

Hoffman Estates

CHAMBER of Commerce and Industry

NEWSLETTER

October 2009

Bootifull Fashions promises to make Fashion Show 2009 *Spooktacular!*

Friday October 30, 2009

The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center

Join us for our annual Fall Fashion Show/Scholarship Luncheon event on October 30, 2009. There is still time to donate an item for the silent auction and get a listing on the Chamber website, take out an ad in the Fashion Show program, or purchase tickets to the luncheon and show.



The show this year features all local models and local fashions. Please remember to bring your checkbook or credit cards, many of the fashions will be available for sale after the show! The fashions and models will be choreographed by the wonderful talents of the **Arboretum of South Barrington** and the **WINGS Resale Shop**. The **Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center** is planning a wonderful lunch and will be our host for the show.

Buy a ticket for \$50 or a table of ten for \$475. This is the perfect Holiday gift for your staff or your top accounts. We will be having a very exciting silent auction this year and we have some wonderful items from **Cabela's**, **L' Eiffel Bistrot**, **Rahl Jewelers**, **Arlington Park Racecourse**, and **Medieval Times**, to name a few. We also have a fabulous Mexican Vacation donated by **Travelex International**. Just in time for your Holiday Gift giving.

Don't miss out on this great event. Please call the Chamber office with questions or check out the web site to get a complete list of our sponsors and the companies that our providing our auction items.

Special thanks goes out to our Benefactor



and our sponsors: **Harris Bank**, **Alden Poplar Creek**, **Admin and Beyond**, **Ann Jenkins Custom Photography** and the **Daily Herald**.

The show is being held in conjunction with **WINGS** - Women in Need Growing Stronger.

Check Out www.hechamber.com To Stay Connected

Chamber members are using their recently issued passcodes to update their company profiles, post job openings, and offer Hot Deals. We currently have over twenty great Member to Member Hot Deals listed on the Chamber web site, www.hechamber.com. Hot Deals can be viewed by category or a total list can be viewed by clicking on the Hot Deal icon at the top of the right hand side of the home page.

Also available on the home page is the current copy of the newsletter along with all of the archived issues for this year. The great thing about the on line newsletter is that they are in COLOR. The pictures are so much nicer and the newsletters can be viewed, printed or emailed to a friend whenever you want them. No need to start a paper file. They are always available to you.

Our 2009 Community Guide is now available on the home page. Click through the pages at your leisure to read the stories or check out the great information provided by our advertisers.

We now have a direct link to our Members Only Discounts provided by Constant Contact and Office Depot. Click on the icons on the home page of the Chamber web site, enter your passcode and you will see a link on the left hand side of the page. Sign up through the Chamber site and start receiving your discounts today!

Please call the Chamber office if you have any questions about navigating through the changes to the web site.

Member News

The Northwest Suburban Council Boy Scouts of America, (847) 697-1000, is hosting its 2009 Distinguished Citizen's Banquet, honoring those who serve their community. The event will be held on

October 28 at The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m., the dinner and program at 7:00 p.m. This year's honorees are:



Advanced Preschool celebrated the opening of their three new classrooms with a ribbon cutting on September 4. Mayor McLeod presented Kimberly Bianchini with a key to the Village. Also in attendance were Tony LaFrener, State Rep. Fred Crespo, Trustees Jackie Green and Karen Mills, Dr. Algean Garner and teachers and students.

Sears Optical Comes to Poplar Creek Shopping Center



Dr. Cynthia Logan has moved to her new location at 4620 Hoffman Blvd. in the Poplar Creek Shopping Center. Dr. Logan specializes in comprehensive eye exams and contact fittings. The ribbon cutting was held on August 21st. August was also National Eye exam month, perfect timing for those back to school check ups! Pictured above are Sam Bennett, Regional Sales Manager; Mayor Bill McLeod, Cynthia Logan, O.D., Doctor of Optometry; Trustee Jackie Green, Sears Optical Manager Julie Sisto and Chamber members who joined in the celebration.

Melissa Bean (Congresswoman), **William F. Kelley (Kelley, Kelley & Kelley)**, Paul Meincke (ABC 7 Reporter) and **George A. Moser (Charter National Bank and Trust)**. The Keynote Speaker will be Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz. Please support area youth by attending this event or making a donation. For more information please call the Northwest Suburban Council office at (847) 759-2999.

Elgin Community College, (847) 697-1000, has chronicled its 60-year history in a 120 plus page commemorative book and DVD. Images of the college's past and stories collected from graduates, instructors, staff and former college officials are the focus of the new book and DVD available for sale to the public to commemorate the college's 60th anniversary in 2009.

The Community's College: Sixty Years of Elgin Community College is the result of a two-year effort by the college that documents the programs, events and people that shaped ECC's beginnings from a institution that started in the old Elgin High School on Gifford Street to a district containing more than 30 municipalities. The project was a complete college effort – as students, faculty and staff collected dozens of oral histories from ECC graduates and administrators, and designed the book and produced the DVD.

The book is available for \$25 for one copy; two copies are \$45; and three copies are \$60. All proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the ECC Foundation's student scholarship program. For more information about ordering, contact the ECC Foundation at (847) 214-7377 or visit www.elgin.edu/anniversary to download an order form.

Chamber Members Give Kids Tools to Succeed!

Each year the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce reaches out to all Chamber members asking them to host a drop off box to encourage their customers to donate school supplies. This long standing program, Tools for Success, allows the Chamber to provide much needed school supplies to area schools that are attended by Hoffman Estates residents. Headed for the second year by John Ericson from the Schaumburg Township Library, thousands of schools supplies were collected. At the conclusion of the drive Boy Scout Troop 290 joined us on the library loading dock to separate the collected items into bins for distribution to schools in School District #54, and Consolidated School District 15. A special thank you goes out to Hoffman/Schaumburg Rotary Club for their generous donation of \$300 in gift cards that we gave to the School District Offices for their distribution. Assorted school supplies were also dropped off at the Community Resource Center for their families, thanks to the overwhelming response and generosity of our Chamber members and their patrons.

In this harsh economy it is heart warming to see our Chambers members rise to the occasion and provide school supplies to families that have a greater need than we've seen in past years. Our warmest thanks to each business that hosted a drop off box and our heartiest thanks to each individual who donated supplies for our kids. Check out the faces of the kids at MacArthur School (below) when they arrived at school and found new school supplies were provided through your generosity – priceless!



Thanks to the Exchange (above) for their donations, and to Boy Scout Troop 290 (below) for sorting the supplies.



Happy Anniversary!!!!

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

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| Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home | 19 years* |
| The Assembly Bar & Cafe | 19 years* |
| Berkshires of H. E. | 19 years* |
| Daily Herald | 19 years* |
| The Devonshire of H. E. | 19 years* ** |
| Morgan & Riley Optomistrists | 19 years* |
| Jet Photo Lab & Studio | 19 years* |
| Muller's Woodfield Acura | 19 years* |
| Realty Executive Experts/ Tony Saviano | 19 years* |
| Brazelton Insurance Agency, Inc. | 19 years* |
| Thomas J. Hoover, DDS & Associates | 19 years* ** |
| Wm. Rainey Harper College | 19 years* |
| La Quinta Inn | 19 years* |
| Dee's Catering Service | 18 years |
| Groot Industries | 18 years |
| Harris Bank/Roselle Road | 18 years** |
| Little City Foundation | 18 years |
| Plum Grove Printers | 17 years |
| Woodfield Mall, LLC | 17 years |
| District Fifteen Educational Foundation | 16 years |
| Fabbrini's Flowers | 11 years |
| HECPAAA | 9 years |
| Direct Buy | 8 years |
| American Laser Center | 6 years |
| Mercedes Benz of H. E. | 6 years |
| Personal Family Medicine | 5 years |
| Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters | 4 years** |
| Mary Kay, Inc. | 4 years |
| Kids First Pediatric Dentistry | 4 years |
| Infinity of Hoffman Estates | 3 years |
| Jimmy John's of H. E. | 3 years |
| Massage Envy. | 3 years |
| Multiform Fitness | 2 years |
| Allstar Cab Dispatch | 1 year |
| Clear Choice Mobility | 1 year |
| Jimmy John's of H.E. West | 1 year |
| Precious Angels Childcare | 1 year |
| ThoughtWorthi Solutions, Inc. | 1 year |
| Wings Resale | 1 year |
| Medical Imaging Center, Ltd. | 1 year |

*Charter member

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Back to School BINGO Night!

Thanks, MacArthur community!
Due to your generous donations
of school supplies, my
classmates and I are all ready for
a great school year!

Thank you!
from
MacArthur
Students +
Staff!

MacArthur School 2009 - 2010

Celebrating the Fabulous 50s



At Business Under the Big Top 2009



TIME TO CALL IN AN ADVISOR?

Whether you need a consultant, legal advice, or insurance, these Chamber members have the expertise you need!

Check out what's available from these Chamber members!

Consultants

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| James F. Sexton & Assoc. Ltd., CPA | (847) 605-0700 |
| Petritis Group, Inc. | (847) 705-6619 |
| ThoughtWorthi Solutions, LLC | (847) 490-4785 |
| Bevinco Chicago | (847) 214-1259 |
| Prairie Stone Property Owners Assoc. | (847) 645-5000 |
| Spectrum Consulting Services, Inc. | (847) 340-0890 |
| B & F Technical Code Services Inc.. | (847) 490-1443 |

Conventions/Tourism

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Arlington Park Racecourse | (847) 385-7740 |
| Van Galder Bus Company | (815) 236-9047 |
| Chicagoland Transportation Solutions | (847) 781-8811 |
| Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre | (847) 884-7000 |

Funeral Home

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| Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home | (847) 882-5580 |
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Human Resources

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| Admin and Beyond LLC | (800) 850-3907 |
| Aktiva | (847) 687-2402 |

Event Planning Corporate/Personal

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| Brilliant Event Planning | (630) 468-2237 |
| Chicagoland Transportation Solutions | (847) 781-8811 |
| Van Galder Bus Company | (815) 236-9047 |

Insurance

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| Charter National Bank and Trust | (847) 882-1000 |
| Just 10 Insurance Group | (847) 490-9175 |
| Key Financial Insurance Agency | (847) 874-7016 |
| PrePaid Legal Services Inc. | (847) 630-1078 |
| Alliance for Affordable Health Insurance | (847) 410-6049 |
| Brazelton Insurance Agency Inc. | (847) 882-4800 |
| CitiBank - Hoffman Estates | (847) 645-3997 |
| D M Re & Associates Inc. | (847) 452-7230 |

Lawyers/Legal Services

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| Combs Ltd. | (847) 519-0505 |
| Arnstein & Lehr LLP | (847) 843-2900 |
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| Spagnolo & Hoeksema, LLC | (847) 519-1101 |
| Gabe-Calzaretta LLC | (847) 241-5000 |

Senior Services

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| Poplar Creek Village - Senior Apts. | (847) 885-1444 |
| Home Instead Senior Care | (224) 630-9825 |
| Friendship Village | (847) 884-5420 |
| AgingInfoUSA | (847) 630-0381 |

Engineering

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| B & F Technical Code Services Inc. | (847) 490-1443 |
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Then and Now -- 50 Years of Fun Facts

On Sept 23, 1959 Hoffman Estates was officially incorporated as a Village.

Population of the United States

1959: 177,829,628

2009: 305,529,237

Minimum wage in the United States

1959: \$1.00

2009: \$7.25

Cost of a first class postage stamp

1959: 4 cents

2009: 44 cents

1959: "Barbie" was first introduced

2009: "Tweeting" is the new rage

1959 sports trivia:

Bears: The 1959 Chicago Bears season was their 40th regular season completed in the National Football League. The club posted yet another 8-4 record under the coaching of George Halas.

White Sox: The 1959 White Sox lost the World Series to the Los Angeles Dodgers (4-2)

Cubs: Ernie Banks became the first short stop in history to win the MVP award in back to back seasons.

We'd Like You to Meet ...

Each issue of the Chamber newsletter includes an interview with two Chamber members whose names were selected at random. It's our way of helping our members become more acquainted and of saying "Thanks for being a part of the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce." If you would like to be featured, please call the Chamber office.



Name: Vickie Andersen, Owner
Admin and Beyond, LLC

Phone number: 1-800-850-3907

How long in business: 3 years

Born in: Winfield, IL

Professional background: 18 years of
Administrative and Contract

Management, the last eight years of which were in the high pressure publishing industry for companies such as Riverside Publishing and Education Testing Service.

I'd like you to know: Admin and Beyond is a Virtual Business Support Company specializing in administrative, accounting, human resource and creative products and services. Everything from letter writing and mailing, creating presentations, assisting with your next function, performing general accounting tasks to creating your next employee manual, marketing materials, logos, and holiday cards. No project is too big or too small. Our prices are very competitive and Chamber Members receive a 25% discount off our standard rates.

Interesting facts: Virtual Assistance is an "on demand" or "Just-in-Time" service structure. Not a temp agency, but a team of professionals and consultants who perform most tasks from our own home offices. This reduces a client's resource requirements and saves them time and money that would otherwise be spent on extra computers, workspace, office supplies, employee management, benefits, etc. We are excited to announce we have received our Better Business Bureau Accreditation.

The best business advice I ever heard: Never get complacent.

The best business advice I could give: Understand your customer's pain and meet the need.

My first job: Baskin Robbins when I was 15 years old.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: For 2 years I have had the distinct honor of serving on the Fashion Show Committee and working closely with the Chamber staff to assist with various and assorted administrative and creative projects, such as newsletter flyers and most recently, the 2009 Business Under the Big Top Exhibitor Card handed out to visitors.

The best advice my mother ever gave me: You don't know if you don't try.

My idea of a great meal is: Shrimp, garlic mashed potatoes and a nice glass of wine.

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: Life is like a Nationwide Insurance commercial – It comes at you fast.

Nobody knows: I student taught second grade part-time as part of my high school curriculum.

I have always wanted to: Canoe down the Mississippi River from Minnesota to Southern Illinois.

Three words that describe me: Dedicated, driven, pro-active.

Name: David Kusch, Owner,
Company Name: Technic Consulting

Phone number: (630) 479-8608

How long in business: 8 years

Educational background: William Rainey Harper, Cisco Certified, Microsoft Certified (CCNA, MCSE) 14 Years in Information Technology, 11 at fortune 500 companies as a network design engineer.

I'd like you to know: We at Technic Consulting are confident that our 14 years of experience will provide the most skilled, high-quality, honest and reliable computer support available for your small to mid-sized business and home computing needs. Some of our services include: computer sales and setup, computer repair, networking, upgrades, wireless setups, PC and network security, offsite data backups and disaster recovery planning.

Interesting facts: Our prices are very competitive with the current industry rate, and much more cost effective than the big-box stores computer support. Furthermore, you will get the added benefit of an experienced technician and engineer. Technic Consulting is a Christian owned and operated company, and we pride ourselves on conducting our business with the honesty and integrity that are the core of our values.

The best business advice I ever heard: Run your business as an entrepreneur as opposed to a technician who is simply doing the work as a job.

The best business advice I could give: Customers are more apt to return if your business is conducted with honest and integrity. When you are wrong, admit you were wrong. The customer will appreciate straightforwardness.

My first job: Mainframe upgrade assistant when I was 16 years old.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: I love the Chamber for networking opportunities. Every time I go, I always lament not attending more functions.

My idea of a great meal is: Anything my wife makes – I love being with the family for dinner.

The best advice my mother ever gave me: Be yourself.

My goal in life is: To emotionally and financially support my family, and glorify God.

My prized childhood possession: a remote controlled car.

I have always wanted to: Travel to England.

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: Character is everything.

If I could drive any vehicle it would be: Volvo S60r

Three words that describe me: Honest, caring, innovative





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Opportunity Knocking: Calendar of Upcoming Chamber Events

October 2009

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| Tues., Oct. 6 | AM Business Connection Committee | 10:00 A.M. |
| Thurs., Oct. 8 | The Exchange | 7:30 A.M. |
| Thurs., Oct. 8 | Chit & Chat/Cafe Clemenza | 11:30 A.M. |
| Mon., Oct. 12 | Columbus Day/Chamber office closed | |
| Tues., Oct 13 | Business Before Hours/Office Depot | 7:30 A.M. |
| Thurs., Oct. 15 | Biz 6 Progressive Networking Luncheon | 11:15 A.M. |
| Thurs., Oct. 15 | Fashion Show Committee | 12:00 P.M. |
| Fri., Oct. 16 | Government Relations Committee | 12:00 P.M. |
| Mon., Oct. 19 | Membership Committee | 8:00 A.M. |
| Wed., Oct. 21 | Business After Hours/Marriott | 5:00 P.M. |
| Thurs., Oct. 22 | The Exchange | 7:30 A.M. |
| Mon., Oct. 26 | Board of Directors | 7:30 A.M. |
| Tues., Oct. 27 | AM Business Connection/ Gold Class Cinema | 7:30 A.M. |
| Wed., Oct. 28 | Multi-Chamber Business After Hours/ECC | 5:00 P.M. |
| Fri., Oct. 30 | Annual Fashion Show/The Stonegate | 11:30 A.M. |