



## 2019-2020 Volunteer Yearbook

The *2019-2020 Volunteer Yearbook* serves as a resource for our Chamber members and volunteers.

If you are interested in learning more about any of our committees, please feel free to contact the committee chair or vice chair (contact information is included here) or the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce office at 251-2940.

To the best of our knowledge the information in this yearbook is accurate as of September 1, 2019.  
If you find errors please email Kelti Lorence at [KLorence@StCloudAreaChamber.com](mailto:KLorence@StCloudAreaChamber.com)  
so we may correct our records.

# **St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Divisions and Committees**

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# St. Cloud Area Chamber Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Chamber office.



**Jason Hallonquist, AIS Planning**

*chairperson, Board of Directors*

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Active in the Chamber: 16 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** St. Cloud Area Leadership Program chair, vice chair and day chair; NEXT-Emerging Leaders chair; Board of Directors; Business Education Network (BEN) committee

“I love to feel connected within the community. Volunteering also allows opportunities for personal growth through my engagement.”

AIS Planning serves motivated households that value an unbiased, independent approach to holistic wealth management and financial planning services, for the benefit of themselves and those they care about. We also serve business owners that genuinely care about their employee's financial well-being.



**Ron Brandenburg, Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A.**

*Vice-chairperson, Board of Directors*

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Active in the Chamber: 7 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Business Awards Selection Committee, Board of Directors

“I love that volunteering with the Chamber allows me to meet so many talented and interesting business people in St. Cloud that I may not have met otherwise!”

Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A. provides business, commercial & non-profit employment law for employers, wills, trusts, probate & estate planning, real estate, taxation, workers' compensation defense, family law, insurance defense, and personal injury defense.



“Involvement in the St Cloud Area Chamber gives me the opportunity to meet new people and learn about the value they bring to their business and our community.”

**Marilyn Birkland, LocaliQ**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 16 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Marketing Committee chair and vice chair; Chamber Open Committee; Board of Directors

LocaliQ is part of the USA Today Network providing a strong local presence backed by the strength and experience of the USA Today Network nationally. LocaliQ represents the marketing arm, simplifying marketing for businesses. In addition to our content both in the St. Cloud Times and sctimes.com, we also publish several targeted magazines. We offer complete digital media marketing services including web development, search engine marketing, e-mail blasts, social media and more.



“I enjoy volunteering for the Chamber because it keeps me and my business in the loop of what is happening in our Chamber and city as a whole.”

**Chriss Wohlleber, Courtyard by Marriott – St. Cloud**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 20 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** CVB Membership chair, Advisory Board, Hospitality Division; Board of Directors chair

The Courtyard by Marriott – St. Cloud is a full-service hotel with banquet and restaurant facilities. Whether traveling for business or fun, Courtyard by Marriott makes all of your travels successful by providing exactly what you need: spacious, thoughtful guest rooms, a hot breakfast buffet and services that help you be more productive and comfortable.



“I look forward to connecting with innovative business professionals through volunteering with the Chamber, that I might not meet any other way.”

**Joe Hellie, St. Cloud Hospital/CentraCare Health**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 2019/2020 will be my first year!

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

The St. Cloud Hospital is a medical center providing a complete continuum of care and medical staff representing all major specialties. St. Cloud Hospital has been honored with Magnet status for nursing excellence, as a Top 100 hospital eight times, and as one of U. S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals. The CentraCare Health Foundation engages the philanthropic community to improve health and health care.



“I love everything about volunteering for the Chamber!”

**Christy Gilleland, Gilleland Chevrolet Cadillac Inc.**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 23 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

Gilleland is a Chevrolet, Cadillac dealership selling new Chevrolet and Cadillacs as well as makes and models of pre-owned cars and trucks. Gilleland also provides complete service, a collision center, and parts facility, servicing all makes and models.



“Volunteering gives me the opportunity to meet new people and contribute to the growth of the Chamber.”

**Tanja Goering, PAM’s Auto, Inc.**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 7 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Business Development Council chair and vice chair; Government Affairs Advisory Committee, chair and vice chair, “Unite for Success” Scholarship selection committee; St. Cloud Area Leadership, anniversary committee; Top Hat Committee members; 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee; Board of Directors

PAM’s Auto is a late model auto recycler, processing vehicles which have been considered a total loss through an insurance claim. Their mission is to be their customer’s partner in the repair process of damaged vehicles, with the vision of positioning the company as the premier parts supplier in the greater five state markets.



“I love seeing people have the “aha-ha!” moment when they make a connection with another person or understand something new that will make their life better!”

**Patrick Hollermann, IntelCONNECT, Inc.**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 7 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** St. Cloud Area Leadership Program vice chair and day chair; Top Hatters; Chamber Board of Directors

IntelCONNECT, Inc. is a telecommunications consulting firm working with businesses on their local, long distance, wireless, internet and cable TV services to find the best companies to represent their needs.



“The Chamber provides great networking and community connections.”

**Dennis Host, Coborn’s Inc.**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

Coborn’s, Inc. is a thriving employee-owned company featuring 120+ retail locations, including 50 grocery stores throughout the Midwest. We employ over 8,000 employees, representing five generations of Coborn family leadership.



**Willie Jett, St. Cloud Area School District #742**

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Active in the Chamber: 3 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

The mission of St. Cloud Area School District 742 is to create a safe and caring climate and culture in which we prepare, engage, educate, empower and inspire all learners in partnership with their surrounding community to be successful in today's and tomorrow's society.



“The Chamber offers many networking opportunities and lets me meet new people.”

**Kevin Johnson, K. Johnson Construction**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 22 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors, Business Education Network (BEN) committee

K. Johnson Construction is a concrete and masonry company specializing in commercial, municipal, industrial building projects. We are currently entering our 30th year of business in the St. Cloud & surrounding area.



“The Chamber helps build strong communities.”

**Bernie Omann, St. Cloud State University**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 17 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

St. Cloud State University is one of Minnesota's largest public universities, with more than 15,400 students including more than 1,000 international students from 90 countries. This 100-acre campus along the banks of the Mississippi River was founded in 1869 and has more than 200 undergraduate programs and 60 graduate programs. The university's mission is to prepare our students for life, work and citizenship in the 21st Century. St. Cloud State's 2011 regional economic impact was \$519 million and 6,579 jobs. SCSU is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.



“Volunteering for the Chamber helps me build relationships and collaborate on issues impacting businesses.”

**Mark Osendorf, Xcel Energy**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 15 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Government Affairs Committee chair and vice chair; Board of Directors; Chamber Open Committee; St. Cloud Area Leadership Program

Our name reflects our core value – excellence in energy products and services. We are committed to customer satisfaction by continuously improving our operations to be a low-cost, reliable, environmentally sound energy provider. We have been successfully proving this to our customers for more than 130 years and will work hard to continue with this commitment in the future.



“I love the networking and new friendships made by engaging within the Chamber’s events.”

**Bernadette (Bernie) Perryman, Batteries Plus Bulbs**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 17 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Director chair, vice chair; Government Affairs committee; Top Hatters Committee

Batteries Plus Bulbs provides retail and supply of all batteries, light bulbs and smart phone and tablet repair.



“The Chamber is loaded with talented professionals whose sole purpose is to advocate for local businesses. Volunteering allows me to connect with these individuals.”

**John Bryant, Geo-Comm, Inc.**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 2 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

Geo-Comm was founded in 1995 to provide county governments with turnkey emergency 9-1-1 development services. Over the subsequent years, the company has grown to serve local, regional, statewide and military agencies in forty-nine states, helping to keep more than 100 million people safe.



“I love the sense of community and working together to make Central Minnesota stronger.”

**Allison Waggoner, DCI, Inc.**

*board member*

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Active in the Chamber: 20+ years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors

DCI, Inc., an employee owned company, has been a leader in the design, manufacturing and servicing of stainless steel/other alloy tanks/vessels since 1955. We are a proud supplier to the food, dairy, beverage, pharmaceutical, chemical and OEM industries.



## St. Cloud Area Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau markets St. Cloud as a visitor destination and encourages community improvements that benefit residents and increases the economic impact of visitors. Members of the CVB Advisory Board work in the hospitality industry and support and make marketing recommendations to the staff. This committee meets monthly at noon.



**Jill Kampa, Bernick's**  
*CVB Advisory Board chair*  
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Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Convention & Visitors Bureau advisory board member and chair

Bernick's provides quality beverage and food service solutions to retail customers in multiple communities throughout Minnesota and part of Wisconsin. Our flagship brands include Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Aquafina, Miller Lite, New England Coffee, plus many other quality brands.

## Government Affairs Division

The Chamber's Government Affairs Division develops the leadership and coordination to enhance and maintain Chamber member participation in governmental affairs. Volunteers serve as a link between local and state governments and the business community. Members carry the Chamber's policy positions to the legislature. Projects include candidate and legislative forums, Evening at the Capital, Business Day at the Capitol and pre and post legislative session updates. The committee meets the second Friday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.



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**Bernadette (Bernie) Perryman, Batteries Plus Bulbs**

*Government Affairs chair*

(320) 292-5960

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Active in the Chamber: 17 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Director chair, vice chair; Government Affairs committee; Top Hatters Committee

Batteries Plus Bulbs provides retail and supply of all batteries, light bulbs and smart phone and tablet repair.



"The Chamber helps build a stronger community that benefits all area citizens. Volunteering and getting involved not only supports our community, it also gives back great rewards personally."

**Jason Bernick, Bernick's**

*Government Affairs vice chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 15 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Government Affairs Committee chair; Top Hatters committee; St. Cloud Area Leadership Program; Executive Dialogue Group; Waite Park Chamber

Bernick's provides quality beverage and food service solutions to retail customers in multiple communities throughout Minnesota and part of Wisconsin. Our flagship brands include Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Aquafina, Miller Lite, New England Coffee, plus many other quality brands.

## Membership & Workforce Development Division

<i>B.I.G (Big Idea Group)</i>	<i>Farm Show Committee</i>
<i>Business Development Council</i>	<i>Marketing Committee</i>
<i>Business Education Network (BEN)</i>	<i>NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders</i>
<i>Chamber Connection Location Committee</i>	<i>St. Cloud Area Leadership Program</i>
<i>Chamber Open Committee</i>	<i>Star Celebration Committee</i>
<i>Diversity Council</i>	<i>Top Hatters Committee</i>



"I appreciate how I can build meaningful relationships with other businesses and community advocates through my volunteer experiences."

**Tammy Buttweiler, United Way of Central Minnesota**  
*Membership & Workforce Development Division chair*  
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Active in the Chamber: 23 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection greeter, location committee, and chair and vice chair; Top Hatters chair, vice chair, and committee member; Mem. & Workforce Dev. Division vice chair

United Way of Central Minnesota works to improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of Central Minnesota. Their focus is on education and basic needs such as homeless housing and assistance programs, child literacy programs, and quality out of school time.



"I love the whole experience of volunteering with the Chamber. It doesn't matter which committee you serve on, they are all amazing.

The friendships, the business connections, the work...it's all important and it all makes a difference. It's true that the world is run by those who show up and the more you put into Chamber, the more you get back!"

**Jodi Speicher, The Good Shepherd Community**  
*Membership & Workforce Development Division vice chair*  
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Active in the Chamber: 17 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Sauk Rapids Chamber chair, vice chair, planning committee member; Leadership chair, vice chair selection committee member; Star Celebration chair, vice chair, planning committee member; Sauk Rapids rep to Board of Directors

The Good Shepherd Community is a non-profit senior housing and health care campus with locations in Sauk Rapids and Becker.

## B.I.G. (Big Idea Group)

The Chamber's B.I.G. committee supports and enhances Chamber activities through promoting engagement with fresh and relevant event and program ideas for young professionals. This new committee plans new events, like See the City bus tours and Mystery Night Out, while also helping the Chamber re-think events like New Member Welcome and the St. Cloud Area Business Showcase!



"My favorite part of volunteering is getting energized by all the awesome volunteers and Chamber staff - it's contagious!"

**Sam Ross, Central Minnesota Council, Boy Scouts of America**

B.I.G. vice chair

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Active in the Chamber: 3 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** B.I.G. committee member; Mystery Night Out Chair, 80's Murder Mystery Dinner committee

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. For more than 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. Scouting offers programs for boys ages 6 to 18 and girls ages 14 to 18.



"Getting to know other businesses and the people behind them. There are some companies that I never knew what they did prior to meeting their employees!"

**Jenna Peterson, Playhouse Child Care Center**

B.I.G. vice chair

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Active in the Chamber: 1 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Mystery Night Out committee, 80's Murder Mystery Dinner committee

Playhouse Child Care Center is here to help prepare your child for school readiness! Established in 1991, the organizations goal is to provide quality educational care to children. As their mission states,

*"We make each day count in children's lives by providing quality care and learning opportunities to prepare each child for school readiness."*

## Business Development Council

The Business Development Council provides educational networking opportunities to Chamber members in order to assist in their success and growth. Programs include: Lunchtime Learning, Customer Service Training, Supervisor Development, and more.

The Business Development Council meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. at the Chamber office. Volunteers that have an interest in helping businesses develop their staff and have knowledge or interest in the training needs of smaller businesses are a great fit for the BDC.



“Volunteering gives me the opportunity to meet new people and contribute to the growth of the Chamber.”

### **Chad Staul, Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A.**

*Business Development Council chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 1 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Business Development Council committee member

Quinlivan & Hughers, P.A. provides business, commercial & non-profit employment law for employers, wills, trusts, probate & estate planning, real estate, taxation, workers' compensation defense, family law, insurance defense, and personal injury defense.

### **Ashley Green, Green Thumb Etc.**

*Business Development Council vice chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 2 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Business Development Council member; Star Celebration Committee member; Business Showcase Committee member; Chamber Connection Location Committee member



“I love getting to know all the different people on a personal level and grow not only my business, but the businesses of people in my circle.”

Green Thumb Etc. specializes in custom furniture upholstery by taking old pieces and breathing new life back into them, and wedding and event floral to help make your big day exactly what you imagine.

### **Business Education Network (BEN) committee**

The Business Education Network committee seeks to resolve current and future workforce shortage issues by providing educational opportunities and guidance for students and teachers, thus increasing the level of skill in the local employee pool.

Members provide ideas and create opportunities to put businesses in front of students and place students and teachers in the workplace.

This committee was formed October 2018. Members of this committee aspire to provide new opportunities in the community, such as teacher and student summer internships, students in business tours, employers in classrooms presentations, etc.



“I love to feel connected within the community. Volunteering also allows opportunities for personal growth through my engagement.”

**Jason Hallonquist, AIS Planning**  
*Business Education Network (BEN) chair*  
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Active in the Chamber: 16 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** St. Cloud Area Leadership Program chair, vice chair and day chair; NEXT-Emerging Leaders chair; Board of Directors; Business Education Network (BEN) committee

AIS Planning serves motivated households that value an unbiased, independent approach to holistic wealth management and financial planning services, for the benefit of themselves and those they care about. We also serve business owners that genuinely care about their employee's financial well-being.

## Chamber Connection Location Committee

The purpose of Chamber Connection is to provide a valuable and fun networking opportunity for all members of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, introduce non-members to the benefits/programs of the Chamber, and recruit new members to the Chamber.

Whether you are interested in being a greeter every Friday morning or working behind the scenes on the Location Committee, you're sure to meet a wide variety of new people. Meetings are every Friday morning at various locations in the St. Cloud area. The Location Committee meets monthly.



"I enjoy the Chamber members!"  
They are fun and positive, and there are tremendous personal growth opportunities. Everyone always encourages me to be my best!"

### **Donna Roerick, Advantage Chiropractic**

*Chamber Connection Location Committee chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection Location Committee

"The Advantage you need for a better life!"

Advantage Chiropractic aims to help people transform their lifestyles by applying chiropractic care, nutritional counseling and educational principles.



"Volunteering with the Chamber gives me the opportunity to promote my business, while networking with some of Central Minnesota's business and community leaders!"

### **Jason Miller, Premier Real Estate Services**

*Chamber Connection Location Committee vice chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 18 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection Location Committee, Permanent Greeter; NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders Chair and Vice chair; B.I.G. committee member

Providing top-notch real estate services since 2005, the Jason Miller Team operates with Integrity, Passion and Fun!

## Chamber Open Committee

The Chamber Open provides a fun-filled day for golfers, Chamber members, and guests, and raises operating revenue for the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's annual golf outing features one shotgun start, prizes, food, and great networking. Volunteers solicit sponsors, collect door prizes, and help the day of the Chamber Open. This committee meets monthly January - September.



“The highlight of my Chamber experience is seeing how the Chamber supports others by simply doing business locally. I also enjoy seeing how our Chamber connections can pull a group of people or funds together to help do great things within the community.”

**Brenda Eisenschenk, IntelCONNECT, Inc.**

*Chamber Open Committee chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 20 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection chair and vice chair, Waite Park Chamber chair and vice chair, Membership and Marketing Division chair and vice chair, Annual Banquet chair and vice chair, Chamber's Board of Directors, Executive Dialogue Facilitator, Marketing Committee member, Top Hat Committee vice chair and chair

IntelCONNECT, Inc. is a telecommunications consulting firm working with businesses on their local, long distance, wireless, internet and cable TV services to find the best companies to represent their needs.



## Diversity Council

The purpose of the Diversity Council of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce is to support an inclusive business community by encouraging all Chamber members to advocate, enhance and promote equity of opportunity in all of their business practices.



“I enjoy the networking, and opportunity to support other small businesses in the St. Cloud area.”

### **Jim Beck, Modern Barnyard**

*Diversity Council chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 15 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Directors; Waite Park Chamber chair; Chamber Connection Location Committee; Diversity Council vice-chair

Modern Barnyard is a repurposed, reimagined furniture, home decor and gift store. We feature distressed, repurposed, industrial, farmyard, steam punk, handmade, antique & many other types of gifts.



“Volunteering has been enjoyable for me because it has given me an opportunity to practice what I have believed in since childhood.”

*“Be the change you wish to see in the world.” - Gandhi*

### **Sangeeta Jha, St. Cloud Technical & Community College**

*Diversity Council vice chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 3 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Diversity Council member

St. Cloud Technical & Community College was founded in 1948 as the second technical college in the state. SCTCC has committed to meeting the needs of our community through its 90+ programs of study that closely match the types of jobs available in the area.

## Farm Show Committee

The Central Minnesota Farm Show Committee promotes a better understanding of agriculture and its importance in the St. Cloud area, and acts as a support group in sponsoring agriculture-related projects. Manufacturers and distributors of farm equipment and services have an opportunity to showcase their newest innovations to the agri-business community at the Central Minnesota Farm Show.

The Central Minnesota Farm show runs for three days at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center and boasts 387 booths and over 200 exhibitors. Volunteers solicit exhibitors, plan publicity, make booth assignments, and help with set up and tear down all three days of the show. The committee meets monthly, July - February.



"I enjoy the people. Volunteering allows me to make new friends while building business connections!"

**Cindy Battleson, Rapids Alterations & Repair**

*Farm Show Committee co-chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 7 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Farm Show Committee member, Sauk Rapids Chamber Executive committee

***Rapid's Alterations: "We fit you perfectly!"***

Since 1978, Rapid's Alterations has been serving generations of Central Minnesota residents. Our team has a combined experience of over 100 years, and we are dedicated to excellence in all we do. No job is too large or small, and every client is offered the same magnificent service and value that has allowed our success.



"The pay (back) is GREAT!"

**Frank Imholte, Black Diamond Auctions**

*Farm Show Committee co-chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 20+ years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Farm Show Committee member, Farm Show vice chair, Fun Location Committee

Black Diamond Auctions provides the community with opportunities to raise money through real estate, personal property, and benefit auctions. Their goal is to help you reach your goal! Consider the auction method of marketing next time you're looking to raise funds or clean out your property.

## Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee develops marketing communications strategies for the Chamber of Commerce. The committee is made up of marketing and public relations professionals from the business and education sectors of the community, and other individuals with an understanding of marketing principles.

Volunteers with a background in marketing, sales or promotion assist the Chamber staff in creating new membership programs and reviewing and promoting current activities. This committee meets the second Wednesday of the month from 8 - 9 a.m.



**Rachael Sogge, Eyecon Graphics**

*Marketing Committee chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 12 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Marketing Committee; 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

“I enjoy helping create a marketing focus for the Chamber and improving the Chamber’s brand image.”

Eyecon Graphics is a full-service advertising agency specializing in helping clients find their “Visual Voice” since 2005. We develop marketing plans that include traditional and digital media solutions to provide overall brand marketing consistency.

## NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders

NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders is a program for the *NEXT* generation of business leaders. Members meet with area business professionals and have the opportunity to enhance management skills, network, and grow in their jobs.

Participants gain professional development and networking opportunities while building important relationships with other participants and business leaders. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month over the lunch hour.



"I love meeting new business professionals and growing professional relationships into personal friendships."

### **Kalie Schuster, Leighton Enterprises**

*NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 6 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection temporary greeter; Star Celebration Committee; VIP Chair; NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders member and vice chair; Unite for Success Scholarship Committee member

Leighton Broadcasting is an interactive design and marketing company that happens to own a few radio stations as well. Our broadcast coverage includes Grand Forks, North Dakota, Detroit Lakes and St. Cloud, Minnesota.



"I really enjoy getting to know other business professionals in our community. Supporting local businesses is really important to me, so when I have that personal contact with the people that are making things happen around here, that's exciting!"

### **Zach Amundson, Coldwell Banker Burnet**

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Active in the Chamber: 1 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders member

Coldwell Banker Burnet has been achieving success for Minnesota and western Wisconsin home buyers and sellers for more than 30 years. At Coldwell Banker Burnet we are a leader in the region, offering our customers superior service by combining professional expertise and local market knowledge coupled with Coldwell Banker's® premier global brand and worldwide connections.

## St. Cloud Area Leadership

St. Cloud Area Leadership is designed to help current and emerging leaders understand the dynamics of the community and the roles leaders have in building healthy communities. This program brings together men and women of diverse backgrounds who share a common commitment to the future of the St. Cloud area.

Graduates of the St. Cloud Area Leadership Program are encouraged to be an integral part of planning this nine-month community leadership program. Volunteers can participate in interviewing and selecting candidates, or day planning and coordinating. The committee meets as needed.



“I enjoy being a part of building community leaders and working with others to make our community welcoming and successful for all!”

### **Ann Kennedy, WACOSA**

*St. Cloud Area Leadership chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 11 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Waite Park Chamber Planning Committee, Farm Show, Leadership Education Day Vice-Chair and Chair, Leadership Steering Committee, Leadership Program Vice-Chair

WACOSA provides a variety of labor needs, including assembly, collating, packaging, shrink wrapping, light janitorial and confidential document shredding. WACOSA connects people with disabilities to businesses and job opportunities that match their skills and interests.



“Volunteering with the chamber helps me build relationships and allows me to help foster the development of future community and business leaders.”

### **Paul Ravenberg, Central Minnesota Council, Boy Scouts of America**

*St. Cloud Area Leadership vice-chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 4 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** NEXT-Chamber’s Emerging Leaders vice chair & chair; St. Cloud Area Leadership Program

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. For more than 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. Scouting offers programs for boys ages 6 to 18 and girls ages 14 to 18.

## Star Celebration Committee

The Star Celebration Committee plans the annual recognition event honoring Chamber volunteers who have chaired committees throughout the year (this could be you!) Volunteers assist with planning, promotion, decorations, sponsorships, and ticket sales. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9 a.m.



“I love meeting new people and opening my network connections.”

**Kristin Hannon, Minnwest Bank**  
*Star Celebration Committee chair*  
(320) 529-4801

KristinH@MinnwestBankGroup.com

Active in the Chamber: 8 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection Location Committee; Star Celebration vice chair and member; St. Cloud Area Leadership Program vice day chair

Minnwest, a family-owned banking operation, has grown into one of Minnesota's largest banks with over \$1.5 billion in assets and 24 offices in 19 communities throughout Minnesota and South Dakota. Minnwest Bank is a preferred SBA lender and participates in State and Federal loan programs such as SBA, FSA, Rural Finance Authority and South Dakota Dept. of Agriculture. Minnwest Bank is currently Minnesota's second largest agricultural bank in farm lending.



“I've enjoyed becoming part of the large Chamber network (or family!) and continually getting more involved in our community.”

**Chase Larson, Falcon National Bank**  
*Star Celebration Committee vice-chair*  
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Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Star Celebration Committee, vice chair; B.I.G. Committee

Falcon National Bank provides financial services, personal banking, consumer loans, personal checking, personal savings, money market, CDs, IRAs, Gold Club, commercial loans, equipment leasing, business checking, business savings, and remote deposits.

## Top Hat Ambassadors

The Top Hat Ambassadors help with membership retention. Top Hat Ambassadors participate in photos with new members, current members who have expanded or relocated, current members who have had a management or ownership change, and members who are celebrating a significant anniversary. Top Hat Ambassadors also serve as good-will ambassadors at Chamber events.

Volunteers who have held leadership positions within the Chamber and are available to attend Chamber functions are asked to fill open Top Hat positions. Top Hat Ambassadors meet the second Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 a.m.



“I enjoy connecting to, and building deeper relationships with, businesses and business leaders in our community.”

**Caryn Stadther, U.S. Bank**

*Top Hat Committee chair*

(320) 259-8307

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Active in the Chamber: 7 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** VIP chair, Leadership Program Criminal Justice – day chair; Top Hat Ambassadors committee member & vice-chair

U.S. Bank provides consumer & business banking, corporate & commercial banking, payment services and wealth management & investment services. Through our “One U.S. Bank” philosophy, we are able to bring the power of the whole bank to every customer, every single day.



“I love the networking and new friendships made by engaging within the Chamber’s events.”

**Bernadette (Bernie) Perryman, Batteries Plus Bulbs**

*Top Hat Committee vice chair*

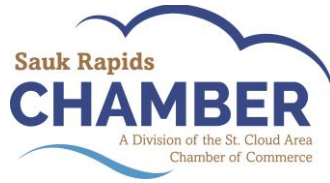
(320) 292-5960

Bernie@MNBattery.com

Active in the Chamber: 17 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Board of Director chair, vice chair; Government Affairs committee; Top Hatters Committee

Batteries Plus Bulbs provides retail and supply of all batteries, light bulbs and smart phone and tablet repair.



The Sauk Rapids Chamber, a division of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, 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.

The Sauk Rapids Chamber meets the fourth Thursday of every month. Sauk Rapids Chamber meetings are open to Chamber members and their guests who are interested in Sauk Rapids community issues and happenings.



“I love the exposure and getting to meet so many new people!”

**Berni Halaas, New Century Real Estate**

*Sauk Rapids Chamber chair*

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Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** VIP committee; Sauk Rapids Executive committee & vice-chair

Going above & beyond to make your dreams come true! With experience in construction, mortgage and interior design fields, New Century Real Estate is able to help you with the process of purchasing or selling your home.



“Involvement with the Chamber has made me feel like I belong. I have met hundreds of my peers, found new friends, learned about my community, developed personal skills, and helped out business grow.”

**Brenda Sickler, Theisen Dental**

*Sauk Rapids Chamber vice chair*

(320) 252-7806

Brenda@TheisenDental.com

Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Chamber Connection Permanent Greeter, Location committee; Star Celebration Committee; Sauk Rapids Executive Committee

Theisen Dental is a general family practice also offering implants and ClearCorrect aligners. Patient comfort and education is our top priority to help our patients make informed decisions and enjoy going to the dentist. We process most insurance plans and are happy to answer your questions.





The Waite Park Chamber, a division of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, is a place where business, education and government can come together for the betterment of the community of Waite Park.

The Waite Park Chamber meets the third Wednesday of every month. Waite Park Chamber meetings are open to Chamber members and their guests who are interested in Waite Park community issues and happenings.



"I enjoy developing new programs for the community, and building new connections."

**Amanda Henry, High Impact Training**

*Waite Park Chamber chair*

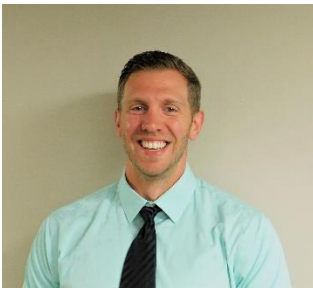
(320) 259-8222

AHenry@hit4you.net

Active in the Chamber: 13 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Business Development Council committee chair, vice chair and member; Waite Park Chamber vice-chair

High Impact Training offers customized learning experiences with superior service for higher education, and not-for-profit organizations and businesses. We are committed to changing people's lives and creating a learning environment in which participants are engaged.



"I enjoy getting to meet so many great people and build new relationships!"

**Brady DeGagne, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota**

*Waite Park Chamber vice chair*

(320) 251-7616

BDeGagne@bgcmmn.org

Active in the Chamber: 5 years

**Positions held in the Chamber:** Waite Park Chamber Executive Planning committee member; Junior & Senior greeter - Chamber Connection; Chamber Open committee member; Leadership committee member

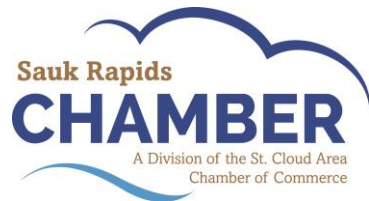
Since 1974, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota has provided hope and opportunity to tens of thousands of young people. Our mission: Work with the youth of Central Minnesota to build brighter futures.

# Volunteer Directory

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