



Member News

May, 2008

Coming Soon:

Lender Speaker Orientation
May 13, 2008 – 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Realtor Speaker Orientation
Wednesday, May 21, 2008
9:30 to 11 a.m.

17th Annual Celebration
Wednesday, June 4, 2008
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
The Abbington in Glen Ellyn



See it now!

The Face of Foreclosure: DHOC on CBS 2

<http://cbs2chicago.com/consumer/face.of.foreclosure.2.714013.html>

(click on the video library for *Face of Foreclosure*)

2008 Membership Renewals Due

Now is the time to make sure your membership is current. 2009 Membership invoices were distributed at the Member meeting in early April and mailed to those who were unable to attend. Membership invoices were due for payment by April 30th. If you have misplaced your member invoice or have questions, **contact Dru at (630) 260-2500, extension 2502 or dru@dhoc.org**.

To date the following have renewed their FY09 membership:

Amalgamated Bank
American Enterprise Bank
Bridge Communities
Catholic Charities
CHAD
Downers Grove National Bank
DuPage National Bank

Fifth Third Bank
GMAC Mortgage
Lisle Savings Bank
MB Financial Bank
Peoples Resource Center
Mainstreet Organization of Realtors
West Suburban Bank

Speaker Orientation

One of the key member benefits is the opportunity to speak at our twice-monthly Home Buyer Education Classes. Held at convenient locations throughout DuPage County, the classes draw an average of 40-50 potential home buyers. In most cases, this is the first stop for individuals and families who want to learn about the home-buying process and avoid costly or unforeseen mistakes. Since the speaker may be the first person who has explained what's involved, this face-to-face opportunity gives speakers a tremendous advantage. In order to ensure a high-quality, well-run program, we require that all potential speakers attend an orientation where we will discuss the class format and speaker guidelines. Upcoming Speaker Orientations:

<p>Lender Speaker Orientation Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 8:30 to 10 a.m. National City Bank 250 E. Roosevelt Rd. (Roosevelt & Naperville Rds. Wheaton</p>	<p>Realtor Speaker Orientation Wednesday, May 21, 2008 9:30 to 11 a.m. Metropolitan Family Services 222 E. Willow Wheaton</p>
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Because these locations offer their space free of charge, please note parking restrictions. At National City, please park in the lower-level parking lot west of the main parking lot, accessed from Roosevelt Road. For Metropolitan Family Services, please park on Reber St. (west of the building) or on Willow St. (north of the building). In both locations, the parking areas near the entrances are reserved for customers and clients.

If you are interested in attending either Speaker Orientation, contact Sheila at (630) 260-2507 or sheila@dhoc.org.

17th Annual Celebration & Christ Award Presentation June 4th

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled and informational networking event. We're thrilled to have Jim Pandolfi, Chairman of the DuPage Workforce Board and Executive with Crowe Chizek and Company LLC as our featured speaker. Join area civic, community and business leaders to hear about the Center and the *Homeownership: A Benchmark for a Vital Community* advocacy efforts. Special highlights include a personal testimonial from one of our homeowners and presentation of the Robert Christ Affordable Housing Award to DuPage PADS Executive Director Carol Simler.

We hope to see all our members present at this special celebration. The cocktail reception (5 to 6 p.m.) is a great opportunity to network, meet new people and participate in the Silent Auction and Raffle.

Please note: there are several golf packages along with Cubs and Sox tickets, great restaurants, theatre tickets, children's activities and more. We just received word of a special Springfield Visit package from former DHOC board member Rep. Randy Hultgren. The package offers an opportunity for a young person to serve as Rep. Hultgren's Page for a Day, breakfast or lunch with the Representative as well as two tickets to the Abraham Lincoln Museum. If you know of someone who may be thinking of public service as a career, you won't want to miss this! **For more information on tickets or to make a donation, contact Sheila at (630) 260-2507 or sheila@dhoc.org.**

Thank you to our Platinum sponsors: **Bank of America, Harris Bank, MB Financial and Northern Trust.** Additionally, Amalgamated Bank, ARAMARK, Community Bank—Wheaton/Glen Ellyn, National City Bank, Peoples Resource Center, West Suburban Bank and US Bank have signed on as sponsors. A special shout-out is in order to Own-A-Condo for underwriting the table centerpieces.

Upcoming Home Buyer Education Classes

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Class Location</u>
Saturday, May 10, 2008 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Wheaton City Hall 303 W. Wesley St. Wheaton, IL 60187
Saturday, May 17, 2008 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 820 Division St. Lisle, IL 60532
Saturday, June 7, 2008 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS 6655 S. Main St. Downers Grove, IL 60516
Saturday, June 21, 2008 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	DuPage County Administration Building 421 N. County Farm Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187

Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call (630) 260-2500 for reservations.



This collaborative effort of community leaders, Realtors, developers, employers, government officials and the nonprofit community is working to expand the availability of affordable starter homes across DuPage County. In an effort to build the political will and encourage advocacy of affordable housing, a slide presentation has been developed, explaining:

- What affordable housing is and is not,
- The current mismatch between income and housing costs in DuPage,
- The factors which led to the current mismatch,
- The economic and social consequences of continuing on our present course, and
- A variety of methods used locally and around the nation to increase the supply of affordable starter homes.

The Community Outreach Speakers Bureau is looking for opportunities to bring this program to churches, service clubs, or other group. For more information, or to schedule a speaker for your group, please contact Sheila at (630) 260-2507 or Sheila@dhoc.org.

Volunteers Needed

In addition to the call for volunteers to help out at the Fair, volunteers are needed to register class participants and distribute certificates at our Home Buyer Education classes throughout the year.

Other opportunities include:

- Participate in planning and fund raising activities
- Provide administrative assistance for special mailings, events, etc.
- Assist with website development and upkeep

If you are interested in any of the above, contact Sheila at (630) 260-2507 or sheila@dhoc.org.