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## **Westmont Business Community Networking Events**

### ***Being Engaged and Building Business Relationships is Key to Success***

**Westmont, Illinois** – The Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau (WCCTB) is excited to announce a line-up of excellent business networking events this month. Business persons and organization representatives will have the opportunity to network with hundreds of other businesses and hear information that can be used to help evaluate their own financial picture. WCCTB is offering the upcoming events and activities for February 2016:

- **Multi-Chamber Economic Outlook Luncheon and Business Expo – Features presentation by William Strauss, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM, Ashyana Banquets, 1620 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Downers Grove.

This annual event is one of the largest in the area. It features 15 Chambers with over 300 people in attendance. Guests are presented with valuable economic information and trends that can be used to chart their business course of action. A Business Expo runs from 10:00 AM – 11:55AM followed by the presentation by Mr. Strauss.

Registration is \$30 for Chamber Members, \$35 for Non Members, \$75 for Table Top Exhibits. Registration deadline: February 17, 2016.

- **Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, 19 West Ogden Avenue, Westmont.

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, and the Village of Westmont wish to extend a warm Westmont welcome to Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria which is located at 19 W. Ogden Avenue, Westmont. The business community and elected officials will gather at 19 W. Ogden Avenue, Westmont on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony and photo op. The Ribbon Cutting will occur at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and help celebrate the grand opening.

- **Westmont Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Membership Open House** on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Westmont Centre, One South Cass Avenue, lower level, Westmont.

Opportunity to learn about the WCCTB and its many programs and events to help promote and grow your business. Excellent networking opportunity. Bring plenty of business cards as this event has a large turnout. February is Westmont Chamber Membership Drive Month, all new members that join in February will have the \$35 initiation fee waived and existing members receive a 10% discount on membership upgrades to Silver and Gold levels.

- **2015 Westmont Community Awards Dinner.** The Westmont Community Awards program recognizes outstanding service via the Westmont Citizen of the Year Award, Community Improvement Award, Educator of the Year Award, Dick Busse Business of the Year Award, Environmental Improvement Award and the Customer Service Recognition Award. The awards will be presented at the Community Awards Dinner in April 2016. Nominations are now being accepted via the Chamber website: [www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com).
- **Westmont Chamber Educational Foundation 2016 Scholarship Program** will begin accepting scholarship applications for The Chamber Scholarship and the Bill Rahn-Building a Positive Future Scholarship beginning February 2016. Recipients of either scholarships will be high school seniors who are residents of Westmont, attend Westmont High School or who is a child of a member of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Call the Westmont Chamber office (630) 960-5553 for application form information.
- **WCCTB Committee Meetings.** WCCTB supports committees that allow members to expand their business networking possibilities while engaging in activities that interest them. Those committees meet on a regular basis and include: Business Development & Growth, Downtown Westmont Business Alliance, Education & Awards, Membership /Ambassadors, Senior Resource and Tourism & Events. Check the Chamber website ([www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com)) for meeting times.
- **New Chamber Website.** WCCTB will be launching a new website at [www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com) on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be an excellent vehicle for information on local events, listings for businesses, restaurants, and retailers. Quick guides to promote tourism in the area and helpful resources for those new to the Westmont area are also available from the website.

For additional information and to RSVP for these events, visit the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau website at [www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com).

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The Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, (WCCTB), is the voice of the Westmont Business community and provides the platform for our business community to work in support of enhanced economic development and growth for our Westmont Area. Learn more about WCCTB at [www.westmontchamber.com](http://www.westmontchamber.com).