



News from Belmont

30th Anniversary Marked at Annual Membership Dinner

On February 7th, the Chamber held its Annual Dinner and Membership Awards Presentation. The event, held at Joey's Brickhouse and sponsored by Central Federal Savings, celebrated the Chamber's successes in 2006 and its 30th Anniversary. Many members received awards for their outstanding contributions to the Chamber and the Lakeview community. In addition, four outgoing directors

were recognized for their volunteer efforts and leadership while serving on the board of directors. Among them were Kris Hollowell and Patricia Craig. Hollowell served on the board for the past seven years, the last four of which were as an officer. She also served as the chairperson of the Programs Committee. Patricia Craig served on the board for six years and spent the last two years as Vice President under Hollowell's Presidency. Craig also served

as a member and past chair of the Planning and Development Committee. Tom Graefen and Matt Menna were also recognized. All four served as individuals committed to the Chamber's Mission. President Elect, Dan Spain, summed it up best by stating, "2006 was a great year spearheaded by committed individuals. We look forward to matching their dedication."

Member Spotlight

Allstate



Open since August 2005 at the bustling corner of Lincoln & Greenview, Kevin Reilly's Allstate Insurance agency has been steadily growing by servicing the insurance needs of our neighbors in Lakeview and beyond.

We realize there are many options when choosing insurance, but there are several reasons why Allstate stands out above the crowd. For one thing, Allstate is the only company that offers "accident forgiveness," an accident waiver feature that prevents auto insurance rates from going up just because of one or more accidents. Anyone who has driven in Lakeview can appreciate the value of this type of policy enhancement. Additionally, Allstate offers annual deductible rewards and safe driving bonuses. Premiums can be further reduced by adding your auto to your Allstate homeowner's policy, or vice versa, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of these savings.

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Since 1898 Byrne, Byrne and Company has assisted thousands of industrial, commercial and institutional organizations in the identification and analysis of risk, and the placement of insurance for those risks, which could not be eliminated or assumed within established guidelines

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For inquiries, please contact Jill Gabbert at (312) 456-2886 or jillg@byrnebyrne.com.

Event Spotlight WOW

Women Out Working, also known as WOW meets for the third time on March 16th. This installment of WOW features guest speaker, Susan Nordstrom-Lopez, CEO of Advocate Illinois Masonic Health Care. Ms. Nordstrom-Lopez will share her own story of working her way to the top of the corporate ladder while overcoming many of the challenges faced by women out working. Please join us for this interesting discussion, networking event and continental breakfast.

- Friday, March 16th, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
- Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Center for Education, Room G34, 836 West Nelson Avenue
- Admission will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.
- Please RSVP to info@lakeviewchamber.com

Events Calendar

March 01

Ribbon Cutting

Ciao Bella Chicago

3829 N. Southport Ave.

6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

March 21

Ribbon Cutting

Lifestyle Physical Therapy & Balance Center

3130 N. Lincoln Ave.

6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

March 07

Wired Wednesday

Allstate

3101 N. Lincoln Ave.

6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

March 31

Lakeview Chamber

Champions, Race to Wrigley

8:00 a.m. at Wrigley Field

Sponsored by Fave Media

March 16

WOW, Women Out Working

Speaker:

Susan Nordstrom-Lopez

Details in Event Spotlight

April 01

2nd Annual

Eggstravaganza

Sheil Park

3505 N. Southport Ave.

Noon– 3:00 p.m.

March 20

Brainery

"Nothin' but Net"

Internet Series

Mystic Celt

3443 N. Southport Ave.

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

\$20 per person

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THE VIEW

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKEVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 03/01** **Ribbon Cutting**
Ciao Bella Chicago
3829 N. Southport Ave., 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

- 03/07** **Wired Wednesday**
Allstate
3101 N. Lincoln Ave., 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

- 03/16** **WOW, Women Out Working**
Speaker, Susan Nordstrom-Lopez
8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m., See Event Spotlight for more details

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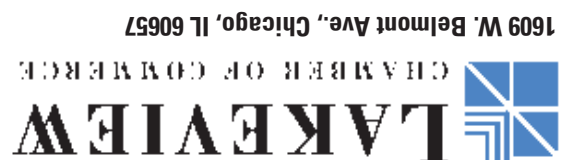
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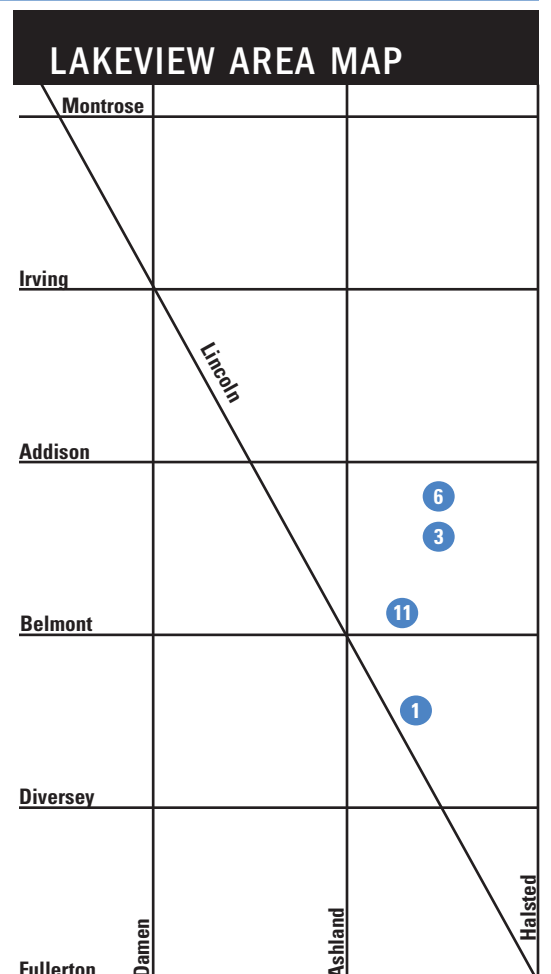
2007 Board of Directors and Officers



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Voices of the View

Progress is the Name of the Game



by **Dan Spain**
President

Progress. Frequently confused with or compared to change. Change is making something different. Progress is a movement towards a goal or a higher stage. While it may seem

that the Chamber is changing, more accurately, it is progressing. Under our previous leadership, much progress was made. I am looking forward to continuing the progression under the framework that has been laid out for me. Our Board of Directors, Committee Members and Staff

are also dedicated to continuing our progress. Beyond our regular events and initiatives, I look forward to growing the membership; serving our businesses in a manner that best suits their needs; and as mentioned earlier, furthering our progress.

Can you say WOW?



by **Heather Way**
Executive Director

You should! Not only is WOW the acronym for the Chamber's new networking group for women in business but it also sums up all that we have in store for the coming year. Our calendar is full with great events that will hopefully foster new business relationships among our members. We're teaming

up with the Lincoln Park Chamber again this year in June. However, instead of cruising Lake Michigan, we'll be hitting the lanes...the bowling lanes that is! Of course, we have our annual events to look forward to as well. Networking isn't the only thing on our docket. The Southport El Station is closing on April 2nd. We will be launching several marketing and promotional opportunities for the affected busi-

nesses. And the streetscape is starting on Lincoln Avenue. The details regarding the Streetscape were not finalized at the time of printing; therefore we will release any and all information as soon as we have it.

Get ready, 2007 is going to be a great year for the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce.

And I almost forgot! Wish us Happy Birthday, we're 30 now!

Caught in the Act



1 Jill Gabbert of Byrne, Byrne & Co, Angie Garbot of Chicago Photography Center and Gail Gasink of Chase Bank mingle in the morning at Potbelly's during January's Wired Wednesday event. 2 Dr. Jessica Emery of Sugar Fix celebrates the grand opening of her dental loft on Paulina Ave. 3 Kara Thompson of Chicago Kids, opens her third location of the bookstore on Southport Ave. 4 Branch Manager, Michael Stanton of Citibank cuts the ribbon at their Grand Opening celebration in

January. 5 Kris Hallowell of the Lakeview Funeral was honored for seven years of service on the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the last two of which she served as President, at the Annual Membership Dinner. Tom Graefen of Monarch's Heaven and Patricia Craig of Craig & Associates Architects were also commended for their time spent serving the betterment of the Chamber. 6 Cook County Commissioner, Mike Quigley accepts his award for

Outstanding Public Servant at the Annual Membership Dinner held at Joey's Brickhouse. 7 Allison Jurkowski and Lisa Vogt of Ethel's Chocolate Lounge celebrate their one year anniversary on Southport with staff and Chamber members. 8 Brian Fons of Corporate Creations celebrates the opening of his new location on Belmont Ave with a Grand Opening celebration in February.



What's the Buzz?

Introducing the Chairman's Club

The Lakeview Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a new direction in membership. One of the outcomes of last year's strategic plan was the determination that the varied demographics of our membership warrant different levels of investment. In 2006, we announced the Classic Membership. In

2007, we are pleased to announce The Chairman's Club. The goal of the Chairman's Club is simple; bring together like minded business people by providing beneficial products and services while furthering the mission of the Chamber. An investment in the Chairman's Club brings all the amenities of the Classic

Membership plus exclusive sponsorship opportunities, complimentary invitations to select events, access to privileged services, and invitations to exclusive educational and networking events.

We are pleased to announce the 2007 Members of the Chairman's Club.

Central Federal Savings,
Anthony Nichols
Coldwell Banker, Christopher Sears
Fave Media, Jon Seymour
Kenesco Computing, David Knea
Lakeside Bank, Eva Ayala

Lakeview Funeral Home, Ray and
Kris Hallowell
LaSalle Bank, Charo Ayala
Mystic Celt Bar & Grill, Kevin Vaughan
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Lakeview SSA #27 Meeting

Next meeting date TBA
Church of St. Luke
1500 W. Belmont Ave., 6:30 p.m.

Sheil Park Neighbors

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Mystic Celt Bar & Grill
3443 N. Southport Ave., 7:00 p.m.

South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
St. Alphonsus Church Basement
1429 W. Wellington Ave., 7:00 p.m.

Southport Neighbors Association Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2007
The Mercury Theater
3745 N. Southport Ave, 7:00 p.m.

West Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2007
Lincoln/Belmont Public Library
1659 W. Melrose Ave., 7:00 p.m.

32nd Ward

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