

CONNECTION

WOODSTOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- Why the Chamber? 2
- Member First - a Motto for Success 3
- Chamber News..... 4
- Upcoming Events..... 5 - 6
- Members in the News 7-9
- WCCI Golf Registration..... 11
- Renewing Members 13
- New Members..... 13
- Mixer Photos..... 15
- Contact Information..... 16

NIERMAN LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN - 20 YEARS AND STILL GROWING

Nierman Landscape and Design, (NLD) is celebrating the 20th year of business this year and is the newest Executive Level member of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



Founder Tom Nierman was one of 12 finalists for the Case Equipment and Total Care Landscape Magazine's Landscape of the Year. The award honors North American Landscapers whose business savvy, high quality of work, and community involvement put them at the forefront of their profession.



On the local front, Tom is a past recipient of the Harold Buschkopf Community Service Award. The selection criteria for the award requires that the individual be known by many people or groups for having made a verifiable contribution to the quality of life in the greater Woodstock area. Community involvement includes such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts, Woodstock Groundhog Days, Woodstock Little League, Adult and Child Therapy Services, and Gaver's Community Cancer Foundation.

Tom has been in the horticulture industry since he was 15 years old, working at a local golf course. Tom earned an A.A.S. in Turfgrass Management from MCC, and a Bachelor Degree in Plant and Soil Science from Southern Illinois University. Tom spent some time after school working for some large landscape operations in the Midwest.



The birth of Nierman Landscape Design traces back twenty one years. One day Tom showed up at home and showed his wife Jill a new dump truck, and announced NLD was born.

Over the years Nierman Landscape and Design has grown to over 35 employees. Many of the employees have been with Tom for 18 plus years, and over half of the employees have more than 10 years with the NLD family.

Nierman Landscape and Design believes that a well planned and thoughtful landscape is an investment in your home or business that should be considered for aesthetic, functional, and financial viewpoints. NLD has the experience, knowledge, and skills to help you create a beautiful landscape that will meet and exceed your needs. No matter the size of your project, they can help it become a reality.

continued on page 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

September '11

- 9/9 Building Media Relationships
9:00 am
- 9/14 Small Office/Home Group Initial Meeting
Golden Eagle Community Bank
11:45 am Registration
12:00 pm Lunch
- 9/15 WCCI Board of Directors Meeting -
Chamber Office
7:30 am
- 9/18 HarvestFest /Fiddler's Contest - Woodstock Square
10:00 am
- 9/20 Mixer - McHenry County Memorial Park
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 9/22 Crossroads Care Center Cook-Off
309 McHenry Avenue
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

October '11

- 10/5 WCCI Golf Outing
Bull Valley Golf Club
11:30 am Shotgun Start
- 10/8 Fall Diddley -
- 10/9 Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere
- 10/12 Women & Investing Part 1, presented by Noel Thelander, Edward Jones at Golden Eagle Community Bank
11:45 am - 1:00 pm
- 10/14 Autumn Drive
- 10/16 Along Garden Valley Road
- 10/20 WCCI Board of Directors Meeting
Chamber Office
7:30 am

WHY THE CHAMBER?

By Shari Gray, Executive Director and Todd Kinker, Board President

Fall is a beautiful season. Like summer, there are days of pure enjoyment of the sun, yet without the sometimes oppressive heat. Just as each season has its aesthetic call for enjoyment, so does each season have its own benefits for being a member of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Coming this fall we have additional events geared towards drawing attention and customer support to our valued members. For instance, the Chamber Golf Outing on October 5th at the picturesque Bull Valley Golf Club (see registration form on page 11. Then come November and December we are proud to host the Victorian Christmas festivities which include the Lighting of the Square, Christmas Parade, Ladies Night Out, and the Kid's Weekend. Victorian Christmas dates run from November 19th to December 17th.

There are also plenty of benefits to membership that exist on a day-to-day, month-to-month basis. Every month the Chamber hosts networking mixers. The Chamber mixers give members the opportunity to network and brainstorm on ways to even further benefit from their Chamber membership. One such brainstorming session resulted in the newly formed Small Office/Home Office Group (SOHO Group) which meets for the first time on September 7th at noon at the Golden Eagle Community Bank. Lunch will be provided.

Another key benefit to being a member of the Chamber is the communication of up-to-date accomplishments of other members and opportunities for networking, education, and showcasing your accomplishments. Each week the Chamber provides a timely e-mail blast of current and upcoming events. The Chamber homepage (www.woodstockilchamber.com) is updated on a weekly basis to provide important information about and for members. And, every other month you can catch up on member benefits via the Chamber Newsletter.

Being a member of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry is, of course, something to be proud of. But, it is more than a mere benefit of civic pride. Being a member of the Chamber is a commitment to taking advantage of the benefits of being a part of the vital Woodstock business community. We, the Chamber, are a celebration of you, the members.

Every year businesses put together a marketing plan or strategy and then put it in a drawer and never look at it again until next year. With the uncertainty of the economy the Chamber, dollar for dollar, provides the most cost effective options for networking, advertising, building relationships, and showcasing your business. When was the last time you attended a Chamber mixer or all members meeting? Every month we have new members joining and renewing members recommitting themselves to the benefits of Chamber membership. If you haven't been to a mixer or all member meeting in awhile, make plans to attend an event now – see what you've been missing in terms of the great networking and learning opportunities that are available to members.

Membership in the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a privilege. It is far more than something to list on your corporate resume, it is an opportunity to increase your status in the community and to learn new ways to better your business.



2011 Officers & Board Of Directors

President

Todd Kinker —
Golden Eagle Community Bank

Treasurer

Tom Landers —
Marian Central Catholic High School

Secretary

Kathryn Loprino —
Woodstock Public House

Ex-Officio Members

Derik Morefield —
City of Woodstock

Tom Landers —
Marian Central Catholic High School

Barb Banker —
Woodstock Community School
District 200

Catherine Jones —
McHenry County College

Board Of Directors

Jim Campion —
Campion Curran Dunlop Lamb &
Cunabaugh, P.C.

Justin Cressler —
Kraft Foods/Clausen Pickle

Mike Levitan —
Waverly Ballroom

Lisa Kelly —
Harding Real Estate

Mark Peloquin —
Leading I.T. Solutions

Jenny Serritella —
Cobblestone's on the Square

Jennifer Baker —
Centegra Health System



WOMEN & INVESTING -
A 3-part Seminar Series especially for women

SPONSORED BY:

Woodstock Chamber of Commerce

PRESENTED BY:

Noël Thelander, Edward Jones Financial Advisors

DATES:

Part 1; Women and Investing - 10/12/11
Part 2; Raising a "Money Smart" child - 11/9/11
Part 3; Leaving a Legacy - 1/11/12

TIME: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PLACE: Golden Eagle Community Bank
(lower level community room)
975 Country Club Road, Woodstock

Participants are welcome to sign up for one, two or all three sessions. A light lunch will be served.

Feel free to invite a friend - RSVP to

Mary Page, Branch Office Administrator
Edward Jones (815) 338-2911

MEMBER FIRST - A MOTTO FOR SUCCESS

by Rikki Lee Travolta, Communications Coordinator

Buy local first. It's an easy adage to remember; it's even kind of catchy.

But, how many of us who support this notion in theory, actual practice what we preach?

Executive Director Shari Gray put it best in her column in the Woodstock Independent:

The Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports a pledge of "Shop Local First." This is more than a matter of civic pride, it's a fiscal responsibility to the betterment of the Woodstock community.

Think of it as a best-case-scenario of the trickle-down effect. You dine at a local restaurant, your money goes to support the locally owned establishment. Not only that, but the locally-based wait staff, kitchen staff, and management all get a piece of the pie. This is not to mention the tax dollars that go to the city, which in turn supports schools, police, and other civic entities.

The Membership List button on the Chamber homepage (www.woodstockilchamber.com) is a fantastic tool for helping members, residents, and visitors not only Shop Local First, but Shop Member First.

Far more than just a list of Chamber members, the easy-to-use Membership List tool allows you to look up member businesses by name, specialty, or even keyword. Categories for which you can look up members range from day-to-day areas such as financial institutions, education, grocery, coffee shops, hair salons, churches, and copy centers to special needs areas such as attorneys; heating, AC, and ventilation; graphic design; and waste disposal. Visitor-friendly categories include bed and breakfast, hotel and motel, restaurants, and theater and entertainment. There are over 175 different categories of member services.

For those who prefer the look and feel of hard copy, a comprehensive list of members by category is available each year in the Community & Visitor Guide, which is conveniently available for free at the Chamber office (136 Cass Street).

One advantage of the online Membership List tool is that it supports webpage links, email links, and map and directions links (in addition to the standard phone and address information). Another key advantage of the online membership listings available through the Chamber's webpage is that it includes up-to-date new members as they join.

Shopping Member First takes a little extra effort, but thanks to our website's Membership List tool, that extra effort is very minor. If we all commit to the idea of Shopping Member First, it will be a recipe for success for all of us.



Nierman Landscape and Design: continued from page 1

NLD offer a full range of services:

- **Landscape Design hand drawn, or CAD drawn**
- **Landscape installation**
- **Full Service Landscape Maintenance**
- **Hardscapes, Natural stone, precast stone, Unilock and PaveLoc pavers and retaining walls.**
- **Outdoor fire pits, and fireplaces**
- **Outdoor Kitchens**
- **Fertilization and Weed Control**
- **Small tree and brush removal**
- **Drainage Correction**
- **Water features, Waterfalls, Ponds, and Pond less Waterfalls**
- **Pond Dredging and restoration**
- **Shoreline Restoration and stabilization**
- **Snow plowing, snow removal and relocation.**
- **Authorized Dealer and installer for Nice Ice Skating Rinks**
- **Winter Rejuvenation Pruning**



CHAMBER GOLF OUTING NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS

The Annual Chamber Golf Outing, hosted by the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry, is slated to take place Wednesday, October 5th at the picturesque Bull Valley Golf Club (1311 Club Road, Woodstock).

The popular event will feature a shotgun start at 11:30 AM.

“The Annual Chamber Golf Outing is a fun way for members of the business community to support the chamber while enjoying great networking opportunities,” says Executive Director Shari Gray.

There is a \$100 participation fee per golfer, which includes lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and greens fees. Four-some registration fee is \$400 or \$480 including a \$20 discount on a Reverse Raffle ticket. Only 100 Reverse Raffle tickets will be sold.

New to the event is a Helicopter Ball Drop. Participants may purchase a numbered golf ball for \$5 each. All of the purchased balls will then be dropped onto the green from a helicopter and the owner of the closest ball to the pin wins \$1,000.

Hole sponsorship opportunities are available for only \$100 per hole. Sponsors are encouraged to man their hole with giveaways. Sponsors of contest holes must provide a prize.

Registration deadline is September 29, 2011.

To register see our convenient registration form on page 11. You can also contact Shari Gray at (815) 338-2436 or via email at shari@woodstockilchamber.com

WOODSTOCK
CHAMBER
of COMMERCE
and INDUSTRY
GOLF OUTING

October 5, 2011

Call 815.338.2436
to reserve your place today!

Golf at the beautiful
Bull Valley Golf Club

Lunch & Awards Dinner
Helicopter Drop
Reverse Raffle

18 holes of golf, cart & green fees

all for \$100 per person,
\$480/foursome with raffle ticket (save \$20)
or \$400/foursome without raffle

Support your Chamber
with a day of fun in the sun!



The first meeting of the Small Office/Home Office group will be Wednesday, September 14th at noon at Golden Eagle Community Bank. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP by 9/12 via email to shari@woodstockilchamber.com or to the Chamber office 815-338-2436.

Registration is at 11:45 am, followed by lunch at noon

Small Office/Home Office business owners face a number of unique challenges, including

- Lack of retail exposure – no chance for casual shoppers to find your business
- Advertising & marketing – unlimited possibilities, limited resources
- Multiple responsibilities – a SOHO business owner must wear ALL the hats, whether they are skilled or not
- Time management – how do you prioritize when EVERYTHING is important?
- Isolation – SOHO business owners often don't have anyone they can brainstorm with.

A SOHO group provides the opportunity to address these issues. Members can tell stories about their successful and failed advertising and marketing efforts. They can learn more efficient ways to manage their time. They can provide referrals for one another. They can barter or offer discounted services to help each other. Most of all, they can support one another's efforts, and act as cheerleaders for each other.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITH IN ACTION OF MCHENRY COUNTY HOSTS 'SOME ENCHANTED EVENING' CONCERT AND TOUR

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Doors open at 6PM

Concert begins at 8PM

Experience the fantastic sounds of The Theatre Pipe Organ at the Sanfilippo Estate. Join Faith in Action of McHenry County for a concert featuring a combination of show tunes, hymns, and contemporary music selections. A pre-concert tour of the world-renowned private Sanfilippo collection of music machines, phonographs and art glass is included with your ticket.



Jasper and Marion Sanfilippo open their private residence to tours and concerts exclusively to support the work of area non-profits through the Sanfilippo Foundation.

Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased by calling the Faith in Action office at 815-455-3120

BUILDING MEDIA RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP

Not-For-Profit Resources will host the workshop "Building Media Relationships" from 9AM to 10:30AM on September 9th. The workshop will be held at Family Service & Community Mental Health Center, 4100 Veterans Parkway, McHenry, in the Community Room. Fee for the workshop is \$10.00 for Volunteer Center members and \$15 for non-members. A light continental breakfast will be served. Registration is required by September 4. To register visit www.volunteermchenrycounty.org, click on Training.

Meet representatives from the Northwest Herald, Woodstock Independent, 105.5, and Patch.com. Find out how to utilize these media outlets to get your

message out. Learn what they look for and how to approach them. Bring your questions and business cards.

For more information about the "Building Media Relationships" contact Not-For-Profit Resources at 815-344-4483 or raugustyn@volunteermchenrycounty.org. Not-For-Profit Resources manages the United Way of Greater McHenry County Volunteer Center, McHenry County Human Race, and offers professional development training to help build capacity of nonprofit organizations.

MCHENRY COUNTY TAKES GREAT STRIDES FOR BREAST CANCER

Sunday, October 23, 2011 will be the 11th Annual Care4 Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk at Woodstock North High School. This annual event raises money for the Family Health Partnership Clinic's Breast Cancer Fund. The fund provides early detection, screening and educational services to women and men in McHenry County who have no insurance. Last year, this event raised a record breaking \$187,000! This year, over 2,000 participants are expected and pre-registration is strongly encouraged!

For the sixth year, Sage Products Inc. is the presenting sponsor. The Care4 Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk begins at 7:15am with same day-registration and an 8:30am race start time. Online registration (\$25) is easy and secure at www.hpclinic.org – click on the pink ribbon. Participants can do late-registration (\$30) at The Running Depot in downtown Crystal Lake on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9:00am – 2:00pm

For more information, visit www.hpclinic.org or call Liz Anneti at 815-334-8987, ext. 25.

Individuals interested in volunteering may contact Kathy Rauch, Volunteer Coordinator, at 815-334-8987, ext. 18 or by email at krauch@hpclinic.org.

SAFETY COURSES OFFERED AT SHAH CENTER

McHenry County College Shah Center is committed to assisting employers create a safe workplace that will benefit their employees and their bottom line. The Shah Center is accepting registrations for a variety of safety-related courses, including First Aid and CPR/AED training, facilitated by Centegra Worksite Wellness; OSHA 10-Hour Voluntary Compliance, facilitated by OSHA certified Accident Prevention Corporation; and hands-on Forklift Operator training, facilitated by Nissan Forklift.

Wednesday Sept. 4

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CPR/AED training enables employees and designated first responders to provide appropriate rescuer action in the event of a workplace emergency. The Shah Center, in partnership with Centegra Worksite Wellness, is offering American Red Cross CPR/AED. Cost: \$70. Register using course ID: NTES04001. To enroll in both the morning CPR/AED and afternoon First Aid class, cost is \$120 (course ID: NTES03001).

Wednesday, Sept. 4

1-4 p.m. First Aid training enables employees and designated first responders to provide appropriate rescuer action in the event of a workplace emergency. The Shah Center, in partnership with Centegra Worksite Wellness, is offering American Red Cross First Aid training. Cost: \$65. Register using course ID: NTES05001. To enroll in both the morning CPR/AED and afternoon First Aid classes, cost is \$120 (course ID: NTES03001).

Friday, Sept. 23

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Forklift Operator training provides participants with knowledge and skills to operate a powered industrial truck (forklift) in a safe and professional manner. Trucks covered are: ITA (Industrial Truck Association) Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Operator training is scheduled on Cost is \$125. Register using course ID: NTES54003. Classes will take place at Nissan Forklift in Marengo.

continued on next page

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 26

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (continued on Sept. 28) The OSHA 10-Hour Voluntary Compliance course focuses on the rights and responsibilities under the OSHA Act and features an introduction to general industry standards and an overview of the requirements of the more frequently cited standards to create a safer workplace and meet regulatory compliance needs. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will receive a certificate of attendance and an OSHA "10-hour" card from the Department of Labor. Cost is \$189, which includes materials. Register using course ID: NTE S65 001.

To register, call (815) 455-8588. For more information, contact the Center at (815) 455-8593 or shahcenter@mchenry.edu.

HORSES FOR HENRY DAY – SEPTEMBER 18

Family Alliance benefit at Arlington Heights Race Track

Family Alliance will be the recipient of the annual "Horses for Henry" day, sponsored by the family of Henry A. Fischer, to be held at Arlington Heights Race Track on the 18th of September. Gates open at 11:15 am and the first race is at 1:00 pm. Adults are \$12 and Children (4-17) are \$5. Price includes admission, reserved box seat and program. In order to reserve your place, you must RSVP no later than 9/1/11 to Paula Fischer (847-924-8026). Tickets MUST be purchased in advance for this event. There will be raffle items, and all proceeds will go to benefit Family Alliance, Inc., a mature adult wellness center serving mature adults and their caregivers for over 29 years.

SHAH CENTER BREAKFAST SERIES TO FEATURE "TRUST IN THE WORKPLACE"

To help create or rebuild a strong foundation of trust within high-performance organizations, the Start@Shah monthly breakfast series from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16 will feature "Trust in the Workplace," presented by Dr. Frances Glosson, director of Com-

munity Learning Strategies for Centegra Health System.

Dr. Glosson is a specialist in leadership, learning, service and research with over 40 years experience. She works with individuals and teams that seek connectivity and an infusion of spirit as well as improvement in bottom line results.

Her talk will focus on how vital leadership skills include personal strategies to strengthen trust at work and create an environment where people take risks. She will relate how a leader's goals are irrelevant if employees are unwilling to embrace change, unconfident or lack commitment; and if employees distrust their leaders.

Cost is \$35 using course ID: NTLS91002 to register. The breakfast series takes place at the Shah Center, 4100 W. Shamrock Lane in McHenry. To register, call (815) 455-8588. For more information, contact the Shah Center at (815) 455-8593 or shahcenter@mchenry.edu.

'TIS THE TIME FOR TEE TO TEA!

Adult & Child Therapy Services is gearing up for their Annual Women's Golf Outing, Tee to Tea. The event will take place at Plum Tree National Golf Club in Harvard on Monday, September 26th.

This is the sixth year Adult & Child Therapy has held Tee to Tea and the event has become known as a great way to spend a fun filled day with friends and co-workers. After a 9 a.m. registration, Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager will conduct our caddie auction. Each year, four to five businessmen from McHenry County are auctioned off to be caddies for the day to the winning bidders. After the caddie auction, ladies will play 9 holes of golf and will be treated to snacks, beverages, cash games and fun on the course. After golfing, there will be a high tea and silent auction.

Cost for the event is \$85/golfer. Sponsorships and auction donations for this event are still available and encouraged.

For more information, to donate an auction item or to become a sponsor, please call Adult & Child Therapy Services at (815) 338-1707.

BRIDGE MARATHON RAISES MONEY FOR ADULT & CHILD THERAPY



Pat Cervantes, left, presents a \$500.00 check to Kimberley Larson, Executive Director of Adult & Child Therapy Services. The money was raised by participants at Adult & Child Therapy Services' Bridge Marathon. Division 1 of the marathon was won by Pat Morava & Claudia Bliss. Division 2 winners were Pat Cervantes & Fran Sleconich and Division 3 winners were Ruth Hodges & Carol McGuire.

Adult & Child Therapy is a non-profit providing physical, occupational and speech therapies, as well as home health care to residents in McHenry County. They have been providing services for 60 years.

LOCAL BANKER REAPPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE IBA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Robert Cormier Jr., Executive Vice President at Home State Bank N.A., Crystal Lake, recently was reappointed as Chairman of the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) 2011-2012 Education Committee by IBA Chairman James M. Roof, First Midwest Bank, Joliet, Illinois.



As the Chairman of the Committee, Robert Cormier Jr. will assist in recommending strategies for the development, marketing and implementation of educational offerings to meet the current needs of Illinois bankers. In ad-

dition, he will serve in an advisory role to the IBA Board of Directors on timely and important banking topics, while examining the quality of all educational programs offered and marketed by the association to ensure that the professional development needs of all Illinois bankers are met.

The Illinois Bankers Association is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations of all sizes in Illinois. Collectively, the IBA represents nearly 90 percent of the assets of the Illinois banking industry, which employees more than 100,000 men and women in over 5,000 offices across the state.

HAHS AND ARMY RESERVE JOIN FORCES TO TRAIN AND TREAT

The Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS) and the U.S. Army Reserve have agreed to work together to help distressed animals and train Army veterinarians. SGT. William Nadolski of the 719th Medical Company (Veterinary Services) at Fort Sheridan, Ill., contacted the Hooved Animal Humane Society early in June 2011, after reading about HAHS in the McHenry County Magazine. The Army Reserve veterinarians conduct training on animals at 4 week intervals. "It was never an issue to accommodate the small animal vets", said SGT. Nadolski, "but I always had a difficult time accommodating the 'large animal' vets."

HAHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1971 and just celebrated its 40th Anniversary. It is HAHS's mission to promote the humane treatment of hooved animals through education, legislation, investigation and, if necessary, legal intervention (impoundment). In addition, HAHS provides physical rehabilitation to animals that have endured severe neglect and abuse and then adopts them out to compassionate forever homes.

HAHS was the first humane society established in the United States to focus specifically on large animals, primarily

horses, which had little representation until the formation of HAHS. In 1973, HAHS was the driving force behind the passage of "The Humane Care for Animals Act." Through the Illinois Department of Agriculture, this Act gives HAHS the legal authority to investigate claims of abuse and neglect and intervene when owners do not comply with notice to remedy the situation. The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act is recognized as the legislative model when other states consider passing similar laws.

HAHS receives no federal or state support; the organization is totally dependent upon contributions from fund raising activities, membership donations, grants and endowment gifts.

HAHS' 26-acre farm, located in the heart of McHenry County in Woodstock, has five barns and an Education Center, which is used year-round for meetings, fundraisers, training sessions and seminars through the University of Illinois Extension Office for new and experienced horse owners alike.

SGT. Nadolski and approximately 25 large animal veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and inspectors visited the HAHS farm for the first time on August 7th, where they performed routine horse care such as vaccinations, de-worming, dentistry and physical exams. SGT. Nadolski added that some of his veterinarians would be available in emergency care situations as well.

Tracy A. McGonigle, Esq., the society's Executive Director, said "I'm very excited about this opportunity to assist the U.S. Army Reserve, while receiving such a great benefit for our horses, the sole purpose of our existence. It's a Win-Win situation."

For information about the Hooved Animal Humane Society, visit www.hahs.org.

The 719th Medical Company is a subordinate unit of the 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support) in Salt Lake City. For more information on the 807th Medical Command, visit www.armyreserve.army.mil/807MDSC or become a fan on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/807thmdsc.

Introducing Any Key, Any Time SOHO Managed Services

We specialize in remote support services, which means we can do most of the work during off hours when the computer(s) and network are not in use. With Any Key Any Time, we can take the hassle out of keeping your computer and software up to date.

This plan includes:

- Unlimited Phone Technical Support
 - Unlimited Remote Technical Support
 - Priority On-Site service (when necessary)
 - PC Audit
 - Security Audit
 - User Management & Password Reset
 - Desktop Optimization and Management
 - Virus/Malware Management
 - New hardware and software installation, setup and testing (User-provided hardware and software)
 - Windows Patch Management
 - Software Patch Management
 - License Key Management
 - Backup/Restore
 - Secunia Security Program
 - Data recovery
 - Safe recycling of your old no-longer-used electronics
 - New purchase consultation (so you get the right tools to do the job at the best price)
- If you have any questions, please give me a call.
- Helen P. Riggs
Any Key Computer Services
We Do Windows!
P.O. Box 2075
McHenry, IL 60050
www.anykeycomputerservices.com
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Any-Key-Computer-Service/148843441828461>
<http://www.linkedin.com/company/1487865>
Your Personal IT Department!

KATHRYN BEERNINK HONORED BY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Kathryn Beer-nink of Crystal Lake was honored in August at the Faith in Action National Network Conference in Oak Brook, IL for her service to the seniors of McHenry County.



Kathryn is a trained registered nurse who left her paid hospital position and joined the Faith in Action of McHenry County cadre of volunteers. Kathryn's people skills serve her well, as she befriends senior neighbors who ask for her by name. Since 2005, Kathryn has served Faith in Action of McHenry County in almost every service category, including the governing board of directors.

According to one of Kathryn's care recipients, she "has a heart of gold and does so much for me...takes me places, shopping, doctors, even to the cemetery. If it weren't for her I could not go anyplace and would be trapped here. I don't know how to explain it but if you could say from the bottom of my heart I thank God for her, she is my guardian angel."

For information about Faith in Action of McHenry County, inquire about services, or become a volunteer like Kathryn, please visit fiamchenrycounty.org or call 815-455-3120.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION: MOVING FORWARD WITH AUTISM

We come from a world filled with complexity, societal advancements and an attitude in which we strive to have answers to all components of our life. Autism stands as a bold presence in society, offering more questions than answers. Pioneer Center for Human Services, McHenry County's largest social service agency delivering services to more than 2,500 individuals each year, has found a new focus in deliver-

ing cutting-edge autism services to the community. In July 2010, the organization merged with Children's Center for Autism. Since then, the need for greater and more varied autism services in McHenry County has grown and Pioneer Center is rising to the occasion in answering these needs.

This year Pioneer Center is pleased to announce that Children's Center for Autism will become Pioneer Center Autism Services. This change will broaden the scope of services the organization is able to offer individuals with this troubling diagnosis. Three areas of development currently under evaluation include day programming for adults 18 and older, after-school care for individuals ages 18-21 and an adult group home. All projects are specifically designed around the unique needs of individuals with autism. Leading this growth is Kim Nygaard, Director of Developmental Disabilities. With her guidance, Pioneer Center is poised to change how autism is addressed in McHenry County.

"I am very proud to be a part of such a wonderful program development. Pioneer Center has recognized the needs of McHenry County residents and their families who are coping with autism. In most areas of the state autism services are limited, and Pioneer Center is very much dedicated to increasing opportunities in our county. These three target areas for program expansion are much needed and being requested by families in the community. I am very excited to be involved in this process," said Kim.

Genetically, everyone stands as being unique while offering different skills and talents to their community. Individuals diagnosed with Autism are balanced across a spectrum that represents different severities of the disorder, representing different skill sets, comprehension, ability, etc. There are those with high functioning autism that help to create amazing success stories that we all love to hear. However, the autistic individual that grew to become a brilliant pianist or a mathematical magician represent a very small percentage of those diagnosed with autism. Though such accomplishments are wonderful and must be celebrated, it is our duty to recognize and acknowledge individuals with

severe autism when they make accomplishments. Pioneer Center is dedicated to providing supports for individuals of all levels of autism so they may achieve success in every day aspects of living.

Today's statistics show that 1 out of 110 children born today will be diagnosed with Autism. As troubling a statistic as this may be, the numbers seem to be growing as time goes on. This growth makes it imperative that we start creating services now. Currently, the state provides special education for individuals with Autism from ages 3 up until their 22nd birthday. Once they reach their 22nd birthday, the education system has fulfilled its role and the child moves into the world of adult services. There are few providers that support individuals with developmental disabilities - and even fewer that understand and provide the unique supports dictated by autism. Pioneer Center is taking the steps necessary to improve the lives of those with Autism by expanding its adult Autism programs in order to meet client's needs and help them function in daily life.

To learn more about current and planned autism services through Pioneer Center, call 815.344.1230 or visit pioneercenter.org.

STATE'S BROKE, HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES OUT OF LUCK

On August 4, 2011 the Human Service Advocates of McHenry County met to discuss the dismal state of affairs for non-profit human service agencies within the county. The organization is made up of a group of dedicated board members from direct service providers in McHenry County. The members of the group realize and share with the community and legislators the critical impact on quality of life the services these agencies provide seriously has on our local McHenry County community and throughout the entire State of Illinois.

The group advocates on behalf of more than 20 human service agencies in McHenry County including Family Service & Community Mental Health Center, Family Alliance and Pioneer Center.

A topic of great discussion at the meeting revolved around human service agencies appealing to the state to make good on its backlogged payments. The state has turned from making excuses on why its payments are late and promises of them being forthcoming to now treating human service agencies like it is their own fault the state isn't paying. A massive amount of paperwork must be filled out and accusations from the state must be addressed as to why the agency feels it should receive the money, ironically money that had previously been promised and legitimately owed by the state.

Information was shared at the meeting that "Mental Health Region 2" including Lake, DuPage, Kane, Kendall and McHenry Counties currently has ten agencies on a "red" list who can no longer afford to make their payroll due to these late or unpaid payments from the State of Illinois. The state, through its non-action, has taken the stance that they should anticipate and plan for closing their doors.

When agencies appeal to state legislators for help in acquiring funds owed, they are told "the state just doesn't have the money." Where did it go? Who was it given to? The services provided were done by state mandate(s) and the return was to be prompt and adequate payment. Human service agencies delivered...why is it ok for the state to back out of their end of the deal? Who will be the provider of these integral services to the community as one by one they find themselves out of business?

Current figures show that the State of Illinois owes Family Service & Community Mental Health Center \$600,000; Family Alliance \$100,000; Hearthstone \$77,000; Turning Point \$57,000; Options & Advocacy \$95,228 and Pioneer Center \$2.7 million for a total of \$3,629,228. And these are only six of the 20 plus agencies on the waiting list.

How many Illinois citizens will survive the wait for urgent services and how the community's safety and wellbeing will be affected remains to be seen. The future does not look good for Illinois citizens in need of human services. When funding is cut due to state budget issues, a domino effect is created causing long-term issues with increases in the homeless rate, criminal activity and

unemployment. Our communities are already struggling enough without these added challenges.

BEAR HUGS DELIVERS LOTS OF TEDDY BEAR HUGS

Phyllis Close of Bear Hugs of Chicago-Land (a Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry member since 1998) proudly announces that 16,000 teddy bears have been donated since 1998 to various agencies for distribution to traumatized children and the forgotten elderly.

Contributions are received from companies, individuals, and organizations and all monies received are used to purchase teddy bears as there are no administrative costs.

In McHenry County, all police and fire departments have received teddy bears, as well as every hospital, hospice, nursing home, child abuse center, Christmas Clearing House, and Shop with a Cop.

If you need a speaker or more information on Bear Hugs, please call Phyllis Close at (815) 334-0718.

WOODSTOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Queen of Hearts Raffle

Step 1: Buy a ticket for only \$1.
Step 2: Fill out your name, address and phone. And pick an available number (from 1-52).
Step 3: Drawings are held weekly, each Thursday at 4:30 pm.
Step 4: If your ticket is drawn you have a chance to win.
Step 5: Draw the Ace of Spades, King of Diamonds, Queen of Diamonds or King of Hearts and you win \$20!
Draw the Queen of Hearts, you are the GRAND PRIZE WINNER! You will take home 50% of the total jackpot.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT LOCAL TAVERNS AND RESTAURANTS WHERE YOU SEE THIS POSTER OR AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE. 136 Cass St. Woodstock, IL 815-338-2436



Photo by Shana McCoy

Photo by Shana McCoy



McHenry County Living

448 W. Terra Cotta Avenue, Suite A, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
 815.459.7522 | www.mchenrycountyliving.com



Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry

GOLF OUTING

RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY SEPT. 29th

October 5th at Bull Valley Golf Club

— Shotgun Start at 11:30 am —

Prizes, Gifts and a Great Day of Networking

NEW!

- Per Golfer \$100
- Per Foursome \$400
- Hole Sponsor \$100
- Reverse Raffle Ticket \$100



Price includes 18 holes golf; cart; range balls; lunch; casual dinner.

Don't Miss our REVERSE RAFFLE
only 100 tickets available!

SIGN ME UP FOR THE 2011 WCCI GOLF OUTING!

NAMES/TEAM NAME - \$100/PERSON \$400/FOURSOME -

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

DINNER ONLY - \$20 PER PERSON

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET - \$100 Reverse Raffle Tickets are \$100 each, or **SAVE \$20** - buy your Reverse Raffle Ticket when you buy your foursome at the same time for only \$480!

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____ # OF GOLFERS _____ # OF DINNER ONLY _____

CREDIT CARD (MC OR VISA) # _____ EXP DATE _____

COMPANY NAME: _____ CONTACT PERSON: _____

MAIL TO: WOODSTOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
 136 CASS ST., WOODSTOCK, IL 60098



Bull Valley Golf Club

1311 Club Road, Woodstock, Illinois 60098



Bull Valley Golf Club Bridal Extravaganza

The perfect opportunity to meet some of the best vendors in the Northwest Suburbs, drink champagne, sample appetizers and see one of the top destination spots for weddings in the area. No cover, just a smile at the door! We look forward to seeing you there!



Sunday, September 18th, 2011



1pm—5pm



Emily.Stark@BullValleyGolfClub.com or 815.337.4411

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL GROWTH

Dr. Kelly Vinehout
P.O. Box 1861
Woodstock, IL 60098
815-245-6669

SIMPLE MARKET

Abigail Powers
103 E. Van Buren St.
Woodstock IL 60098
877-393-0050

THANKS TO OUR RENEWING MEMBERS

ANGELO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

APPLE CREEK FLOWERS

BEAR HUGS OF CHICAGOLAND

CARDINAL FITNESS OF WOODSTOCK

CENTERVILLE SELF STORAGE

CENTURY TILE

COLEMAN & COMPANY

COSTCO WHOLESALE

CRYSTAL LAKE ENGRAVING

DERMA VITA MEDISPA

EDWARD JONES – RUSS OLSEN

FIFTH THIRD BANK

FOX FRAME SHOP

JEWEL FOOD STORE

MCHENRY SPECIALTIES

MCKENNA STORER ROWE WHITE & FARRUG

RUSH CREEK FARM

SPORTS PHYSICAL THERAPY

TURN KEY DIGITAL

WOODSTOCK HARVESTFEST AND FAIR IN THE SQUARE TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Fun for the whole family will be found on the historic Woodstock Square on Sunday, September 18, from 10AM to 5PM (rain or shine!), when the 16th Annual HarvestFest and Fair In the Square take place.

The Fair In the Square Craft Show will include the farmers' market, old-time crafts, pumpkin carving, free wagon rides, a blacksmith, children's activities, antique tractors, and much more. HarvestFest will also feature many musical events and activities, including the comedy and folk duo Hartland Express and other local favorite performers on the bandstand in the Square, an acoustic jam tent, an open stage area (at Stage Left Cafe, next to the Woodstock Opera House), and contests for fiddle, banjo, guitar, and mandolin players: cash prizes will be awarded to the top four performers of each instrument.

Admission to Harvest Fest and Fair In The Square is free. For more information, contact Keith Johnson at (815)338-5164 or via email at offsquare@gmail.com. HarvestFest is coordinated by Off Square Music, a Woodstock not for profit folk music organization. Visit the website at offsquaremusic.org for information about this and other Woodstock musical events.



F
i
n
z
e
l

F
o
t
o
s



Capture all your marketing needs through the art of photography!

Finzel Fotos

finzelfotos@gmail.com

Follow Finzel Fotos on Facebook!

815.382.2078

MISS McHENRY COUNTY



OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SEPTEMBER WOODSTOCK PARTICIPATES IN “TEAL AROUND TOWN” RIBBON CAMPAIGN

During the month of September, trees on the Historic Woodstock Square, Woodstock High School campus, Dean Street Elementary campus, District 200 Superintendent’s office, Woodstock Fire and Rescue – Station 2, and Centegra – Woodstock Memorial Hospital, Woodstock Specialty Hospital and Woodstock Auxiliary will be decorated with teal ribbons. All government, education, and healthcare institutions in Woodstock are partnering with the Illinois Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) to raise awareness of ovarian cancer.

Jolene White, a Woodstock native, 3-year ovarian cancer survivor and volunteer for NOCC, coordinated the efforts and invited these institutions to join in the first “Teal Around Town” campaign. In addition, local businesses, places of worship, etc. will be displaying awareness posters and handing out other educational information to the general public.

Known as the silent killer, ovarian cancer will affect one in every 58 women with few warning signs. Early detection is the key to survival. Jolene’s mission is to raise awareness for the signs of ovarian cancer so woman will know when to contact their physician. Unfortunately, only about 15% of ovarian cases are caught early where it can be managed and even cured. This is why it is so important for woman to recognize the signs and symptoms, listen to their bodies, and consult a doctor or gynecological oncologist.

Signs and symptoms include:

- Bloating
- Pelvic or abdominal pain
- Trouble eating or feeling full quickly
- Feeling the need to urinate urgently or often
- Fatigue
- Upset stomach or heartburn
- Back pain
- Pain during sex
- Constipation or menstrual changes

For more information about this initiative, contact Karen Young at the Illinois Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition at 708-763-8477 or visit www.ovarian.org.

CHAMBER MEMBERS AT MIXIN’ MINGLE



Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have time to lend a hand in the Chamber office, please contact us at 815-338-2436 .

WCCI Mission Statement

As the advocate for the business community, the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry provides programs and services to ensure a favorable business climate and acts as the vehicle to promote the area's economic and social progress.

■ **CHAIRMAN'S CLUB** ■
Centegra Health System

Claussen Pickle Company

Mercy Health System

■ **EXECUTIVE LEVEL** ■

Nierman Landscape & Design

How to Reach the Chamber:

Chamber hours are

Monday

Noon to 4 pm

Phone 815-338-2436

Tuesday thru Thursday,

10 am to 4 pm

Fax 815-338-2927

Friday

Closed

e-mail: chamber@woodstockilchamber.com

Visit our web site at www.woodstockilchamber.com

CONNECTION
WOODSTOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

136 Cass Street
Woodstock, IL 60098

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Woodstock, IL 60098
Permit No. 10

Or Current Resident