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South Shore Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Newsletter of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce

President's Message

Hello Chamber Members

On Wednesday, February 12th, we had our second meeting as the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. It was well attended and it was nice to see the networking taking place before and after the meeting. Mayors Cory Ann St. Marie Carls (St. Francis), Tom Zepecki (South Milwaukee), and John Hohenfeldt (Cudahy), all gave reports about the happenings of their respective cities. Tina Kreitlow spoke on behalf of Cudahy Superintendent Dr. James Heiden to give us insight on what was happening with the schools.

We were happy to announce eighteen new members joined the chamber this past month. This is very exciting because as our membership grows, so do the networking opportunities. Nicole Zielski and Sarah Eberhardy informed us of their first networking event which will be held Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 at The "K" Ranch from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. It will be called "Networking with a Purpose". Please try to make this event as I am sure it will be very beneficial. Cost is \$5.00 for members or non-members so please feel free to bring friends or co-workers. There will be a cash bar and appetizers will be served. They have also scheduled two more future events for Tuesday, June 17th and Thursday, September 11th. More details to follow about these exciting events. We are so fortunate to have such a great networking/marketing committee.

Our speakers at our meeting were Greg Schlecht (Greg's True Value & Just Ask Rental), Sarah Eberhardy (Eberhardy & Eberhardy), and Sal Purpora (Papa Luigis/ Papa Luigis 2/ S&P Equipment). They all gave interesting perspectives into

how they operate their businesses and deal with the different challenges in their respective businesses. It was very insightful.

This month Christine Hill will be our featured speaker. Christine is a former Mayor of Oak Creek and has a variety of experiences in business politics and education. Her topic will be: "Playing Nice in the Sandbox", "Using conflict to promote a more productive and healthier work environment." Why is conflict so prevalent in our organizations? When is and isn't it helpful? What happens if you try to ignore it in the hopes it will go away? How can you turn conflict into opportunities for greater leadership and innovation?

The board of directors met Tuesday February 11th and it was decided that we will have general monthly membership meetings year round. Members of the board also attended the Sheridan Park Dinner at Pulaski Inn which was a very nice event.

After a lot of hard work by our networking/marketing committee, Dan Ward and Jill Gestwicki, our web site has been launched. Please check it out at www.sccwi.com. This web site will be such a valuable tool as we move forward.

On Friday February 28th I received notice that the building our office is in is being demolished. The realtor did not say what he wanted to build but says he needs a large pad and also bought the building next to us. I contacted Mayor Hohenfeldt for more information but he informed me that it was also news to him that this property was sold and had no idea of the intentions of the new owner. We will now be looking for a new space so please inform us with any ideas you may know of. We would like to have street presence on the first floor and need around one-thousand square feet. Feel free to call my cell

phone at 414-659-4481. I would also like to thank Greg Schlecht (True Value/Just Ask Rental) and Sal Purpora from (Papa Luigis/ Papa Luigis2 /S&P Equipment) for setting the office up with banquet tables and chairs.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 12th at The "K" Ranch beginning at noon. Food will be ready at 11:45 a.m. for those arriving early. We would like to be seated as close to noon as possible to keep the meeting to one hour.

I am so fortunate to be working with such a great group of people as this Chamber continues to grow. I want to thank you all for everything you do.

Sincerely, Jerry Kotarak
President, SSCC



Chamber Luncheon

March 12, 2014

Noon

The "K" Ranch

4840 S Whitnall Ave, Cudahy

Cost is \$15.00, payable at the door.

Please RSVP by 3/10/14, so we can get a precise count. You can call the Chamber office at 414-483-8615 and leave a message, or email at chamberpres@netzero.com.