



CHAMBER NEWS

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ESCAPE TO THE ISLANDS

MARCH 2ND IN WACONIA



10a to 5p
ARTSY MARKET
at
Waconia Farm
Supply-Garden
Center

11a
**"COOKING
UNDER
PRESSURE"**
at
Green Olive
Catering

2p
**MIXOLOGY
CLASS**
at
Hopper's
Bar & Grill

DestinationWaconia.org



Clearwater Clothing
Curly Willow Floral
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Green Olive Catering
Ground Round Bar & Grill
Hopper's Bar & Grill

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Real Deals on Home Décor

The Stash of Waconia
Waconia Farm Supply
Waconia Lanes & Pub
Waconia Trading Company
Yetzer's Home Furnishings
and Floorcoverings

Coffee Connection-March 7 from 7:30-9:00AM @ Waconia Patriot

People like to do business with people they know...Join us before you hit the road for spring break!

PLUS-DOOR PRIZE-win \$100 ad credit in the Waconia Patriot!!

FREE! Coffee, morning snack & business connections! Waconia Patriot-8 South Elm St, Waconia



Welcome New Members!

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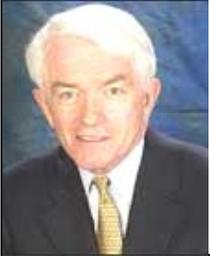
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The Fourth Branch of Government

By Thomas J. Donohue
President and CEO
U.S. Chamber of Commerce



A powerful, unelected, and often unaccountable fourth branch of government is driving much of the policy that impacts the way we run our businesses and lead our lives. Federal regulators are churning out about 4,000 regulations a year—including a rising number of massive, costly rules. Systemic overregulation breeds uncertainty, drives up costs, stifles hiring and investment, and threatens our competitive edge in a global economy.

A major indicator of overregulation is the rise in “economically significant” rules—those bearing a price tag of \$100 million or more. In 2003, the number of economically significant rules was 127. That number has been steadily increasing since 2007. In 2012, a whopping 224 of these major regulations were in the pipeline.

There is also a troubling lack of transparency and public engagement. Federal law requires every president to release his regulatory plans twice a year so that individuals and businesses have a chance to plan for—or object to—regulations before they take effect.

After skipping both the spring and fall deadlines in 2012, the administration quietly published its regulatory agenda just days before the end of the year. And it confirmed what we already suspected: A second term will bring a slew of costly new regulations, covering everything from power plant emissions to health care standards.

Once the regulations are out in the open, there isn’t always a chance for the public to offer input. The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office found that about 35% of major regulations are issued without a public comment period. In most of those cases, the regulators simply decided that there was “good cause” to issue the rule without public input. In too many other instances, public comment periods have been too short to digest lengthy and complex rules, analyze their impact, and offer thoughtful responses.

What’s to be done? We need to reform the entire system to restore transparency and accountability and to ensure that the benefits of rules outweigh the costs. In the meantime, we’ll continue to work with the regulators to improve rules when we can and with Congress to reform or repeal bad regulations.

And if it comes to it, we’ll sue. In support of one of its members, the Noel Canning Corporation, the Chamber briefed, argued, and won a constitutional challenge last week to three recess appointments to the National Labor Relations Board.

The Chamber will continue to use every tool at its disposal to keep the fourth branch of government at bay—and to protect America’s job creators from the costs and uncertainty of a regulatory regime run amok.

NOTE FROM KELLIE:

I’ve included this piece from Tom Donohue, US Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to keep you informed about Federal Issues. There are so many things to think about during the day, it’s good that the US Chamber is working on this issue—which pertains to all of our businesses in one way or another. There are good regulations that have been put into place, which no one argues with, but excessive regulation comes at a price. If you have a particular concern that pertains to your business in regards to legislative issues, please let me know!



**Tell the Governor on March 13:
You can't be pro-jobs and anti-business!**

MINNESOTA
CHAMBER of
COMMERCE

Gov. Mark Dayton's proposed budget has put Minnesota in the national headlines, and that's not good. He proposes huge increases in taxes and spending with little reform in either. Policy-makers across the nation are seizing the opportunity to make a pitch to Minnesota businesses.

Rep. Erik Severson, a Duluth native now serving in the Wisconsin Legislature, fired one of the first salvos with a press release inviting companies to cross the border. Many may scoff at his open letter to Minnesota businesses, calling it premature and nothing more than a publicity stunt. But the underlying message cannot be lost: Minnesota can expect more serious efforts to lure businesses away if the governor's anti-jobs measures are passed.

Rest assured, many are watching closely to see what happens.

From a Wall Street Journal editorial: "Washington may be a tax reform wasteland, but out in the states the action is hot and heavy. ... This state reform trend is a rare bright spot in the current high-tax era, and it will further sharpen the contrast in economic policies between GOP reform Governors and the union-dominated high-tax models of California, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts and now Minnesota, where Governor Mark Dayton proposed a huge tax hike. Let the policy competition begin."

From Fox News: "A Florida Republican congressman is welcoming to his home state Minnesota residents who migrate south to escape the Midwest's notoriously cold, harsh winters -- now that their governor is trying to impose a so-called snowbird tax on them. 'Dear Governor Mark Dayton,' Rep. Trey Radel wrote. '... As a Floridian, I am overjoyed to hear about your plan to raise taxes on Minnesotans, most especially the so-called snowbirds. Your proposal gives us a chance to shine here in the Sunshine State.'"

In fact, I was personally approached by Florida Gov. Rick Scott during a meeting with my colleagues from around the country. He told me matter-of-factly, "I hope Governor Dayton's menu of tax increases passes."

A day doesn't pass that business owners don't share their alarm over the governor's measures. We hear your concerns loud and clear and are working full-time to underscore your priorities with policy-makers.

There is no substitute, however, for business owners and managers bringing your message directly to those who make the decisions that impact your daily operations. We make it easy on March 13 at our 20th annual Business Day at the Capitol. The governor will be on hand to address the luncheon and field questions; then we'll transport you to the Capitol for prearranged visits with your legislators. Scott Wine, chairman and CEO of Polaris Industries, will deliver the keynote address.

Please join us for what traditionally is the largest business lobbying day at the Capitol. A record-breaking attendance is more important than ever this year.

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

Ambassador Visits



Matt Woelfel accepting his 1st Dollar of clear profit from the Ambassadors!

The Ground Round Grill and Bar

Owner: Matt Woelfel

952-442-1985 mwoelfel@mchsi.com

www.groundround.com

Hours: 11am—midnite every day

520 Cherry Drive Waconia, MN

Check out this great addition to our restaurant community! They have a big menu which includes a to-go menu and you can order right from their facebook page. Welcome Matt!

McDonalds of Waconia

Amanda Bartz—Manager

borgco@aol.com

952-442-1901

www.mcmnnesota.com/23042

Hours: 5am to 1am

WOW! If you haven't already, make plans to eat at McDonald's and check out their new facelift! Well done and congratulations to Amanda and her team!!



Awesome new area for kids and parents, as well as new tv's in the main restaurant!



Steve Battis with the 1st Dollar of clear profit for Team Battis! Inset picture is Steve and Amy Battis. Welcome to the Chamber!

Amy & Steve Battis: Team Battis—Lakes Area Realty

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This energetic team is excited to be in the real estate business in Waconia. Steve used to be a home builder and is well qualified to be in this business. Amy is in the title business, so they offer the total package. Give them a call if you're buying or selling!

Member News & Happenings

BLOW OUT SALE -March 1-2 10a-5p @ Waconia Farm Supply

In the Greenhouse side of the Garden Center **75% Plus Savings!**

Waconia Farm Supply-801 S Hwy 284, Waconia www.waconiafarm.com



Business, Home & Family EXPO-Saturday, April 6 9:00-4:00

BOOTH SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!

This EXPO will be one of our best EVER! We have great speakers, demos and presentations planned. This is an excellent way to showcase your business to the Waconia Community.

DOWNLOAD A FORM at DestinationWaconia.org AND RETURN BY MARCH 18TH!



Memorial Blood Drive –Monday, March 11 Noon-7PM @ Faith Lutheran Church

This blood drive is held by Chamber member, Memorial Blood Center, will support Chamber member, Ridgeview Medical Center, and will be hosted at Chamber member, Faith Lutheran Church. Donating blood only takes about an hour. 1 in 3 people will need blood I their lifetime. What a great way for our community to come together for the good of others!

Bonus-present to donate in March and be entered to win a 4 pack of tickets to a Minnesota Timberwolves game in April! (Suite seating with appetizers & non-alcoholic beverages provided.) 952-913-6624 or memorialbloodwaconia@gmail.com to schedule an appointment-walk ins only if slots are available.



LIVE baby bunnies at Taylor Hubbard Photography Mar 15-16

Make your appointment now for your keepsake photos! Orders guaranteed by Easter. Plus refer a new client & get \$10 off your setting fee.

Call 952-442-2711

Taylor Hubbard Photography-44 West First Street, Waconia www.taylorhubbardphoto.com



Ridgeview Friends & Family Come Together Event-Saturday, March 23 9am-Noon

Join Ridgeview Foundation, Ridgeview Medical Center, Safari Island and more than 35 other community organizations for a FREE, interactive healthy living event that promotes the health, wellness and safety of the entire community.

Enjoy a wide range of activities and presentations designed for children and adults of ALL ages, including health screenings, community and personal health and safety information and much more!

Safari Island Community Center, 1600 Community Drive, Waconia. This is a free event and advanced registration is not required.

For more information, call Ridgeview Foundation at 952-442-6010 or visit www.ridgeviewfoundation.org



13th Annual Dollars for Scholars Campaign underway!

District #110 Dollars for Scholars program awards scholarships to Waconia High School graduating seniors to assist with tuition at a post secondary education institution or costs associated with military enlistment. All money raised will be distributed through scholarships to 2013 graduating seniors. Last year almost \$10,000 was raised for 22 scholarships and this year, with your support, they hope to be more generous.

For your convenience, you may now donate directly online. Visit www.district110foundation.org to make your tax-deductible donation. **Donations are requested by March 24** to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded in May.

Monthly Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, March 28, 2012

11:45am Registration Begins

Program: Noon -1:00PM

Location: Island View Dining

Address: 7795 Laketown Parkway



Guest Speaker: Congresswoman Michele Bachmann

Representative Bachmann will provide us with a Federal legislative update. Don't miss it!

\$25 per member, \$30 for non-members RSVP Required!

Walk-ins will not be guaranteed.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 25

cgesinger@destinationwaconia.org or 952-442-5812



Chamber Calendar-March 2013

- 2 Escape to the Islands-*Discover treasures all over Waconia! Shop-Dine-Play!* 9am to 5pm
- 7 Coffee Connection-Waconia Patriot 8 South Elm 7:30-9:00am Enter to win \$100 ad credit!
- 12 WYP Meeting (Waconia Young Professionals)-5:30pm @ Elite Nutrition-36 West Main St ~ Bring your business cards!
- 13 Chamber Board Meeting - Representing Waconia at Business Day at the Capitol
- 14 Retail Committee Meeting-Maple Conference Room 8:00-9:30am
- 20 Tourism Meeting 9am AmericInn of Waconia
- 21 Ambassador Meeting Chamber Office Time 8:45 am
- 28 Chamber Luncheon at Island View 11:45-1:00 Congresswoman Michele Bachmann