



CHAMBER NEWS

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Medallion Cabinetry ~ ELKAY *presents the 7th Annual* **Waconia Open Golf Event- "Lucky #7"**

Monday July 15, 2012

Island View Golf Club

- 10:30 AM Registration Opens**
- 12:30 PM Shotgun Start**
- 4:00 PM Silent Auction Begins**
- 5:00 PM Reception Begins**
- 6:30 PM Silent Auction Closes**
- Award Ceremony**
- 7:00 PM Closing Remarks**

Hey High Rollers-Grab your lucky rabbit's foot, four leaf clover or horse shoe and head to Island View for the Chamber's 7th Annual Golf Scramble-Lucky Number 7! If you golf, there is still room for you or your foursome. If you don't golf, come for the Silent Auction and After Hours Party-Vegas style!

There are still a few Hole Sponsorships available and Silent Auction donations are still being accepted. Still need golfers! Sign up by Friday the 12th!

We're betting this will be our best golf outing yet- DON'T MISS IT!



*2012 Scramble Winner
Ameriprise*



- Thank you to our 2013 Hole Sponsors thus far:**
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|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Island View Golf Club | Ameriprise Financial | The Seat Fixer | Good Samaritan Westview Acres |
| Precision Eye Care | Ridgeview Medical Center | Waconia Farm Supply | Melchert Hubert Sjodin, PLLP |
| A-1 Electric Services | Alpine Ingredients | CenturyLink | Drazan Henke & Associates |
| Yetzer's Home Furnishings & Floor Coverings | | Subway | Century Wine & Spirits |

Call us today to sponsor a hole! Register your Foursome or just yourself !

Bella Nails & Spa
**Katie Chounlamontry*

714 Vista Blvd
Waconia, MN 55387
952-583-4991

Nail Salon

Children of Tomorrow
**Tracy Smith*

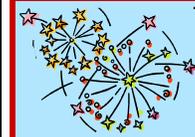
410 E 10th Street
Waconia, MN 55387
952-443-9900
tracy@childrenoftomorrow.com
www.childrenoftomorrow.com

Childcare/Preschool

Egg-Cetera Cafe
**Cheryl & Brian Argo*

241 East Frontage Road
Waconia, MN 55387
952-442-5441
cbvargo@yahoo.com

Restaurant-Breakfast & lunch



The Lake Waconia
Fireworks Festival
is completely
supported by
donations. Does your business
have a collection bucket?

HomeTown Bank
**Michael Orth*

641 Marketplace Drive
Waconia, MN 55387
952-492-5599
morth@htbmn.com
www.htbmn.com

Banking

The Consignment Shop
**Julie Wiborg & Barb Sinnes*

25 S Olive St
Waconia, MN 55387
952-442-9851
consigningspaces@yahoo.com

Second hand & Consignment (some new)

New Chamber Members~

Welcome!
We look forward to promoting these businesses!

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Used by you....

By Kellie Sites, President



Sometimes it's not good to be used... but in business, it's a great thing to be used! Who do you use for your everyday business needs?

The other day I met with new chamber member, My Hometown Bank. He asked me to recommend all manner of businesses to take care of their demolition and construction needs. I love that! Their motto is to use local vendors and really stay true to their name. My recommendations will come from only chamber members! Be assured that your membership includes two full time employees, as Carmen and I work daily to connect our members with other members and the community – as well as people who are moving to town.

Speaking of business to business... lately, there have been a number of conversations I've had with different people – which have led me to connect them with other people I've had conversations with that pertain to each other. I know that's a wacky sentence, but do you know what I mean? I love connecting people.

How do you find Waconia Chamber members? There are a number of ways. First, check out our new website! Under the Waconia Chamber tab you will see Business Listings. This is a great place to find the business or service you need. It would also be a good time to check out your own listing and make sure you like what you see there. www.destinationwaconia.org

Second ~ each Chamber member business receives a Member Business Directory. This is a great tool that we hope you are using to connect with other member businesses. We also list our membership on the Tourism Brochure... we go through about 5,000 of those each year.

Continuing on the topic of Business to Business... I hope you'll take a minute to read David Olson's article on the next page. If there is something there that pertains to you and you'd like to take action, please let me know.

For those of you that missed our luncheon at Lola's... Susan Arntz had nothing but good news yesterday! Waconia was awarded a 4.5 million dollar grant to re-do the HWY 5 corridor, in combination with a MN DOT plan that was already in the works... this is a huge victory for the City of Waconia – our businesses and residents! Thanks so much to Susan and all the people who have worked so hard to bring this to fruition. A private contribution of \$100,000 is Waconia's share of the burden. Look for this jar at a location near you Give 5 for Hwy 5. If you would like to have a jar in your business, let me know!





By David C. Olson

Join with us to repeal B2B taxes

MINNESOTA
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Minnesotans, prepare to dig deeper into your pocketbooks courtesy of the 2013 Legislature. Companies are being asked to pay a premium for the privilege of doing business in Minnesota. The sales tax is being extended to two broad categories of business-to-business (B2B) services, effective July 1, and a third category next April 1. The pyramid effect of the higher cost is certain to be felt across the state.

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and our federation of local chamber partners succeeded in defeating Gov. Mark Dayton's broad-based sales tax on B2B transactions in the legislative session. But the final budget still enacted sales tax on three types of services:

- Labor service charges for repair and maintenance of business equipment and machines, effective July 1.
- Purchases of telecommunications equipment by telecommunications providers, effective July 1.
- Storage and warehousing services of business-related goods, effective April 1, 2014.

Minnesota businesses will pay the 6.875% state sales tax, plus any local sales tax, on these services. Consider the impact on your bottom line.

Do you have farm machinery, capital equipment, computers, industrial equipment, or, for that matter, any other piece of business equipment, in need of repairs?

Do you pay or provide warehouse and storage services in Minnesota?

If you have an employee or own an affiliated company that can provide these services, you're in luck – the new tax will not apply. But for the majority of companies, especially small and midsize businesses that have to hire the work out, you'll be paying the tax.

These are investments that often are part and parcel of growing businesses and creating jobs. These are decisions that may have been automatic in the past but now will likely prompt businesses to pause.

Minnesota is among the few states that taxes these B2B services. The impact, without a doubt, will be significant as affected companies will be placed at an extreme disadvantage with their peers in other states and nations. Consumers will pay the price through higher costs for goods and services; employees will feel the impact through lower wages and lost jobs. These taxes will harm Minnesota businesses and Minnesota's economy.

The Minnesota Chamber is mounting an aggressive campaign to repeal these taxes. Please join our effort by contacting Jennifer Byers, vice president of grassroots and chamber relations, at 651.292.4673 or jbyers@mnchamber.com. It's critical to strengthening the business environment and improving the lives of all Minnesotans.

David C. Olson is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce – www.mnchamber.com.

Ambassador Visits

SPOKES Bike & Ice Cream Shop

Owners: Justin Ratzlaff / Bikes & Michele Ratzlaff / Ice Cream

8850 Glacier Road St. Bonifacius

952-446-1666

www.spokesmn.com

Justin@spokesmn.com

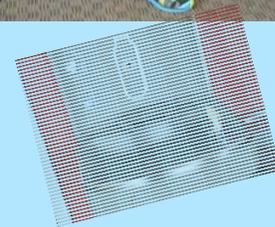
Hours: **Ice Cream** Mon - Sat 11a-9p Sun till 8

Bikes: Mon 10-6, Tue closed, Wed 10a-8p,
Thur & Fri 10a-6p Sat & Sun 9a-5p

This awesome combo shop opened in July 2012 and are now enjoying serving all kinds of bicyclists! Justin has all kinds of bikes and accessories for sale and does a great job with repair and tune ups! You'll also love their ice cream!



The Ambassadors give SPOKES their first dollar of clear profit.



Fill up your own water bottle from this cool water fountain!



Sunny Days Therapy, Inc

Owner: Kelly Peters

1309 Oak Avenue, Suite 205

952-223-2506

Hours: M-F 7am-6pm and by appointment to fit your schedule.

Kelly@sunnydaystherapy.com

Www.SunnyDaysTherapy.com

Specializing in Pediatric Occupational Therapy from birth to young adults, Kelly and her team work with the following: fine & gross motor skills, self help skills and sensory/motor skills, anything a kid would do during the day. They are also adding speech therapy in the fall. Kelly started by working mainly with kids who have autism, but now works with a number of issues that kids have. They would be happy to meet with any parent and just work on the specific needs of their family. They are flexible with scheduling and working with families. They also have some video modeling that has worked very well for kids.

Kelly holding her first dollar of clear profit with the Ambassadors for Sunny Days Therapy.

Kelly has been in business for 9 years and this is her 4th clinic. We welcome her to Waconia!

Ribbon Cutting!

The Consignment Shop

Welcome to Waconia, owners Julie Wiborg and Barb Sinnen



25 South Olive Waconia
Open Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment on Mondays. Grand Opening on Saturday, June 29th!

Member News & Happenings

Musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra @ Sovereign Estate Winery-July 6 8:00pm

An evening of chamber music with Musicians of the Minnesota Orchestra! Benefit Concert - All are welcome! \$20 per person suggested minimum donation collected at the door. Music in the Pavilion Tent. Music starts at 8pm.

PRE-CONCERT DINNER PACKAGE: 6:30 - 7:45 pm catered by Sovereign Estate \$40 per person pre-paid (Does NOT include suggested donation.) Reservations **REQUIRED** for dinner seating. For more information & to order tickets, visit www.sovereignestatewine.com Sovereign Estate Winery-9950 North Shore Road, Waconia



Memorial Blood Center Blood Drive @ St Joseph's-Tuesday, July 10 Noon-7:00pm

Present to donate and enter to win a Polaris ATV! And get a free "Fishing for donors" t-shirt.

As always, blood donations to Memorial Blood Centers support Ridgeview Medical Center. For an appointment, call Beth at 952-913-6624 go to www.mbc.org/searchdrives. Walk-ins welcome. St Joseph's Church 41 East 2nd Street, Waconia



Sidewalk Sales-July 11-13



Selling the sizzle of Summer! Join the shops of Waconia as they roll out their wares for an old fashioned weekend of sidewalk sales.

Participating shops-At the Farm, BIG Athletics, Clearwater Clothing, Curly Willow, Jim Gilbert's Wild Bird Store, Laketown Chocolates, Mocha Monkey, Real Deals on Home Décor, The Stash

ArtStock @ Parley Lake Winery-Saturday, July 13 1:00-7pm



The Arts Consortium of Carver County invites you to a unique afternoon of arts experience...relax with friends and family as you listen to music, enjoy nature and view art in this open-air gallery! Purchase art from a variety of local artists and vendors, tour the winery or stroll the vineyard, experience fine local wine along with food and dessert and listen to live music. For more info visit www.parleylakewinery.com

Parley Lake Winery-8350 Parley Lake Road, Waconia

10th Annual Rib Fest at Mackenthun's-Saturday, July 20 10:00am-4:00pm



Bring your whole family for a fun & entertaining day with delicious food and great entertainment!

Traveled Ground will be playing live 11am-3pm, Dunk Tank to raise money for Relay for Life and the fight against cancer, Fun for Kids-bounce house, pony rides (11-1 courtesy of the Waconia Rodeo), Gizmo McCracken the clown, local food demos and Miss Rodeo 11-3.

Of course, the Mack Shack will be open with awesome BBQ! (If you still want to enter your ribs in the contest, see the service counter for details.) Mackenthun's Fine Foods-851 Marketplace Drive, Waconia www.mackenthuns.com



4th Annual All Ford Classic Car Show-Sunday, July 14, 2013 10:00-3:00

If you have a classic Ford you'd like to show off (or just appreciate classic cars), mark your calendar for this event! Pre-registration \$7 (\$10 at gate). Registration 10am-Noon show day. Trophy Awards to include Owners Choice and Directors

Choice, eleven awards in all and door prizes! Vendor booths and sales on grounds. Live music (Jenn Bostic & Traveled Ground) and food available. Call Mike Keaveny or David Gohl at 952-442-4411 or 1-800-776-6193 with questions. Waconia Ford-235 Highway 5, Waconia





“Lucky Number 7”
Chamber After Hours
Monday, July 15, 2013
4:00-7:00PM

Island View Dining

8895 Laketown Parkway, Waconia

\$25 Members

includes heavy appetizers, beverage, tax & gratuity

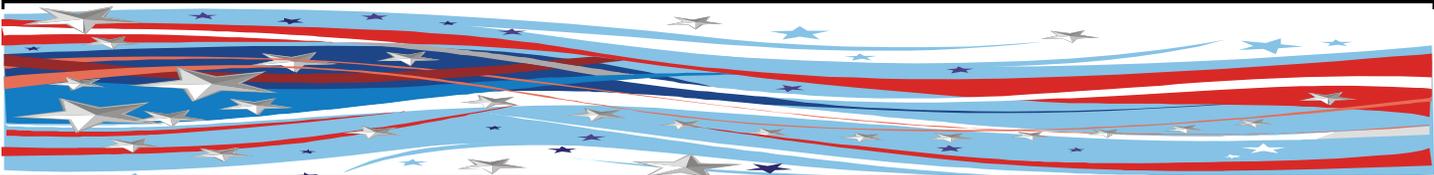
Topic: Fun!!

There will be no Member Luncheon in July so join us for an informal evening of socializing and networking

~ Silent Auction too!

“Vegas” not required, but encouraged...

Please RSVP by **Friday, July 12th***
cgesinger@destinationwaconia.org or 952-442-5812



Chamber Calendar-July 2013

- 4 Lake Waconia Fireworks Festival at dusk
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting 11:45 - 1pm Maple Conference Room
- 11 Retail Committee Meeting 8:00 am Maple Conference Room
- 15 Lucky Number 7-Medallion Cabinetry presents the 7th Annual Waconia Open Golf Event
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