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A Message from the Chamber...



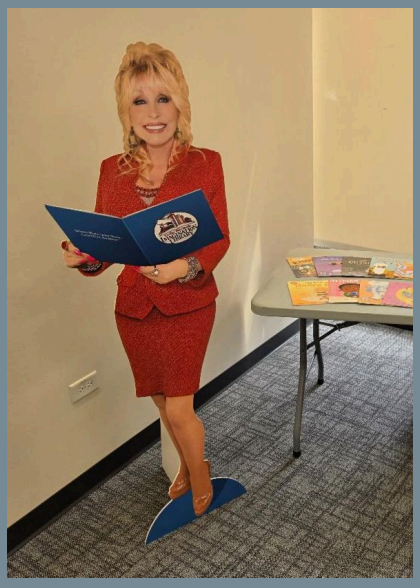


Chamber Luncheon at Glenside Library

On Wednesday, September 23, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon at **Glenside Library**, located at 25 E Fullerton Avenue in Glendale Heights. The event brought together a mix of familiar faces and first-time attendees, including representatives from local businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and staff from the Village of Glendale Heights. A special welcome was extended to Village President Rebecca Giannelli, who was able to attend the event.

The luncheon opened with informal networking and conversation before guests were seated. Guests then enjoyed a buffet featuring salad and a variety of pizza selections from **Pronto's Pizzeria**. Attendees then went around the room, introducing themselves and sharing a favorite memory involving libraries or books. Guests enjoyed hearing one another's stories and reminiscing about childhood trips to the library, favorite books, and the special memories created through reading.

During the luncheon, attendees welcomed Tom Bartenfelder, Library Director of Glenside Library. Mr. Bartenfelder spoke about **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**, a program founded by Parton in 1995 as a tribute to her father. The Imagination Library provides more than 3 million books each month to children around the world. Once enrolled, children receive a free book delivered directly to their home each month until their fifth birthday. Any child under the age of five who lives within the Glenside Library District boundaries is eligible to participate in the program.



To learn more about enrolling a child in the Imagination Library or advocating for your library to sponsor this valuable program, contact Glenside Library at

info@glensidepld.org.

A special thank-you goes to **Glenside Library** for hosting the luncheon and to **Pronto's Pizzeria** for providing hot pizza and fresh salad. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to network, participate in a round-table discussion, and learn about an inspiring program that encourages a love of reading among young children.





Sumitomo Drive Technologies Celebrates New Employee Break Room

On Wednesday, September 23, **Sumitomo Drive Technologies** hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of its newly expanded employee break room. Representatives from the Village of Glendale Heights and members of the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce joined Village President Rebecca Giannelli in celebrating this milestone.

The new break room has doubled in size and features a larger outdoor patio with a new pergola. Inside, employees can enjoy several new amenities, including beverage and coffee machines, a game table, televisions, and updated furnishings.

The break room expansion marks the final step in a major, multi-year investment by Sumitomo Drive Technologies that began with a plant expansion in 2024, which doubled the size of the facility. Together, these improvements reflect Sumitomo's continued investment in its operations, employees, and the Glendale Heights community.

Sumitomo Drive Technologies has been a part of Glendale Heights since 1991 and is a leading manufacturer of industrial gear drives serving customers throughout the United States and around the world.

Congratulations to Sumitomo Drive Technologies on the completion of its new employee break room and this exciting addition to its Glendale Heights facility!



Click here to see our directory listing all members of the Glendale Heights Chamber.

Thank You to Our New & Renewing Members

Welcome to the businesses and organizations who recently joined the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce:

Glenbard Township High School District 87

Thank you to the following members for renewing their membership with the Chamber. We look forward to another year of working together!

Sumitomo Drive Technologies



Fall Into Business
Multi-Chamber Progressive Luncheon

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026
Time: 11:00 am - 11:30 am Registration/Expo/Open Networking
11:30 am - 1:00 pm Lunch/Program
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Open Networking/Expo
Location: Villa Olivia Country Club
Address: 1401 W. Lake Street, Bartlett (Rte 20 and Naperville Road)
Cost: Members: $35, Guests: $50

Registration extended to Sunday, October 4, 2026

Enjoy a three-course progressive lunch while connecting with other Chamber members. Take advantage of this B2B opportunity to promote your business. Bring business cards to share and interact with business professionals.

For more information or to register, click here.



Fall Festival of Flavors Returns Wednesday, November 4

The GlenOaks Hospital Foundation is thrilled to announce the return of its event, the **Fall Festival of Flavors** on **Wednesday, November 4, 2026**, at **Medinah Shriners**, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison.

The Fall Festival of Flavors will feature mouth-watering treats from the area's premier restaurants, along with sensational music, an exciting raffle and time to socialize with 300 of DuPage County's community-minded friends.

Event Schedule:
5:30 PM – Social Half Hour
6:00 PM – Welcome & Dinner
7:30 PM – Program & Raffle

Proceeds from the event will support the highest and greatest capital needs of UChicago Medicine AdventHealth GlenOaks.

This event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends and colleagues while making a meaningful impact. For more information about the Fall Festival of Flavors, click here. To reserve your spot, click here.

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