

make it better  
**BEST of  
2011**

# { CELEBRATIONS }

By Jen Luby



## BEST SPOT FOR A SUPER SWEET 16

**Viper Alley**  
275 Parkway Dr., Lincolnshire, 847-499-5000  
viper-alley.com  
Downtown club cool in the 'burbs.

## BEST BLOOMS

**FlowersFlowers, Evanston**  
1110 Davis St., Evanston, 60201, 847-328-7110,  
flowers-flowers.com  
A favorite with our readers, this florist is noted for sophisticated color and texture combinations.



## BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

**Laura's Photography**  
847-224-4094, lauratemplin.com

With 87 nominations (yes, 87!), more than any other business in this issue, Laura must be doing something right. She's known for her newborn portraits, but Make It Better has also hired her for older kids (see the fashion feature "Prep's Cool" in the August 2011 issue,) and we loved the results.



## MAKE IT BETTER'S STAFF PICKS FAVORITE PHOTOGS

Here are the fabulous snap artists whose work regularly graces the pages of this magazine.

**John Reilly**  
358 W. Ontario St., Chicago, 312-266-2550, johnreillyphotography.com

**Erik Davis**  
847-571-1473, erikdavisphotography.com

**Classic Kids**  
Multiple locations,  
classickidsphotography.com

**Nathaniel Perry**  
doorctyphoto.com

**Diane Hamilton**  
1227 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette, 847-853-0675, dhamiltonphotography.com

**Carol Ysla**  
405 1/2 Linden Ave., Wilmette,  
847-256-1400, carolbattrell.com

**Lee Ross**  
leerossphotography.com

## best caterers

YOU ARE	YOU CALL
Hoping to impress the board president	<b>Limelight</b> 2000 N. Racine Ave., Chicago, 773-883-3080, limelightcatering.com
Tailgating with flair	<b>Catering by Michael's</b> 6203 Park Ave., Morton Grove, 847-966-6555, cateringbymichaels.com
Hosting a ladies' lunch	<b>Sunset Foods</b> Multiple locations, sunsetfoods.com
Planning a corporate retreat	<b>Tasty Catering</b> 1900 Touhy Ave., Elk Grove Village, 847-593-2000, tastycatering.com
Determined to have the best spread at Ravinia	<b>FoodStuffs</b> Multiple locations, foodstuffs.com