



Chamber Matters

March 2010 Newsletter

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The Primaries are Over - Now What!

Paul Green, the director of the Institute for Politics and Arthur Rubloff Professor of Policy Studies at Roosevelt University will speak to members about the gubernatorial candidates and how they will affect business and the economy.

Wednesday, March 17

Stonegate Banquest Center
2401 W. Higgins Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL

11:30am

\$25 for participating Chamber
Members

(a Biz 6 Plus event)

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Greetings!

At the regular meeting of the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 11, the board voted unanimously to approve a **legislative agenda for 2010** and also support the Fair Map Amendment proposed by the Illinois League of Women Voters and supported by numerous state organizations, including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. The board members also agreed to circulate petitions regarding the amendment and advise the public that they can come into the MP Chamber Office at 107 S. Main Street to sign the petition.

The guiding principles of the Mount Prospect Chamber 2010 Legislative Platform require a legislative remedy in the following arenas: Transportation/Infrastructure, Budget/Finance, Health Care, Labor/Workforce and Business Taxation/Fees. The Mount Prospect Chamber suggests an emphasized focus from our legislators be placed on increasing regional prosperity and the creation of jobs thus positioning the region for greater economic success in a competitive marketplace.

As lawmakers face difficult choices in trying to alleviate the ongoing fiscal crisis and lack of accountability, the MP Chamber has identified the following priorities and encourages:

1. **Transportation/Infrastructure.** Support for the enhancement of funding for transportation investment programs to address the backlog of highways, major arterials, bridges and unmarked states routes. The following strategic expansions are supported: METRA Star Line; Illinois Route #53/Illinois Route 120 Bypass.
2. **Budget/Finance.** Strengthen the local economy by addressing deficit spending and restore its fiscal integrity on all levels; seek only the passage of county and state budgets that identify fair and equitable funding sources.
3. **Health Care.** Support legislation that would allow small businesses to join together through association health plans. Oppose universal mandates to coverage and oppose any legislation that would increase costs to the business owner.
4. **Labor/Workforce.** Work to ensure that businesses have access-today and tomorrow-to an educated and skilled workforce. With the anticipation of increasing educational skill gaps, encourage measures to support sustainable education and workforce training strategies and models with proven success promoting Illinois leadership of innovation.
5. **Taxation/Fees.** Repeal all new business taxes and roll back anti-business taxes and fees so that new jobs can be created.
6. **Fair Map Amendment.** Support League of Women Voters and Illinois Chamber in efforts to place the Fair Map Amendment on the ballot in November.

Sincerely,

Michael Putz, CFO HarneTech LLC, Chairman of the Board 2010



Sponsor of the
JumpStart series at the
MP Public Library

Next up: Generating Leads and
Holding on to Your Customers
March 9
8:30am

Studies show that the number one issue
facing small business owners today is a
lack of qualified prospects. This program
will be presented by Bonnie Richter,
ISBDC, Harper College

Register by calling:

847-253-5675

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Welcome to the following **NEW MEMBERS:**

Perfectly Natural
Landscaping
829 Pondview Court
Schaumburg, IL.
Dwight J. Polka
224-267-5296

Farmer's Insurance
Robert Ashbrook
701 W. Golf Rd.
Mt. Prospect, IL.
Robert Ashbrook
847-707-3272



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Glencoe, Highland Park, Mt.
Prospect, Niles, Northfield, Park
Ridge, Skokie,
Wheeling/Prospect Heights,
Wilmette & Winnetka Chamber

members will have the chance to promote their businesses to an
expanded audience at the **Mega-Connect Multi-Chamber
Networking Lunch on Thursday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. at
Bristol Court Banquets.**

Members looking for a productive networking experience will enjoy
the structured format of this program, which gives each participant an
opportunity to speak to a receptive audience about his/her company's
products and services.

The event will begin with informal networking over lunch. After that,
the group will be divided into small groups at assigned tables where
everyone will give 2-minute presentations on their companies.
Following will be an additional presentation to a second and third group
of participants. In addition, everyone will receive a contact list of pre-
registered participants. Don't miss this unique opportunity to expand
your reach and resources!

RSVP and Payment Due by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11

Member Pre-Registration Fee: \$25 (\$35 after 5 p.m. March 11)

[Register Here](#)



ITT Tech-Mt. Prospect Instructor Creator of Popular Website

When students at ITT Technical Institute in Mount Prospect log on to
the popular educational website "Purple Math," they can surf the site
proudly, knowing that one of their favorite math instructors co-
developed the website. ITT Tech faculty member Dr. John Stapel and
his wife Elizabeth created "Purple Math," (<http://www.purplemath.com>)
to promote the fearless exploration of math. The site offers math
learners a well-organized and comprehensive portal for mathematics
lessons. Judging by the website's popularity, many students and math
enthusiasts worldwide find "Purple Math," an enjoyable way to absorb
mathematical concepts via the Internet. According to Dr. Stapel, who
teaches Calculus at the school, "At the present time, only 1,600
websites in the U.S. are bigger than 'Purple Math,' in terms of visitors.
Each year, 'Purple Math' almost doubles its number of visitors." Dr.
Stapel strives to make the lessons offered through "Purple Math" user
friendly. This same dedication to making mathematical ideas
comprehensible and accessible for the learner also contributes to Dr.
Stapel's success in the classroom.

Ravenswood Bank After Hours

Join in the networking after hours at Ravenswood Bank on March 18 at 5:00pm. The theme is "Double Your Green".....one day after St. Pat's, we are still celebrating the "green" that we are trying to earn in our businesses. This is a perfect event to meet new chamber members, the board of directors and the Chairman of the Board. Pass out your business cards, have some appetizers and enjoy some liquid refreshments. Tell people about your business and learn about theirs.

Ravenswood Bank is located at 320 East Northwest Hwy.

