

MEMBERSHIP Matters

A newsletter for businesses that have joined the chamber in the last 12 months

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July - August - September

Welcome to our newest members! *Joined between April 1 - June 30.*

Welcome to the Chamber! We're excited to get to know your employees and help you reach your personal and professional goals. Each Membership Matters newsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date on trainings, special events and ways to benefit from your Chamber membership.

- Blockchain Investments
- Boot Barn
- Christianson's Business Furniture
- Crandall - Helpdesk
- Crew Carwash
- Dennis Smith Training
- INDY Foundation
- Mobility Works
- Momentum Partners
- Nice Axe/Granite City Jump
- Nick Novak Homes @ NRG Realty
- Packers Sanitation Service
- RM BBQ Beast
- Superior Liquidation
- Sylvan Learning Center
- United States Axe
- White Horse

Showcased Special Event:



Chamber Open Golf Tournament
August 9, 2021

Your membership works for you, even when you can't get out of the office.

Armchair benefits: Benefits that work on your behalf when you're in the office. Chamber members can utilize both our website and Facebook page to promote their company, services and products, and job openings.

[View a full list of member benefits here.](#)



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IN DETAIL: Networking Opportunities

Networking grows your employees, company, partnerships and personal relationships. The Chamber offers a wide variety of networking opportunities to fit every busy professional's schedule.

Here are some of our most popular programs:

Chamber Connection: Every Friday morning from 7:30 to 9 a.m., 75 - 150+ Chamber members and guests gather at a different location around town for an organized and high-energy networking experience. Each event features a host presentation, breakfast, individual introductions, announcements, testimonials, plenty of coffee and more—all for the low entry fee of \$1 and a business card!

Business After Hours: No RSVP is needed to attend this event; show up as your schedule allows between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.! Each event is held at a different host location and is free to attend. With no scheduled agenda, attendees have a great opportunity to meet the host employees, learn about their company, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and network with 50 - 100+ other business professionals.

Star Celebration: A night dedicated to celebrating our out-going volunteer committee chairs and board members—the leaders behind many of our Chamber events and programs! Join us the first week of October for a fun, relaxed social event with a short program, awards ceremony, networking, grand hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

View the full list of [networking opportunities online!](#)

Opportunities for you: COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS.

Much of our Chamber programming is led, coordinated and directed by volunteer committee members. This is a great way to get involved in events that support your interests and the community. Commitments range from 6 months to 3 years. The Chamber features 18 committees, all waiting to meet you!

Learn more about our committees:

- [Volunteer Leadership Yearbook](#)
- [A guide to volunteering with the Chamber](#)
- [View the online volunteer webpage](#)

We're here to answer your questions!



[Meet our 5-Star Chamber staff](#)

July - August - September 2021 Events

JULY

- [Every Friday morning - Chamber Connection \(hosts vary weekly\)](#)
- [21 - Waite Park Chamber meeting](#)
- [22 - Sauk Rapids Chamber meeting](#)
- [27 - Business After Hours at Kensington Bank](#)
- [28 - Food for Thought: Lunchtime Conversation Series](#)

AUGUST

- [Every Friday morning - Chamber Connection \(hosts vary weekly\)](#)
- [2 - Registration closes for the 2021/22 Major Employers Forum program](#)
- [2 - Registration closes for the 2021/22 Executive Dialogue Group program](#)
- [9 - Chamber Open 75th annual golf tournament at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club](#)
- [10 - NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders Visitors' Day \(all are invited!\)](#)
- [19 - Business After Hours at Finken](#)
- [25 - Food for Thought: Lunchtime Conversation Series](#)
- [18 - Waite Park Chamber meeting](#)
- [26 - Sauk Rapids Chamber meeting](#)
- [27 - Chamber Connection Gavel Change](#)
 - 7:30 - 9 a.m. at the Best Western Kelly Inn
 - Honoring Chair Jason Miller, Premier Real Estate Services

SEPTEMBER

- [Every Friday morning - Chamber Connection \(hosts vary weekly\)](#)
- [8 - Lunchtime Learning \(fall program kicks off\)](#)
- [15 - Waite Park Chamber meeting](#)
- [23 - Sauk Rapids Chamber meeting](#)
- [29 - Food for Thought: Lunchtime Conversation Series](#)

Featured Contact Information:

Highlighted Training & Program

[Programs for Business Owners & Executives](#)



Each Chamber program and committee has a staff liaison.
[View our staff contact list online!](#)

Engage with other business leaders, owners and executives in the St. Cloud Area.

Whether you are seeking a relaxed networking opportunity or private, open and frank small group discussion, the Chamber has an option to fit you and your growing business needs!

NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders

NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders fosters professional and personal development for upcoming leaders in Central Minnesota with networking opportunities and informative presentations. If you are an emerging leader and want to grow in a fun, welcoming and challenging environment, then NEXT may be right for you!

Fall Lunchtime Learning Program

You're a busy professional but you still want to keep growing. Join us for a quick one-hour educational Lunchtime Learning class! For \$20, meet us the second Wednesday of September and the first Wednesday of October - June from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Chamber office for lunch and a presentation. Topics change monthly.



What does a 5-Star Accreditation mean, and why does it matter?

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