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What a GREAT party!

Camaraderie, food and drink, and terrific entertainment were instrumental in creating another memorable Holiday Party! The party drew over 100 attendees who celebrated the season. Something new this year, we choose to offer an elegant buffet with carving and pasta action stations which was enjoyed by all.

Highlights included award presentations honoring outstanding achievements within the community and our Board. We paid tribute to Business Person of the Year Don Helmig of Catering with Elegance, Service Award Recipient Dr. Jay Mueller, and Itasca Bank & Trust Co. named Business of the Year. Board members were recognized including Greg Martucci for 21 years of serving the Chamber Board, and we thanked John Binneboese for serving a three-year term as President.

The current Board was recognized for their past year of service, and Executive Director Gail Croson was thanked for her dedication to the Chamber. The 2019 Board of Directors were introduced and include:

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President – John T. Dabrowski, Bloomingdale Township Assessor
Vice President – Susan Sargent, Roselle Bank & Trust
Secretary – Norm Hendle, Ventura 21, Inc.
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Upcoming Events... *Mark your calendar!*

Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, January 3, 5:00 pm

Crazy Crab, 944 Lake Street, Roselle

Join Village officials as we celebrate one of the newest restaurants to Roselle!

Member Breakfast

Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 am (Location TBD)

Be sure to check out our goals for 2019!

Multi-Chamber Progressive Luncheon

Thursday, January 17, 11:00 am (sharp!)

Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale

Colossal networking opportunity! Meet with business professionals from seven other area chambers.

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Letter from the President

The poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas indicated not a creature stirring, not even a mouse. At the Chamber offices it is not that quiet, however, it is a little slower now that all events have concluded for the year.

This gives me time to reflect in preparation for this article, my very last one I will be writing. Three years have gone by just like that! Three years that I have worked with the most compassionate, energetic Board of Directors and Executive Director. People that really care about the wellbeing of Village of Roselle business community, as well as the residents of this wonderful town.

A great amount of planning and time is always put into the golf outing – over 100 golfers, more than most local chambers, the Rose Parade – thousands of residents line the streets cheering familiar faces, beer and bingo tents for the Taste of Roselle – volunteering from opening to closing, redesigning a web site - no easy task for any committee, but our committee nailed it, Sip and Stroll – 200 people, sold out in about three weeks, Halloween Trunk or Treat – finally stopped counting at 900 children trick or treating, successful Casino Nights and Holiday Parties. All these activities are designed around promoting the many fine businesses of Roselle, giving each one the chance to promote themselves and network among themselves, while finding business connections and resources. All this gets their product in front of the people of Roselle.

This year Gregory Martucci, who was elected to the Chamber Board in 1996, retired from the Board. Greg was Chamber Man of the Year in 2009. He was a respected Board member, a great resource, and will be missed. Martucci Law remains open and Greg promises he will still be at Chamber events with his wife, Patty.

There is more to do in the years ahead. That is what makes serving on this Board so gratifying.

So, I thank you all for a wonderful three years. I am honored and grateful for having served Roselle like this. I turn the reins to John Dabrowski, Township Assessor, and wish him and the Board all the best.

Finally, I sincerely wish everyone a most happy holiday and a very prosperous and healthy new year.

Thank you all ...
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The Holiday Party Committee is to be commended for providing an outstanding event! These individuals include Chair John T. Dabrowski, and Committee Members Norm Hendle, Teresa Konkel and Gail Croson. We also thank Don, Jeff and Karen Helmig from Catering with Elegance for a wonderful dinner as well as the Staff from Bloomingdale Golf Club for their hospitality!

Thank you to our Holiday Party Sponsors!

The success of the Holiday Party is due in part to contributions made by members and friends. The Chamber gives special thanks to this year's sponsors.

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Chamber Annual Events

Be sure to monitor your monthly newsletter and Chamber eNews for timely event updates to see how you can participate!

Golf Outing

Wednesday, May 8

Open to Chamber members and the general public, this event promotes camaraderie and relaxation. Outing offers gifts for all golfers; barbecue lunch and "famous" pig roast dinner; beverages, fruit and cigars on the course; and contests including hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive. Sponsorship opportunities are available, and donations are accepted.

60th Rose Parade

Sunday, June 2

In partnership with the Village of Roselle, the Chamber organizes this annual event. Chamber members are encouraged help with staging and are invited to participate with an entry that offers visual and/or audio amusement.

Sip & Stroll

Saturday, July 13

Main Street businesses showcase their beverage and food of choice. Be sure to wear your walking shoes!

Member Picnic & Bags Tourney

Tuesday, July 16

Relax and feast on a fabulous barbecue buffet. Form a team and sign up for the Bags Tournament at check-in.

38th Taste of Roselle

Friday to Sunday, August 2 through August 5

Held the first weekend of August on Main Street, this fun-filled event features food vendors, crafts and a carnival. Chamber member volunteers operate a bingo tent and a beverage tent.

Holiday Party & Awards Banquet

Friday, December 6

This event offers an elegant evening of socializing and networking. Festivities include dinner, award presentations, and entertainment.

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Thank you to the many members who have already renewed their commitment of membership with the Roselle

Chamber in 2019! The official 2019 decal for your member plaque will be sent to all members after the first of the year. If you haven't remitted membership dues, be sure to do so soon to remain in our online directory.

In the upcoming months the Board of Directors will be working on the Chamber's 2019 Calendar of Events. As a staple, our calendar provides for Business After Hours event on the fourth Wednesday of the month which are hosted by member businesses.



Our partnership begins with the Chamber's promotion of the event followed by an invitation to the membership. Reservations will be collected by our office and reported to our host as we get closer to the event. At the event, a Chamber provided Ambassador will greet and provide name badges for all attendees.

As a member host, there are many elements to consider in preparing for a successful event which include:

- offering a variety of complimentary warm and cold appetizers,
- complimentary beverages to include wine, beer, pop and water (mixed drinks optional),
- contributing item(s) for raffle drawing, and
- providing a Greeter Table near the entrance for Chamber Ambassador to register guests and collect their business cards for the raffle.

This is a terrific opportunity to bring 50 or more potential customers into your business while at the same time offering fellow-Chamber members a networking venue. If you'd like to host an After Hours, please call Gail Croson at (630) 894-3010.



Do you have a special event or other announcement that you'd like to share with your fellow-chamber members?

We can help! Using the Chamber's e-Blast Service your email message will reach over 250 recipients. For more information or to schedule an e-blast, please contact Gail Croson

at the Chamber office, (630) 894-3010 or executivedirector@rosellechamber.com.

The USPS has proposed new postage rates to be implemented on Sunday, January 27, 2019, subject to approval by the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC). Listed below are the highlights of the proposed 2019 USPS rate increase for customers buying postage online:



First Class Mail Letters

- The First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the Post Office is increasing by five cents to \$0.55 from \$0.50.
- Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter will cost an extra \$0.15 (a decrease from \$0.21 in 2018).
- First Class Mail Flats/Large Envelope rates are not increasing in 2019, remaining at \$1.00 (1 oz.), with additional ounces costing \$0.15.
- Postcard rates are also not increasing in 2019, remaining at \$0.35.
- Customers who print postage online (via Stamps.com), the Metered Mail rate will now be a 5-cent discount compared to the Post Office price with rates increasing to \$0.50 in 2019 from \$0.47 currently.
- Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.15 in 2019, a decrease from \$0.21 currently.
- The five-cent discount for online postage on a one-ounce First Class Mail letter represents a savings of 9% for consumers and small business owners.

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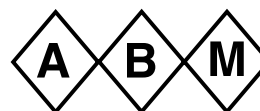


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Network, Network and Network some more!



Mark your calendar for our Annual Multi-Chamber Progressive Lunch on Thursday, January 17. We're meeting at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale. Registration begins at 11:00 am with the program starting at 11:30 am sharp! This popular event will bring an expected 150+ business associates from the surrounding area.

In partnership with other area chambers of commerce, we're pleased to provide this networking opportunity. Attendees will enjoy a three-course meal starting with salad followed by an entrée then dessert and coffee. You'll move from table to table for each of these courses, meeting with different attendees during each course. Be prepared to offer your table mates a one-minute

infomercial about you and your business, be sure to bring plenty of business cards to pass out, and bring other material to display on the promotional table for distribution to all attendees.

Seating assignments will be determined in advance to accommodate rotations. Reservations will not be taken after Monday, January 14, and walk-ins cannot be included in rotation. With seven business organizations participating, this popular event will fill up fast. So, don't delay make your reservation today!



In the true spirit of the season, we express our heartfelt thanks for your contributions to our success this past year. Best wishes to you & your family for a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!