

Members Say

“At Infinite Eye Care, we love our downtown Sauk Rapids location. When we attend our local chamber meetings, we are proud to call the local business members our friends. Learning from them what has worked for their business and sharing advice of what has worked for ours has been a very valued tool. We also appreciate the updates of the local school and city planning presentations which keep us on top of local happenings.”

- Dr. Tom Johnson
Infinite Eye Care

“The Sauk Rapids Chamber is a wonderful way to stay tuned into what’s happening in the business community. It is a great benefit of membership in the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce and features City, School and Chamber updates, host and speaker presentations and an opportunity to network with many local business members. Attending the meetings is an important part of my marketing plan and helps to create awareness of Good Shepherd’s programs and services.”

- Jodi Speicher
The Good Shepherd Community

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one business at a time | *Winter*

Our Mission

The Sauk Rapids Chamber promotes a healthy business environment in the community of Sauk Rapids, working in cooperation with member businesses, local government, the public school system, and other community organizations.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Sauk Rapids Chamber are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, December and July. The meetings are sponsored by local businesses and are hosted at the sponsoring business' facility or another location such as the Sauk Rapids City Hall, C & L Distributing, or Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Community Room. All Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud Area Chamber members and their guests are invited to attend the monthly meetings. Registration is easy at www.SaukRapidsChamber.com.

Who Can Be A Host?

The opportunity to host a Sauk Rapids Chamber meeting is reserved for Chamber members only. The business sponsor provides lunch for the meeting participants and is encouraged to send an invitation to area businesses for the meeting. The Chamber provides the hosting business with mailing labels. Hosts receive the following publicity:

- A 15-minute presentation at the meeting
- An announcement in Chamber media, such as *Business Central Magazine*, *Bottom Line*, or *Chamber Edge*
- News releases mailed to local media

Sauk Rapids Chamber After Hours

Interested in a little "after hours" networking? Host a Sauk Rapids Chamber After Hours and bring 50-70 business representatives to your company for refreshments, tours and networking. For details contact Sheila Tepley at Lamar Advertising, 253-3000 or stepley@lamar.com or Gail Ivers at 251-2940, ext. 109 or givers@StCloudAreaChamber.com.

Sauk Rapids Citizen of the Year

This annual award recognizes outstanding community service. It is made possible through the generous support of local civic organizations and businesses, the City of Sauk Rapids, Sauk Rapids-Rice Schools, and the Sauk Rapids Chamber.

Citizen of the Year Award Past Recipients

2011	Dick and Doris Busse
2010	Annette Jesh
2009	Mike Lehnen
2008	Phil Pederson
2007	Marla Elness
2006	William "Bill" Bard
2005	Duane Grandy
2004	Greg Vandal
2003	Terry Sylvester
2002	Lisa Braun
2001	John Benoit
2000	Steve Ellefson, Jr.
1999	Connie Driscoll
1998	Harold Jesh
1997	Thomas Braun
1996	Pat Burski
1995	Mara Jahnke
1994	Art Daniels
1993	Doug Madson
1992	Erv Blattner
1991	Rich Gronau
1990	Jule Machula



Meetings & Events Schedule

All meetings are held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Meetings start promptly at 11:45 with introductions, with registration at 11:30.

- Jan 26** **Host: Bank Vista**
@ The Good Shepherd Community,
325 11th St North, Sauk Rapids
Speaker: Julia Krengel, Rejuv Medical
Topic: Post Holiday Plan: Realistic Health Goals and Nutrition Tips
- Feb 23** **Host: Liquid Assets/Westside Learning & Events Center**
@ The Good Shepherd Community,
325 11th St North, Sauk Rapids
Speaker: Lisa Braun, RSVP
Topic: CERT: Community Emergency Response Team
- March 22** **Host: PineCone Vision Center**
@ The Good Shepherd Community,
325 11th St North, Sauk Rapids
Speaker: Brent Fair, CB Drug & Gang Task Force
- April 26** **Citizen of the Year**
@ Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School Community Room, 901 1st St S
- May 24** **Host: Gaslight Creative**
@ The Good Shepherd Community
325 11th St North, Sauk Rapids
- June 28** **Host: Falcon National Bank**

For more details about Sauk Rapids Chamber events, visit www.SaukRapidsChamber.com or call (320) 251-2940.