

Members Say

“Active involvement in the Chamber not only gives our company visibility in the local business community, but also promotes professional growth through hundreds of personal connections. People prefer doing business with others they know and come to trust. The Chamber offers this unique and vitally important opportunity!”

- Jason Krueger
Closet Logic

“I find value in my involvement with the Sauk Rapids Chamber because it provides some wonderful avenues to stay connected with other business people in the community. I’ve gotten to know a lot of great people and thanks to the monthly meetings and networking opportunities, I feel like I am in touch with the ever-changing local business environment.

- Kent Gustafson
HIR Companies, LLC

“Involvement in the Sauk Rapids Chamber has given me the opportunity to network with other business owners and professionals who share a vested interest in our community and has offered me regular updates on projects and progress in our city. The passion and unselfish involvement of members to make a positive difference in our community has been truly inspiring!”

- Kathryn Hoffman
Erickson, Hoffman, Beste & Associates

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Building our community | **2010**
one business at a time

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 Roxanne Ryan at WACOSA, 257-5192 or rryan@wacosa.org 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

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
1989	Dan Coborn
1988	LuVerne Neils



2010 Meetings & Events Schedule

All meetings are held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. unless indicated otherwise.

January 28, 2010 **Sponsor: Habitat for Humanity**
@ C & L Distributing, 1020 Industrial Dr South, Sauk Rapids
Program: Keeping Your Business Safe
Speaker: Perry Beise, Sauk Rapids Police Chief

February 25 **Sponsors: ADvanced Media & RetroFoam of Central MN**
@ C & L Distributing, 1020 Industrial Dr South, Sauk Rapids
Program: Emergency Chaplain Services

March 25 **Sponsor: GrandStay Residential Suites**
@ Sauk Rapids/Rice High School Community Room, Door 6, 1835 Osauka Rd NE, Sauk Rapids
Program: How To Turn Customer Feedback Into Actionable Items
Speaker: Tara Tollefson, The Buzz Company

April 22 **Citizen of the Year 2010**
@ Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School Community Room, 901 South 1st Street

May 27 **Sponsor: Ron's Cabinets**
@ 380 Industrial Blvd E, Sauk Rapids
Program: Economic Impact of Tourism and Arrival of the Blue Angels
Speaker: Julie Lunning, Convention & Visitors Bureau

June 24 **Sponsor: 360 Chiropractic**
@ C & L Distributing, 1020 Industrial Dr South, Sauk Rapids
Program: Social Media for Business

July **No Meeting**

August 26 **2-Minute Member Showcase**
@ C & L Distributing, 1020 Industrial Dr South, Sauk Rapids

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