

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Many of you know that Morton Grove is a great place to have a business, but it's also a wonderful place to live.

We are very fortunate to have incredibly

active non-profit organizations here in Morton Grove. Not only do they provide activities for all of us in Morton Grove, but they really endow our community with a strong sense of continuity and connectedness. All of these organizations raise funds for the betterment of human life and promote our community spirit. The sincere dedication that these grassroots organizations bring to the worthy causes they have chosen to champion is a reflection upon the integrity and

character of our village. The events and activities they produce keep our citizens connected with the fun side of life.

As the Executive Director of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, I will provide you with information about these organizations and their events, as well as ways to promote your business through them.

Here is a list of some of our local non-profit organizations and a sample of the events that they host for all of us:

- American Legion Post #134**  
*Poppy Days;*
- Morton Grove Days Committee**  
*Morton Grove Days and the Morton Grove 4th of July Parade;*
- Morton Grove Foundation**  
*The Taste of Morton Grove*
- Morton Grove Historical Society-**  
*The Heritage Fest;*
- Morton Grove Lions Club-**  
*The Summer Cookout featuring the*

*largest Italian Sausage and Bratwurt ever cooked and St. Martha's Madness;*

**Morton Grove Woman's Club** hosts an Annual Lucheon Fashion Show; **Morton Grove Moose Lodge #376** has it's Friday nights' *Fish Fry* and sponsors *Needy Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas;* **Rotary Club of Skokie Valley-Carson & Barnes 5 Ring Circus; and **The United Way of Skokie Valley** has a continuous fund raising effort along with a *Thank you Celebration***

Make the time to come out and attend some or all of the events. Meet your neighbors, make some new friends and enjoy our town. Morton Grove will grow in style when the businesses and the residents come together personally and professionally.

Let's have some fun!

*Suzanne Archer*

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The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a business organization dedicated to the advancement of the economic, commercial, industrial and civic interest of Morton Grove.

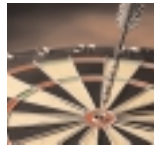
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## NEW MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Mr. Rick Krier  
New Village President  
of Morton Grove

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomes Mr. Rick Krier as the New Village President of Morton Grove. Mr. Rick Krier will be sworn in on Monday, May 9, at the American Legion Civic Center during the 7:00pm Village of Morton Grove Board Meeting.

It's important for growth of the Village of Morton Grove to work in union with their elected officials. We can grow faster and stronger if we work together.

We encourage you to bring in a new member!

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry is your vehicle for growth!  
Let's take a ride together!

If you know another business owner that would benefit from being a member of the Chamber, please pass along this newsletter; talk about the *MGCCI Shop Directory*; invite them to a networking event or contact us. We are working to be a strong and effective Chamber. Morton Grove still has businesses that are yet to be members. Let them know about us! We get many businesses and residents calling us, especially when they see the *MGCCI Shop Directory*! Why don't you talk about your Chamber and help promote it! The more businesses that we have, the more effective we can be! Memorize this number: 847-965-0330. Memorize this web site: [www.mgcci.org](http://www.mgcci.org). It's your Chamber's!

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18 & 25.**

**Multi-Vantage Meeting**

**8:15am - 9:30am**

Village Hall

6101 Capulina

**Wednesday, May 18**

**Business After Hours**

**Sign-A-Rama**

9241 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Thursday, May 26**

**Women's Power**

**Luncheon**

**11:45am - 1:00pm**

**Exercise in the Workplace**

Village Hall

6101 Capulina

**Wednesday, June 1**

**Board of Directors' Mtg.**

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Village Hall

6101 Capulina

## The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce 27th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Raffle Tickets Available to all MGCCI members and residents**

**1/\$10.00 3/\$25.00**

**1st Prize \$1,000.00 CASH** courtesy of MGCCI

**2nd Prize TaylorMade R7 Quad Driver** courtesy of Jack Ahr Design, Inc.

**3rd Prize Toshiba 13" TV/DVD Combo** courtesy of Costco Wholesale

**Please contact the MGCCI office at 847-965-0330**

Drawing will take place at Old Orchard Country Club at the 27Annual Golf Outing and Dinner

**June 27, 2005**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



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Raffle Prizes: **Abt Electronics & Appliances** (DVD Player), **Arrange A-Z** (Cap Organizer), **Cambridge Bank** (Golf Bag, Sleeve of Balls), **Costco Wholesale** (13" Toshiba TV/DVD Combo), **First Financial Credit** (Basket of Movie Tickets and Goodies), **Jack Ahr Design** (Taylor Made R7 Driver), **Lawnware** (Outdoor Lawn Furniture Set), **Menards** (Sports Blanket), **North Suburban Floral** (\$25 gift certificate for floral arrangement), and **Old Orchard Country Club** (Foursome Golf Package).

**Cambridge Bank** will provide Foursome Photos

### **Meet our MGCCI Golf Committee**

Tracy Ahr-Jack Ahr Design (Co-Chair); Debbie Gallas-LaSalle Bank (Co-Chair); Marilyn Rojo-LaSalle Bank; Frank Grimaldi-MB Financial; Nicole Marshall-Cambridge Bank; John Hunt-Cambridge Bank; Christina Marino-Century 21 Marino Realtors; Jeff Fougerousse- Morton Grove Park District.

## SPONSORS ARE STILL NEEDED

### **Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 27th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner**

All Sponsors and Donations will be recognized for their generosity in our

\*May, June and July Newsletters

\*Golf and Dinner Program

\*All Signage at the Golf Outing

Hole Sponsors \$150.00

Cart Sponsors \$50.00

\*(All Signs will be provided by the Chamber)

**CONTACT MGCCI 847-965-0330**

# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry is proud to offer the title, "Business of the Month" to Chill Bubble Tea for their unique product that they brought to Morton Grove. They were presented with the MGCCI's red "Shopping Cart" to show everyone who visits them that they are MGCCI's Member of the Month for May.

"Chill Bubble Tea is a new concept that brings our most popular drink, bubble tea, from Europe and Asia into the states. We serve bubble tea, which is a tea based smoothie made of fruits, blended creams and ice. It is served cold, like a smoothie, and contains small tapioca balls at the bottom of the drink. They are sucked up through a fat straw, which makes bubble tea a unique and tasty alternative to typical smoothies or even ice cream. It's tough to explain, but customers get hooked on them after trying one of our drinks. Very good stuff..."

We have been getting a great response. We opened about 3 months ago and are already attracting 300+ customers every day, and even more on the weekends. We have customers that have been coming in EVERYDAY since we opened, and many customers take 3 or 4 drinks to go. We are anticipating 500-700 customers daily in the summer time.

So far we have over 87 flavors grazing our enormous menu. Our customers like the classics, such as strawberry, mango, banana and cafe mocha. Some of our more exotic flavors such as pina colada, papaya, thai coconut and purple Oreo are also a big hit with our customers.

We've lined the interior with leather sofas and very unique furniture. The design is contemporary and very relaxing. Hip music and a 50 inch plasma television hang in our restaurant to give our

customers a relaxed and fun feel every visit. Customers can order, hang out and watch as our drink specialists cut fruit and make each and every drink from scratch. We usually have a line out the door on weekends or when the weather is nice out.

I think that Morton Grove is a great location for our business. We plan to open 3-4 more stores this year if all goes according to plan. We're attracting customers from as far as Vernon Hills and Gurnee. It brings a lot of traffic and diversity back to Morton Grove. We are very happy to be here in Morton Grove."

Sam Chae, Owner  
Chill Bubble Tea  
6317 W. Dempster  
Morton Grove, IL 60053  
Phone: (847)967-0911 Fax: 847-676-4641  
info@chillbubbletea.com



**DO YOU WANT YOUR BUSINESS NAME IN FRONT OF 100's, 1,000's OR 10,000 PEOPLE ???**

**MGCCI OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!**

**GOLF OUTING, JUNE 27** (See inside front cover for details)

**MORTON GROVE DAYS 4TH OF JULY PARADE-** MGCCI will be using SHOPPING CARTS at the PARADE with signage available on both sides of the cart. \$50 per side. (signage will be made through the MGCCI office. Special rates will be offered to cart sponsors from the 27th Golf Outing).

**MGCCI and China Chef** will be sponsoring **Morton Grove Park District's Summer Concert in the Park, July 12** featuring **Mr. Meyers Band**. Be a Co-Sponsor for \$250.00 and/or a Goodie Bag Sponsor for \$10 (You provide promotional items that will be put into our goodie bags and given to approximately 250 people)

**NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH** Deadline - 15th of the month.

**MGCCI'S SHOP DIRECTORY** Deadline - Friday, June 24

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# Women's Power Lunch

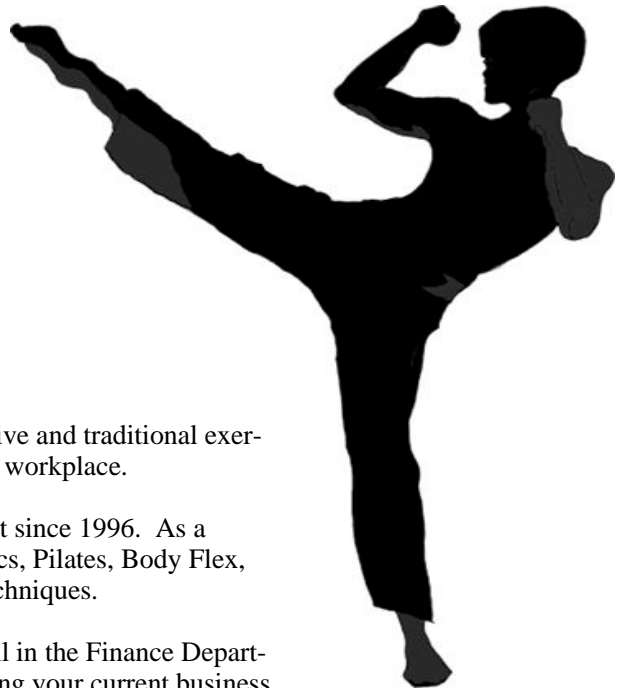
## A Networking Group for Women

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce would like to invite women in the Chamber to network with other women to build contacts, gain referrals, and discuss your business during our well-received luncheons.

**Thursday, May 26, 2005**

11:45am-1:00pm  
Morton Grove Village Hall  
6101 Capulina

**Bring a friend!  
Bring an Appetite!  
Bring Business Cards!**



### Exercise in the Workplace

Sophia Hui will be showing us many popular, effective and traditional exercise and breathing techniques that can be used in the workplace.

Sophia has been with the Morton Grove Park District since 1996. As a member of the Club Fitness staff, she teaches aerobics, Pilates, Body Flex, Core, body sculpting, conditioning and stretching techniques.

Sophia also works for the Morton Grove Village Hall in the Finance Department. Many of you might have talked to her regarding your current business license.

A complete list of Women's Power Lunches for 2005 is available from the MGCCI office. The list of the women attending is available to the attendees only.

The lunches will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month, except for Nov., Dec., and Jan.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid luncheon rates are \$10.00.

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# MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATE

**Bethany Terrace** will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week, May 8-14. 8425 N. Waukegan. 847-965-8100

**El Sol Restaurant** celebrates Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 5. There will be raffles, prizes and surprises all day long. (See flyer for details.)

**Ferris Nail Salon's** owner, Donald Boardman, returned from Afghanistan after serving active duty with the U.S. Army. MGCCI and members welcomes him home.



Donald Boardman-Ferris Nail Salon's Owner Returns from Active Duty.

**The Community Relations Commission of the Village of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Historical Museum** are hosting a HeritageFest which will recognize the people who have come to live together in our community. The event is free. Sunday, May 15 from 2:00 4:00pm.(See enclosed flyer).

**Morton Grove Community Church** extends an open invitation to the community for a Pot Luck Dinner it is calling a Dream Feast being held on Wed., May 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Bring a dish to serve that is special to you (seasonal/ethnic/religious/traditional), with a recipe card to share. 8944 Austin Ave. Reservations are not required. for more information call Dottie at (847)965-2982

**MGCCI will host Multi-Vantage meetings throughout the month of May** starting on Wed., May 4 at 8:30am-9:30am, in the Morton Grove Village Hall at 6101 Capulina. Please contact MGCCI at 847-965-0330. (See more information below)

**Morton Grove Days** Entry forms for the Morton Grove Days July 4 Parade are available at the Morton Grove Park District by contacting Jeff Fougousse or Sandy McIntyre, 847-965-1200. The Parade is scheduled from 2:30pm on, July 4. Deadline for entering is June 1.

**Morton Grove Post Office** opens their doors at 7:00am for use of the APC-(Automated Postal Center) for shipping or stamps. The APC accepts credit and debit cards. 9114 N.Waukegan , 847-965-5970

**New Age Dental** will have their Grand Opening 7-9pm and a ribbon cutting at 7:30pm on Friday, May 13.They are located in the Amcore Bank building at 8930 Waukegan, Suite 110.

**Sign-A-Rama** will be hosting this month's Business After Hours on Wednesday May 18 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Please contact the MGCCI office to make your reservations.

**Subway** gave each Parkview student a voucher; when a purchase is made, 20% of that sale will go back to Parkview's PTO. This voucher is good only on Wed., May 11, (Subway Day), at 5841 W. Dempster, 847-967-7827.

**Super Cup Coffee Shop** now sells a variety of greeting cards. 8509 Fernald, 847-581-0216.

**Let us know what's happening with your business! Contact the MGCCI office!**

**Call 847-965-0330 Fax 847-965-0349**

**or email us at [info@mgcci.org](mailto:info@mgcci.org)**

## MULTI-VANTAGE NETWORKING GROUP

WE ARE NON-COMPETING BUSINESS OWNERS AND MANAGERS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MORTON GROVE, NILES, OR SKOKIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE MEET WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING QUALITY LEADS THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR BUSINESSES. ADDITIONALLY, WE PRESENT TOPICS OF INTEREST BY QUALIFIED SPEAKERS THAT ARE OF BENEFIT TO OUR BUSINESS AS WELL AS OUR PERSONAL LIVES. **DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, MULTI-VANTAGE WILL BE MEETING AT THE MORTON GROVE CHAMBER EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 8:15AM UNTIL 9:30AM IN THE POLICE TRAINING ROOM. ALL MORTON GROVE CHAMBER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. PLEASE RSVP THROUGH THE CHAMBER.**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 4TH** SPEAKER: ENZO SINOPOLI, COSTCO WHOLESALE

**WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH** SPEAKER: JESSE PONCE DE LEON, HANDYMAN

**WEDNESDAY MAY18TH** SPEAKER: JOANNA STRAMEL, SHAVITZ HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

**WEDNESDAY MAY25TH** SPEAKER: JEFFREY BUTLER, KESSLER, ORLEAN, SILVER & CO.

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Membership Type	Resident Rates
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Family of 3	\$263
Each Additional	\$409
6 Months	\$50
3 Month Summer	\$164
Corporate Daytime/Corporate Anytime	\$59.95
Guests Club Fitness	\$178*/\$228
Gymnasium 18 & under	\$6
Gymnasium 19 & over	\$2
	\$3

\*Daytime Membership: Offered to anyone who would only utilize Club Fitness Monday through Friday from 5:30am to 3:30pm and all day Saturday and Sunday.

**Club Fitness Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday 5:30am - 10pm  
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 Saturday & Sunday 7am - 5pm

To obtain a free one day pass, contact Sue Cottingham at 847-965-1200



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- You must be at least 14 years old or a high school freshman in order to use the fitness center.
- All annual memberships are year to date.
- A Senior Citizen is someone 62 years and older.
- Resident Business/Corporation refers to businesses in Morton Grove, Niles, or Skokie.
- No refunds will be given on Club Fitness Memberships.

*Come be a part of our extended fitness family.*



**WELCOME  
MORTON GROVE CHAMBER MEMBERS &  
GUESTS  
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS  
EVENT!**

**SIGN-A-RAMA  
9421 Skokie Blvd.  
Skokie  
Wed., May 18  
5-7pm**  
PLEASE REPLY BY TO MGCCI  
BY MAY 11

**SIGN UP!**  
Bring your business cards and be ready  
to:  
\* Have fun!  
\* Gain leads!  
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