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Executive Director's Message

Dear Chamber Members,

It has been a busy first month as the Executive Director of the Orland Park Area Chamber with our successful Signature event, Arts & Drafts, Ribbon Cuttings and September Membership Meeting.

I am grateful that I was able to be at our Arts & Drafts event on Saturday, September 25th.Thanks so much to all our membership sponsors: Rizza Cars, DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen, Siam Marina, Midnight Gaming Corporation, Peoples Bank, Brannigan Chiropractic Center, Chiro One, DDV Law Ltd., Dykstra Home Services, Morgan Stanley, Ozinga, Keller Williams Preferred Realty Bodie-Treglown Team and Kerry Funeral Home; artists, food vendors, band, and our Arts & Drafts committee and volunteers!

It was great to meet some of you at our September Membership Meeting at the Orland Square Mall. Thank you to Simon Property Group for hosting our September Membership Meeting, providing a wonderful breakfast, and thanks to Renee Crews for her presentation on Time Management. I am happy to announce that Orland Square Mall will be the new location for our next Community Expo in fall of 2022. Stay tuned for more details to follow!

I also attended two Ribbon Cuttings this past month; 7030 Centennial Drive in Tinley Park and Crisis Center for South Suburbia's Neat Repeats new location. Congrats to both of our members and I wish them the best of success!

The Chamber is happy to announce we are currently in the process of hiring a new Marketing & Events Coordinator who will be instrumental in planning our Signature Events for 2022 and provide the marketing needed to promote our Chamber events. The Chamber is also sad to inform you that after 16 years of service, Bonnie Hollaway has made a decision to retire. We wish her the best of luck in the next chapter in her life and appreciate all her years she has provided to the Orland Park Area Chamber!

I will be attending the IACCE (Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives) Conference on November 3rd - 5th in Rockford. I look forward to sharing the great information I will learn about the Illinois Chambers and what the future holds for 2022!

Finally, the November events members have the opportunity to attend include: First Secure Bank Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, November 4th at 4:30 PM and SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa Ribbon Cutting on Friday, November 12th at 3 PM and our November Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 17th from 7:45-9 AM at the Orland Park Public Library. To sign up for any of these events, you can click on our Chamber Calendar on our website; www.orlandparkchamber.org, to register today. Thank you and I look forward to meeting each of you in the future!

Sincerely, Claudia Thornton Executive Director

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Mayor's Message

As we head into the busiest shopping and dining season of the year, I want to thank all of Orland Park's business community for weathering the storms over the last couple of years. It hasn't been easy, but you've remained strong and worked together to overcome and persevere. With forced closures and various restrictions behind us, we seem to have returned to some sort of normalcy and I hope this means continued success for you and your thriving businesses.

In the end, the Village of Orland Park remains the location of choice for new and expanding businesses in the south suburbs.

Orland Park has recently welcomed several new businesses including Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market, Raising Canes, Neat Repeats Resale, S2 Express Grill and the newly relocated Chipotle. Raising Canes and Chipotle are part of a development which will soon include Smashburger and Panera Bread, both planning grand openings in the near future.

The Orland Park Smashburger is the first of its kind to come to the area and one of the chain's first locations in the Chicagoland Suburbs.

I would like to welcome Pomp & Chic to Orland Park Crossing. As the winner of the "Pop Local" contest held by Edwards Realty Co. of Orland Park, the pop up shop has an incredibly unique opportunity to showcase their small local business and is a great addition to our growing commerce. This is just one shining example of one way our local entrepreneurs are using innovative ways to boost interest and spur development in Orland Park. Great idea, Edwards Realty team!

Congratulations to the staff of Van Bruggen Signs, the recipient of the September 2021 Orland Park Business Award. The hard working staff at Van Bruggen Signs has been serving the community for over 45 years, providing a variety of signage and artwork, and is a valuable asset to Orland Park.

The Orland Park Police Department has gained a new member, a therapy dog named Leo. Leo has been working with the Police Department since September, aiding in the response to emergency situations. He has been trained to comfort and help reduce anxiety of trauma victims. This includes officers who witness distressing situations every day.

I want to thank local business, Pets Supplies Plus, for their generosity in donating "food for life" for Leo. From what I hear, Leo doesn't turn down meals and treats, so that is quite a substantial donation. Make sure to say hi to Leo if you see him out and about in the community.

Our local businesses are an integral part of Orland Park. I look forward to the many new developments planning to join the Orland Park business community as we move into the end of the year.

Keith Pekau President Village of Orland Park



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A Fond Farewell

Dear Chamber Members,

It is with mixed emotions that after sixteen years of service to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce, I have decided to retire from my position as Member Services Coordinator effective November 5.

Former Executive Director, Keloryn Putnam, hired me in November 2005 as an Administrative Assistant. What started out as a job to assist with mailings and filing, soon grew with added duties and responsibilities into my current position.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my employment with the Chamber, having served numerous Boards of Directors, Executive Directors, Committee Chairs and committee members as well as all of you, our wonderful Chamber members!

I was blessed to work with amazing women who quickly became life-long friends – thank you Keloryn Putnam, Donna Cameli, Felicitas Cortez, Michele Pierson and Shannon Rocha. And to our current Executive Director, Claudia Thornton, I'm confident that our Chamber will continue to be a premier organization in the south suburbs serving as a valuable resource to our members and business community moving forward under your direction.

For me, the most important and rewarding part of my job was assisting and serving you, our members, for you are at the forefront of what drives this organization. And for me, I will miss you the most, as friendships have formed through the years, even if we, for the most part, only connected by phone or email.

One benefit of retirement, besides not setting a morning alarm, will be the ability to spend more time with my wonderfully crazy family who mean the world to me.

Thank you all so very much for the memories of Chamber life that I take with me and hold dear to my heart.

As ever, Bonnie Hollaway X-Golf Orland Park John O'Malley 15876 S. La Grange Road Orland Park, IL 60462 Phone: (312) 259-4176 John@xgolforlandpark.com www.xgolforlandpark.com *Entertainment*

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New Member Introductions



Robertson's Road to Retirement

Robertson's Road to Retirement was born July 2021 out of a need for seasoned federal employees or newly hired employees to make information regarding the retirement process and planning to retire an integral part of work life. As a recently retired postal employee who dedicated 27 years to federal service, I want employees to have the ability to speak to a live person-face-to-face; one-on-one vs. a call center that combines your special qualifying life event with a group of others on the same call. I also would share with non-federal employees the importance of budgeting while working so you can live and enjoy a financially stable life once you make the decision to no longer work. Also it is extremely rewarding to share with employees on their Road to Retiring that the next phase of their non work life allows them to do anything they want to do....robertsonsroad2retirment@qmail.com

SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa

Soon to be Double-Boarded and Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and Pysch-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Chakika Williams, Owner, and Founder of SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa decided to incorporate her love for aesthetics and caring for her clients and patients on a more holistic level and launched her full-service Medspa and Clinic. SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa is passionate about creating a beautiful environment for our clients and professional staff. We are committed to building a relationship and providing an individualized experience where the whole person feels nurtured and cared for. All SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa skin treatments revitalize and energize complexion to effectively combat and address Premature Aging's root causes. Effectively treating and preventing sun damage, sensitive and dry skin, lines, dark circles, enlarged pores, Adult Acne, Rosacea, and Melasma. Our mission is to provide a Luxury Medspa & Clinical Experience to all clients and patients, helping them restore, revitalize, and rejuvenate their skin, health, and overall function inside and out. With our professional services and expertise, along with our high-quality medical-grade products, we strive to address and improve skin concerns, enhancing outer and inner beauty and boosting self-esteem as well as preventing and promoting healthy active lifestyles. SkyRose RCS will become one of the leaders in the Aesthetic Industry in Illinois and Nationwide.





OPACC HAPPENINGS



The October Monthly Membership Meeting was hosted by the Orland Park Public Library on October 27. Dan McMillan, Rizza Cars and Library Board Member, addressed the attendees. Sarah Klevia - Community Engagement Director, Katie Allan - Adult Services Manager, Joshua Degner - Information Technology Manager, and Mary Adamowski - Library Director, spoke about the numerous resources available to businesses at the library.

> OPACC President Joyce Bibeau presented membership plaques to Chakika Williams - SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa (pictured upper right) and Venita Robertson - Robertson's Road to Retirement (pictured lower left). Photo credit Claudia Thornton

OPACC BUSINESSES



Crisis Center of South Suburbia celebrated the Grand Opening & Open House at the new location of their resale store, Neat Repeats, at 15551 S. 94th Avenue in Orland Park on October 7, 2021. OPACC Executive Director Claudia Thornton was joined by OPACC President Joyce Bibeau, Board Member Glen Borkowski, Board Liaison Alex Scharf, Village of Orland Park and numerous Chamber members as Pamela Kostecki, Executive Director of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, and Christopher Beele, Director of Neat Repeats Resale Store, cut the ceremonial ribbon. Kathleen Abbott, Board President of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, pictured above right.

Photo credit Steve Neuhaus



Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

2021 Orland Township Senior Idol Named

On Thursday, October 21, nearly 500 people came to cheer on 13 talented singing seniors at Georgios. Attendees sang, clapped along and even danced to favorite songs. It was nothing but smiles and cheers when Orland Township resident, Ed Swanson took home this year's trophy.

All proceeds of the event benefit the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation.



Holiday Program Available for Those in Need

The Orland Township Food Pantry is providing Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners, and Holiday Dinners and gifts to Orland Township families in need. Eligibility for these programs is based on income guidelines. Families in need can begin to register Friday, October 1.

Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners must register on or before distributions day, Saturday, November 20. Dinners are while supplies lasts.

Holiday Program registration ends Wednesday, December 1. Families should bring toy and gift ideas (gifts should not exceed \$30). Gifts are provided for ages 12 and under, gifts for over age 12 will be distributed upon availability. *Adults are not promised gifts.*

To apply for the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner and/or the Holiday Program, residents must complete a brief application and provide the following:

1. Proof of Residency.

Must show picture ID with correct address for all family members ages 18 and older. (Driver's License or Secretary of State ID).

2. Verification of Household Income.

Income statement from last 30 days or unemployment documentation.

3. **Birth Certificates of Child/Children Residing in the household.** Medical card or school verification is also acceptable.



Around Town

TOWNSHIP TIDBITS - CONTINUED



Tuesday, Nov. 30 & Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Avenue. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orland Township's Holiday Program will host a Donation Drive-Thru to allow community members to drop off new, unwrapped gift items, clothing, and non-perishable food items. All donations will go to local families who are experiencing hardship. Items are needed for all ages, especially for pre-teens, teens and adults.

Suggested Items for Pre-Teens, Teens & Adults:

- Hygiene Products (body washes, shampoos, lotions, deodorant)
- Grooming/Shaving Kits
- Beauty Supplies (make-up, perfumes/colognes, hair supplies, nail kits)
- Craft Kits (art supplies, jewelry making, sewing kits, STEM kits)
- Stress Relieving Activity Kits (coloring books for adults, paint-by-number sets)
- Board Games/Puzzles
- Blankets
- Winter Wear
- Socks

Suggested Food List:

- Broth/Soup
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Cranberries
- Dry Stuffing Mix
- Potatoes/Dehydrated Potatoes
- Jell-O/Pudding
- Cake/Frosting Mixes
- Pie Filling/Crust Mixes
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta/Noodles/Rice
- Marshmallows
- Side Dishes

Suggested Toys:

- Action Figures
- Barbies & Accessories
- Board Games
- Cars/Trucks
- Craft/Art & Science Sets
- Dolls & Accessories
- Learning/Interactive Toys
- LEGOS
- Play Food
- Sports Equipment
- Stuffed Animals

Gift Cards to local grocery stores are always appreciated.

THANK YOU!

For additional ways to support the Orland Township Holiday Program, please call (708) 403-4222.

Member Spotlight



November will be known as Empowering Teens Month in Illinois

The Bridge Teen Center is honored to announce that Governor JB Pritzker has issued a formal proclamation that November be known as Empowering Teens Month in the State of Illinois in honor of The Bridge Teen Center's free holistic programs that have successfully engaged, connected and empowered over 10,500 local teens over the last 11 years.

The official proclamation gives new dimension to The Bridge's new Empowering Teens Month initiative this November, providing an "official" endorsement that underlines the message of how impactful holistic afterschool programming is in the lives of local teens and families. This proclamation marks the 13th time in the organization's 11-year history that The Bridge's programs have been recognized for their effectiveness by both private and government entities.

"We shifted gears from our award-winning Drive Out Bullying efforts to Empowering Teens Month because we wanted to focus on positive, real solutions instead of focusing on a single issue," said Priscilla Steinmetz, Founder and Executive Director of The Bridge Teen Center. "We are proud of the thousands of young lives our free holistic programs have impacted over the last decade or more - and we are grateful to Governor Pritzker and the State of Illinois for recognizing our impact and issuing this powerful proclamation."

Empowering Teens Month runs throughout November and The Bridge Teen Center offers many ways to get involved. From sponsorships to group volunteer opportunities at The Bridge Thrift Store, there are many ways individuals and businesses can support this new initiative. With 90% of all donations directly supporting the students served by The Bridge, Empowering Teens Month is truly an opportunity to "give local" in support of teens and families in our own backyards.

For more information about Empowering Teens Month, visit thebridgeteencenter.org.

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First Secure Bank & Trust Co. Ribbon Cutting Thursday, November 4 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm First Secure Bank & Trust Co. 11901 W. 143rd Street, OP Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 pm

Pomp & Chic Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Friday, November 5 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pomp & Chic - Orland Park Crossing 14225 S. 95th Avenue, OP Ribbon Cutting at 4:00 pm

Board Meeting Wednesday, November 10 8:00 am - 9:00 am Orland Park Public Library 14921 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa Ribbon Cutting Friday, November 12 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm SkyRose Rejuvenation Clinic & Spa 9021 W. 151st Street, OP Ribbon Cutting at 3:00 pm

Monthly Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 17 7:45 am - 9:00 am Orland Park Public Library 14921 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

Jeffrey LaMorte Salon Day Spa Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, November 17 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Jeffrey LaMorte Salon Day Spa 15631 S. 94th Avenue, OP Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE

OPACC Holiday Party Thursday, December 2 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hosted by: In The Game, Hollywood Park 5051 Cal-Sag Road, Crestwood 60418 Collecting toys for Together We Cope bring unwrapped toy to support families in need this holiday