

BROOKFIELD

Chamber of Commerce

August 2014

Message from the President

Greetings Brookfield Chamber of Commerce Members. I hope you and your businesses are doing well.

We lost a very valuable and longtime Chamber member and board member this month when Ellen Frantzen, the owner of Joe's Saloon, lost her very valiant battle with cancer. Many of you were likely never aware of the challenges Ellen faced over the last year or so, as she kept her condition private for as long as she could. She was a strong woman who didn't want anyone to feel sorry for her or change the way they treated or reacted to her, and those of us who she shared her condition with respected her wishes and supported her however we were able. She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Joe's Saloon will continue to be operated by Ellen's son Ed, and will continue to be an active member of the chamber. Please stop in for a drink, rent the party room and generally support Ed in any way you can in his efforts to keep Joe's going strong.

Most of you are likely aware that Ellen was the main driving force behind our annual 60 to Win promotion, and that's why it took us a little longer to get it off the ground this year, but the tickets are now available and the initial mailing has gone out. We had no idea how much was involved in getting this done every year, and I'd like to thank Amy Weinert,

Allen Goodcase, and Will at Priority Print for working together to make this all happen.

As tough as the promotion may be to put together, the toughest job lies ahead. It's extremely important that we all do everything we can to make this years 60 to Win a huge success in Ellen's memory. She was absolutely thrilled when all 1,100 tickets were sold in 2012, which was the only time we've sold out, and it would be a great way to honor Ellen if we could sell out again in 2014. It's a fun and fair promotion, and a really easy sell, so please make sure you all do your part in supporting the promotion and give your friends, families and co-workers a chance to join in on the fun that is 60 to Win.

Thanks in advance for your support!

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Brookfield Chamber of Commerce-President

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Member Spotlight- Gorman & Associates

It's been ten inspiring years which Gorman & Associates, Certified Public Accountants has enjoyed at its present location at 9517 Ogden Avenue in Brookfield. After operating from the financial district in downtown Chicago for more than 15 years, we settled into our home in this charming and welcoming village.

Dennis D Gorman CPA is the owner of his family CPA business. He has over 40 years' experience working in Public Accounting. Dennis' daughters Kelly E. Borgardt CPA and Kathleen M.

Gorman CPA are also fulltime staff members of the firm.

Together with Dennis, Kelly and Kathleen share extensive knowledge to meet the challenges of our clients' needs. Whether we are working with an individual on tax preparation or financial planning or a corporation's multitude of tax filing requirements we invest time to expand our knowledge of the challenges of each of our clients.

Among our fields of expertise, we offer business and individual tax planning and preparation, estate planning, payroll preparation, accounting software implantation and training. Dennis is also licensed in the sale and management of securities. He is experienced in the custodial care of your investment portfolios and retirement accounts.

Dennis and his staff are always available to review your needs by phone, at their office or your yours.

Please feel free to call with any questions at 708-387-1122.



Thursday, August 10th, 2014

Business Luncheon, 12pm Fuego Cantina

3755 Grand Blvd., Brookfield

Thursday, August 21st, 2014

Board Meeting, 12pm

Brookfield Public Library

Thursday August 28th, 2014

Business After-hours, 5:30pm

Brookfield Zoo- Discovery Center

8400 W. 31st Street, Brookfield



Drawings start Thursday September 11 and run through November 13

Tickets at \$20.00 and can be purchase at any Brookfield business with the 60-to-win logo in the window

On Tuesday, July 15, 2014 The LeaderShop welcomed over 150 adult and youth volunteers and their families to the 4th Annual Legacy Awards Celebration, a night to honor those who make The Leader-Shop's impact in local communities possible with their dedication, generosity and passion. From July 2013 through June 2014, 400 youth volunteers and 112 adult volunteers gave 15,939.50 volunteer hours to our community and beyond this year! That's 664 consecutive days of service provided through The LeaderShop!

The LeaderShop presents Legacy Awards to four organization volunteers (2 adult, 2 graduating seniors) who have shown through words and actions how to be a leader. They have proven to be role models to others, and have inspired greatness throughout the community. Their legacy leaves behind a great and ever-growing format for how others should be treated and how we should all consider the positive effects we can have on our communities.

Congratulations to the 2014 Legacy Award Winners!

Graduating Seniors: Jasmine Richter from Brookfield began her volunteering in 2009 and has dedicated 802.50 hours to her community and beyond. Xavier DelValle from La Grange began his volunteering in 2012 and had dedicated 527.50 hour to his community.



Adults: Board Member, Tutor and Mentor: Mark Stoll of Western Springs began volunteering with The Leader-Shop in 2012 and has volunteered 250 hours to our programs and Board of Directors. Judy Carlson began volunteering with The LeaderShop in 2002, she has volunteered 965.75 hours to the After School Tutoring Program.







We are happy to announce that CARSTAR Scola's of Brookfield was chosen as the "CARSTAR FRANCHISEE OF THE YEAR." On June 21st, at the annual CARSTAR Conference, CARSTAR Scola's was selected for this prestigious award from amongst three hundred and fifty CARSTAR Auto Body shops in the United States. Owners Lou and Tony Scola have been in business since 1991 and have served the community for 23 years. Both owners send their heartfelt appreciation to their dedicated and hardworking staff along with saying "Thank You" to all of you, our partners in business, for your continued support over the years. The award was given to CARSTAR Scola's as CARSTAR Corporate celebrated its 25TH Anniversary.

"We try to treat every customer like a member of our own family and we will continue to strengthen our relationship and involvement in the community."