

Hoffman Estates

October 2010

CHAMBER of Commerce and Industry

NEWSLETTER

Fall in Love with This Year's Fall Fashions

Friday, October 29, 2010
Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center

Our last major event for the year is our Fall Fashion Show. Please take this opportunity to say Thank You to your top accounts or to your staff by bringing them to this year's show. We are continuing to use fellow chamber members as models as well as for the fashions and accessories for the show.

Great silent auction items will include items from **Cabela's**, the **Arboretum of South Barrington**, **Arlington Park Racecourse**, **Apple Villa**, **Millrose**, **Chicago Wolves**, and the **Chicago Slaughter** to name a few. These gift baskets make wonderful Christmas gifts, so please come prepared to shop.

We will also be presenting four fabulous live auction packages:

Package 1: Private Wine Paring Dinner for 6 Guests at the Stonegate

Package 2: A sports package from the Chicago Slaughter to include 4 tickets to attend pre-season workout, 4 lower level sideline tickets to the Home Opener with a pre-game, on the field ceremonial first toss and an autographed football.

Package 3: Shopping and Dinner at the Arboretum: one hour personal shopping consultation, \$200 gift certificate to go shopping and a \$100 gift certificate for dinner.

Package 4: Dinner for 10 at L'Eiffle Bistrot and wine tasting at Coopers Hawk.

The live auction packages will be auctioned off throughout the show.

Schedule of Events

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Registration/ Networking/ Silent Auction

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Luncheon/ Fashion Show/ Live Auction

1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Raffle Drawing sponsored by Rahl Jewelers/Silent and Live Auction cash out

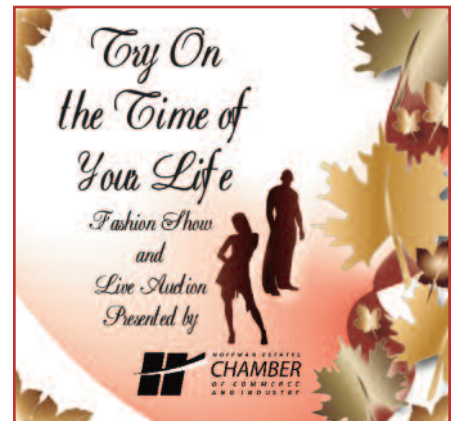
Please visit the Fashion Show Event page on the Chamber website to view the menu for the luncheon, the list of our sponsors, and pictures from last year's events. Don't miss out on this great event.

Special thanks to our sponsors:

**Harris Bank
AT&T**

**Jenkins Custom Photography
Admin & Beyond**

**Rookies All-American Pub
Daily Herald**



Member News

Dress Barn, (847) 884-0554, announces that its stores locally and nationally will observe National Breast Cancer Month in October. Beginning October 1 and continuing through December 15, Dress Barn stores will have the "smoochable pooch" Syke, a soft, plush stuffed animal available for adoption for \$5. The entire \$2 net profit from each sale will go to the American Cancer Society to support local and national breast cancer initiatives.

IChef, (847) 202-8048, announces that starting October 1 the restaurant will be open seven days a week, including offering a fabulous Sunday Bunch every Sunday in October. The restaurant is located at 752 W. Algonquin Road. Call or visit the website, www.ichef18.com

Chicago Express, (224) 422-9874, a premier AA hockey team, will be calling the Sears Centre Arena its home beginning with the start of the 2011/2012 hockey season. Steve Martinson has been named as the team's head coach. Chicago Express is owned by Craig and Sue Drecktrah of C & S Family Sports. C & S Family Sports owned the Rockford Ice Hogs for several years. The company offers affordable, family-friendly excitement for hockey fans of all ages. The Chicago Express is currently offering season ticket packages for sale.



The Illinois Worknet Center, (847) 437-9425, is sponsoring a Jobs and Community Resources Fair on Wednesday, October 20 at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Heights. Hours are 11:00 AM-3:00PM. The event is free for job seekers. Space is still available for employers wishing to recruit for job openings. Over 1,000 attendees are expected to attend. Potential employers should call for pricing and further information about the

event. Both employers and job seekers are invited to call M. Faheem at (847) 437-9425 or visit www.worknetncc.com for further information.



Expo 2010 was a great success with 55 exhibitors and over 1200 people in attendance. The theme was "It is a Jungle Out There" and our exhibitors went all out to decorate in jungle style.

Congratulations to our winner of the Best Themed booth, the **Hilton Garden Inn.**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, is sponsoring "Rethink, Retool, Rebuild to Support Jobs: Resources for Business Growth," on Wednesday, October 20, at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Heights, from 7:45 AM - 5:15 PM. This FREE event will feature Assistant Secretary of Commerce Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale, Congresswoman Melissa Bean, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing Peter Perez, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Don Graves. This manufacturer-focused conference will explore ways to improve performance and competitiveness. The conference will cover: Finding new growth opportunities, exploring business prospects in clean energy for Illinois companies, exporting and expanding into new markets, innovating to develop new products, create production, efficiencies and achieve cost savings, accessing credit and capital, and more. The FREE REGISTRATION includes breakfast and lunch. Although there is no charge to attend, seating is limited so don't delay. Register at www.WorkNetNcc.com

PNC Bank Opens 'Green' Facility in Hoffman Estates

PNC Bank celebrated the grand opening of its environmentally-friendly Hoffman Estates branch at 1600 W.

Algonquin Road on September 11.



Branch Manager Vern Kertis welcomed area residents with tours of this new "Green Branch" location. PNC is the first U.S. bank to design and build environmentally friendly LEED branches in the United States. It is the only bank permitted to use the term "Green Branch" based on the registered trademark granted by the U.S. Patent & Trademark office. The trademark is affirmation of PNC's leadership and commitment to green business. To date, PNC has more newly constructed LEED-certified green branches (77) than any company in the world.

Welcome, Kina's!

A ribbon cutting was held on September 11 to welcome **Kina's Chic Boutique** to the Forest View Shopping Center, 1730 W. Algonquin Road. Kina's features couture fashions for timeless beauty with shoes, accessories, evening wear, casual wear, jewelry handbags and more. Stop in and welcome owner and manager Luda Wildt to the Chamber.



Welcome

August new members

Computer Software

Ferotech Solution Services
10 N. Martingale Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60173
847-466-1021

www.ferotech.com

Mr. Tommy Ponsot
Providing software and process solutions to meet our customer's business needs.

Education

Tutor Doctor
PO Box 68754
Schaumburg, IL 60193
847-201-6589
Fax: 847-727-9106

Ms. Aparna Katre
www.tutordocor.com

Providing one-on-one tutoring at student's home.

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Edward Jones – Golf Rd.
1035 W. Golf Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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Happy Anniversary!!!!

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

Ahlgim & Sons Funeral Home	20 years*
The Assembly Bar & Cafe	20 years*
Berkshires of H. E.	20 years*
Daily Herald	20 years*
The Devonshire of H. E.	20 years***
Morgan & Riley Optomistrists	20 years*
Muller's Woodfield Acura	20 years*
Realty Executive Experts/ Tony Saviano	20 years*
Brazelton Insurance Agency, Inc.	20 years*
Wm. Rainey Harper College	20 years*
La Quinta Inn	20 years*
Dee's Catering Service	19 years
Little City Foundation	19 years
Plum Grove Printers	18 years
Woodfield Mall, LLC	18 years
District Fifteen Educational Foundation	17 years
Fabbrini's Flowers	12 years
Direct Buy	9 years
Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters	5 years**
Kids First Pediatric Dentistry	5 years
Jimmy John's of H. E.	4 years
Massage Envy	4 years
Allstar Cab Dispatch	2 year
Jimmy John's of H.E. West	2 year
Wings Resale	2 year
Camelot Schools	1 year
Health First Wellness	1 year
Redmond's Towing	1 year

*Charter member

**Platinum member

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Photos by Mona Morrison

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

B & F Technical Code Services Inc..	(847) 490-1443
Bevinco Chicago	(847) 214-1259
James F. Sexton & Assoc. Ltd., CPA	(847) 605-0700
Spectrum Consulting Services, Inc.	(847) 340-0890

Conventions/Tourism

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

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

Admin and Beyond LLC	(800) 850-3907
Metmox	(847) 310-8600

Event Planning Corporate/Personal

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

Engineering

B & F Technical Code Services Inc.	(847) 490-1443
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Insurance

Alliance for Affordable Health Insurance	(847) 410-6049
Brazelton Insurance Agency Inc.	(847) 882-4800
Charter National Bank and Trust/ Higgins Road	(847) 882-1000
Charter National Bank and Trust/ Barrington Rd.	(847) 882-1000
CitiBank - Hoffman Estates	(847) 645-3997
Just 10 Insurance Group	(847) 490-9175
Key Financial Insurance Agency	(847) 874-7016
State Farm/Jason Abraham	(224) 210-1300

Lawyers/Legal Services

Arnstein & Lehr LLP	(847) 843-2900
Cary J. Collins Attorney at Law	(847) 519-0010
Combs Ltd.	(847) 519-0505
Gabe-Calzaretta LLC	(847) 241-5000
Spagnolo & Hoeksema, LLC	(847) 519-1101

Senior Services

AgingInfoUSA	(847) 630-0381
Brighton Gardens	(847) 755-0735
The Devorshire	(847) 490-5800
Friendship Village	(847) 884-5420
Poplar Creek Village - Senior Apts.	(847) 885-1444

Boutique

Kina's Chic Boutique
1730 W. Algonquin Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
847-991-5462
Ms. Luda Wildt
www.kinasboutique.com
Unique Boutique!

Software Solutions

Metmox Inc.
2300 N. Barrington Rd., Ste. 210
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
847-310-8600 Fax: 847-884-8602
Mr. Srikanth Parepally
www.metmox.com
Software solutions, projects, application development e-commerce, staffing

Dance Studios

The Dance Project
1762 W. Algonquin Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
847-991-3117
Ms. Lisa Gomez
www.danceproject5678.com
Offers classes for kids, teens & adults in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Tumbling, Broadway Jazz, Lyrical & Contemporary dance; also birthday parties & summer camps

Retail/Apparel

Dress Barn
16 Golf Rose Center, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195
847-884-0554
Ms. Lori Merges
www.dressbarn.com
Fun, fashionable apparel for work and play.
Sizes 4-24

Welcome

September New Members

Utilities/Electricity

TLG Power Brokers
904 Longmeadow Ct.
Lake Barrington, IL 60010
800-915-2209
Mr. Mike Latone
www.tlgpowerbroker.com
emexpower.com
Provide competitive rates on commercial electricity.

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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

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

St. Alexius Medical Center
(847) 884-3759

Hotel/Motel

Chicago Marriott NW
(847)645-9500

Comfort Inn
(847) 882-8848

Hampton Inn & Suites
(847) 882-4301

Hilton Garden Inn
(847) 277-7889

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

LaQuinta Inn
(847) 517-8484

Landscaping/Snow Plowing/Valet Services

VIP Services Group
(847) 760-5080

Lawyers

Cary J. Collins, Attorney at Law
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(847) 765-1100

Sears Holdings Corporation
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Newspapers

Chicago Tribune/Triblocal
(847) 755-7988

Daily Herald
(847) 427-4640

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Hoffman Estates Park District Foundation
(847) 885-7500

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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

Stonegate Properties
(847)882-3300

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

Sports Arena/Entertainment

Sears Centre Arena
(847) 649-2222

Sports & Recreation

Hoffman Estates Ice Arena
(847) 885-7500

Hoffman Estates Park District
(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 ...

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: Melisa Cameron, Area Manager-Constituency Relations, AT&T

Phone number: (877) 827-5288

How long with AT&T: 15 years.

Born in: Chicago

Professional background: BA in Organizational Management, Concordia University, River Forest, IL

I'd like you to know: AT&T is bringing it all together for our customers, from the revolutionary iPhone 4 to next-generation TV services and sophisticated solutions for multi-national businesses. For more than a century, we have consistently provided innovative, reliable, high-quality products and services and excellent customer care. Today, our mission is to connect people with their world, everywhere they live and work, and do it better than anyone else. We're fulfilling this vision by creating new solutions for consumers and businesses and by driving innovation in the communications and entertainment industry.

Interesting facts: As a premier communications company in the U.S. and world, AT&T is number 10 on the Fortune 500 list of companies with more than 307,000 employees based in every U.S. state and in more than 60 countries.

The best business advice I ever heard: No matter how busy you are, always find ways to give back, help others in need, or find a cause you feel passionate about supporting.

The best business advice I could give: Take advantage of opportunities to continue learning. No one can ever take your education and learning experience from you.

My first job: Working as an office assistant for my father in his home physical therapy office when I was 13 years old.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: I would like to participate in the HECC by being an active member and volunteering for the 2010 Fashion Show committee.

The last good movie I saw was: *Public Enemies*

The best advice my mother ever gave me: Always have faith and trust in God.

Nobody knows I: Majored in music my first two years in college.

My idea of a great meal is: Any home cooked Filipino meal my mother makes.

My prized childhood possession was: A charm my parents bought me for my first piano recital.

The best time of my life: Becoming engaged on a peak at Mt. Rainier.

I have always wanted to: Ride the Zamboni at a Chicago Blackhawks game.

Three words that describe me: Outgoing, hard-working, caring.

Name: Courtney Kohn Sanders, Dean of Admissions, Morris Graduate School of Management (Division of Robert Morris University)

Phone number: (800) 225-1520

Born in: Park Ridge, IL

Educational background: Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, BS in Community Health Education, MS in Rehabilitation Counseling



I'd like you to know: The Morris Graduate School of Management offers MBA, MM and MIS degrees. We opened our 1st "Graduate only" campus in Schaumburg in 2008. We currently have a community grant available for residents of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Streamwood and Rolling Meadows. Any resident of the cities previously mentioned who are accepted into our MBA program at our Schaumburg Campus receive a grant that entitles them to half off tuition. Please call us for more information!

Interesting facts: We are the fastest growing graduate School in the state of Illinois. We are a not for profit University with nine locations in the state of Illinois.

The best business advice I ever heard: You can network till your blue in the face, but if you don't follow up with the people you have met, you have not only wasted your time but theirs as well!

The best business advice I could give: Don't be afraid to put yourself out there! Unless you push your own personal limits you will never know what you are truly capable of!

My first job: Cashier at McDonald's when I was 15 years old.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: Participate in networking events and professional development opportunities.

My idea of a great meal is: I'm a steak and potatoes kind of gal.

The best advice my mother ever gave me: Try to have patience and never judge a book by its cover.

Nobody knows I: Was a girl scout for over 17 years – all the way through college! I even earned the Girl Scout Gold Award which is the highest award in Girl Scouts.

The last good movie I saw was: *The Blind Side*

My prized childhood possession: A dog stuffed animal that had a radio in it.

My goal in life is: To be the change I want to see in the world.

If I could drive any vehicle it would be: As long as it gets me from point A to point B safely....I really don't care.

Three words that describe me: Motivated, Charismatic and Determined



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Great Attendance for Annual Illinois Legislative Update Luncheon

The Government Relations Committee held its annual Legislative Update luncheon on September 24. Speakers were Senators John Milner, Matt Murphy and Michael Noland, and State Representatives Suzie Bassi and Fred Crespo. Mayor Bill McLeod was the MC for the discussion which included questions on balancing the State Budget, State funding payments for schools and municipalities, the Barrington Road Interchange, and which is being done to attract more businesses and create more jobs in the area.

St Alexis Medical Center was the host of the luncheon and provided an outstanding buffet and wonderful accommodations. Many thanks to the speakers, Mayor McLeod and Georgeanna Mehr and the rest of the committee for putting this presentation together.

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Opportunity Knocking: Calendar of Upcoming Chamber Events

October 2010

Tues., Oct. 5	AM Business Connection Committee	10:00 A.M.
Wed., Oct. 6	Business After Hours/Hoffman Estates Police Department	5:00 P.M.
Thurs., Oct. 7	Fashion Show Committee	12:00 noon
Mon., Oct. 11	Columbus Day/Chamber office closed	
Thurs., Oct. 14	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., Oct. 14	Ribbon Cutting/Cost Plus World Market	9:45 A.M.
Thurs., Oct. 14	Chit & Chat/Millrose Restaurant	11:30 A.M.
Fri., Oct. 15	Government Relations Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Oct. 19	New Member Reception/ Chicago Marriott NW	11:00 A.M.
Thurs., Oct. 21	Fashion Show Committee	12:00 noon
Mon., Oct. 25	Board of Directors meeting	7:30 A.M.
Tues., Oct. 26	AM Business Connection/ Hoffman Estates Park District	7:30 A.M.
Wed., Oct. 27	Business After Hours/ Elgin Community College	5:00 P.M.
Thurs., Oct. 28	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Fri., Oct. 29	Fall Fashion Show/Scholarship Luncheon	11:00 A.M.

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

Our Mission Statement: "To effectively promote and advocate for the interests of the Hoffman Estates area business community."