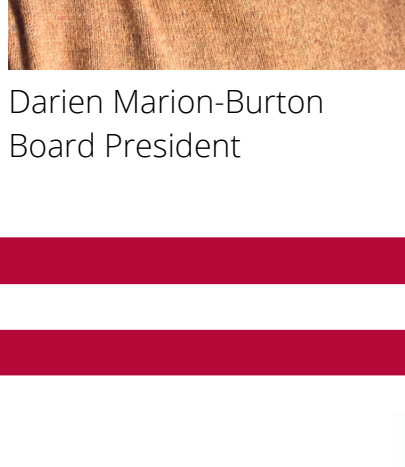




Diversity Equity Inclusion



Anyone who's spent significant time with me knows that diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical elements to how I run my business, and live my life. As the first Black and openly gay president of the Chamber you can be sure that strengthening our DEI initiatives will be a priority. To that effect, I am excited to announce that we have launched a BIPOC business owner group. My goal is that this group will allow us to better engage with our BIPOC owned businesses to better support and champion the amazing work they are doing in our community. Join us! We want to hear your voice!



Darien Marion-Burton
Board President

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COMMUNITIES

Tuesday February 8, 5-7pm - Business After Hours at West Suburban Medical Center

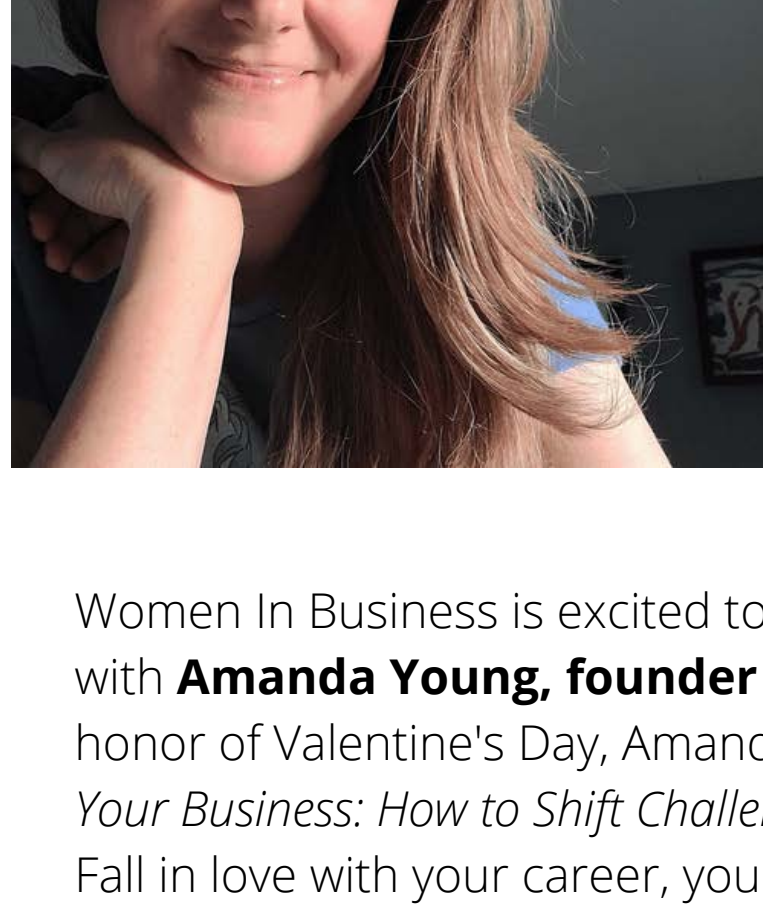
Our February Business After Hours (BAH) will be hosted by **West Suburban Medical Center**. Join us for a night of networking and hors d'oeuvres, and check out this longtime Oak Park institution, while making connections for your business or organization! All members and non-members are welcomed. Connecting business to business, business to community.

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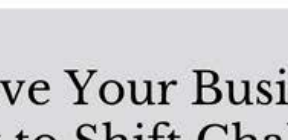
Friday February 18, 12-12:30pm - Inter-Chamber Takeout Stakeout at Madison Park Kitchen

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at **Madison Park Kitchen in Forest Park**! In this event, we convene at a designated restaurant to pick up our takeout lunch choices, and get to see each other for a bit while we're at it in a socially-distanced meetup. Like our Tuesday Tasting lunch series from which this springs, lunch is a flat \$16 including tax and tip.

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Amanda Young
Mindset Coach &
Energy Healer



February Women In Business

**Love Your Business:
How to Shift Challenges
& Fears to Your Benefit**

Friday February 11, 2022
9:00am - 10:30am

Women In Business is excited to continue our monthly series with **Amanda Young, founder of AHY Energy Healing**. In honor of Valentine's Day, Amanda will be speaking on *Love Your Business: How to Shift Challenges and Fears to Your Benefit*. Fall in love with your career, your business, your journey and your company all over again!

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As always we will start our gathering with our regular guests from Riveredge Hospital with their *Mindful Ten* segment - nourish your soul and feel the **LOVE** of the group before we dive into the heart of the discussion.



Office of Minority Economic Empowerment:

Overview of Financial Resources for Minority Small Businesses



ILLINOIS STATE
OFFICE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT (OMEE)

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR MINORITY SMALL BUSINESSES

FEB 2 - WEDNESDAY - 10AM - 11AM
OR
FEB 16 - WEDNESDAY - 2PM - 3PM

Presented by:



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity



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Is access to capital important to you in your business? The OMEE Business Development Managers invite you to an open online conversation for all OMEE constituents (racial/ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veteran owned businesses as well as all marginalized communities such as Arab, LGBTQIA+, etc.) regarding FINANCIAL RESOURCES. We will provide you with the latest updates on federal and state programs, share information about other resources, and answer any questions you may have.

Want more information about Professional Development, check out the website! We are adding more events as they become available.

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Member Benefits Series

New to the Chamber?

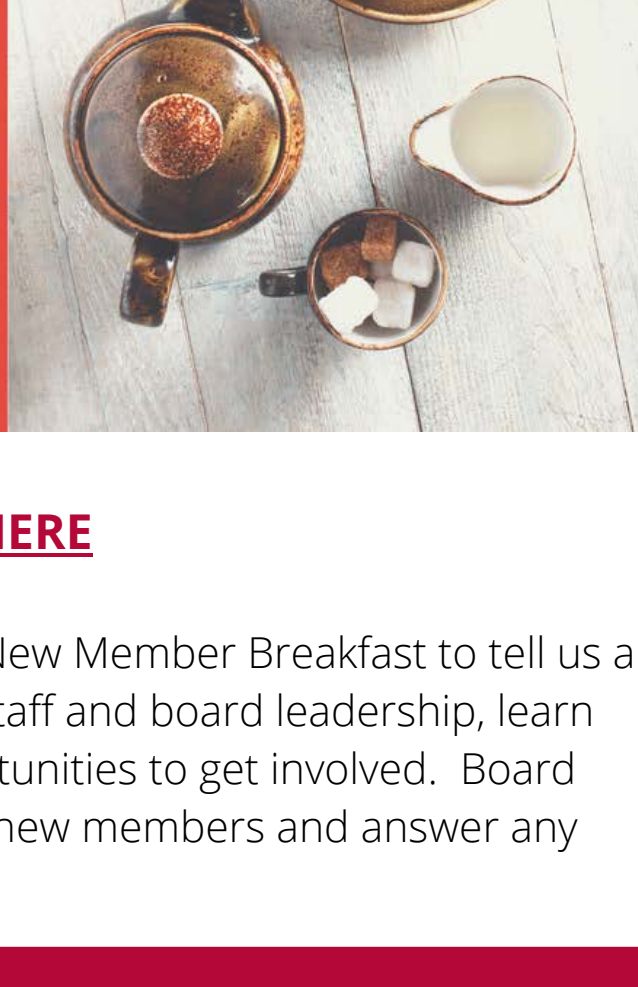
Meet other new Chamber members, staff and Board Members!

New Member Breakfast

Thursday | February 17, 2022

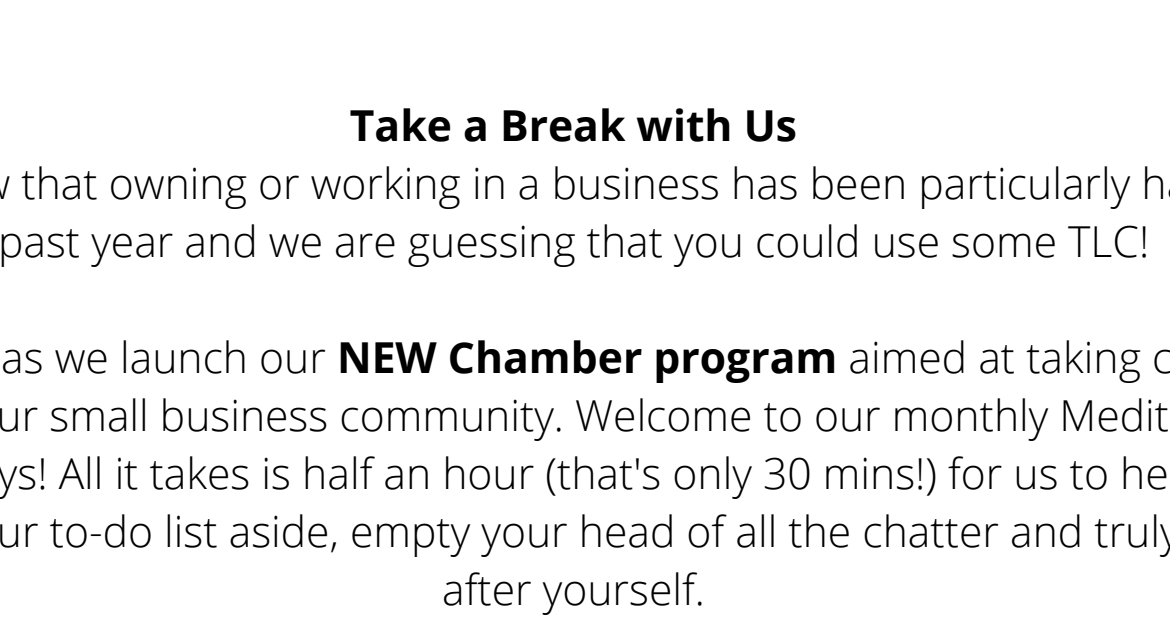
8:00am - 9:30am

Oak Park Arms
408 S Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL



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Welcome New Members! Join us at our New Member Breakfast to tell us all about your business, to meet Chamber staff and board leadership, learn about all of your benefits, and find opportunities to get involved. Board members and staff are on hand to meet new members and answer any questions!



Take a Break with Us

We know that owning or working in a business has been particularly hard this past year and we are guessing that you could use some TLC!

Join us as we launch our **NEW Chamber program** aimed at taking care of you, our small business community. Welcome to our monthly Meditation Mondays! All it takes is half an hour (that's only 30 mins!) for us to help you put your to-do list aside, empty your head of all the chatter and truly look after yourself.

Who will lead the meditation?

We are thrilled to partner with the **Kadampa Meditation Center in Oak Park** to bring you this monthly meditation. The fabulous Kelsang Chogo will lead the meditation and talk you through every step. You don't need to do anything but show up and breath!

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Support Our Local Diversely-Owned Businesses



Did you know that there are a large number of businesses in the Oak Park Area that self-report as a Diversely-Owned? Did you also know that this means that at least 51% of the company must be owned and controlled by African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans or Asian-Indian Americans.

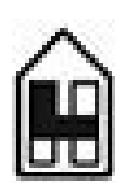
Support our local Diversely-Owned Chamber businesses! Click on the link below to see the list that is being updated regularly.

[LEARN MORE](#)



December 2021 & January 2022 New Chamber Members!

Can't wait to learn more about you and help support your business!



The Loretto
Hospital

Aflac

Jillian Overbeck

The Immediate
Care Center
of
Oak Park



FOCUS



Carla Taylor

Aflac

Jason Cox



Online Job Hunt / Online Interviewing

Struggling to find enough employees? If you are looking for an easy way to fill those vacancies at your business, join OPRFHS in it's inaugural online job hunt. During school lunches, students will sign up for time slots to virtually meet with you and discuss part-time employment. Use this opportunity as a screening method or jump straight to interviewing. Find employees now, for the summer, or as full time employees after graduation.

OPRFHS Virtual Job Hunt



When

- Weekday(s) you are available
- 11:00am - 1:20pm (during school lunch periods)
- Starting in February

Where

- Zoom



Why

- Meet multiple potential high school employees without having to leave your business
- Interview online
- Fill those vacancies quickly
- No cost to you . . . just time

If interested contact:
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