

Morris Area Chamber of Commerce

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Please share this newsletter with your employees, friends or neighbors!

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

February:

Feb 6 2011 Bridal Boutique
Feb 8 Marketing & Membership Meeting
11 A.M., Chamber
Feb 9 Chamber Social Event 5 P.M., Old #1
Feb 10 Board Meeting noon, AgCountry
Feb 16 Mapping Your Business Seminar 9
A.M., UMM Imholte #11
Feb 17 Resource Connections Expo
Feb 18 Events Meeting 11 A.M., Chamber
Feb 21-25 Blandin Community Leadership
Program
Feb 24 Leadership Morris

March:

March 8 Marketing & Membership 11 A.M.,
Chamber
March 10 Board Meeting noon, AgCountry
March 11-12 Spring Expo
March 17 Leadership Morris
March 18 Events Meeting 11 A.M., Chamber
March 22 Google Tools Seminar 9 A.M., UMM

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Lucky Buck Auction Items

The following items, plus many more, will be available to win at the Chamber Social Event on February 9. We will be doing the raffle a little differently this year to keep it moving along. You may purchase your tickets and "bid" in advance .



6 fresh flower arrangements - **Bremer & Morris Floral**
Dessert of the Month for 12 months—1st dessert
provided by Common Cup Coffeehouse
5 tanning sessions and tanning lotion - **Visible Changes**
1/2 hour massage - **Caring Touch Massage**
2 first aid kits - **Stevens Community Medical Center**
Cooler, hat & windbreaker - **RiverWood Bank**
Mary Kay gift bag - **Superior Industries**
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1 hour massage - **Hands for Health**
3 foot party sub - **Subway**
10 tanning sessions - **Bon Jos**
1/2 hour massage - **Back to Basics Massage**

February, 2011

The Chamber Connection

Chamber Social Event



The Old #1 Southside will be the place to be on **Wednesday, February 9**, when the Chamber holds it's Annual Social Event. Social Hour will begin at 5:00 and we encourage our guests to "pre-shop" for the Lucky Buck Auction during this time. Entertainment will be provided by a jazz combo from the UMM. A grand buffet of Grilled Lemon Pepper Chicken Breasts, Hearty Swedish Style Meatballs, Garlic & Herb Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Fresh Salad Bar and Dinner Rolls or a plated vegetarian option will be served at 6:00. Following dinner, Eul's Hardware and the University of Minnesota, Morris will be honored for celebrating milestone anniversaries in our community during 2010. We will also recognize outgoing Chamber board members Paul LeTendre, Corinne Kirk and Kris Hansen for their dedicated service to the Chamber Board of Directors. Don't forget your dollar bills for the Lucky Buck Auction, to be held after the meal. All Chamber members and their employees are welcome to attend and bring a guest. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office, from Board members or on the Chamber website, www.morrismnchamber.org, for \$25 a person. Make plans to attend the social event of the year! Check out the back page of the newsletter for a list of baskets and donations already received for the Lucky Buck Auction.

2011 Chamber Board of Directors



Front left to right: Patty Kill, Dr. Eric Rambow, Diane Anspach, Dr. Randy Hamling, and Joan Spaeth. Back left to right: Jill Loge, Mick Ekren, Vice-chair Shelley Evink, Mary Philip, Jeanne Ennen, Sonia Meyer, Karen Arnold and Chair Karen Berget. Not pictured are Twig Webster, Marty Ohren and Christine Mahoney.

Member News:

- **Heartland Motor Company** partnered with Morris Area Community Education's Youth Soccer Program as part of Chevrolet's new Youth Soccer Program and donated equipment packages including soccer balls, cones, t-shirts, jerseys and \$500.
- The **Morris Sun Tribune** has added Auto Pay as an option to pay for newspaper subscriptions.
- **City Center Drug** has announced new hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Prescriptions and emergency refills can be picked up at Benson Thrifty White on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **LaDeDa Décor and Design** will be closed for the winter months of January and February and will re-open in March, just in time to get homes ready for graduation! See you in March.
- Congratulations to the **University of Minnesota, Morris** for being named to Kiplinger's 100 Best Values in Public Colleges list.
- **Pizza Ranch** is now a WIFI hotspot.
- Check out **Accelerated Chiropractic's** new website at www.acceleratedchiro.com.
- The **Nick Wolff Agency** is now located at 514 Atlantic Ave, Suite 101.

Did you know that Chamber members can share their news in this section of the newsletter at no charge?

This free exposure is just one of many Chamber membership benefits.

Contact us today at 589-1242 or e-mail mchamber@fedtel.net if you have information to be included.

Annual Events

Following are a list of events planned for 2011. Please clip and save this information when scheduling your employees.

- February 4-5, 2011 - **5th Annual Community of Scholars**
- February 6, 2011 - **2011 Bridal Boutique**
- March 11-12, 2011 - **KMRS Business Expo**
- March 25, 2011 - **Wulf's Opportunity Sale**
- April 7-9, 2011 - **Jazz Fest**
- May 13, 2011 - **Hancock City Wide Rummage Sales**
- May 21, 2011 - **Chamber Golf for Fun Event**
- June 9, 16, 23, 30 & July 8, 2011 - **Kiwanis Talent Contest**
- June 10-12, 2011 - **Cyrus Days**
- July 4, 2011 - **Hancock 4th of July Celebration**
- July 8-10, 2011 - **Prairie Pioneer Days**
- July 8-9, 2011 - **Rock the Groundz**
- July 15-16, 2011 - **Relay for Life**
- July 16, 2011 - **Alberta Street Dance**
- July 27, 2011 - **Crazy Days**
- July 28, 2011 - **Horticulture Night**
- August 11-14, 2011 - **Stevens County Fair**
- August 22, 2011 - **Picnic in the Park**
- August 25, 2011 - **Chamber Welcome Picnic/Business Expo**
- August 27-28, 2011 - **Donnelly Threshing Bee**
- September 17, 2011 - **Harvest Holiday Festival**
- November 17, 2011 - **11th Annual Grand Parade of Lights**

Attention Businesses!

The University of Minnesota, Morris' Fifth Annual Community of Scholars Event will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5, 2011. Over these two days, approximately 200 students will be on-campus competing for the University of Minnesota, Morris' most prestigious scholarships - the Prairie Scholars Award and the Morris Scholars Award. This event will bring many students and their families to the UMM, and in turn, the city of Morris.

Please welcome these visitors to our Community!

Chamber Business Directory Update

The Chamber is compiling a Membership Directory that will be distributed to all Chamber members at the end of February. In order to have your business included in the directory, you must be a chamber member in good standing and have paid the 2011 Chamber membership dues or contacted the office by Friday, February 18. After this date, we cannot guarantee that your name will be included in the directory. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber at 589-1242 or email us at MChamber@fedtel.net.

Sandra D's Wedding Design and Décor Rental

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Sandra D's Wedding Design and Décor Rental is a home based business located north of Donnelly. After working with a floral and nursery trade business in Elbow Lake, Sandra knew that this is what she enjoyed, designing with flowers and working with the public. After designing her own wedding in 1983, owner/operator Sandra Dunn opened her first store, Donnelly's Country Side Floral in 1985 where the retail business was directed more towards fresh flowers and plants. After relocating to the present location, a name change and retail inventory showcased into artificial flowers and rental items for different events. She misses the aroma that comes with fresh flowers but designing with artificial is like painting on a canvas. It comes to life.



Sandra D's has designed artificial flowers and arrangements for weddings, anniversaries, proms, funerals, birthdays, graduations, baby & bridal showers and other special events. Because of high demand in centerpieces and decorations, the inventory has expanded to rental of vases, mirrors, back drops, arches, plant stands, candelabras, fabric drapery for ceilings & table accents, table linen, lighting, serving bowls, bouquet holders, ceiling drops such as balloon bouquets, lanterns or lighted curtain panels.

We will be expanding our inventory in the future to include table rental, chair rental, dance floor rental and riser rental. If there is a demand of other such items, we will try to accommodate your requests.



Sandra takes pride in her designs and works with you for that special touch. Wedding themes are a specialty when it comes to designs. She has worked with themes such as Country, Fairy Tale, Luau, Nautical, Backyard BBQ, Hunting & Fishing Enthusiast and of course your Modern, Contemporary & Traditional weddings as well. Each wedding is unique in itself.



Event consultations are by appointment only.

Welcome New Chamber Board of Directors

The Chamber would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following individuals as new members of the Board of Directors:

- Patty Kill, RiverWood Bank
- Marty Ohren, Thrifty White Drug
- Dr. Eric Rambow, Morris Dental Clinic
- Jeanne Ennen, County Representative