10th Anniversary
Orland Women's Luncheon

More than 200 attendees, businesses and guests enjoyed a day of education, inspiration and interaction to celebrate the 10th annual Orland Women's Networking Luncheon held on April 26 at Palos Country Club. New this year, the event honored two Trailblazing women—Micah Materre, journalist and WGN television news anchor, for Media success; and Andrea Zopp, World Chicago Business, for Civic Leadership.

Many thanks to major event sponsors, MidAmerica Orthopaedics, AAA Auto Club Group, Rizza Buick GMC & Cadillac and Republic Bank. Thanks also to grand raffle prize sponsor, James & Sons Fine Jewelers; sweets sponsor, Nothing Bundt Cakes; floral sponsor, Mitchell's Flowers and swag bag sponsor, Orland Park Crossing.
Dear OPACC Members,

Spring has FINALLY sprung! I am energized to see all of the faces that have been hibernating through the chilly and obscenely long winter we have had. So too, we have many new members to celebrate. It is fascinating to see the eclectic members that we have in our midst. Are you using the chamber as much as you can? I ask this because we have at least one member in just about every industry that can fulfill any business need.

If you haven't been to an event of ours lately, please consider this my formal invitation to you. In addition to our signature events, we have several networking opportunities available to you. Practice your 30-second elevator speech and try it out on your fellow members at our next gathering!

By the time you have received this publication, the Orland Women's Networking Luncheon will have already taken place. I am confident that it is going to be a great success. I have been involved in some of the planning and I am excited to see the event come to fruition. Thank you to our sponsors, vendors, attendees and volunteers!

Our next signature event is the OPACC Golf Outing on June 21. We are breathing new life into the event this year and you are certain to see some great changes in how it is operated. Even if you don’t golf, there are many things to do to participate. At the very least, join us for dinner and honor our scholarship recipients.

Lastly, when I was installed, I promised to enhance business benefit awareness for our Veterans. In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to our members to ask two questions: 1.) Is your business Veteran Owned? 2.) Do you offer discounts or incentives to Veterans? It is our hope to use this as a resource for Veterans in our community to raise awareness to what you, our businesses, are doing that not everyone may be aware of.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you soon.

I appreciate you!

Renee Crews, 2018 President
Metamorphosis

Orland Park is a dining destination! We’ve had a number of new restaurants debut in town over the past few months and we welcome all of them.

A 10-screen movie theater has been approved for the former Sears store location at Orland Square. The re-development of the upper level of the store will also include retail and restaurant space. Plans call for a 40,000 square foot addition to the southeast side of the building with the former Sears Auto Repair Center being re-developed for additional retail space, at an estimated cost of $40 million dollars.

The village issued requests for qualifications (RFQ) for the remaining available land in the Downtown Main Street Triangle Development and received six submittals. Two of the developer finalists will be interviewed before the next stage after the RFQ, the request for proposals (RFP). These must meet the community’s long term vision for the downtown area.

I recently joined the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and my fellow south suburban mayors to voice our objections to Cook County’s Prevailing Wage Act. We testified before the Cook County Board to let them know that the law is too costly for small, private companies and will hinder economic development. Many south suburban communities are concerned about the damage this mandate will do to their communities.

Orland Park’s Smart Cities was created to make it easier for residents and businesses to interact with village resources electronically, by phone or in person. The most tangible example will be improving the experience via the internet to pay bills, monitor water usage near real time, apply and follow permit and license progress all from the comfort of your home or business. A new addition will be a centralized 3-1-1 enabling residents and businesses to call one number with questions and requests. Village staff is working on these projects, compiling data for analysis that will be reported to guide future village enhancements. Orland Park has joined forces with Tinley Park and Mokena to form an I-80 Corridor Economic Development Group. This group and the cooperation between the villages is the first of its kind in the region. The goal of this group is to market and bring development to the I-80 Corridor Region.

Keith Pekau, Village President
Village of Orland Park

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McAlister’s Deli 10th Chicagoland location is now open in Orland Park. Located at 14309 LaGrange Road on the SE corner of 143rd & LaGrange in the Gateway Plaza, we will be serving our delicious handcrafted sandwiches, always-fresh salads, giant stuffed spuds and McAlister’s Famous Sweet Tea™. We also offer a variety of fresh, made-to-order catering options including breakfast, snacks, spud bars, salads, sandwich trays, box lunches and desserts, just contact us for details and suggestions for planning your next event.

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OPACC Happenings

We had a huge turnout for our March Young Pros’ Meet-up held at Beggars Pizza, 11329 W. 143rd Street, Orland Park. Young Pros meetings are the second Wednesday of every month.

Juicy Luzy Sangria owner, Luz Cavazos hosted a Multi-Chamber Business After Hours event on March 15. Pictured with Luz are members of the Orland Park and Tinley Park Chambers of Commerce.

Orland Square Mall hosted a Sip N Shop Business After Hours on Sunday, March 18th. Stylist Jenny Applegate (center) of The Leading Image provided styling assistance during the event.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Charuk, Susan Demopoulos, David Adam, Panorea Bukutis, Dr. Metsel, Dr. Kronen, Dr. Fakhouri and Leticia Ramirez had a wonderful time at the MidAmerica Orthopaedics Business After Hours held on Wednesday, March 21.

OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez, President Renee Crews, and President Elect Mike Hardek were all smiles at the March MEMBERSHIP Madness event held on Thursday, March 22 at The Alley Grill & Tap House.
Red Mango celebrated their grand opening on March 23. Pictured (left to right): Janelle Witry, Orland Park Band & Trust, Cathy Mein, Orland Square Mall, Ms. Mango, Red Mango Mascott, Walter Jackson, Shamika Jackson, Owners, Renee Crews, OPACC President, Metamorphosis, Joe Ficaro, Salinas Catering and Keith Pekau, Village President.

Darvin Furniture & Mattress welcomed the brand-new look of their 97-year-old company on March 22, 2018. Co-Owners Steve and Marty Darvin along with more than 200 enthusiastic attendees gathered around the newly renovated entryway and showroom to celebrate.

Miller’s Ale House celebrated their Grand Opening on March 26. Pictured (left to right): Manager Dennis Bresingham, Panorea Bakutsis, Robert Morris University, GM Harry Nakos, Regional Manager Doug Smith, Chamber President Renee Crews, Village President Keith Pekau, and Kathleen Fenton, Village Trustee.

Chuy’s General Manager Jose Salazar (front center) and his staff found it difficult to contain their excitement and enthusiasm for their grand opening held on March 27, 2018.
Village President Keith Pekau joined City Barbecue General Manager Jeff Rennemeyer for the official RIB BONE cutting on Saturday, April 28. Once the ribs were cut apart, they were shared with the Village Trustees, Chamber members and barbeque fanatics in attendance. City Barbeque is located at 14309 S. LaGrange Road.

Heartis Village Executive Director KC Strough was presented the Chamber membership plaque by Village President Keith Peaku at the official Grand Opening held on Thursday, April 12.

McAlister’s Deli owner Ravi Patel, with scissors, along with family, Village officials and many chamber members celebrated their grand opening on Friday, April 6. The restaurant is located at 14309 S. LaGrange Road.

The Orland Park Chamber, together with officials from the University of Chicago and the Village of Orland Park, celebrated the Grand Opening of the CVS Pharmacy Minute Clinic on Wednesday, April 11. The Clinic is located at 14290 S LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Tradycja Polish Fusion Cuisine owner Damian Piekarczyk was joined by staff, Village President Keith Pekau, Village Trustees and numerous chamber members to celebrate their official grand opening on April 20. The restaurant is located at 14478 S. LaGrange Road.
As you may have heard, the stock market has been on a wild ride lately. What's behind this volatility? And, as an investor, how concerned should you be?

Let's look at the first question first. What caused the steep drop in stock prices we experienced on a few separate days?

Essentially, two main factors seem to be responsible. First, some good economic news may actually have played a significant role. A 17-year low in unemployment and solid job growth have begun to push wages upward. These developments have led to fears of rising inflation, which, in turn, led to speculation that the Federal Reserve will tighten the money supply at a faster-than-expected rate. Stocks reacted negatively to these expectations of higher interest rates.

The second cause of the market volatility appears to be simply a reaction to the long bull market. While rising stock prices lead many people to continue buying more and more shares, some people actually need to sell their stocks – and this pent-up selling demand, combined with short-term profit-taking, helped contribute to the large sell-offs of recent days.

Now, as for the question of how concerned you should be about this volatility, consider these points:

• Sell-offs are nothing unusual. We've often experienced big sell-offs, but they've generally been followed with strong recoveries. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of future results, but history has shown that patient, persistent investors have often been rewarded.
• Fundamentals are strong. While short-term market movements can be caused by a variety of factors, economic conditions and corporate earnings typically drive performance in the long term. Right now, the U.S. economy is near full employment, consumer and business sentiment has risen strongly, manufacturing and service activity is at multi-year highs, and GDP growth in 2018 appears to be on track for the best performance since 2015. Furthermore, corporate earnings are expected to rise this year.

So, given this background, what's your next move?

Here are some suggestions:

• Review your situation. You may want to work with a financial professional to evaluate your portfolio to determine if it is helping you make the progress you need to eventually achieve your long-term goals.
• Reassess your risk tolerance. If you were unusually upset over the loss in value of your investments during the market pullback, you may need to review your risk tolerance to determine if it's still appropriate for your investment mix. If you feel you are taking on too much risk, you may need to rebalance your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that by “playing it safe” and investing heavily in vehicles that offer greater protection of principal, but little in the way of return, you run the risk of not attaining the growth you need to reach your objectives.
• Look for opportunities. A market pullback such as the one we've experienced, which occurs during a period of economic expansion and rising corporate profits, can give long-term investors a chance to add new shares at attractive prices in an environment that may be conducive to a market rally. A sharp market pullback, such as we've seen recently, will always be big news. But if you look beyond the headlines, you can sometimes see a different picture – and one that may be brighter than you had realized.

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TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Submitted by Paul O’Grady, Orland Township Supervisor

Orland Township is fortunate that so many businesses in the area believe in investing in the community. On that note, I’d like to thank Steve and Marty Darvin for their generous $5,000 donation to the Orland Township Food Pantry during Darvin Furniture’s grand opening celebration.

I would also like to thank Chuy’s Tex Mex who raised nearly $300 for the Food Pantry. For three days, Chuy’s contributed $1 for every photo of a dog they received for the restaurant’s “dog wall.” It is heartwarming to see these and other local businesses take such an active role in giving back to the community.

May is Older Americans Month, a time to recognize and celebrate our seniors! From free fitness classes, to specially themed Drop-In days, to a bingo pizza party, Orland Township has a fun event scheduled for nearly every day in May to commemorate Older Americans Month. Please see the Spring issue of The Orland Township Focus or visit our website, www.orlandtownship.org, for more details.

Get a Grip

Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at the Silver Lake Country Club. This event sells out quickly, so make sure to reserve your foursome early.

Please consider one or more of the following sponsorships as a wonderful way to promote your business, service or product.

Staffed Hole - Only 10 left: An outing sign to promote your business will be placed at an assigned hole, as well as a table to display literature or distribute promotional items.

Towel Sponsor - Only 9 left: Your logo will be placed on a keepsake golf towel.

Oasis Sponsor - Only 2 available

Registration and sponsorship forms are now available online, visit www.orlandparkchamber.org. For more information or to volunteer for the Golf Planning Committee, call the Chamber office at 708-349-2972.
2018 Annual Golf Outing

Thursday June 21
Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Avenue, OP

8:00 AM - Check in & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM - Best Ball Shotgun Start

Return completed form with payment to:
Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce
8799 W, 151st Street, Orland Park, 60462
email: bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org

QUESTIONS Contact Chamber Office 708-349-2972

AMOUNT DUE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO OPACC

CARD NUMBER

EXP DATE

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BILLING ADDRESS & ZIP
Save the Date

Unique Art, Craft Beer, Good Eats & Entertainment!

Saturday - Sept 29, 1pm to 8pm
Sunday - Sept. 30, 1pm to 6pm

Orland Park Crossing
143rd & LaGrange Road, Orland Park
**Upcoming Programs & Events**

### MAY 2018

**Murphy Dental Ribbon Cutting**
Tuesday, May 8  11:45am - 1:00pm  
*Murphy Dental*  
14528 John Humphrey Drive, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 12:00 noon**

**Golf Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, May 9  8:00am - 9:00am  
*Chamber Office*  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

**Young Pro’s Meet Up**
Wednesday, May 9  5:00pm - 7:00pm  
*Miller’s Ale House*  
15630 S. LaGrange Road, OP

**Stop & Go Airport Shuttle Service Ribbon Cutting**
Thursday, May 10  11:45am - 1:30pm  
**Stop & Go Airport Shuttle**  
15255 S. 94th Ave, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 12:00 noon**

**Pinnacle Dermatology Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening**
Monday, May 14  12:45pm to 2pm  
*Pinnacle Dermatology*  
10720 W 165th, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 1:00pm**

**Board Meeting**
Wednesday, May 16  8:00am - 9:00am  
*Orland School District 135 Administration Office*  
15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

**State of the Village**
Thursday, May 17  11:30am - 1:30pm  
*Orland Park Civic Center*  
14750 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP  
**$15 per person, Registration Required**

**AAA The Auto Club Group Ribbon Cutting**
Saturday, May 19  10:45am - 12:45pm  
*AAA The Auto Group*  
16069 S. LaGrange Road, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 11:00am**

**Gwendolyn J. Sterk and the Family Law Group’s 4th Annual Multi-Chamber BAH - 1950’s!**
Wednesday, May 23  5:00pm - 8:00pm  
*Gwendolyn J. Sterk and the Family Law Group*  
11508 W. 183rd Place NW, OP  
**RSVPs requested**

### JUNE 2018

**Marketing Meeting**
Tuesday, May 29  8:00am - 9:00am  
*Chamber Office*  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

**Hollywood Park “Get in the Game” BAH**
Thursday, May 31  5:00pm - 7:00pm  
*Hollywood Park*  
5051 Cal Sag Road, Crestwood  
**Families Welcome**

**Arts & Drafts Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, June 5  4:00pm - 5:00pm  
*Chamber Office*  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

**Ambassador Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, June 6  7:45am - 9:00am  
*Orland Park Bank & Trust*  
15330 S. LaGrange Rd, OP

**Legislative Meeting**
TBD

**Young Pro’s Meet Up**
Wednesday, June 13  5:30pm - 7:30pm  
*Chuy’s*  
15610 S. LaGrange Rd, OP

**Board Meeting**
Wednesday, June 20  8:00am - 9:00am  
*Orland School District 135 Administration Office*  
15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

**Golf Outing**
Thursday, June 21  
8:00am Check-in  9:00am Best Ball Shotgun Start  
*Silver Lake Country Club*  
14700 S. 82nd Avenue, OP

**Marketing Meeting**
Tuesday, June 26  8:00am - 9:00am  
*Chamber Office*  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

**Monthly Membership Meeting**
Wednesday, June 27  7:45am - 9:00am  
*Hearts of Orland Park*  
7420 W 159th Street, OP