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The GNMAA Annual Gala

May 8, 2009
Hyatt Regency Chicago

The May Membership Connection

May 26, 2009
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**The June Membership Connection &
Gardens of The Magnificent Mile
Kick-off Celebration**

June 16, 2009
Conrad Chicago

The June Membership Luncheon

June 18, 2009
InterContinental Chicago

The Golf Outing

June 22, 2009
Bolingbrook Golf Club

The September Membership Luncheon

September 15, 2009
Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

**The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival
presented by Harris**

November 21, 2009
The Magnificent Mile

The December Membership Luncheon

December 10, 2009
Swissôtel Chicago

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Scene on The Magnificent Mile®!

Twenty-five new retailers have
sprouted up on the Avenue over the
past calendar year... Watch out for more!

Opened 2009

Akira, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Barneys New York (relocation), 15 E. Oak Street
Oiilly, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue

Opened 2008

Adidas, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Aeropostale, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
American Girl Place, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Aritzia, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Betsey Johnson, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Coach, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Crane & Co., **Paper Makers**, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Cusp, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
FansEdge, The Shops at North Bridge, 55 E. Grand Avenue
Field of Dreams, The Shops at North Bridge, 520 N. Michigan Avenue
Forever 21, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Herban Gourmet, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue
J.Jill, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Juicy Couture, 101 E. Oak Street
Louis Vuitton Boutique, Nordstrom, The Shops at North Bridge, 55 E. Grand Avenue
Michael Kors, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue
Montblanc, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue
Nine West, Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue
Northern Possessions, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue
Original Penguin, The 900 Shops, 901 N. Rush Street
Sabbia, The 900 Shops, 66 E. Walton Street
Spirit of the City, The Shops at North Bridge, 520 N. Michigan Avenue
XXI Forever, The Shops at North Bridge, 540 N. Michigan Avenue

Anticipated Soon!

Baccarat, 112 E. Oak Street
Best Buy, 875 N. Michigan Avenue
Charles Schwab, 430 N. Michigan Avenue
Columbia Sportswear, Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Avenue
Hermes (relocation), 25 E. Oak Street
Michael Kors Collection, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue
Ootra, The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Avenue
Victoria's Secret, 734 N. Michigan Avenue
Zara, 700 N. Michigan Avenue

Tulip Watch!

"The tulips along The Magnificent Mile are expected to bloom between May 8 and 10, just in time for Mother's Day," predicts Jim Davis, Gardening and Landscaping Expert at Moore Landscapes, Inc. Celebrate spring on The Magnificent Mile with the bloom of hundreds of thousands of tulips! Log onto www.themagnificentmile.com for updates to the Tulip Watch.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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GNMAA

May 1, 2009

Dear GNMAA Member:

We can all attest that The Greater North Michigan Association's fundamental responsibility has been to create a beautiful and booming business community along One of the Great Avenues of the World. The volunteers of the association have spurred economic development, supporting upscale shopping, restaurants, landmarks, luxury retailers, hotels and - let's not forget - the beautification of Michigan Avenue.

However, GNMAA is not just an organization that focuses on the physical aspect of our world-class street. The association is a strategic network of relationships. We are mastering our new economic environment through community support and involvement.

This volunteer network will not only ensure the long-lasting vitality of the neighborhoods of North Michigan Avenue - it will also build individual businesses. Whether it be attending a member event or joining a committee, all members that participate create meaningful, lasting and lucrative relationships with one another. I would hope that everyone in our membership take full advantage of these great opportunities.

Each business card you receive, each hand you shake, each name you learn from someone in the business community will further your business goals, as well as the long-lasting mission of preserving and enhancing The Magnificent Mile®.

There are green shoots of hope in our economy that we hope will bloom as brilliant as the hundreds of thousands of tulips in our garden beds. Let's continue to celebrate our small victories - a theme I will promote during my chairmanship - as we work on creating the large ones.



Peter Simoncelli
GNMAA Chairman of the Board
General Manager
The Westin Chicago River North

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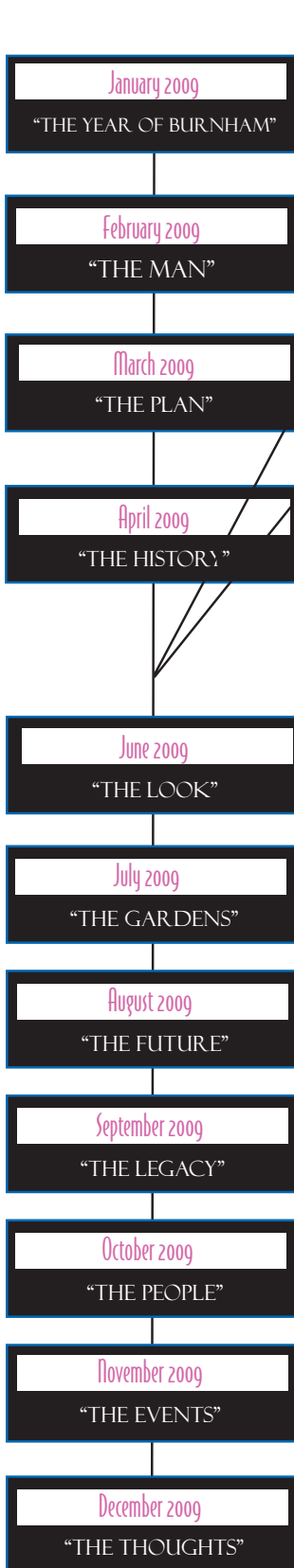
“At Last is a studio that specializes in working with luxury brands, so when we had the opportunity to redesign the campaign identities for TOAST on The Magnificent Mile, Tulips on The Magnificent Mile and Gardens of The Magnificent Mile, we jumped at the chance. There is no better way to get the word out about the quality, creativity, and originality that sets our work apart from other agencies than by sitting around the table with other members and offering solutions that accurately represent the campaign message.”

LESLEY GUTHRIE, AT LAST MARKETING



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Burnham in the Spotlight



May 2009 "THE LINK"

OWP/P's Jeff Reinke and Jennifer Adams are this month's contributors to *Burnham in the Spotlight*.

Throughout history, mankind has faced water as a barrier to satisfying needs as simple as innate curiosity, to more practical and strategic needs like food, natural resources, or defense. The history of bridges is long and inspiring, and those that cross the Chicago River lack not for a colorful past. Long ago crossing the river was accomplished by boat. As Chicago grew, connecting the north side of the river to the south side was deemed necessary to move people and produce back and forth. Eventually, movable wooden bridges were constructed, much to the dismay of ship's captains who, as legend suggests, "accidentally" hit them. Massive floods in the mid 1800's washed the bridges away necessitating sturdier structures.

History also tells us that the first iron center-pier bridge was constructed at Rush Street and the river in 1856. This was the first of its kind in the west, but the iron trusses lacked the necessary strength as it was toppled by a cattle stampede just six years later. Unfortunately, the wooden truss replacement perished in the Great Fire of 1871. A third, and then a fourth bridge were constructed with the latter completed in 1884. The Rush Street Bridge proved to be a serious holdup to traffic by the early twentieth century. On the south bank, Wabash and Michigan Avenues both fed traffic onto the bridge. In response to this congestion, the 1909 Plan of Chicago called for the construction of a new bridge at Michigan Avenue as well as the development of River Street as Wacker Drive.

Bridge construction began in 1917 and was completed and open for traffic on May 14, 1920 with a grand celebration that included cannon fire and marching bands. As luck would have it, just before the bridge was about to be dedicated a bridge tender began to open a portion of the span for a passing boat, unaware that four cars were parked on the bridge. Police officers fired their pistols in the air to gain the bridge tender's attention and were able to avoid the disaster. More recently, strange occurrences continued to plague the bridges crossing the river. On September 20, 1992, a nearly completed renovation project was marred when a portion of the bridge swung open causing a 70-foot crane to collapse, injuring several passersby.

Once the new Michigan Avenue Bridge was operational; the Rush Street Bridge was demolished. The Chicago Plan Commission boasted that the new bridge carried more than seven times the traffic of the Rush Street Bridge and the \$16 million dollars spent on Michigan Avenue had paid for itself six times over in increased property values. The bridge linked the Loop to the Gold Coast and transformed what were once soap factories and breweries to a grand thoroughfare renamed Michigan Avenue which blossomed into an elegant shopping, hospitality, office and residential district.

The bridge's designer, Burnham's partner Edward Bennett, was impressed with the lovely and monumental structures that spanned the River Seine in Paris. Bennett's design has two tiers in support of The Plan's desire to create separate levels for public and commercial traffic. The bridge is a premier example of what would become a Chicago landmark: the trunnion bascule bridge. Trunnions are the shafts upon which each leaf of the span pivots up and down and "bascule" is the French word for "see-saw". Today, the bridge is undergoing a renovation that includes new handrails, light poles, walking surfaces and paint, and, may include the lighting of all four towers. Additionally, the walkway at the river's edge will now be continuous as Burnham had envisioned. For most of us, we experience the bridge as a means to get from one side of the river to the other but this structure was an important step and continues to serve as an important link to the vitality of the city.

From offices in Chicago and Phoenix, OWP/P's 280-person team provides integrated architecture, interior design, MEP engineering, structural engineering, consulting and design/build services to clients worldwide. We collaborate with corporate, education, healthcare and retail clients to create effective, sustainable and inspiring environments.

“Initially, the reason I became involved with GNMAA was to participate in a volunteer organization where I could exercise my interests in urban planning and to work with a variety of dedicated people with very diverse backgrounds and interests. I was pleasantly surprised to find through my work on committees, and, now more so in the leadership of committees, how these very people have become a valued resource for project leads, project work, and, ultimately teammates.”

JEFF REINKE, OWP/P



GNMAA President & CEO Spotlight: John C. Chikow

Over the past two months, millions of facebook users have posted 25 random things about themselves on their profiles. This month, we asked GNMAA's new President & CEO to share 25 things about himself with the membership, with the intention of letting everyone get to know him better.

1. I was born and raised in Chicago.
2. I am married to Viki Noe Chikow and proud Dad of Emma Noe Chikow.
3. I've been a lifelong Cubs fan, married to a lifelong Cardinals fan.
4. I graduated from St. Laurence HS in Burbank.
5. I earned a degree in Nonprofit Management from Missouri Valley College.
6. I serve on the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management at North Park University Advisory Board.
7. I believe that the worst day on the golf course is always better than the best day at work.
8. I am an Eagle Scout and have served on summer camp staff of the Owasippe Scout Reservation operated by the Chicago Area Council BSA.
9. I served as an executive with the Boy Scouts in Milwaukee, WI and Pasadena, CA.
10. I managed a scout camp on Catalina Island off the coast of Southern California.
11. I enjoy grilling on a beautiful Weber Grill I won as a door prize during the opening of their Michigan Avenue area restaurant.
12. I ride a red TREK bike during the summer for exercise.
13. I served on the founding committee of The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, now presented by Harris, providing security for actor Jamie Farr who served as the first event Grand Marshal.
14. My daughter Emma has taught me how to text, set up my Facebook page, and make my PowerPoint slides look better.
15. I am fascinated about the management of urban gardens on and around Michigan Avenue.
16. I first shook hands with Ernie Banks in Pasadena, but am glad he is back in Chicago.
17. I enjoy all types of music, but classic rock is my favorite.
18. I was once editor of the St. Laurence HS newspaper, *The Helm*.
19. I helped found and fund the Missouri Valley College Sunshine Arts and Crafts Festival, celebrating the work of artists from Central Missouri.
20. I once took a three week trip in very northern Manitoba with 11 other people, paddling and portaging two hand crafted wood canoes just like Lewis and Clark.
21. I was selected as a Mayor Richard J. Daley Youth Foundation scholar as a high school senior.
22. I have worked part-time for the City News Bureau of Chicago sports department under legendary editor Phil Weisman.
23. I enjoy any movie with Chicago in it.

24. I make wine from grapes that grow on the fence along the alley... Chateau Chikow, from the Sun Kissed Alleys of Chicago!
25. I believe that GNMAA has the best association volunteers and staff in the country.



“*Today's networking tools enhance face-to-face connections. A good networker can keep track of ice breaker information such as recent personal or business news and jump start a connection.*”

JOHN C. CHIKOW, GNMAA

Sponsor Spotlight: Hotel Felix

Introducing the Hotel Felix, Chicago's all-new eco-friendly hotel filled with unexpected delights that will leave you feeling Happy, Naturally. Hotel Felix presents an upscale and intimate luxury boutique hotel that blends a comfortable elegance with inspiring natural elements.

As downtown Chicago's first hotel designed to meet Silver LEED certification, Hotel Felix delivers an enriching experience that not only benefits our guests, but the environment as well. Organic materials. Renewable resources. Even the hotel's electric system is most impressively energy efficient. And in a city known for its green initiatives, it is our privilege to provide an innovative, eco-friendly boutique hotel that will enhance your stay and reduce our carbon footprint.

The word "Felix" is defined as happy - which is reflective of the soothing energy and refreshing ambiance that embraces you the moment you arrive at the hotel. As you enter the hotel's architecturally unique and historic 1920's façade, you're greeted with delightful dancing waters, white marble columns and a host of services tailored to your every desire.



Balancing natural elements with behind-the-scenes technologies, Hotel Felix engages your senses in a way that promises to elevate your stay. Whisper-quiet rooms, world-class concierge service, an indulgent spa and our upscale American eclectic restaurant, Elate, ensures your experience at Hotel Felix is nothing short of exceptional. Begin or end your evening in our chic lobby lounge specializing in contemporary beverage creations.

Just steps from the Mag Mile, renowned shopping and dining destinations and exciting nightlife, Hotel Felix will ensure your downtown Chicago experience is happy, naturally.

Impeccable service. Unexpected delights. At Hotel Felix, our main goal is to give you a positively memorable Chicago experience while at the same time taking care of the world we live in. As a result, we're always thinking of the little things that will make you Happy, Naturally.

Book today at hotelfelixchicago.com or call 312-447-3440.



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Marketing Opportunities

Gardens of The Magnificent Mile

June 1 - August 31, 2009



Are you offering a special **green promotion or event** this summer? Does your business have **green practices to publicize**?

Submit your **GREEN THEMED:**

Special Events	Trunk Shows
Overnight Packages	Exclusive Deals
Unique Experiences	Practices
Certifications	Awards, and more!

by **MAY 15** to be included in the second round of online brochures available on www.themagnificentmile.com beginning June 1st!

For your Complimentary Listing, please fill out this form and return to Melanie Mapes **BY MAY 15** at fax: 312.642.3826, email: mmapes@gnmaa.com

Name of Business: _____

Official Name of activity/offer/green practice: _____

Section Category (circle one): DINING ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLIFE HOTEL SHOPPING SPA

Address (location of event): _____

Phone (public will call this number): _____

Website Address: _____

Admission Price (if any): _____

Description of Offer/Activity (in 40 words or less) More than 40 words will be edited: _____

Offer Valid (check one): Entirety of Campaign (June 1 - August 31)
 Add your own dates: _____

Please complete. The following information will NOT be available online – to be used by GNMAA staff.

Contact name/title: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____



“ *Finesse Cuisine has benefited greatly from GNMAA networking events. Effective networking should amount to more than a simple exchange of contact information or industry news. Instead, networking should position you to learn about another person's goals and desires and ways that you and your company may assist. While it is easy to list one's own attributes and the benefits of your company, it is more important to focus on the other person. GNMAA events have provided Finesse endless opportunities to meet interesting people from various businesses, to develop friends, mentors and clientele.* ”

JON WOOL, FINESSE CUISINE

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Member Participation

The Magnificent Mile Charitable Foundation - Annual Raffle 2009

Raffle drawing will be held at the **June 16, 2009 GNMAA Membership Luncheon**

GRAND PRIZE - PARIS

Two round-trip, international coach class tickets on American Airlines with luxury five night accommodations at Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg.

CHICAGO LUXURY

Executive overnight stay with midwest breakfast at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (A Four Seasons Hotel) and a dinner cruise for two on the Odyssey.

CHICAGO SPORTS

Four tickets each to selected baseball games of Chicago Cubs and White Sox courtesy of Park National Bank.

CHICAGO SHOPPING:

Three chances to win!

- \$500 gift card to The 900 Shops
- \$500 gift card to The Shops at North Bridge
- \$500 gift card to Water Tower Place

Thank you to the following sponsors of The Magnificent Mile Charitable Foundation 2009 Raffle!



Enter Today!

Tickets are only \$25.00 each or five for \$100.00

E-mail Bernadette at bmolina@gnmaa.com to purchase raffle tickets. Checks and credit card payments (VISA/Master Card/AMEX/Discover) are accepted.

Please make checks payable to "Magnificent Mile Charitable Foundation" by Wednesday, June 17th to 625 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60611.

The Magnificent Mile Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association, grants financial awards to educational programs and/or institutions in The Magnificent Mile neighborhood. The Foundation is an Illinois Non-Profit corporation with a 501(c)(3) tax designation, therefore you may be eligible to receive a charitable tax deduction for your donation.

On behalf of The Magnificent Mile Charitable Foundation, thank you for your generous donation.

The March Membership Luncheon

Presenting Sponsor:  **Charter One**

On March 19, 2009, GNMAA welcomed John W. Rowe of Exelon Corporation as the featured speaker. He addressed the audience with a thought-provoking presentation on his plan to mitigate global climate change. This topic was fitting as March was green month at GNMAA, celebrated with "Green Forums," weekly hour-long presentations on climate change, the support of Earth Hour, and a major push toward conservation around the office.



Photo: Ralph Weber, Vice President, Northwestern Memorial Hospital; John Rowe, Chairman & CEO, Exelon Corporation; Scott C. Swanson, President & CEO, Charter One

Photography by Stanley Wlodkowski of Photography by Stanley

Tulips on The Magnificent Mile Kick-off Celebration

On April 7, 2009, The Drake Hotel hosted the Tulips on The Magnificent Mile Kick-off Celebration in the famous Gold Coast Room. Guests were surrounded by lush floral displays by Kabloom of Merchandise Mart, and public art displays by Lucien Lagrange, OWP/P, VOA Architects, UrbanWorks and Perkins + Will. Appetizers and tulip-themed cocktails were passed while guests enjoyed live music by Stitley Entertainment. (Pictured above)



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Future Events

The May Membership Connection

May 26, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



739 N. Clark Street

*New Members are those who joined after 5/1/08
If you are bringing a prospective member, please contact Karen Hickey at 312.344.2314



Highlights include:
Connecting with Fellow Business Leaders, GNMAA Staff, and Potential New Clients

Complimentary/ Prospects
Complimentary/ New Members*
\$20/ Member Ticket

To sign up for this event, use form on page 9. Questions? Call 312.642.3570.

The June Membership Connection & Gardens of The Magnificent Mile Kick-off Celebration



Complimentary/ Prospects
Complimentary/ New Members
\$25/ Member Ticket

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If you are bringing a prospective member, please contact Karen Hickey at 312.344.2314



June 16, 2009
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

CONRAD
CHICAGO

521 N. Rush Street at
Michigan Avenue

To sign up for this event, use form on page 9. Questions? Call 312.642.3570.

The June Membership Luncheon

Presenting
Sponsor:



Prepaid/Door/Status
\$55/ \$65/ Members
\$70/ \$80/ Non-Members
\$1,000/ Premium Tables
Prepaid for Board Members



The Luncheon Committee at the March Membership Luncheon
Photography by Stanley Wlodkowski

June 18, 2009
11:15 Check In/ Reception
12:00 Lunch/ Program

InterContinental
Chicago

505 N. Michigan Avenue

To sign up for this event, use form on page 9. Questions? Call 312.344.2320.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Future Events + Sign Up Form

The 10th Annual GNMAA Golf Outing

June 22, 2009

10:00 a.m. Registration
All day affair

Presenting Sponsor:



Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Drive
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60490



Don't miss this fantastic networking and team building opportunity!

NEW THIS YEAR:
Valuable Marketing and Sponsorship Opportunities
Plus golf contests, great food, cocktails, and a fabulous silent auction!

Various golf and marketing options available on www.gnmaa.com.

To sign up for this event, please visit www.gnmaa.com or contact Polly Olson at 312.344.2320 or polson@gnmaa.com

Please return to GNMAA via fax: 312.642.3826 / Cancellations received less than 48 hours and no-shows will be billed

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Member News + Offers

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IT'S A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION:

Friday, May 15: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Saturday, May 16: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments, music, games, giveaways and prizes.

There's fun for everyone!

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Member News



Billy Lawless, owner of **The Gage**, and Mayor Padraig Conneely of Galway, Ireland, met President and Mrs. Obama at a St. Patrick's evening White House reception (photo above) Approximately 250 guests attended including Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen. Mr. Lawless is Chairman Chicago Celts for Immigration Reform, the reason for invitation.

AlphaGraphics can now provide you with green printing-and recently achieved Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification! This enables consumers to know they are using paper made from well-managed, sustainable forests and/or 100% post-consumer recycled material.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation will begin its architecture river cruise season May 2. The cruise highlights 53 historic and architecturally significant sites. Purchase your tickets at 1-800-982-2787, or online at www.ticketmaster.com/rivercruise.

Congratulations **DoubleTree Chicago Magnificent Mile** on the completion of a \$21 million renovation. Over 16,000 square feet of private event space is available for one-of-a-kind corporate events or social affairs. Visit www.doubletreemagmile.com, or call (800) 222-TREE for more information.

Congratulations **UrbanWorks**, winners of the "Most Magnificent" Award at the Tulips on The Magnificent Mile Kick-off Celebration! The award was for their piece entitled: Green Revolution: FILL. The piece is located at 540 N. Michigan Avenue as part of the Tulips City Beautiful campaign - if you get a chance, go take a look!

Member Offers

Hotel Felix, from April 1 - May 31, has a Tour of Tulips package, which includes:

- Overnight accommodations in one of the brand new luxury guest rooms
- Complimentary valet parking
- A bundle of tulips
- A map of the Tulips on The Magnificent Mile

Rates start at \$129 and are based upon availability. For reservations, please call 1-877-848-4040.



Chiropractic Care Millennium Park is offering \$30 off a one-hour massage! Call (312) 269-5556 or visit www.relievepain.net.

Now through May 31, **The Art Institute of Chicago** is thrilled to extend to all GNMAA members a 30% discount off membership. There has never been a better time to be a member; the new Modern Wing opens May 16, and members will receive priority entrance to the wing through opening week as well as a number of member-only events throughout the summer. Join today! To redeem the 30% discount, visit www.artic.edu/aicfamilydiscount and enter promotion code AICFamily. Valid through May 31, 2009 on Member, Member Plus, and Premium Member levels only.



“ GNMAA opened the door that led me to a career with Best Buy. I met my General Manager, Monica Salamon, at a GNMAA networking event this past summer. Little did I know meeting her would lead to an amazing opportunity for me to join the management team at the new Best Buy on Michigan Avenue. We are excited to be opening our doors Saturday, May 16th at 10 a.m.. *There will also be a sneak peak for GNMAA members Wednesday May 13th from 6-8 p.m.* We hope to see you all at the new Best Buy on The Magnificent Mile!

BRITTANY GONZALEZ, BEST BUY ”

New Members + Anniversaries

Welcome GNMAA New Members!

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26 years

Fireplace Inn

21 years

Hyatt Regency Chicago
Fairmont Hotel Chicago

20 years

Garrett Popcorn Shops

18 years

Chicago Place
Where
Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago - Downtown

17 years

DrieHaus Capital Management LLC
Lester Lampert Inc.

16 years

ABM Janitorial
Lawson House YMCA
Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse
Security Management Investigations, Inc.

15 years

Hard Rock Cafe
Talbots
Elizabeth Arden Red Door Salon & Spa
O'Brien's Restaurant

14 years

Paul Stuart
Mesirow Financial
The Building Group

13 years

Today's Chicago Woman
Burberry

11 years

Smith & Wollensky
Kenig, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona, Inc.

10 years

Burnham Nationwide
Radio Disney/AM 1300
Homewood Suites By Hilton - Chicago

9 years

NORDSTROM Michigan Avenue
Healy Construction Services, Inc.
CBS Outdoor
The Leading Hotels of the World

7 years

Pane Caldo

6 years

St. John Knits

4 years

Sublime Promotions, Inc.

3 years

Turkish Consulate General

2 years

Home Element
Luca Luca
Pizano's Pizza & Pasta
Consulate General of the Czech Republic
Old Plank Antiques on Huron

One year

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
Fresh Market At Fairbanks Prentice
Women's Hospital
Ditley.Com Web Design LLC
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“When I walked into my first GNMAA Membership Connection, I noticed something unusual. The high energy in the room was palpable. Everyone was extra friendly and the association had a special way of making sure I was introduced to people that would be beneficial to my business. A few meetings later, my client Bob Six of Zeller Realty Group introduced me to some of his colleagues at other Zeller Realty Groups. Thanks to Bob and GNMAA, I now have other Zeller groups as clients. GNMAA is a great place for sharing and merging networks to foster new business. As important, I've met some wonderful people through the organization and have made some lifelong friends. Today, I consider GNMAA to be both a second family and an extended sales force. Can't wait for the next event!”

MARY ANN YOUNG, GARRETT POPCORN SHOPS

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GNMAA News

Did you know GNMAA has a facebook page?

Members, log onto www.facebook.com and join The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association's group, so that you can keep yourself up-to-date on association happenings, and connect with staff as well as other members.

 **The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association**
Chicago, IL

Basic Info

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Business - General

The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association (GNMAA) serves as the principal business development and community advocacy organization for Michigan Avenue and the surrounding area, working with the City to advance the region's historic signature as a world-class place to visit, work, and live. The association currently represents 750 member businesses.

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