



2021-2022 Volunteer Yearbook

The *2021-2022 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, 2021.
If you find errors, please email information@StCloudAreaChamber.com
so we may correct our records.

St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Divisions and Committees

Chamber Board of Directors
Convention and Visitors Bureau
Government Affairs Division
Membership and Workforce Development Division
B.I.G. (Big Idea Group)
Business Development Council
Business Education Network (BEN) Committee
Chamber Connection Location Committee
Chamber Open Committee
Diversity Council
Farm Show Committee
Marketing Committee
NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders
St. Cloud Area Leadership Program
Star Celebration Committee
Top Hat Ambassadors Committee
Sauk Rapids Chamber
Waite Park Chamber

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.



“I value concentrating efforts on Chamber members to assist them to get the most out of their membership. It is rewarding to focus on members so they experience personal and professional growth.”

Bernadette (Bernie) Perryman, Batteries Plus Bulbs

Chairperson, Board of Directors

(320) 292-5960

Bernie@MNBattery.com

Active in the Chamber: 21 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors chair, vice chair; Government Affairs committee member; Top Hat Ambassadors committee member; Star Celebration committee member; Diversity Council committee member; 150th Celebration committee member.

Batteries Plus Bulbs is a retail and commercial supplier of all batteries, lightbulbs and smart phone and tablet repair.



“I enjoy volunteering because it allows me to network with other Chamber members.”

Kevin Johnson, K. Johnson Construction and Minnesota Concrete Products

Vice-chairperson, Board of Directors

(320) 255-9649

Kevin@KJohnsonConst.com

Active in the Chamber: 24 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors, Business Education Network (BEN) committee member, executive board member of the Sauk Rapids Chamber.

K. Johnson Construction is a commercial/industrial concrete and masonry construction company. Minnesota Concrete Products is a manufacturer of concrete products for the outdoor living industry: outdoor kitchens, firepits and concrete.



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

Joe Hellie, CentraCare

Board Member

(320) 251-2700

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Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

CentraCare is a medical center providing a complete continuum of care and medical staff representing all major specialties. CentraCare 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.



Patrick Hollermann, IntelCONNECT

Board Member

(320) 257-7400

Patrick@Inteleconnect.net

Active in the Chamber: 9 years

Positions held in the Chamber: St. Cloud Area Leadership Program chair, vice chair and day chair; Top Hat Ambassadors committee member; Board of Directors.

“I find it fulfilling to help people discover the best in themselves and the business community.”

IntelCONNECT is a telecommunications consulting firm working with businesses to find the best companies to represent their needs.



Allison Waggoner, DCI, Inc.

Board Member

(320) 257-4320

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Active in the Chamber: 20+ years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

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

DCI, Inc., an employee-owned company, has been a leader in the design, manufacture 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.



John Bryant, Geo-Comm

Board Member

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Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

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

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, state, and military agencies in forty-nine states, helping to keep more than 100 million people safe.



“I enjoy making new friends and local business connections as a Chamber volunteer.”

Christy Gilleland, Gilleland Chevrolet Cadillac Inc.

Board Member

(320) 258-4229

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Active in the Chamber: 24 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors, Business Awards committee member.

Gilleland is a Chevrolet and Cadillac dealership selling new Chevrolets and Cadillacs as well as many 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

Board Member

(320) 267-5490

TanjaGoering21@Gmail.com

Active in the Chamber: 8 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 graduate; Top Hat Committee; 150th Anniversary Committee; Board of Directors



“I enjoy the collaboration and partnerships with members to contribute to the mission of building what is best for the community.”

Willie Jett, St. Cloud Area School District #742

Board Member

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Willie.Jett@isd742.org

Active in the Chamber: 5 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

St. Cloud Area School District offers innovative programs designed to prepare students for the demands of today’s dynamic, global workforce. We offer enrichment activities and acceleration opportunities for every student in our elementary and middle schools. Through our middle and high schools, we provide career exploration through focused and applied curricula.



“Through the Chamber’s programs and events, I have been able to meet and support other local business people.”

Colleen Zoffka

Board Member

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Active in the Chamber: 2 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors



“I love connecting with people and hearing how they are being successful within our community and their businesses.”

Marilyn Birkland, SCTimes/LocaliQ

Board Member

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Active in the Chamber: 18 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.



Ray Herrington, Pioneer Place on Fifth/7 West TapHouse

Board Member

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Active in the Chamber: 2 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

Pioneer Place on Fifth is Central Minnesota's premier professional theatre and concert venue with a seven-show season from September - May, and an additional 100 concerts per year.

7 West TapHouse is a locally owned and operated restaurant with handcrafted burgers, original taco recipes, a vast variety of sides, and 50 tap beers that change regularly.



“Involvement in the Chamber has given me opportunities to meet business leaders and learn about our community.”

Brenda Sickler, Theisen Dental

Board Member

Sauk Rapids Chamber representative

(320) 252-7806

TheisenDentalpllc@gmailcom

Active in the Chamber: 8 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Sauk Rapids vice chair and chair; Board of Directors liaison; Chamber Connection Permanent Greeter and Location committee; Star Celebration 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.



Donella Westphal, Jules' Bistro

Board Member

(320) 252-7125

Donella@JulesBistroStCloud.com

Active in the Chamber: 6 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors, Chamber Leadership Program graduate

Jules' combines a casually sophisticated menu with a cozy, artistic atmosphere, with cooking and baking from scratch. Since 2005, we've been putting our own spin on pizza, paninis, salads and much more.



Dr. Jason Woods, St. Cloud State University

Board Member

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Active in the Chamber: 1st year

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

At St. Cloud State University, we prepare our students for life, work and citizenship in the twenty-first century.



Paul Radeke, BerganKDV

Board Member

(320) 650-0202

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Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors

BerganKDV offers business planning and consulting; tax, assurance and accounting; technology; and wealth management services.

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.



"The most enjoyable part of volunteering is working with the CVB staff. They add so much life and energy to any interaction."

John Libert, Retired: formerly Eich Motor Company and St. Cloud City Council

CVB Advisory Board chair

(320) 267-8135

Libert@Charter.net

Active in the Chamber: 7 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Convention & Visitors Bureau advisory board member and chair, Chamber Open chair, Governor's fishing opener committee member.

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 third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber.



"I enjoy that the Chamber allows for meeting new people and sharing ideas."

Jason Bernick, Bernick's

Government Affairs chair

(320) 252-6441

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Active in the Chamber: 17 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Government Affairs Committee chair; Top Hatters committee; Board of Directors chair.

Bernick's provides full-service beverage, vending and food service solutions to retail partners. Since 1916, Bernick's has been active in many communities throughout Minnesota and part of Wisconsin.

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>
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<i>Diversity Council</i>	<i>Top Hatters Committee</i>



“It’s fun to brainstorm ways to help committees achieve their goals. Networking with other members is always fun, and learning about other businesses and promoting my business is a benefit of volunteering.”

Jim Beck, Modern Barnyard

Membership & Workforce Development Division vice-chair
(320) 253-8033

ModernBarnyard@gmail.com

Active in the Chamber: 16 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors; Waite Park Chamber chair, vice chair, greeter; Chamber Connection Location Committee; Technology and Education Conference chair—twice; Diversity Council chair, vice chair.

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



“I love having the opportunity to serve and collaborate with some of the most positive and influential people in St. Cloud. Every Chamber opportunity is a chance for personal and professional growth.”

Donna Roerick, Advantage Chiropractic

Membership & Workforce Development Division vice-chair
(320) 333-5396

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Active in the Chamber: 7 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Connection Location Committee chair.

Advantage Chiropractic is a lifestyle wellness and chiropractic clinic. We provide chiropractic care and nutrition services to help you reach optimal wellness.

B.I.G. (Big Idea Group)

The Chamber's B.I.G. committee supports and enhances Chamber activities through promoting member engagement with fresh and relevant event and program ideas.



“I enjoy learning about all the businesses and people in our community.”

Jenna Peterson, Playhouse Child Care Center

B.I.G. chair

(320) 656-1910

JLP@PlayhouseChildCare.com

Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Mystery Night Out committee, 80's Murder Mystery Dinner committee, B.I.G. vice-chair

Playhouse Child Care Center has been preparing children for school since 1991. We offer early childhood education for Central Minnesota children from infants through pre-k.



“Working from home and for a company with our customer base outside of St. Cloud, volunteering gives me the opportunity to network with others, give back locally, and keep our business community strong!”

Stephanie Court, 7Sigma Systems

B.I.G. vice chair

(320) 492-8141

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Active in the Chamber: 15 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Leadership (day chair, vice chair and chair, steering committee), Star Celebration vice-chair and chair, B.I.G. committee member and chair

7Sigma Systems software and solutions help internet service providers generate revenue, reduce costs, lower risk and improve subscriber experience.

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.



Kris Nelson, Premier Real Estate Services

Business Development Council chair

(320) 761-3880

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Active in the Chamber: 20 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Board of Directors chair, Top Hatters committee, Chamber Connection chair, Chamber Open committee member.

“As a Chamber volunteer, I enjoy connection—creating connections for myself but also bringing others together and creating space for others to succeed.”

At Premier Real Estate Services, we support customers buying and selling commercial and residential real estate.



Kelly Corbett, Gabriel Media

Business Development Council vice chair

(320) 230-0518

Kelly@GabrielMedia.info

Active in the Chamber: 1 year

Positions held in the Chamber: Farm Show committee, Business Development Council committee, Health and Human Services Day for Chamber Leadership Program.

“I especially enjoy the opportunity to create meaningful connections and relationships with other people in the Chamber.”

Gabriel Media is a nonprofit organization with two Christian radio stations: Spirit 92.9 and K-yes. We work to build stronger families and communities through programing that encourages listeners in their everyday lives.

Business Education Network (BEN) committee

The Business Education Network committee seeks to address 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.



“I enjoy meeting new people, learning from their ideas and experience, and collaborating with others to serve and improve our community.”

Jason Hallonquist, AIS Planning

Business Education Network (BEN) chair

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Active in the Chamber: 17 years

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

At AIS Planning, we offer an unbiased, independent, fee-based approach to financial planning, wealth management and business retirement plans.

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 on the third Tuesday of the month over lunch.



Rachel Templin, Tri-County Abstract - First American Title

Chamber Connection Location Committee chair

(320) 828-2780

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Active in the Chamber: 6 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Connection Location Committee, Star Celebration committee.

“I have had so many personal and professional opportunities come my way due to relationships I have formed within the Chamber. Volunteering with the Chamber has gotten me to where I am today and I will forever be grateful.”

Tri-County Abstract - First American Title is a provider of commercial and residential title and escrow settlement services.



Mike Brower, Ehlinger & Associates, American Family Insurance

Chamber Connection Location Committee vice chair

(320) 251-9141

MBrower@AmFam.com

Active in the Chamber: 2 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Connection Location Committee

“I enjoy connecting with a wide variety of local business leaders as well as supporting one another in the local business community. By volunteering for the Chamber, I've been able to intentionally connect on a regular basis with these leaders, grow relationships, and support the efforts of the Chamber along the way.”

We have served the personal and professional insurance needs for clients in Central Minnesota for over 30 years. Our clients value our commitment to service, availability, and clarity. We provide guidance for our clients' insurance programs including homeowners, automotive, life insurance, business owners, and farm insurance policy options. We work with our clients to determine their unique insurance program needs and continue to tailor solutions as their needs adjust. We look forward to continuing to grow and serve the insurance needs of our local clients for many years to come.

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.



"I always look forward to working with a group of positive people who want to better our community."

Eric Johnson, Bradbury Stamm Construction

Chamber Open chair

(320) 290-8664

EJohnson@BradburyStamm.com

Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Open committee member, Leadership Class - Criminal Justice Day Chair.

Bradbury Stamm Construction, LLC, is a general contractor company in new construction/remodel projects.



"Having the opportunity to give back to the community, help others and meet new friends."

Shelby Hedtke, Powder Ridge Winter Recreation Area

Chamber Open vice chair

(320) 398-7200

Shelby@PowderRidge.com

Active in the Chamber: 1 year

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Open committee member, Chamber Leadership program graduate, Leadership class-vice chair for Healthcare & Human Services Day

Powder Ridge Winter Recreation Area offers skiing, snowboarding, tubing and year-round wedding and event opportunities.

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.



Sangeeta Jha, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

Diversity Council co-chair

(320) 308-5000

SJha@sctcc.edu

Active in the Chamber: 5 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Diversity Council member and vice-chair

“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

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.



Roger Schleper, Premier Real Estate Services

Diversity Council co-chair

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Roger@PremierHomeSearch.com

Active in the Chamber: 19 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Connection chair and vice chair; Membership and Marketing Division chair and vice chair; St. Cloud Area Leadership Program chair and vice chair; Top Hatters committee chair and vice chair; Board of Director chair and vice chair; Diversity Council

“Volunteering for the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce creates business relationships and friendships that last a lifetime.”

Having had the good fortune of being one of the three original agents to start Premier Real Estate Services, one of our first and best decisions was to join the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce! Premier is a great success story and great place to “work.” Our volunteer involvement with the Chamber has led to an incredible number of trusted business relationships and an even larger number of friendships that I expect will last a lifetime. Our 5-Star Chamber really does “WORK!”

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 two days at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center and boasts 350 booths and over 150 exhibitors. Volunteers solicit exhibitors, plan publicity, make booth assignments, and help with set up and tear down both 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

(320) 255-9083

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Active in the Chamber: 9 years

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

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 service and value that has led to our success.



"The pay (back) is GREAT!"

Frank Imholte, Black Diamond Auctions

Farm Show Committee co-chair

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Frank@SoldItAtAuction.com

Active in the Chamber: 20+ years

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

Black Diamond Auctions provides the community with opportunities to raise money through real estate, personal property, and benefit auctions. Our 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 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: 13 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Marketing Committee; 150th
Anniversary Committee, Location Committee, VIP Committee

“Volunteering is a great way to meet other business owners, and gives me the chance to contribute to the programs that our Chamber puts on for our members. OH! And it’s both fun and rewarding!”

Eyecon Graphics is a full-service marketing agency fueled by coffee and full of passion that comes straight from the heart. We thrive on connecting with our clients’ values and goals to form a partnership that extends far beyond the surface. Helping businesses navigate through the marketing maze with creative solutions that fit both their timeframe and their budget.

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.

The group meets the second Tuesday of every month over the lunch hour.



"I enjoy getting involved in the community and meeting other business professionals in Central Minnesota."

Linda Dvorak, Premier Real Estate Services

NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders chair

(320) 316-3650

Linda@JasonMillerHomes.com

Active in the Chamber: 2 years

Positions held in the Chamber: NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders committee member and vice chair.

Premier Real Estate Services provides a high level of informed, professional real estate services to buyers and sellers throughout Central Minnesota



"Meeting new people and creating new connections is my favorite part of being a Chamber volunteer."

Tommy Traeger, BerganKDV

NEXT-Chamber's Emerging Leaders vice chair

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Active in the Chamber: 2 years

Positions held in the Chamber: NEXT committee member.

BerganKDV is a leading professional services firm that offers customized business, financial and technology solutions to address your most complex challenges. Our strategic approach helps you reduce costs and operation more efficiently across your organization.

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 love the people and the comradery. Volunteering is always a pleasant experience. The staff are wonderful, too, and make volunteering easy.”

Jodi Gertken, CentraCare

St. Cloud Area Leadership chair

(320) 282-2457

GertkenJ@CentraCare.com

Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Government Affairs committee; St. Cloud Area Leadership Program vice chair, Day Chair of Government Day.

CentraCare is one of the largest health care systems in the state. This includes eight hospitals, more than 30 clinics, 11 senior housing facilities and seven long-term care facilities.



“The opportunity to give back to a program that has benefited me tremendously is something I enjoy about volunteering. I also love the ability to interact with a great group of area leaders.”

Jason Primus, BerganKDV

St. Cloud Area Leadership vice chair

(320) 229-6111

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Active in the Chamber: 4 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Leadership Program day chair, day vice chair.

BerganKDV is a leading professional services firm that offers customized business, financial and technology solutions to address your most complex challenges. Our strategic approach helps you reduce costs and operate more efficiently across your organization.

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.



“Seeing the support that everyone has for each other is wonderful. I enjoy getting to network with others in the business world outside of my profession, and I love being involved in helping make our community successful!”

Jenna Binsfeld, Park Industries
Star Celebration Committee chair
(320) 229-3482

JBinsfeld@ParkIndustries.com

Active in the Chamber: 1 year

Positions held in the Chamber: Star Celebration Committee member; Chamber Leadership graduate

Park Industries manufactures machines that cut natural stone and granite, with full services to customers nationwide.



“I enjoy networking and marketing my business while giving back to the community and spending time with friends—a win-win-win!”

Jason Miller, Jason Miller Team at Premier Real Estate Services
Star Celebration Committee vice chair
(320) 761-8500

Jason@JasonMillerHomes.com

Active in the Chamber: 20 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Chamber Connection Location Committee vice chair and chair; permanent Greeter; NEXT - Chamber’s Emerging Leaders chair and vice chair; B.I.G. committee member

The Jason Miller Team at Premier Real Estate helps buyers and sellers with all real estate sales throughout Central Minnesota.

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 invited to fill open Top Hat positions. Top Hat Ambassadors meet the second Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 a.m.



Patrick Hollermann, IntelCONNECT

Top Hat Ambassadors chair

(320) 257-7400

Patrick@Intelconnect.net

Active in the Chamber: 9 years

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

“I find it fulfilling to help people discover the best in themselves and the business community.”

IntelCONNECT is a telecommunications consulting firm working with businesses to find the best companies to represent their needs.



Kristin Hannon, Minnwest Bank

Top Hat Ambassadors vice chair

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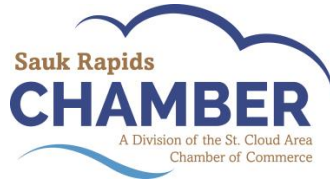
KristinH@MinnWestBankGroup.com

Active in the Chamber: 10 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Star Celebration committee member, vice chair and chair; Top Hat Ambassadors member; Chamber Connection Location Committee member; Chamber Leadership graduate.

“The Chamber allows me to meet new people and expand the network of people I know.”

Minnwest Bank is a family-owned banking operation that’s big enough to get large deals done and small enough to truly listen and work with you as you work toward your individual goals.



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.



Sam Lieser, Edina Realty

Sauk Rapids Chamber chair

(320) 248-6872

SamLieser@EdinaRealty.com

Active in the Chamber: 5 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Sauk Rapids Chamber executive committee member, lead, greeter and vice chair.

“Getting to meet new people and network with them on a consistent basis helps my business – and me – grow!”

Edina Realty is proud to display active, available property for sale in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. We believe an informed buyer or seller is an empowered one. Much of our information is offered online, and our agents are always available to fill the gaps.



Sarah Forystek, Vye

Sauk Rapids Chamber vice chair

(320) 761-7975

Sarah.Forystek@Vye.Agency

Active in the Chamber: 3 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Sauk Rapids Chamber executive committee member, greeter.

“I like the opportunity to understand the inner workings of the Chamber a little more deeply. I also like that the commitment holds me accountable to making time for networking. It’s so important, but easy to let fall off the priority list!”

Vye is a local marketing agency focused on blending technology, data and creativity. We’re on a mission to redefine marketing as a measurable growth investment.



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 like volunteering because it gives me many opportunities to meet and network with new people, as well as a chance to connect with businesses in the St. Cloud area.”

Kayle Ellison, BadCat Digital

Waite Park Chamber chair

(320) 217-8883

Kayle@BadCatDigital.com

Active in the Chamber: 2 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Waite Park Chamber Executive Planning committee member (event coordinator), vice chair; Marketing committee member, Chamber Leadership Program graduate.

BadCat Digital is helping companies align digital marketing and business goals. Our main objective is to improve transparency and service in digital marketing so all businesses can experience positive return on investment from their search engine optimization, digital ads and social media management efforts.



“Almost every day I get a new customer because of the Chamber. I have met so many great people through the Chamber and people accept me for who I am. I love the Chamber!”

Jeremy Salzbrun, H & S Heating & A/C

Waite Park Chamber vice chair

(320) 654-1522

Jeremy@HSHeatingandAir.com

Active in the Chamber: 8 years

Positions held in the Chamber: Location Committee

Our mission at H & S Heating & A/C always will be to create happy and satisfied heating and cooling customers, whether homeowners or residential contractors.

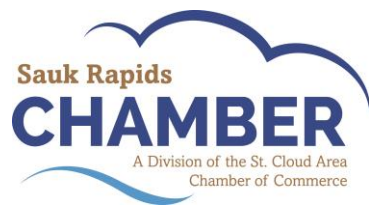
Volunteer Directory

**Holds more than one chair or vice-chair position in 2021/2022*

Battleson, Cindy; <i>Farm Show co-chair</i>	(320) 255-9083
Beck, Jim; <i>Membership and Workforce</i>	
<i>Development Division chair</i>	(320) 253-8033
Bernick, Jason; <i>Government Affairs Division chair</i>	(320) 252-6441
Binsfeld, Jenna; <i>Star Celebration chair</i>	(320) 229-3482
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