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AUGUST 2006 BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: ON TIME PROMOTIONS

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce is delighted to announce On Time Promotions, Inc. as our Business of the Month for August, 2006.

On Time Promotions, Inc. is a promotional products agency, specializing in providing merchandise decorated with corporate logos and other useful information. The products sold to companies are often distributed to employees, customers and vendors free of charge for promotional purposes and as tokens of appreciation.

On Time services clients, both large and small, all over the country, including Abbott Labs, NBC

News, Renovo Men's Spa and the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce.

On Time Promotions is in the top 5% of promotional product agencies in the U.S. and is very proud to call Morton Grove its corporate home for almost 20 years.

Rich Block and Larry Weiler are the owners and founders of On Time and had only one other employee when the company started in 1987. Today there are 45 employees; about half are involved in sales.

On Time is active in Morton Grove events, including sponsorship of the recent Chamber of

Commerce's Tuesday Night Concert in the Park at Harrer Park.

On Time also sponsors community events through the Morton Grove Park District and the Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation.

On Time will begin celebrating its 20th Anniversary in September.

We celebrate them now as the August 2006 Business of the Month!

On Time Promotions, Inc.

6280 Oakton St.
Morton Grove, IL 60053
847-470-1190



August 2006 Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Multi-Vantage

Wednesdays in
August 8:15 am

Morton Grove
Park District

6834 Dempster

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Multi-Chamber Networking Breakfast

Thurs. Aug.24
7:30-10:00

Chateau Ritz
9100 Milwaukee
Niles
(see insert)

MULTI-CHAMBER NETWORKING BREAKFAST

On August 24th, the Morton Grove and Niles Chambers will co-host a business networking event at **Chateau Ritz** 9100 North Milwaukee in Niles.



Join us for the Multi-Chamber Networking Breakfast

Each participant will be assigned four tables, based on their business category, to ensure networking opportunities. The cost is \$25.00 for chamber members, \$35.00 for non members. Table Sponsors will receive signage for the center of the table and are allowed to display brochures or other items that do not obscure the view of members across the table. The Cost of being a **table sponsor is an additional \$35.00.** Reservations are required and should be made directly to the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce office. Call 847-965-0330 or email office@mgcci.org

This Multi-Chamber Breakfast includes business representatives not only from Morton Grove and Niles, but also from the Des Plaines, Glenview, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wheeling/Prospect Heights and Wilmette Chambers of Commerce.

Many businesses have gained profitable leads from this networking process. Check-in and breakfast will be from 7:30 to 8:00 am. This will allow for some unstructured

ILLINOIS SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce was fortunate to be invited to the Illinois Small Business Forum in Rockford.

This event was hosted by the Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Department of Revenue, The Small Business Administration, The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, The Social Security Administration, The


Illinois DECO on-site Safety and Health Consultation Program, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Drug Free Workplace (see article page 3) the National Federation of Independent Business and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

We learned that all of these organizations offer free resources to help businesses


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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2006



McGrath Acura
Tuesday, September 12
 5:00-7:00pm
9105 Waukegan
 Featuring:
 Bonefish Grill's
 Bang-Bang
 Shrimp
Membership Orientation



Total Athleticare with Bally Total Fitness
Thursday, October 19
 5:00-7:00pm
6821 Dempster



Champs
Thursday, November 16
 5:00-7:00pm
9001 Waukegan
 Win Prizes at pool table
 Playing 3-Ball
 Bring items for:
 Niles Township Food Pantry



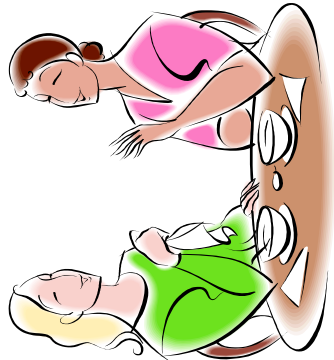
Holiday Party!
Cambridge Bank
Thursday, December 7
 5:00-7:00pm
6111 Dempster
 Auction, Prizes,
 Holiday Fun!

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION Welcome New and Prospective Chamber Members

Chambers of Commerce work to improve businesses and the community at large. Join Suzanne Archer, Executive Director, for this ½ hour special on **Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4:30 pm.** at McGrath Acura, **9105 Waukegan.** (prior to the Business After Hours event at McGrath Acura.)

Learn the resources that the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry has available for you as a business, not for profit or government entity. This informal program will review involvement with the Chamber ranging from the Board of Directors to advertising and networking opportunities. As a special bonus, free membership labels will be available to all Chamber members that attend. This event is free, but reservations are necessary. Please email office@mgcci.org or RSVP to the Chamber at 847-965-0330.

Women's Power Luncheons for



Women build networks and make friends at our Women's Power Luncheons

Thursday
 September 28
 11:45am-1:00
 Moose Family Center
 6419 Chestnut
 Morton Grove, IL
 Craig Schiller
 of **Real Estaging**
 "Transforming Spaces for Events"

Thursday
 October 26
 11:45am-1:00
 Giordano's
 5990 Dempster
 Morton Grove, IL
 Holly Rothman-Zaid
 of **On Time Promotions, Inc.**
 "Promoting Your Business"

Thursday
 November 16
 11:45am-1:00
 Morton Grove Park District
 6834 Dempster
 Morton Grove, IL
 Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce's
 Third Annual
 Holiday Bazaar

Be a Vendor!
 Call for details
 847-965-0330

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

 Internal Revenue Service Small Business 800-829-4399 http://www.irs.gov/smallbiz	 Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Development 800-252-2923 www.ilbiz.biz
 Illinois Department of Revenue 800-732-8866 tax.Illinois.gov	 Illinois DCEO On-Site Safety & Health Consultation Program 800-972-4216
 Social Security Administration 800-772-1213 www.socialsecurity.gov	 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 888-372-1996 www.epa.state.il.us/small-business/help-line.html
 Small Business Administration 800-827-5722 www.sba.gov	 Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry 847-965-0330 www.mgcci.org

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE SERVICES OFFERED FREE

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce The Drug Free Workplace Services offers **free services** to businesses.

Policy Writing /Reviewing
 The DFW Committee is a diverse group of service providers and business people who will advise and help businesses in creating and maintaining a drug free workplace.

Education/training
 This service will provide training for supervisors on what signs to look for and appropriately respond to a situation where substance abuse may be an issue.

Drug Testing Grant
 Allows companies to enroll in a free year of drug testing up to \$5000 if you have less than 500 employees. Companies must meet certain qualifications to be eligible.

Illinois Drug Free Workplace Compliance Kit:
 Technical Advice, Workshops, Training, Employee Education, Policy Development, Communications material (posters, booklets) and Illinois Drug Free Workplace Compliance Kits.

For more information call Todd Berens at the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce 312-494-6730.

There are many State and Federal Agencies that offer free help to businesses.

Inexpensive Community Exposure through Chamber

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and our member businesses participated in two well attended community events.

The **"Tunes on Tuesdays"** concert was the Park District's most well attended concert of the season, more than 400 of our neighbors were there to listen to the Big Band stylings of The Grand Avenue Big Band. We distributed "goodie bags" of premiums from our member businesses and received a lot of community exposure.

The **"Shopping Cart Drill Team"** at the **Fourth of July Parade** was another way The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and some of its membership businesses were in the community spotlight.



Welcome New Members

Contour Landscaping, Inc.
Scott Schoeller
 3501 Jarvis
 Skokie, IL 60076
 (847) 673-5149

Crossings at Morton Grove
Karrie McCall
 6337 Henning Court
 Morton Grove, IL 60053
 (847) 581-0888

District 219
Jim Szczeplaniak
 7700 Gross Point Rd.
 Skokie, IL 60077
 (847) 626-2500

Congratulations to the Morton Grove Baseball Association for winning the Morton Grove Chamber Trophy for the best 4th of July Float!