

Hoffman Estates

Chamber of Commerce

Large Enough to Serve You
Small Enough to Care

FEBRUARY 2012

And the Winners Are:

The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce presents recognition of excellence

The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce hosted its first annual Celebration of Excellence Awards dinner on January 19th at the Chicago Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates. In addition to the distinguished nominees from area businesses, the Chamber was honored to have Lieutenant Governor Shelia Simon and State Representative Fred Crespo attend the reception prior to the dinner in order to greet the attending members.

The Celebration of Excellence was developed to recognize and reward businesses and individuals who have made a significant investment in the local economy, whether it be with their time, financial contributions or a combination of both.

Georgeanna Mehr, Chair of the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors commented, "Over 135 members congratulated the nominees, volunteers and the 5 award winners for all they do for the Chamber and the Hoffman Estates community. The Chamber is looking forward to recognizing the excellent work of our business members for many years to come." *(Continued on page 4)*



Please join us for the Mayor's Annual Update Breakfast

Wednesday, February 29

Sears Centre Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone
Parkway, Hoffman Estates

7:30 AM: Registration & full hot breakfast
buffet;

8:00-9:30 AM: Presentation

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

This is the perfect way 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 the business community. Take this opportunity to ask the Mayor questions and provide feedback.

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

- Extension of the EDA
- Groundbreaking for Alexian Brothers Health System's new Women's and Children's Hospital. Facility will be the only specialized children's hospital in the northwest suburbs and bring additional jobs to the Village.
- Sears Centre Arena events in 2011
- Expanded upon green initiatives for environmental sustainability, including the new green recognition program. Hoffman Estates was recently recognized as a Platinum status Clean Air Counts community, and received the 2011 Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award.

Village Environmental Awards

- Gold Level Community Status, Clean Air Counts - 2010
- Irwin A. Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration - Environmental Stewardship, North West Municipal Conference - 2010
- Platinum Level Community Status, Clean Air Counts - 2011
- Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center - 2011

JNL Climate Control, (847) 358-2251, announces the winners of their 20th Anniversary Furnace and Air Conditioning System Give-Aways! Over the course of the previous year, customers who purchased a furnace and/or air conditioning system from JNL Climate Control were automatically entered into their drawing to win a free system. At the end of the year, two names were drawn. Don & Norma McKay of Hoffman Estates won a free furnace system and Lori Curtis of Cary won a free air conditioning system. JNL owners John Beening and Kurt Olszewski presented each winner with a check for \$3,000.00 toward their 2011 purchase. JNL looks forward to the opportunity to continue to provide their customers with the excellent service they've come to know and expect.

WINGS, (847) 591-7820, is hosting its 5th Annual Resale Fashion Show on Sunday, March 4, from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Meadows Club, 2950 W Golf Road in Rolling Meadows. The event will feature clothes and accessories from WINGS resale stores, as well as a luncheon with a silent auction and boutique. There will be a grand raffle drawing for two United Airlines tickets to anywhere in the contiguous 48 United States. The WINGS truck will be on site to accept donations of gently used clothes & household goods. Register online at www.wingsprogram.com or call (847) 591-7820.

The Hoffman Estates Police Department Explorer group (847) 781-2873, recently completed a blanket collection to provide blankets and sack lunches to homeless individuals. During the drive, the Explorers reached out to the Hoffman Estates Business Community and found Amber Smith from the LaQuinta who provided the Explorers with 20 huge plastic garbage bags full of blankets. The LaQuinta even delivered the blankets right to the Explorers' homes just in time for them to distribute them before the cold snap that hit in January. Many thanks to the LaQuinta. Please contact

Officer Lisa Notarnicola if you have any blankets that you would like to donate.

Illinois workNet-Northern Cook County, (847) 981-7400, is hosting several employer opportunities and events in the coming months. Register today so you won't forget!

February 16th: Job Fair, sponsored by Senator Kotowski, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Pavilion at the Elk Grove Park District, 1000 Wellington Avenue Elk Grove Village. The event is FREE to all employers and job seekers.

March 7th: Business Employer Club featuring updates from IDES: at the Illinois workNetNCC/IDES office, 723 W. Algonquin Road in Arlington Heights.

Call for complete details.

March 21st: Job Fair by workNetNCC at the Illinois workNetNCC/IDES office, 723 W. Algonquin Road in Arlington Heights.

Harper College, (847) 925-6640, is hosting its second Business Leaders Seminar Series. Upcoming seminars Include: Delegating for Results, February 15; Leading Change, March 14; Developing Others, April 11; and Launching a Successful Team, May 9. For more information or to register for a seminar email training@harpercollege.edu or call (847) 925-6640.

TLG Power Brokers, (847) 903-8061, offers savings of 20% or more on the cost of your residential or commercial electricity with competitive rates offered by a large selection of providers. TLG Power Brokers compares the rates so you don't have to! (Rates can be fixed or variable, from renewable or non-renewable energy sources.) Commercial Natural Gas rates are also available. Save an additional 70% or more on the cost of your existing lighting requirements with CCG LED. Call for information or send your recent electric bill or natural gas bill for a free cost savings analysis to [mlatone@tlgpowerbrokers.com](mailto:milatone@tlgpowerbrokers.com).

State Rep. Fred Crespo, (630) 372-3340, announces that Dent Mob in Schaumburg and St. Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates were selected as this year's District 44 Community Businesses of the Year for their outstanding work and dedication to improving the local community. Both companies were honored for their services and charitable work outside of the office, Crespo said.

Referrals earn you \$\$\$\$\$\$

EARN \$25
IN
CHAMBER
BUCKS

Earn \$25 for every referral who becomes a Chamber Member. The Chamber Bucks can be used toward almost any Chamber function. Want more BANG for your Chamber Bucks. Every time you receive a \$25 Chamber Buck your name goes into a drawing for the year end \$300 drawing.

This is a big WIN WIN for everyone.

Start 2012 off right and refer a friend.

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.

AlphaGraphics	17 years
Classic Party Rental/ Braun Event & Tent	16 years
Emeritus Of Hoffman Estates **	12 years
Tandem Promotions	7 years
IDES/Worknet NCC	5 years
Hyatt Place	3 years
L'Eiffel Bistrot Creperie	3 years
Pinstripes	3 years
Sam's Club	3 years
American Chartered Bank	2 years
eTecc Communications, Inc.	2 years
Cara Grapeenthien Agency American Family Insurance	1 year
Chicago Medical Innovations	1 year
Grand Sports Arena	1 year
Ploegman Moving & Storage	1 year

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Growing to Greenness

Residents to Vote for Electricity Aggregation Program

An aggregation program allows a municipality to pool residential and small business electric consumers together to obtain a lower price than would be available to an individual. The state of Illinois recently took action to deregulate the electric market, and now allows for municipalities, including Hoffman Estates, to aggregate the purchase of electricity. Large industrial and commercial entities have been able to use their size to seek a lower electricity rate in the open market for over a decade.

In order for the Village to create a municipal aggregation program, the Act requires that a referendum be approved by a majority of voters. The Village Board authorized the referendum to appear on the March 20 ballot. It asks:

"Shall the Village of Hoffman Estates have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?"

Voter approval of the referendum is the first step in the process. If an aggregation program is created, small business consumers (less than 100 kW) would be automatically enrolled unless they opted-out of such program. A program would likely not become effective until late summer or fall of 2012 at the earliest.

More information on this important referendum, as well as details of the process and program, are located on the Village's website, www.hoffmanestates.org.

The Chambers of Biz6+ present **Breakfast Program** **Cook County Board President** **Toni Preckwinkle**

Wednesday February 8, 2012

The Cotillion Banquets
360 S. Creekside Drive
Palatine, IL 60067

Registration/Networking: 7:30am
Breakfast/Program: 8:00am
The program will allow time for Q&A session

\$20 Members of participating Chambers
\$50.00 Non-Members

Seating is limited, please rsvp by Wednesday February 1
Participating Chambers; Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, DesPlaines, Hoffman Estates, Greater Lincolnshire, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Wheeling/Prospect Heights

Register on line or call the Hoffman Estates Chamber office with questions (847) 781-9100



1st Annual Celebration of Excellence

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Nominations were accepted from Hoffman Estates Chamber members and the final award recipients were determined by online voting from the community at large. The online voting took place from December 15, 2011 through January 3, 2012 with over 750 votes being recorded.

Award Recipients:

- **Chamber Volunteer of the year:**
Linda Gump
- **Small Business of the year:**
Hoffman Estates Community Bank
- **Mid-sized Business of the year:**
Cabela's
- **Large Business of the year:**
St. Alexius Medical Center
- **Public Sector Partner of the year:**
Schaumburg Township District Library

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

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Chicago Marriott Northwest
Divine Signs and Graphics
Hoffman Estates Community Bank
W-T Engineering

All pictures of the event can be viewed on the Chamber website.



Congratulations to Georgeanna Mehr and Mary Ann Garvey who received the Small Business of the Year Award.

Five Ways to Help Your Business Prosper)

Here are five suggestions for your "Things To Do for My Business" list -- positive steps to take during the coming months:

- **Learn to sell.** Bring in a sales consultant for some one-on-one training -- for you. Learn how to discover a prospect's needs, how you best can fill them, and how to close a sale. Sign your staff up for a similar session or two.

- **Find some new buddies.** Even if you have 30, 40 or more employees, making the ultimate decisions can be a lonely job -- even lonelier if there are just a handful of people in your business.

Explore several peer group organizations in the suburbs. Check out the NAWBO (National Association of Women business Owners) Chicago chapter; the Presidents' Resource Organization; Vistage; and Renaissance Executive forums, among others. The Chamber has similar groups.



- **Get help.** The two SCORE chapters that serve suburban businesses -- SCORE Fox Valley chapter in DuPage, Will, Kane and McHenry counties; SCORE Chicago in Cook and Lake -- both offer free one-on-one mentoring for existing businesses and start-ups, and low-cost workshops.

So do the Illinois Small Business Development Centers that you can find at most community colleges and elsewhere. Go to www.idceo.net (the web home of the state's Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity), click business assistance, then entrepreneurship, innovation & technology to find the list.

- **Get the family into, or out of, the business.** In addition to the issues all small and mid-size businesses face, those with family involvement have a their own sets of issues. Though there are those -- the University of Illinois at Chicago, for example -- one of the best places to find, meet and talk with other family business owners is the Family Business Center at Loyola University Chicago.
- **Plan to sell your business.** Even if you're just starting up, chances are your business ultimately may be intended to send your kids to college or provide the support for retirement.

If you're closer to retirement than tuition, selling the business may be a particularly stressful issue -- especially for Baby Boomers who once assumed their businesses would fund those golden years.

Make adjustments so your selling plan incorporates a stretch of profits and a senior team that could help a new owner. Keep an informal list of potential buyers, and don't ignore the fact that your now teenage daughter may be the eventual buyer.

You can find the people and organizations here, and others like them, through a web search. If you're lucky, your accountant or attorney may have the people you want as clients. SBDC managers can give you contact information.

-- Thanks to Paddock Publications, Inc., for providing this information

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Gabe-Calzaretta, LLC	21 years*
Community School District Fifteen	21 years*
Parkway Bank & Trust Co.	20 years*
Cary J. Collins, Attorney at Law	20 years*
Groot Industries	19 years*
AT&T	18 years**
A&A Paving	15 years
Chicago Tribune	14 years
Advance Preschool, Inc.	13 years
Care Property Management, Inc.	12 years
HECPAAA	11 years
Just 10 Insurance Group	11 years
Elgin Community College	10 years
Prairie Stone POA	10 years
Barrington Township	6 years
H.E. Professional, Firefighters	6 years
Adams Roofing, Professionals	5 years
U.S. Cellular	4 years**
BMO Harris, Schaumburg	4 years**
Pinstripes	3 years
ATI Physical Therapy	2 years
Chicago Slaughter Professional Football	2 years
Comcast Business Services	2 years
Seattle Sutton Healthy Eating	2 years
Nozumi	2 years
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites	1 year

*Charter member

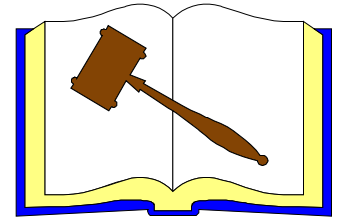
**Platinum member

New Year, New Laws

The Illinois General Assembly will be starting its Spring Session in the next couple of weeks; if you have any questions on legislation as it moves through the statehouse, please refer to our Government Relations page on the Chamber website.

Click on the link titled **Prosperity Project**. This link will take you to a website set up by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce highlighting some of the major new laws that have or will become effective in 2012.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with state and local legislation, please consider becoming involved with the Chamber's government relations committee. The committee meets the third Friday of each month. Contact the Chamber office if you are interested in attending the February 17th meeting.



New Member Reception

Tuesday Feb 28, 2012, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Bridges of Poplar Creek, 1400 Poplar Creek Drive, Hoffman Estates

If you are a new Chamber member, or if you just want to find out how to navigate through Chamber life, please join us for this informative breakfast meeting. Meet with some of our committee chairs and ask questions of our attending board members.

The breakfast reception is being sponsored by our AM Business Connection Committee. A hot breakfast buffet will be served.

There is no cost for any new member; all other members the cost is only \$5.00.

We are going to have a great turn out!!!!

PLEASE RSVP if you are planning on attending

Special Discounts for Chamber Members

Did you know that the Chamber offers special member only discounts with Constant Contact and Office Depot.

Constant Contact offers you 20% off when you prepay for 6 months and 25% off when you pre-pay for one year.

You can receive up to 30% off the frequently Purchased Best buy list and 5% off in-store retail prices with Office Depot. Attend this month's New Member Reception to get more details or call the chamber office.

Chamber Offers Four Higher Education Scholarships for 2012

Thanks to the generosity of new member Ambria College of Nursing, the Chamber will be offering four scholarships this year.

The Chamber has traditionally awarded three \$500 scholarships: one for a graduating high school senior, one for a current college student, and one for a graduate student. This year we are pleased to announce that we will be offering a special \$1,000 nursing scholarship that can be sent to any accredited nursing school. Jon Oliveros, the president and founder of Ambria College of Nursing, has generously provided the funds to grant these awards. The scholarships are also funded by the generosity of our Fashion Show sponsor, BMO Harris Bank and the fund raising efforts from this event.

These scholarships are offered to Chamber members and their family members who are attending college. The application for the scholarships can be found on the home page of the Chamber website, www.hechamber.com, or by calling the Chamber office at (847) 781-9100.

Please pay particular attention to the details when completing the application. The application along with an essay, and the student's current school transcripts must be turned into the Chamber office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday March 1, 2012.

An awards reception for the winners is being planned. Details about the reception and the names of the winners will be announced in April.



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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE: THESE GROUPS REACH OUT TO OTHERS TO 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
Fellowship Housing	(847) 882-2511
Friendship Village	(847) 884-5420
Gigi's Playhouse	(847) 885-7529
HECPAAA	(847) 517-3151
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
USPG Enterprises	(224) 388-9995
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
Summitview Church	(847) 885-3683

Childcare

Advance Preschool, Inc.	(847) 885-4983
Alfred Campanelli YMCA	(847) 882-9894
KinderCare at Prairie Stone	(847) 645-9510
Kripa Montessori School	(847) 882-7727

Government

Barrington Township	(847) 381-5632
IDES/Worknet NCC	(847) 437-9525
State Representative Fred Crespo	(630) 372-3340
Township of Schaumburg	(847) 844-0030
Village of Hoffman Estates	(847) 882-9100

Education

Advance Preschool, Inc.	(847) 885-4983
Ambria College of Nursing	(847) 397-0300
B & F Technical Code Service, Inc.	(847) 490-1443
Building & Fire Code Academy, Inc.	(847) 884-4969
Camelot Schools, The	(224) 402-7420
Community Consolidated School District 15	(847) 963--3000
Elgin Community College	(847) 697-1000
Harper College	(847) 925-6701
High School District 211	(847) 755-6600
Illinois Institute of Art-Schaumburg	(847) 598-6815
KinderCare at Prairie Stone	(847) 645-9510
Kumon Math & Reading Center of Schaumburg Central	(847) 592-5172
Midwest Conservatory of Music	(847) 312-3690
NIU Outreach	(815) 953-8862
Robert Morris University	(312) 935-6050
Roosevelt University	(847) 619-7300
School District U-46	(847) 888-5000
School District 54	(847) 357-5000
Thomas Jefferson School	(847) 963-5400

Libraries

Schaumburg Township District Library	(847) 985-4000
Palatine Public Library	(847) 358-5881

Beauty Salons/Consultants/Products

Empire Beauty School	(630) 830-6560
Facelogic Essential Skincare Spa	(847) 844-3223
LaCroix Creative LLC	(630) 497-8904
Rue 62 Salon	(847) 598-0320
Spa Bleu	(847) 783-0703

Barbershop

Leon's Barbershop	(847) 963-8530
Sportclips	(847) 645-1616

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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.

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Harris Bank N.A.
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(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

Money Dart Global Services, Inc.
(630) 605-1450

Construction

Leopardo Companies, Inc.
(847) 783-3000

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

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(847) 490-1443

Building and Fire Code Academy
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(847) 885-4343

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(847) 310-9600

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WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ...

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: Mike Anzalone, President/
Owner, Blueprints by Design inc

Phone number: (847) 417-8558

How long in business: 6 years

Born in: Rolling Meadows, IL

Professional background: I

attended a four year collage with a degree in architecture. I have been designing and building homes for over 28 years with hands on experience in construction as a carpenter, cabinet builder, interior design, code/village services and construction services/planning.

I'd like you to know: Blueprints by Design inc.is hands on company. My company has been involved with many local projects including the mayor of Hoffman Estates. We have created and built projects from custom designed decks, residential remodels, restaurants, commercial, high end residential projects and complete subdivisions for multi-family and single family living. We have also been involved with award winning projects. We are a design/build company which means we take you from the beginning concept, brain storming phase thru the fun part, the picking out of all the parts and pieces phase of your project to the drawing, permits and Village phase, to the construction phase and then finally the best part moving in to your new dream project phase.

The best business advice I ever heard: It takes money to make money.

The best business advice I could give: Go with what's in your heart and believe in what you are doing to help make a difference for the better, in the people and community around you.

My company's mission statement: My company is looking to provide you with the best possible design and construction services for all your projects, may they be small or large or whatever you can dream.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: To try to help where and whenever I can and with whatever needs to be done to help assist the Chamber to move towards its goals.

I joined the Chamber because: I joined the Hoffman Chamber because I wanted to be a bigger part of the Hoffman Estates community, to be a part of building the local community, to meet the people in the local community and have my company be a part of changing the streetscape of the community.

Chamber committees I serve on: I am presently a member of the Fashion committee, Hoffman Chamber web site committee, the Hoffman Exchange networking group which I am presently the program/Exchange web master and the newest member of the board for the Hoffman Estates Chamber which I am very honored and grateful to be a part of.

The next Chamber event I'll be attending: I am at most of the chamber events trying to meet all who attend.



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How long in business:
9 years

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I'd like you to know: The Chicago Marriott Northwest serves as the only full service hotel in the Hoffman Estates and is easily accessible east and westbound from I90. The hotel is only steps away from Prairie Stone Crossing Shopping Center and is in the heart of the entertainment district. The hotel features 8 boardrooms, over 7000 sq feet of meeting space, a beautiful atrium terrace, River City Grille Restaurant and Lounge, indoor swimming pool, fitness center and 295 guest rooms.

Interesting facts: We offer a unique weekly menu in our River City Grille Restaurant. Sunday's special is a Bloody Mary Bar; Wednesday's – Wii tournaments in our bar area; Friday's – Half price Margaritas with a purchase of an appetizer. We also offer a daily lunch sandwich buffet for \$9.95.

The best business advice I ever heard: Be humble and modest. Let your actions speak for themselves.

The best business advice I could give: "If you're interested, you'll do what's convenient; if you're committed, you'll do whatever it takes." Those are words I live by. Pass it on!

My company's mission statement: Our mission is to provide, within a positive working environment, superior hotel management services for economically viable properties. To this end, each of us is responsible for providing maximum customer satisfaction by delivering exceptional services and quality products. By meeting and continually striving to exceed our customers' expectations, we will produce the results needed to satisfy and attract investors and continue our individual and corporate growth.

The way I plan to participate in the Chamber is: Serve on subcommittees of the Chamber, organize events throughout the year, giving the membership opportunities to network and engage in our community.

My company joined the Chamber because: The Chamber serves as a great networking opportunity and remains loyal to those within it. I wanted to be part of that!

The next Chamber event I will be attending is: The new member reception.

Chamber committees I serve on: Membership Committee, Fashion Show Committee, Golf Committee, Shop with a cop committee.





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Congratulations, Keith!

The winner of this year's Year End Drawing was Keith Evans of Key Financial Insurance. Keith received \$300 in Chamber Bucks that can be used toward any upcoming event or toward his membership renewal.



Get your business cards dropped into the fish bowl at every event you attend this year. You also receive additional chances every time you refer a new member.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING: Calendar of Upcoming Chamber Events

February

Wed., Feb. 8	Biz 6+ Toni Preckwinkle Breakfast	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 9	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 9	Fishing Derby Committee Meeting	8:00 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 9	Chit N Chat, Garibaldi's	11:30 A.M.
Mon., Feb. 13	Membership Committee Meeting	8:00 A.M.
Wed., Feb. 15	Business After Hours, Comfort Inn	5:00 P.M.
Thurs., Feb. 16	AM Business Connection Committee	8:00 A.M.
Fri., Feb. 17	Government Relations Committee	12:00 noon
Mon., Feb. 20	Presidents Day/Chamber office closed	
Thurs., Feb. 23	The Exchange	7:30 A.M.
Mon., Feb. 27	Board of Directors meeting	7:30 A.M.
Tues., Feb. 28	AM Business Hosts	
	New Member Reception	7:30 A.M.
Tues., Feb. 28	Golf Committee Meeting	12:00 noon
Wed., Feb. 29	Mayor's Community Update Breakfast	7:30 A.M.

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