



Monthly Newsletter

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March 2017

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

March 2: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom

March 9: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am – 1pm
Speaker: **Darlene Shafer, Ecumen Parmlly LifePointes**
Topic: **Reaching the Aging Population**
Caterer: **Meredee's Bistro**
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**
11754 302nd Street, Chisago City

2017 Luncheon Prices:
\$10/Chamber Members, \$15/Non-Members



Bright Ideas for Home, Garden & Family!

March 4-5, 2017

Be sure to come and enjoy the Home & Business Expo! Vendors, Aladdin & Jasmine Meet & Greet, Entertainment and a chance to visit with friends.

Exhibit space is still available. [Registration Form](#) and [Volunteer-Based Registration](#)

Volunteers needed for set-up, traffic control and take down. Call the Chamber 651-257-1177 if you can help.

Welcome New Members!

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What's Happening This Month

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| March | 3 | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church |
| March | 4 | U of M Garden Expo |
| March | 4-5 | Home & Business Expo |
| March | 7 | Archeological Treasures |
| March | 8-12 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| March | 9 | Painting Class – Vitalize! Wellness |
| March | 10 | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church |
| March | 11 | Craft Day – Trinity Lutheran Church |
| March | 11 | Paws to Read – CL Library |
| March | 12 | Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| March | 14 | MN Author Visit - Library |
| March | 14 | doTERRA Essential Oils Class |
| March | 14 | Tea Party – Vitalize! Wellness |
| March | 16 | Repurposed Pendant – Vitalize! |
| March | 17 | ST. PATRICK'S DAY |
| March | 17 | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church |
| March | 17 & 18 | Irish Tea – Country B & B |
| March | 18 | Painting Fundraiser - CPYF |
| March | 20 | Child Care Capacity Summit |
| March | 21 & 28 | CL School Referendum Meetings |
| March | 23 | Women's Health Conference |
| March | 24 | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church |
| March | 27 | Climate Change Program |
| March | 28-30 | Easter Minis – Renee Lynn Photography |
| March | 30 | Women's Health Conference |
| March | 31 | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church |

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Marlys Dunne
MultiSource Manufacturing

Another exciting achievement has transpired through the ABC competition. After months of collaborating and research, the Chisago Lakes ABC team is proud to announce the creation and launch of the **Chisago Lakes Higher Education HUB**. The mission of the Education HUB is to be a conduit between local employers, our high school, community residents and multiple higher education institutions to provide education opportunities that develop and advance our current and future workforce. Through initial partnership with Pine Tech, our education HUB has an opportunity to help individuals participate in classes geared towards skills and careers in manufacturing at a drastically reduced cost. A series of 8 courses, that would normally cost approximately \$5k, is now available for approximately \$900. Classes are offered via a hybrid online media to live campus classes, which will be hosted at one of two sites locally, those being the Chisago Lakes Library and the Lindstrom Office Center. Each location provides the high speed internet students will need to stream these live classes, and the library location will utilize the latest

in video, teleconferencing equipment. Upon completion, participants will earn a Production Technician certification that is nationally recognized, and one that creates the pathway to numerous higher level degrees, including CMC machining, welding, and automation careers. The goal of the HUB is to bring educators and employers together to develop curriculums that are in demand for the current and future workforce, as well as to help provide information and support to employers and participants that may not otherwise be available. Orientation sessions will be held in early March with classes beginning March 27th. Going forwards, the HUB envisions future courses to expand into professions such as health care, technology, and construction. Class information is available on the chamber website, by emailing chisagolakeshighered@gmail.com or visiting the chamber booth at the upcoming home show. Please help us launch our HUB by sharing this information with employers, friends, and family.

CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

Vilhelm Moberg Park
10656 Railroad Ave, Chisago City
www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

FRIDAYS, May 19-October 20, 2-6:30pm

Planning for the 2017 Chisago City Farmers Market is underway! The Market starts Friday, May 19 with the annual Spring Plant Sale; June brings a season of the best local produce, as well as live music, handmade goods, and ready-to-eat fare. Want to be a vendor or know someone who should? Find more info and the application at chisagocityfarmersmarket.com.

CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

Monday, March 27 7pm

CL High School PAC 29400 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

Paul Douglas is coming to Lindstrom to speak about climate change. He is partnering with Mitch Hescox, the president of the Evangelical Environmental Network to speak about their new book, "Caring For Creation" We are tying this in with Chisago Lakes ABC, America's Best Community application and the connection to our Energy Hub. This talk will marry science with scripture and add to the story of why solar energy is so important.... explaining the environmental concerns to the 70% of Americans who are described as "tepid" in their views of climate change. Hopefully....it will give even more motivation to many potentially new solar subscribers and add even more evidence to our "Solar Capitol of Minnesota" distinction.

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February 2nd Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

January minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **ABC Team**

Tangi Schaapveld was present to give an update of the America's Best Communities competition. Chisago Lakes has sent in 3rd quarter report. Final winners are announced the end of April.

• **Celebration of the Lakes**

Celebration of the Arts was a great addition to COL. A lot of activities were going on throughout the community. Wrap-up meeting scheduled for February 7.

• **Home & Garden Expo**

March 4-5. 61 businesses are pre-registered, up from 54 this time last year. Entertainment, Maker's Space with quilt squares, chalk paint and pallet demos, ABC update and Cloggers are some of the activities planned.

• **Triathlon**

Meeting is scheduled for February 27 to talk through routes and triathlon basics.

New Business:

• **CGI Video**

Discussed CGI creating videos for the Chamber and decided not to go forward at this time.

• **Lodging Tax/Tourism Bureau** Discussion on proposed lodging tax in Chisago Lakes. Meetings with cities are being scheduled to share and gather more information.

Old Business:

- Morning Mentoring began on January 19 and will continue on the third Thursday each month.
- Vision retreat will be schedule in February.

Executive Director's Report:

Among chamber activities reported to the board were:

- Attended meetings for: Celebration of the Lakes, Regional Chamber Meeting, Central MN Jobs and Training Services, ABC all Team Leaders, President Josh Soderlund to review policies/procedures.



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CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP TESTIMONY:

"Al's Center Saloon joined the Chamber to help advertise the 2015 pop up shop that featured Al's handblown glass next to the bar in Center City. We appreciate the Tuesday *What's Happening* messages, and look forward to using the interactive event section of the new chisagolakes.org. Above all, in these 'virtual' days, we like the many opportunities to interact 'in real life' with our neighbors at meetings and Chamber sponsored events. We've found that the best marketing - and inspiration - is person to person!"
Al Honn & Susan Clayton

[Al's Center Saloon](#)

[Alan Honn Glass](#)

St. Bridget of Sweden

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 5-7pm

Enjoy delicious pub battered cod and baked fish!
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(Meatless spaghetti also available)

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Revii

Revii is a company whose goal is to remove toxins out of your life and replace them with products that help improve your quality of life. Following with that theme, we have started a Facebook group "Take Control of Your Health With Nutrition". This group is open to anyone wanting to improve their health and join a group of like minded people. Besides Facebook, we meet weekly on Mondays at 7pm at the Chisago Lakes Chamber office, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom. The evening consists of viewing videos from different series on how to use nutrition to increase your health. The meetings are open to the public and the goal is to create a group of people living a healthy lifestyle and promoting health to the surrounding community.

Questions? Call Gus Gulbranson 651-246-9027



doTERRA Essential Oils

'ESSENTIAL OILS 101'
Tuesday, March 14 6:30pm

Using essential oils can be a safe, natural option to protect and maintain your family's health. doTERRA offers a large selection of natural wellness products for a customizable health and beauty routine. More information: Trudy Lodien, 651-491-0962. Class is held at the Chamber office 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.



**Help the ABC Team reach 100
Home Energy Audits
by the end of March!**

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Home owners in Chisago County's Xcel Energy service area may take advantage of special pricing for a home energy efficiency assessment. The assessment is provided through a partnership with the Home Energy Squad and includes an evaluation of your home's energy savings opportunities. The squad will perform a whole house air leakage test and an infrared camera inspection to pinpoint areas that need sealing or insulation. Also included in the service are installations of energy saving measures and devices, including: *door weather stripping, programmable thermostat, water heater blanket, CFL energy efficient lighting, high-efficiency shower head, and faucet aerator.*

Reduced pricing on LED lighting upgrades are available through the Home Energy Squad. There is no obligation to install recommended clean energy measures.

At this time, residents outside of Xcel's service area are unable to take advantage of reduced pricing for Home Energy Squad's services. Residents serviced by North Branch Power and Light or East Central Energy should contact the local utility provider to increase energy efficiency incentives.

After signing up with the Hub for a residential energy efficiency assessment; we will contact you to walk through the process, answer any questions, and schedule a convenient time for your assessment.

Please be prepared to sign a release authorizing Xcel Energy to provide 12 months of past utility bills to assist the Home Energy Squad. Review of these bills will help to evaluate the value and benefits of energy efficiency improvements.

SPECIAL PRICING FOR EARLY SIGN UPS

For a limited time, Chisago Lakes Area home owners may take advantage of reduced cost energy assessments. Through donations of generous Chisago Lakes community members, the \$120 assessment is lowered to just \$70. This incentive will be applied to the next 50 residential energy efficiency assessment sign ups.

Sign up online at [Chisago Clean Energy Hub](http://ChisagoCleanEnergyHub)

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February Membership Meeting



Kirsten Vaughn, Chisago Lakes Library

February luncheon was held at **Chisago Lakes Library**. **Brink's Market & Deli** catered and **Northwoods Roasterie** provided coffee.

Chamber announcements: Thank you to all who have renewed membership for 2017. We are finalizing information for the Community Guide and chamber members receive a free listing. Please let us know if you have had any information change in the past year. Ad space is also available, contact Matt Silver at **Chisago County Press**. Remember to email the Chamber information that you want included in the monthly newsletter and weekly newflash. Through the ABC process, the community asked for a landing place for all area events and activities, so the **ChisagoLakes.org** website was created and recently launched. We ask that you place the link on your website. Also, submit your events to the calendar and we will put them on the site. When using social media include **#ChisagoLakes** and **#ABC8**. A group of 15 people joined the 3rd Thursday Morning Mentoring Group in January. **Marlys Dunne** of **MultiSource** led a well engaged discussion on 'Non Financial Ways to Motivate Employees.' Join February 16 8-9am at the Chamber where **Tanya Paine** will be facilitating the topic 'Employee Retention and on boarding.' **Home & Business Expo** is March 4-5. Space is still available and Chamber members receive \$80 off of booth fee. **Regional Speed Networking** with North Branch and Forest Lakes Chambers is February 21 at SplitRocks. Register by Tuesday, February 14. **Free Technology Training** is continuing through the Blandin Grant. Next training is Tuesday, February 28 8-9am at North Branch Area Library: How Google Works with WebDuck Designs presenting.

New Chamber member was introduced: **Veritas Academy**.

Member announcements: **Gary Gerke**, **Chisago Lakes Lions** promoted their upcoming Cadillac Dinner and a Food Drive for the **Area Food Shelf** on April 27. **Loretta Anderson-Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation** announced the upcoming

Women's Health Fair Conference that will be held two Thursdays in March. **Matt Howard-LAYSB** informed everyone about their upcoming move to a better and larger space just down the street, and also their name change to **Lakes Center for Youth & Families**. **Jason Gamble-Chisago Lakes Rotary** promoted their upcoming Casino Night. **Nancy Hoffman-Chisago County HRA/EDA** stated that CGI is making videos for the county. **Tangi Schaapveld-ABC Competition** gave an update. Newly created are water trail maps and window clings with the Chisago Lakes logo and website. The Chisago clean energy hub is and has been offering energy audits at a reduced price. Several members gave testimonies of how nice this program is.

Our guest speakers were **Kirsten Vaughn-Chisago Lakes Librarian**, **Bruce Messelt-County Administrator** & **Ben Montzka Commission Chair**. Kirsten demonstrated how the teleconferencing equipment works and connected with Bruce. Bruce and Ben gave a County Update. Among the information given were stats on housing and business growth, lake quality improvement, solar energy, grant applications, land usage, parks and trails and the annual budget & levy for 2017.

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2016-2017 SKI & SNOWBOARD SEASON!

- * Home School Days: March 2, 7, 9, 14
- * Friends & Family Fun Days: March 4, 19
- * Night Moves: March 11
- * Youth Picnic: March 11, 12
- * Scout & 4H Days: March 12

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Sunday 11 AM - 3 PM

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March 4-5, 2017

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> **‘Painting Class’** Thursday, March 9, 4-8pm

A 4 hour class focusing more in depth on technique talking about different brush techniques as well as color and composition. Some painting experience is good, but not necessary. Cost: \$25/Members, \$30/Non Members

> **‘Tea Party’** Tuesday, March 14 4-6pm

Bring your Granddaughter or Daughter and join us for a tea party! Treats, story time, face painting and more! Dress in your most creative fun tea party attire! Cost per pair: \$10/Members, \$15/Non Member

> **‘Repurposed Pendant!’** Thurs., March 16 5:30-7:30pm

We provide the spoons and an assortment of small jewels, glitter and such to personalize your own vintage repurposed necklace pendant. You are welcome to bring your own beads or jewels. We will be working with resin during this class, please bring with a mask if you are sensitive to this. Cost: \$20/Members, \$25/Non Members



10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City

www.Winehaven.com 651-257-1017

CABIN FEVER DAYS!

Saturday, March 4 10am-5pm

Sunday, March 5 11am-5pm

Got cabin fever? We have the cure! Come and taste some of our vintage selections that we will bring out of hibernation for this special event. Compare these well-aged classics to wines from the current vintage and learn about how wines change over time! This is the only weekend of the year where visitors can taste, Winehaven's selections that have been aging in the cellar for years!



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ANNUAL GARDEN EXPO!

Saturday, March 4 9am-3:30pm

Class sizes are limited and fill up fast. Pre-registration encouraged cost is \$10 for the entire day. Same day registration is \$15. Schedule for the Day:

8-9am..... Check-in
Walk-in registration for remaining class spaces
Garden Marketplace Opens
9-10:10am..... Session 1
10:30-12:00am..... Keynote Speaker
12:00am-12:50pm..... Lunch break
(Lunch can be pre-purchased for \$6)
12:50-2pm..... Session 2
2:20-3:30..... Session 3

More info: Chisago County Extension Office 651-277-0151

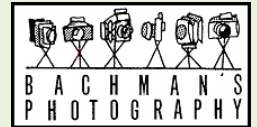
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Guess the ‘Official Ice Out Date’



Guess the correct “Official Ice Out” date for the Chisago Chain of Lakes and win a \$25.00 Gift Certificate. To enter your guess, call 651-257-9380, Facebook us or email rich@bachmansphotography.com by March 10. If more than one person guesses the correct date we will draw for the winner, if no one guesses the correct date the closest without going past will be the winner. Good Luck!

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MARCH EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

- > **'Paws to Read'** Saturday, March 11 10am-noon
Children can have one-on-one sessions reading to Scout, the reading therapy dog at the library! This is a great way for young readers to gain confidence in their reading abilities while having some fun. Sessions will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- > **MN Author Visit-Erin Hart** Tues, March 14 6:30pm
Welcome to the Chisago Author Series, Erin Hart and Paddy O'Brien. Hear about Erin's Irish Mystery series. This project was funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
- > **'The Role of the Library'** Monday, March 20 6-7pm
Come to the library and discuss the current and future role of the library in our community. Can't make it to your local branch? Keep an eye on the calendar and find the discussion at another ECRL location.
- > **'Learning to Surf the Internet'** Tues, March 21 1-3pm
This class is geared to seniors who have little or no experience with computers. Pre-registration is required. Register by calling 1-800-333-2433.

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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS/SCRAP BOOKERS

Saturday, March 11 9am-9pm



Anybody that wants a day to do your own thing! Scrapbook, card making, stamping, Pinterest projects, sewing, fellowship. Cost: \$20 with all proceeds going towards *Path to Home*-supporting homeless families in our community. Includes large work area, lunch, dinner and snacks, game, prizes, fun. Spend the entire day or just a few hours. Reserve your spot by **March 8th** on our face book event page (Crafting/Scrap-booking Event) or by contacting Jolene at 651-271-3538 / jolene3737@hotmail.com

Chisago County Historical Society

13112 3rd Ave N, Lindstrom
651-257-5310

www.ChisagoCountyHistory.org



CHISAGO COUNTY'S ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES

Tuesday, March 7 7pm

Community Center, 38799 Seventh Ave, North Branch

Amanda Gronhovd, MS, RPA, Minnesota State Archaeologist. Co-sponsored with the North Chisago Historical Society, North Branch.

Women's Health Conference

Two FREE Programs

Thursday, March 23 & Thursday March 30

Hazelden CORK Center, Center City

(Hwy 8 to 15245 Pleasant Valley Road, follow signs)

March 23rd

What's My Purpose?

5:30-6:30 pm

Free Interactive Health Fair

6:30-7:00 pm

Who Am I? – Deb Goldberg

Deb helps understand who, what and how outside influences have affected our life.

7:30-8:30pm

Who Are You Going to Be, When You Do

What You Do? – Barbara McAfee

Barbara blends practical content, sophisticated humor and thought provoking questions on topics including voice, leadership and engagement.

March 30th

Life on Purpose

5:30-7:00 pm

Free Interactive Health Fair

7-8:00 pm

Living Life on Purpose - Jennifer Embery

There's always a path forward. Jennifer will help you believe in yourself & take the next steps – one at a time at your own pace.

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Painting Fundraiser

Saturday, March 18 Noon

Come and enjoy a family friendly afternoon of fun and painting to support Community Partnership with Youth and Families. Cost is \$35 which includes all materials and instruction along with a small snack and drink. Space is limited so register early.



Chisago Lakes Senior Class Party

This year 269 students will be graduating from the Chisago Lakes High School on June 5th. Each year the parents and community sponsor a party to recognize the senior's success and provide a safe environment for them to celebrate their achievement.

The Chisago Lakes High School Senior Class Party is asking you to support this exciting event with a tax deductible donation. Some of the ways you can show your support are by providing:

Food and Beverages: gift cards for food, pizza, subs, snacks, cookies, fruit, candy, bottle water, soft drinks, coffee, etc.

Set-up and Decorations: donations of gift cards to be used for balloons, lighting, party supplies.

Prizes: gift cards/certificates, electronics, clothing, jewelry, tickets to upcoming events, sports equipment, dorm room necessities, luggage and services, baskets for raffle, etc.

Gift Bag Items: each attendee will receive a bag that can include coupons, small items, sample products, etc.

Cash Donations/Sponsorships: Cash donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Make checks out to CLHS Senior Class Party.

More info: visit <http://tinyurl.com/hd4r9z3>, call 651-257-2567 or email clhsgradparty@gmail.com.

REGIONAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY BUILDING SUMMIT

Monday, March 20 7-9pm

Learn about resources and services available for those wishing to start a new child care business, expand their existing one or help promote child care opportunities in the region. [Summit Flyer](#)

Lakes Center for Youth & Families

20 Lake Street N, Suite 103, Forest Lake
651-464-3685 LC4YF.org

Be a Part of the Next 40 Years!



After leasing our current space from the City of Forest Lake for the past 20 years, LAYSBS must now move. We have purchased a space in the Town Square Building in downtown Forest Lake! Now, we need your help for a seamless transition so we can continue to provide our services to the community that we have done so well for the past 40 years! Visit us online www.LakesArea40Years.org

EXCITING NEWS! Lakes Center for Youth & Families (formerly Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau) has a new name and address! Our New location is located in the Town Square Building at 20 Lake Street North, Suite 103 Forest Lake, MN. Our phone number remains the same. We're planning an OPEN HOUSE in April 2017 and hope you will join us! For updates on how we are doing and more information check out: WWW.LC4YF.org



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Chisago Lakes School District BOND REFERENDUM

The District will be holding a special election on May 9, 2017, seeking voter approval of a ballot question that would authorize the issuance of \$64.95 million in general obligation school building bonds for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities. Highlights of the bond referendum include:

1. Construction of an Elementary School (grades 2-5) to replace Lakeside
2. Additions and renovations at Taylors Falls Elementary School and remodeling at the Middle School
3. A manufacturing-agri science lab along with a Community Center located at the High School
4. District-wide safety and security upgrades.

Please join us at our community information sessions:

- March 21 6:30pm at Taylors Falls Elementary Cafeteria
- March 28 6:30pm at CLHS Performing Arts Center
- April 4 6:30pm at Lakeside Elementary Gymnasium

For additional information, visit ChisagoLakes.K12.MN.US

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Winners Announced April 19, 2017

Chisago Lakes has been working hard for the past two years in this ABC Competition. The winners will be announced on April 19 in Kirkland, WA. Stay tuned for details as they come in.

MN Chamber Update

Join Us March 8 for Business Day at the Capitol

By Doug Loon

It's difficult enough to compete in today's global economy and the ever-changing circumstances that are out of our control. That's all the more reason to bring stability to Minnesota's business environment. Owners and managers need as much certainty as possible if they are to invest dollars to start and expand operations in our state.

The Minnesota Chamber works every day to strengthen the business climate to the benefit of all Minnesotans.

We're most successful in our efforts when the statewide business community sends a united message to the governor and legislators. March 8 is the perfect opportunity. Join us and our local chamber partners for our annual Business Day at the Capitol.

Our legislative priorities this year are focused on Making Minnesota Ready for the future – ready for change and ready to grow. We seek to bring peace of mind to all Minnesota businesses no matter your size, location or industry.

Leading our agenda this year:

Enact tax relief: Reduce uncompetitive taxes to encourage investment, innovation and growth among all businesses.

Expand health care options: Ensure access to quality, affordable health care for employers and their employees by expanding options, especially for small and midsize companies.

Pass long-term transportation investment: Pass strategic and sustained funding of roads, bridges and transit.

Minimize workplace mandates: Pass the Uniform State Labor Standards Act to explicitly preempt local governments from enacting their own wage & benefit mandates on private employers.

We've had some significant early successes.

The Governor has signed legislation which brings immediate relief to all Minnesotans who buy health insurance in the individual market. The bill contains important provisions to increase small employers' options for providing health insurance to their employees.

Real ID legislation has passed the House and is headed toward a Senate floor vote. Conforming to federal law is important to Minnesotans of all rank and file. Unless the Minnesota Legislature passes REAL ID legislation this year, you will not be allowed to use your Minnesota driver's license to get on a commercial airline flight in January 2018. Already, since 2015, you can't get into a federal building or a military facility with your Minnesota license.

Several other bills addressing Minnesota business priorities have been introduced and are advancing, thanks to the support of our members and local chamber partners. This is an especially critical time at the Capitol. The Legislature faces a fast track with all three committee deadlines in March 10, 17, and 31.

At our forefront is reducing uncompetitive taxes and high cost burdens that are undermining investment, growth, innovation and entrepreneurship in Minnesota. The budget surplus presents a great opportunity. It's noteworthy that of the \$2.57 billion surplus from the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions, only 1 percent was

used for tax relief and nearly half of the surplus went toward new spending. Governor Dayton's tax proposal for the next two-year budget cycle provides for only \$54 million in net tax relief out of the \$1.65 billion surplus in the general fund. His proposal actually increases taxes on businesses by \$100 million.

Rest assured, the Minnesota Chamber and our local chamber partners lead the charge year-around to improve your bottom line for the benefit of your company and your employees – to bring stability to the business climate so businesses can grow and prosper. We support your needs at the Capitol by advancing and passing policy with the goal of securing the health of our state's economy so we can adapt to changing competitive pressures. Please join your peers March 8 and send a united message. Together, we will ensure that Minnesota's economy continues to change and grow.

Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: www.mnchamber.com.



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