

# Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

April 2013

## Message from the President

As newly appointed Chamber President I wanted to touch on what we try to accomplish as a chamber, and what we hope that our community gets from having a strong local Chamber of Commerce.

The Brookfield Chamber works with other local civic and private groups to encourage new business development, to create awareness of problems facing our community and to develop potential solutions, to be a source of information and support for business owners, and to maintain and enhance the good that is Brookfield. We accomplish this with a number of volunteers that work out-front and behind the scenes to build a better Brookfield for all citizens. That is the uniqueness of our community. We think outside the box, we work together to make things happen, and we support the efforts of all.

So that leads to the question of "What can we do as individuals?" First, patronize your local businesses. "Buy Local" is a popular saying, but it is especially important in a small community. Second, get to know what this area has to offer. You will be doing yourself a big favor because there is so much fun to be had and you will be helping the local businesses and their employees. Third, TELL EVERYONE!!! We have all heard that "Word of Mouth" is the best advertising. Tell your friends that live here or in a nearby town. Use all the daily social media to spread your message. Share photos or videos or just tell stories to others about the unique experiences you have enjoyed locally. Invite your extended family and friends to come to town and enjoy what Brookfield has to offer.

If we live here, work here or play here we are all in this together.

Thanks,

Christopher DiBraccio  
Brookfield Chamber Of Commerce

## Brookfield Chamber of Commerce 2013 Officers & Directors

President

**Christopher DiBraccio**

Brixie's

387-0050

First Vice President

**Tom Milani**

House Pros Home Inspections

373-5441

Second Vice President

**Allen Goodcase**

Future Electronic Systems

485-8940

Secretary

**Amanda Robert-Curry**

Thrivant Financial for Lutherans

630/598-2143

Treasurer

**Amy Weinart**

First National Bank of Brookfield

485-2770

## Directors

Term Ending 2013

Deborah Barta (Chefsahoy)

312/560-3975

Betty LeClere (Betty's Flowers)

485-3893

Term Ending 2014

Charles Hitzeman (Hitzeman Funeral Home)

485-2000

Patricia Weber (Le Grand Décor)

485-2204

Term Ending 2015

Phillip Richard (First National Bank of Brookfield)

485-2770

JoAnn D'Altorio (Brookfield Little League)

710-2724

Term Ending 2016

Ellen Frantzen (Joe's Saloon)

485-7042

Director Position Open

## Member Spotlight- A Sound Education

A Sound Education got its start in 2001, when Mike Doerr and Patrick Sheridan, decided to act on an opportunity. When the well-known suburban music store that Mike managed closed its doors, the two life-long friends quickly made plans to open a new business with the teachers and students from the now-defunct store.

With a grand plan and borrowed money in hand, A Sound Education was born at 9433 Ogden Avenue in Brookfield. While the business was carving out its place in the Western Suburban musical landscape, both

Mike and Patrick worked part-time jobs at night to keep the new store open during normal business hours.

Two years later, Patrick was graduated from college and the pair expanded the store for the first time to accommodate their overflowing lesson program. Four years later, the business was expanded a second time to facilitate the ever-expanding showroom.

Today, the store occupies two-and-a-half store fronts and proudly serves hundreds of students and customers every day. For more information, please visit them online at [ASoundEducation.com](http://ASoundEducation.com),

- 500+ lessons/week
- 12 lesson studios
- 25 teachers/5 staff members
- Lessons taught 6 days/week
- 400+ musical instruments for sale in our showroom
- Full on-site repair facility
- Three store expansions in 12 years
- Multiple companies purchased to expand product and service offerings
- Three seasonal recitals attracting more than 600 people
- Extensive on-premise sheet music library
- Instrument rentals for school band and/or personal use
- P.A. system rental for live events and functions



Facebook.com/  
ASoundEducationBrookfield or call  
708.485.5074.

A note from the owners:

“On behalf of Mike and myself, we'd like to say ‘Thank You’ for another successful year here at A Sound Education. Our business survives and thrives on word-of-mouth referrals from our amazing customers, so please, continue to spread the word about us to your friends, family members, and co-workers. If you ever have any questions or need something you don't see out on our floor, please let us know and we'll do everything we can to get it for you.”



## Sokol Spirit Fitness Programs

Come check out our great offerings starting April 1st! For a limited time join for only **\$25!**



### Spin Class

Monday & Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm

### Wheel Gymnastics Class

Wednesday 5:00pm & 6:00pm

### Open gym basketball

Wednesday 7:30pm



### Senior Boot Camp/55 Fit Class

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am

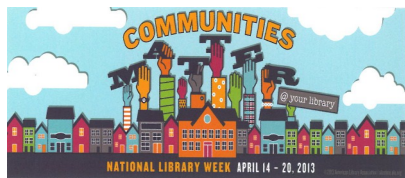
Visit [www.sokolspirit.org](http://www.sokolspirit.org)  
or email [programs@sokolspirit.org](mailto:programs@sokolspirit.org)  
for more information

**Or-call us!**  
**(708) 485-9663**



## Brookfield Public Library

Communities Matter @ Brookfield  
Public Library



Every April, libraries around the country celebrate National Library Week, an initiative sponsored by the American Library Association to highlight the unique role that libraries play in people's lives and the invaluable services

they offer communities. Today's libraries can help you discover new and exciting worlds through collection, digital resources, classes and lectures.

Throughout April, the Brookfield Public Library will be offering several programs in partnership with local organizations and Chamber members. Upcoming events include:

### **An Evening with Alex Kotlowitz**

Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m., Riverside  
Town Hall

In partnership with the Riverside Public  
Library, and Friends of the Brookfield

and Riverside Public Libraries

### **Bee Pollinator Aware Workshop**

Saturday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m.,  
Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center, Class-  
room 1AB

In partnership with the Brookfield Zoo,  
Brookfield Conservation Commission,  
Riverside Public Library, and Cantata  
Adult Life Services.

### **ESL Conversation Café @ the Library**

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Presented by Literacy Volunteers of West-  
ern Cook County

### **National Library Week**

### **Trivia Night @ Irish Times**

Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m., The Cottage at Irish Times

### **Money Smart Week (April 20-27)**

Foundations of Investing

Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Presented by Steven Langworthy of Edward Jones

### **A Visit from our Banker (for kids & parents)**

Friday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Presented by First National Bank of Brookfield CFO Philip M.  
Richard.



For more information Library programs and services, explore the resources available at [www.brookfieldlibrary.info](http://www.brookfieldlibrary.info) or contact the Library at 708-485-6917.

## Dates to Remember

### **April 11th, 2013**

Business Luncheon, 12pm Brixie's

### **April 18th, 2013**

Board Meeting, 12pm at the Brookfield Public Library

### **April 21st, 2013**

Brides on the Boulevard 12:00pm-4:00pm

### **April 25th, 2013**

After-Hours, 5:30pm Baird Warner, Dean Russo

## Sokol Spirit Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars for Friday April 5th from 9:30am-1:30pm and again from 4pm-9pm and Saturday April 6th from 9:30am- 1:30pm. Come and find some treasures and support Sokol Spirit! Don't forget to stop in at our Spirit Café for coffee, tea and homemade treats! Sokol Spirit is located at 3909 S. Prairie Avenue.

