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~ 2018 Chicago Southland CVB Annual Meeting ~

The CVB's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon took place on Tuesday, October 9th at the Tinley Park Convention Center. The Stars of the Industry Awards were presented to outstanding hotel staff throughout the Chicago Southland. The CVB Annual Awards were presented to leaders, individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions to the tourism industry.

Jim Garrett, CVB President/CEO, began by discussing the value of tourism to the state's economy and highlighted the successes of the Bureau.

Tim Butler, Illinois State Representative and Co-chair of the Bicentennial Commission, was the keynote speaker and he touched on the rich history of Illinois as we lead up to the milestone on December 3, 2018. As an Illinois native who's heritage dates back to his 4th great-grandfather, he encouraged us all to be #IllinoisProud.

Liz Gorman, Executive Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, gave an update on the CVB's proposed pilot project for the installation of blue hospitality logo signs for hotels on Interstate 294.

The gavel was passed from Aemish Patel to Daniel Fitzgerald of the Tinley Park Convention Center as our incoming Chairman of the Board.

Sally Schlesinger, Executive Vice President of the CVB, presented the Stars of the Industry and Annual Awards to the winners and thanked them for their individual accomplishments.



Left to Right: Tim Butler, Illinois State Representative and Co-chair of the Bicentennial Commission; Liz Gorman, Executive Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; Jim Garrett, CVB President/CEO; Aemish Patel, CVB Outgoing Chairperson; Daniel Fitzgerald, CVB Incoming Chairperson; Sally Schlesinger, CVB Executive Vice President

Stars of the Industry Awards

2018 Administrative
Employee of the Year



Emily Balis
Tinley Park Convention Center

2018 Food & Beverage
Employee of the Year



Rose Andrade
Comfort Suites – Lansing

2018 Guest Service
Employee of the Year



Kay Bentley
DoubleTree by Hilton
Chicago – Alsip

2018 Housekeeping
Employee of the Year



Erica Elizalde
Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn
& Conference Center

2018 Maintenance
Employee of the Year

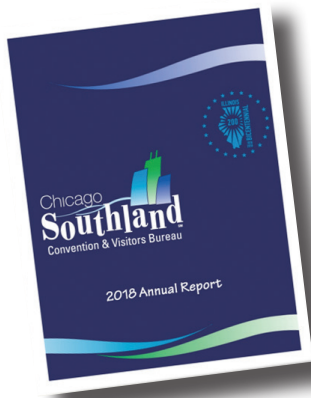


Luis Padilla
Tinley Park Convention Center

2018 Manager of the Year



Shawnice Dean
Tinley Park Convention Center



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Annual Awards

Award of Merit



Southland Center Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprise accepted by General Manager Annie Byrne

Award of Merit



Marc Gordon President/CEO Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association

Award of Merit



Ed Paesel Executive Director (Retired) South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association

Linda Morgan Award for Volunteerism



Ted Golat Seecago Tours, Inc.

Patricia Chase Magon Municipal Leadership Award



Village of Bridgeview accepted by Mayor Steven Landek

Senator Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award



Senator Michael E. Hastings Illinois General Assembly 19th District accepted by Mayor Kyle Hastings

Member of the Year



Lotton Art Glass Galley & Studios accepted by Daniel Lotton

~ What's Been Happening ~

Used baseball gear to find a home with help of Turn Two for Youth

Turn Two for Youth a non-profit, charitable organization was formed to collect and distribute baseball equipment to active children worldwide who need a little help.

The CSCVB is in its third year of hosting Turn Two for Youth sports drives, the first two years collecting over 3,000 items for the charity and recently completed a drive which ran August 6th through October 18th. The four donation centers pulled together an estimated number of 2,000+ items. These donation spots were: The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center, Mokena; Matteson Community Center; Midlothian Park District and Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lansing.

“Turn Two for Youth Executive Director Vince Chelena (pictured right with Joel Koester) was awarded the 2018 Community Hero at this year’s Sports Tourism Excellence Awards by Connect Sports during their annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. We thank Vince for his commitment to Turn Two for Youth,” said Jim Garrett, President/CEO for the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau. Thanks to all the great people and organizations that took the time to donate this year.



Pioneer Pillar Awarded



On November 14th Prairie State College awarded Jim Garrett, CSCVB President/CEO the Pioneer Pillar award for his continued support as an advocate and ambassador of PSC. Congratulations on this achievement!

Pictured above: Dr. Terri L. Winfree, President of Prairie State College; Jim Garrett, President/CEO of the CSCVB

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~ What's Been Happening ~

Fox Pointe Ribbon Cutting



The Lansing Fox Pointe venue ribbon cutting was held on Friday, September 28th, from 5:00–7:00 pm., and is located at 18138 Henry Street in Lansing, Illinois. Lansing Mayor Patty Eidam and other local officials involved in the project shared their vision and excitement on this new addition to the community.

The original concept for Fox Pointe came from the village's comprehensive plan in 2014. Called "a grand civic space" in the plan drawn up by JMA Architects, Fox Pointe gleaned ideas from similar parks in Valparaiso, Munster and Homewood. Fox Pointe is unique in that it has been planned solely as an event venue; there is no shopping center, restaurant or boutique involved. The new venue is made up of five elements: an amphitheater, pavilion, washroom building, concessions building and lawn seating area. The buildings can be used for a number of different events. This venue is great for groups coming to the Chicago Southland that want to hold a small to mid-sized event with entertainment and more!



Midlothian Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Saturday, October 13th for the expansion of the Don Preston Recreation Center. The Midlothian Park District has been working hard on this effort. They are very excited to bring the community a Recreation Center that includes a Turf Field, Fitness Center, Updated Pre-School Classrooms, Multi-Purpose Rooms and a Renovated Gym. A Recreation Center like this will aid in sporting events for future sports tourism.



~ Looking Ahead ~

Recent & Upcoming Industry Trade Shows



Connect DC
December 5th
Washington, DC



US Sports Congress
December 3rd – 5th
Daytona Beach, FL



Illinois Society of
Association Executives
December 5th – 6th
Springfield, IL



American Bus Association
January 26th – 29th
Charlotte, NC



Religious Conference
Management Association
January 29th – 31st
Greensboro, NC



Heartland Travel Showcase
February 22nd – 24th
Detroit, MI



Connect
Marketplace Chicago
February 25th – 26th
Chicago, IL



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March 4th – 6th
Atlanta, GA



Heritage Clubs International
March 11th – March 15th
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CSCVB Welcomes New Members



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The Well at the Distillery, maker of Whiskey, Bourbon, Rum and Gin, is a new craft distillery founded by Steve Soltis. The distillery features a tasting room with samples of Soltis' family recipes of spirits, as well as unique small-batch expressions.

A museum is also on site dedicated to Chicagoland's Prohibition Era.



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CSCVB Grant Award



**2019 Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association
Annual Convention**

Village of Tinley Park – \$1,356

*Pictured here: Mary Patchin, Robert Ebbesmeyer,
Philip Fassler & Camille Gale*



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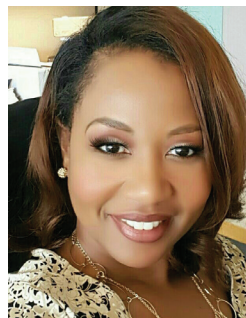
Special thanks to Kathy Vente and Jeff Johnston of Prairie View North & South (*Monee Tourist Information Centers*). During a stint of renovations at the Monee Rest Areas, they assisted at the Chicago Southland Lincoln Oasis VIC for nine months. Because of their support we were able to expand our days and hours of operations helping us reach more visitors during high travel times.



New Board Members



Andy Sarma
Matteson



LaVern Murphy
Matteson



Richard Brink
Alsip



Nick Halikias
Membership Appointment

