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Orland
Women's
Metworking
Luncheon

Orland Women's Networking Black & White Luncheon

Approximately 250 attendees, businesses and guests enjoyed a day of inspiration and interaction at the OWN Luncheon held on April 25 at Chicago Gaelic Park. Two-time Olympic Medalist, Kendall Coyne Schofield, was the keynote speaker and Gwendolyn J. Sterk was honored as the 2019 Trailblazer in the Community. Many thanks to major event sponsors, MidAmerica Orthopaedics, Republic Bank of Chicago, University of Chicago Medicine Center for Advanced Care, Rizza Cars Auto Group, 22nd Century Media, Eyelight Studios, James & Sons Fine Jewelry, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Mitchell's Flowers & Orland Park Crossing.









Take Note

President's Message



Hello Team, Spring is finally here and with it we have exciting news! Please welcome Amy Coghill (Silver Lake Country Club), Adam Czerwinski

(Sidebar Insurance Solutions, Inc.) and Bob Feldman (Nothing Bundt Cakes) to the OPACC Board of Directors. They are proven business leaders and I know they will each be a great asset to our leadership team.

By the time you read this the OWN Luncheon will have already taken place. I can't see into the future but I just know the event went great. The OWN Luncheon has evolved into not only a premier event for the Chamber, but also a premier event for the surrounding community. The committee and leaders for this event have worked very hard. This event is a great example of setting a vision, sticking to a plan, and ultimately seeing all the hard work paying off with a great result. I am especially happy that this year's speakers, Kendall Coyne Schofield and Gwen Sterk, are both from the community. Great job to

everyone who has worked on this event over the years. Congratulations!

Sticking with the topic of community, I believe more congratulations are in order. Orland Park is welcoming in three new Trustees. I have been able to get to know all the candidates well over the last couple months. I am confident that Trustee Bill Healy, Trustee Mike Milani, and Trustee Cindy Nelson Katsenes are ready for their new roles and will continue advocating for the Orland Park business community. Of course, the Trustees are busy people too, but I expect them to be visible in the community and know they are excited for this new chapter they are embarking on. I also want to thank departing Trustee Carole Ruzich, Trustee Pat Gira, and Trustee Mike Carroll for their dedication to Orland Park and their relationship with the Chamber. They have each worked hard for the Village and are a big reason OPACC has a strong relationship with Orland Park's local government. It was very encouraging to witness the courtesy and kindness displayed in person, between all the candidates, over the past

couple months despite the fierce campaign season. I commend everyone that ran for elected office on their dedication to their campaign and wanting to make a positive impact for the residents and businesses of Orland Park.

Check the Chamber calendar. The warmer weather will bring with it many opportunities to network. The Young Pros are hosting a multi-chamber event at the Windy City ThunderBolts Stadium May 8th, we are working on setting up the State of the Village towards the end of May, and the annual Golf Outing is June 20.

Thank you for your commitment to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Please always feel free to contact me, the Board, or the office should you have any ideas you would like to share, questions, or concerns. We are here for you to ensure you receive the best possible return of your Chamber investment.

I look forward to seeing you out

in the community.

Michael Hardek President

Michael Hardek - President First Secure Bank & Trust

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Executive Director Felicitas Cortez

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Village President's News & Notes



Economic development makes a community thrive and there are many important parts to a community's economic development.

 I'm looking forward to accelerating the local road programs to keep the village's infrastructure in good condition. This infrastructure is critical for businesses as it allows residents, employees and customers to travel through Orland Park more efficiently.
 We will continue to encourage the transformation of Orland

the transformation of Orland Square Mall to position it for long term success. Historically, the mall is not only Orland Park's economic engine; it is a major driver of our regional economy.

 Additionally, we will make progress on the I-80 Corridor working with our partner communities, Tinley Park and Mokena through the Chicago Southland Interstate Alliance. In the coming months, this group will lead new marketing efforts to drive this regional development effort.

 Completing the Master Development Agreement and beginning construction on the remainder of the Main Street Triangle Project remains a priority. Construction is expected to begin in 2020 and will be complete in three to four

years.
• We will continue to lobby the state to include the widening if 143rd Street and Wolf Road in its funding program, develop a plan to rebuild and widen I-80 from I-294 to Joliet, and fund the last two phases of the CREATE Program which will provide express trains.

 The village knows the importance of its local businesses and developers and will work to reduce regulatory costs by streamlining the village's permit process and study ways to eliminate unnecessary permitting.

"Quality of life" is a familiar term used by government entities to describe their efforts to create a premier community for residents and businesses. We have a number of quality of life tasks on the agenda for the next few years:

 Develop long term park upgrades and refurbishment plans for the village's park
system

 Finish improvements at the John Humphrey Sports
 Complex over the next year
 Implement an outdoor concert series at Centennial Park West

 Work with local boards and associations to cooperatively enhance recreation, sports and arts programs in the Orland Park community These goals may seem ambitious but we are ready to work together as a community to make them realities.
 Orland Park is one of the premier communities in the State of Illinois and we look forward to maintaining this

Keith Pekau Village President Village of Orland Park

status for residents and

businesses alike.

We Appreciate our PREMIER MEMBERS



















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New Board Member Intros



Amy Coghill
Silver Lake Country Club

Amy Coghill has worked at Silver Lake Country Club since the age of 5 where she started in the coat room. Silver Lake is a 45-hole golf course and event facility here in Orland Park which has been in her family since 1937. Amy manages all of the events hosted at Silver Lake such as weddings, golf outings and showers. What a blast!

Amy is no stranger to the chamber as she has been an active member since 2004 and was President of the Board of Directors of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce in 2011. She always has had a passion for making connections and building relationships in the chamber. Amy is very excited to become more involved in the chamber and be around all of the amazing driven chamber members.

She resides here in beautiful Orland Park with her husband and two children. She tries to squeeze in a round of golf whenever she can.



Adam Czerwinski Sidebar Insurance Soltions

Adam Czerwinski is the owner and principal agent at Sidebar Insurance Solutions, Inc. With over a decade of legal and insurance experience, Adam provides his clients with insurance solutions that are both cost-effective and value-driven. Whether protecting a family's home and automobiles or a business owner's office, equipment and employees, Adam finds practical policies through numerous carriers so that his clients can feel confident in the price they pay and coverage they receive.

Adam is also active in the Orland Park community as the chair of the Orland Park Chamber Ambassador program, prior-chair of the 2018 Arts and Drafts event and coaching his children's athletic teams. Adam and his wife, Jill, have lived in Orland Park since 2011 and are thrilled to be involved with such a great community!



Bob FeldmanNothing Bundt Cakes
Orland Park & Mokena

Bob Feldman is the owner of Nothing Bundt Cakes in Orland Park, IL & Mokena, IL along with his wife Beth Feldman. Bob and Beth always shared a dream of owning their business and in September, 2014 that dream was realized when they opened their first Nothing Bundt Cakes Bundt'ique in Orland Park, IL. Bob feels strongly about giving back to the community that has given them so much. The mission at Nothing Bundt Cakes is to sweeten and bring happiness & joy to the lives of others. Bob's high level involvement in the area and providing delicious bundt cakes to the community drives Bob to live that mission each and every day and he hopes that your life has been sweetened by their business, their amazingly friendly staff, and their wonderful product. In 2018, their Nothing Bundt Cakes location in Orland Park, IL received several distinguished honors including Bakery of the Year Award which is given to just one Nothing Bundt Cakes bakery across North America per year, the Diamond Sales Award and the \$300,000 Circle Award. Prior to owning Nothing Bundt Cakes, Bob was the Division Operations Manager for H&R Block. Bob was responsible for Operations, IT, Real Estate, Scheduling, and Supply Management for all company-owned H&R Block locations across many states in the upper Midwest. Bob earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Marketing at the University of Missouri -Columbia.



Monthly Membership Meeting

FRIDAY MAY 31, 2019

8:00AM

ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER * 14750 RAVINIA AVENUE

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SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

11:00am - 9:00pm Orland Park Crossing 143rd Street & LaGrange Road

FREE ADMISSION!
artists * craft breweries * food * live entertainment

Craft Beer Tasting tickets available at Universe.com

If you are interested in contributing to the *Chambergram*, please contact Bonnie Hollaway at bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org

New Member Intros



Home Smart Realty Group - Maria Miller

Real Estate has always been a passion of mine, I have been a real estate agent for more than 18 years and my biggest gratification is helping my clients achieve their real estate goals. My focus is to create a selling/buying program that will best suit each specific client's needs and wants.

I have resided in the Homer Glen area for the past 15 years. I am married and have 3 children. I enjoy the outdoors and running is one of my favorite sports. I have run several races and my biggest achievement has been completing the Chicago marathon twice.

Satisfaction of those accomplishments motivate me to keep working hard and become better, by learning and working different parts of Real Estate which include residential, commercial, new construction, short sales, foreclosures and investment properties.



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An outing sign will be placed at an assigned hole to promote your business, as well as a table to distribute promotional items, host a raffle or play a game.

TOWEL SPONSOR - Only 15 available!

Company logo will be placed on a keepsake golf towel.

Oasis Sponsor - Only 2 available!

Company logo on signage at the oasis



2019 Golf Outing

Thursday, June 20, 2019 Silver Lake Country Club

Are you an IRON man/woman?
Or maybe you prefer a
DRIVER, PUTTER, WOOD or WEDGE?
Join us for a great day of golf and networking
with local businesses and organizations.

Sponsorship & registration forms available at www.orlandparkchamber.org or call 708-349-2972



COCKTAIL RECEPTION SPONSOR - \$1200 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$1600

- one (1) available
- company name/logo on golf towels
- company name/logo on signage at both bars

GOLF CART SPONSOR - \$1000 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$1425

- one (1) available
- company name/logo on golf towels
- placard on all golf carts

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$650 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$1100

- two (2) available
- company name/logo on golf towels
- signage on beverage cart

TOWEL/UNSTAFFED HOLE SPONSOR - \$475 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$900

- fifteen (15) available
- company name/logo on golf towels
- signage placed at lunch site

OASIS SPONSOR - \$350 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$800

- two (2) available
- company name/logo on signage at the oasis

STAFFED HOLE SPONSOR - \$275 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$750

- eighteen (18) available
- 1 table & 2 chairs provided
- · up to 2 employees may staff the hole
- giveaways encouraged NO alcohol please
- dispensing of alcohol by anyone NOT employed by Silver Lake is prohibited
- FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

UNSTAFFED HOLE SPONSOR - \$250 COMBINED WITH FOURSOME - \$725

· signage placed at lunch site

GOLF COURSE GAME SPONSOR - \$300

PRIZE SPONSOR - \$50

GOLF FOR ONE - \$125 FOURSOME - \$500

- golf with cart
- continental breakfast
- lunch & beverages on the course
- dinner & cocktails



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OWN Luncheon













- 1 Panorea Bakutis, OWN Committe Co-Chair
- 2 2019 Honoree Gwendolyn Sterk with husband, Fred & dog, Duke
- 3 Monika Sestakauskaite, OWN Committee Co-Chair
- 4 OPACC Board Members Ray Klosowski, Joyce Bibeau, Panorea Bakutis, Monika Sestakauskaite, Amy Coghill & President Michael Hardek
- 5 Dana Anderson & Heather Warthen, 22nd Century Media
- 6 Musical Entertainment by Afterglow - Gene Infelise & Francesca Schmidt
- 7 Carl Sandburg High School's Quartet Furioso



OWN Luncheon



- 1 OPACC Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez, welcoming attendees
- 2 David Adams, MidAmerica Orthopaedics, awards grand prize to Arianna Fleckenstein
- 3 Elise & Rob Wehmeier, Wehmeier Photography, Ltd., greeted Linda Peckham Dodge 4 - Fun at Mary Kay Cosmetics booth with Wendy Cunningham
- Barnes & Angel Bertucci
- 5 Marisol Martin, Parkway Bank & Trust Company 6 - Shelby Piekosz & Patricia Kralik,
- Rizza Cars Auto Group, chat with attendee
- 7 Jane Turley, Village of Orland Park, one HAPPY raffle winner

























The Orland Park Chamber was proud to be a sponsor of the Bridge Teen Center's 2019 Chef's Auction held Thursday, March 7 at Silver Lake Country Club. Many of the Chamber's restaurant members--Bonefish Grill, Chuy's, City BBQ, Cooper's Hawk, Miller's Ale House, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Rocco Vino's and Siam Marina--prepared their signature bites for attendees and provided dining packages for bid. The event raised a fundraising record of more than \$207,000 to help provide free programming for thousands of teens in our community,













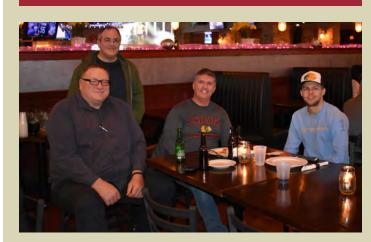




March MEMBERSHIP Madness

Chamber members and guests enjoyed a night of NCAA basketball and networking during the March Membership Madness event held Thursday, March 28 at the Alley Tap & Grill House in Mokena.















On March 28, area insurance agents took advantage of an informative CE seminar sponsored by CARSTAR, a partner of one of our newest Chamber members, DANRICH Car Care.

Lunch was provided by Chamber member Which Wich? Superior Sandwiches.

Making connections and partnering together is another benefit of Chamber membership!



Special Thanks to
Jose Salazar, Chuy's, and
Denise Burks, McAlister's
Deli, for spoiling the
OPACC staff with delicious
lunches during the first
week of April.
We greatly appreciate your
thoughtfulness and we
LOVED the salads!







Dan Peterson, FlipSwitch Social Media, presented "Learn the Basics of LinkedIn/Social Media" at our Multi-Chamber Lunch & Learn held at Marian Village in Homer Glen on April 9.

Attendees learned how to improve their social media strategy.

Pictured on the right: Kathy Cliff, Heritage Corridor Business Alliance, Dan Peterson, FlipSwitch, Michele Tomich, Marian Village and Felicitas Cortez, OPACC Executive Director.









On April 9, JEM Med Spa hosted a beauty event at A Girl in the Park, who provided delicious food and drinks.

This is the power of Chamber connections and partnering together - just another benefit of Chamber membership!





David Adam, MidAmerica Orthopaedics, presented "Three Proven Methods For Reducing Work Comp Claims" at our Multi-Chamber Lunch & Learn held at Orland Park Civic Center in Orland Park on April 17.

Attendees learned so much while enjoying the delicious lunch catered in from McAlister's Deli.









Premier Chamber Member, Orland Park Crossing, hosted Bunny Crossing on April 17.

Children in attendance hopped from store to store around the center collecting eggs, had their faces painted and took pictures with the Easter Bunny.

HOPPY EASTER!

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Renee Crews, pictured left, of Metamorphosis, presented "Winning Customer Experience Strategies" at our Monthly Membership Meeting held at the Orland Park Public Library on April 24 Pictured right: Maria Miller, of Home Smart Realty Group, was presented with her membership plague by OPACC Vice-President Joyce Bibeau. Pictured below to left: Mary Adamowski, Stephanie Fordice and Mary Weimar from Orland Park Library pose with Joyce Bibeau, OPACC Vice-President.







CONGRATULATIONS to
Consolidated High School
District 230 New Board
Members who were sworn in
on Thursday, April 25 at Amos
Alanzo Stagg High School.
Pictured left to right:
Dave O'Connor, our very own
Orland Park Chamber
President Michael Hardek and
Patrick O'Sullivan.





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- Company name/logo will have premier position on emerta nment main stage
- Company will receive one reserved booth spot at even
- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 5 social media shout outs prior to event
- 8 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

IPA Level - \$2,000 - 2 Available

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- 6 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

Malt Level - \$1,000 - 6 Available

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- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 3 social media shout outs prior to event
- 4 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

Lager Level - \$500 - 12 Available

- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 2 social media shout outs prior to event
- 2 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

Pale Ale Level - \$250 - Unlimited Available

- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 1 social media shout our prior to event

A portion of the event proceeds will help fund the Chamber Scholarship Program

For more information visit www.orlandparkchamber.org or call 708-349-2972



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Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 - 11:00am to 9:00pm Orland Park Crossing 143rd & LaGrange Road, Orland Park





Sponsorship Application

Return completed application by September 14 to guarantee all benefits:

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce 8799 W 151st Street Orland Park, IL 60462

Sponsor Information

Business Name:	
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Will you be taking advantage of all perks	included in your sponsorship package?
No sponsorship package at this time, but	we are willing to donate:

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ARTIST REGISTRATION **FORM**

Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 - 11:00am to 9:00pm Orland Park Crossing 143rd Street & LaGrange Road, Orland Park

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Phone:	E-mail:	
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Art Medium:		
EXHIBITOR FEES		
Booth Space – 10' X 10'	\$100.00	
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2 Photos of Artwork MUST be included with Registration Form & Payment

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FOOD VENDOR REGISTRATION **FORM**

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City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:	
Website:	Facebook:	
MENU:		
	Food Vendor Fees	
	Booth Space	\$200.00
	Electricity- advanced registration required	
SET-UP: beVendors proTEAR DOW	rendance - 2000 people gins at 10:00am on Saturday, September 28. vide Tents, Tables & Displays. N: begins at 9:00pm on Saturday, September 28, to be ion - FULL Payment Required To Secure Your Reg	
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Young Professionals







On March 13, the Young Professionals checked out Houlihan's Restaurant located at 16153 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious sampling of appetizers as tasted by Kurt Lindemann, pictured to the left!

Nothin' better than good friends, good food & good fun!

Cali Stancik, Local Store Marketing Representative for Granite City Food and Brewery, graciously welcomed OPACC's Young Pros with open arms and delicious appetizers on April 10.

Granite City is located at 14035 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.
Pictured right are: Cali Stancik and OPACC President Michael Hardek
Pictured bottom right are: Meghan Preston and Dan Adlfinger
Pictured below are: Representatives from Windy City Cannabis and
Kumon of Orland Park-West







OPACC Businesses











Hobby Lobby, located at 1385 Orland Park Place in Orland Park, celebrated their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on March 4. Greg Kasperski, Store Manager, had the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon as employees and numerous Chamber members looked on. Orland Park Village President Keith Pekau and Village Trustees Kathleen Fenton and Patricia Gira and Village Manager Joe LaMargo joined OPACC President Michael Hardek, several Board Members and Chamber members as Joyce Bibeau, OPACC Vice President, presented the official Chamber plaque and certificate to Greg Kasperski.

Edward Jones' Financial Advisor, Katie Cimonetti, celebrated her new location at 9540 W. 144th Place, Suite 1A, in Orland Park, with a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on March 14. Katie, holding the scissors, had the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon as staff and numerous Chamber members looked on. Village Trustees Jim Dodge and Carole Ruzich-Griffin ioined OPACC Past President Renee Crews and numerous Chamber members for the festivities. Katie's husband, Drew, and children, Teagan and Tessa, joined in the fun!









OPACC Businesses

On April 4, Aldi, located at 13145 LaGrange Road in Orland Park, celebrated their RE-Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting.
Pictured below: Store Manager, Laurie Majka (holding the scissors), cut the ribbon as employees and numerous Chamber members looked on.
Pictured to the right are: OPACC President Michael Hardek, Heather Moore, Vice President at Aldi USA Greater Chicago Area and Village of Orland Park President Keith Pekau.

Pictured below to the right are: Board Member Panorea Bakutis, Amber Holup, Teen Bridge Center, Board Member Monika Sestakauskaite, OPACC President Michael Hardek and Heather Moore, Aldi.















Options Medical Weight Loss, located at 14215 LaGrange Road #124 in Orland Park, celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on April 10. Kyle Kwoka had the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon as staff and numerous Chamber members looked on. Orland Park Village President Keith Pekau joined OPACC President Michael Hardek and Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez, for the festivities.

OPACC Businesses

On March 2, Cajun Boil and Bar, located at 15200 S. 94th Avenue in Orland Park, celebrated their Soft Opening as the staff welcomed invited Chamber members to stop in for dinner.

Kurtis Lott, owner and General Manager, cut the ceremonial ribbon on April 18 as Janielle Golden, Event Director, Village of Orland Park President Keith Pekau, Trustee Kathleen Fenton, OPACC President MIchael Hardek, OPACC Board Members Joyce Bibeau and Meghan Preston and numerous Chamber members joined in the festivities.



















Maximize Your Membership





Our second Member Orientation - Maximize Your Membership - was held on March 15 at the Chamber office. An overview of the Chamber - it's history, structure and purpose - was presented by Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez. Hands-on tips and tricks for navigating the Chamber's website and Member Information Center was presented by Member Services Coordinator, Bonne Hollaway. Those in attendance learned how to do a business search, locate hot deals and job postings on the website and how to email other members via the website. In addition, they learned how to verify their individual as well as company profile info, post job listings, hot deals and events in the Member Information Center. Each attendee walked away knowing a bit more than they did when they walked in and have been putting that knowledge to good use!

SAVE THE DATE MAY 17 Membership Orientation MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Join us at our next Membership Orientation Friday, May 17 Chamber Office, 8799 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, 9:30 - 10:30am

Executive Director Felicitas Cortez will present an overview of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce - its history, structure and purpose.

Member Services Coordinator Bonnie Hollaway will present hands-on tips and tricks for navigating the Chamber's website and the Member Information Center.

Resource Corner

The Professional Choice

Fair or not, people do judge books by their cover. The same is true for your business. What does your branding say about you and your business? Professional Creative services make your message visually attractive and compelling to potential clients. In some cases, you can avoid mistakes that can lead to a negative first impression. Here are five ways a professional creative can bring value to your branding and marketing efforts.

Best Foot Forward

The photography, video, and design you use to represent your business are what your clients use to set their lasting impression of you. Low-quality imagery and design send an idea of your business you don't intend. As we move fast into the digital marketing age where studies show that up to 80% of a consumer's buying process happens online, you cannot afford to have an image, video, or design that does not support your brand.

An Experienced Guide

Professional creatives keep up to date on the current colors, styles, and trends in design and marketing. They are, not only, skilled at advising the client in a way to make their images look great, but they can also help clients steer clear of fads that can easily make an image or design look outdated.

Submitted by: Rob Wehmeier, Wehmeier Photography, Ltd.

Make it Easy

Forging your brand is not an easy task. By bringing a professional creative on your team, you can make the transition from idea to reality an easy one. The professional creative has led many clients through this creative process and with their skill and experience can help you avoid time and money wasting obstacles while making sure your wants and needs are heard. Using photography or video professionals means you get the advantage of their education, editing skills, and experience as well as their investment in equipment.

Professional Protection

Professional creatives are in business just like you and me. They register with the state, pay taxes, have insurance, and appropriate licenses and permits. Of course, these are things every business needs to do, but this is also a benefit to the Creative's clients. By having the appropriate insurance not only is the Creative covered but their client may be covered as well if incidents arise during production at the client's location.

The Story Teller

Effective branding for your business is telling a compelling story about you, your people, and your company. A creative professional can help you to create images and design that is not only appealing to your prospective customers but communicates your message and more without saying a word.

"SPOTLIGHT Your Business" Schedule Your 2019 Dedicated MEMBER of the WEEK Email NOW only \$75.00

- The MEMBER of the WEEK email is sent on Wednesdays to over 1800 emails
- and features only the business that has reserved that specific week
- Use this email to introduce yourself and your business to fellow Chamber members, invite them to an event or seminar you are hosting or include a coupon or special offer
- Call the Chamber office at 708-349-2972 to reserve your spot
- Email your content along with photos, logos, graphics or flyer to michele@orlandparkchamber.org.

Around Town

TOWNSHIP TIDBITS



Easter Basket Program While community kindness is evident all long, this year,

our Easter Basket program received more than 500 donated baskets. On behalf of the Township and the lucky recipients of these beautiful baskets I want to say THANK YOU to all the students and community groups who took the time and care to create such generous baskets!

Spring Job Fair
Thank you to everyone who attended the Orland
Township Spring Job Fair.
Whether you attended as a recruiter or job seeker, you helped make it a huge success! Be on the lookout for Information on our Fall Job Fair in future issues of the Chambergram.

Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month, a time to recognize and celebrate our seniors! In addition to our Senior Health Fair on Tuesday, May 7, Orland Township has scheduled fun events for seniors throughout the month of May. From free Submitted by Paul O'Grady, Orland Township Supervisor

fitness classes, to specially themed Drop-In days, to a bingo pizza party, there will be something happening nearly every day in May to commemorate Older Americans Month. Please see the Spring issue of The Orland Township Focus or visit our website, www.orlandtownship.org, for more details.

National Safety Month June is National Safety Month which gives Orland Township an opportunity to spotlight many of the services we offer all year long to help keep our community safe. Along with our sharps disposal containers (available for \$15 at the Township office), we offer adult and senior CPR classes and a Rules of the Road refresher course for seniors. And, don't forget our monthly immunization clinic, which will be held on Tuesday, June 11, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information on events and programs offered by Orland Township, visit our website (orlandtownship.org), follow Supervisor O'Grady on Facebook (facebook.com/supervisoro grady/) or call (708) 403-4222.

GO DIGITAL & REACH THOUSANDS! Include your event or special offer flyer in our online Chambergram!

Full Page (8 1/2 x 11) Flyer - \$200.00 per issue

July - Aug 2019 Issue - Deadline June 14 Sept - Oct 2019 Issue - Deadline August 16 Nov-Dec 2019 Issue - Deadline October 18

Email your flyer to bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org

Upcoming Programs & Events

MAY 2019

Legislative Committee MeetingWednesday, May 8 8:00 am- 9:00 am **Chamber Office**8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Young Pro's - Multi-Chamber Night at Windy City Thunderbolts
Wednesday, May 8 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Windy City Thunderbolts
14011 S. Kenton Avenue, Crestwood

Board MeetingWednesday, May 15 8:15 am - 9:15 am **Orland School District 135 - Board Room**15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

Chicago Southland CVB - National Tourism Day Wednesday, May 15 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Chicago Southland CVB Offices 2304 173rd Street, Lansing

Design and Consign with Maria Miller, Home Smart Realty GroupWednesday, May 15 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Magnolia Design & Consign**15445 S. 94th Avenue, OP

Golf Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 16 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Avenue, OP

Membership Orientation
"Learn How to MAXIMIZE your Membership"
Friday, May 17 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chamber Office
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Woodsterk - Gwendolyn J. Sterk and the Family Law Group Annual BAH Wednesday, May 22 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sterk Family Law Group 11508 183rd Place NW, OP

Marketing Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 28 8:00 am - 9:00 am Chamber Office 8799 W. 151st Street, OP Brannigan Chiropratic BAH Tuesday, May 28 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Brannigan Chiropractic 1400 Ravinia Place, OP

Monthly Membership Meeting Featuring State of the Village & Business Community Thursday, May 31 8:00 am - 9:00 am Orland Park Civic Center 14750 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

JUNE 2019

Ambassador Club Meeting Wednesday, June 5 8:15 am - 9:15 am Chamber Office 8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Legislative Committee MeetingWednesday, June 12 8:00 am- 9:00 am **Chamber Office**8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Young Professionals Meet-Up Wednesday, June 12 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm **TBA**

Multi Chamber Speed Networking Thursday, June 13 Deails Coming Soon!

Board MeetingWednesday, June 19 8:15 am - 9:15 am **Orland School District 135 - Board Room**15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

2019 Golf Outing
Thursday, June 20 8:00 am -Check in 9:00 am Shotgun Start
Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Avenue, OP

Marketing Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 28 8:00 am - 9:00 am Chamber Office 8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Monthly Membership Meeting Thursday, May 31 8:00 am - 9:00 am Orland Park History Museum 14415 Beacon Ave, OP