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Christmas Luncheon





G.O.N.E.
Greater O'Hare Networking Executives

Our GONE (Greater O'Hare Networking Executives) groups have openings in the following business categories. Four of

our GONE Groups meet in the morning from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and GONE II meets in the afternoon from 3 to 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about GONE please call the office at (630) 773-2944.

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Mary DeLucca
Livingston International

I am honored to have been chosen to serve as your 2010 Chair for the Greater O'Hare Association. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the upcoming year will bring. 2009 proved to be a very interesting and hard year for some of us with the state of the economy and the effects that it had on our businesses. We can all hold our heads high and be proud to be a member of the GOA. Thanks goes out to Phil Van Duyne for his leadership during the past year as Chair of the GOA. Through his enthusiasm, dedication and leadership we had a great year.

I do hope that 2010 brings growth – growth in the economy, growth for our businesses, and growth within ourselves, both personally and work oriented and finally growth within the GOA. I would like to challenge each of our members - I would like to double our membership during this year. Sounds like a monstrosity of a task, right? NO, it isn't!! Here is my challenge – I would like to ask everyone to search their databases and contacts and come up with 1 qualified referral/lead for membership. Just think if we all did that we could have over 600 new members for us to network with by 2011. Isn't that one of our main reasons for being members of the GOA? We all want to grow our business and what a better way than to work within our own group? Please take 5 to 10 minutes to search out that prospective member that could gain from joining the GOA; invite them to a luncheon, a networking event and then pass their name on to Lynda

Happy 2010!!!

Macri for follow up. I guarantee you a year of growth in all the above aspects if we all take the time.

Working with me this year are the following Vice Chairs: Cheri Seley, Kenneth Young Center – Programs, Lance Sider, Staffing Plus – Membership, Charles Krugel, Attorney at Law – Government Affairs Team, Lorna Helgeland, OEC Business Interiors – Marketing, Phil Gennuso, Gennuso Financial – Chair Elect, and of course Phil Van Duyne, Itasca Construction – Past Chair, Alex Moskovic, Attorney, and Tony Massaro, Porte Brown – Treasurer. I would like to thank them for their commitment, time and dedication to the GOA. They are here for you. Please feel free to contact anyone of us with your suggestions, concerns or compliments. We will listen to you and create programs and services to meet your needs. Everything we do as part of the GOA is geared towards our members and servicing their needs. Without you we would not have an organization as we do.

In closing, I would like to invite you take an active role as well. We have numerous ways for you to become active in the GOA in 2010. We have our Monthly Luncheon (formats and topics change each month), Business After Hours, Chamber Net, Women's Forum – not just for women and many more activities to get you engaged and out there promoting your business. Check out our website www.greater-ohare.com and get involved as that is where it is at for 2010!! We are here to promote GROWTH and OPPORTUNITY as "Your" Premier Regional Business Association in Northern Illinois with membership in over 85 communities in and around the Chicago area. Here's to a great year!!!!

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Larry Minutillo

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Happy New Year, welcome to 2010!

2009 was certainly a very challenging year for everyone, both personally, and of course professionally. There is an old English proverb that I feel sums up last year. "A smooth sea never made a skilled mariner." I want to congratulate you on all your hard work everyone put in for 2009. Some day we will all look back on that year and certainly be proud of how we fought hard to build our business and survive what for many of us has been the most challenging year of our professional lives. I know I will. 2009 showed you what you were made of. We showed that we are capable of amazing perseverance and I am proud to be the chairman of an organization with an incredible amount of perseverance and dedication to its members as the Elk Grove Chamber is.

With that being said it is time to build on the foundation many of us laid in 2009. The economy has thinned out the market quite a bit and it is now time to shine and grab the spotlight! Showcase your talents and all you and your company have to offer. Take advantage of the many outstanding opportunities this chamber affords you to promote yourself. Whether you are at your best early in the morning, a mid afternoon networker, or love mixing it up at the end of the day, the chamber has a function for you. Keeping your face and name in front of people is key, but I don't have to tell you that. Most of you are already experts at this. Remember, without involvement there is no commitment.

Here is to an outstanding new year. I look forward to seeing all of your familiar faces at our many chamber functions and I hope to see many new ones as well! We at the Elk Grove chamber are committed to help all of you have a great year!

Looking for a unique way
to promote your company?

Host a Business After Hours

Showcase your company by inviting members and guests into your facility for refreshments, networking and fun. This is a great opportunity to invite customers and prospects as well. The BAH host is listed in all promotion of the event on the website, e-mails, newsletter and press releases.

Sponsor a Chamber Net

The Chamber Net sponsor has 5 minutes at the podium to speak about their business and is listed in all promotion of the meeting on the website, e-mails, and press releases. Sponsors may also place promotional materials on tables for the attendees.

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Member News

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NM Marketing Communications has been selected for the 2009 Best of Glenview Award in the Public Relations Counselors category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA) <http://www.us-ca.org>.

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Established in 1999, NM Marketing Communications is a Chicago-area PR agency specializing in industrial, professional services, trade association and sports marketing clients. For further information, contact NMMC at (847) 657-6011 or at info@nmmarketingbiz.com.

Rocco Vino's Received Award

Savino and Laura D'Argento, owners in partnership with Rocco and Rosanna DeFrenza, of Rocco Vino's Pizza Pasta Express in Elk Grove, received the Mother Cabrini Award on Nov 8, 2009, for their dedication and support of children with disabilities through their contributions for Easter Seals Metropolitan, Rotary, and Salvation Army.

Celebrating his 20th Anniversary

Harvey "cookie man" Blender is celebrating his 20th anniversary helping build business for clients. He figures during that time, he has made over 1 million phone calls, baked 20,000 cookies, and rode his bicycles over 40,000 miles. He has also attended over 1000 business networking meetings and written 300 pages for his book, **Wonderfully YOU**, scheduled for release in 2010.

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Events

Business After Hours - Nov



EGC Chairman, Larry Minutillo presents our host with a certificate of appreciation to Sweet Baby Ray's for hosting our November Business After Hours event.

Business After Hours - October



EGC Board Member, Gary Becker of Chicago Sign Designs presents our host Alexian Village of Elk Grove with a certificate of appreciation.

Luncheon - Dec



Toys for Tots (Top) Elk Grove High School Towne Criers (Below)



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Belvedere Banquets – Beverages
Lynfred Winery – Wine Tasting
Office Depot – Hot Chocolate
Elk Grove High School Towne Criers - Entertainment

Welcome to our 2 new Ambassadors

Sandra Teague, Advantage Employment, Inc.
Jim Griseto, Roppolo Realty, Inc.

Please take a moment at our next event to introduce yourself to these folks. They have volunteered their time to serve as the liaison between the Association and its Membership. Ambassadors offer to coach new members and encourage existing members as to the best way to use their membership, as well as serve as Greeters at our events. Thank you to the entire Ambassador Team for all that they do.

If you have been an ACTIVE member for a minimum of one year and have approx 10 hours a month to volunteer, please contact our Ambassador Chairman, Guy Galloway, Pre-Paid Legal Services at (630)991-0832.



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For more information about our newest members, visit our website membership directory :<http://members.greaterohare.com> and click on View New Members.

The 24 Members



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Congratulations

Larry Minutillo of Harris Bank

for winning the \$100 at the
December Luncheon.

Referrals = Money

The more members we have the more effective we will be. Your help in expanding our membership strengthens our ability to provide the leadership, advocacy, connectivity and services our member's value.

Thank you to the following Members for their referrals who became Member

Tedd Meyer, Aflac, referring – **Aflac**
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With each new member your networking opportunities become greater and our collective voice becomes stronger.

As a "Thank You" when your referral becomes a member, your name will be entered into a drawing at our Monthly Luncheon, for \$100 cash! If you know of a quality company or business associate that could benefit from membership in our Association, please contact Lynda Macri, your Membership Director, at 630-773-2944.

Calendar of Events

For more information see the Schedule of Events or visit www.greater-ohare.com.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Power Partner Breakfast 7:30 - 9:30 am	4	5
8	9	10 Membership Lunch 11:30 - 1:30 pm	11	12
15	16 Brown Bag Seminar 5:00 - 7:00 pm	17 Chamber Net 7:30 - 9:00 am	18	19
22	23 Women's Forum 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	24	25 Business After Hours 7:30 - 9:00 am	26

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