



Monthly Newsletter

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August 2011

Serving the communities of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City and Shafer

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- August 10: Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- August 11: Chamber Member Luncheon 11:30**
Special Tour of Operations & Picnic at
Wild Mountain Recreation
37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls

Welcome New Member!

Life Phases Nutrition
Lindstrom, MN 763.439.0316

August Refreshment Host!

St. Croix Regional Medical Center
800.642.1336

Ki-Chi-Saga Days

August 18-21

Come join Chisago City for Ki-Chi-Saga Days, our community celebration. This event is mainly held in Moberg Park but expands throughout the community. Check out the city website, www.ci.chisago.mn.us for full details.

You don't want to miss out on the many activities for ALL ages, so bring your family and friends for a fun filled weekend.

What's Happening This Month



- August 2 Night to Unite
- August 4 WineHaven's Annual Rhubarb Frenzy
- August 6 Flicka Day – Gammelgården Museum
- August 9 & 11 Comin' to Amerika – Gammelgården Museum
- August 10-14 Picket Fence Gals Sale
- August 7 Meadow on Fairview Classic Car Show
- August 12-14 Almelund Threshing Show
- August 13 Wine & Chocolate Cruise
- August 13 Chisago Lakes Meander
- August 14 Sportsmen's Club Picnic
- August 18-21 Ki Chi Saga Days
- August 20-21 Lindstrom Antique Mall 20/20 Sale
- August 20 Spelmanstamma Fiddling Contest
- August 20 Family Pathways 5K/15K Run Walk
- August 27 Wine & Cheese Cruise
- September 1 Chamber Community Golf Tournament

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2011 Board of Directors

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A Note from the Chamber Board:

Miriam Aaland

As a new board member I am very pleased to be a part of The Chisago Lakes Area Chamber. It is a very active and forward thinking organization. The chamber staff and board members are dedicated to creating a healthy environment for old and new business to grow and flourish.

One of my roles as a member of the tourism committee is to help advocate and actively support and promote Chisago Lakes Area businesses. To me this is pretty easy to do. Being fairly new to the area myself I have the opportunity to see the Chisago Lakes Area through the eyes of a tourist and I am continually discovering some of the special attractions that make our community unique.

In the fast paced times that we are living and never having enough time in the day to get things done, it can be difficult making the time to attend the Chamber luncheons, but I really encourage you to attend as many as you can.

The monthly Chamber meetings have been a great opportunity for me to visit and experience firsthand the flavor of the community as well as networking opportunities. For example Panola Valley Gardens hosted the last chamber meeting and what a beautiful and wonderful place to have an event such as a wedding. Ojiketa Regional Park also hosted a chamber event with Eichten's Bistro as the caterer, both of which are local gems. As a member of the chamber, hosting a chamber meeting is a great way to showcase your business as well as network with potential prospects or explore opportunities to partner with other local businesses.

We are so fortunate to have a community with a rich cultural history in a beautiful setting and so many unique opportunities for visitors and locals to take advantage of. Here are a few of those fun and unique upcoming events for families you won't want to miss. National Night Out, Chisago Sportsman's Club Picnic, WineHaven's 12th Annual "Rhubarb Frenzy", Point Pleasant Heights 25th Silver Celebration, Ki Chi Saga Days, Almelund Threshing Show and Hay Days Grass Drags are all just around the corner.

Chisago Lakes Community Golf Tournament Thursday, September 1st



The Chisago Lakes Chamber is pleased to host the 7th Annual Community Golf Tournament. This 18-Hole, 4-person scramble tournament has three divisions: Men, Women & Mixed. New this year: Golf Poker Showdown! This is in addition to the other fun contests.

A portion of the proceeds this year will go towards Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau.

Register your team today! Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorship and registration forms are available at the Chamber office or at www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

New Look for the Chamber Office

Thank you DJ Gregory Contracting & Landscape Direction for the new look of the Chamber building. The outside has been painted to freshen the look along with a nice red door, making it easier for our visitors to find. The landscaping has been redone with a garden of native plants.



*Pete Lawrence
Landscape Direction*

July 13th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

June minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Golf Tournament – Jim**

Plans are under way. New sponsorship/team forms were included in July and August newsletter. New this year is a poker game.

• **Chisago Lakes Triathlon – Tangi**

Planning is going nicely. More volunteers needed. A new route is scheduled due to road construction.

New Business:

• **MCCE Insurance Policy Review – Craig**

Review of the Minnesota Chamber insurance policy and noted terrorism coverage included. A board vote in June narrowly voted not to include the terrorism coverage.

• **City Event Sponsorship – Center City requested Chamber sponsorship of \$500 for Center City Days. This is an annual budgeted contribution for area events. Chamber also contributes to Karl Oskar Days and Ki Chi Saga Days.**

• **July Events – Luncheon will take place at Panola Valley Gardens and will be a social event with Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau sharing a short presentation. Chisago County EDA luncheon on Friday at Ojiketa Regional Park will be attended by Jim Green.**

Old Business:

• **Chisago Lakes Area Maps – Jeff Zaremba is finalizing sales for the new map. The new map is to include Taylors Falls, St. Croix Falls and Scandia to represent Chamber members in the area.**

Executive Director's Report: Tangi

Among items reported to the board were:

- Community and visitor contacts are on the rise, open for Ladies Night Out and Karl Oskar Days.
- SCRFTA and NHA meetings continue to connect us to our neighboring communities.
- Morning meetings are on hold until time allows.

Lakes Area Terror Football Team

Looking ahead to 2012



If you are interested in playing for the Lakes Area Terror Football Team for 2012, check out the calendar and fill out the player information form.

www.TerrorFootball.webs.com



13th Annual Rhubarb Frenzy!

Thursday, August 4 – Sunday, August 7

The secret's out! WineHaven's rhubarb makes fantastic wine! Be the first to sample the new batch. There will be hourly tours and the lunch at the vineyard from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Wine tasting is complimentary, there is no fee for admission and reservations are not required. Bring your friends! The lunch menu includes:

* Pulled Pork Sandwich/Rhubarb Chutney: \$4.00

* Grilled Bacon Wrapped Shrimp/Raspberry Wine BBQ Sauce: \$5.00

* Crispy Romaine Salad/Raspberry Vinaigrette: \$4.00

* Pasta Coleslaw Salad: \$4.00

* Cheesecake/Chocolate Raspberry Wine Sauce: \$4.00



Wine and Chocolate Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, August 13th 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, August 27th 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Cruise the beautiful St. Croix River on the Taylors Falls Princess paddleboat at one of our wine cruises. Enjoy fine food, great WineHaven wines and some of the best chocolates/cheeses. Cruise tour includes wine sampling, live music, cash bar and reserved seating with a buffet style meal including choice of Roast Prime Rib with baked potato or Boneless Chicken Breast on a bed of wild rice served with a Chardonnay & Mushroom Sauce. Both entrées are served with assorted breads, Caesar salad, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$44.50 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations and prepayment are required. Embark from Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours, Taylors Falls. Boarding time is 6:45 p.m.

For reservations call 651.465.6315



NIGHT TO UNITE CELEBRATION

On *Tuesday, August 2nd from 6pm - 8pm*, Lindstrom and Chisago City will be one of 9,800 communities from all 50 states observing Night to Unite. Night to Unite celebrates and promotes police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood unity. Nationwide over 33 million people are expected to participate in their own community's celebrations.

Join us for free food, give-aways, and old-fashioned games. Spend time getting to know your neighbors and help give crime a going away party! Members of the Lakes Area Police Department and Chisago City Fire Department will be on hand for live demonstrations.

The event will be held at Ojiketa Regional Park. Please feel free to call Doris at 651.257.5464 with questions.

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July Luncheon Meeting



Gary and MaryAnn Norton & Staff, Panola Valley Gardens

The July luncheon was held at **Panola Valley Gardens**. Owners, **Gary and MaryAnn Norton** have been in business for 35 years and are open for weddings, family reunions, business meetings, Tea in the Garden, and just about any occasion. Thank you to **Edward Jones, Tom Hallberg** for being the Chamber refreshment host for July. **John Renaker**, chamber president announced the upcoming Triathlon and the need for additional volunteers. He also noted that the new Lakes Area map still has advertising spots left. Member announcements included **Pat Kennedy** for the Lion's Corn Feed coming up August 3rd at Harmony in the Park. **Lynn Moore** with **Acres for Life** reminded everyone of the upcoming Women's Retreat on July 23rd. Guest speakers were **Tovah Marak** and **Matt Howard** from **Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau**. LAYSB's goal is to ensure success of youth. They are not here to just work with troubled kids but offer intervention to kids who aren't in trouble. Working with families, they offer therapy, parenting help and workshops. They are offering new programs and events, like the new Horseshoe League on Tuesdays through August. The Hidden Heroes is a program where kids receive letters from adult volunteers that encourage the youth. The Job Connection allows people 55+ to hire kids for jobs such as raking, help around the yard/home. LAYSB has a walk in service giving free advice to families. The Speakers Bureau Group discusses choices, chemicals, raising kids, etc and does have a small fee. Teen Intervene is a 1 on 1 program consisting of 4 sessions. **Tovah** reminded members of the upcoming events: Taste! Event on July 21 and the Black Tie to Blue Jeans on September 30. Luncheon closed with time for networking.

PICKET FENCE GALS SALE



August 10-14

Wednesday 3-7

Thursday-Saturday 9-6

Sunday 11-5

Enjoy walking through rooms packed with unique treasures. Downtown Lindstrom.

www.PicketFenceGals.com

651.257.3370

LAYSB News!

244 N. Lake St, Forest Lake
651.464.3685 www.YSBLakesArea.org

Parent Support Meetings at LAYSB

Parents of Teenagers: would it help to talk to another parent or a person who has survived parenting teens? Are you wondering how to address these and other issues...?

- Setting reasonable consequences
- Following through with expectations
- Ways to effectively communicate with your teen
- Recognizing your strengths

We have a **free** opportunity for you to do just that! On Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm, come to LAYSB. Jackie Hays, Parent Education & Support Coordinator, will discuss your parenting situation with you and help you decide how to handle it. Call 651.464.3685 with any questions.

World of Work on Facebook

Businesses are encouraged to join the Facebook Group "World of Work - Job Postings for Forest Lake, Chisago Lakes & North Branch." High School students who have been through a three hour training on the working world are connected & will be looking for any job postings from local businesses there! Any questions? Contact Tovah at Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau at 651-464-3685.

Black Tie to Blue Jeans Night

Friday, September 30, 2011

Vannelli's by the Lake in Forest Lake, MN

Tickets \$60.00 per person. For event details and ticket information, contact Jackie Kottke at 651-464-3685 or jackie.kottke@ysblakesarea.org.

Summer Specials!

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- ❖ **Men's Night** – 1st Monday of the month 4:30-8:30 pm
No appointments needed! Men's cuts are \$20
- ❖ **Senior Day** – Wednesdays from 9:30-5:00
Seniors receive 15% off of one service
- ❖ **Teen Day** – Thursdays with Mel, Ashley or Laurie
Teens receive 25% off nail, hair, or waxing services
- ❖ **Mini-Pedi's** – All summer & same day appointments-\$25
- ❖ Also offering feather hair extensions starting at \$7

11495 Brink Ave, Chisago City

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Featured Business – August 2011



Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation

The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation (CLACF), was established in 2008, and has been working hard to make area residents, businesses and organizations aware of ways to make a difference in the future of this community. The foundation accepts gifts of cash, appreciated stock, real estate and other assets. The CLACF can be included in estate planning, and is a great way to leave a legacy for general use, or for something dear to your heart.

Donations and endowments are invested under the umbrella of the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. The interest earned on these investments is then *reinvested* in this community (within the boundaries of the Chisago Lakes School District), through grants to benefit music and the arts, parks, the environment, civic projects, education, health, music or for any current needs in our area. So “donations made in our area, stay in our area”.

Over the past few years, the local foundation has participated in the Home, Garden & Business Show, published news articles, met with several local groups and organizations, participated in local festivals, hosted a “Gifts of Real Estate” seminar for realtors and financial planners, and *continues to grow assets for our community*.

The foundation awarded their very first local grants, from the Community Fund, at an “Art Dash” event they hosted in October, 2010. A \$500 grant went to the Lindstrom Parks Commission, for use at Allemansrätt Wilderness Park. A \$500 grant was also awarded to the Taylors Falls Parks Commission, and was used toward the installation of a safety fence at the Pump House Park playground for small children.

The Community Fund grant application deadline for 2011 has been extended to August 15th, and grants will be awarded in September. If you know of a local group or cause that could use grant money to complete a project in our local community, please encourage them to apply! The foundation recently became a member of the Chisago Lakes Chamber, and information about the grant applications is on the Chamber website, and at www.scvfoundation.org.

The CLACF is an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to building lasting resources

that serve the people, communities and the environment. The St. Croix Valley Foundation was founded in 1995, and has awarded more than \$11M in grants over the years. In January, 2011, the St. Croix Valley Foundation reached a milestone of more than \$20M in assets. The St. Croix Valley and its six affiliates have become a powerful philanthropic resource for the entire river valley. Besides the Chisago Lakes Area, other affiliates include the Stillwater Area and Lower St. Croix River Valley Area in Minnesota, and the Hudson, Amery and River Falls areas in Wisconsin.

The CLACF giving options include the Community Fund, Donor Advised Funds, Field of Interest Funds, a Scholarship Fund, a Chisago Lakes Schools Endowment Fund, and the Fairview Lakes HomeCaring & Hospice Fund. All donations to the CLACF are tax deductible and restricted to use in the Chisago Lakes area.

If you're interested in leaving a legacy within the community, please consider a tax deductible contribution, or a donation in memory of a loved one. Send donations to CLACF, P.O. Box 449, Lindstrom, MN 55045. Or to learn more about the Foundation, call Tom Hallberg, board chair at (651) 257-2937. Other board members are: Loretta Anderson, Karen Brohaugh, Don Bungum, David Dobosenski, Pat Henton, Dan Hoolihan, Jon Kildow, Lou Ann Mattson, Jim McCarville, Brenda Palmquist, Jim Stein and Noel Stensrud. Any of the foundation board members would be happy to visit with you or your organization about the foundation. And the board is seeking additional members! Please let us know if you are interested in serving the local area.

“A Community that GIVES is a Community that LIVES”



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia
651.433.5053

Flicka Day - August 6

Paint your own Dala Horse and enjoy a luncheon and style show. Reservations required. Cost: \$25

Comin' to Amerika August 9 & 11

This popular two day camp gives elementary students the opportunity to experience immigration and life in Amerika. Reservations required. Cost: \$25

Spelmanstamma, The Immigrant Fiddle - August 20
Celebrating the Immigrant Fiddle with musical entertainment, dancing and food!

More information on these and other events at
www.GammelGardenMuseum.org

Quote for the Month

When Opportunity knocks.....answer the door.
~Fortune Cookie~

Almelund Threshing Show August 12, 13, 14



Once again a field is transformed with tractors, steam engines, people and music as the Almelund Threshing Show comes to life. Everyday attractions include: Steam Threshing • Steam Powered Sawmill • Silage Cutting Huge Tractor Display • Gigantic Flea Market • Antique Gas Engines • Glass Blowing • Kids Ring Toss • Live Bison • Blacksmith Shop • Car & Truck Show • Barber Shop • Mercantile Store • Lots More!

Schedule at www.AlmelundThreshingCo.org



‘Once Upon a Mattress’ tells the off kilter version of the Princess and the Pea Fairy Tale complete with song & dance! Showing through August 21st.

‘SIRENS OF THE 60s’

Wednesday, August 24th 7:30 p.m.

Colleen Raye, Debbie O’Keefe and Katie Gearty bring their talents to the stage to perform classic 60s tunes from the female artists of the era. Recall the great songs and memories of a musically and culturally transition time period.

www.FestivalTheatre.org

715.483.3387

NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE

12710 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

Coffee and Pie Night

Every Friday Night! 5-9pm

Come enjoy coffee and fresh baked pies!

www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com

651.257.5240

20/20 Sale! August 20-21



Lindstrom Antique Mall

Storewide Sale – 20% off all items over \$20.00
unless marked ‘firm’ or already on sale

Downtown Lindstrom

651.257.3340

5K & 15K Walk/Run



FAMILY PATHWAYS
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Saturday, August 20

7:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Start 15K – 8:15 a.m. Start 5K (rain or shine)

Advanced Registration - \$20 Race Day Registration - \$25

Kids 10 & under – Free

Groups of 5 registering in advance - \$80*

*additional runners \$15 each

Race starts and ends at Zion Lutheran Church, 28005 Old Towne Rd, Chisago City. Register online at www.zapevent.com. For more information call 763.552.7284 or www.FamilyPathways.org and click on 5K/15K Run.

CHISAGO LAKES SPORTSMEN’S CLUB 56th ANNUAL PICNIC



Sunday, August 14 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Public is invited-Free Admission

Trap Shooting • Turkey Spatter Board • Horseshoes Volleyball • Kids Castle Jump • Bingo • Games all Day Races • Raffle tickets with cash prizes • Food Refreshments • Free Coffee

Kids receive a free ticket when they arrive. Drawings will be every 20 minutes. A Grand Prize drawing for one Girls’ bike and one Boys’ bike.

Located between Chisago City & Lindstrom on Hwy 8 Frontage Road



6th Annual Classic Car Show

Sunday, August 7 1-3pm

Nothing says old fashioned summer fun like classic cars, popcorn and cold drinks. Free car registration. Prizes awarded for “People’s Choice Award” 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.

MEADOWS ON FAIRVIEW

25565 Fairview Ave, Wyoming, MN 55092

More information call 651.982.6228

2011 Chisago Lakes Triathlon



Another successful Triathlon behind us! Participating athletes numbered approximately 400 for the kids and 1700 for adults. Thank you to all the 160+ volunteers that helped make this happen. It takes people to cover the bike corners, run course, transition, water stations, food stations, transition, packing goody bags, registration and body marking. Volunteers aren't paid. Not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

Thanks to Chisago City for sharing Paradise Park, the Chisago City Parks Department and Chisago City Public Works for all the extra work that goes into this event. Thank you Chisago County Sheriff's Department, Lakes Area Police, Chisago Lakes Swim Coach and Lifeguards for keeping the event safe and fun.

Thanks to all of you who helped to make this a great community event. One we can be proud of!



Chisago Lakes Meander Saturday, August 13th



Enjoy the day here in beautiful Chisago Lakes Area. Enjoy the lakes, lakeside parks with a picnic, playgrounds, good fishing, wine tasting, the Almelund Threshing Show and all the businesses offering great products, food and service.

MN Chamber Update

Did your legislators represent your priorities?

By David C. Olson

The budget stalemate at the Capitol is demanding full-time attention of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce these days. We seek a resolution that will have minimal impact on the bottom lines of Minnesota employers.

At the same time, we cannot overlook the accomplishments of the 2011 Legislature. Many votes were cast during the regular session on issues critical to all businesses no matter their size, location or product. The Voting Record can be found at <http://www.mnchamber.com/action-center/elections-center/legislative-voting-records.cfm>.

A supplemental voting record, if needed, will be published at the conclusion of the special session.

The laws passed in St. Paul have considerable impact on the well-being of employers and employees alike. The economy continues to be challenging, and it is more important than ever for Minnesota to position itself to compete in the global marketplace.

The Minnesota Chamber and its 2,400 members advanced a multitude of issues important to the future of Minnesota's economy. Four priorities led our agenda this year:

- Resolve the state budget shortfall without a general fund tax increase.
- Enact alternative pathways for teacher licensure.
- Streamline the environmental review and permitting system.
- Remove the ban on consideration of additional nuclear and coal power.

The budget remains our top priority for the special session. Alternative licensure and environmental streamlining were accomplished during the regular session, and we'll continue to work on removing the energy bans in 2012. Overall, the statewide business community lobbies approximately 50 policies. Many of these initiatives are detailed in the Voting Record.

The report has two parts: a list of important roll-call votes and a description of and commentary on key business issues. Just as important as the final floor votes is how legislators work in committees and behind the scenes to advance the business agenda. The legislative scorecard highlights those efforts as well.

For additional information on legislators' voting records, contact Tom Hesse, vice president of government affairs, at these@mnchamber.com.

We encourage employers and employees to review this report, then contact your lawmakers to show your appreciation for their efforts and/or to share your concerns about their records. Paying attention to this year's committee work and voting records will help us promote our business initiatives in the 2012 legislative session and election.

David Olson is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit www.mnChamber.com.



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