

GRIDLOCK BROKEN IN SPRINGFIELD??...NOW WHAT!

The recent Legislative Summit in Springfield brought 130 representatives of chambers from all over the state to discuss issues that impacted them locally and to try and form a consensus for an agenda for 2009. With the state budget in disarray, there surely will be new attempts to raise taxes and fees. We need to look for palatable ways to bring new revenue streams to government so that services are not cut and jobs are created. The government also has the responsibility of looking for ways to cut expenses before any new taxes are considered.



Keynote speaker Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias speaks with Todd Maish, Illinois Chamber Government Affairs Director, before the Legislative Summit on January 26th.

State Representative Jim Sacia, a former FBI agent, gave us great perspective on the impeachment proceedings and what was likely to happen by the end of the week,



With over 130 chamber representatives attending the event at the Sangamo club in Springfield, we have easily outgrown accommodations here and will have to move to a new venue in 2010.



There will definitely be several tax proposals on the table this spring starting with proposals to tax services under the Illinois sales tax, an 8 cent motor fuel tax to fund a capital bill, and perhaps an increase in the income tax to fund education. In addition, streamlining sales tax laws might sound like a good idea but the Illinois Chamber cautions that serious technical and substantive issues may arise. The Chamber believes a comprehensive cost/benefit study should be conducted to estimate the revenue impact on both state and local government.

State Treasurer Giannoulias is pushing a proposal calling for the consolidation of the five state-funded pension systems into a single entity. The Treasurer's office projects that the resultant savings with this consolidation will be \$12 million for administrative costs and up to \$70 million annually in fees paid out to private firms to manage and invest assets in each system.

For a complete look at the handouts from the Illinois Legislative Summit, please go to: www.iacce.org.

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CHAMBER MATTERS

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The President's Letter



**Chamber President
BOB KOREN**

Dear Chamber Member,

February is here, which means we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day. It's also American Heart Month. We should all make some the time, in our busy schedules, to go have our blood pressure and cholesterol checked to maintain our good health, and to learn about the risk factors and warning signs of heart attack and stroke.

The chamber had its first after-hours at Elements Diet and Fitness on Thursday, January 29th. We had a great turnout and a great time. I would like to thank Kim Branch at Elements for hosting the after-hours.

Many dates have been set for upcoming chamber events. The spring Golf Outing at Rob Roy is Wednesday, June 3rd; the 10th Annual Block Party is Saturday, July 25th; the first Corporate 5K Run is scheduled for August; and the fall Golf Outing at the Mt. Prospect Golf Club is Thursday, September 24th.

Please put these events on your calendars and help support them anyway you can.

Dan Quiery from American Taxi Company unfortunately had to resign from the Mt. Prospect Board of Directors in January. I want to personally thank Dan for all his contributions to the chamber, especially chairing the Ambassador's committee. Dan, you will be missed. Again, our thanks.

Remember, during these challenging times, it's important to stay involved in the chamber, network with fellow members, and support each other's business. I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Bob Koren
President

Guns and Hoses

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE ANNUAL TELEPHONE SOLICITATION PROCESS



John Dahlberg
Police Chief

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) is the labor union representing Patrol Officers and Sergeants employed by the Mount Prospect Police Department for collective bargaining and legal representation purposes. Typically, M.A.P. solicits all residents and businesses within Mount Prospect once a year and that time is nearing. I would like to remind business owners and managers within Mount Prospect that solicitations made on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police are, without exception, made by employees of professional fund raising enterprises and not Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants. No Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants are involved in the practice of soliciting money from residents or businesses over the telephone for any purpose, as this practice is

expressly prohibited by department policy. Telephone solicitors working on behalf of M.A.P. who claim to be Mount Prospect police officers are simply misrepresenting themselves.

Donations requested in the name of M.A.P. fund raising efforts go to support union activities and are not given to the Mount Prospect Police Department. Solicitors who claim that donated monies directly assist the police department are simply misrepresenting the facts. A good way to identify this type of solicitation is when the solicitor offers to send a representative to your business or home to collect your donation. This practice has been common amongst professional fund raising firms used by M.A.P. locally in the past.

I know Mount Prospect business owners and managers are hard working and generous people and my sincere hope is that they make fully informed decisions about the causes they choose to financially support.

John K. Dahlberg
Chief of Policet

SKATE FOR HISTORY ON PRESIDENTS DAY

On Presidents Day, Feb. 16, local schoolchildren and their parents will have the opportunity to help preserve the 1896 Central School and support the Mount Prospect Historical Society. The best part is, they can do this while enjoying a roller skating party from noon to 5 p.m. at the Central Community Center (CCC), 1000 W. Central Rd., Mount Prospect.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Mount Prospect Historical Society is hosting the party to support our efforts to preserve Mount Prospect history. In 2009, the Society will kick off Phase II of the Central School campaign. Now that the school has arrived safely at its new home on the MPHS museum campus, work will proceed to fully repair and restore the 1896 structure, in order to once again make it accessible to the community. The schoolhouse will then be used as a multi-purpose exhibit space, educational facility and community meeting area in the tradition of its previous roles in village history.

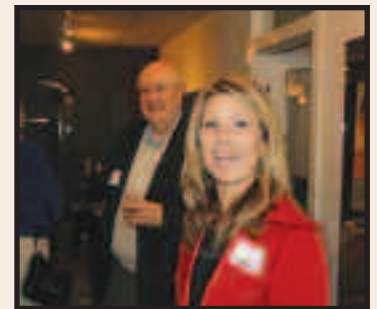
Admission for the skating party will be \$5 per person. A limited number of skates will be available for rental from the park district at an additional cost of \$5. But it is suggested that skaters bring in their own skates, which will be subject to inspection by park district personnel, to prevent a shortage.

Disc jockey services for the afternoon are being provided by Ed Johnson, a member of the Society's board of directors.

While the skating party is open to students from all schools in the Village, the Society and the park district do request that children in fourth grade and under be accompanied by a parent.

Pizza, pop and snacks will be sold throughout the afternoon, as part of the fund-raising effort, Peerbolte says, so plan on enjoying your lunch at the CCC, too.

Kim Branch held a First Anniversary Party at **Elements** and combined it with an after-hours for chamber members and her fitness members.



The Theme was "Put Your Best Foot Forward in 2009" and there was a lot of struttin' on the "pink" carpet.

Judges scored the shoes and the footwork on the red , er pink, carpet while the audience watched in awe. Elements set the bar pretty high for all the after-hours to come this year. Next one on February 26th at MB Financial Bank.



CAPITAL MARKETS REFORM CAN'T WAIT



*By Tom Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
January 27, 2009*

Now that the ceremonies and celebrations are over, it's time for President Obama and Congress to begin the difficult task of governing the nation. There are many issues that will require their attention. Economic stimulus, energy, and health care are likely to be on the agenda. But they should consider addressing another issue sooner rather than later--capital markets reform.

In the midst of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, nothing is more essential than modernizing and strengthening the outmoded regulatory systems that govern our financial markets. This is as important for Main Street as it is for Wall Street. Without access to capital--for families, small businesses, and large corporations--the economy will never get out of the ditch.

We need modern, efficient, transparent, and smartly regulated markets to deliver capital where and when it is needed. The most important step is making sure that the markets are adequately protected from systemic risks. Establishing capital and liquidity requirements for all significant financial institutions is a necessary step. Eliminating "dead zones" where regulatory authority is unclear or nonexistent is also essential. The entire derivatives market--the credit default swaps and collateralized debt obligations you've been reading about--were allowed to run rampant without sufficient oversight. And we are paying the price.

In addition, we must orient the rules governing the financial markets toward the 21st century. Current regulations, which were written at a time closer to the Civil War than to today, are duplicative, overlapping, and contradictory. Clarity and simplicity must be our guideposts.

Regulators and investors alike would benefit from increased transparency. Markets always work better when participants have the most complete information possible. We must also ensure the viability and quality of independent auditing, which provides critical information to investors. Likewise, we must seek strong consumer protections while ensuring that they deliver real value, not merely regulation for its own sake.

Every rule must provide real benefits for consumers and investors. They must not, however, curb the legitimate risk taking that helps make our country great. As President Obama said in his inaugural address, "It has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things ... who have carried us up the long rugged path towards prosperity and freedom." Obama's words describe America's spirit of enterprise at its finest. It now falls to lawmakers to make them a reality by strengthening and modernizing our aging and inefficient capital markets.

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CHAMBER CHATTER

Richard Sassan of **B & E Accounting** has agreed to chair the Ambassadors group now that Dan Quiery, **American Taxi** has retired.

WBBS was pleased to see some new faces at their last meeting. These included Eirit Yonatan from **The EyeSite**, Dr. Laura Crane and Suria Mahumed from **Park Chiropractic**.

Dr. Mary and Dr. John from **Innate Concepts Chiropractic** are traveling to Italy in April for a visit with their family.

Have you taken advantage of the **Hot Deals** on our web site? Most people visiting our site are looking for special discount offers and this is where you can **post them free** of charge. Call our office to find out how you can participate. You may find discounts that you will want to use in your business also. It's good business to support your fellow chamber members!

NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN JOINS ITT TECH-MT. PROSPECT

ITT Tech-Mt. Prospect recently welcomed Dr. Paul Lawson in the position of Associate Dean. Dr. Lawson brings with him significant experience in higher education. In addition to a distinguished career teaching Humanities, Philosophy, and Social Science, he also has contributed significantly to the field of teacher education.

Dr. Lawson holds both a Masters Degree and a Doctorate from the University of Chicago. He believes strongly in the important partnership between the community and ITT Tech. He states: "ITT Tech-Mt. Prospect serves the community as we help prepare individuals to be productive members of the community. Our school is also a reflection of the community's goals and ideals, in terms of creating well-rounded citizens who are responsive to the stability and survival of the community. So we need each other and depend on each other."

Through his expertise and creative abilities, he hopes to contribute strongly to the school's presence in the community. "I very much look forward to interacting, serving and contributing."



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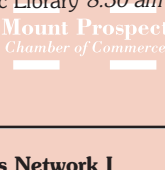


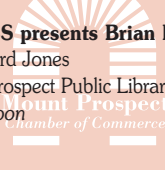




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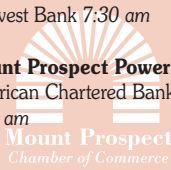
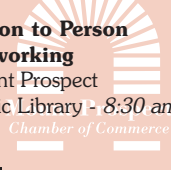
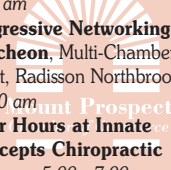

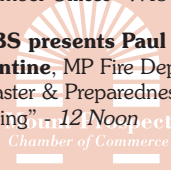



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FEBRUARY 2009

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		Sales Network Chamber Offices - 7:45 am 	Mount Prospect Power Net American Chartered Bank 7:45 am Multi-Chamber Networking Chocolate & Champagne Hilton /Northbrook 4:00-6:30pm 	6 
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MARCH 2009

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 11:30 AM - Multi-Chamber Progressive Networking Luncheon, Radisson Northbrook

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15 YEARS

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River Trails School District 26 8/1/1994 • Little Villa Restaurant 9/24/1994
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10 YEARS

State Representative Carolyn Krause 1/12/1999 • Norwood Builders, Inc. 4/1/1999
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Every Wednesday: Northwest Business Builders meets at 7:30am at Twin Links Golf Course Clubhouse in Palatine.

WBBS (Women's Brown Bag Series)

February 25 - Brian Hamm of Edward Jones will be talking about 401K's and IRA's

March 25 - "Disaster Planning and Preparedness" Paul Valentine
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