

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to our members and guests who came together to make our annual Bowling Event a success!



Melissa Hernandez

Once again our Ambassador committee did an amazing job putting this event together. You all rock! Thanks to 5-Star Computer Services, Bryant Crawford; Ann Meyer, Ann Meyer Agency~Farmers Insurance, West Dundee; Connie Krueger, AVON Beauty Consultant; REALTOR James Byrnes Baird & Warner; Vicki Genz, RealtyOneGroup Karmma Vicki Genz; Hanadi Dib, First American Bank; Cheryl Alopogianis, Tastefully Simple; and Arlene De La Cruz ~ Megasentials Group. The Ambassadors worked for months thinking of every little detail to make this event a success and everyone had a great time.

The raffles baskets and bottles of wine donated by our Chamber members added to the excitement. Thank you to all for such generosity. It's a fun way of spreading the word about your businesses.

Thanks to Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville for hosting the NKCC every year. The fantastic food everyone enjoyed was provided by Bob Karas, Karas Restaurant Group & Zza Factory and the yummy dessert was provided by Cook's Ice Cream. The crowd always looks forward to seeing what Jen & her staff create for us. A special thank you to Jason Nowitzki Photography for taking photos, too.

It's been a great start for 2025 and we look forward to all of the networking and fun ahead.



Through the Decades 2025 Bowling Event



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Thank you to all the businesses that donated a raffle item or wine to make this year's Bowling Event a success!

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Michael Simpson

Well, here we are, already well into the new year! According to past research, the majority of us will have already blown our new year's resolutions by now. In fact, this trend is so prevalent that January 9th is designated as Quitter's Day!

I found a great quote by Vern McLellan that I've taken to heart for 2025. "What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

2024 was a very challenging year. 2025 will be a challenging year, as well. The good news is that your Chamber is bringing an exceptional staff, a committed board, great community relationships, and dedicated volunteers to the new year.

We are continuing to work on our strategic plan. We are fiscally strong. We are already working on all of our major events for 2025, including the recent Annual Bowling Event.

We had approximately 100 in attendance, and there was great food, drink and LOTS of raffle prizes! Kudos to the NKCC Ambassadors for coordinating another great event! But wait, there's more! You can check out all the events, ribbon cuttings, networking opportunities, business after hours, rise & shines and more at <https://business.nkccchamber.com/events>.

Please consider joining us, and sharing in all the potential 2025 has to offer!

With gratitude,

Michael Simpson, *Baird and Warner*
Chair, Northern Kane County Chamber

Chamber Ambassadors



Thank You to all our Ambassadors! You All Rock!

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NKCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

**FRIDAY
JUNE 13
9AM**



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2025 NKCC WOMAN IN BUSINESS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

High School Seniors and College Students, affiliated with the NKC Chamber or residing in the NKCC market area, may apply.

- Deadline is March 31
- Finalists notified April 7th
- Winners announced by April 18

Ribbon Cutting



Tequila Val's
East Dundee



El Pato Loco
Tacos & Tequila
West Dundee



Everything Floral
East Dundee



Eastside Coffee & Wine Bar
East Dundee



Electric Tattoo
Carpentersville

Riverside Holiday Lights Parade



First Place Winner
Dundee Township Park District



Amy Home Services



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- 514 Market Loop, LLC ~ West Dundee
- Ace Handyman Services - Fox Valley ~ Elgin
- Advanced Roofing Systems ~ Carpentersville
- Advantage Heating & Cooling ~ Elgin
- AJ Slots ~ Carpentersville
- Amy Home Services ~ Carpentersville
- Amy Wilhelmi, Marriage and Family Therapy, Ketamine-Assisted-Psychotherapy, Divorce Mediation ~ West Dundee
- Aplos Mortgage, Inc. ~ Crystal Lake
- BAC Restoration ~ Elgin
- Baird & Warner, James Byrnes ~ Algonquin
- Baird & Warner, Michael Simpson ~ Algonquin
- Beltran Group Financial Services ~ Gilberts
- Bleuroot ~ West Dundee
- Briana's Pancake House ~ East Dundee
- Century 21 New Heritage West ~ East Dundee
- Club Pilates Arboretum ~ South Barrington
- Comcast Business ~ Oak Brook
- COUNTRY Financial ~ Elgin
- CPA Advisors Group, Inc. ~ Hoffman Estates
- Dundee Animal Hospital ~ East Dundee
- Edward Jones, John Silmon ~ Carpentersville
- Edward Jones, Jay Bennett ~ West Dundee
- El Pato Loco ~ West Dundee
- Everything Floral ~ East Dundee
- Express Employment Professionals ~ West Dundee
- FNBO ~ Elgin
- G&R Heating and Air ~ Gilberts
- Globe Life - Liberty National Division ~ Lisle
- Gerald L. Heinz & Associates ~ East Dundee
- James M. Kiss, LTD. P.C. ~ Carpentersville
- KCT Credit Union ~ Carpentersville
- Kirkpatrick, Jones & Herzog Insurance Agency, Inc ~ Elgin
- Laird Funeral Home P.C. ~ West Dundee
- Liberty Lanes ~ Carpentersville
- Meyer Signs & Graphics ~ Gilberts
- Minuteman Press ~ South Elgin
- Miracle Method Surface Refinishing ~ Villa Park
- Molly Maid ~ West Dundee
- Motl Accounting LLC ~ West Dundee
- Parkway Bank & Trust ~ Carpentersville
- Polex Services ~ Lake in the Hills
- Premier Community Management ~ Elgin
- Premier Living Properties ~ St. Charles
- Riverwalk Apartments ~ West Dundee
- Rosie O'Hare's ~ East Dundee
- Sam's Club Store # 4942 ~ Elgin
- Smurf Heating & Air ~ Carpentersville
- State Farm-Chad Radtke ~ Huntley
- State Representative Anna Moeller ~ Elgin
- Sunrise Social Café ~ Carpentersville
- Symonds-Madison Funeral Home ~ Elgin
- Tequilla Val's Mexican Grill & Cantina ~ East Dundee
- The Assembly Bar & Grill ~ West Dundee
- The N2 Company ~ Hampshire
- Ultimate Marketing ~ South Elgin
- Uniform Outlet ~ Carpentersville
- Weed Man ~ Elgin
- Weyers McKeever Financial Partners ~ Lake in the Hills



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- American General Storage
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- BMO Harris Bank NA
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- BodyWorks Medical Center
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- Brittain's Touchless Car Wash
West Dundee
- Elgin Community College
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2025 EVENTS

UPCOMING "MUST ATTEND" EVENTS

APRIL 17	CASINO NIGHT: ROCHAUS WEST DUNDEE	JUNE 13	GOLF OUTING: WHISPER CREEK GOLF COURSE HUNTLEY
OCT 4	ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER: HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES ELGIN	DEC. 13	HOLIDAY LUNCH: LOCATION TBD

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2025 Bowling Event



Chamber Honor Roll

Years

Advocate Sherman Hospital	39
State Farm- Chad Radtke	18
First American Bank, Carpentersville	17
LMG Insurance Agency, Inc.	14
Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc	14
Elgin Recycling	11
Dolly's Gaming Café	10
Edward Jones, Frank Petroczy.....	10
Vanity Tattoo	10
Testament of Love Church	9
Shaw Media	8
ServPro of East & West Dundee / SW Barrington Hills	7
Symonds - Madison Funeral Home	6
Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System	4
SMURF Heating & Air Conditioning	3
Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling Company	1



Holiday Lunch at Bleuroot

MARCH 2025 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Women in Business	7	8
9	10 Legislative Update	11	12	13 Multi-Chamber After Hours	14	15 St. Patrick's Day Parade 
16	17 	18 ZOOM Webinar	19 Business After Hours	20	21	22
23	24 D300 Spring Break	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Event Information

* indicates fee involved

***WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON**

March 6th, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

VFW West Dundee

117 S. 1st St. ~ West Dundee

Commander Dan Pearson talks about the VFW and the crucial role the organization plays in the community. We also welcome Chief Green from West Dundee. Cost is \$25 Chamber Members ~ \$30 Non-Members

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE SUZANNE NESS & SENATOR DON DEWITTE

March 10th, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Algonquin Village Hall

2200 Harnish Dr. ~ Algonquin

Join our multiple chambers for a Legislative Update with State Senator Don Dewitte, & State Representative Suzanne Ness. They will give updates from Springfield and take your questions.

***MULTI-CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

March 13th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Pickle Haus

1621 Randall Rd. Algonquin

Space is limited. Please register early.

Join us & 11 Chambers from the Fox Valley area for an evening of food, drinks, and fantastic networking! You'll also get to spend an hour with a pro, learning the best pickleball tips. The cost is \$30.00 per person, & you can register through your local Chamber.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 15, 11:00 AM

Downtown East Dundee

Bring out the family to honor a great tradition in our community! NKCC will again be participating in this years parade. Please contact the chamber office if you would like to join us in the celebration!

ZOOM WEBINAR QUIET QUITTING VS LOUD RETALIATION

March 18th, 11:30 AM – Noon

Hosted by the Fox River Valley Chamber Directors

Have you heard of "quiet quitting?"

What kind of "loud retaliation" have you been experiencing in your workplace? Join us for an engaging discussion, where we'll break down quiet quitting (disengagement, burnout, and unmet expectations) and the more vocal responses of loud retaliation (open resistance, workplace conflict, and public pushback. Register at www.nkccchamber.com

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 19th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

River Street Tavern

102 N. River St. ~ East Dundee

Enjoy an evening of networking with members of the NKCC, expand your business contacts and build valuable relationships in a fun and relaxed setting. Refreshments will be served.

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