

GNMAA NEWS & EVENTS



GNMAA Bi-Weekly News

December 14, 2011

There's Still Time to Purchase a Ticket to GNMAA's Last Event of the Year



Join us for the final event of the year! The December Membership Luncheon with Presenting Sponsor Charter One takes place Thursday, December 15 at the [Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel](#). Enjoy networking with fellow GNMAA members and a lunchtime program led by master of ceremonies, Rob Johnson of CBS 2 Chicago. To RSVP, [click here](#).

Plus, winners will be drawn on site for [The Magnificent Mile Charitable Foundation 2011 Holiday Raffle!](#) Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets and for a full list of prizes.

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[December Membership Luncheon with presenting sponsor Charter One](#)

*Thursday, December 15, 2011
Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel*

Save The Date!

GNMAA's Annual Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2012

The Westin Chicago River North

December New Members

Arts Ventures

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Marketing

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Educational Institution
Recruited by: Michelle Paluch

Cushman & Wakefield

Luke J. Malloy, Senior Director/Retail Services

Submit your Nominations for GNMAA's Recognition Awards



Take a moment to recognize your peers! Individual volunteer participation and corporate support are critical to our success as an Association and as a viable business district. Think of your fellow GNMAA members and consider the following:

Did you work alongside someone that contributed 110%?

Did a particular business assist GNMAA in reaching its goals, enhancing the member or guest experience?

[Read more for further information about the nomination process.](#)

Image caption: Past GNMAA Chairman Peter Simoncelli; Donna Dugo, recipient of 2011's Individual of the Year award; GNMAA Chairman Grant DePorter

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Real Estate Firm

Done Deal Promotions (div. of CorpSport Inc)

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www.donedealpromotions.com
Promotional Items
Recruited by: Daniel Thomas

Gene Siskel Film Center

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Entertainment
Recruited by: Iris Marreck

Hotel Allegro Chicago, A Kimpton Hotel

Ron Vlastic, Regional Vice President
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Hotel
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Musical Production

Prudential Rubloff

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Suite 900
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www.rubloff.com
Real Estate Firm

Qdoba Mexican Grill

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www.qdoba.com
Casual Dining

Skyline Building Services

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Ring in the New Year on The Magnificent Mile

Take your pick of fabulous New Year's Eve parties around The Magnificent Mile district. You won't want to miss out - make your plans to rock in 2012 in style today!

New Year's Eve events include:

[Hyatt Regency Chicago](#)'s "NYE Ballroom Blitz 2011" features entertainment from acclaimed Chicago band 7th heaven and DJ Sye Young, a premium open bar, buffet stations, party favors, an exciting countdown to midnight and more!

[Tru](#) offers two special New Year's Eve seatings. Take your pick of fabulous menu offerings and enjoy an incredible dining experience.

[W Chicago - Lakeshore](#)'s "New Year's Celebration Package" includes a room upgrade, complimentary parking, late check-out, breakfast for two and a hangover recovery kit.

For more fabulous ways to ring in the New Year, [click here](#).

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Physician

December Member Anniversaries

63 years
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
One Magnificent Mile/CB Richard Ellis

58 years
Chicago Sun-Times

50 years
White Way Sign & Maintenance Co.

46 years
500 N. Michigan Avenue LLC/Zeller Realty

44 years
InterPark
625 N. Michigan Avenue Building

37 years
University of Chicago - Gleacher Center

24 years
676 N. Michigan Avenue Building/U.S. Equities Realty, LLC

19 years
Chicago Children's Museum
Tamar Productions, Inc.

18 years
Navy Pier
Escada

17 years

Congratulations to the Holiday Window Design Contest Winners



Image caption: Crate & Barrel

During the holiday season, the festive atmosphere along Michigan Avenue is complemented by a fabulous collection of window displays from area retailers. This year, [25 retail members](#) participated in the annual window display contest offering exceptional seasonal décor for shoppers to enjoy. The participants are judged on a variety of categories including color, composition, lighting and message. [Read more for a list of this year's winners.](#)

New to The Mile

[Bongiornos Italian Deli and Pizzeria](#) - 405 N. Wabash Street -
Opened December, 2011

[BLT American Brasserie](#) - 500 W. Superior Street - *Opened
December, 2011*

[Patagonia](#) - 48 E. Walton Street - *Opened December 8*

[Epic Burger](#) - 227 E. Ontario Street - *Opened December 12*

[Tortoise Club](#) - 350 N. State Street - *Opening Spring, 2012*

[Brunello Cucinelli](#) - 939 N. Rush Street - *To be determined*

[See who else is coming to The Magnificent Mile neighborhood!](#)

Member News

[Candyality](#)'s Water Tower Place location is now open. In addition to carefully selected, unique sweets, the sweet-filled shop also includes candy inspired art and artifacts in a one-of-a-kind candy museum dubbed "Life is Sweet." The store will host a grand opening celebration on December 17, 9am-10pm and December 18, 8am-8pm.

Hotel 71

16 years
Corporate Cleaning Services

15 years
American Eagle/Simmons Airlines
O'Hare International Airport

14 years
Universal Security, Inc.
Stone Real Estate

13 years
Hot Rooms

12 years
BMO Harris Bank

11 years
Davis Harrison Dion, Inc.

10 years
Sofitel Chicago Water Tower

Eight years
Friends of the Chicago River/McCormick
BridgeHouse & Chicago River Museum_

Six years
McHugh Construction
Charter One
730 N. Michigan Avenue/ Building Ponte
Gadea Chicago, LLC
Starbucks Coffee Company

Five years
Osteria Via Stato
Shaw's Crab House
The Bristol Condominium
Association/The Habitat
Fado Irish Pub
Nacional 27
Petterino's
Eckenhoff Saunders Architects

Four years
The Silk Thumb, LTD
Capital Auto Repair and Body Shop
The Residences At 900 Condominium
Association
Perkins Eastman

Three years
Otis Elevator
The Magic of Benjamin Barnes
U.S. Cellular
Dana Hotel and Spa

Two years
University of Chicago Medical Center

One year
Creative Mobile Technologies
Corner Bakery Cafe
Raby Institute for Integrative Medicine At
Northwestern

[Chicago Chocolate Tours](#) President and Founder Valerie Beck, celebrating six years in business, was named an Influential Woman in Business by the Daily Herald Business Ledger. Valerie was also a celebrity judge at the World of Chocolate event held by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

[Chicago's First Lady Cruises'](#) renowned vessel, Chicago's Leading Lady, was awarded the WorkBoat Magazine Significant Boats of 2011 Award. Awards were presented on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at the International WorkBoat Show in New Orleans by the magazine's editors.

[Harry Caray's Restaurant Group](#) CEO and GNMAA Chairman Grant DePorter was profiled in this week's issue of Crain's Chicago Business. To read the "Business of Life" feature, [click here](#).

[The James Hotel Chicago](#) was recently featured in The Huffington Post for the hotel's in-residence art program. Last month the hotel invited artists from the Midwest for a short competition to earn a place in the hotel's permanent art collection. To read the full feature and view the reality show-esque footage from the program, [click here](#).

[Swissôtel Chicago](#) has recently announced a \$10 million renovation starting this month. Inspired by the work of the building's original architect, Harry Weese, the lobby will feature modern design with natural elements that reflect the hotel's Swiss heritage. From check-in pods to an earth tone palette, the lobby will be transformed into a welcoming oasis. At the same time, the classic meeting space will be renewed to compliment the modern ambiance of the hotel's 38,000 square foot Event Centre, which opened in 2009. The renovation is expected to last through March 2012.

GNMAA/The Magnificent Mile In The News
[Toronto Star](#), [America Journal \(German Travel Publication\)](#)

Special accolades or member news to share? Email Katie Fanella at kfanella@gnmaa.com for inclusion in an upcoming Bi-Weekly News. Please include "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Member Special Events and Offers

- **December 15:** Patagonia hosts its grand opening celebration. [Learn More](#).
- **December 16, 17 and 19:** American Sightseeing & Gray Line Tours hosts "Chicago Gray Line Holiday Lights Tour." [Learn More](#).
- **Through December 24:** KOOKY Kidstuff offers a new discount each day during their "12 Days of KOOKY Savings" event. [Learn More](#)

- **Through December 27:** Broadway in Chicago offers special \$45 tickets for Tuesday-Friday performances of "Love, Loss, and What I Wore." [Learn More.](#)
- **Through December 31:** Dine at Puck's located inside the Museum of Contemporary Art and receive a complimentary dessert with the purchase of an entrée. [Learn More.](#)
- **Through January 8:** Chicago Children's Museum offers a one-year membership at a special discounted price. [Learn More.](#)
- **While supplies last:** Lavazza Premium Espresso's twentieth edition of the Lavazza Calendar is free with the purchase of a \$100 Lavazza gift card. [Learn More.](#)
- **January 9 - March 30, 2012:** The Signature Room at the 95th's Wintertime Chef's Lunch Menu returns. [Learn More.](#)
- **January 13:** Harry Caray's Tavern, Navy Pier hosts "Woody's Winter Warm-Up," a celebrity mixer benefiting the Wood Family Foundation. [Learn More.](#)

[Click here to view these member special offers and events, plus more!](#)

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