

Streamwood Chamber News

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August/September 2008

The Bulletin Board

2008 Chamber Calendar of Events

August

13, Wednesday

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Business After Hours - **Grace Lutheran Church** 780 Bartlett Road, Streamwood

27, Wednesday

2 PM - 8 PM Elgin Community College - Open House 2008 - **Streamwood Village Hall** Irving Park Road, Streamwood

27, Wednesday

2 PM - 8 PM Community Blood Drive - **Streamwood Village Hall** Irving Park Road, Streamwood

27, Wednesday

5:15 PM - 6:45 PM Chamber Board of Directors Meeting - **Chamber Office**

September

10, Wednesday

10 AM Annual Golf Outing - **Rolling Knolls Country Club** Elgin

17, Wednesday

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Business After Hours - **Hanover Township** Bartlett Road, Bartlett

20, Wednesday

11:30 AM - 1 PM PNG Business Seminar - **Millrose Restaurant**

24, Wednesday

5:15 PM - 6:45 PM Chamber Board of Directors Meeting - **Chamber Office**



Every Thursday

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Power Networking Group "Creating dynamic partnerships between business and community" meets at Franco's Cucina 1550 Bourbon Parkway, Streamwood.

Inside Business



With a flair for the fun and unique, **Parties By Design** joined the Chamber in July. Recently featured at our Auction and Scholarship Recognition, Ellen Brown specializes in balloon decorating: columns, arches, sculptures, and centerpieces. By Design also decorates with fabrics such as tulle, and lights for backdrops and arches. Whether your event is going to be simple or elaborate, whether you are planning a corporate event, a wedding, Bar Mitzvah or a theme party - give Ms. Brown a call to see how she can help delight your guests. Call (773) 725-0054 or fax your request to (773) 725-3332. Check them out on the web at mypartiesbydesign.com.

Village Profile.com joined the Chamber this summer. Welcome to Dan Greenhouse, who can be reached at 800-600-0134 or at villageprofile.com. Village Profile's exclusive turnkey, revenue producing convergence publishing program includes: Print with traditional info-maps, membership directories, community profiles, EDC and relocation publications. On the internet with a bonus website, and free e-book downloads of your publication. Wireless access at no cost to the Chamber.

The **Millrose Restaurant & Brewing Company**, located at 45 S. Barrington Road in Barrington, joined the Chamber this month as a Premier Plus member. Manager Lisa Scoville invites you to call for reservations (847) 382-7673, fax or e-mail banquet and catering requests to (847) 382-7693, banquets@millroserestaurant.com and to check out their website (including viewing menus and the various banquet rooms) at www.millroserestaurant.com. Six 125 year old barns were moved to create a restaurant, banquet rooms, microbrewery and Millrose

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Premier Plus Members

Angel Clouds

Carol McNevin

Chicago Slaughter Indoor Professional Football

Brian Bauer

Christ Transformed Lives Baptist Church

Pastor Brad Traywick

Christopher L. Schneider, DMD

Christopher Schneider

Countryside Funeral Home

Marc Jaeger

E Z Solutions

Ed Zimel

Golf Club of Illinois

Ruth Ross

Katy's All Types Services

Katy Dolan Baumer

Kelley, Kelley & Kelley

Matthew Kelley

Millrose Restaurant & Brewing Company

Lisa Scoville

My Tech Service

Mark Fuchs

Neighborhood Consultants

Ed Zimel

Poldek Family Dental

Dr. Kirk Poldek

Primary Eye Care

Dr. Stephen Combs

Printing Perfection Inc.

Lee Re

Rolling Knolls Country Club

Tim Schneider

Salon Bella Vita

Sargon Boudakh

Sandy Stewart - Re/Max Suburban

Sandy Stewart

The Chicago Loop: Sports Bar & Grill

Sharon Reisler

Village Roadshow Gold Class Cinemas

- Arboretum Plaza

Michelle Baert

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Country Store. The barns are complimented by beautiful outdoor patios with large fireplaces and umbrella covered tables. Sunday Brunch is available, and lunch is served weekdays except Monday.

Village Roadshow Gold Class Cinemas at Arboretum Plaza South at Route 59 and Higgins Road, a unique, one-of-a-kind venue comes to this area with manager, Michelle Baert. You can contact them her at (773) 545-7600 or visit them on line at goldclasscinemas.com. The cinemas are a special night out on the town, but also for business meetings and events, client presentations and promotions, private screenings and employee incentives. They offer a luxury theatre experience, tableside service, recliners, and elegance you cannot beat.

Brian Bauer brings the **Chicago Storm Professional Soccer Team** to the Streamwood Chamber this summer. The Chicago Storm is the professional indoor soccer team, playing in the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. They offer over two hours of high-energy, affordable, non-stop entertainment for fans of all ages. The season runs from December through April. Call Mr. Bauer at (847) 649-9244 or check them out on the world-wide-web at chicagostorm.net.

Ready for a delightful Italian meal? Visit John Iaccino at **Franco's Cucina** at 1550 Bourbon Parkway in Streamwood. Franco's Cucina offers a great variety of homemade bakery items as well as Italian specialty

products, imported deli meats and cheeses. Ask about catering menus and pricing. Open daily at 8 AM, Franco's is also home to the Power Networking Group meetings, every Thursday morning. Call (630) 372-6990 or visit them on the web at francoscucina.com.

Wendt Enterprises and Forrest Wendt can be reached at (630) 497-8502 (www.mymangosteen.com/daveline) offers networking and distribution of Mangosteen; A functional health beverage from Southeast Asia, and nutritional supplemental products.

It is sad news indeed when we hear of one of our valued businesses closing their doors. It happened earlier this year with the Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road, and now Family Books & Gifts located at 1044 E. Schaumburg in Streamwood; good luck to Ed Martinez and his family in their future endeavors.

Are you interested in writing a blog for the Chamber?

If you are interested in taking on the task, call the Chamber office. Informative blogs on what's what around the town, hot topics, or even an "Ask the Chamber" column. (630) 837-5200

Streamwood Chamber of Commerce

2008 Board of Directors

Officers

Kathleen Dolan Baumer
President

Katy's All Types Services
Ed Zimel

Vice President

Neighborhood Consultants

E Z Solutions

Scott Baran

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Sandy Stewart - Re/Max Suburban

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James Agency

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American Family Insurance -

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Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill

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BP Connect

Jamie Crawford

Chicago Storm Professional Soccer Team

Brian Bauer

Citibank

Jay Thakker

Cornerstone Accounting Services

Butch Harrington

Dee's Catering Service

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El Pollo Loco Restaurant

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H&R Block Financial Advisors

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Harris - Streamwood

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Esther Davis

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Nancy Allard

New Horizons Hair Design, Inc.

Jim Rauscher

R&M Specialties

Raj Chabria

Sears Centre Arena

Mike Newquist

State Farm Insurance

Richard Wallace

Streamwood Woman's Club

Naomi Lenoci

Chamber Committees

Streamwood Chamber Standing Committees

<i>Committee/Chairperson</i>	<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Finance/Open	3rd Tuesday	Chamber Office	10:30 am
Fund Raising/Open	3rd Thursday	Various Locations	12:00 noon
Marketing/Open	3rd Monday	Various Locations	11:30 am
Membership/Marie Palczewski	2nd Thursday	Chamber Office	8:00 am
Rules/Open	Every Other Month	Various Locations	11:30 am
Auction/Scholar Recog/S. Stewart	September-May	Chamber Office	5:30 pm
Summer Celebration	3rd Monday	Village Hall	7:00 pm



Executive Director's Notes

Susan Berg

I can't believe that I've been here three months already. When I started, I walked right into a Progressive Lunch, a Business After Hours, a board meeting, and the Auction and Scholarship Recognition Graduation Party, all within two weeks! You can say I was a bit overwhelmed! If it wasn't for Ann Townsend and a few others holding my hand, I probably would have hit the door running and never looked back. But now, things have settled down a bit, and I think I am finally getting my "chamber legs."

For those of you that haven't meet me yet, well, I am apt to go in ten different directions at once. I can't walk a straight line, my desk isn't spotless and I don't wear business suits. I think out of the box and I have a lot still to learn. I feel more confident every day, and I love to brainstorm to get new ideas, so please feel free to call me anytime.

Now, just to give you all an update, aside from my numerous e-mails that I have sent out, here is what's transpired over my three months:

- Survived three board meetings and three Business After Hours events;
- Made it though my first "Just for Kicks" lunch at The Chicago Loop;
- Sent out a three-month calendar of "what's happenings in Streamwood;"
- Community Guides delivered to 12,000 Streamwood residents, which included a mini ad flyer and a special flyer from the Sears Center with special pricing on events;
- Currently working with Village Profile on getting a 2009 full community map complete with advertisers, off the ground.
- Working with the Membership Committee on a membership drive;
- Worked with the State Representative's office on the Business Round Table Discussions at Motorola this spring;
- Continuing work on the newly unveiled website;

- Welcomed ten new members:

Shiners Hospital for Children - Chicago	Parties By Design
El Pollo Loco Restaurant	DMS Advertising
The Sears Centre Arena	Wendt Enterprises
VillageProfile.com	Millrose Restaurant & Brewery Company
The Chicago Slaughter Professional Indoor Football Team	The Chicago Storm Professional Soccer Team

- The 22nd Annual Golf Outing, September 10, is in full swing.
- PNG members business seminar is scheduled for September 30 sponsored by the Power Networking Group.
- Started getting things set up for the Annual Member Meeting and Dinner in November, featuring a 1940's theme;
- The Greeter Service (our version of Welcome Wagon) will be starting this month.
- I am working with an insurance broker to get the Chamber a quote on a different group health insurance.
- All remaining Business After Hours dates for 2008 are set, please mark your calendars:
 - 8/13: Grace Lutheran Church
 - 9/17 Hanover Township
 - 10/15: Streamwood Park District
 - 10/29: Elgin Community College Multichamber Fall Business After Hours
 - 11/5: Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner
- 2009 Business After Hours dates set include:
 - 1/22: Capital Telecom/Kiwanis/New Hope Church/Sandy Stewart-ReMax Suburban combined host BAH
 - 2/18: The Chicago Loop Sports Bar & Grill

Wow, what a mouthful! I have yet to get out and meet all of the members, but please assured I will get to meet you. Don't be surprised if you get call from me to meet up for a cup of coffee and talk about your membership.

If you have any ideas, suggestion or just want to chat, please call me. I look forward to meeting everyone!

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Featured Member of the Month The July 2008 Featured Member of the Month was E Z Solutions.

E Z Solutions

Hello, my name is Ed Zimel. I am E Z Solutions. Have you ever had

Something go wrong with electrical, plumbing, or maybe wanted a new deck or patio?

What about an attic fan to help keep your home cool and save on your electric bill?

Well, what about a new floor, tile, wood or carpet? Garage door needs to be replaced?

Need a basement finished, drywall replaced or repaired?

What about something you just aren't sure you know how to do or that you don't want to do?

Storm scaring you because that tree is so close to your home?

For all these and many more, call me I HAVE THE SOLUTION FOR YOU.

I have been in business doing all these items and adding more to my list everyday since 2000. I never tired of helping people, and my costs are low, so I also help you save money. Call today for a quote! (630) 217-2564

It's all happening at...

Streamwood Montessori School and Child Care Center

Welcome to Streamwood Montessori School & Child Care Center, where this exchange would be a typical conversation on a typical day, in a setting that is anything but typical.

"Miss Teresa, why do we have a floor?" "Well, Drake, why do you think we have a floor?" "Miss Teresa, we have a floor so we don't fall down!" "That's one idea, Drake. Let's see what we can find out about why the floor is there."

Streamwood Montessori is a place where each child is cherished by our talented and enthusiastic staff. Our highly-qualified teachers combine their hearts for children with professionalism and stand ready to support the working parents in our community. From 6 weeks old and barely introduced to the world to 6 years old and ready to take on the world around them, children spend their days here in a warm and friendly environment. Families love our delightfully clean, orderly classrooms and our spacious playgrounds, but most importantly, they appreciate the loving attention and reliable concern that is extended toward every boy and girl in our care.

You are invited to stop by and see the school. They are delighted to be a part of the Streamwood community and we would love to share their setting and services information with you.

Streamwood Montessori
School & Child Care Center
25 W. Streamwood Blvd. Streamwood
(630) 233-8567 Fax (630) 233-8553
streamwoodmontessori@gmail.com
Teresa Halvey, Owner

July - Business After Hours



On July 10, the Streamwood Chamber BAH was held at Streamwood Montessori School & Child Care Center, where members were greeted by Administrator and Owner, Teresa Halvey. All present received personal tours through the school, and were served yummy peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, ice cold chocolate milk, juice, pizza, and cookies. They even got to take home "sack lunch" goodie bags.

Bill Pavlick of Clearbrook Graphics won the 50/50 raffle! Ed Zimel of E Z Solutions was chosen as July Featured Member of the Month and – ooh, so sad: Bill Johnson of the Streamwood Climate Center -was not there so he missed out on the \$100 Progressive Jackpot!

Teresa Halvey, offered a contest, a puzzle that some of the children could solve. She titled it "Are you smarter then a 3 year old?" Solving that puzzle won the first contestant a \$25 prize! Sandy Stewart and a few others tried, but Paula Lambert together with Rich Janiec from the Streamwood Park District were the winners!

All had a great time and thank you to the Streamwood Montessori for being our host.

5 Reasons to Attend Chamber Functions

1. There's always some piece of news floating around any event. If you are at the event, it reduces the chance that the news will not be about you!
2. You automatically have something in common with everyone else there...Chamber Membership!
3. With all of the demands on our time, wouldn't it be nice to attend a meeting and leave without having more work to do?
4. You'll never walk into a room full of strangers. You are always sure to know someone!
5. Great food and great friends, all at no charge!

The Back Page... Chamber members in action

PNG Announces New Meeting Place

The PNG meets every Thursday, 8-9 a.m. at Franco's Cucino located at Barrington Road and Bourbon Parkway, Streamwood. For more information, please call the Chamber office or e-mail Melissa McDow, PNG President (melissapng@gmail.com) and check them out on the web at www.powernetworking.org

Community Blood Drive

The Village of Streamwood Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, August 27 from 2-8 p.m. at Village Hall on Irving Park Road. Commissioner Jan Klee invites you all to give - it does not hurt and it may actually make you feel good!

Lunch-n-Learn Business Seminar

Join the Power Networking Group (PNG) and the Chamber for a business seminar. Guest speaker, Mike Marach of the Sandler Institute for a very exciting chance to learn over lunch. This is another in the Streamwood Chamber Lunch-n-Learn series. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30 at Millrose Restaurant on Barrington Road.

Finding sales tougher than ever to come by? Stop using traditional methods! Ask yourself these questions:

Is your sales activity high, but actual sales remain flat?

Do your proposals end up being unpaid consulting?

Are you continuously cutting prices to close the sale?

Is your prospecting activity way below what it should be?

If you have answered yes (or even maybe) to any of these questions, then you don't want to miss this Business Seminar. The cost is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-Chamber members. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Sue or Ann at the Chamber office (630) 837-5200, staff@streamwoodchamber, or e-mail Melissa McDow at melissapng@gmail.com

Making an Impact on Youth

What do the following people and businesses have in common?

*Mariana Gutierrez, Hanover Township Youth and Family Services
Matt Armstrong, New Hope Community Streamwood/Crossroads Kids
Laura Brown, Amit Bodiwala, Erika Espinoza, Linda Ling, and Nilam Rathod, Harris - Streamwood*

They all made a lasting impression on the future, had fun, and inspired young people to succeed in a global economy by volunteering with Junior Achievement at local schools in the Streamwood and Hanover Park communities! Junior Achievement thanks each of you for sharing your time and professional experiences by being a positive role model to our future consumers and business leaders! These individuals went to classrooms either as one-time 4-hour events, or as weekly visits incorporating Junior Achievement program activities while sharing their jobs, consumer skills, business con-

cepts, and financial literacy with students. If you'd like to learn how you can be involved with Junior Achievement throughout the school year, please contact Andrea Lichtenheld at alichtenheld@jachicago.org or (630) 274-0615.

Member Noted "Best Place to Work"

Chamber member, Porte Brown LLC, located in Elk Grove Village, has been chosen one of the "Best Places to Work in Illinois."

"Being chosen one of the best places to work in the state of Illinois is a great honor for Porte Brown. While our first and foremost focus is on our clients' needs, we couldn't give them such personal service without experienced leadership and a strong, productive team" said Bruce G. Jones, Managing Partner.

Company selections were based on criteria developed by Best Companies Group of Harrisburg, PA through employee surveys and interviews.

Porte Brown LLC has provided more than 60 years of accounting services to the suburbs of Chicago, specializing in tax services, audit, business valuations, retirement plan administration and consulting. The firm also focuses on technology solutions, providing computer consulting for clients, either by establishing a new network for their operational and accounting needs or working with an existing network with the help of Porte Brown Technology Solutions.

Porte Brown, LLC is a mid-sized full service accounting and technology solutions firm. Since 1946, Porte Brown has earned the trust of its clients by paying close attention to their clients' financial affairs. The key to their success lies in continual client communication and a level of personalized service rarely provided by other firms.

Promotion Well-Deserved

Congratulations to Anna F Koscielniak of Parkway Bank in Streamwood. Anna, known to all Chamber members as someone who continually promotes the services and features of Parkway Bank. Earlier this summer, Anna was promoted to Branch Manager of the branch located at 59 and Schaumburg Road in Streamwood. Call her at (708) 867-6410 for information on the banking services they offer.

Save the Date for Grace Fest 2008

Participate in this year's GraceFest! Table space is free to local village and government agencies and representatives, along with non-profit organizations. You can donate a raffle prize or silent auction item, adding your name to the donation poster and announced throughout the event. Call (630) 289-3996 or e-mail pastorswifesu@yahoo.com for more information. You can register online at www.graceistheplace.net.

Saturday, September 6, 2008 11 a.m.-5 p.m.



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**STREAMWOOD
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

*Streamwood Chamber
 of Commerce*
 Mission Statement

The Streamwood Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting, enhancing and supporting the prosperity of its members.

WANTED The Streamwood Chamber of Commerce is looking to fill recently created intern positions. Interns will work part time in the Chamber office to gain college credit. Some weekend work will be required. Looking for individuals with strong personality and good work ethic. Experience in sales and marketing, customer service, promotions/event planning, and administrative duties is preferred. If interested, please e-mail your resume with reference to Susan Berg at exec.director@streamwoodchamber.com. If you have questions, please call the Chamber office at (630) 837-5200.

Visit our New Website!!
http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/7208-22nd_Annual_Golf_Outing/
22nd Annual Golf Outing website is up and running, the link can be found on the home page of the SCC website.

**Streamwood Chamber of Commerce
 Member-to-Member Discount Program**

The following is a list of Chamber members who offer discounts to other Chamber members. If you would like to be included on this list, call the Chamber office and ask to be included in the Member-to-Member Discount Program. The list grows each month, so check it to see if your favorite or a needed service has been added. If you would like to see a member on our list, call them and ask, "Are you offering Chamber member discounts?" If they say yes, tell them to contact the Chamber office at (630) 837-5200.

Category	Member	Contact Name	Telephone	Website/E-mail Address
Appliance Repair	Yogi Appliance	Yogi Patel	(630) 863-6803	yogi-appliance@yahoo.com
Brochures & Flyers	Katy's All Types Services	Katy Dolan Baumer	(630) 289-5380	katysalltypes@comcast.net
Catering	Garden of Eatin'	Donna Planman	(847) 931-9828	gardeneatin@wsbcglobal.net
Chiropractic	Weiss Family Chiropractic	Dr. Charles Weiss	(630) 372-7372	-
Dentist	Madigan, Mary T. DDS	Dr. Mary Madigan	(630) 289-5727	-
Graphic Arts/Creative	Patricia Parra Creative Services	Patricia Parra	(630) 497-8904	parracreative.com
Hair Salon	New Horizons	Jim Rauscher	(630) 837-1130	-
Legal & Business	Pre-Paid Legal	Nancy Allard	(847) 882-1217	njallard@prepaidlegal.com
Office Services	FedEx/Kinko's	John Oswald	(847) 524-0723	john.oswald@fedexkinkos.com
Personal Development	Life Empower	Judy Feldhausen	(630) 289-2750	coach@lifeempower.com
Printing	Printing Perfection, Inc.	Lee Re	(630) 289-2400	-
Printing	Grover Printing Industries, Inc.	Chuck Grover	(847) 426-0006	gpind@sbcglobal.net
Promotional Items	You're #1, Inc.	Craig Ochoa	(630) 213-9999	info@yourenumber1.com
Telecommunications	Capital Telecom	Pat McKernan	(630) 483-6722	-