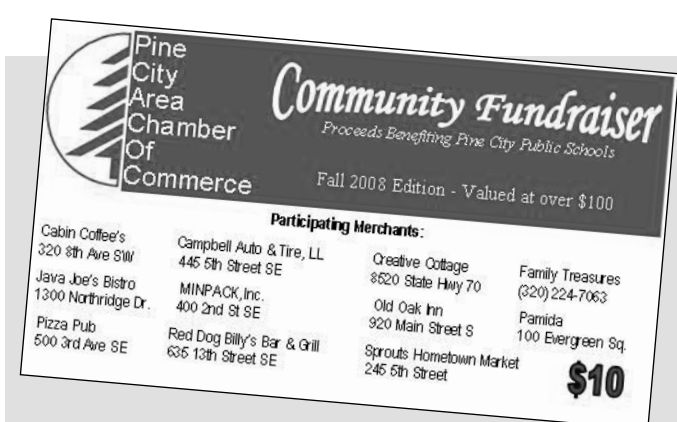


DON'T MISS THIS GREAT DEAL

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:

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



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER CARDS

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

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

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| | Nicole Sebastian
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MEET THE PINE CITY ROYALTY - SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

On Saturday, Sept. 13, Miss Pine City Jade Fedder and Princesses Brietta Clementson and Stephanie Dickey will be in the Pamida lobby from 9am - 12pm. The girls are all members of the Senior Class at Pine City High School and will be selling the Community Fundraiser Cards to benefit the Senior Class Trip. Jade, Brietta & Stephanie have shown great commitment to their community over the last several weeks by attending parades in Grantsburg & Sandstone among many other activities. The girls continue to seek out volunteer opportunities. Any business or group that would be interested in having these young ladies attend a celebration or event should contact Becky Schueller, Royalty Coordinator at the Chamber office, (320) 629-4565.

CHAMBER SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

As of Dec. 31, 2008, the Pine City Chamber will have seven director positions whose terms will expire. We are looking for individuals who would like to make a difference and contribute to fulfilling our Chamber's mission and purpose by serving as a member of the Board of Directors. To be eligible to serve on the Chamber Board of Directors, you must be a current member of the Pine City Chamber and available to attend our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Additional responsibilities include serving on at least one Chamber Committee during your term. Terms begin on Jan. 1, 2009 and expire on Dec. 31, 2010.

All Chamber members should have received a letter requesting such nominations. The deadline for director nominations is Friday, Sept. 19. For more information contact the Chamber office at (320) 629-4565 or feel free to contact any current Chamber director. Interested individuals can also call in their nomination or send by e-mail to info@pinecitychamber.com

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Lodging Tax Information

Don Howard presented information on a lodging tax that the city will be considering this fall. Adding a lodging tax is a two-step process: a referendum by voters in Pine City would have to be approved, and then the city would be able to apply to the Minnesota State Legislature to get final approval. Howard indicated that the way in which a lodging tax works is that 95 percent of the funds earned by this tax must be used for promotion and marketing of the community. In essence, it would provide some much-needed tourism marketing to get visitors to come to Pine City. A motion was made (VJ), seconded (TJM), to support the efforts by the city as they begin the process of adding a lodging tax in Pine City. The motion passed with board approval.

Treasurer's Report

Becky presented information on the quote that was received from MINPACK for the production of 200 Chamber Seals for 2009. The estimate was completed in the amount of \$276. This is a considerable savings from the \$900 that was quoted by the previous company who supplied the seals. A motion was made (PS) to approve the estimate and order the 2009 seals from MINPACK, seconded (MA), motion approved.

Another item on the treasurer's report was a \$400 payment to Currie, Pangerl & Associates for tax services for the 2007 return. A return was filed for the Chamber as well as the Chamber Foundation. Frank Christopherson suggested that we should contact the Miss Pine City Committee to assist in paying this bill for the Foundation portion of the invoice. Becky will follow up and report at our October meeting.

Executive Director Evaluation

TJ and Rick met with Becky last week to discuss her performance evaluation. TJ had requested input from the Board of Directors and was able to provide Becky with many positive comments from various directors. The only concern that was raised is the consistency of the hours of operation, an item that Becky and the Executive Board will begin looking at in the coming weeks. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board a motion was made (CK) to approve a 50 cent per hour increase in pay for Becky, second (MA) and motion was approved unanimously.

Business & Community Development

Frank will be launching the "Coffee Break" events next week on Sept. 9. These networking opportunities will be available on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30am. For the next few months it will be at Java Joe's Bistro. It was suggested that each month the "Coffee Break" would have some possible discussion topics raised. Some possible topics would include: tourism, marketing your business, customer service, etc.

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, Oct. 7, at 1:00 pm in the Community Room in City Hall.

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Greater Minnesota Credit Union is gearing up for its annual Coats for Kids drive. Coats may be dropped off at the Pine City branch and will be distributed in the community. Gently used or new coats are greatly appreciated. Coats for Kids will run from Sept. 15 through Oct. 18. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.gmcu.com



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.

Living Hope Christian Center

11914 Fairway Rd, Pine City

"We exist for the purpose of bringing people to Jesus; equipping them for their life's ministry, so they can glorify God through their worship and witness."

Java Joe's Bistro

1300 Northridge Drive, Pine City

"A great place to enjoy a cup of coffee or lunch with friends. Java Joe's has daily lunch specials and a great dining experience."

2008

"Citizen of the Year"

The Pine City Chamber is proud to announce

that the 2008 Citizen of the Year award has been awarded to Dennis & JoLynn Howard. Although it may be "unusual to nominate a couple" as Harvey Lindstorm stated in his nomination letter, this couple is truly a team that works together in such a variety of areas of our community that we truly cannot separate their dedication to Pine City.

Dennis & JoLynn will be honored at the Citizen of the Year reception on Sunday, September 28th. The event will be held at the Northwest Company Fur Post at 5PM. The public is welcome to attend the reception. Although there is no charge to attend, an RSVP would be appreciated. Please contact the Chamber office at 320-629-4565 or email to info@pinecitychamber.com

Congratulations Dennis & JoLynn Howard!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS - THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

On Thursday, Sept. 11 the Pine City Chamber will be hosting a Fall Business Tour event for our Chamber members. Following the tour, Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill will serve as the host for our Business After Hours from 5pm -7pm. Join us for appetizers as well as wine tasting, courtesy of the Voyageur Bottle Shop. Any Pine City business owner is invited to participate in the After Hours event. A \$5 donation is requested for all attendees.

DATE SET FOR ANNUAL CHAMBER 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. The evening will begin at 5:00pm with a social hour at the Pine City Country Club, and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Tickets will be available at the end of September and more information will be sent to our Chamber members regarding the event in the coming weeks. We hope you will join us.