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Meet Edible Arrangements

Our June 2008 Member of the Month

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry is happy to announce that Edible Arrangements has been chosen as the June 2008 Business of the Month.



Owners Terri Machaj and her son Tim were drawn to the business four years ago when they saw an ad in the newspaper talking about this unique business that combines beauty with healthful eating. They purchased the franchise, attended training in Connecticut. And with help from the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce website, they secured their location about three and a half years ago at 9144 Waukegan Road.

Each arrangement is made to order and all ingredients are natural, no preservatives or sweeteners are used. “One of the best things about this business” says Terri Machaj “is that we put a smile on the face of the person that receives one of our arrangements.” The arrangements are delicious bouquets with pineapple daises surrounded by honeydew and cantaloupe, strawberries and grapes. To “sweeten up” any bouquet, chocolate covered strawberries apples, oranges bananas, or pineapple may be added.

Since the product is fresh and healthy, it is a new idea that people really enjoy giving or receiving. They are a very nice gift for a birthday, thank you, congratulations or

sympathy. Businesses use them as client gifts and for employee appreciation.

Terri and Tim have been active participants in the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry. They have attended many Business After Hours, participated in the Welcome Neighbor! Program and Women’s Power Lunches and have been faithful attendees to the Multi-Chamber Networking Breakfasts and Lunches. Terry recently participated in the North Shore Women’s Conference and Business Expo on May 2, 2008.



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Morton Grove, IL 60053
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www.ediblearrangements.com

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday 8:00am-3:00pm
Closed on Sunday

Did You Know?

As a member of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, You and your business will receive an **EXTRA 10% Discount on ink jet and toner cartridges at Cartridge World Morton Grove.** Please call Cartridge World at 847-966-8866 or visit 7180 Dempster (NE corner of Harlem and Dempster)



30th Annual Golf Outing Scheduled - Chamber Celebrates by Giving Away One Raffle Ticket Per Day for Thirty Days!

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Golf Outing turns 30 this year! And to celebrate, beginning August 18, we're going to be giving away 1 Raffle Ticket to 1 random Chamber member per day for 30 days before the outing. The Grand Prize is \$1,000.00, with the chance to win many other great prizes, and the tickets will soon be on sale for \$10 each, 3 for \$25. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win, and the prize drawing will take place during the dinner portion of our outing.

The Golf Committee is planning on making this the best golf outing we've had, so it will be a great event to bring friends, co-workers, business partners, or clients out for a day of golf and fun!

Our 30th Annual Golf Outing will be held at Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course, 1000 N. Milwaukee, Wheeling, on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. It will be a scramble with a shotgun start. More details to come in the months ahead!



Morton Grove Days Committee and Morton Grove Chamber Celebrate July 4th Parade

The Morton Grove Days Committee is once again planning its annual celebration that includes a July 4th Parade. This year's parade theme, based on the 2008 Summer Olympics which will begin in August, is: *"MORTON GROVE – A Gold Medal Community, United Together."*

Please understand the Morton Grove Days parade is funded strictly by donations. If you cannot participate in the parade, please consider showing your support by contributing a donation. All contributions can be mailed to the Morton Grove Days Committee.

The parade will take place on Friday, July 4th at 2:30 p.m. The assembly point is at Central and Dempster Street. The route will start at Central Avenue, west on Dempster Street to Harrer Park.



If you intend to participate in the parade, please contact either the Morton Grove Park District or the Chamber for an

application and return no later than June 1. You will receive a confirmation at a later date that we have received your application, along with a list of various rules and regulations.

The Morton Grove Days Committee thanks you for your support in this community wide event. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Zimmer, the Parade Chairperson, at 847-243-1076.

The Days Committee is hoping that your business and/or organization will participate in the celebration by entering a unit (vehicle, float, marchers, etc.). This will afford you an opportunity to publicize your organization, group or business and participate as a valued and active part of our community. Floats and other entries will be judged for the best in show by the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Welcome New Member!

Gaynor Communications

Gaynor Communications helps businesses and other organizations develop brand identities and marketing communication materials.

Our services include logo design, letterhead/envelope/business card design, brochures, newsletters, magazines, conference reports, web sites, speeches, annual reports, books and videos/DVDs.

Through our sister company, Osmosis Digital Marketing, Inc., (www.osmosisdigital.com), we offer a proprietary system for creating, distributing and tracking electronic newsletters

for customers, prospective customers and other audiences. Osmosis Digital Marketing also designs and develops websites.

Contact Mark Gaynor for a free consultation about your communication needs.

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Your News & Events

Contour Landscaping's Scott Schoeller Receives Prestigious Certification

Congratulations to Chamber member Scott Schoeller, owner of CONTOUR LANDSCAPING, INC. who recently demonstrated professional competency by successfully completing the CERTIFIED ARBORIST examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the local Chapter of the ISA. There are approximately 20,000 Certified Arborists worldwide.

The purpose of the ISA Certification Program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices. All Certified Arborists carry a wallet identification

card for verification. *Certification is valid for three years. The ISA program tests and certifies an individual's knowledge in the field of Arboriculture.

The International Society of Arboriculture is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

ISA's Certification Program is designed to promote the professional development of those involved in the field of arboriculture of tree care. When contracting for your tree care needs, contact **Scott Schoeller at Contour Landscaping, Inc. 847 673-5149 or via the web at CallContour.com.**



Cambridge Bank Merges With Inland Bank And Trust

Howard A. Jaffe, President and COO of Inland Bancorp, Inc. announced the merger and consolidation of its subsidiary banks, AmeriMark Bank, Cambridge Bank and Inland Bank and Trust to form the "new" Inland Bank and Trust. The merger will be complete on May 16, 2008 with bank assets totaling over \$1.1 billion.

"This change will allow us to better serve our customers. As a result of this merger, our customers will be able to bank at any of our nine locations throughout the Chicago area with additional branches expected within the next six months," Jaffe said. With offices located in Countryside, Glen Ellyn, Hawthorn Woods, Hillside, Lake Zurich, Lombard,

NEWS?

If you would like your news or event item featured in upcoming months, please contact the Chamber office at 847-965-0330 or via email: office@mgcci.org.

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Your News & Events

Cambridge Bank Merges with Inland Bank and Trust - continued



Morton Grove and Villa Park customers will benefit from an expanded line of products and services. With extensive commercial real estate lending experience, the bank will offer a full line of loan and deposit solutions specifically designed for small to mid-sized businesses. "Our team of qualified business bankers will remain in place but the greater size and scale of the combined operation will allow our customers to access even broader expertise," Jaffe commented.

The Bank will be led by Michael C. Braun as Group President/Chief Lending Officer and Michael J. Carlino as Group President/Chief Operating Officer. Between the two of them, they represent over 65 years of banking experience and are ready to ensure that their customers continue to receive professional, knowledgeable service.

Inland Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company for Inland Bank and Trust. Inland Bancorp's strategy is to be the preeminent real estate lending group in Chicago with the most flexible and innovative loan products and services in the marketplace.

Inland Bancorp, Inc. is an affiliate of The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc.

The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc is comprised of a group of separate legal entities some of which may be affiliates or share common ownership, and comprises independent real estate and financial companies with more than 40 years of experience. Headquartered in Oak Brook, IL, member companies own and manage over 100 million square feet of commercial real estate in 44 states in the US and Canada, with managed assets in excess of \$20 billion.



American Cancer Society-North Shore Regional Office Gearing Up for Relay For Life

Nearly everyone has been touched either directly or indirectly by cancer. At this time, about 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women have a lifetime risk of developing cancer. In the state of Illinois alone, an estimated 61,500 people this year will hear the words "you have cancer." Your local American Cancer Society office provides cancer research to find a cure, educates community members about prevention and early detection, advocacy to enforce laws in favor of health care, and patient services to people who live and work in Skokie and surrounding areas.

Last year in Illinois, the American Cancer Society assisted over 16,000 cancer patients, and invested \$6.2 million in active research grants. Among other services, ACS provided:

- 27,000 rides to patients through Road to Recovery, a program in which volunteer drivers transport patients to/from treatment
- Nearly 1,900 women in Illinois with the benefits of Look Good...Feel Better, a free program that teaches beauty techniques to female cancer patients undergoing treatment to help them combat the appearance-related effects

- Nearly 6,000 supportive services to patients including consultations and fittings for free wigs.

To fund the programs and services, the ACS North Shore office has several community fundraising events throughout the year. Specifically in Skokie is the Relay For Life of Skokie, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, and Niles. Relay For Life is an overnight fun-filled event where participants celebrate survivorship, remember those who are fighting and have fought the cancer battle, and pledge to fight back against the disease. This year's Relay For Life of SLMGN will take place June 20-21 at Niles North High School from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.RelayForLifeSLMGN.com

For more information about American Cancer Society programs, services or events please call 847-328-5147 and ask for the North Shore Regional Office or visit www.cancer.org.



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EVENT REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP SHEET

Please fax this page back to us 847-965-0330

6/4/08 – Board of Directors Meeting

4 PM – 5 PM
Village Hall

6/18/08 – Legislative Committee Meeting

5 PM – 5:30 PM
Village Hall

**6/10/08 – Concert in the Park
Morton Grove Chamber Night**

7 PM – 8:30 PM
Harrer Park, Morton Grove
Sponsorships available for \$250 and Chamber Goodie Bag
Participation for \$20
FREE to all

7/4/08 – 4th of July Parade

7/16/08 – Legislative Committee Meeting

5 PM – 5:30 PM
Village Hall

6/17/08 – Business After Hours @ Prime Care Resource

5 PM – 7 PM
1420 Renaissance Dr., Suite 420, Park Ridge
FREE to Chamber Members

6/18/08 – Women’s Power Lunch @ El Sol Restaurant

11:45 AM – 1 PM
6000 Dempster, Morton Grove
\$10 pre-registered; \$12 at the door;
women only

**Business & Consumer Resources
Networking Group**

June Wednesday Mornings – 8-9 AM
Morton Grove Park District
6834 Dempster St, Morton Grove, IL

July Wednesday Mornings – 8-9 AM
Niles Chamber of Commerce
8060 Oakton St, Niles, IL

EVENTS

YES! Please sign me up for the above event (please check box).

SPONSORSHIP & NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

YES! I want to:

- Advertise with an AD
- Advertise with an INSERT
- Sign up for MEMBERSHIP PLUS
- Submit an ARTICLE
- Be a MEMBER IN FOCUS



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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Amount to Bill: \$ _____ Payment Options: Check enclosed Money order Cash at door

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Card# _____

Expiration Date _____ V# (3 digit code on back of credit card) _____

Name on Card: _____

Please notify us at least 24 hours in advance if you cannot attend an event. If not, the fee will be billed to you. Thank you!

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of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- A Friend Electric
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A-Alert Lock and Alarm, Inc.
Action Party of Morton Grove
Affordable DJ and Karaoke Service
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Jerrold Goldberg Prostate Cancer Foundation
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John Crane Inc.
K&G Superstore
Kropp Insurance Agency
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LaSalle Bank
Leading Edge Automotive
Leonard J. Brown Plumbing Inc.
Leonardo and Company, LLC
LifeStorage
Lily's & Boris's Beauty Salon
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Lou Lang - State Representative
Magazine Memories
Malko Electric Company
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Marge's Flowers & Gifts, Inc.
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Morton Grove Supply Company
Morton Grove Woman's Club
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Nature's Hand Car Wash
New Age Dental
Nicor Gas
Niles Township Government
Niles Township High School District 219
Niles Township Schools Credit Union
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Northwest Suburban United Way
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Oakton Community College
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SHORE Community Services
Sign-A-Rama
Simkins Funeral Home
Simpol Medical Equipment & Supplies, Inc.
Sko-Die, Inc.
Skokie Valley Air Control
St. Martha Catholic Church
Staples
State Farm Insurance - Margaret Hagerty Agency
State Farm Insurance - Matt Mitchell Agency
Subway - 9237 Waukegan
Super 8 Motel
Super Cup Coffee Shop
Sure-Clean Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners
Temple Judea Mizpah
Teresa Hoffman Liston, Attorney at Law
The Appraisal Company
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Travel Medicine Source
U.S. Cellular
United Graphics & Mailing Group
Univerpol, Inc.
V & B Liquors
Verlo Mattress of Skokie
Village of Morton Grove
Welter Plumbing, Inc.
Wolf & Tennant
World of Tees
ZootCuts Family Hair Center



Member in Focus: Purple Oak

Purple Oak, Inc. designs bar code and RFID solutions for data collection problems in manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, and corporate business operations nationwide. Purple Oak customers range from Fortune 500 companies to small local businesses desiring to improve the efficiency and accuracy of their operations. Founded in 1996, Purple Oak is a privately held company headquartered in Skokie, IL.

Purple Oak has helped hundreds of companies streamline their operations by collecting data faster, more accurately, and more cost effectively. Our solutions will make it easy for you to track employee or contractor performance, respond to customer inquiries, meet requirements, and control inventory costs.

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry spoke with Purple Oak President, Kathleen DeCarlo:



What is your favorite part of the job?

We get to work with so many different businesses, in a variety of industries. Our process entails learning our customers' operations and clearly defining their problems, so that we can offer the right solution. This gives us a "backstage pass" to some really fascinating companies. It's very satisfying to help improve our customer's business.

What makes your business stand out in the industry?

We take the time to truly understand our clients' businesses. Our customers get a high level of attention and service. We're not just selling a "one size fits all" product.

Who is your best customer, or what kind of customers do you have? We've been very successful in the industrial sector: Manufacturers, warehousing and distribution, transportation, etc. While our customers are businesses of all sizes, most are small- to mid-size companies looking for ways to improve, or to comply with new requirements or regulations. Many of our customers are doing bar coding for the first time.

What is your mission statement? To use our bar code and RFID expertise to deliver affordable, practical, custom-tailored solutions that solve specific business problems.

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Register with Office Depot Chamber of Commerce Program

Within the last year and a half, Office Depot Business Solutions Division (a separate entity within Office Depot, Inc.) has created an exclusive, nationwide program for Chambers of Commerce. The program improves office product ordering while increasing savings and reducing costs. The Morton Grove Chamber has joined this program, which will give you and your fellow members national buying power. Not a bad thing, considering the economy these days!

Benefits include:

- ✓ "Best Buy List" of approximately 200 commonly purchased office products (with the ability to customize and save money)
- ✓ Deep discounts on paper
- ✓ Next Day Delivery on orders over \$50.00
- ✓ 1% Rebate for orders over \$150.00
- ✓ 1.5% Rebate for orders over \$200.00
- ✓ 2% Rebate for orders over \$300.00
- ✓ Store Purchasing Cards that allow you to take advantage of the Chamber program when shopping at Office Depot retail stores
- ✓ Easy phone, fax and online ordering
- ✓ Strong customer support



To enroll in this program and begin saving money on your office supplies, please contact:

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Or go online to register at:

https://odams.officedepot.com/registrations/chicagoland_chamber_welcome.php

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Legislative Committee Meeting

BCR

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BCR members help each other grow their
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MEMBER EVENTS

6/6/08 • 7:30pm - 10:00pm
Zootcuts Hair & Fashion
Charity Show

6/7/08 • 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Lin-Mar Motors
7th Annual Open House