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From the desk of

JIM DOSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In this challenging international economic climate, the Chamber is looking harder than ever for creative ways to help members grow their businesses. One of the ways we accomplish that goal is to focus on developing promotional avenues to attract new and vital businesses into our working organization, exploring new ways to increase our communications and providing greater value for all our members.

**NEW Fundraiser!** Our latest success story is the OPRF Chamber's Checkbook<sup>SM</sup> promotion. In this program, participating businesses offer a "check" containing a dollar value for redemption of goods or services at their businesses. *Purchasers receive \$600 worth of special values for just \$35!* The checkbooks not only stretch your own dollars, they also make great gifts for family and friends. To date, 500 books have been purchased and more are being reprinted. Thank you Chamber members who have purchased checkbooks, and a special thank you to all of the Chamber businesses who participated. Due to the popularity and success of this fundraiser, we are planning another checkbook promotion for 2010/2011. To find out more about the special offers and participants in the 2009/2010 Checkbook, visit us on the Web today at [www.oprfchamber.org/node/3](http://www.oprfchamber.org/node/3).

**OPRF 2009 Chamber Guides.** The annual OPRF Chamber of Commerce Community Guide will be published in early October, with more than 27,000 copies to be delivered to Oak Park and River Forest residents. The Guide is a special marketing opportunity for our members to advertise in a medium with staying power: *the Guides are a valuable resource that both residents and businesses consult when making their buying decisions. Don't be left out—reserve your space soon!*

**Tried and true: Save the Date!** The 2009 annual golf outing will be held at Gleneagles Country Club Monday, July 20; tee time is 10:00 a.m. Not only does this event provide relaxation and networking opportunities—it's our largest annual fundraiser—and your support is very important to us. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

**Networking events.** Our monthly **Business After Hours (BAH)** continues to be a popular networking venue, and we have sponsors booked for this event through the remainder of this year. In addition, for the past six years, we've been offering in a very successful, more intimate setting, the **B.R.A.G. (Buffet, Relationships and Growth)** meetings to our members at Under the Ginkgo Tree. The B.R.A.G.s offer members the opportunity to present their businesses to fellow Chamber colleagues in a face-to-face setting. This special event remains a favorite, and is sponsored by owner Gloria Onischut.

**If you're one of the Chamber's newer members...how about meeting over breakfast?** Part of what we do is offer networking events to fit varied schedules, and for that reason, our quarterly New Member Orientation Breakfast continues to receive high marks. This event gives members new to the organization an overview of the many programs, services and initiatives available.

**Workshops and seminars.** Professional growth and continuing knowledge about the business environment are offered through the Chamber's workshops and seminars. If you have a programming idea, or would like to present on a topic or issue of special interest to your colleagues, please contact us at the Chamber office today.

**What's the best thing you can do for your business?** Take advantage of all the Chamber has to offer you! We are a strong business and community resource, and are here to serve you. We want to hear more about your business concerns and issues—especially how we can provide greater support for your success.

For up-to-date information and news about Chamber events and opportunities, bookmark us today at [www.oprfchamber.org](http://www.oprfchamber.org).

*Jim Doss*

Executive Director

Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce



# Welcome to these new OPRF Chamber members!

by Stephanie McDonald, Everything But Time, Inc.,  
OPRF Chamber Marketing Committee

**W**ELCOME to our new Chamber of Commerce members –and, thank you for your support!

Membership in the OPRF Chamber of Commerce is one of the most valuable business tools you can have. We encourage you to get involved in the many networking and educational opportunities the Chamber has to offer.

If you have not already done so, be sure to attend the next New Member Orientation Breakfast. E-mail the Chamber at [info@oprffchamber.org](mailto:info@oprffchamber.org) to be added to the list. The orientation breakfast is a great introduction to the Chamber and is held quarterly.

The following list shows new members who joined the Chamber of Commerce between January and the June.

## All Information Systems

Jeffrey C. Pleta  
6325 Joliet Road  
Countryside, IL 60625  
708-352-7050

Technology specialists.



## Aiello Art & Jewelry Boutique

James Aiello  
1007 Madison St.  
Oak Park, IL 60302  
708-508-0626  
[www.aielloarts.com](http://www.aielloarts.com)

The Boutique is the place for original jewelry, drawings, paintings, music and books, almost entirely by local artists.



## Briolette Beads and More

Charlene Steele  
7233 Madison Street  
Forest Park, IL 60130  
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Purveyor of beads, altered art and paper-crafting supplies. Classes for all levels, including beginners.



## Carriage Flowers

Liz Newell  
124 N. Marion Street  
Oak Park, IL 60301  
708-383-4862  
[www.carriageflowers.com](http://www.carriageflowers.com)

Full-service floral shop offering premium flowers and plants, specializing in all types of events, weddings and sympathy.



## CEDA Near West (Community and Economic Development Association)

Mark Enenbach  
6141 W. Roosevelt Road  
Cicero, IL 60804  
708-222-3824  
[www.cedaorg.net](http://www.cedaorg.net)

Offering Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); housing counseling; weatherization, rent and mortgage assistance; first-time homebuyers seminars; family and community development; access to care; Kid-Care applications; circuit breaker program; food vouchers.



## CertaPro Painters

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PO Box 46257  
Oak Park, IL  
1-800-462-3782

Interior and external residential painting specialists.



## Chiro One Wellness Center

Jamie Curletti  
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Forest Park, IL 601630  
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[www.chiroone.net/locations/illinois/forestPark](http://www.chiroone.net/locations/illinois/forestPark)

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 Oak Park, IL 60302  
 708-383-2150  
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Provider of comprehensive eye care and education, eyewear and eye care products.



**DECA Productions**  
 Debra Juarez  
 1021 Fair Oaks Avenue  
 Oak Park, IL 60302  
 708-434-5195  
[info@decaproductions.com](mailto:info@decaproductions.com)  
[www.decaproductions.com](http://www.decaproductions.com)

Full-service production company creating content for television and the Web. Producer of corporate, political, on-demand and promotional videos.



**Eastwood Expressions**  
 Julia Latoria-Eastwood  
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 Oak Park, IL 60302  
 708-445-1435  
[www.myspace.com/eastwoodexpressions](http://www.myspace.com/eastwoodexpressions)

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## OUR MISSION

The Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce is a leadership and educational organization, which fosters and promotes businesses and business interests in the Oak Park and River Forest areas.

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 Oak Park, IL 60304  
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[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)



**(The) Image Studio**  
 Renee Raines  
 115 N. Oak Park Avenue  
 Oak Park, IL 60301  
 708-692-4337

Personal development.



**Intermedia Graphics**  
 Jose Ortega  
 5203 W. Fletcher St.  
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 River Forest, IL 60305  
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**Kathleen Minaghan, DDS**  
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**Loyola Center for Fitness**

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Bellwood, IL 60104  
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830 S. Kenilworth  
Oak Park, IL 60304  
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**Met Life**

William Forsberg  
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Downers Grove, IL  
630-441-1000

Financial services.



**Molly Malone's Irish Pub**

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**“One of the true tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.”**

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**Young's School of Martial Arts**  
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Martial arts instructions.



**Zonta Club of Oak Park**  
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 708-445-1779  
 www.zonta-oakpark.org

Oak Park chapter of Zonta International, dedicated to improving the status of women worldwide by providing community outreach programs and scholarships to young women in public service. ••

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## Upcoming Chamber Events

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### July

**Tuesday July 14, 2009**

**Business After Hours (BAH)**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oak Park Place Apartments, 479 N. Harlem Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

**Monday, July 20, 2009**

**ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING**



10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Location: Gleneagles Country Club

13070 McCarthy Road, Lemont, Ill.

*Things to do before July 20:*

- \* Mark your calendar
- \* Dust off those clubs
- \* Hit the driving range
- \* Call to join your foursome

**Wednesday, July 29, 2009 — SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**Workshop: Are Your Personal Assets Safe?:**

*Observing Corporate Formalities & Directors' Duties to Creditors*

Presented by The Chicagoland and Suburban Law Firm  
Call the Chamber office at 708-848-8151; seating is limited.

### August

**Tuesday, August 11, 2009**

**Business After Hours (BAH)**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Dominican University (The Priory Campus)

7200 West Division Street, River Forest, Ill.

## Important Announcements:

### • OPRF Chamber Checkbook Fundrasier

A limited number of checkbooks still are available. Call the Chamber office to purchase yours!!

### • Oak Park-River Forest Chamber 2009-2010 Community Guide

Please be sure to update your information by filling out the Guide Questionnaire. The questionnaire is available on the Chamber Web site at

[www.oprfchamber.org](http://www.oprfchamber.org).



The Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce Business Education Forum presents...

**Wednesday, July 29, 2009**

***Are Your Personal Assets Safe? :  
Observing Corporate Formalities & Directors' Duties to Creditors***

The current economy suggests more and more businesses are facing financial difficulty. What happens if the business owes money to creditors? Did you know creditors can pierce corporate veils and collect against YOU, the owner? Did you know corporate directors may owe a duty to the business' creditors? This workshop will discuss the importance of following corporate formalities, filing annual maintenance documents and ways to protect your hard-earned personal assets. On the flip side, this workshop will also discuss ways YOU, the creditor, can seek recovery of investments and loans from failing businesses. Attorneys will be available for discussion and to answer your questions.

**Presenters:** Amir Mohabbat, Founder/President  
The Chicagoland & Suburban Law Firm  
And Amy Ezeldin

**Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Sandwiches & refreshments  
Provided by:**

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009  
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. workshop

Cost: \$10.00 for Chamber Members  
\$20.00 for Non Members

Place: **Cheney Mansion**  
**220 N. Euclid**  
**Oak Park, IL**

Reservation: OPRF Chamber Office phone:  
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