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Monthly Newsletter

February 2018

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

February 1: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom

February 8: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am
Speaker: **Carrie Tripp**
Topic: **'Initiative Foundation'**
Caterer: **Brinks Market & Deli**
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**
11754 302nd Street, Chisago City
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What's Happening This Month

February	1	Sex, Bugs and Rock & Roll
February	3	Sip & Shop Vendor Event – Winehaven
February	5	Home & Business Expo early registration ends
February	5	Creating Music with Computers-Library
February	7-11	Picket Fence Gals Sale
February	8	International Economic Dev. Conference
February	9	Daddy-Daughter Dance
February	10	Winter Buckthorn Burn – Allemansratt Park
February	10	Fitness Open House – SCRMC Lindstrom
February	12	Healthy Eating Challenge M-Power Wellness
February	13	Latin Music – Chisago Lakes Library
February	13	Love is in the Air – doTERRA Essential Oils
February	14	Valentine's Day Tea – Country B&B
February	14	Valentine's Day
February	17	Snowshoe along the St. Croix
February	17	Valentine's Hot Metal Pour – F S P
February	17	Paws to Read – Chisago Lakes Library
February	18	Paint & Sip - Winehaven
February	19	Karl Oskar Day Button Design Deadline
February	21	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting
February	22	Minecraft – Chisago Lakes Library
February	24	Frederick Production
March	3-4	Home & Business Expo



Bright Ideas for Home, Garden & Family!
March 3-4, 2018

Are you looking for a way to connect with current and new customers? The Home & Business Expo is a perfect venue for that with over 1500 people coming through the doors! Think of the potential! Chamber members receive \$80 off of booth registration! **Registration soon!**

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Josh Soderlund
The Soderlund Wood Mill

2017 was an exciting year for the Lakes Area. As we now move into 2018 we are excited to continue to build on the great work we have already accomplished. Our chamber continues to grow in membership and our events and activities continue to gain momentum as we see more and more participation. As a member I am excited and encouraged to see what 2018 will bring. Our missions to serve, support and promote the businesses and organizations in Chisago Lakes is being accomplished. I would like to thank the members of this community for making that a reality.

I thought I would briefly share a story that really exemplifies the values of our chamber. Recently one of our

local businesses, Sven Comfort Shoes, was offered an amazing opportunity to display their products in the North Local Market at the Super Bowl. Knowing the great opportunity she would have to display her products, Marie Rivers, owner of Sven's reached out to us at The Soderlund Wood Mill to see if we would want to join her. She offered us space to display some furniture and place some carvings in her store. She did not need to do that, but because she did, a great opportunity was realized for two businesses. Her leadership not only moved her business forward, but made it possible for another business in her community to grow. That leadership speaks to the community that we have here in the Lakes Area. Her willingness to team up and help another business thrive is a great example of the quality of our community. I am thankful and proud to be a part of Chisago Lakes Chamber.

I am convinced that as we move forward into 2018 with fresh energy and resources we will continue to move our community forward. If we can follow the example of community leaders like Marie Rivers we can realize more of the awesome potential we have here in Chisago Lakes. I am convinced that we are better businesses, more effective leaders and can accomplish far more together as a community than if we try and do it alone.

January 4th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

December minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

To Do's:

- New business member scholarships. Funding from Log Swing Raffle, develop welcome package and plan criteria.
- Winter Blast – January 25-28.
- Home & Business Expo - March 3-4 Seeking volunteers.

Director's Report:

1. Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala was a success.
2. Planning is underway for Celebrate Chisago Lakes~Winter Blast and the Home & Business Expo.
3. Met with a few new and potential Chamber businesses.



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> **'Disney on Ice-Frozen'** – Thursday, March 1, 10:30am
Ticket deadline is February 16. \$13.50/person
The Academy award winning movie is live and coming to Minneapolis. Purchase tickets online at www.isd2144.org/communityed [Flyer](#)

> **'Frederick by Leo Lionni'** – Saturday, Feb. 24 10am
Join us for a Stages Theatre Company production of this heartwarming story of Frederick as he shows us that everyone has something special to give to the world. Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center in Cambridge. Reserved tickets by February 1. [Flyer](#)

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2017-2018 SKI & SNOWBOARD SEASON IS NOW OPEN!

Check out the [Daily Snow Report](#)

- * Home School Days: February 1, 6, 15, 22
- * Race Training with Anna Lavins: February 2, 9, 16
- * Starlight Tubing: February 2, 17
- * Women's Academy: February 2, 6, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20
- * Shred Babe Ladies Night: February 7, 21, 28
- * Friends & Family Fun Days: February 10, 19
- * Night Moves –Late Night Session: February 16
- * Mini Race Camp with Anna Lavins: February 17
- * Scout/4H Day: February 18
- * Tow Up Throw Down: February 24

M-POWER Wellness Center

10720 282nd Street, Chisago City



'Healthy Eating Challenge 2018'
February 12-March 23

Come join our healthy eating challenge and learn how to incorporate healthy eating habits into your daily routine without feeling like you can't enjoy the foods that you love. You will have full access to M-POWER Wellness Center, including the pool and fitness room, access to all group fitness classes, 6 weeks of personal training, health coaching and weekly educational sessions. Members \$10, Non-Members \$20 **Sign up deadline is February 7.** [Flyer](#)

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January Luncheon



The January luncheon was held at Chisago Lakes Library. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch catered by **Eichten's Bistro** and coffee from **Northwoods Roasterie**.

New Members: **KBEK 95.5 Radio – Shawn Sullivan, Primo Technology-Sarah and Terry Allen, Empire Insurance Group-Christine Larson, Nicole Vodicka & Rob Rule**

Kirsten Vaughan-Chisago Lakes Librarian was our luncheon speaker. She gave an overview of great training opportunities at our finger tips. The library has two programs: **Universal Class** and **Woonuit** that are available free of charge (just need a current library card). These programs offer over 500 class topics from computer skills to customer service and a plethora of other business and personal topics. Many do carry CEU credits. Kirsten would be happy to help you get started for yourself or for your employees. Stop in or call the library at 651-257-2817, ask for the Chisago Lakes Branch and talk to Kirsten.



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'LOVE IS IN THE AIR!'

Tuesday, February 13 6:30pm

Come and hear about diffuser blends that you will fall in love with! Diffusing is the perfect way to use essential oils to get their full benefits. And they can help you set the mood for that special Valentine's Day. Oils and diffusers will be available for purchase. Chamber office, 30525 Linden St., Lindstrom.



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FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

> 'Creating Music with Computers'

Monday, February 5 6-7pm For K-12 students & adults. Using his keyboard, microphone, and visual display, George Maurer will teach students how music is composed using computers and digital technology for albums, movie soundtracks, television shows, video games, and more.

> 'Latin Music' Tuesday, February 13 2-3pm

Tour the world through the guitar and voice of Robert Everest during his Latin music program at Parmly on the Lake, 28210 Old Towne Rd., in Chisago City. Everest, will be playing music from multiple countries in several languages, with emphasis on Latin America, Southern Europe, and West Africa, along with original compositions.

> 'Paws to Read!' Saturday, February 17 10-11am

Children can come to the library and have one-on-one sessions reading to a real reading therapy dog. Sessions with Scout will be first come, first served.

> 'Minecraft' Thursday, February 22 4:30-6:30pm

Come to the library for Minecraft challenges and fun! Some Minecraft experience is helpful, but not required. For ages 9 and up. Registration is required and starts on Feb. 1st. To register, call the library at 651-257-2817

Karl Oskar Days Button Design Contest

The 5th Annual Karl Oskar Days Button Design Contest goes through February 19. Designs should have a Swedish and/or Lindstrom theme and based on what Karl Oskar Days means to you. Entries can be found at Chisago County Press, Chisago Lakes Library and the Chamber Office. Voting for winning designs will take place March 12-April 14. Public will be able to vote using Facebook, Chisago County Press and local businesses. Winners will be announced the week of May 3.



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Home & Business Expo March 3-4!

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WINTER BUCKTHORN BURN

Saturday, February 10 11am-2pm

Allemansrätt Park 31316 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

Needed: 50 Volunteers & 10 Volunteer Supervisors to haul, stack and burn piles of buckthorn bush. You're welcome to bring roasting sticks, hotdogs & marshmallows to roast on the fire and buckets/chairs to sit on. Coffee, cocoa, cider and a few snacks will be provided. Pre-register at: volunteer@greatrivergreening.org /651-272-3993 [Flyer](#)



INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

February 8, 2018 9am-3pm

The Grand Event Center

2025 Rowland Rd, Mora MN 55051

This will be a great opportunity to learn about business financing and assistance programs and will be a rich networking opportunity. There is a great lineup of event speakers along with a panel discussion of local and international business leaders. Being held in conjunction with the International Vasaloppet Ski Exchange. The event is free to attend, but [RSVPs](#) are appreciated for planning purposes. [Agenda](#)

Wild and Scenic 50th Anniversary Party Sex, Bugs, and Rock & Roll

Thursday, February 1 6-9pm

Winehaven Winery

10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City



2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. From this Act, the St. Croix and the Namekagon rivers became the country's first wild and scenic river national park—the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The St. Croix River Association (SCRA) is the official partner for the Riverway.

The St. Croix River Association (SCRA) invites you to attend a celebration of the first 50 years of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. What do humans and bugs have in common? Come learn about unexpected similarities, while enjoying live music from the band, Soul Tree, cake and wine. Dr. Marlene Zuk, U of M professor, [TED speaker](#), and author will enlighten us about how insect and human sex lives compare.

Deb Ryun, Executive Director, SCRA says "2018 will include a year of special events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which enabled protection of the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers in Minnesota and Wisconsin." [Info Flyer](#)



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Demo Time	Class	Instructor
8:00am	POUND	Diane
8:20am	Kickboxing	Sherry
8:40am	HIIT Sync	Jamie
9:00am	STRONG	Anna
9:20am	Power Pump	Emily
9:40am	Yoga	



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'SIP & SHOP' VENDOR FAIR AT WINEHAVEN

Saturday, February 3 10am-5pm

Enjoy a first sip of the new wines from September's harvest while shopping several local boutiques that will be on-hand, including: Silo Apparel, Minnesota Made, Trades of Hope, 3 Seams, doTERRA Essential Oils, Ever Skincare.

The folks from Lake State BBQ will also be joining us with an outstanding menu - so come hungry and enjoy the winter season at Winehaven! Wine tasting is \$5.00 per person and admission is free! Reservations are not required. We hope you can join us!

PAINT & SIP AT WINEHAVEN

Sunday, February 18 12-2pm

We provide all the supplies and clean-up afterwards. No experience necessary! The cost is \$25.00 per person and reservations required by calling Linda at 651-343-9691 or online at the JLaurene "Liberate The Right Brain" painting class on Facebook.



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Valentine's Day Hot Metal Pour

Saturday, February 17 Noon-5pm

Make your own cast-iron sculpture by trying your hand at mold-making! You will carve a design into a resin hardened sand block, which will then be filled with molten iron at our Valentine's Hot Metal Pour on February 17th. February workshop dates and times are:

- Saturday & Sunday, February 3-4 10am- 1pm or 2-5pm
- Saturday & Sunday, February 10- 10am- 1pm or 2-5pm

* Mold Prices: \$30/small, \$45/medium \$75/large

At the workshop, Franconia staff will show you the basic scratching techniques and answer questions throughout the process. You must be present one hour before workshop ends for time to complete your sand mold. SPACE IS LIMITED! [Register Here](#)

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This year's winter event brought new activities which were a big hit with all ages!

We thank the community organizations and churches who hosted wonderful activities during the weekend. Thank you to the amazing Winter Blast Committee: Craig Stockel-New York Life, Doris Zacho and Kristy Parker- Chisago City Parks and Rec, Bill Mack-Mack Landscaping and the Chisago Lakes Rotary, Pastor Bill Headley-Maranatha Church Chisago Lakes Campus, Clayton Peltier-Wild River Snowmobile Club, Joy Tate and Kimberly Rathasack-MPOWER Wellness Center.

We would like to offer our sincere gratitude to the generous business sponsors who provide the funds to help make this event a success.

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Join Us ...

- ♦ Chamber Luncheons 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. \$10/chamber members, \$15/non chamber members. RSVP by 5pm the Monday prior.
- ♦ 3rd Thursday Small Business Focus Group – 8-9am at the Chamber office. A variety of topics and discussions help businesses connect and grow. RSVP's appreciated.

WILD RIVER STATE PARK

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SNOWSHOE ALONG THE ST. CROIX

Saturday, February 17 1-2:30pm

Join the Naturalist for a leisurely 1-mile trek along the St. Croix River on snowshoes. Designed for ages 8 and up. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Program and snowshoe use is free - limited to 30 people. Cancelled if wind chill is below -15. If snow depth is inadequate, this will become a walk without snowshoes. Meet at the Visitor Center. Event is free. Visit FriendsOfWildRiver.org for more details.



BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

Community Meeting

Wednesday, February 21 6:30pm

Chisago Lakes Library
11754 302nd St, Chisago City

Chisago Lakes is in the process of becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community, which is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting Service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

Plan to attend the next meeting on February 21st, 6:30pm at Chisago Lakes Library. At this meeting we will establish key leadership and positions on the steering committee as well as the kick-off and other events in the community. Questions call Cory Boogaard at 763-232-5285 or the Chamber 651-257-1177.

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MN Chamber Update

Let's grow Minnesota together
By Doug Loon

Minnesota lawmakers convene in less than a month. The collective voice of the MN Chamber Federation is poised to advance another pro-growth agenda on behalf of businesses of all sizes and types across the state. Our priorities are aimed at strengthening Main Streets from International Falls to Worthington, Winona to Duluth, and all points in between.

Our formula is straightforward. As Minnesota businesses change, our economy grows. That means greater economic opportunity for all Minnesotans.

We made headway on several fronts at the 2017 Legislature, boosting investments to grow Minnesota's economy. There's additional opportunity this year.

Tax competitiveness gained national headlines as Congress passed and President Trump signed the most far-reaching tax reform bill in 30 years. The federal tax bill creates the need and opportunity for our Legislature and Governor Dayton to right size Minnesota's tax system for the benefit of individuals and businesses alike.

Lawmakers must take steps to ensure Minnesota companies can compete in the global marketplace by enacting policies that encourage investment, entrepreneurship and growth. We rank among the top 10 states in too many tax categories that impose headwinds to Minnesota's economic growth

- We have the third highest personal income tax. The burden affects thousands of businesses that pay business taxes through the individual income tax system and hinders the recruitment of talent.
- We have the third highest corporate income tax. The tax is regressive, ultimately paid by consumers through higher prices for goods and services, lower wages for employees and lower returns for investors.
- We are only one of 12 states with an estate tax. It makes it difficult to pass on small businesses and farms to the next generation, and discourages retention of wealth within Minnesota.
- We have some of the highest business property taxes. All businesses pay this fixed cost that is much higher than all of our neighboring states.

Our other top legislative priorities for 2018 also focus on strengthening the state's business environment.

Workplace mandates: We must minimize workplace regulations so businesses spend less time complying with laws and have more time innovating and creating jobs. Lawmakers should ensure consistent statewide laws by explicitly prohibiting local governments from enacting wage and benefit mandates.

Transportation: We must build on our successes from last year when the largest investment in roads and bridges was passed in 10 years without raising taxes or fees. Lawmakers should fully dedicate the rest of the currently collected sales tax on rental cars and auto parts to transportation.

Affordability: A talented workforce remains among our greatest assets, but is threatened by other factors. Lawmakers should give attention to affordable workforce housing, quality child care and targeted early childhood education.

The Minnesota Chamber's agenda is bolstered by our more than 40 local chamber Federation partners. We look forward to representing your interests once again at the Capitol. If we lead from ahead, we will remain there. It is up to us.

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



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