

SAUK RAPIDS CHAMBER MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009  
LOCATION: G & J AWNING  
SPONSOR: G & J AWNING

First time guests/ attendees welcomed and permanent name badge recipients were presented with their name badges by Roxanne Ryan, Chamber vice chair.

Introductions

2 Minute Business Spotlight:-- Kristine Sylvester with Continental Press

**Sponsor Presentation:** G & J Awning. Tom Steinkoff conducted the presentation.

G&J Awning and Canvas, Inc. is the largest canvas awning manufacturer in the state of Minnesota. With two locations, G&J Awning is able to serve all of its customers in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest. Canvas awnings, shade solutions for your home, illuminated awnings, business signage, canopies, retractable awnings, weather protection, corporate identity, and more.

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**Speaker Presentation:** Heddy Tripp- Create CommUnity; Conversations on race: Economic Opportunities.

3 Focus Areas:

1. Educational Attainment
2. Access to Housing
3. Access to Healthcare

**Membership Update:** Wendy Franzwa

6 new members this year resulting from Chamber member referrals.

**Chamber Update:** Gail Ivers

- Chamber launched new website.
- Stay Local campaign running March- beginning of May
- C & L Distributing providing Stay Local window clings.

**Citizen of the Year update:** Duane Grandy

For more information about the Sauk Rapids Chamber, to learn how to host a meeting or offer speaker or meeting suggestions, please contact: Amanda Carlson, Good Shepherd Community-

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**HOST: SAUK RAPIDS/ RICE SCHOOL DISTRICT 47 AND WACOSA**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> 11:45 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
SAUK RAPIDS/ RICE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM