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March 2018

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

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- March 7: **Board Meeting 9:00am**  
Chamber Office & Information Center  
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- March 8: **Chamber Member Luncheon 11:30am-1pm**  
Topic: **'Speed Networking'**  
Location: **Chisago Lakes Grill (Golf Course)**  
12975 292<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lindstrom  
\$10/Chamber Members, \$15Non-Members

## Welcome New Members!

### *Charpentier Team-LaBelle Real Estate Group*

85 Lake St. N, Forest Lake  
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### *Kost Church*

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### *Wood Pallet Treasures*

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### CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP TESTIMONY

"The year I started my business (2009), Wade Carlson advised me to get involved with the Chamber when I told him about my landscape start up. He said the Chamber had become an excellent resource for the local businesses. He was right! Elaine Sommer, owner of the Summit Inn B&B took my business card at the very first meeting I ever attended. I designed a 'Secret Garden' for her and have been doing projects at the B&B ever since. She wrote some wonderful referrals and has gotten me a lot of work! Being connected to the Chamber has led me to being part of the Friends of Allemansratt and doing designs for the city." Pete Lawrence [Landscape Directions](#) 651-323-0395

# Monthly Newsletter



## What's Happening This Month

- |       |         |  |
|-------|---------|--|
| March | 6       | Little Women – Community Education         |
| March | 7-11    | Picket Fence Gals Sale                     |
| March | 8       | Game Day – Chisago Lakes Library           |
| March | 8       | Women's Health Conference                  |
| March | 9       | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church            |
| March | 9       | Genealogy Workshop – CC Historical Society |
| March | 9-18    | Peter Pan – St. Croix Festival Theatre     |
| March | 11      | Paint & Sip – Winehaven                    |
| March | 11      | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS                 |
| March | 13      | Painting Pal Class – M-POWER Wellness      |
| March | 13      | 'Oils of the Bible' doTERRA Class          |
| March | 13      | Keep Talking & Nobody Explodes – Library   |
| March | 15      | Dragon Fly Painting – M-POWER Wellness     |
| March | 16      | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church            |
| March | 17      | ST. PATRICK'S DAY                          |
| March | 17      | Slush Fest – Wild Mountain                 |
| March | 20 & 27 | Spring Barn Quilt - M-POWER Wellness       |
| March | 22      | Minecraft Club - Chisago Lakes Library     |
| March | 22      | Women's Health Conference                  |
| March | 22      | <b>BUSINESS AFTER HOURS</b>                |
| March | 23      | Fish Fry – St. Bridget's Church            |
| March | 23      | Sock Hop – Community Education             |
| March | 24      | Paws to Read - Chisago Lakes Library       |
| March | 24      | Easter Carnival – United Methodist Church  |
| March | 24      | Easter Egg Hunt – Paradise Park            |
| March | 29      | Maroon Birch Painting - M-POWER Wellness   |

## 2018 Board of Directors

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A Note from the  
Chamber Board:

**Wendy Redland**  
**Chamber Executive Director**

A question was asked at a meeting I recently attended; "What do you like most about Chisago Lakes?"

My answer ... Chatting in the grocery aisles at Brink's!  
I love running into friends and neighbors at shops or band  
concerts, sporting events or town festivals.  
I LOVE seeing people I know, people who know me. I love  
that we connect and share life together.

I grew up right next door in North Branch and had a  
fantastic childhood in Small Town America. When I got  
married I got the bug to try "Big City Life" so we moved to  
a cute little duplex in St. Paul.

It was a great neighborhood but I couldn't find my place.  
There were too many stores, too many roads, too many  
people. I couldn't find *my* people.

So, we came back to Small Town America and settled in  
Almelund; in Chisago Lakes, where I run into *my* people all  
over the place and love it!

The Chisago Lakes Chamber is all about community, about  
connections, about getting to know *your* people and letting  
others learn your story. Take advantage of the activities and  
events created to facilitate connections and form

relationships. Get to know the faces behind the counters, on  
the other end of the phone calls or emails. In the age of  
social media, sometimes we need to remove the media and  
just be social. Greet each other face to face, share stories,  
find common ground and connect on business and personal  
levels.

Life is busy, but take time to attend an event or gathering  
and get to know those around you, in your community. Hop  
on an event committee or join a community organization.  
Get to know the stories around you and share yours with  
others. You may be surprised to find what you have in  
common and will feel connected and blessed.

So Shop, Dine and Play locally and run into *your* people all  
over the place in Chisago Lakes. Build relationships and  
build community.

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## **February 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting Highlights**

### Secretary's Report:

**January minutes reviewed and accepted.**

### Treasurer's Report:

**Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.**

### **To Do's:**

- **Winter Blast** – Event was well attended, wrap up meeting is scheduled.
- **Home & Business Expo** – booth volunteers schedule, vendor numbers consistent with previous year.
- **March Board Meeting** – date changed to Wednesday, March 7 due to board participation in the Blandin Leadership retreat.
- **New Business Welcome** – Liza and Josh seek to form a committee, recruitment bullet points discussed.
- **Business After Hours** - Generations Real Estate to host the first BAH Event March 22 from 3-6pm.
- **Chamber Business Scholarships** – discussion favors candidates in first three years of business, first-time members with under five employees. Requirements were discussed.

### Director's Report:

New members listed. Website spikes around Winter Blast is encouraging. Planning continues for the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH**

**SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR**



### DEUTSCHLAND MEATS

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## March Madness



With every \$5 lunch receive a coupon for a \$1 off a hardwood smoked ham! You can use up to 5 towards your ham! Pre-order your ham to reserve the size you will need for your Easter meal. [March Menu](#)

Deutschland Meats can 'meat' all Easter brunch need: Hardwood Smoked Hams, Beef Brisket, Bockwurst, Nuernberger, Ham Links, Bacon, Breakfast Sausages and more! Side dishes are also available.



### doTERRA Essential Oils

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### 'OILS OF THE BIBLE'

**Tuesday, March 13 6:30pm**

Essential oils are a trendy topic right now, but they actually have interesting roots in the Bible with over 600 references to plant oils and/or aromatic plants. We will discuss how the healing oils of the Bible are just as relevant today as they were 10,000 years ago. Chamber office, 30525 Linden St., Lindstrom.



### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

13289 St. Croix Ave, Lindstrom

651-213-2600

> **'Little Women'** – Tuesday, March 6, 7pm

The Black Box Theatre presents Little Women, a novel based on four sisters on a journey out of adolescents and the difficulties associated with gender roles in the Post-Civil War America. Chisago Lakes High School TV Studio. Free and open to the public.

> **'Sock Hop'** – Friday, March 23 6:30-8pm

Join us for this Super Hero themed annual Sock Hop! Held at the Primary School Gym. \$5/family

### WILD MOUNTAIN / TF RECREATION

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\* Home School Days: March 6, 8, 13

\* Starlight Tubing: March 9

\* Night Moves –Late Night Session: March 2, 3

\* Slush Fest: March 17

## Business After Hours!

Thursday, March 22 3-6pm



### Generations Real Estate Group

11183 Lake Blvd, Suite 103, Chisago City

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### MARCH PAINTING CLASSES

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> **'Painting Pal'** Tuesday, March 13, 1-3:30pm

This is a child/adult painting class where you work on the painting together as a team. Each pair will get two 12x18 canvases that they work on together to create this fun, colorful tree. All skill levels welcome. Cost per pair: \$30/Members, \$40/Non Members [Flyer/Registration](#)

> **'Dragonfly'** Thursday, March 15 6-8:30pm

Here is your chance to paint a beautiful dragonfly painting on a 16x20 canvas. Class is great for beginners and experienced students. Cost: \$15/Members, \$20/Non Members [Flyer/Registration](#)

> **'Spring Barn Quilt'** Tuesday, March 20 & 27 6-8:30pm  
Paint your very own Barn Quilt. Pick your pattern when registering for the class. Your pattern will be drawn out on a primed panel ready for you to paint. Cost: \$40/Members, \$50/Non Members [Flyer/Registration](#)

> **'Maroon Birch'** Thursday, March 29 6-8:30pm  
Paint a beautiful birch tree scene on a 16x20 canvas! All skill levels encouraged to attend. Cost: \$15/Member, \$20/Non Members [Flyer/Registration](#)

— Annual —



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### PICKET FENCE GALS SALE



MARCH 7-11

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

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## Women's Health Conference

Two FREE Programs

Thursday, March 8 & Thursday March 22

Hazelden CORK Center, Center City

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

### March 8<sup>th</sup> Living Life in Tandem with Gratitude

5:30-6:45pm Free Interactive Health Fair

7:00-8:00pm *Women Aging with Gratitude*

Author and Humorist Kim Kane

A presentation filled with humor, stories and positive takeaways; such as tips and strategies for living a grateful lifestyle. It will leave you filled with encouragement and a sense of optimism!

### March 22<sup>nd</sup> Farm to Table: Healthy Eating Using Local Resources

5:30-6:45pm Free Interactive Health Fair

7:00-8:00pm *Cooking with Jessica Turtle,*  
*Marketing Director, Farm Table Foundation*

The Farm Table Foundation supports local farms and farming communities. We seek to make the connection between farm health and community well-being apparent.



[Event Flyer](#)

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### February Luncheon



Carrie Tripp – Initiative Foundation

The February luncheon was held at Chisago Lakes Library. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch catered by **Brink's Market & Deli** and coffee from **Northwoods Roasterie**. Thank you **Grand Casino** for door prizes.

Welcome to new members: **RE Peterson**, excavating services. **KOST Evangelical Free Church**, **Wood Pallet Treasures**, **Ancona Title and Escrow** (formerly Casterton Title), **New York Life-Craig Stockel**, **Gustaf's on Main**.

**Carrie Tripp, Vice President for External Relations through the Initiative Foundation** was our luncheon speaker. The Initiative Foundation's mission is to empower people to build thriving communities and a vibrant region across central Minnesota. They walked with Chisago Lakes through our ABC competition journey and are still connected as we are figuring out the next steps. The foundation was started in the 80's during the crash of industry. They offer many resources/assistance to businesses in the 14 county system. The foundation consists of **Economy-Business & Jobs**, **Community-Quality of Life**, **Philanthropy-Giving and Funds**. They offer Business Technical Assistance, Business Financing and Initiators Fellowship Program along with countless number of business and community resources. You can contact the Initiative Foundation at [www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org), [info@ifound.org](mailto:info@ifound.org) or call 877-632-9255/320-632-9255

We can help get your information out to the community! Share your events/happenings with us.

- > Visit the new community website [ChisagoLakes.org](http://ChisagoLakes.org) and share an event on the calendar.
- > To include your information in our weekly newsflash or monthly newsletter, email [clacc@frontiernet.net](mailto:clacc@frontiernet.net).



### CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY

11754 302nd St, Chisago City  
651-257-2817 [www.ecrl.lib.mn.us](http://www.ecrl.lib.mn.us)

#### MARCH EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

- > **'Game Day'** Thursday, March 8 3-5pm  
It's Game Day at the library! Patrons are invited to join us to play a variety of games. Use the library's board, card, and brain fitness games or bring your own.
- > **'Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes'**  
Tuesday, March 13 2-3pm Tweens and Teens! You are invited to a game day at the Chisago Lakes Area Library. We will be doing some logic based games including defusing a virtual bomb.
- > **'Minecraft Club'** Thursday, March 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, to register, call the library at 651-257-2817.
- > **'Paws to Read!'** Saturday, March 24 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.

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**Chisago Lakes Chamber, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom**

We are looking for health minded people to join us in a journey to a healthier community. Special guest speakers on occasion. Free and open to the public.

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### Chisago County Historical Society

12795 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom 651-257-5310

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

#### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Friday, March 9 7-9pm

The Historical Society will be open and available to help you as you dig into your past.

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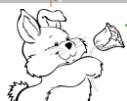
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### BARN BASH

Family Pathways is seeking sponsorships for their Barn Bash Fundraiser. All proceeds benefit Family Pathways. Do something good. Join us to build stronger communities. Sponsorship opportunities are available and greatly appreciated. [Sponsorship Information.](#)

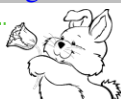


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30828 Irene Ave, Lindstrom  
651.257.4306 [www.LindstromMethodist.org](http://www.LindstromMethodist.org)



### EASTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, March 24 10-11:30am



Children will enjoy New Games, Crafts, Minnow Races, Cake Walk and Prizes! Bring your camera for great photo ops! Event is free to the public. A free will offering will be taken. [Flyer](#)



### ALUMNI PHOTO PROJECT

The new community center wants to tell the history of our wonderful schools in photographs. So dig in your storage areas and pull out the ones that made you proud to be a Bulldog, Blue Jay, Indian, Trojan or Wildcat. The ones that capture success, fun, history, friendship or school spirit. Questions: LouAnn Mattson at 651-398-7706 or Noel Stensrud 651-428-4535. [Informational Flyer](#)



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## FRANCONIA sculpture park

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Franconia Sculpture Park to receive \$20,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts! Through this Arts Works Grant, several artists will be awarded residencies supporting the creation of large-scale, three-dimensional artwork to be exhibited for at least two years at Franconia Sculpture Park. The Artist Residency and Exhibition Program will also benefit over 150,000 annual visitors to the sculpture exhibition of over 120 works created by artists-in-residence as well as over 14,000 adults and youth who participate in hands-on educational arts learning programs. Thank you NEA!

For more information on Franconia's events and artists visit our website at [franconia.org](http://franconia.org).

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## ST. CROIX FESTIVAL THEATRE

125 N. Washington St, St. Croix Falls

715-483-3387 [FestivalTheatre.org](http://FestivalTheatre.org)



**The youth cast of *Peter Pan***

*Peter Pan* will run March 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm . Opening night will feature Festival Theatre's AfterGlow party, complete with pizza provided by Papa Murphy's.

*Peter Pan* is directed by Arts Education Director Rachel Kuhnle. The story of *Peter Pan* is a familiar one - the Darling children leave behind the safety of their nursery to fly away to the magical land of Neverland with Peter Pan, the boy who refuses to grow up. There they fight pirates and have adventures until they nearly forget they ever had parents who loved them. Kuhnle is taking the tale and putting a new spin on it.

The framework for the story is a child's backyard birthday party with a pair of swings and a picnic table. "By setting the play at a child's birthday party, the themes are at the forefront. Birthdays are exciting for kids but they can also be a little bit scary - like the magical world of Neverland."

The show will perform at the Franklin Square Black Box. Tickets are \$13.50/ adults and \$8.50/students or youth (ages 5-25) and can be purchased at [FestivalTheatre.org](http://FestivalTheatre.org), emailing [festivaltheatreboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:festivaltheatreboxoffice@gmail.com) or by calling the box office at 715-483-3387.



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Smart Tools for Life is an ongoing project of the nonprofit, Growing Communities for Peace. It serves parents and educators by providing children's books music, and makes it easy and engaging to bring state-of-the-art social skills like peacemaking, peacekeeping, and peace building, to young children, thereby encouraging more harmonious, sustainable relationships with others and the planet.

Chisago Lakes FFA Teens' Service Project includes Peacemaking. The new children's book, "The Barnyard Buddies STOP for Peace," is part of a teen mentor project in the Chisago Lakes School District. The teens are reading the story and talking about peacemaking with the younger children. Read the full [Press Release](#).

### MN Chamber Update

**MN Supplier Match Connects Companies,  
Grows the Economy  
By Doug Loon**

Welcome to MN Supplier Match. We invite and encourage your participation in this new database that seeks to highlight Minnesota's robust supply chain and increase business-to-business activity in the state.

MN Supplier Match creates value for Minnesota businesses that want the advantages of sourcing from local suppliers – customization, accessibility, rapid delivery, shared networks and trusted quality. The program creates value for suppliers looking for new business opportunities with Minnesota-based customers. And it creates value for the Minnesota economy by keeping more dollars in the state and making our suppliers and buyers more competitive.

The initiative is a program of Grow Minnesota!, the Minnesota Chamber's distinctive private-sector business retention and assistance program. Grow Minnesota! operates in partnership with nearly 70 local chambers economic development organizations. The idea for MN Supplier Match grew out of our

Grow Minnesota! visits. Created in 2003, we visit between 600-900 Minnesota businesses annually. We find out what it takes for companies to stay & grow in MN. Many of these businesses are vital links in the supply chains of other companies located here and around the world Since its inception, the Grow Minnesota! partnership has visited 7,000-plus MN businesses including more than 1,600 manufacturers, nearly 600 professional service firms, and many others that provide goods & services to other businesses.

Listing in the MN Supplier Match database – those companies seeking to promote their products and services – is being offered to Minnesota Chamber members and nonmembers. Buyers – those companies wishing to access the database – must be Minnesota Chamber members.

To be listed as a supplier, companies must either be a Minnesota Chamber member, or they must complete a Grow Minnesota! visit. Visits are carried out statewide by our staff and our local Grow Minnesota! partners. These visits and the supplier listings are provided complimentary. To schedule a visit and/or learn more about [MN Supplier Match](#), contact Sean O'Neil, business development coordinator, at [soneil@mnchamber.com](mailto:soneil@mnchamber.com).

Minnesota Chamber members can receive their login credentials to the database by contacting our [Grow Minnesota! team](#) and requesting a username and password for your company. The search for suppliers can be done by keyword or by one of 60 product and service categories.

We want to shine a light on MN suppliers, making it easier for Minnesota companies to find local partners in the state's diverse and robust business community – and MN Supplier Match is the perfect avenue. We have been working with some of the state's largest Fortune 500 companies to help them expand their local supply chains There is no other source on the market to find a supplier list that is exclusive to Minnesota, regularly updated and maintained by a trusted entity, and includes suppliers from all sectors.

MN Supplier Match is a win-win equation for Minnesota employers and employees alike as we work together to grow our state's economy.

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