years
Classic Party Rental/ Braun Event & Tent	15 years
Emeritus Of Hoffman Estates ** (formerly Brighton Gardens)	11 years
Active Foot & Ankle Center**	6 years
Tandem Promotions	6 years
IDES/Worknet NCC	4 years
Clearchoice Mobility	3 years
Hyatt Place	2 years
L'Eiffel Bistrot Creperie	2 years
Pinstripes	2 years
Sam's Club	2 years
Wellness Place	2 years
American Chartered Bank	1 year
eTecc Communications, Inc.	1 year

*Charter member
**Platinum member

JOIN A COMMITTEE, REAP THE REWARDS

Make 2011 the year that you make a difference. All of our committees are just starting to form and with over 15 different committees to choose from there is one that would be a perfect fit for you! Call the office today and we can get you connected to a group that will fit your interests.

Here are some of the reasons to join a committee.

- Make a new business contact
- Work together as a team to accomplish a task
- Get to know your community better
- Be a part of building a better Chamber of Commerce
- Have your company recognized at the year end award ceremony

2011 Committees

Seasonal Fundraising Event Committees:

FASHION SHOW: This committee meets one a month for six months to plan the details for this annual event which showcases our retail partners.

FISHING DERBY COMMITTEE: Members plan all the details concerning the Chamber's annual Fishing Derby; held June 11, 2011. Responsibilities include securing sponsorships, food vendors, prizes and volunteers. Meets once a month to plan this June event, drawing thousands of families and showcasing our Business Sponsors.

FALL EXPO: Business to Consumer meets once a month for planning this spring event. This annual trade show provides affordable booth space for exhibitors and draws the customers in with this themed event featuring giveaways, food and entertainment.

Active Committees: These committee meet monthly year round

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: This committee works to provide open communication between the business community, area governmental bodies and elected officials. They also strive to keep the general membership informed on issues and legislation affecting area businesses. Meets monthly, year round.

A.M. BUSINESS CONNECTION: The committee plans programs and speakers for this morning networking group. Dedicated to bringing informative programs to the members. Meets once per month, year round

CHIT N' CHAT: This committee plans locations to hold this lunchtime networking group which meets quarterly.

MEMBERSHIP: Meets once per month, year round. This committee hosts new member receptions, ribbon cuttings and grand openings. The membership committee members are the ambassadors for the Chamber and new member mentor's.

Additional committees: please call for information
MARKETING • RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
TOOLS FOR SUCCESS • BY-LAWS • SPECIAL EVENTS

For more information or to join a committee contact Cheri@hechamber.com

2011: Reading the Mind of the Economy
Wednesday, February 16
7:30-9:00 A.M.,
The Cotillion Banquets, Palatine
\$25 Chamber members;
\$35 non-members

What's in store for your business in 2011? Join the Biz 6 Plus Chambers as they welcome John Ablin, a frequent contributor to CNBC, Bloomberg, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Barron's*. He was named one of the top 100 Wealth Advisors in North America by City Wealth Magazine in 2006 and 2010. He is also the author of *Reading the Mind of the Markets: Minimizing Risk and Maximizing Returns in a Volatile Global Marketplace*. Call the Chamber office, (847) 781-9100 or go on line, www.hechamber.com to register.

THESE GROUPS REACH OUT TO OTHERS TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY STRONG

Check out what's available from these Chamber members!

Not for Profit Organizations

Algonquin Longhouse, Inc.	(847) 660-1230
American Cancer Society	(847) 368-1166
Bright Hope International	(847) 519-0012
Children's Advocacy Center	(847) 885-0100
Clearbrook Center	(847) 991-4100
District 15 Educational Foundation	(847) 963-3238
Friendship Village	(847) 884-5420
Gigi's Playhouse	(847) 885-7529
HECPAAA	(847) 517-3151
Hoffman Estates Museum	(847) 882-3698
Hoffman Estates Park Dist. Foundation	(847) 885-7500
Hoffman Estates Police Benevolent Fund	(847) 781-2846

Hoffman Estates Professional Firefighters	(847) 710-2061
Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, Inc.	(847) 381-5599
Life Changers International Church	(847) 645-9100
Little City Foundation	(847) 221-7840
Northwest Sub. Council/Boy Scouts	(847) 824-6880
Wellness Place	(847) 221-2400
Wings Resale	(847) 884-7411

Churches/Temples

Beth Tikvah Congregation	(847) 885-4545
Life Changers International Church	(847) 645-9100
Saint Hubert Church	(847) 885-7700

2010 Holiday Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Thank you again to all of our volunteers and President Award winners who received certifications of appreciation at our annual Holiday Lunch.

Also congratulations to Mary Jane Garvey from Hoffman Estates Community Bank (upper right photo), the winner of our year end drawing for \$300.00 in Chamber Bucks!



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

Healthcare Facilities/Supplies/Service

Active Foot & Ankle Center
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.*
(847) 882-4181

LifeSource Blood Services
(847) 884-7766

Scott Berdelle, DDS
(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 Hotel & Suites
(847) 645-9500

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

LaQuinta Inn
(847) 517-8484

Landscaping/Snow Plowing/Valet Services

VIP Services Group
(847) 760-5080

Merchandise/Retail/Wholesale

Claire's Boutique, Inc.
(847) 765-1100

Sears Holdings Corporation
(847) 286-1535

Newspapers

Chicago Tribune/Triblocal
(847) 755-7988

Daily Herald
(847) 427-4640

Not For Profit

Hoffman Estates Park District Foundation
(847) 885-7500

Office/Business/ Support/Secretarial

Admin and Beyond, LLC
(800) 850-3907

Real Estate/Leasing/Sales/Service

Hamilton Partners
(847) 884-2800

Robin Realty & Management
(312) 642-9510

Ryland Homes
(224) 293-3100

Restaurants

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers
(847) 645-1455

Retirement Housing

Brighton Gardens Assisted Living of HE
(847) 755-0735

The Devonshire of Hoffman Estates
(847) 490-5800

Poplar Creek Village/Senior Apartments
(847) 885-1444

Signs/Graphic Design/Exhibits

Sign-A-Rama
(847) 884-1162

Sports Arena/Entertainment

Sears Centre Arena
(847) 882-649-2222

Sports & Recreation

Hoffman Estates Park District
(847) 885-7500

*Scott R. Triphahn
Community Center & Ice Arena*
(847) 885-7500

Midwest Elite Gymnastics Academy
(847) 428-3200

Telecommunication

AT & T
(847) 248-2312

U.S. Cellular
(815) 289-7921

Temples/Churches

Beth-Tikvah Congregation
(847) 885-4545



WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ...

New format for "Meet the Member" begins with the March 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.

Name: Tommy Ponsot,
Account Manager, Ferotech
Solution Services

Phone number:
(847) 466-1021

How long in business:
2 years

Born in: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Educational background:
Illinois State University, BS
Social Science.

I'd like you to know: We are a full-service IT company with everything from websites to custom software.

Interesting facts: Along with Ferotech our IT division, we also employ a marketing division "Infocom Marketing" and we are Microsoft Gold Certified and a Small Business Specialist.

The best business advice I ever heard: Never take anything personal, its business.

The best business advice I could give: Basement to the top floor, treat everyone equal and with respect.

My first job: A paper route when I was 11 years old.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: Networking, Volunteering, and Encouraging others to join.

The last good movie I saw was: *Fistful of Quarters*

My idea of a great meal is: Soul Food.

The best advice my mother gave me: Stay humble and never forget where you came from.

If I won the lottery, I would: Give half to my parents, travel the world, and invest what is remaining.

My goal in life is: Be happy and always be myself.

Nobody knows I: Had a small role in a movie when I was in high school.

My prized childhood possession: A baseball given to me from NY Yankee Bernie Williams.

To me, a really good day is: Visiting a culture that takes me completely out of my element.

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: The best things in life have no monetary value.

I have always wanted to: Go to Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

If I could drive any vehicle, it would be: A Lexus Hybrid.

The best time of my life: Playing college basketball.

Three words that describe me: Cool, Calm, Collected.



Name: Bed Sweet, General
Manager, LEGOLAND
Discovery Center

Phone number: (847) 592-9708

How long in business:
7 1/2 years

Born in: Swansea, Wales

Educational background:
Gorseinon College and
Swansea University. Managed
Alton Tower Theme Park and Resort (General Manager,
Food & Beverage, Hotels & Visitors Attractions).

I'd like you to know: LEGOLAND Discovery Center is a unique attraction and the first of its kind in the U.S. With over 30,000 sq. ft of space guests can enjoy MINILAND, LEGO Rides, 4D Cinema, Master Model Builder Workshop and much more. The average family spends about 2-3 hours in the Center. We also have a café and retail shop. We offer group rates, birthday parties and host special events regularly.

Interesting facts: LEGOLAND Discovery Center is owned by Merlin Entertainments, the second largest theme park operator in the world, behind only Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. Children around the world spend 5 billion hours a year playing with LEGO bricks.

The best business advice I ever heard: It's easier to beg for forgiveness than to ask permission.

The best business advice I could give: Play hard, but work harder.

My first job: Delivering milk when I was 11 years old.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: Get to know my fellow colleagues and the businesses they work for or own in the area.

The last good movie I saw was: *Mongol – The Rise of Genghis Khan*.

My idea of a great meal is: Coffee.

The best advice my mother gave me: All of it, although I didn't listen at the time.

If I won the lottery, I would: Go into space.

Nobody knows I: Once did ballet.

My prized childhood possession: A rubber spider.

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: Fate is inevitable.

If I could drive any vehicle, it would be: A helicopter.

The best time of my life: Cycling down the Nile River (the side of it, of course)

Three words that describe me: Driven, Welsh, Adventurer.





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Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce

GREAT START TO 2011



Special Thanks to Bombay Chopsticks, 721 W Golf Road and Ravi and his team for hosting our first Chit N Chat of 2011. Close to 50 people enjoyed a wonderful India buffet while networking with business leaders.

Join us for lunch at Pinstripes on February 10. Call the Chamber office to RSVP.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING: Calendar of Upcoming Chamber Events

February

Thurs., Feb. 10	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 10	Fishing Derby Committee	8:00 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 10	Chit & Chat/Pinstripes	11:30 A.M.
Mon., Feb. 14	Membership Committee	8:00 A.M.
Wed., Feb 16	Biz+6 Business Economic Forecast Breakfast	8:30 A.M.
Wed., Feb. 16	Business After Hours/The Seville	5:00 P.M.
Wed., Feb. 17	A.M. Business Connection Committee	7:30 A.M.
Fri., Feb. 18	Government Relations Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Feb. 22	A.M. Business Connection/ Triphahan Center	7:30 A.M.
Wed., Feb 23	Mayor's Update Breakfast/ Sears Centre Arena	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 24	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 24	Expo Committee	8:00 A.M.
Mon., Feb. 28	Board of Directors meeting	7:30 A.M.

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