



# Monthly Newsletter

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

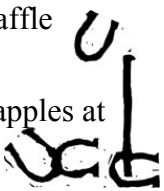
## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- October 13: Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**  
 Chamber Office & Information Center  
 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- October 14: Chamber Member Luncheon**  
 Time: 11:30 a.m.  
 Location: Chisago Lakes Area Library  
 11754 302<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chisago City
- Speaker: Dan Anderson  
 Fairview Senior Vice President
- Topic: The New Health Care: Changes Ahead
- Caterer: Brink's Market

## Shafer Days September 30-October 3

*Celebrating the Past, Present & Future*

- Thursday:** Royalty Coronation
- Friday:** Bingo, Kids events, Joe's Booya & Live entertainment at Crossroads Tavern
- Saturday:** 'Clog' Treasure Hunt begins at 9 a.m. Parade, Vendors/Crafters, Kids Events Motorcycle/Bike Show, Joe's Booya Volleyball & Horse Shoe Tournament Fire Department Dance, Entertainment Smash-A-Car Fundraiser, Tractor Show Garden Tractor/Mini Rods Pullers Bank Robbery Reenactment, Music Fire Department Open House Classic Car Show, Button Raffle Motorcycle/Bike Show
- Sunday:** Have fun picking your own apples at Pleasant Valley Orchard and explore Shafer Corn Maze!



## What's Happening This Month

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| October | 2     | Fairview Lakes Auxiliary Fall Brunch        |
| October | 2     | Wild Mountain Open House & Swap Meet        |
| October | 1-3   | Shafer Days                                 |
| October | 1-3   | Gammelgarden's 'Traditions in the Trunk'    |
| October | 6     | Operating Referendum Public Meeting         |
| October | 6-10  | Picket Fence Gals Sale                      |
| October | 9     | LAYSB's Black Tie to Blue Jeans Night       |
| October | 14    | Candidate Forum at Parmly                   |
| October | 15-16 | Chisago Lakes Area Library Fall Book Sales  |
| October | 15-16 | Acres for Life Continuing Education Classes |
| October | 16    | Community Foundation -Art Dash              |
| October | 16    | Lindstrom Antique Mall 20/20 Sale           |
| October | 16    | Ebenezer Annual Oktoberfest                 |
| October | 17    | Lions Pancake/French Toast Breakfast        |
| October | 19    | Swedish Harvest Smörgåsbord                 |
| October | 23    | All Era Veterans Appreciation Banquet       |
| October | 22-23 | Ojiketa Haunt                               |
| October | 29-31 | Ojiketa Haunt                               |
| October | 23    | Falloween Festival                          |
| October | 31    | Last Day of Shafer Corn Maze                |
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## 2010 Board of Directors

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### **A Note from the Chamber Board:**

*Mary Cordts*

As we enter fall, change is upon us and so are the elections. Challenging economic times face us on many levels-- locally, statewide and nationally, as well as in our businesses and on our home fronts. Nationally, we are seeing a graying America—the silver—which represents a fundamental change in our society. We are entering an era when reaching the age of 100 is the norm not the exception; there are fewer school-aged children than older adults. The impact to government policy is significant on many levels.

Involvement in our election process is an important duty as citizens. There are many avenues to increasing your understanding of the issues that face each of us. One opportunity available is to attend a candidate forum. Parmly LifePointes will again host a Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The forum is being held at the “Studios of Arts” in the *Vitalize!* Wellness Centre, 10720 282<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chisago City, with an opportunity to meet the candidates between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

The Legislative Forum begins at 8:30 a.m. Candidates who have accepted invitations to participate are: Cindy Erickson and Bob Barrett (State Representative District 17B), Sean Nienow and Rick Olseen (State Senator District 17).

Our Local Government Forum follows the Legislative Forum. Candidates participating in the Local Government Forum are: Rick Duncan and Karl Schreck (Chisago County Sheriff), Larry Parker and Bob Gustafson (Chisago City Mayor), and Keith Carlson, Roger W. Lindgren, and Joe R. Wishy (Lindstrom Mayor).

## FAIRVIEW LAKES HEALTH SERVICES



### **FAIRVIEW LAKES AUXILIARY FALL BRUNCH**

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m.  
Wyoming United Methodist Church  
5459 E. Viking Blvd, Wyoming

‘Donate Life’ will be the topic at the Auxiliary Fall Brunch. A representative of the ‘Donate Life Campaign,’ part of LifeSource, will be the guest speaker. Accompanying the LifeSource speaker will be two members of the auxiliary whose lives have been touched by organ donation.

Luncheon tickets are \$10 and advance tickets or reservations are required. Tickets may be purchased at Fairview Lakes Medical Center Gift Shop in Wyoming, Fairview Lakes Clinics or by calling 651.464.8058.

## **Chisago Lakes Area Library Fall Used Book Sale!**

**Most items \$1 or less!**



Friday, October 15 from 12-6 p.m.  
Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
11754 302<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chisago City  
651.257.2817

## *Quote for the Month*

*"I have learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."*

*~ Martha Washington ~*

September 8<sup>th</sup> **Board Meeting Highlights**  
Minutes recorded by Craig Stockel

**Treasurer's Report: Corey Lindgren**

Income for August reflected Golf Tournament and Triathlon income.

**Secretary's Report: Craig**

August minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

**Committee Reports:**

• **Chamber Golf Tournament – Tom**

Discussion regarding the golf tournament. This year's recipient, Allemansratt Wilderness Park, will receive a portion of the golf tournament proceeds.

**New Business:**

- **Credit Card Processing** – The Chamber met with a new credit card processing company to review and compare with the current one.
- **Letter of Support** – The St. Croix Valley Foundation requested a letter of support for the pursuit of a 'National Heritage Area' designation. The board will author one.

**Executive Director's Report: Tangi**

Tangi will be attending the MN Chamber Fall Conference in late September.



The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation invites you to attend its first fundraising event. An evening of fun, fellowship and dinner where each ticketholder will leave with a valuable piece of art crafted by one of many local artist.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010**  
**STROM HALL AT OJIKETA REGIONAL PARK**  
**COCKTAILS, MUSIC & ART PREVIEW-5:00 PM**  
**DINNER FOLLOWED BY "ART DASH"**

**TICKET OPTIONS**

- \$150/COUPLE\***: Dinner for two and 1 Art Dash entry
- \$100/INDIVIDUAL\***: Dinner and 1 Art Dash entry
- \$60/SPECTATOR**: Dinner only. Not tax deductible

\*\$50 of the ticket price is a tax deductible donation to the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation. Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

**FIRST ANNUAL SWEDISH HARVEST SMÖRGÅSBORD**

Tuesday, October 19 4-7 p.m.  
Swedish Village Restaurant, Center City



Have you ever been to an authentic Swedish Smörgåsbord? Are you just a little bit Svenska? The first annual Swedish Harvest Smörgåsbord will be sponsored by the Center City Historical Society.

Dinner tickets are \$20 and **must** be purchased in advance from the Center City Historical Society at P.O. Box 366, Center City, 55012 or at Gordy's Pharmacy, Silver Shears, Swedish Village Restaurant, Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, Lindstrom Foods or First United Methodist Church until October 12.

Proceeds will go toward the construction of the downtown information kiosk.

**FAMILY PATHWAYS SENIOR SERVICES**



Family Pathways offers no cost Senior Services by trained volunteers.

**COMPANIONSHIP**-Family Pathways provides friendly, reliable and trusted volunteers to help older adults maintain their independent living status. The goal of the program is to establish trusted and mutually respectful friendships.

**CAREGIVER RELIEF**-Family Pathways provides in-home, one-on-one, non-medical relief to caregivers who need a weekly break from the care of their loved one. Trained volunteers provide the caregiver with a much needed break, a chance to attend a Support Group, opportunity to run errands or visit with a friend.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**-Caregiver support groups are available to listen, help with your needs and provide insights from others facing similar situations. No registration necessary, new members welcome.

**THE GATHERING**-A non-medical social respite program for seniors which offers a place for seniors experiencing early to mid-stages of memory loss to socialize, reminisce and play. The Gathering meets on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 13025 Newell Ave, Lindstrom.

For more information on any of these senior services contact Robyn at 651.257.7905.

## September Luncheon Meeting



Mark Mishek, Hazelden President/CEO

September's luncheon was held at Hazelden with 40 member/guests in attendance. **Tangi Schaapveld** thanked **Hazelden President/CEO Mark Mishek**, **Executive Director John Driscoll** and **Loretta Anderson** for hosting this month's luncheon. Member announcements included **Warner Johnson** for the **Chisago Lakes Library** book sale coming up October 15 & 16. **Karl Kornowski** announced the upcoming Block Party at **St Bridget Catholic Church**. A September special offer from **Anytime Fitness** was announced by **Amber Jesmer**. **Loretta Anderson** passed on information regarding the Art Dash event on October 16 for the **Community Foundation** fundraiser. **Loretta** also handed out a flyer for the Social Host Ordinance. Tangi advised of the upcoming Buckthorn removal party at **Lindstrom's Allemansratt Wilderness Park** on September 22 & 25. **Mark Mishek, Hazelden President/CEO** was introduced. **Mark** gave history and update on **Hazelden**. Their first patient was treated May 1, 1949. Last year was their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A new Treatment Center in Naples Florida opened in May of this year and is doing well. This year the US Navy has contracted with MORE (My Ongoing Recovery Experience). **Mark** handed out a booklet which is a summary of what they are offering, their focus and mission. They will remain focused on treating alcohol and drug addiction. **John Driscoll, Executive Director of MN Adult Recovery Services**, gave a quick overview of what is happening at **Hazelden**. Many repairs and renovations are taking place now on units that were built in the 1960's. **Hazelden's Graduate School** is expanding their program. There are presently 100-115 students in the program. Some of the graduates are hired by **Hazelden**. Chamber members were invited on a tour of **Hazelden**. Tours can be scheduled by appointment. **Hazelden** will soon get a new look to their website. You can check it out at [www.Hazelden.org](http://www.Hazelden.org).

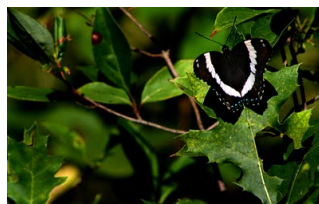
## 'In a New Light' Exhibit

St. Croix River Visitor Center

How powerful is the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway? Can it transform a life? Can it inspire an at-risk teenage boy to discover his own magnificence? Witness the healing power of the Riverway through spectacular photographs by visiting the exhibit: 'In a New Light: Connecting At-Risk Teens to the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Through Nature Photography.'

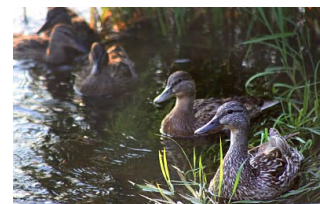
Beginning in March 2010, 26 teenage boys at Northwest Passage in Spooner, WI, embarked on a photographic journey of discovery, hope and healing. With photographic equipment, instruction and a lot of time on the Riverway, the boys created stunning photographs.

The exhibit will be on display at the St. Croix River Visitor Center, 401 N Hamilton Street, St. Croix Falls between September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>. Free admission.



"I like this picture because it's in really good focus, and I remember having to sneak up on it step by step to get really close." Photo called "Butterfly in the Leaves"

Jordan, age 17



"I love this picture because when I took it, the ducks got so comfortable with me. I was able to get really close, and it almost seems like you can reach through the photo and pet them."

Devante, age 16

For an in-depth look into the 'In a New Light' journey, visit the project blog at [www.inanewlightphotos.blogspot.com](http://www.inanewlightphotos.blogspot.com).



36<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House and Ski & Snowboard Swap  
Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-4pm

Purchase your 2010-2011 season passes now  
Rates are 15% off through October 4<sup>th</sup>

Sign your children up for Wildcats  
Jr. Snowsports Academy and D-Team for Alpine  
Snowboard and Freestyle!

Full details at [www.WildMountain.com](http://www.WildMountain.com) or 651.465.6315

## LINDSTROM ANTIQUE MALL

12740 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom 651.257.3340

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Browse two full floors of antiques.

Items over \$20 are 20% OFF (unless marked)

**20/20 SALE!**



### Chamber Golf Tournament

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Chamber Community Golf Tournament! This tournament was a success, even with the rain and wind. It is one of the key fundraising activities for the Chamber. Each year we choose a non-profit partner from the community to be a recipient of a portion of the proceeds. Our 2010 partner is Allemansratt Wilderness Park, preserving nature within the city of Lindstrom.

Congratulations to the winning teams! In the Men's Division, the winner was the State Farm Insurance Team of Mike O'Malley, Paul Gibson, Mark Gibson and Scott Lynch at 12 under par. The Rotary Team won the Mixed Division. Congratulations Joanne Sackreiter, Brenda Palmquist, Jim McCarville and Steve Silbernagel.

A huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors who make this event possible. Thank you to all the businesses, organizations and individuals who played a part this year. Together, we can continue to foster a healthy business environment and work to promote our wonderful area. We hope everyone enjoyed the tournament.

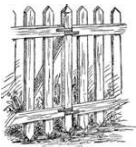
### PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

**OCTOBER 6-10**

Wednesday 3-7

Thursday-Saturday 9-6

Sunday 11-5



Enjoy walking through and seeing rooms packed with antiques and great finds. Downtown Lindstrom.

651.257.3370      www.PicketFenceGals.com

### East Central Minnesota

### Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #684

### All 'Era' Veterans Appreciation Banquet

Join us in honoring all 'era' Veterans and those actively serving our country. Evening includes dinner, silent & live auction, Angel Brigade Ceremony, Guest Speaker, Awards, Raffles, Honor Guard Ceremony.

**Saturday, October 23**

**Spectacular Events, Isanti MN**

**Social Hour: 6 p.m., Dinner: 7 p.m.**

**Dinner Tickets: \$30**

**Additional Info and Tickets:**

**John Schmidt 651.257.2858**

### Gammelgården Museum

20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia



### ECHOES OF TRADITIONS IN THE TRUNK

**Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2**

**Luncheon - 11:30am-1:00pm**

**Sunday, October 3**

**Dessert Buffet - 2:00-3:30pm**

The luncheon and the dessert buffet will be followed by a Style Show narrated by Lizette Gradén, Sweden and Laurie Jacobi, Twin Cities. These delightful ladies will share information about traditional folk dräkt and modern clothing that echoes the traditions. Vendors, door prizes and more!

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$25/person at 651.433.5053. Event will be held at the Scandia Community Center, 14727 209<sup>th</sup> Street N, Scandia. Visit [www.GammelgardenMuseum.org](http://www.GammelgardenMuseum.org) for complete details.



### ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

**Saturday, October 16 1-3pm**

Join us rain or shine for an old fashioned celebration of Fall with Big Fat Dutchman, Gary Martens. Enjoy ice cold beer, grilled brats and friends. Register to win door prizes. Free and fun for the whole family.



### MEADOWS ON FAIRVIEW

25565 Fairview Ave, Wyoming 651.982.6228



Earn 5.5 Continuing Education Credits outside with horses! Two fantastic opportunities are scheduled:

### Realizing the Power of Nonverbal Communication

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Ethics: A Practical Approach

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Register at 651.353.2860 or [hjeffrey@acresforlife.com](mailto:hjeffrey@acresforlife.com)

[www.AcresForLife.com](http://www.AcresForLife.com)  
Chisago City



## Featured Business – October 2010

### THE CHISAGO LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Chisago Lakes Public School District is pleased to be featured in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter this month. As one of the larger employers in southern Chisago County, the Chisago Lakes Schools are proud of the services provided to the over 3,500 kindergarten through grade twelve students and their families.

A few facts about the school district will help the readers who are new to our community understand the “business-side” of the Chisago Lakes Schools. The school district employs over 400 people with about 220 of those employed being licensed education professionals. The district operates five school buildings and serves the communities of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer and Taylors Falls as well as many rural and township residents.

The general fund budget of the school district, the largest of several funds the district operates, has expenditures approaching 30 million dollars annually. As schools are “people-intensive” businesses, nearly eighty percent of the general fund budget pays salaries and benefits to employees, most of whom are Chisago County residents who live and shop locally. The school district also does direct business with many local businesses and vendors. School activities attract hundreds of visitors to our community annually.

The district operates a large food service operation that feeds thousands of students and staff every week. Through its partnership with Hunt’s Transportation, the district is responsible for safely transporting students over hundreds of miles of county roads and highways each month. It also operates a community education department that provides preschool and early childhood education as well as community activities for families, adults and seniors in our community.

The school district is proud to support the Chamber of Commerce and values its role in the communities it serves. It is also thankful for the community support it has experienced over the years. It is asking residents to extend that existing support by voting on a renewal of an existing operating referendum for \$400.96 and an additional operating referendum of \$290.00 on November 2, 2010 to help stem future cuts in services and programs due to the uncertain financial future of the state. Thanks for your support of the Chisago Lakes Schools. **Remember, good schools are a great investment!**

#### OPERATING REFERENDUM INFORMATION



There will be a public meeting held on  
Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
PAC (Performing Arts Center)

Located on the southwest end of the High School

## LAYSB News!

### LAYSB's Black Tie to Blue Jeans Night

Saturday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Running Aces Harness Park, Columbus

Come socialize, enjoy a fabulous dinner and entertainment by local youth. There will also be a Barley and Vine raffle, a silent auction and live auction. Xcel Energy has sponsored the Social Hour & Appetizers! Remember, you can come in blue jeans or your finest attire, just be yourself! Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are also available on our website, [www.YSBLakesArea.org](http://www.YSBLakesArea.org). All proceeds benefit LAYSB Youth Leadership and Enrichment programs.

### OUR PLACE: TEEN RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

This all addictions recovery support group is for teens, ages 13-19, who have a desire to remain abstinent from drugs, alcohol and other addictive behaviors. Tuesdays 6-7:30 p.m.

### 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, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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.

### The Headless Horseman Rides Again - 2010

ShaferCornMaze.com



Get ready for a night of fright!

Friday & Saturday: October 15 & 16

Friday & Saturday: October 22 & 23

Friday & Saturday: October 29 & 30

Dark until 10:00 p.m.



Coupons available at the Chamber office for \$1 off admission

### Chisago Lakes Lions Pancake/French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Chisago Lakes Senior High School

Adults: \$6/Advance, \$7/Door ♦ Children 12 & under: \$3.50

50% of profits go to Family Pathways Food Shelf with supplemental funds up to \$800 from Thrivent Financial

## FALLOVEEN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-2:30 p.m.

- PUMPKIN GIVE-AWAYS • FACE PAINTING
- CRAFTS • HAUNTS • MYSTERY BOXES
- KIDDIE COSTUME PARADE • GAMES
- MUSIC & DANCING BY DJ
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
- BALLOONS, SNACKS AND MORE!

## OJIKETA HAUNTED TRAIL & HOUSE

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

7-10 p.m. \$2 donation/person

(Going for next year's haunted house)

Ojiketa Regional Park

27500 Kirby Ave., Chisago City

Sponsored by Chisago City Park Board

Room For Growing and Chisago Lakes Area Chamber

## MN Chamber Update

### PLAUDITS FOR HIGHER ED: CHALLENGES AHEAD

By David C. Olson

Maintaining a highly skilled and well-educated workforce is essential to a vibrant economy in Minnesota. Our higher education system must retain residents and attract students from outside Minnesota.

It's gratifying to see the recognition bestowed upon Minnesota state colleges by the Washington Monthly magazine. The national publication, in its annual ranking of "America's Best Colleges," included six two-year colleges in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system among the top 50 community colleges in the country.

Saint Paul College ranked first based on such measures as student-faculty interaction, support for learning, graduation rates and collaborative learning methods. The college also was cited for efficiency by spending less than \$10,000 per student.

Also on the list were the Northeast Higher Education District-Itasca Community College, No. 5; Alexandria Technical and Community College, No. 8; Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Pipestone, No. 30; Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls, No. 37; Northeast Higher Education District-Vermilion Community College, No. 43.

As immediate past chair of the MnSCU Board of Trustees, I have seen firsthand the great work of these colleges. Achieving excellence in higher ed is among the priorities of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and its network of local chambers.

That said, our highest ed system cannot rest on its laurels. The state's changing demographics – principally, a shrinking workforce – are presenting immediate challenges for employers and higher ed alike. As baby boomers retire, Minnesota is experiencing a significant drop in the number of white middle- and upper-class students. That group is being offset by higher numbers of minority and lower-income students – groups that have not always experienced educational success in Minnesota but deserve to succeed.

It's time to rethink the state's investment in higher ed. The dollars must provide adequate incentives for colleges and universities to deliver services that respond effectively to the needs and demands of the state and the 21st century economy.

The Minnesota Chamber's initiatives include:

- Invest in "the public" rather than "public institutions." Minnesota should invest 30 percent of the state's higher ed appropriation in programs that distribute resources directly to consumers – providing access to the opportunity that best fits their individual needs.
- Separate appropriations for student subsidies, institutional support and research. Research conducted by the state's colleges and universities adds significant value to the state's economy. At the same time, we're entering a period of limited resources for all public programs and services. Funding should be more transparent so individuals can understand and evaluate the priorities of postsecondary institutions.

The statewide business community encourages higher ed institutions to make improvements through wiser and more efficient spending. There are multiple opportunities for streamlining operations, especially with respect to labor and facility costs. Bottom line, institutions must become more responsive to ensuring that every Minnesotan has an opportunity to a quality education and a productive career in today's global marketplace.

Higher ed must be sufficiently funded. More money, however, is not – and cannot – be the only way to pursue improvements in the delivery of higher ed. Businesses continually identify and implement increased efficiencies as a strategy to improve customer service and remain competitive. Education must embrace a similar mind-set. The business community stands ready to assist.

*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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