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# Lake County Chamber

## *Serving Businesses Since 1915*

GURNEE, ILLINOIS- May 25, 2010 - For ninety-five years, the Lake County Chamber of Commerce

has demonstrated a dedication to businesses in our local communities by continuing to foster "Prosperity through Business Growth". The county's oldest area chamber celebrated their 95th Anniversary at its Annual Dinner on May 14, 2010, held at Country Squire Restaurant in Grayslake, Illinois. Keynote speaker Jack Taylor - broadcast legend, anchor, host, and announcer from WGN-TV and radio, shared memories of simpler times over the past 50 years and how times have changed.



Master of Ceremonies Hal Coxon of Consumers Credit Union began the event with the Pledge of Allegiance before introducing Chairman of the Board Horacio Lopez of Pro Data Payroll Services, Inc. "Through these past 95 years, we have seen our organization face challenging and rewarding circumstances. Through the collaborative effort of the business, community, and civic leaders of Lake County, your Chamber of Commerce has flourished."

The Lake County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to honor our local innovators & celebrates their accomplishments and roles they have played in helping to create a vibrant economic environment in support of the chambers' efforts to do the same. Honors were given to Auto Parts City, who was distinguished as the Green Business of the Year. The 2010 Member of the Year went to Jose Rodriguez (Rodriguez Home Inspectors). **Volunteer of the Year was presented to Kimberly Kreml (University Center of Lake County)**, and the 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year went to Horacio Lopez, President of Pro Data Payroll Services, Inc. The event included an exciting Silent Auction with items that were donated by companies throughout Lake County.

Also honored were the 2010 recipients of the LCCC Hispanic Scholarships, including Maria Rodriguez & Barbara Alvarez (Mundelein High School), Carolina Bolano & Camila Pardo (Grayslake Central High School), Jessica Lopez & Melissa Napoles (Grayslake North High School), Araceli Morenoi (Warren Township High School), Alejandro Guajardo (Highland Park High School), Leonardo Lopez & Vivian Sandoval (Stevenson High School).

Lake County Chamber President, B. Dwight Houchins remarked, "We are 5 years away from being a century old. We have survived World Wars, the Great Depression and long periods of peace and plenty. [The Chamber] has had many names, but the mission has been the same: to help bring prosperity to Lake County, and make it a great place to live, work, recreate and raise a family."

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The Lake County Chamber of Commerce has been serving businesses in Lake County since 1915. To learn more about programs, events, or membership in the Lake County Chamber, please [visit our website](#) or call 847.249.3800.

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