



BROOKFIELD

Chamber of Commerce

February 2014

Message from the President

It is with great pride that I draft my first "Message from the President" for the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has become an integral part of our community in recent years, and I look forward to the challenge of enhancing the traditional community events that we sponsor, and those that we work together with the village in planning, as well as finding new ways in which we can help make Brookfield a great community to live in and to operate a business in.

I'm fortunate to have a strong and dedicated group of individuals who will be serving on the chamber board as fellow officers and directors (check out the new lineup, also in this newsletter), and I also welcome involvement and ideas from any current chamber members, potential new members, and community groups who would like to partner with the chamber in some way.

For any of you who may have an interest in becoming involved in leading and promoting the chamber, we have openings for two new board members to join the team, and we look forward to some fresh ideas and enthusiasm, so please contact me or another board member if you'd like to be considered.

In closing, I'd like to thank Phil Richard for the great job he did in planning and hosting our annual Holiday party and installation of officers at the Zoo on January 23rd. A good time was had by all! I'd also like to encourage members to spread the word and consider attending or sponsoring our annual Valentine's Senior Social that will be held in the village hall on Sunday February 16th at 1:00 pm.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Tom Milani
President
Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

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Immediate Past President

Chris DiBraccio (Brixie's)	387-0050
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Valentine's Day Senior Social

Please join the Brookfield Chamber for an afternoon of light music, refreshments, beverages and magical entertainment.

WHEN: Sunday, February 16th
1PM - 3PM

WHERE: Village of Brookfield
Downstairs Recreation Hall

The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce and the Brookfield Aging Well team would like to invite you to a FREE Valentine Social for the Seniors of our community. We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide you with some entertainment and special treats. Please Contact Mary Pezdek 708-485-1527 by February 7, 2014 if you are able to attend.



Dates to Remember

Thursday, February 13th, 2014

Business Luncheon, 12pm The Sanctuary Bar & Grill
3747 Grand Avenue, Brookfield

Thursday, February 20th, 2014

Board Meeting, 12pm at the Brookfield Public Library
3609 Grand Blvd, Brookfield

Thursday February 27th, 2014

Brookfield VFW
8844 Ogden Avenue, Brookfield
5:30pm

Save the Date

March 4, 2014 | 5:30-7 p.m.

Triton College Student Center | Café 64 | Room
B-203/204/210

Please mark your calendars for a **Multi-Chamber of Commerce After-Hours event** at Triton College, in our Student Center on

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Come enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to share and interact with other chambers. There will be a short presentation on the importance of partnership between business and education and how working together can benefit businesses as well as the local economy.

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Member Spotlight– Cantata Adult Life Services



Cantata Adult Life Services is passionate about serving and helping seniors live their best lives. We offer life-enhancing services to the community and clients, such as Cantata Handyman services, Cantata at Home, Tech Support, Fitness services, Lifelong Learning Programs, and senior living options. We have seen tremendous growth over the years and are continuing to develop innovative ways to move our organization forward.

In tune with our desire to support strategic growth, we are happy to announce the addition of **Jamie Lee Silver, C.M.P.**, as Cantata’s Senior Community Outreach Specialist. She joins us with many years of senior living experience and will be an integral part of Cantata.

“I am passionate about striving to help seniors meet the promise and possibility of living their best lives at any age,” said Jamie, “and I am thrilled to be representing the innovative services Cantata offers to the community.”

Prior to Cantata, Jamie worked for Sunrise Senior Living at Brighton Gardens of Wheaton, where she created and launched the first assisted living low-vision neighborhood through establishing a partnership with the Deicke Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation. She also served as the Director of Sales and Community Outreach for Fairview Vibrant Living Retirement Community, worked for the San Francisco Bay Guardian Newspaper, and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in Membership Development.

More recently, Jamie served as the Membership Director with the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce, where she founded the first Women in Business roundtable in the western suburbs. She also served four years on the Downers Grove Chamber’s Board of Directors.

When Jamie is not busy fulfilling our Cantata promise to create lives in harmony for seniors, she enjoys spending time with her two sons, Aaron, who is a second year medical student at Stritch, Loyola School of Medicine, and Benjamin, who was recently accepted to the Education program at Illinois State University.

To learn more about Cantata Adult Life Services please call **(708) 485-1155** or visit **www.cantata.org**



Brookfield Library Celebrates 100 Years

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the Brookfield Public Library. The Library first opened its doors on June 27, 1914, thanks to the efforts of the Brookfield Woman's Club, a group still active in Brookfield today. To commemorate this milestone, the Library will be dedicating a year to noteworthy and celebratory programs and events that reflect the rich history of the last century, with the main Centennial celebration occurring in late June.

“Because this is a celebration for the whole community, and not simply the Library, we wanted to celebrate throughout the year, rather than having a single gala event in June” states Christy Eyre, Partnerships & Public Relations Librarian. “Each month we will pay tribute to a different decade in history, beginning in January with the 1910s and making our way back to 2014 throughout the year.”

In addition to themed programming, there are special treats in store for Brookfield Library patrons. On the 14th of each month, the Library will be offering its popular \$1 Fine Amnesty for fines on overdue Brookfield Library materials. Additionally, the 100th customer on the 14th will receive a special prize. Plus, all year long Brookfield residents have the opportunity to upgrade to a special Centennial-edition Library card.

Residents are asked to save the Centennial date of Friday, June 27, 2014 in their calendars as the Library will be throwing a celebration party in high style with a to be announced public event. Be sure to join us to help kick off the next 100 years.

The Next 100 Years: A Call for Facility Advisory Committee Members

When the Brookfield Public Library first opened its doors on June 27, 1914, it offered the public a modest collection of roughly 1,400 books. Over time, the Library has grown alongside Brookfield to serve the varied needs of the community. “From expanding print and digital collections to acquiring and instructing residents in the use of new technologies, the Library’s founding goals are as central today as they were in 1914” states Library Director Kimberly Coughran. “Library stakeholders past and present have been guided by the philosophy that all knowledge is worth preserving and making accessible in a community forum/gathering place.”

Library Trustees have already begun planning for the next century of Library service by finalizing a new Long Range Plan for Library services. The plan calls for the formation of a Facility Advisory Committee to develop final architectural and financing plans for a new Library building that will be better equipped to carry the community into the 21st century and beyond. With the first meeting to launch in late March, the Library seeks community members to join the committee and provide input and feedback on current plans. Individuals interested in serving on the committee are asked to contact Library Director Kimberly Coughran by phone at 708-485-6917 x121 or via email to kcoughran@brookfieldlibrary.info.

For more information on the Facility Advisory Committee or the Brookfield Public Library’s Centennial celebrations, visit www.brookfieldlibrary.info or contact the Library at 708-485-6917. The website includes a page dedicated to the Centennial in which readers can explore the Library’s history including digitized photos and historical documents.



Pirate Party 2014 is The LeaderShop's annual fundraising event!

Over the years our main fundraiser has taken on different names but has remained similar from year to year. **Pirate Party 2014 will consist of two separate events:**

- Buccaneer Blast at the Brig is for kids and their families
- The Swashbuckler Soiree for guests 21 and over with the usual fundraiser event fun: cocktails and food, silent and live auctions, and a short program.

You might have heard the rumor that pirates are roaming the streets of Lyons Township and southern Proviso Township, taking prisoners.

It's true—but there's good news: These scalawags are capturing only certain types: teachers, principals, and leaders of local businesses and organizations. And the pirates say we can bail out the prisoners.

These lucky few have been captured already and need bail out money:

Mr. Mike Agnew
Ms. Sharon Flaim
Mr. Phil Fornaro
Ms. Linda Sokol Francis
Mr. Chris Joyce
Mrs. Lynda Nadkarni
Mr. Mike Papierski
Mr. John Passarella
Ms. Karen Triezenberg

Funds raised by Pirate Party 2014 support programs which directly empower about 1,500 young people across our community. Your support of Pirate Party 2014 will enable The LeaderShop to provide quality programs and services to these youth throughout the year.

**For more information about sponsorship, or if you'd like to be a prisoner, please contact
The LeaderShop with any questions at
708.579.5898 or visit www.theleadershop.org**