February 2014

Chambergran and Park Area

We're Growing Places

HAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Ambassadors Club got together to sing Christmas Carols at Peace Village and Alvernia Manor during the holiday season.

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Smiles were everywhere during January's Multi-Member Business After Hours hosted by First Midwest Bank, Rathbun, Cservenyak & Kozol, LLC and The Stapleton Group. Pictured are (left to right): Andy Varga of American Family Insurance; Megan Preston, Rathbun, Cservenyak & Kozol, LLC; Marco Contreras, First Midwest Bank; Marc Lochow, 2013 Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce President and Matthew Sekulski of the Stapleton Group.



President Rob Wehmeier thanks The Bridge Teen Center Founders Priscilla and Rob Steinmetz for hosting a festive Holiday Party.

REMINDER State of Village Address

The Mayor's State of the Village Address on February 26 will be a luncheon this year instead of the usual breakfast meeting. Invitations have gone out so watch your mail and be sure to let us know if you will be attending. Members that RSVP by February 21 will save \$5! We're also looking for items for the goody bags that will be passed out at this meeting so contact the Chamber for more information!

Orland Dental Care staff was joined by members of the **Orland Park** Area Chamber of Commerce at their Ribbon Cutting ceremony



From the Top.... President's Message



I hope that many of you were able to join us at the Installation of our 2014 Board of Directors on January 30. During my years

of service with the Chamber, I have been grateful that our membership remains active in the programs our Chamber offers. The Installation is always an important way to start the Chamber year as you can get a real feel for the direction of the coming year from this event.

It was an honor receiving the reigns from 2013 Chamber President, Marc Lochow. Marc's goal for his term in office was to be sure the membership knew that their voice was welcomed and encouraged at the Chamber. This he did with his usual grace. Thanks, Marc, for your dedication to the Chamber over these past ten years. On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish to thank Marc's family for sharing Marc with the Chamber, especially this past year.

As I look ahead I will continue to move the Chamber forward. We have a solid foundation in Kelorvn. our Executive Director, and I will continue to encourage her to look for ways to serve our membership as efficiently as possible and keep our Chamber as an important networking source for them through the events that we offer. Speaking of events, our OWN Luncheon Committee planning has begun. The OWN Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 10 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Silver Lake Country Club. The committee is currently looking for sponsors and vendors for this event. The application and registration form is available on the home page of the website. Send it in as these spots fill quickly! Be sure to take advantage of this member exclusive way to market your business!

As a business owner, staying current with technology is an important part of running my business. That's why I'm happy we are joining forces with Moraine



I am looking forward to this year's State of the Village Address, shared at the

Chamber of Commerce's Luncheon on February 26. We worked with the chamber to make this event a luncheon, hopefully making it easier for people to attend mid-day instead of first thing in the morning.

The Village of Orland Park has a number of significant projects happening in 2014 and I look forward to touching on some of these in my February presentation to the chamber.

Ninety7Fifty is currently leasing ahead of projections. At the close of 2013, 211 units (71.52%) were leased. They expect full leasing and stabilization in the summer of 2014. We're looking forward to the next phase of development of the Main Street area in Downtown Orland Park. The final phase of construction at Orland Crossing begins in 2014 with the recent approval of Reva's residential development and Mariano's.

Economic development will be a focal point of 2014 as the Village Board follows the village's strategic plan to complete a targeted industry study for the I-80 area. Development Services is planning to complete 50 business retention businesses and develop a village wide branding/way finding program. Staff will be working with existing commercial corridors to help

them take on significant facade improvements, including the former Crest Lighting Store, the El Cameno Neighborhood Center at 151st Street and West Avenue and others.

The Police Department continues its Retail Safety Program, keeping the already low crime rates down for the village's many retail areas.

IDOT's widening and construction of LaGrange Road will be well underway in 2014 and with it comes additional aesthetic enhancements similar to those made at the intersection of 143rd and LaGrange coming this year. The improvements will also include a new traffic signal near Darvin Furniture at 154th and LaGrange. This year brings the design of the 143rd Street widening from Will-Cook Road to Southwest Highway.

The village will continue to coordinate with IDOT for the design and construction of 159th Street from Will-Cook Road to Ravinia. We worked with IDOT to include a new stoplight at the entrance to the center that Valley Community College to encourage our membership to attend the Multi-Chamber event on March 6. Networking runs from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm with the program on LinkedIn running from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A flyer is included in this newsletter with all the details. The RSVP deadline is Monday, February 27.

It's not too early to start thinking about our Annual Golf Outing! Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 19. Your golf reservation fee includes dinner so plan on a full day at the golf course. Sponsorships are available so include us in your marketing budget for 2014. I look forward to working with you in 2014. Please take a minute to introduce yourself to me as you attend events throughout this year. The Chamber welcomes your input so please share your suggestions and concerns with me. Stay Warm!

Rob RobWehmer Wehmeier Portraits

includes the village's Sportsplex and the Berkot's as part of this project.

Making Orland Park as pedestrian friendly as possible, the village will make a number of path and sidewalk improvements along with pedestrian crossing signage and striping additions. In addition, we will be working with a design firm to develop a village-wide way-finding program that will enable visitors to find key points of interest within our community.

The village is working with the Cook County Highway Department on the widening and reconstruction of 108th Avenue south of 159th Street. This project will help alleviate the flooding just north of the railroad tracks and will provide a path to 167th Street.

Community Wide Survey. The Village Board authorized a second community wide survey, asking residents who did not participate the last time to offer their insights and opinions about the village. Randomly selected households in different geographic areas of the village are being invited to participate.

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor Village of Orland Park

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Tom Li 16081 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60467 Phone: (708) 460-4778 yuccaorland@gmail.com www.yuccausa.com Restaurant



Orland Dental Care has been helping the Orland Park and surrounding area residents since 2004. We are a one stop dental practice providing general and cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics and periodontics.

The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation is a not-for-profit organization who provides comfort and distraction from painful cancer treatment procedures to children and teens by providing a toy, gift or gift cards donated to the organization's "treasure chest".

The organization currently serves more than 8,600 children and teens monthly in 45 Children's Cancer Treatment Centers across the nation.

The POTCF is dedicated to supporting pediatric cancer patients and their families



True health is more than just feeling good. **Health From Within** utilizes the Maximized Living Health Delivery System. Maximized Living gives you a by continuously stocking a decorated treasure chest/cabinet located within cancer treatment

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centers. The Foundation provides age-appropriate, new and exciting toys, gifts and gift cards to every patient. The agency addresses the myriad of cancer treatments and the difference in age groups by allotting separate treasure chests/cabinets for its patients.

For more information or to reach Executive Director Colleen Kisel call (708) 687-TOYS (8697) or email potcf@sbcglobal.net. or visit www.treasurechest.org. Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation is located at 15430 70th Court in Orland Park.

have the ultimate opportunity to reach their true potential. We also bring the 5 Essentials to the workplace, clubs, schools, and churches to maximize the health potential of our community.

Contact us at 708-349-0040 or visit our website, www. hfworlandpark.com to find out how Maximized Living can work for you or your organization! Health From Within is located at 13500 Circle Drive, Suite 102 (135th & LaGrange Road), Orland Park.



for busy families to schedule

Orland Dental is located at

14360 S. La Grange Rd. You

can reach the office at (708)

364-8900 or by email at

appointments.

Business As Usual

Party at The Bridge



Jerry Grable, Viridian Energy, Maureen Wentz, Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, Dave Kemp, Kemp Promotions and Village Trustee Ed Schussler enjoy refreshments at the Bridge.



President Rob Wehmeier (left) challenges Board member Mike Buck to a game of foosball at The Bridge Teen Center Holiday Party.



Young Professionals Matthew King, King Law Offices and Matt Sekulski, The Stapleton Group, stop to pose for a photo at a recent Business After Hours.

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OPACC Happenings

Meet Our New President-Rob Wehmeier



Rob Wehmeier, the youngest of 4 brothers, is a native of Flossmoor, IL. He graduated from Culver Military Academy in Culver, IN and then from Valparaiso University with a BA in Photography. Following a brief stint in a local family business, he worked as a commercial photographer by assisting several established Chicago photographers and ultimately launching Wehmeier Photography in 1991 with a focus on the Chicago area Commercial, Industrial and

Advertising markets.

In 2003 Rob and wife Elise opened Wehmeier Portraits, a boutique portrait studio in Orland Park where they create a powerful portrait experience for each client while creating heirloom quality artwork to last a lifetime.

Rob served as a board member of the ASMP Chicago/ Midwest Chapter for 8 years and as its president for 2 years. Rob has been an active member of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce serving on the Community Expo Committee, Fine Arts Committee, and Marketing Committee, assisting with the Newsletter and provided photographic coverage of many Chamber events.

In 2013 Rob earned his 1st degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do alongside his son. Rob is married and the proud father of 3 children. Rob and family reside in Orland Park.

Welcome to Orland Park

New Resident Bags To Promote Orland Area Businesses

Put your company name in front of new residents of Orland Park! Our Ambassador Club has designed a tote bag that will hold valuable coupons and special promotions to be distributed monthly to new residents of Orland Park. With the help of the Village of Orland Park, the Chamber has been collecting names and addresses of new residents for the purposes of distributing over 1000 of these bags. We want to include local business offers in this bag. There is NO COST to your business so reserve your spot today to take part in this special distribution. Contact the Chamber office at (708) 349-2972 or email donna@ orlandparkchamber.org for complete details. Dave Kemp, longtime chamber member and one of the Chamber's original Ambassadors, stops by the Chamber office to pick up his list of addresses and armful of Welcome Bags to deliver to new residents of Orland Park.



Meet the Ambassador: Kevin Little

Name: Kevin Little Birthplace: Chicago Childhood home: Chicago High School or College: Eastern Illinois University Present Home: Matteson Current Employer: Synergy HomeCare of Orland Park Job Responsibilities: Owner In my spare time I like to: Read, spend time with family, watch Sci-Fiction movies. Hobbies/Interests: Watching politics, fine cigars, love martinis. Share the name of someone that has had an influence on your life and why. Annette (my wife for 24 years). She is an amazing person with a heart of gold. Share the name of someone that you would love to meet and why (living or dead): John F. Kennedy. I wonder how the country would be today had he been president longer. Share a personal goal (travel, career, and/or personal) that you would like to achieve. I would like to travel to Africa and do missionary work. Share a fun fact about yourself that people would be surprised to know. I like watching HGTV

Involvement with Other Service/Civic Organizations: My Church, Village Trustee in Matteson



Resource Corner

Make 2014 a Safer, Healthier and Happier New Year!

Healthy New Year!

As we move into 2014, there are ways to increase your well-being. By sharing these tips from the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you can ensure that you and your family are on the road to living a healthier and safer New Year.

1. Wash hands often to avoid spreading germs and getting sick. "Keeping hands clean is one of the most significant steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others," says Dr. Heather Taras, Emergency Medicine physician at the Silver Cross Free-Standing Emergency Care Center. "By simply washing your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds, you are reducing your exposure to harmful pathogens that can make you ill. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcoholbased product. The key thing to remember is that clean hands do save lives."

2. Bundle up and stay dry to keep

warm.Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers of loose-fitting clothing.

3. Manage stress. Keep a check on over-commitment. The increasing schedules of families don't need to take a toll on your health. Keep a check on over-commitment and over-spending. By balancing work, home, and social commitments, you can keep a more relaxed and positive outlook.

4. Travel safely. Don't drink and drive. Don't let anyone else drink and drive. If you're traveling, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you ride in a motor vehicle. Always be sure to buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age.

5. Avoid smoking. Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today! If you think you cannot do it alone, seek help, talk to your healthcare provider who can give you valuable assistance in your efforts in quitting. 6. Get check-ups, vaccinations, exams and screenings. Ask your healthcare provider what exams and tests you need and when to get them.

Exams and screenings can help find problems early, when the chances for treatment and cure are better. Further, vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam. "It's important to be proactive with your health in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle," says Dr. Taras. "Ask your physician what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, medical history, and family health history."

7. Monitor your children. Children are at high risk for injuries that can lead to death or disability. Keep a watchful eye on your kids when they're eating and playing. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach. Learn how to provide early treatment for children who are choking.

8. Prevent injuries. Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan. Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations. Don't use generators or grills inside your home or garage. Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Test them once a month, and replace batteries twice a year.

9. Handle and prepare food safely. As you prepare holiday meals, keep you and your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.

10. Eat healthy, and be active.Eat healthy, and get moving. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat and sugar. Be active for at least 2½ hours a week. With balance and moderation, you can enjoy the holidays the healthy way. Choose fresh fruit as a festive and sweet substitute for candy.

By talking these tips over with your family members, you can decide which ones can realistically be achieved together.

Submitted by Megan St. John, Orland Township



Here's a look at what's happening at the Orland Township this month:

Auditions for season two of Senior American Idol will be held at the Township on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 pm. It is FREE to auditionregister by calling the Township today.

Tickets for Senior American Idol will be on sale in early February. This event is scheduled for May 6 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will be held at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park. Senior American Idol benefits the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation so don't

"News" From Orland Township

miss this evening of entertainment!

Stop by the Township to pick up a ticket today. Join us for our next immunization clinic on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Township. For more information, call (708) 403-4222.

On Monday, March 3 we will be hosting a Red Cross Babysitting Class for ages 11-15. Cost is \$50 and covers all materials and lunch. Call Cheryl at (708) 403-4001 to register.

The annual St. Pat's/St. Joe's Senior Dinner Dance will be held on Thursday, March 13 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Orland Chateau. Enjoy a full course meal and live Irish music performed by Gerard Haughey and Theresa Shines.

Tickets for residents (\$17) and non-



Orland Township seniors sang their way to the top at last year's Senior American Idol.

residents (\$22) are now on sale. Pick yours up at the Township today.

For more information on the events and programs Orland Township offers, follow Supervisor O'Grady and the Township on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ supervisorogrady, or call (708) 403-4222. The Orland Township is located at 14807 S. Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park.

Submitted by Tracy Simon, Silver Cross Hospital

And Finally...

Be Prepared!

It is no secret that many families and individuals are looking to cut back on spending. But with the frequency of disaster, both natural and manmade, can you afford not to be prepared?

Preparedness doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg. Here are a few tips on how you can protect those that matter to you without spending a fortune.

1. *Make a plan-* Work with family and neighbors to make an emergency plan for the types of disasters that affect your area.



2. Update contact information- Have accurate records of family and friends. Have updated information post in visible place throughout the home and workplace.

Submitted by Joann Mutter, ServPro of Orland Park

3. *Check your policy* – Review your insurance policy annually and make any necessary changes. Review your coverage.

4. Shop Sales – Shop at sales and used goods stores. Buy preparedness items throughout the year, instead of all at once and you won't notice the cost as much.

5. *Start Now!* Take small st eps toward preparedness and before you know it, you will be READY!



OWN (Orland Women's Networking) Luncheon is On the Way!



Deb Baker, Morgan Stanley, chats with OWN attendees as they visit her vendor table at last year's luncheon.

Planning has begun for the 2014 OWN Luncheon! Our annual luncheon draws almost 200 professional women and is a guaranteed good time so mark your calendar, call your girlfriends and save the date.

It will take place on Thursday,

April 10 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Silver Lake Country Club will be our host and we are currently looking for members that would like to be event sponsors or vendors. There is also an opportunity to include your information in our goody bag.

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Need more information? Call



2013 OWN Luncheon attendees check out the raffle prizes at the 2013 event.

the Chamber office at (708) 349-2972 or email donna@ orlandparkchamber.org. Reserve your spot today!



REMINDER Scholarship Applications

Do you have a high school student who will be ready for college in the fall? The Orland Chamber awards three \$1000 Scholarships to children of current Chamber members (and children of employees of current members). The scholarship application is now available on the home page of our website. Completed applications are due in the Chamber office by Monday, March 31st,





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5 Meeting Wednesday, February 5, 7:45am Harvest Room 7164 W. 127th St. Palos

Heights

5Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, February 5, 11:45am Ribbon Cutting at Noon Yucca Asian Cuisine 16081 S. LaGrange Road, OP

6 Ribbon Cutting Thursday, February 6, 11:30am, Ribbon Cutting at 11:45am Pure Barre Orland Park 14932 S. LaGrange Road, OP FREE workout class at noon – Wear your stretchy clothes! **1** Mardi Gras at Together We Cope Multi Chamber Business After Hours Tuesday, February 11, 5:00-7:00pm 17010 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley

Park Laissez le bon temps roulez!

1 2Young Professionals Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm Rockwelz Bar Meets Grill 11265 W. 159th St. OP

1 3 Ribbon Cutting & Open House

Thursday, February 13, 4:30-6:30pm Ribbon Cutting at 5:00pm New Life Chiropractic & Spinal Corrective Center 14432 S. John Humphrey Dr. OP **1 8 Ribbon Cutting** Tuesday, February 18, 11:45am, Ribbon Cutting at Noon Pronto Pizza Kitchen 15222 S. LaGrange Rd, OP

1 Board Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 7:45am Silver Lake Country Club

22Grand Opening Saturday, February 22, NOON Art a la Carte 11209 W. 159th Street, OP

