



**Darien Chamber
of Commerce**

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**Darien Chamber of
Commerce
February
Newsletter**

Multi-Chamber Economic Outlook Luncheon

William Strauss, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank

Co-sponsored by
the Chambers of Commerce in

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Clarendon Hills *Hinsdale*
Darien *Lemont*
Downers Grove *Lisle*
Elmhurst *Westmont*
Glen Ellyn *Woodridge*

Ashyana Banquets
1620 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove
11:00 a.m. Registration & Networking
Table Top Exhibits
11:55 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Lunch & Presentation

Event Fees

\$30.00 Members
\$35.00 Non-Members
\$50.00 Table Top Exhibits
\$500.00 Event Sponsorships

*(Includes display table, lunch for two,
and news release credit)*

Registration Deadline Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Don't miss this great opportunity to network with business leaders
from area Chambers!

Join William Strauss, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of
Chicago, as he shares his expert insights. Many questions about our
economic condition have surfaced and will continue to surface in 2012
such as credit availability, real estate values as well as global markets.

This economic outlook luncheon will help us understand the
implications and trends that will help you chart a course of action.

Be sure to attend!

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The Darien Chamber of Commerce takes pleasure in inviting you to the
New Darien Economic Forum

Date: February 8, 2012

Venue: Indian Prairie Public Library
401 Plainfield Road, Darien

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

The Darien Chamber of Commerce will host an Economic Forum Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 9:30am - 11:00am at the Indian Prairie Public Library located at 401 Plainfield Road in Darien. The Forum will be attended by Chamber Members, Government Officials, Park District and Property Management Officials. Inspired by Mary Kay Slowikowski, Chairperson of the Darien Chamber, this Forum will reignite the revitalization effort of Darien by providing a Platform to discuss how the Community can enhance the local business climate. Updates will be presented on the City's recent business developments, the Park District and Focus Business Group Findings on How to Grow Business.

Register online at www.darienchamber.com. For more information call 630.968.0004.

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West Suburban Multi-Chamber Luncheon and EXPO March 22, 2012

Featuring Keynote Speaker Tom Ricketts



Tom, a Cubs fan for over 25 years, led his family's acquisition of a controlling interest in the Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field and 25 percent of Comcast SportsNet Chicago from the Tribune Company - a deal that was finalized October 27, 2009.

- When Tom was introduced as the team's Chairman, he outlined three goals for the organization: Strive to be the best in baseball every single year and to win the World Series, preserve and improve the Wrigley Field experience for future generations, and to be good neighbors, giving back to the city and neighborhood.
- In 1999, he co-founded Incapital LLC, a securities and investment banking firm where he currently serves as the company's Chairman.
- Incapital has grown to be one of the largest bond underwriters/traders in the US.
- Tom was named, five times, as one of the "40 Most Influential in E-Finance" by Institutional Investor Magazine.
- Named the 2010 E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year in Financial Services for his work with Incapital LLC.
- He is a board member of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Field Museum, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Club of Chicago.
- Prior to Incapital, Tom worked at ABN AMRO, The Chicago Corporation and Mesirow Financial ... he was a market maker on the Chicago Board Options Exchange from 1988 through 1994.
- Tom has an AB in Economics and an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago.
- Along with his brother Pete and a friend, Tom endowed the New Year Scholarship Fund for students of the college.
- Named the Business School's Young Alumnus of the Year in 2005.
- Tom and his wife, Cecelia, live in the Chicago area with their five children. His father, Joe, founded TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation.



Bobak's Signature Events

at Seven Bridges

6440 Double Eagle Drive
Woodridge

Lunch Tickets

\$35/Members
\$50/ Non-Members

RSVP by March 1, 2012

Seating is Limited—Sorry, No Walk-Ins

Schedule of Events

11:30 a.m.

Networking

Noon—1:30 p.m.

Lunch & Presentation

1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Regional Business EXPO



Darien Chamber Presents:

Italy: Amalfi Coast

October 30th - November 7th, 2012
Nine Days, Seven Nights Including Hotel, Meals,
Day Trips
And Airfare From Chicago
\$2499 Per Person



10K 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Sunday, May 20, 2012 · Darien Community Park · 8:30am

Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available

Kingswood Academy Presents "A Knight to Remember"

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! By Royal Command Kingswood Academy requests the honor of your presence at their 16th Annual Benefit and Silent Auction "A Knight to Remember". This event will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 6:30pm to Midnight at Ashton Place located at 341 75th Street in Willowbrook. Open Bar, Dinner, Auction



Congratulations 2012 Darien Citizens of The Year

Chamber Members Robert and Charleen Vuillaume
The Gift of Carl Foundation, Inc.

Event Photos



State of The Chamber Address
Carrabba's Italian Grill



Mary Kay Slowikowski
Darien Chamber Chairperson



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2012 CLIENT APPRECIATION NETWORKING EXPO

Now you can host a high energy event for your clients that will be convenient and affordable!

7TH ANNUAL SOCIAL AFFAIR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012
ASHTON PLACE · WILLOWBROOK
5:30PM TO 8:30PM

Included in your package:
Venue, Table, Delicious hors d'oeuvres
DJ Entertainment

Hinsdale South Hornet Jazz Combo

Members \$150 Non-Members \$300
Drink Packages Available Prior To Event

Here are a few tips to hosting a successful event:

Send out invitations to all your clients, customers and colleagues. The more you send, the better your response will be. Make sure to include all of the details and directions. Set expectations in your invitation!

You will have your choice of a 72" round or 8ft rectangle table to brand and promote your business. Your guest will sign in at the registration table and then be directed to your location.



Business Rockers In The House Tonight

4.25.12

Ashton Place





Thank You!



For Sponsoring the January
New Member Orientation



WE WANT YOU!

Support the Darien Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 2838

Our Goal:

The Darien VFW is challenging local businesses to help us open a new post home as we welcome home more than 140,000 troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The post would like to invest in a banquet hall type venue to host fund-raising events, parties, weddings, etc.

How You Can Help:

1. Institute a Darien VFW Day

One day a month your business could donate 20% of your profits to the VFW. Imagine a sign in your window boasting, "WE PROUDLY SUPPORT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS." Veterans will support the businesses that support us! Plus, enjoy added exposure as we use local radio and/or television to help market the program.

2. Donate/Lease Vacant Property

There are many closed properties in town that could serve our purposes (vacant land, homes, etc.). Consider donating property or offering a reduced-rent long-term lease. With many businesses upside down, this could be your solution – a generous gift that could change your life and the lives of many young soldiers serving our country right now.

3. Make a Personal Donation

These are always appreciated and the need is great!

Your Recognition:

We will advertise your business in our newsletter and at our ceremonies on our "HALL OF FAME BANNER." Please ask for details on this program.



We have many other ideas and would love to brainstorm with our neighbors as we work together for our common good.

Everything is possible.

Contact: Bill Marchetti, RVN 69-70

Cell # 630-826-4761

Fund-Raising Chairman

www.darienvfw2838.org



New Members

Better Business Bureau of
Chicago & Northern Illinois

Eric Pinto

330 North Wabash

Chicago

312.832.9985

www.chicago.BBB.org

McDonald's Restaurant

Aurora Huerta

809 Plainfield Road

Darien

630.969.7690

www.mcdonalds.com

*Thank You
for
Your
Chamber
Member
Membership!*

*We value
your
Partnership
And
Look Forward
To
Working
With You
In
2012!!*

*Do you want to
share news about your
business with other
Chamber Members?*

If so e-mail

clare@darienchamber.com

Darien A Nice Place

To

Live

Shop

Dine

And Do

Business.

Support

Chamber Businesses

Today!



Attention Chamber Members!

Effective July 1, 2011 the Bronze, Silver and Gold memberships will no longer be available. You can renew the Standard Membership for \$175 and upgrade with the Enhanced Marketing Packages

Category Leader Sponsorship \$49/mo.**

- Top Priority Placement
- Search Results Logo
- Additional Website Link
- Enhanced Listing – 8 photos, 1600 character description, 5 bullet points, logo, & 20 keywords
- Business Category Ad
- Quick-Link Results Ad
- Alpha/Keyword Listings Ad
- Recognized as a Sponsor
- Ad Display Tracking
- Free Events, Hot Deals, and Job Opportunity Listings

****Get 10% off for 3 month sponsorship, 20% for 6 months, 30% for one year**

Premium Visibility Sponsorship \$99/mo.**

- Top Priority Placement
- Search Results Logo
- Additional Website Link
- Enhanced Listing – 8 photos, 1600 character description, 5 bullet points, logo, & 20 keywords
- Business Category Ad
- Quick-Link Results Ad
- Alpha/Keyword Listings Ad
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Three Additional Banner Pages

****Get 10% off for 3 month sponsorship, 20% for 6 months, 30% for one year**

Complete Website Sponsorship \$199/mo.**

- Top Priority Placement
- Search Results Logo
- Additional Website Link
- Enhanced Listing – 8 photos, 1600 character description, 5 bullet points, logo, & 20 keywords
- Chamber Home Page Ad, Business Category Ad, & Quick-Link Results Ad
- Alpha/Keyword Listings Ad
- Recognized as a Sponsor
- Ad Display Tracking
- Free Events, Hot Deals, and Job Opportunity Listings
- Six Additional Banner Pages (*Special Reduced Pricing on these*)

Chamber Home Page Ad

Business Directory Search Ad (*Premier Page; Very Limited Availability*)

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Live, Shop, Dine and Do Business in
Darien
Support Darien Chamber Members

Your Chamber Membership is
one of the best values in
business today.

Your membership includes:



Networking Opportunities

Business Referrals

Education

Award Eligibility

Website Presence

Community Guide

Ambassador Program

Committees

Board Opportunities

Member Spotlight

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Membership Recognition

Darien Women In Business

Business Offers

2012

Board of Directors

Officers

Chairman of The Board

Mary Kay Slowikowski
Slowikowski & Associates

Vice Chair

Open Position

Treasurer

Jonathan Sceggel
Caldwell, Coren & Sceggel

Secretary

Corrine Ganiec
Citizens Financial Bank

2012 Directors

Andrew Blumenfeld
DuPage Star Technology

Kim Cosentino
De-Clutter Box

Bill Friedrich
Insphere Insurance
Solutions

Barbara Gilleece
Barbara's Elegant Touch
Staffing, Inc.

Chris Hochstedt
EXiT Real Estate Partners

2012 Directors

Steve Hynek
Ashton Place

Ariana Jones
St. Bank of Countryside

Sandra Kariotis
Carmelite Carefree Village

Michael Labetz
CML Benefit Group

Elizabeth Bacon
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LLC

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Angelo Imbrogno
Blue Diamond Group

Advisors

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The Perfect Swing

Jack Mancione
Werk Management

Michael Overmann
Attorney At Law



February 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 	3	4
5	6 Board of Director Meeting, 3pm	7	8 Economic Forum, Indian Prairie Library 9:30am Ambassador Meeting, Edward Jones 4pm	9 Programs Meeting, Chamber Office 1pm	10	11
12	13	14 	15 DWB Meeting Midtown Athletic Club, 4pm	16	17	18 Coffee With The Mayor, 9am Home Depot
19	20 Chamber Office & City Hall Closed	21 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Economic Outlook Luncheon			