Summer Food Fest
Tue, June 13, 4:30 – 7 pm • Westwood Schools, Blaine

This much-anticipated community event includes an abundance of food and activities. You won’t leave hungry and in return you support the MetroNorth Chamber and Toys for Joy, both of whom are committed to ensuring this area is a great place to work, live and play.

Advance tickets are $15.

Buy a book for your staff or your clients! Hundreds of attendees are expected; bring business cards along with your appetite.

The Champion’s Code: Building Relationships
Through Life Lessons of Integrity and Accountability from the Sports World to the Business World
Thurs, July 13th • 11:30 am Registration • The Mermaid, Mounds View

The best-selling author of nearly 50 sports books, Ross Bernstein is an award-winning peak performance hall of fame business speaker whose keynoted conferences on five continents and has been featured on CNN, ESPN, Fox News, and CBS This Morning, as well as in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today. Ross interviewed more than 500 professional athletes and coaches that all had one thing in common: they were all members of championship teams. In his research, he concluded that the same metrics and characteristics that were common among champions in sports, were also common in peak performers in business. As he learned, champions have a very unique DNA, and his goal is to get audience members thinking about their own DNA and about the DIFFERENTIATORS they possess which would ultimately lead customers to CHOOSE to do business with them. At the core of his message is the simple fact that we like to do business with people who we trust, who we like, and who just “get it.”


And The Scholarship Goes To...

The MetroNorth Chamber Workforce Development Foundation presented a $500 scholarship to Andover High School student Grant Matz at their May 15 awards ceremony. Grant plans to attend Winona State University in the fall and major in Management of Information Systems. Presenting the award is Foundation Board member Roger Johnson.

Speaking of scholarships, you may be interested to know that last year’s recipient, Jonathan Ababiy of Blaine High School, was recently featured in the New York Times for his college application essay. We supported him as a junior with a $500 donation to his Business Professionals of America national competition in Boston (he placed 2nd). I encourage you to take 3 minutes and give it a read. It’s quite good.

nytimes.com/2017/05/12/your-money/standout-college-application-essays
Committees, Councils, and Boards...Oh My!

We firmly believe that the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce is as strong and vibrant as it is due to the many volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to ensuring our success. Each committee, council and Board we have serves a very important purpose and each in their own way furthers our over-arching mission to strengthen the business community.

Being that we are almost half-way through 2017, we wanted to give a short synopsis of what has been accomplished so far this year:

**Ambassadors:** Now that they are 40-members strong, they are adding 4 subcommittees to leverage the many talents within their roster. Look to see an enhanced presence of Ambassadors at future events as well as more outreach to existing members.

**Blaine Business Council:** In January, they received an update from the City of Blaine on strategizing for the year. The Council’s 2nd Quarter meeting was at Infinite Campus with over 70 attending. A fantastic discussion on technology took place.

**Coon Rapids Business Council:** In February, attendees heard a ‘State of the City’ presentation. Their 2nd Quarter meeting featured a presentation by the MN Chamber on immigration and the impact to Minnesota’s economy.

**Golf:** With one of the largest committees in years, volunteers ensured that 164 golfers and 36 hole sponsors had a fantastic day at The Refuge.

**Gala:** Never a group to disappoint, your Gala committee is planning a ‘Merry and Bright’ event on Thursday, December 7th. The featured entertainment is Kat Perkins from NBC’s The Voice.

**Summer Food Fest:** This committee’s efforts will culminate on June 13th at the 7th annual event; be sure to see the insert to order tickets!

**Sunrise:** After many years at Moe’s Restaurant, this committee decided to change up their 3rd Friday location and are now at Sticks & Stones/Four Seasons Curling Club. Both the 1st Friday and 3rd Friday continue to climb in attendance and referrals.

**Wine:** They have had several successful after-hours this year already: Olive Garden and Tria. Besides the upcoming Bent Brewstillery on June 6th and Acapulco on July 25th, they have plans in the works for some brand-new events this fall. Stay tuned!

**Workforce Development Committee:** They have had much success in presenting their “CEO’s in the Classroom: Are You (Work) Ready?” presentation to area students. Now they will be focusing on conducting manufacturing tours this October.

**Workforce Foundation Board:** They are moving forward with a possible grant opportunity this fall which will focus on their mission to connect with work-ready high school students.

**Working with Women:** They are continuing their reputation of securing high-quality, dynamic speakers for their monthly meeting, which oftentimes sees upwards of 60 attendees.

Interested in learning more about any of the above?

We encourage you to attend one of their next meetings, visit our website (MetroNorthChamber.org/About/Committees) or contact our office. It’s a great way to be a part of the Chamber and meet a group of other leaders also interested in the above topics. On that note, your Board of Directors will soon be seeking applications to serve on the 2018 Board; it’s a three-year term and all members in good standing are eligible to apply. Watch for more information soon.
Upcoming Events

Business over Brews
Tue, June 6th • Bent Brewstillery
$17/$20 at the door
By popular demand, we’re heading back over to the state’s first Brewstillery for another after-hours. On Tuesday, June 6th from 4:45 - 6:45 pm, join us at Bent Brewstillery for Business Over Brews. Each guest will receive a flight of hand crafted beer with the owner explaining their delightful nuances. Also included: 2-for-1’s, appetizers, and of course networking with other business leaders. Cheers!

Thank you sponsor Paul Ekstrom Realty Team

VIP Cocktail Experience
Tue, July 25th • Acapulco – Andover
$44/$80 pair

Never one to disappoint, the Leon family is presenting us with a NEW experience for this annual event – a cocktail experience! Try several cocktails thoughtfully paired with multiple courses of delicious, made-just-for-us food. If you have never experienced an Acapulco dinner, then you have been missing out on a truly spectacular evening.

Thank you sponsor Allegra Design Print Mail.

A Very ‘Cool’ Day

One word comes to mind when trying to summarize our 29th annual golf tournament at the Refuge: Cool. The temperature was cool, yes. But the day itself was absolutely ‘cool’ in the fun sense of the word. The course was packed with 164 golfers and 36 hole sponsors, who enjoyed all sorts of cool games, raffles, and activities. From a pig roast to plinko, there was something for everyone. (And it should be mentioned, we stayed dry…not a small feat this Spring.)

Congratulations to the 1st place team, 21st Century Bank, who defended their title as reigning champs with the impressive score of 48. They won $200 to the Refuge Golf Club Pro Shop! Many thanks to all of the golfers, sponsors, & volunteers who ensured the day’s success!

Save the date!
December 7th • Leopolds Mississippi Gardens
Featuring Kat Perkins
We are planning a remarkable winter extravaganza for you and your employees. The featured entertainment is Kat Perkins, a local talent who was invited to audition for NBC’s The Voice and made it to the Top 5 with coach Adam Levine. Plan to bring your entire team to this not-to-be-missed event!

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Bowlero: New Name and Branding! Bowlero is immersive entertainment at its best—the kind of interactive fun that lets you forget about everything and just enjoy the moment. Perfect for parties and powered by nostalgia. 11352 Ulysses Street NE, Blaine 55434, 763.561.2230, bowlero.com/location/bowlero-blaine.

Blaine Orthodontics: 1 Year Anniversary! Our dedicated team of highly-qualified professionals is committed to determining which treatment solution is best suited for your specific orthodontic needs thus rendering the ideal result. 10945 Club West Parkway, Suite 170, Blaine 55449, 763.400.8992, blaineorthodontics.com.

Cedar Association Realty: Grand Opening! Specializing in selling condominiums, townhomes and co-op units, we’re excited to bring our industry-leading knowledge and customer service to home buyers and sellers in the Twin Cities. 7260 University Avenue NE, Suite 100, Fridley 55432, 612.767.9000, cedarassociation.com.


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Angie Glotzbach – AngCo
Anita Spading – KleinBank
Beth Whelan – Oxygen Consulting
Bob Hylland – Financial One Credit Union
Brenda Jewell – Anytime Fitness Ham Lake
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Vision Staffing Solutions: 4 Year Anniversary in Blaine!
Vision Staffing connects people with opportunities, partners with companies to solve their staffing needs, assists in cutting costs, and helps businesses grow with the right people in place. 9298 Central Avenue NE, Suite 408, Blaine 55434, 763.447.2103, myvisionco.com.

Glow in One Mini Golf: Grand Opening!
New to the Twin Cities! The course is illuminated by black lights which features bright colors and simple yet challenging holes. Fun for all ages! 12579 Central Avenue NE, Blaine 55434, 763.777.9577, glowinoneminigolf.com.

That Phancy Little Shop: First Store Front!
Located in Northtown Mall, we provide custom airbrushed apparel you can personalize, party room rental, airbrushed temporary tattoos/henna, and so much more! Rent for your next event our inflatable bounce houses and costume characters. Northtown Mall, Door 2, between Herbergers and Hobby Lobby, 612.310.8292, phancyfaces.com.

Kevin Vote State Farm Insurance: New Member!
We will work to meet our policyholder’s expectations with respect and integrity, increase the value of our relationships, be competent in the recommendations and products we provide, and act as responsible stewards with the money clients entrust to us. 11115 Crooked Lake Boulevard, Coon Rapids 55433, kevinvote.com.

The Ambassador of the Month is

March/April
Angie Glotzbach
AngCo
Congratulations Angie on your back-to-back wins! Angie earned the most points of all 40 Ambassadors, meaning she attended a plethora events and made many welcome calls, and generally was a rock-star committee member. Thanks, Angie, for your commitment to this group!
March and April New Members: Welcome!

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Relieve Medical Supply
Rifled Solutions
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Sanny Perrella’s Pizza
SBM Fire Department
Sno Fitness Blaine
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Sticks & Stones
Stone Construction, Inc.
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Thirty One Gifts-Blaine Sherrey
Tiny Landscaping
Two Dogs and a Cat
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April Referral Winner:
Tom Newland, Allegra Design Print Mail, $50 gift certificate, Dixie Blue BarBQue
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