

Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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It's Time To Tune Up Your Small Business Skills

Managing Your Business workshops to be held at Joliet Junior College.

September 13 through December 13, 2006. These ten 3 hour workshops are designed to provide the practical skills, techniques and "can do" attitude that are essential for running a successful business. Professionals from the community will show you

"what works" and "what doesn't" in the areas of business management, marketing and finance.

The first four workshops are:

- Sept. 18 Your Business Plan: Your Best Chance for Success
- Sept. 20 Understanding Basic Financial Statements
- Sept. 27 Developing an Overall Marketing Strategy

Oct. 04 Recordkeeping Basics for the Small Business

All classes are held at 6-9pm in the Smith Business & Technology Building at JJC. The cost of each class is \$60 per workshop. Pre-registration is required. For more information, a complete schedule or to register, contact the SBDC at 815.280.1400.

Mission Statement

"To develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial and general business interests of the greater Lemont area."

Vision

Accomplish Together What No One Business Can Do Alone

Lemont Chamber of Commerce

Board of Trustee Interest Questions

When the Lemont Chamber has a vacant seat(s) on the board of trustees, they are filled with our member candidates who have expressed interest and meet the following qualifications:

A Chamber of Commerce Board Trustee is one who:

- Has a strong belief in ethics, community involvement and the purpose of the LACC.
- Is available and willing to attend monthly meetings at 5:30 on the second Thursday of the month.
- Has a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and will be able to participate in

our meetings, programs and committees.

- Is willing to chair or co-chair a LACC program. (Golf, Community Expo, Annual Dinner Dance, Cruise Night, etc.)

The term of office of a Trustee is three years and runs from January of the elected year (2007) through December of the third year.

Letter From Your President

Congratulations to the Lemont Little League All Stars on their great run at the Little League World Series. We are all so proud of your efforts. You certainly brought about a lot of positive attention to the greater Lemont area.

Many thanks to the various businesses, clubs, and organizations who came out to support our community event, the Lemont Legend's

Cruise Nights. The weather did not always cooperate, but, overall, these Wednesday night shows were still very positive. Included in this newsletter is a listing of all the volunteers without whom we could not have managed the shows. Thank you again.

Wilson Rental and Polonia Catering & Market are going all out with a multi-chamber Business-After-Hours event

on Wednesday, September 20, from 5-7pm. Bob Wilson hopes to see many people participate in this Oktoberfest. There will be brats with all the trimmings, beer, wine and German music provided by Peter Hoffman. Somehow, even margaritas became German. Wilson Rental is located at 9960 191st Street, Mokena, IL.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are seeking

members who would be interested in being involved in the Chamber as a board member or volunteer. Since we are in the process of putting together a slate of prospective board members, please call the Chamber office if you would be interested in participating.

Remember to shop your CHAMBER local businesses.

Pat O'Brien

Attention

Chamber Members

New advertising options and discounts rates for the Lemont Chamber page! Promote your business in the Lemont Reporter/Met to more than 5,000 readers.

The ads publish the last Friday of each month a **full page** with the Chamber of Commerce news.

\$45 (2.5" w x 2" h)
Commitment of 6 consecutive ads

\$75 (2.5" w x 4" h)
Commitment of 4 consecutive ads

\$125 (5" w x 4" h)
Commitment of 3 consecutive ads

\$125 (2.5" w x 8" h)
Commitment of 3 consecutive ads

\$175 (7.5" w x 4" h)
Commitment of 2 consecutive ads

Contact Cindy Arias, Acct. Executive at 630.368.8967 or carias@libertysuburban.com

Business After Hours

Sponsored by Wilson Rental and Polonia Catering & Market

Multi-Chambers Oktoberfest

Frankfort, Homer Township, Homewood, Lemont, Lockport, Mokena, New Lenox, Orland Park, and Tinley Park.

September 20, 2006; 5-7pm
Wilson Rental, 9960 191st Street, Mokena, Illinois

German music by Peter Hoffman, Bratwurst with all the trimmings, beer, wine and frozen margaritas (when did margaritas become German?)

Bring business cards and network with business people from a wide area!

Be kind RSVP by September 18, 2006 to 708.799.5533 ext. 3121 or email BAH@wilsonrental.com

One company...

One service...New Name!

Anna Made It and AMI Interiors is now one in the same!

Welcome to AMI Interiors! They have been known for the past four years as Anna Made It, however they recognize their name inaccurately represents what they do. They provide the community with quality home furnishings and Interior Design Service as well as one of a kind gifts. With the new name they have planned some changes. Their current retail show room will close and they will focus on serving our design clientele.

Their new address is P.O. 572, Lemont, Illinois 60439 with same phone and fax 630.257.9815 and fax 630.257.9816. You can contact Ann Maree at anna@annamadeit.biz.

Retreat - Focus

Save the Date: Oct. 23, 5-7pm
Business After Hours with Edward Jones (Brad Grcevic) as our workshop speaker at Montefiori.

Tell Us What You're Doing!

Is your business sponsoring any charity events or scholarships? Are you expanding or moving to a new location? Have you received an award recently?

Let us know!

Member News is something we can put in the newsletter as space permits. Please email us at lacc@core.com with any updates.

Gift Certificates

Use at over 285+ businesses in the Lemont area.

Call 630.257.5997 (Please give 24 hour notice) to order your personalized gift certificate today!

Your recipient will truly appreciate the choices they will be able to make.

Chamber members, please do not hesitate to take one of the Lemont Chamber Gift Certificates. The dollar amount of the gift certificate will be reimbursed to your business after receiving at the Chamber office. This is a win-win situation for both the consumer and you the merchant.

Lemont Legends Cruise Night 2006

The Cruise Night committee and Board of Directors would like to personally thank the Lemont Lions Club, Lemont Classic Car Club, Original Rollin' Kruisers Car Club, and the Lemont Firefighters Union Local #3966 for volunteering for the month of AUGUST! The event works because of you and the other groups who are willing to provide community service to the Village. We truly appreciate everyone's help who step up and join us in this endeavor to bring more foot traffic to our downtown area.

We once again want to thank ALL of our volunteers:

Century 21-Olsick, Lemont Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Lemont Classic Car Club, Lemont Firefighters Union Local #3966, Lemont High School Band Parents, Lemont Historical Society, Lemont Jaycees, Lemont Junior Woman's Club, Lemont Lions Club, Lemont Park District, The Original Rollin' Kruisers Car Club, and the Village of Lemont!

Our Own Business/Community Expo

Mark your calendars for November 3 & 4 for two exciting expos. First a Business Expo will be held Friday evening (5-7pm), followed by a Community Expo on Saturday (10-2pm) for residents of our town. Read the enclosed flyer and return at your earliest convenience to benefit from the early bird specials.

Lemont Junior Women's Club

"How Do You Do?" Hostess Program would like to thank the following businesses for participating in the new resident welcome program:

Advocate Good Samaritan, Callahan Plumbing, Chipain's Finer Foods, Critter Cleaners, DeYoung's Insurance Service, Edward D. Jones, First Church of the Nazarene, Forzley Eye Clinic, Franciscan Village, GM Housekeeping Co., Hoppy's Landscaping, Jimbo's Pizza, Lange's Woodland Flowers, Lemont Chamber of Commerce, Lemont Primary Care, S.C., Lemont United Methodist Church, Lemont Public Library, M&M Orthopaedics, Oak Brook Allergists, Pancake Café, Parker Dental, Planet Chiropractic, Resicom Painting & Maintenance, Short Stuff, Inc., Senator Christine Radogno, Showcase Window Fashions, SS. Cyril & Methodist School, St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Sure-Fire Auto Parts, Turnabout Pizza, Urbanski Custom Services, and the Village of Lemont.



Save the Date!

If you are not already taking advantage of this extremely affordable marketing opportunity, we invite you to join us at the Business After Hours at Safety Village.

Tuesday, October 17th
5-7pm

Every business attending the BAH whom sign a contract for 2007 will receive a discount.

See Chamber's next month newsletter for all the details.

Welcome New Members

BTI Communications Group

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Lemont Friendship Club

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Local residents with a passion for gardening who are dedicated to beautifying their neighborhood, providing educational information and materials to their community while enjoying new garden discoveries together as a group.

The Narnia Estate

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We host private (weddings, showers, etc.) and corporate (meetings, fundraisers, etc) events. Renting the 55 acres and elegant home while providing catering and coordinating services to guests.

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Calendar of Events

September and October 2006

- Sept 1-4 Lemont
Keepataw Days
- Sept 12 B2B Expo
Regional Chambers
Tinley Park
Convention Center
- Sept 14 Board of Directors
Meeting
@ Resicom
- Sept 20 Combined Business
After Hours
5-7pm
Wilson Rental,
Mokena
- Oct 12 Board of Directors
Meeting
@ Echo Design Group
- Oct 17 BAH
Lemont Jr.
Women's Club
"How Do You Do?"
Hostess Program
5-7pm
Safety Village
- Oct 24 BAH Workshop
5-7pm
Montefiori

Newsletter Advertisement:

Provide 350, 8.5 x 11 flyers for \$40 is available to Chamber Members (\$20 for Clubs and Organizations) for direct marketing to other chamber businesses and dignitaries in and around Lemont. Call approximately 4-6 weeks

in advance to reserve space in the next upcoming newsletter. All copies must be received by the 20th of the month for insertion. The Chamber does not endorse any advertiser who uses this newsletter to promote their products or services.