

# Hoffman Estates

*Chamber of Commerce*

Large Enough to Serve You  
Small Enough to Care

APRIL 2011

## Get Hooked on Fishing Derby 2011

The weather promises to be fabulous and the fishing spectacular!! Our annual Fishing Derby is set for Saturday June 11 at South Ridge Lake from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sign up now to be a fish sponsor and get your company name in front of hundreds of prospective customers. As a sponsor your name will be listed on the Chamber website with a link to your company, listed on the flyers that will be distributed at the area schools, businesses and at the park district, and you will be listed on the prize board at the event with your company name announced over the PA system throughout the day.

Fish sponsorships are available for \$15, \$35, \$60 or \$110.

We are also collecting items for the goodie bags that will be distributed to the first 500 people. You can drop off your items or coupons at the Chamber office.

Make this the year you get involved with the largest fishing derby in the area.

Special thanks to our Benefactor -- Sears Holdings Corporation  
Major sponsor -- Hoffman Estates

Community Bank  
\$1000 fish sponsor -- Cabela's

Additional sponsors:

Alden Poplar Creek

BIK & Co, LLP

Carpenter's Union Local 839

Daily Herald

Harris Bank

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## New Location! New Date! New Energy! New and Improved Chamber Expo 2011!

### Big Changes. Great Opportunities.

**Get into the game and join the winning team by reserving your booth today!!**

The 19th annual Business to Consumer Expo will be held on Saturday, May 14 at the Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre's Lakeside Pavilion, 2401 W. Higgins Road.

- Kick off your summer retail season
- Targeted audience to maximize your demographic
- Games and activities for kids and adults alike
- Now in climate controlled indoor pavilion
- Special Early Bird pricing to include display advertising in Expo tabloid inserted in the Daily Herald distributed to 20,000 households

### Great Crowd Drawing Activities including:

Chicago Slaughter Football  
Chicago Express Hockey  
Grand Sports Arena's Mustangs  
and much, much, more.....

## Early Bird Pricing Until April 15

Prices reduced by \$100 over last year  
Early Bird Exhibitor Package: \$250  
Regular price after April 15: \$325

Sponsorship Packages only \$1000

Register today -- Don't miss out on Huge Savings & Great Value

Sign up today! Call the Chamber office at (847) 781-9100 to reserve your space.



**Schaumburg Township District Library**, (847) 923-3120, is offering a writing program to provide authors and editors with tips on revisions, getting published and other helpful programs. This “Inside Writing and Publishing” workshop series at the Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg.

Writers who are looking to revise their fictional works can attend “Revising Your Manuscript” from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6 in the Rasmussen South Room. Rita award-winning author Lindsay Longford will guide writers through the vague and choppy waters of revisions.

Author Dina Rabadi addresses fiction writers’ obligations in dealing with ethnicity in a workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19 in the Adult Classroom. In “The Weight of Ethnicity in Fiction,” the award-winning writer will address negative vs. positive portrayals of different ethnicities in writing.

Those who are looking to get published are invited to “How to Keep Your Job and Become a Published Author” from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12 in the Adult Classroom. Author and Booklist Online Senior Editor Keir Graff will offer practical advice about getting published and share his experiences on giving—and getting— bad reviews.

All of the “Inside Writing and Publishing” workshops are free. Register by calling (847) 923-3347.

**Harper College**, (847) 925-6000, is hosting a seminar, “Leading high Performance Teams” from 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Wojcik Conference Center. The event is designed to help the teams in local organizations do more. Because the secret to helping teams perform at their best is the leader, this course will provide team leaders with the tools and skills to perform three primary responsibilities—diagnose, coach and reinforce—that support their team's

growth. The seminars will help you increase productivity, acquire or refine specific skills, and learn and share best practices. The \$149 registration fee includes breakfast and all seminar materials. Register at [HarperCollege.biz](http://HarperCollege.biz) or call (847) 925-6640.

**Curves**, (847) 241-5550, is participating in the 13th Annual Curves Food Drive to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to benefit area food banks. Current members who make a \$30 donation or an equivalent donation of food are eligible to receive a Curves reusable Food Drive grocery bag. And, from April 4-17, Curves will waive the membership fee for new members who donate a bag of non-perishable food or make a minimum donation of \$30. All donations from local clubs will benefit local families in need.

**Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois**, (224) 770-2453, is now accepting applications for “Camp Courage,” the annual summertime day camp for children who have lost loved ones. Set for July 11-15 at Camp Duncan in Ingleside, the camp has been extended to five days. Children ages six through 13 who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend. The camp is offered at no cost to participants who qualify. Camp Courage features a variety of group activities that promote fun while encouraging children to share their feelings and learn healthy ways to grieve. On the final day of camp, family members are invited to join the campers for a memorial service and barbecue. Grief support counselors from HPNI, along with trained volunteers of all ages, provide leadership at the camp. To register, email [bereavement@HospiceAnswers.org](mailto:bereavement@HospiceAnswers.org) or 224-770-CARE to set up an interview.

## RUN FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN



**Bright Hope** is sponsoring a Run For Hungry Children 5K Run/3K Walk to benefit hungry orphans and vulnerable children in impoverished countries. This family-friendly event will take place at Cabela’s in Hoffman Estates on Saturday, May 14th at 7:00 a.m. There will be prizes, raffles, entertainment, food, beverages, and a post-race party! Go to [RunForHungryChildren.org](http://RunForHungryChildren.org) or call (847) 520-6100, to register. Pre-register before Race Day for a discounted fee: \$20 for adults ages 13 and over, \$10 for kids ages 6-12, and free entry for kids under age 5. All pre-registrants will receive a free T-shirt!!



## CHAMBER NOW OFFERING ONLINE BILL PAYING

It is now possible for you to pay all of your Chamber bills on line.

1. Go to the Chamber website at [www.hechamber.com](http://www.hechamber.com)
2. Sign on with your login and passcode (if you do not have one please call the Chamber office)
3. On the list at the left hand side under Member info click on PAY BILLS ONLINE After you click the link it will prompt you on how to make your online credit card payment.

If you have any invoices from the Chamber office for membership or any of our events they will all be listed on the website.

Online bill paying is safe, easy and saves you time and postage.

Call the Chamber Office if you have any questions.

## MULTI-CHAMBER PROGRESSIVE LUNCHEON APRIL 21 AT THE SEVILLE

The Chambers of Hoffman Estates, Elgin, Hanover Park, Northern Kane County and Streamwood invite you to join us for our annual progressive luncheon. Meet with fellow Chamber members from our surrounding communities and Build Your Business with new contacts. You will be seated at tables of eight and will progress after each of the three courses, salad, entree, and dessert. This is your chance to meet with 21 new contacts all while enjoying a fabulous lunch.

Bring your business cards and promotional materials to distribute as you network. A separate display table will also be available to you to display your materials. Sign up now and take advantage of the Early Bird pricing!. 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.

## MEET THE POLICYMAKERS, PROVIDE INPUT, ASK QUESTIONS, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Government Relations Committee has scheduled a series of guest speakers to inform the Chamber about upcoming legislative issues. Building solid relationships is vital to success in business and politics. The ability to provide a forum for our elected officials is a mutually beneficial process. It gives the officials an opportunity to update the community on their legislative efforts, and businesses can express their needs.

At the March meeting the first guest was State Representative Fred Crespo, who stated that he was a proud member of the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and always willing to support the business community. In addition to this, he stated that job creation and a strong business climate are vital to a regions' success.

Representative Crespo firmly believes in funding education, disability services and other social agencies. He understands that the budget process is in need of reform and that the budget must be based on actual revenue, not unsubstantiated estimates. He hopes that reform in the educational and pension systems will be addressed in the current session.

The Government Relations Committee will host Cook County Commissioner Tim Schneider at the April meeting.

For more information on Representative Crespo or Commissioner Schneider please visit these websites:

<http://www.timothyoschneider.com>

<http://www.fredcrespo.com/>

## ELECTRIFY YOUR MARKETING

Send in your information and we will send it out to over 400 email addresses. Our Wednesday Member to Member News goes out every Wednesday and our Let's Go Shopping coupon page goes out every Friday. Email your flyers as PDF's or send your coupon information and we will set up a coupon for you. Your first two email blasts are FREE after that the cost is only \$150.00.

Step up your marketing and E-Blast your way to success. Call the Chamber office for more details, (847) 781-9100, or email your information to [cheri@hechamber.com](mailto:cheri@hechamber.com).



## Save the date for Golf Outing 2011

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



# NEW MEMBERS

## JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER

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

### Chiropractors

**Chiro One Wellness Center**

4601 Higgins Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

224-293-6850

Dr. Jim Erickson

[www.chiroone.net](http://www.chiroone.net)

Leader in developing extraordinary wellness for families and individuals.

## WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING

Our early morning AM Business Connection networking group brings in a new speaker each month. The topics are wide ranging and are limited to around 20 minutes. This is a great way to network with fellow Chamber members and guests, get a few tips on great topics and enjoy a continental breakfast. Set your alarm a little earlier the last Tuesday of each month and drop in to see what you have been missing.

Please contact the Chamber office if you have a topic and would like to speak, if you have a topic you would like to have covered, or if you would like to be our continental breakfast sponsor for the morning. We are looking to get your business connected to your next customer.

April's don't miss topic is "Linked In," what is it, how do I manage it and how to use it to advertise my business. Join us Tuesday April 26.

For more details check out the Chamber's upcoming event page on the website.



**Newsmakers'**  
**FORUM**

# DIGITAL MEDIA & MARKETING

*Strategies and Tactics for Growing Your Business*

Thursday, April 7 • 8:00 am - 11:30 am • Northern Illinois University • Hoffman Estates

8:00 a.m.  
*Registration,  
& Networking*  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
*Presentations*

### Presenters



**Kelly Bolyard**  
Assistant Vice President -  
Director of Digital Development  
Paddock Publications, Inc.



**Miguel A. Cano**  
Digital and New Media Director  
JSH&A



**Marybeth Bittel**  
Director of Marketing  
Communications  
American Slide Chart Perrygraf



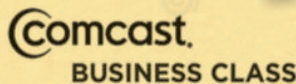
**John Klein**  
Senior Consultant  
Links Technology Solutions Inc.



### Presenting Sponsors



### Corporate Sponsor



Please RSVP by Monday, April 4

Event fee is \$40.

Register on-line at [www.thebusinessledger.com](http://www.thebusinessledger.com)

For further information, call Andy Zielonka at 847-427-4856



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Holiday Inn Express*	20 years
NIU Outreach *	20 years
Palatine Township	16 years
Thomas Jefferson School	16 years
W.T. Engineering	14 years
Leyden Family Services-SHARE	14 years
Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, Inc.	14 years
Claire's Boutique, Inc.**	14 years
Candlewood Suites	12 years
Ryland Homes	10 years
Minuteman Press	9 years
Handyman 4 Hire, Inc.	9 years
Links Technology Solutions	8 years
Buona Beef	7 years
Chicago Wolves	7 years
Curves for Women	5 years
Gigi's Playhouse	3 years
Nerds on Site	3 years
The Illinois Institute of Art - Schaumburg**	3 years
Anna Shea Chocolates	2 years
Arnstein & Lehr	2 years
Midwest Elite Gymnastics	2 years
Office Depot	2 years
WRMN 1410 AM	2 years
McDonald's/Bear Family Restaurants	1 year
PNC	1 year
Prairie Title	1 year
Women's Doc	1 year

\*Charter member

\*\*Platinum member

## VILLAGE LAUNCHES 'GREEN BUSINESS' PROGRAM

### What is the Green Business Recognition Program?

The Hoffman Estates Green Business Recognition Program (GBRP) is a new program designed to spread community awareness and recognize local business leaders focused on sustainable practices.



### Who can participate in the Program?

This is a voluntary program open to all businesses located within the Village of Hoffman Estates.

### Why should my organization participate in the Green Business Program?

- It's FREE! There is no fee to apply to become a recognized Green Business.
- Voluntary Participation: The program is designed to increase community awareness of sustainable practices and the local business leaders acting as examples by implementing these practices.
- Better Image: Your community image is enhanced through Green Business recognition.
- Save Money: Saving energy, water, raw materials, and sending less trash to the landfill saves you money.
- Education: Learn about new opportunities to save money and help the environment.
- Free Advertising: The program promotes your business to the public and other businesses for free.
- "Outstanding" Green Businesses may receive special recognition and publicity.

### Upon the completion of minimum requirements and acceptance into the program, your business receives:

- A Certificate of Recognition
- A window cling designating program recognition
- A "Green Business - Hoffman Estates" logo for use in business promotions
- Recognition on the Village website and in the Village newsletter, The Citizen

Businesses that are exemplary may be selected for additional recognition. Program participants are not required to be Chamber of Commerce members.

### How to become a Recognized Green Business:

Applications are accepted year round. Please visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/green](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/green) to download the application. If you require a complete printed application, contact Ashley Monroe at 847-781-2669 or, [grow2green@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:grow2green@hoffmanestates.org). An official notice of a submission deadline will be given on the website. Information on recognitions will be released at a later date. Each "membership" is good for a period of one year.

The application is a short three-step process:

**Step One:** Visit the Hoffman Estates website page, [www.hoffmanestates.org/green](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/green) and follow the Green Business Recognition Program link. The program can also be accessed by the Business tab on the main page.

**Step Two:** Print the one page form labeled "Part I" and email the completed form to [grow2green@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:grow2green@hoffmanestates.org), fax it to 847-781-2679, or mail to Green Business Recognition Program, Ashley Monroe, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

**Step Three:** Click on the website's "Part II" link to complete the application. Please read through the category checklists and mark all of the boxes that apply to your business. Once submitted, the survey will automatically be emailed to the Village. You have the option to modify your survey, even if it has already been submitted. The application survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.



# FOR YOUR HOME: NEED TO REDECORATE, REMODEL, REPAIR OR IMPROVE YOUR HOME? THESE CHAMBER MEMBERS HAVE THE EXPERTISE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

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

## **Architectural Services**

BluePrints by Design (847) 417-8558

## **Carpentry**

Carpenters' Local Union 839 (847) 490-8839

Pride Windows & Siding, Inc. (847) 310-4500

## **Construction**

Carpenters' Local Union 839 (847) 490-8839

Leopardo Companies, Inc. (847) 783-3000

Pride Windows & Siding (847) 310-4500

## **Contractors**

A and A Contractors (630) 529-2500

Adams Roofing Professionals (847) 359-1400

Al's CRM, Inc. (847) 705-6567

Pride Windows & Siding (847) 310-4500

## **Furniture Repair/Restoration/Accessories**

Classic Party Rental (800) 322-5868

Wings Resale (847) 884-7411

## **Handyman**

Handyman 4 Hire (847) 330-0100

## **Heating/Air Conditioning**

JNL Climate control, Inc. (847) 358-2251

## **Home Maintenance/Remodeling**

Al's CRM, Inc. (847) 705-6567

Bath Fitter (847) 934-0510

Great Northern Kitchen & Bath (847) 844-6961

Handyman 4 Hire (847) 330-0100

Pride Windows & Siding (847) 310-4500

## **Kitchen & Bath Retail**

Great Northern Kitchen & Bath (847) 844-6961

## **Landscaping**

VIP Services Group (847) 760-5080

## **Moving/Storage**

Ploegman Moving & Storage (847) 596-6000

## **Painting Contractor**

Al's CRM, Inc. (847) 705-6567

## **Paving Contractor**

A and A Contractors, Inc. (630) 529-2500

## **Remodeling**

Al's CRM, Inc. (847) 705-6567

## **Waste/Recycling Services**

Groot Industries (773) 242-1977

**Shop Chamber Members First**

Keep your tax dollars working  
for your community

# 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

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 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

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

Emeritus of Hoffman Estates  
(847) 755-0735

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

## Lawyer

Gabe-Caizaretta, LLC  
(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:** Nasser Rafidia, Director of Operations, Grand Sports Arena

**Phone number:**  
(847) 233-8000 x112

**How long in the business:**  
Less than one year

**Born in:** Chicago



**Professional background:**

Attended college briefly before leaving to open my first business at 21. Have owned, operated, managed or consulted for small business's for nearly 10 years, mainly in the food and beverage or hospitality industries.

**I'd like you to know:** Grand Sports Arena is the one stop shop for all of your sporting activity needs. With nearly 80,000 square feet of space, a "one of a kind" live sports action bar, and many professional and semi-professional teams practicing in house, we are the premiere indoor sports arena in the Chicago land area.

**Interesting facts:** Grand Sports Arena houses a one of a kind sports bar. There is live sports on the 7 flat screen TV's and projector screen TV's, and all the while there is live sports happening all around you! Plus, we have some of the best drink specials around.

**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 ever heard:** It takes hundreds of dollars to gain a customer, but you can lose a customer over one dollar.

**The best business advice I could give:** Planning for the future, rather than anticipating it, helps a business grow.

**My company's mission statement:** To offer a safe and friendly environment for indoor sports and sport related events.

**The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is:** Attend events when my schedule lends to it. As soon as we get into the summer months, we do see a small decline in customers. This will give my staff and I more time to get involved in the community, as well as with chamber events.

**I joined the Chamber:** To network with local businesses and build relationships with not only the employees of those businesses, but hopefully their customers too.

**The next Chamber event I will be attending is:** We will be a part of the event on May 14. Look for our booth as well as many of our partner teams including our home soccer club, Grand FC Mustangs, as well as professional teams practicing at our facility, like the Chicago Slaughter.

**Name:** Julie Detwiler, District Catering Sales Coordinator, Panera Bread

**Phone number:**  
(630) 267-9695

**How long in business:**  
Two years at Panera

**Born in:** Winfield, IL



**Educational/professional background:** I have 14 years in the restaurant business, focusing on catering and event planning.

**I'd like you to know:** Panera Catering is the Panera food you know and love. We can accommodate groups of 5 to 5,000, with delivery available 7 days a week! We use fresh, wholesome, and handcrafted items for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack time. All food is prepared to order, with ingredients of the highest quality. Panera Catering is packaged in easy-to-use attractive boxes that you will be proud to present to your guests.

**Interesting facts:** All of our bakery items are baked fresh each and every night. We have a Baker at each of our cafes who work over night. At the end of each business day, any unsold bakery items are donated to local charities and non-profit groups.

**The best business advice I ever heard:** Never over-promise and under-deliver. Customer service is the most important aspect of everything you do.

**The best business advice I could give:** Plan your work and work your plan. My first boss drilled this into my head and I truly believe you need to make goals and plans in order to succeed in business.

**My company's mission statement:** A loaf of bread in every arm.

**My company joined the Chamber because:** We joined the Chamber to meet the business members within the Hoffman Estates community. Being on the border of Hoffman Estates and South Barrington can sometimes present a challenge for us, as people are unsure of where we are located. Joining the Chamber has helped me to make Panera a dining destination in the area.

**The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is:** Attending as many events as I can is so important to me. I have met so many great contacts through my networking, who have in turn passed me on to other businesses. I would like to attend even more of these events in 2011.

**The next Chamber event I will be attending is:** We are looking forward to participating in the upcoming Chamber expo!





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Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Website: <http://www.hechamber.com>  
E-mail: [info@hechamber.com](mailto:info@hechamber.com)  
Cheri Sisson, Executive Director

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Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce

# MARCH CHIT N CHAT NETWORKING SETS ANOTHER NEW RECORD FOR PARTICIPATION



March marked another record number of attendees at Chit N Chat, our lunchtime networking group. Special thanks to everyone at Panera for being our host. Ray Kincaid from Chicago Express was the winner of the Deluxe Assorted Lunch Package for five sponsored by Panera Bread which included sandwiches, chips, pickles, classic salad, and cookie assortment.

Don't miss out on a chance to get together over lunch and connect with your fellow Chamber members. Everyone needs to take a lunch. Make the best of your lunchtime and connect with your next customer.

Next month we will be meeting at Apple Villa. Hope to see you there!

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING: Calendar of Upcoming Chamber Events

### April

Wed., April 6	Biz 6+ Business Expo	4:00 P.M.
Thurs., April 7	Digital Media Marketing	8:00 A.M.
Thurs., April 7	Ribbon Cutting at Chiro One	5:30 P.M.
Mon., April 11	Membership Committee	8:00 A.M.
Thurs., April 14	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., April 14	Fishing Derby Committee	8:00 A.M.
Thurs., April 14	Chit & Chat/Apple Villa	11:30 A.M.
Fri., April 15	Government Relations Committee	12:00 noon
Wed., April 20	Business After Hours/Emeritus	5:00 P.M.
Thurs, April 21	A.M. Business Connection Committee	8:00 A.M.
Thurs, April 21	Multi-Chamber Progressive Luncheon	11:30 A.M.
Fri., April 22	Good Friday/Chamber office closed	
Mon., April 25	Board of Directors meeting	7:30 A.M.
Tues., April 26	A.M. Business Connection/ Triphahan Center	7:30 A.M.
Tues., April 26	Golf Committee	12:00 noon
Thurs., April 28	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., April 28	Expo Committee	8:30 A.M.

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

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