

BUSINESS PEOPLE

• **The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry** has announced its 2007 community champion awardees. For excellence in business, the awards go to **Allan E. Power Plumbing, Buck's Pit Stop, LaGrange Theater/Horton's Home Finishings and Vulcan Construction Materials LP.** For outstanding community organization, the winner is **RML Specialty Hospital.** Individual awardees include **Ron Kubicki**, for public service; **Julia Mancini**, for positive impact; **Joe O'Connor**, for business leader; and **Dan Pancake**, for community service. They'll all be honored at a May 23 gathering at the William Tell Holiday Inn.

• Glenkirk, an agency that provides support and services to people with developmental disabilities, honored its volunteers this month, including **Jerry Gerami** of AT&T of Hinsdale, who received the corporate support award.

• **Dorothy Stephan** of Hinsdale Travel Service was awarded the Commodore Achievement Certification aboard the Queen Mary 2 in New York City April 9. She was honored among other agents who are ranked at the Commodore level with Cunard Line, owner of the ship.

• Citizens Financial Bank named Downers Grove resident **Daniel Schwiesow** second vice president and senior commercial loan officer. Working out of the Willowbrook



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banking center, Schwiesow brings with him 21 years of commercial banking and management experience.

Schwiesow received his master's of business administration in finance from DePaul University.

• Leaders Bank of Oak Brook appointed Western Springs resident **Debra Orrock** to vice president, treasury management, and merchant administrator.

An active member of her community and the banking community, Orrock is responsible for maintaining and developing treasury management banking relationships with customers and specializes in customizing products for customers.

• Western Springs native **Michael Passananti** was hired by Handler, Thayer & Duggan, a law firm in Chicago. Passananti focuses his practice on business, corporate law, and financial and estate planning. At the firm, he is a member of the Commercial Practice Group and

the Advanced Planning and Family Office Practice Group. Passananti earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and management from Augustana College, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and was selected by his professors as the top business student in his class. He attained his juris doctorate from DePaul University College of Law, where he received the CALI award for excellence in legal writing.

• **Vinaya Sharma** of Hinsdale will receive the Young Alumni Loyalty Award from the Drake University National Alumni Association May 12 at the university, Des Moines, Iowa. Sharma was selected in recognition of his professional accomplishments and community service. Sharma graduated from Drake in 1993. He has served on his five-year reunion committee, helped organize local Bulldog Bashes and supported numerous other regional alumni activities. He's attended the annual Windy City Golf Outing for Drake alumni and friends in the Chicago area and hosts annual Drake Relays parties in his home, which features a Drake "alumni room" adorned with Drake memorabilia. As a Drake student, Sharma attended men's basketball games costumed as a fired-up Darth Vader. He is a credit analyst and actuary with Quantitative Risk Management in Chicago.