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MEMBERSHIP Matters

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

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January - February - March

Welcome to our newest members! *Joined between October 1 - December 31.*

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.

- [Agency North Real Estate](#)
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- [Sandhill Communications](#)
- [Senator Aric Putnam](#)
- [TheHomeMag](#)
- [Tiny Hearts Studio](#)
- [Village Drug](#)

Showcased Special Event:



Farming Today Conference,
March 9 - 10, 2021
Online via Zoom. Details TBA.

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

Utilize our [website!](#) Reach new customers, find employees, share upcoming events and promote sales, all without leaving your desk! [Contact Vicki](#) to set up your member login and to learn more about the [Website Enhancement Package.](#)



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IN DETAIL: Special Events Volunteering Opportunities

**One of the best ways to get connected is by volunteering for a Chamber committee.
These three special events are currently seeking volunteers to join their 2021 committees!**

Farming Today Conference: This brand new event premieres March 9 - 10, providing two half-days full of innovative and informative education for emerging and seasoned farmers, entrepreneurs, and farm-related businesses. This conference and seminars will be held via Zoom, with no cost to attend. Volunteers are needed day-of the event to help facilitate the different Zoom breakout rooms.

Chamber Open Golf Tournament: Help coordinate a full day of sun, fun, food, friends, drinks, networking, and golf! Volunteers on the Chamber Open committee help secure teams, sponsors, various prizes, and other event details. You then attend the event and ensure a smooth experience for all! The committee wraps up the year with an annual golf outing on us. The 2021 event is on August 9 at Blackberry Ridge.

Star Celebration Committee: Our volunteers keep the Chamber wheels turning, and we're so lucky to work with all of you! The annual Star Celebration honors and recognizes the outstanding retiring volunteer leaders of our 15 Chamber committees and our retiring Board members. Held each fall around the first week of October, this evening celebration offers a fun, relaxed social atmosphere with a short program, awards, hors d'oeuvres, and plenty of networking.

To learn more about special event volunteer options, **email Laura Wagner**, special events coordinator at the Chamber.

Opportunities for you: HOST.

We're here to answer your questions!

Get to know the community face-to-face. Open your doors and share your story by hosting a Chamber meeting or event.

- **Chamber Connection**
- **Business After Hours**
- **Curiosity, Cocktails & Conversations**
- **Waite Park Chamber**
- **Sauk Rapids Chamber**



Meet our 5-Star Chamber staff

January - February - March 2021 Events

JANUARY

- **20 - Government Affairs meeting**
- **20 - Waite Park Chamber meeting**
- **21 - New Member Welcome**
- **22 - Chamber of Commerce hosts Chamber Connection**
- **28 - Sauk Rapids Chamber meeting**

FEBRUARY

- **3 - Lunchtime Learning: "Scams Targeting Businesses - What You Need to Know"**
- **9 - NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders meeting**
- **17 - Government Affairs meeting**
- **17 - Waite Park Chamber meeting (State of the City Address)**
- **24 - Curiosity, Cocktails & Conversations (event details TBA)**
- **25 - Sauk Rapids Chamber meeting**

MARCH

- **2 - 2021 Supervisor Development Certificate Program (classes start)**
- **3 - Lunchtime Learning: "Handling Disruption in Your Business"**
- **9 - Farming Today Conference, Day 1, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
- **9 - NEXT - Chamber's Emerging Leaders meeting**
- **10 - Farming Today Conference, Day 2, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

- [17 - Government Affairs monthly meeting](#)
- [17 - Waite Park Chamber Meeting](#)
- [25 - Sauk Rapids Chamber Meeting \(State of the City Address\)](#)

Featured Contact Information:



**2020-2021
Chamber Board of Directors**

Highlighted Training & Program

Spring Lunchtime Learning Series

Join us at the Chamber office on the first Wednesday of the month from 12 - 1 p.m. for Lunchtime Learning! These one-hour classes provide quick and affordable training options for business owners and employees. \$20 for Chamber members, includes lunch. [Find your next training here.](#)

Government Affairs Programming

Legislative Session Kick-Off: Held annually in St. Cloud with a hot breakfast, with all area legislators invited to attend. Chamber members have the opportunity to hear what's on the list to be discussed in the year's legislative session and voice their business concerns. Free to attend, but registration required.

Legislative Session Preview: Presented by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce in St. Paul, this evening event offers networking with our state elected officials. Held annually at the start of that year's legislative session. A full dinner is served, registration, and payment required.

Evening at the Capital: Join a group of Chamber members in St. Paul to meet with legislators in a casual setting at this evening event. This affordable option also provides complimentary transportation to and from the event, with appetizers and a cash bar available.

Trip to Washington, D.C.: St. Cloud Area Chamber travels to D.C. each spring to meet our elected officials in their offices.

Legislative Session Wrap-Up: Hear a wrap up from the legislators on how the session went. Join us for a free, hot breakfast in St. Cloud. Registration is required for the food count.



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

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The St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce is the premier representative of the business community. Supported and led by members and a professional staff, we create, enhance and support a healthy business environment for our members. As a regional organization of diverse businesses, we increase business contacts, enhance professional development and provide leadership and information on local and state business issues. To update your email address or unsubscribe from electronic mail, please [contact Vicki](#) at 656-3822

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