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November 2009 Newsletter

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**Business
 Expo
 Registration
 is NOW
 OPEN!!!**

Register by

12-31-09 for reduced rates!

Visit the Community
 Business Expo page on
 our website for full
 details on booth space,
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 for additional details and to

Message from the President

Hello SACC Members!

It is time for our Annual Meeting at the November 10th Luncheon. Our meeting next week will focus on a review of 2009 and a look forward into 2010.

More importantly, the event offers you, the Member, an opportunity to shape your Board of Directors and select your leadership for the next three years. There are three open positions on our Board that you will be asked to vote on. This year we have six candidates running for the three open positions. They are:

- Melody Balicki, Owner Operator, Jimmy Johns
- Debbie Dudek, Insurance Sales & Owner, Debbie Dudek Agency, American Family Insurance
- Brad Easter, Assistant V.P., Branch Manager, First National Bank
- Melissa Lee, Associate Retail Manager, Bank of Shorewood
- Jim Martin, Entertainer/Owner, Skye Jumps
- Christine Ruzich, Broker Manager, Re/Max Affiliate

For a full profile of each candidate [click here](#).

Additionally, as our Chamber continues to grow and change, we occasionally need to update our bylaws to stay current with our Chamber's objectives and policies and procedures. Therefore, you are also being asked to vote on changes to our bylaws. For a detailed description of the bylaw changes [click here](#).

We understand that not everyone can make the lunch and for those that cannot attend, it is VERY important that your voice is still heard. If you are not attending the lunch please use one of these two options to make sure your voice is heard:

1. Have someone attend the Annual Meeting on your behalf and represent your interest. Just complete a Proxy Designation ([click here](#)) and follow the instruction on the form.
2. Use our Advance Voting Ballot ([click here](#)) and send your vote to the Chamber in advance of the meeting. Print this ballot and follow the instructions carefully. Just a reminder, voting in advance does not allow you to vote on items introduced at the meeting.

I cannot stress enough the importance of making sure you cast your

reserve your spot today!

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Member Achievements

Earn your MBA?
Complete a new designation?
Receive a big award at work?

The Chamber would like to highlight our member's significant accomplishments in this new section of our Newsletter.

Email your achievement to sacc@shorewoodchamber.com

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Advertising with the Chamber

Don't miss out on the reduced rates for e-blast and direct mailing services with the Chamber. Reduced rates expire 12-31-09.

The Chamber also sells ad space in this newsletter. Highlight your business in this space!

View our full menu of advertising opportunities [here](#).

Contact Jennifer or Lisa at 815-725-2900 with any questions or to take advantage of this offer.

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vote either through the advanced voting ballot, designating a proxy or by attending the meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Executive Director, Jennifer Dylak at 815-725-2900.

I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Brad Easter
SACC Board President

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10 New in '10

The Chamber Announces Speed Networking Event scheduled for December 15, 2009

Looking to start 2010 with up to 10 new contacts? If yes, then come out for our monthly membership lunch and bring your business cards!

- Take turns over two minute intervals and on a one-on-one basis talking about your business to up to 10 people!
- Leave the event with a business card from everyone in attendance!
- Bring a flyer, brochure or give-away item for people to remember you by! You'll place it on the information exchange table which is a free exchange for all in attendance.

Register and RSVP by December 9th. The event will take place at the Troy Township Community Center. Registration forms are available, [click here](#).

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Networking Tip - How to Network More Effectively

with Laura Allen, 15 Second Pitch

Sometimes we tend to over think networking and get stuck on "what can this person do for my business". Watch this quick one minute and 46 second video and learn how you can network more effectively. [VIDEO](#).

Source: About.com:Entrepreneur, Laura Allen, 15 Second Pitch

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New Members & Ribbon Cuttings October 2009

The Chamber would like to give special recognition to those Organizations that have joined as [New Members of the Chamber in the month of October 2009](#). You can find more information on each of the Organizations by visiting the [Member Business Directory](#) on

the Chamber website or click on the links below. Please take the time to help us welcome:

Matty's Grill
[Shorewood Lube & Service](#)
[R. Berti Building Solutions](#)
[Will County Republicans](#)
Nicholas Macris (Individual Member)

Congratulations to those businesses that celebrated their Ribbon Cutting Events in October.

[Benedetto's Pizza](#)
[Papa John's Pizza](#)

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Suggestions

Have a good idea or topic that you would like to see covered in our Newsletter?

Have an idea for an event or seminar you would like the Chamber to host?

Send your suggestions to the Chamber office at sacc@shorewoodchamber.com.

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As always your feedback is appreciated. Email or call the Chamber with any comments, suggestions or ideas you have for the Chamber. Don't forget that the Chamber has multiple committees that you can be involved with. Committees are a great way to get more involved in the Chamber and offer you opportunities to build relationships with prospective business clients.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dylik, Executive Director
Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce

Brad Easter
President
Assistant Vice President, First National Bank (Shorewood location)

Andrea DiVecchio
Vice-President
Owner, PostNet

Keith Hanouw
Treasurer
Agent, State Farm Insurance

DIRECTORS

Adam Underhill, Assistant Vice President - First National Bank (Plainfield location)
David Rocci, Owner - Liberty Tax Services
Linda Slabaugh, Account Manager - Allied Waste of Joliet
Melissa Lee, Branch Manager - Bank of Shorewood
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