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Mark your **CALENDAR**



November 8

Silent Auction and Annual Meeting at LaGrange Country Club



December 6

Holiday Party at Hilton Lisle Hotel



Lou Depasquale • Larry Kelly • Alex Stone • Heather Boritzke • Dino Deluca • Scott Heck • Derek Paulowski
• Dawn Drass • Chris Wrobel • Bob Miller • Ex-Officio Diana Watson

Dawn Drass, Executive Administrator
DIRECTORS 2018

Meet the New Members

Jill Reese

Prior to working in the Chemical Industry, **Jill** worked in the medical field, training in nursing. Since then, Jill has been an employee for Seeler Industries for 19 years, working her way up from receptionist to Purchasing Manager and Customer Service Manager, overseeing production scheduling, inventory control, and logistics.

Jill has two daughters aged 19 and 13, who are both budding musicians. Besides being involved in her daughters' music endeavors, Jill enjoys sky-diving, golf, kayaking, and live concerts.

Gene Sullivan

Gene Sullivan is a veteran of paint and coatings industry. Gene worked as a sales executive in the Chicagoland from 1988 to 1998 for Ashland Chemical (now Nexeo Solutions). In 1998, Gene accepted a position as Business Development Manager for GATX Corporation in Chicago. While at GATX Gene helped build a

Third Party Chemical Logistics business that was focused on providing inventory monitoring and supply chain management. GATX divested the business unit that was eventually renamed ChemLogix.

In 2004 Gene became one of the owners in a company called Industrial Evolution (IE). IE would go on to become one of the leading technology companies providing cloud based data services helping coatings and chemical companies use real-time data. In 2015, IE was sold to Yokogawa Electric and the business was joined with another recently purchased company known as KBC Advanced Technologies (KBC).

In 2018, Gene retired from KBC and accepted a position as the District Manager for Harcros Chemicals, Inc. Gene will have the responsibility for the growth and development of the Harcros Chicagoland business for chemical distribution and services to all companies.

Member News

Pat Kapsa from Seeler will be a first time grandfather in April as his daughter, Holly Priestly is expecting her first child!

Tom Harris, President of Rowell Chemical, became a second time grandpa this past summer as his grandson, John Thomas Ellis was born to Tom's daughter Rachel and son-in-law Gabe. All are doing well.

Dawn Drass' daughter Katelin Drass has recently passed the bar exam and is now officially a lawyer!



More than one CD&CA member attended the Bears game on September 30. Patrick O'Neill was sitting close to some enthusiastic Tampa Bay fans (and Florida natives), Dawn Drass and her sister Angie Switzer.

EVENT RECAPS

Summer Golf Outings

For those who were able to play in the golf outings on July 16 at Seven Bridges and August 27 at Chevy Chase, we were rewarded with beautiful weather and lots of laughs!

We want to thank all who were able to play, and a big thank you to volunteers, **Megan Peboontom, Alex Stone, Heather Boritzke, Dawn Drass, Cheryl DePasquale**, and to **Larry Kelly, Jim McHatton, and John Eterno** for coordinating the outings and handling the prizes.



Pat Kapsa and Ted Lykowski



John Mayer, Bob Stone, and Al May



Derek Paulowski and Brandon King



Jeff Nelson, Alex Stone from AMS and Brian Surane from Vexor Technologies



Geoff Baron

EVENT RECAPS

September Breakfast Meeting at Chateau Orleans

We had a nice turnout for the September 26 Breakfast Meeting at Chateau Orleans in Darien, IL, for a discussion with Eric Gallien, Associate Director of the Illinois Trucking Association. Eric is a political lobbyist for the trucking industry in Illinois, serving as Associate Director for the Illinois Trucking Association for the past two years. As part of this role he has worked closely with state and federal lawmakers, as well as transportation regulating agencies.

As an authority on Illinois transportation policy, he also serves as a member of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Freight Committee, Transportation for Illinois Coalition, Will County CED Freight Mobility Plan, Midwest Cargo Security Council, US Department of Homeland Security Illinois Terrorism Task Force and several counties transportation planning groups.

Eric took questions from the group on the trucking industry and discussed how the upcoming elections could affect the industry.

We closed out the breakfast meeting with a "Lucky Bucks" drawing, which was won by **Jeff Nelson** from AMS.



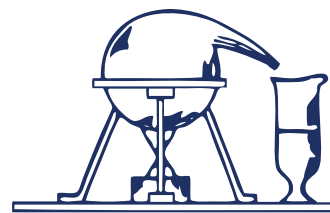
Eric Gallien



Lucky Bucks winner Jeff Nelson getting winnings from Dawn Drass



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Chicago Drug & Chemical LinkedIn Group

We have created a group on LinkedIn for the CD&CA. It is a great way to have discussions, share information and stay in touch, etc. To join the group, please go to:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3775030>

To join the CD&CA group, you must be a member of LinkedIn. LinkedIn is free and setting up a new account only takes a few minutes. Please join the discussion on LinkedIn.

Welcome to Shutterfly

We have created a website called "Chicago Drug & Chemical Association" to share pictures with our members. Please check it out at

<https://cdca.shutterfly.com/pictures>

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CHICAGO DRUG & CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS 2018

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Silent Auction

LaGrange CC

December 6, 2018

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Hilton Hotel Lisle

