



# Monthly Newsletter

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July 2011

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

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- July 13: Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**  
 Chamber Office & Information Center  
 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- July 14: Chamber Member Networking Luncheon**  
 Time: 11:30 a.m.  
 Speaker: **Tovah Marak**  
**Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau**  
 Caterer: **Panola Valley Gardens**  
 Location: **Panola Valley Gardens**  
 26026 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

## Welcome New Member!

**Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation**  
 Lindstrom, MN 651.213.6105

## Chisago Lakes Triathlon July 23-24

As a spectator, competitor or volunteer in the Sprint, Half Ironman and Kid's Triathlon, you are sure to be thrilled, challenged and inspired. This swim, bike and run event draws athletes from throughout the United States and begins and ends in beautiful Paradise Park in Chisago City.

To participate, find registration forms at the Chamber office, Forest Lake Cycle & Skate or visit [www.MidwestSportsEvents.com](http://www.MidwestSportsEvents.com). Early registration deadline is July 22.

To volunteer for water stations, turns, body marking, finish line, food preparation, registration or other jobs contact the Chamber office at 651.257.1177 or [clacc@frontiernet.net](mailto:clacc@frontiernet.net).

Goody Bag donations are needed for the Triathlon participants. Adult/1500 items, Kids/500 items. These can be brought to the Chamber office at any time prior to the Triathlon.

## What's Happening This Month

July	4	Independence Day
July	6-10	Picket Fence Gals Sale
July	6-10	Karl Oskar Days
July	7	Lindstrom Ladies Night Out
July	9	Lindstrom 5K Loppet
July	9	Triathlon Training Ride
July	9-10	Lindstrom Antique Mall 20/20 Sale
July	9-10	WineHaven Raspberries & Wine Festival
July	10	Fairview Lakes Auxiliary 'Garden Tour'
July	14-17	Chisago County Fair
July	14-17	Wannigan Days
July	16	Wine & Chocolate Cruise
July	18-22	Swedish Immersion Day Camp-Gammelgården
July	21	LAYSB Taste! Event
July	23	Acres for Life 'Wise Women Workshop'
July	22-23	Relay for Life
July	23-24	Chisago Lakes Triathlon
July	29-31	Center City Days
July	30	Wine & Cheese Cruise

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## **2011 Board of Directors**

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Dan Brown, Chisago Lakes Achievement Center  
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### **A Note from the Chamber Board:**

*Bob Gustafson*

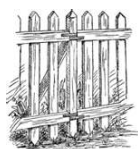
By the time you read this Chamber newsletter, summer will be in full bloom. We have witnessed a spring with temperatures going up and down like a yo-yo. One day it was 103 and the next day it was in the 50's, but that's Minnesota!

This is my first article for the Chamber and I wish to express my appreciation to our staff for the great work they do promoting the Chisago Lakes area. The growth in our membership has not come by accident. It is mostly due to the dedicated efforts of our staff. I am proud of what our Chamber has accomplished.

I look forward to our monthly luncheons, where we gather for a time of fellowship and to interact with the many other business men and women. Everyone has a story to tell. It is like a big family gathering. If your business needs a little encouragement, please join us and meet the family. We would love to see you.

The summer season brings many community events to our area and requires the help of many volunteers. Would you consider lending a hand at one of the following community events? Karl Oskar Days, Chisago County Relay for Life, Chisago Lakes Triathlon, Center City Days, Ki Chi Saga Days, Community Golf Tournament, Shafer Days and any other event as needed. The more volunteers we have, the greater success we have at these events.

I would like to echo what other Board Members have said. Take inventory of the needs of your family and your business and try to purchase whatever you can locally. If we work together we can do our part to help promote our friends in business.



### **PICKET FENCE GALS SALE**

**July 6-10**

Wednesday 3-7

Thursday-Saturday 9-6

Sunday 11-5

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

[www.PicketFenceGals.com](http://www.PicketFenceGals.com)

651.257.3370

## **July Refreshment Host!**

**Edward Jones/Tom Hallberg**

**651.257.2937**

### **FAIRVIEW LAKES AUXILIARY**

*Garden Tour*

**Sunday, July 10**

**10am-4pm**



If you love flowers and gardens join Fairview Lakes Auxiliary as they tour a variety of gardens in Chisago City, Scandia, Forest Lake, Lino Lakes, North Branch and Wyoming. Admission is only \$10/adult for a full afternoon of enjoyment.

Garden passes and maps can be purchased in advance at any Fairview clinic in the Chisago Lakes area or Fairview Lakes Regional Medical Center, Wyoming until noon on tour day.

Proceeds support completion of enhancements to the Fairview Lakes Cancer Clinic and infusion services. For more information call 651.982.7774.

## June 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights

### Secretary's Report:

May minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

### Committee Reports:

#### • **Golf Tournament – Craig Stockel**

Scheduled for Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. LAYSB will be this year's community partner. Entry will be raised to \$85 with sponsorship fees remaining the same.

#### • **Chisago Lakes Triathlon – Tangi**

July 23-24. Volunteer sign-up and training rides have begun.

#### • **Bike Safety**

Chamber partnered with Lindstrom DQ again this year to promote bike safety actions of kids. Lakes Area Police will give kids DQ coupons when cited for positive actions. Chamber donated \$100 and created coupons.

### New Business:

- **Frontier Webinar** - Facebook webinar was very informative. Future sessions at the Chamber are planned.

### Old Business:

- **Chisago Lakes Area Maps** – Chamber is working on an updated area map. Village Profile the official publisher. Taylors Falls, St. Croix Falls and Scandia's Gammelgarden will be included.

### Executive Director's Report: Tangi

Among items reported to the board were:

- Lindstrom EDA/DPT is setting up a website for helping with the Hwy 8 construction project. Chamber is helping with marketing.
- Revising the 'Explore the Chisago Lakes Area' brochure.
- Painting has started on the chamber building.

## Summer Specials!

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- ❖ **Men's Night** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 with same day appointments. \$25

11495 Brink Ave, Chisago City

651.257.9477



### 13th Annual Raspberries and Wine Festival

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 - 5:00 pm

Celebrate summer at Winehaven with live music, hourly vineyard tours, complimentary wine tasting and lunch at the vineyard. We will also be releasing our new batch of Raspberry Wine! There is no admission fee and reservations are not required. Bring your friends! Lunch menu includes:

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

\* Pulled Chicken Sandwich/Raspberry Wine BBQ Sauce: \$4.00

\* 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, July 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00-10:00 p.m.

### Wine and Cheese Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 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



## Art of Craft Creations

Pick up all your wild bird supplies at Art of Craft Creations. July is a great month to enjoy the beautiful Goldfinch! We mix our own SING-A-SONG line of bird seed, including pure thistle seed and our own special Finch blend.

*THISTLE FEEDERS 15% OFF DURING JULY!*



**CHISAGO LAKES ACHIEVEMENT CENTER**

10985 Lake Blvd, Chisago City

651.257.6709 www.clachieve.com

## June Luncheon Meeting



Chris Eng, Chisago County HRA-EDA  
George McMahon, County Commissioner

The June luncheon, with 50 members/guest in attendance, was held at **Ojiketa Regional Park** and catered by **Eichten's**. **Eichten's** is serving evening meals and offering great specials. **John Renaker**, Chamber president gave Chamber announcements: Chisago Lakes Triathlon needs volunteers, Golf Tournament will be September 1, Chamber is working on a new area map with Village Profile. Advertising spots are available. The Chamber will be hosting a monthly marketing meeting utilizing webinars, speakers and networking. Member announcements included **Allemansrätt Park** meeting 6:30pm, June 13 at the library. **Sonia Palmer** announce the startup of **Mainstreet Initiative**, a non-profit organization to help mainstreet business from Chisago City to Taylors Falls. **The Launch** is part of this initiative and is a service to help business start-up. Their website is [www.ChisagoLakesMainstreet.org](http://www.ChisagoLakesMainstreet.org). **Pete Lawrence** from **Landscape Direction** asked for volunteers to help with the landscape that will be done at the Chamber office. **Dan Brown** promoted the different services offered by **Chisago Lakes Achievement Center**. They have Thrifty Goods which is always taking donations, Art of Crafts Creations of which 100% goes back to the clients, and their document shredding service. **Tovah Marek** reminded members of the **LAYSB 'Taste'** Event coming up on July 21 at Stars and Strikes. **Bachman's Photography** is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year in business in the month of June. Stop by or call for great specials. **Linda Sandmann** displayed a unique marketing piece created by **Inter-County Cooperative Publishing**. They would love to help with your marketing needs. **Doris Zacho** told of the upcoming Ojiketa Art Blitz. **Ric Stanghelle** from **Lakes Free Church** communicated an upcoming event in October 28-29. Feed My Starving Children Packing event will need volunteers and monetary donations. Guest speakers were **Chris Eng, Chisago County HRA-EDA** and **George McMahon, County Commissioner**. The state of the county was addressed with budget changes/updates and updates with EDA programs. Some of these include the expansion of Smith Metal to Center City Industrial Park in August, SCRMC Clinic in Lindstrom by next year, Peterson Company building this summer, Downtown Lindstrom remodeling grants, applications for business building improvements for Chisago City, working on grant for loans

in Chisago County and working on a construction mitigation grant for Lindstrom. There is a website, [www.ExploreLindstrom.com](http://www.ExploreLindstrom.com) for the Hwy 8 construction. A bond is being issued to Franconia Sculpture Park for expansion, a new hotel going in Chisago City to be completed in 1-2 years. Taylors Falls MNDOT moved and County purchased that office space, a business from Forest Lake is looking at relocating in the area and the new 800 MH emergency equipment has been installed. There was a time for questions and answers.

## LAYSB News!

244 N. Lake St, Forest Lake  
651.464.3685 [www.YSBLakesArea.org](http://www.YSBLakesArea.org)



### Fifth Annual TASTE! Event

Thursday, July 21, 5:30-8pm  
Stars & Strikes Entertainment Center

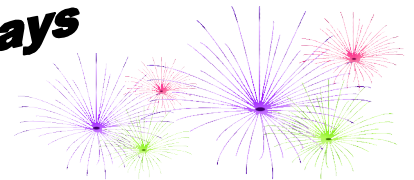
Enjoy an evening of sampling great food from over 20 local restaurants. Tickets now available at LAYSB.

**Dan Charpentier** is the 2010 recipient of the On Behalf of Youth Award for demonstrating a passion for the well-being of youth and service to the community.



Businesses are encouraged to join Facebook Group 'World of Work – Job Postings for Forest Lake, Chisago Lakes & North Branch.' High school students who have been through a 3 hour training on the working world will be looking for job postings from local businesses there! Any questions, contact Tovah.

## Karl Oskar Days July 6-10



- July 6: Farmers Market • Harmony in the Park  
1<sup>st</sup> Snuff Box clue posted
- July 7: Ladies Night Out • Queen Coronation
- July 8: Queens Tug-O-War • Kiddie Parade  
Junior King & Queen Coronation • Fireworks  
Family Bingo • Music at Dinnerbel
- July 9: Golf Tournament • Lindstrom Loppet  
Farmers Market • Classic Car Show  
Arts & Crafts Fair • Basketball 3 on 3  
Queen's Reception • Grande Parade  
St. Bridget's street dance with *Uncle Chunk*  
Music at Tortillas by *Jonah and the Whales*
- July 10: Pancake Breakfast • Arts & Crafts Fair  
Gustaf Anderson Open House • Open Trap Shoot

## Featured Business – July 2011



### Panola Valley Gardens

*A thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever*

Tucked among the idyllic farmlands of Lindstrom, Minnesota, the privately owned gardens of Panola Valley are just 45 minutes from the Twin Cities.

Family-owned and operated, Panola Valley Gardens has earned a stellar reputation in the community as the most beautiful place for weddings, receptions, concerts, special events and luncheons.

Since 1996, the spacious gardens have grown to include an outdoor chapel, gazebo, bridal suite, groom's suite, spacious restrooms and a kitchen.

Private or corporate, small or large, rain or shine - Panola Valley Gardens welcomes you!

#### **Dreaming of a garden wedding?**

A formal, gated entrance and a cobblestone path leads your guests past a bubbling fountain and goldfish pond to the gazebo and chapel. Colorful annuals and perennials create the perfect setting for your outdoor wedding.

The bride and her attendants can relax in comfort in our romantic dressing room filled with antiques and vintage photos. The groom has his own room as well, creating the surprise element many couples dream of.

Rain or shine, a timber-frame garden chapel will protect you and your guests from the unpredictable element of weather. This hand-built structure has its own landscaped courtyard and view of the countryside.

#### **Catered Outdoor Teas and Luncheons**

Gentle summer breeze surrounds the garden chapel while you enjoy a view of soft, rolling farmland and trickling fountains. Birds sing, flowers bloom and sunlight filters through the trees while you and your guests share an exclusive experience in outdoor dining.

Elegantly set tables graced with fine china create a beautiful canvas for our meticulously prepared salads,

sandwiches, fruit platters and desserts. We place specific emphasis on presentation and taste, using fresh ingredients and recipes unique to Panola Valley Gardens.

Our gardens host a variety of events, including bridal and baby showers, concerts, family reunions, birthdays, community events and themed teas.

#### **Panola Valley Gardens**

26026 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom 651.257.6072

[www.PanolaValleyGardens.com](http://www.PanolaValleyGardens.com)

[weddings@panolavalleygardens.com](mailto:weddings@panolavalleygardens.com)



## Center City Days July 29-31

*Center City Days, our town celebration promises entertainment for the whole family. Come enjoy the fun!*

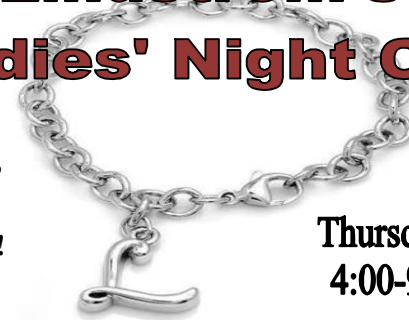
July 29: Kiddie Parade • Community Picnic • Bingo

July 30: Craft Fair • Kids Games • Waterball  
Cribbage • Enjoy watching the Cloggers on stage at noon • Music by *Red Eye Flight*, *TeddyLarsen* • Dance to *Shirts & Skins*

July 31: Pancake Breakfast, Car Show

## Lindstrom's Ladies' Night Out!

'Charmed'  
in  
Lindstrom!



Thursday, July 7  
4:00-9:00 p.m.

Great Sales! Drawings for Prizes! Food! Drinks!  
Free stuff & lots of fun!

#### **'Build a Bracelet'**

*Ladies stop by participating businesses for a bracelet and collect several charms to add to it!*

#### **'Ole and Lena Joke Telling Contest'**

7:30 p.m. - Cottage Gift Court Yard  
Prizes will be awarded!



'The Lady with all the Answers', running July 7-24, is a funny and moving one woman show which invites audiences to share an evening with advice columnist Ann Landers. Landers, played by Meg Merckens will readily offer down-to-earth advice and opinions while sharing favorite memories and letters as she struggles to write the toughest column of her life.

Festival Theatre will hold auditions on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> for community youth roles in the Youth & Family Theatre production of 'The Hobbit'. Youth ages 10-16 are encouraged to participate and audition registration is required in advance. Adults will be considered for some roles as well.

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



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

**Children's Story Hour** July 6,13,20,27

**Comin' to Amerika: Session I** July 12 & 14

**Bluegrass and Lemonade in the Shade**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, June 26-September 25 2-4 p.m.

**Hej, Hej, Sommar Camp**  
**Swedish Immersion Day Camp** July 18-22

**Annie's Swedish Coffee Parties**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays May-November 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays December 10:00 a.m.

**Annie's Tour – A Tour for Children & Families**  
July 6,13,20,27

651.433.5053 www.GammelgardenMuseum.org

**Quote for the Month**

*If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over? ~John Wooden~*



**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wannigan Days**

July 14-17

Taylors Falls/St. Croix Falls

A 4-day family oriented festival in Taylors Falls & St. Croix Falls. Enjoy a talent show, music, food, sidewalk sales, kiddie parade, comedy shows, arts & crafts show, medallion hunt, bingo, a grand parade, cake walk, 'Tug Across the St. Croix', street dance and more. For a calendar of events visit [www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)

**Chisago County Fair**

July 14-17,

Rush City

[www.ChisagoCountyFair.org](http://www.ChisagoCountyFair.org)



- ☆ 4-H & FFA
- ☆ Horse Show
- ☆ Food
- ☆ Carnival Rides
- ☆ Parade
- ☆ Demo Derby
- ☆ Mechanical Bull
- ☆ Tractor Pull
- ☆ Music
- ☆ Moto Cross Races
- ☆ Entertainment
- ☆ Much More!

**WISE WOMEN WORKSHOPS**



Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends...join us for a workshop that is all about discovery, fun & self care!

Learn more about yourself through facilitated activities with horses, art, sound and movement. Experience labyrinth walks, meditation, time to reflect, journal and rejuvenate. Share, laugh and connect with other women. Continental breakfast and lunches provided. Choose from two workshop dates.

- ✿ Saturday, July 23 9:30am-4:00pm \$125-\$175
- ✿ Sat & Sun August 13-14 9:00am-4:00pm \$225-\$300

651.269.6679 [www.AcresForLife.com](http://www.AcresForLife.com)

**2011 Relay For Life of Chisago County**

July 22-23, 2011 at Almelund Threshing Co

Although every Relay For Life is different, there are certain traditions at all Relays, no matter where they are held. These traditions help participants celebrate, remember, and fight back.

- Celebrate: The Survivors Lap*
- Remember: The Luminaria Ceremony*
- Fight Back: The Fight Back Ceremony*



More information or to donate visit [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org)



**Pleasant Valley Orchard**  
**17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer**  
**www.PleasantValleyOrchard.com**

The **strawberry patch** is bursting with sweet, juicy berries just waiting for you! Picking generally begins daily at 8:00am and runs through the early afternoon.

Open on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend along with Strawberry Days Barn Sale at the Appleshed. Open July 1-4 from 9am-1pm. Choose from gifts, candles and gourmet foods. Bakery treats available.

We currently anticipate having berries through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. You can call ahead if you wish at 651.257.9159.



**Chisago Lakes Triathlon**

**Training Rides**

**July 9**

**Rides leave from Paradise Park 8 a.m. Sharp**



Both long and short courses will be ridden. Both rides will be SAGGED. Maps will be provided with mileage to turns. Riders responsible to make the proper turns as the corners will not have volunteers.

**Lindstrom Antique Mall**



**20/20 Sale!**

**July 9-10**

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

Downtown Lindstrom

651.257.3340

**MN Chamber Update**

**Local Chambers Rise to Challenges of Economy**

By David C. Olson

Changing demographics and the “new normal” of today’s economy are stepping up pressures on the private and public sectors alike – forcing everyone to examine and seek efficiencies in their operations.

Chambers of commerce are in the spotlight as they seek to protect their members’ interests in the new landscape. And many are responding pro-actively as they balance local and state public policy. The Minnesota Chamber Federation has especially done yeoman’s work this year

as the Governor and the Legislature address the state’s ongoing budget shortfall.

Our partners at Austin, Owatonna, Rochester and St. Cloud are among those local chambers that have taken strong public stances encouraging policy-makers to build the state budget with the revenues available for the next two years.

“The Austin chamber understands the important role government plays,” Executive Director Sandy Forstner said. “But we also know the ballooning cost of government is unsustainable. We oppose any tax increase at this critical time in our economy, and believe that government at all levels must do better than simply pass additional burden on to taxpayers. A tax on business is a tax on consumers and a job-killer.”

John Wade, president of the Rochester chamber, underscored that additional taxation will prevent the creation of jobs that are desperately needed. At St. Cloud, President Teresa Bohnen said her chamber has been steadfast in saying, “We need to live within our means.” And Brad Meier, president of the Owatonna chamber, encouraged the city to build a contingency budget.

Their comments addressed the issue of Local Government Aid, which has drawn attention at the Capitol. Under the budget proposed by Republicans and vetoed by Governor Mark Dayton, all cities – with the exception of Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Paul – would receive about the same dollars in 2011 as they did in 2010.

It’s important for the private and public sectors to work together. To that end, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce engaged local business leaders and citizens in a handful of communities this past year to examine the redesign of government services. These studies and their recommendations are intended to serve as a template for other government units – local and statewide – to streamline the delivery of programs and services.

We commend the leadership of these chambers of commerce. Redesign of services is an essential part of the equation, but it alone will not solve the public sector’s challenges. There still must be a concerted effort to curtail the escalating overhead and operating expenses of government.

*David Olson is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit [www.mnChamber.com](http://www.mnChamber.com).*



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