

CHAMBER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Coordinated by Wendy Johnson, the Chamber Ambassadors welcome new businesses with a visit on the second Wednesday of each month. To learn more about the benefits of Chamber membership, please check out our Web site or call our office at (320)629-4565. We look forward to visiting with you.

Chamber Ambassadors Wendy Johnson, Rick Herzog, and Frank Christopherson, were accompanied by Mayor Jane Robbins, City Administrator Don Howard and City Planner Nathan Johnson for the Sept. 10 visits.

Visionary Home Care, 3065 S. Juniper Street, Cambridge MN 55008, (218)389-6244, Michelle Graham, Program Director. "At Visionary Home Care we provide services such as housework, meal preparation, companionship, laundry, grocery shopping, errands and more. We can serve anyone who wants or needs help. Certified by the MN Dept. of Health and caregivers are screened, background studied, insured, bonded, trained and supervised." For more information visit the Web site at www.visionaryhomecare.com or call toll free 1(877)389-6244.



L to R: Nathan, Rick, Michelle Graham, Don, Jane and Frank.



L to R: Guy Moe, Dennis Burns, Wendy, Don, Jane and Frank.

DB Signs, 30567 Crooked River Rd, Pine City, Owner Dennis Burns. "Since 1987 DB Signs has offered quality, affordable signs, design and printing services. Our line of products ranges from electrical signs and billboards to vehicle lettering, business cards, brochures and much more. We also provide professional design and layout assistance to meet all your needs. We will see you through your project from concept to completion."



L to R: Jane, Rick, Don, Jacob Kruse, Frank and Nathan

Solutions Real Estate, 1300 Northridge Drive, Pine City; Agent Jacob Kruse (612) 518-4042. "Solutions Real Estate Group was created in 2007 with one goal in mind, to be unlike any other real estate company out there today. The age of technology and the Internet has changed the way buyers search for homes, and has changed the way that realtors conduct business. At Solutions Real Estate Group we realize and embrace these technology changes, and that's why our agents have access to some of the most sophisticated technology systems available anywhere."

The mission of the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote economic development and business in the area.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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| Rick Herzog
President
(Pizza Pub) | Wendy Johnson
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| Lori Buck
(MINPACK, Inc.) | Kerri Schumacher
(MINPACK, Inc.) |
| Frank Christopherson
(US Bank) | Patrick Schifferdecker
(North West Co. Fur Post) |
| Jeff Flaherty
(Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill) | Joel Peterson
(Student Director, Pine Technical College) |
| Jan Carl
(Coldwell Banker Results) | Jade Fedder
(Student Director, PCHS) |
| | Nicole Sebastian
(Student Director, PCHS) |

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Guest Speaker:

Alyssa Prater was recently hired to join the staff for the East Central Regional Library as part of two grants that the ECRL has received from federal funding. In her new position, Alyssa will be coordinating classes throughout the ECRL areas of operation that are targeted to help people learn the "technology" of today's world. Some examples of possible classes that will be offered in our area include: learning the Internet, setting up an e-mail account and knowing how to use it, taking pictures with a digital camera and transferring those pictures to your computer, etc. All of the classes will be free and open to anyone wanting to take them. Alyssa will work with the Pine City Library to set up the dates of these classes and they will be published in the *Pine City Pioneer* as well as the Chamber Web site.

November Meeting:

Due to the November meeting falling on Election Day, the Community Room will not be available next month. Jeff Flaherty of Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill has offered his meeting room as an alternate location. All were in agreement; location was changed.

Holiday Madness:

President Herzog asked for a chairperson for the Holiday Madness event scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5. TJ Musgrove agreed to serve as chairperson for this year's event. Other committee members include: Todd Cummings, Cindy Bostrom-Dahlin, and Mike Anderson.

Member Survey:

In an effort to get more member involvement, Becky has been researching some ways to create surveys of our members using various online survey companies. The goal with using a company like "Free Online Surveys" would be to get valuable input from our Chamber members regarding Chamber programming and feedback on important issues like the courthouse, lodging tax, etc.

In order to make these types of surveys effective tools, it will require getting a greater percentage of our membership to provide e-mail addresses as a communication tool. We currently have approximately 60 percent of our members that have provided an e-mail address to the Chamber.

Pine City Billboards:

Chamber President Rick Herzog has been diligently working on a billboard project to attract more freeway traffic to stop in Pine City. Rick reports that he has 20 businesses that have expressed their interest in participating in the billboard project. There will be five billboards created with four businesses appearing on each billboard. At an EDA meeting earlier this month, Rick made a request of the EDA to contribute to this project. The EDA has committed to providing \$1,200 for each of the next three years to defray the costs to each individual business.

Business & Community Development Report:

Frank reported that the post office remodel for the relocation is underway. The new location should be ready by December. As December is not the ideal month for moving, a Jan. 1, 2009 move date is planned.

Although no plans have been finalized, The Lodge is still looking to locate in the Pine City area. Due to some problems with the developer on the location that has been in discussion over the last several months, the group is now looking at some alternative sites for development.

For the complete Board Meeting Minutes, visit our Web site at www.pinecitychamber.com. If you would like to receive a printed copy of our minutes each month, contact the Chamber office for details.

Current Chamber members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. All interested and potential Chamber members also are invited to join us as well. The next Chamber meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 1:00 pm. at Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BUY...

It's not too late to get your Community Fundraiser Card. For just \$10 you can help support the Senior Class Trip, German Club, and Spanish Club students, as well as take advantage of some great discount opportunities. The following businesses are participating in the fall edition:

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| Cabin Coffee's | Java Joe's Bistro |
| Campbell Auto & Tire | MINPACK, Inc. |
| Creative Cottage | Old Oak Inn |
| Family Treasures on DVD & Video | Pamida |
| Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill | Pizza Pub |
| | Sprouts Hometown Market & Gifts |

For more information on where you can purchase your Community Fundraiser Card, contact the Chamber of Commerce or visit our Web site and check out the Calendar of Events at www.pinecitychamber.com.



LOOKING FOR A GREAT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY?

Is your nonprofit organization looking for a fundraising opportunity with great profit potential? The Chamber is currently seeking applications from nonprofit organizations that are interested in selling the Winter Edition of the Community Fundraiser Card.

The winter edition will be valid from January 1 – March 31 and offer more great deals from our participating merchants. Each card sells for \$10

and your group will keep \$7 from each card that is sold. The remaining \$3 is returned to the Chamber for administrative costs. Sell 100 cards, make \$700 or sell 500 cards and make \$3500. This can be a

great fundraising opportunity for the right group. Contact Becky at the Chamber office, 629-4565, to get your application mailed out to your organization today.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

New and exciting things have been happening in 2008 at the Pine City Chamber and we invite you to come celebrate with us at our Annual Chamber Banquet on Thursday, Oct.

30. Tickets are now available for \$20 per person, or two for \$36. Each ticket includes a buffet dinner and dessert bar courtesy of the Pine City Country Club as well as a

ticket for a free drink during our social hour from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a short program.

Tickets are available by contacting the Chamber office at (320)629-4565 or by e-mail at info@pinecitychamber.com. Tickets are available through Oct. 23, so don't delay.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

As the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce strives to make a difference in our business community through seminars, fundraisers and support of our area businesses, we must remember to thank all of the Chamber members for their continued support. We would like to welcome the following Chamber businesses as they join us for 2008.

- Betsy Carpenter, Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Todd Cummings, Todd's Custom Services

- Pit Stop Auto Repair
- Pine Center for the Arts
- Pokegama Physical Therapy Consultants
- Gross Productions

Watch the Chamber Chat editions in the coming months for profiles on each of these new members as a part of our ambassador program. Want more information on one of these businesses now? Check out our Web site at www.pinecitychamber.com and visit the Business Directory.

NOVEMBER MEETING - LOCATION CHANGE

The regular Chamber meeting in November is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4. This is also Election Day and the Pine City Community Room will be unavailable. The 1:00 p.m. meeting has been moved to Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill. Anyone wishing to join the Chamber Directors for lunch at 12:30 p.m. should contact Becky at 629-4565 to make a reservation.

**MISS SOMETHING?
FORGET A DATE?
pinecitychamber.com**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Chamber sends out a biweekly e-mail newsletter to all of our members with information on upcoming events, news from other members and more. Send me an e-mail at info@pinecitychamber.com to get your business added to our E-Update List.