

## Infant Welfare heads to the Mart in anticipation of 'Tablescapes'

Nearly 20 women headed to the Merchandise Mart Dec. 2 to listen to a talk by renowned kitchen designer Mick De Giulio and get some advance tips for their spring Tablescapes fundraiser.

De Giulio spoke with the group about his recent book, *Kitchen Centric*, as well as his thoughts



Co-chairwoman **Julie Perington** of Hinsdale listens to De Giulio speak. | Tamara Bell-Sun-Times Media



**Mick De Giulio** speaks to the Society members. | Tamara Bell-Sun-Times Media

about the changing function of the kitchen. He discussed how architecture and design are responding to the kitchen's evolving function as a social hub and gathering place for entertaining and homework.

After his brief talk, the group toured the Luxe Homes, the showrooms on the first floor of the Mart before enjoying lunch.



The Hinsdale Jr. Auxiliary Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago visits with **Mick De Giulio**, renowned kitchen designer and author. | Tamara Bell-Sun-Times Media

After lunch, they toured and shopped at the One-of-a-Kind sale for further inspiration.

De Giulio is the guest speaker at the March event. The Tablescapes theme this year is "From

Blueprint to Beautiful" and will feature eight to 10 tables designed around that theme. The event is the group's largest fund-raiser and raises nearly 20 percent of the operating budget

for the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago which turns 100 years old next year.

**For more information:** Visit [www.hinsdaletablescapes.com](http://www.hinsdaletablescapes.com)

**Event information:**  
Tablescapes 2011  
From Blueprint to Beautiful  
Saturday, March 19  
10:30 a.m.  
Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort