This year marks the 50th year that we have been incorporated as a chamber of commerce, having started in 1968 as the Blaine Chamber and going through a couple of iterations to who we are today. Behind the scenes our Board has had many discussions on who we are and where we are going. We want to honor our past but be relevant in the future. So, to do that, we made the decision to do a complete rebrand. This fall we will be rolling out a new logo, brand, website – you name it, we’re redoing it. (Everything but our commitment to the business community.)

This is no small endeavor and no small price tag. We have therefore created the Legacy Club. We are asking 50 members to join the Club for $1000 each, proceeds of which will support our rebranding efforts. Each member can pick a year from 1968-2018 and will forever hold that year as an exclusive Legacy Club member. Investors will be recognized in perpetuity – on our website, at membership meetings, in our office, etc. Also included is a table and a legacy sponsorship for our December 6 Gala at Infinite Campus, where we will celebrate our 50th anniversary in grand style. We believe it is a small investment this year for a long return in years to come.

Inside this newsletter is a list of confirmed Legacy Investors to-date and available years. We hope you will consider joining this Club and being part of this exciting endeavor.

2018 Annual Meeting: Save the Date!
Thurs, Nov 8, 12 pm

Hard to believe, but it’s almost time to reflect on 2018 and look towards 2019. It’s been a busy and successful year at MetroNorth and we want to share a few updates on what we’re doing for our MetroNorth members! We will also ask attendees to elect new members to your Board of Directors. See page 2 for a full list of who the current Board is recommending for your consideration.

We’re very pleased to announce that your 2018 Annual Meeting will feature a keynote from Carl Rick, third generation owner of Kwik Trip. Founded in 1965, this gas station/convenience store has grown from 1 location to over 500, including a few new stores right in the north metro. Besides the stores, did you know that Kwik Trip also owns a dairy plant, a soda bottling plant, a bakery – even banana ripening rooms?!

With more than 18,000 employees, Kwik Trip is also known for their industry-leading employee retention rate, has been rated a Top Ten Workplace in three states and has won many national awards. Mr. Rick’s presentation, “A Kwik Look at Kwik Trip,” will surely inform and entertain.
Scott Hanson is the Corporate Vice President of Gaming for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLVC), which has been a member of the MetroNorth Chamber for over 15 years. Scott has attended many events over those years, and as a Blaine resident, enjoys patronizing local chamber businesses. He desires to serve on the Board to continue the strong relationship between Grand Casino/MLVC and the Chamber as well as bring his 30+ years of business experience to help the Chamber grow.

Heather Farr is the Managing Partner for Operations/Customer Care at Vision Companies, which has been a member of MetroNorth for 4 years. Heather was most recently involved with our Student to Student Recruiter program at Coon Rapids high school, providing mentorship and guidance as needed. She prides herself on driving results and understands the importance of being united and moving towards clear goals and objectives.

Amy Weber-DeRaad is a Consultant for MaryKay and has been with MetroNorth for 3 years. She has been extremely active, including co-chairing the Ambassador Committee and attending a multitude of events on a regular basis. She has a corporate background in HR, is a strong connector and relationship-builder, and has an inherent desire to serve others. Amy is inspired by the advocacy and commitment of the Chamber and wants to offer her skillset to the Board to continue their positive forward movement.

Nathan Klauser is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and has been an active member of MetroNorth for 3 years. Residing in Ham Lake, being an active church member in Andover, and having a business in New Brighton, Nate understands the importance of the overall health and engagement of the north metro community. With a strong background in economics and engineering, Nate would like to continue his passion for supporting and developing companies.

Mike Kaeding is the President of Norhart, based out of Forest Lake and primarily develops, constructs and maintains properties such as Emberwood Apartments in Blaine. Although a relatively new member to the Chamber, Mike has jumped in feet first and is very active, developing partnerships with other members almost immediately. He believes that the MetroNorth Chamber is one of the prime organizations in the Twin Cities that is helping create a better way for people to live, and wants to bring his talents – in particular, social media, connections, leadership and drive, to the Board.

These individuals will seek formal nomination and election at the Nov 8 Annual Meeting.

We’re Hiring!

The MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce is expanding its team! A new Workforce and Business Development position has been created to help move forward our exciting and innovative workforce programming. We are excited to announce this opportunity to you, our members, knowing what a good referral source you all are! A full job description is on our website or call/email us for more information.

Are YOU Hiring?

We’re pleased to announce that we have re-started our Student to Student Recruiter initiative with Coon Rapids High School, where two students will actively promote local job openings suitable for high school students to their networks. Brynn, who was part of the program last year, and Salam, another fantastic DECA leader, are ready to go, so send us the information and we’ll get started.
Anoka County Commissioner District #4 Candidate Forum
Monday, Oct 1, 12-1 pm

As you may know, there is an open County Commissioner seat on the ballot this year, with incumbent Jim Kordiak retiring. Both Mandy Meisner and Sean Broom are vying for this opportunity. District 4 covers portions of Spring Lake Park, Fridley, and Columbia Heights. Regardless if you live or work in these cities, a County Commissioner votes on issues that affect this entire County – from taxes to transportation. So please join us for this forum, at which several business-related questions will be asked, along with time for audience Q&A. No cost for members; $10 general public. 11:30 am registration/refreshments, program 12-1 pm. Spring Lake Park City Hall. RSVP preferred.

Boo's and Brews
Tuesday, Oct 16, 4:44-6:44 pm

Back by popular demand! Networking, drinks, and ghost tours are apparently a very popular combination. We’ll again be at Lyric Arts at 4:44 pm for a social hour (one drink ticket included). At 5:25 pm we’ll go on a 25-minute walking Boo’s Tour with NEW ghost stories. We’ll finish our walk at the Anoka County Historical Society for a taco bar, scavenger hunt and socializing. The post-ghost party continues at Casa Rio. $19. Thank you event sponsor Kari Hefnider - American Family Insurance.

Home & Outdoor Adventures Expo
Saturday, March 23, 2019

Save the date for this MetroNorth expo at the National Sports Center. Vendor booth and sponsorship information will be available soon.

31st Annual Golf Tournament
Thurs, May 16, 2019

Also save the date for next year’s golf tournament! We are pleased to announce that we are returning to Majestic Oaks, where once again we will utilize both courses for our golfers and sponsors. We’re also pleased that Financial One Credit Union will again return as the title sponsor.

Networking before the ghost tours at the 2017 Boos & Brews.
New stories, same scare, for 2018!

5th Fri Sunrise
Nov 30, 7:30-9 am

Sign up for this sure-to-be-popular 5th Friday Sunrise at Route 47 in Fridley! With a great venue and awesome food, it’s going to be an egg-cellent (sorry) morning to build your business. No charge but RSVP required.

Thanks to All Auto Glass, Mr. Darcy’s Cows, the Spring Lake Park Lions & guests for a fun September “Meat Raffle Returns” after-hours at the Sunset Grill!

Thursday, Dec 6, 5-9 pm

You and your employees will enjoy a great evening at Infinite Campus, an amazing business with an amazing facility. Your Gala Committee is planning some amazing tributes to the Chamber’s 50th anniversary – which, of course, wouldn’t be possible without YOU, our members. Please be a part of our celebration! See the insert for more details.
**Ribbon Cuttings**

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New Member!

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A family owned and operated business focusing on exceptional customer service. Residential and commercial vacuum cleaners sold, and professional service of ALL makes and models. Get your parts here, too! 11884 Round Lake Blvd, Coon Rapids. 763.421.2727 asapvacuum.com

**Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health & Well-Being:**
New Location!

The primary provider of outpatient mental health services in Anoka County and surrounding areas. Services include clinic, home and school-based counseling as well as psychological testing, assessment, and psychiatry 10091 Dogwood St NW, #110, Coon Rapids. 763.780.3036 leecarlsoncenter.org

**Murphy Bros.:**
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Celebrating 35 years of providing professional construction services through excellence in communication, design and workmanship. 1611 93rd Ln NE, Blaine. 763.780.3262 murphybros.com

**BW Portrait Art:**
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**Bridal Aisle:**
5 Year Anniversary!

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Anne Marie Proulx - Church Offset Printing, Inc.
Beth Whelan - Oxygen Consulting, Inc.
Bob Hylland - Financial One Credit Union
Brenda Jewell - Anytime Fitness Ham Lake
Christina Kusch - The Mermaid/AmericInn
Cindy Richards - Customgraphix
Grace Melek - ActionCOACH MN
Holly Benson - Minnco Credit Union
Javano Munnings – Hail Pro
John Braddock - Operation Grace MN
Jon Nalty - Keller Williams Classic Realty
Jon T Peterson - Marketplace Mortgage
Karen Andler - Vision Staffing Solutions
Kari Vaughn - HealthSource of Blaine
Kat Smith - Blaine Festival Committee
Megan Mensen - Desired Health Chiropractic
Michael Erkes - Imprint Gallery, Inc.
Nancy Jorgensen - Coldwell Banker Burnet
Patty Reuter - Border State Bank
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Rebecca Jochum - INI Bodywork & Wellness
Rod Schimmel - Weichert Realtors Premier
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FSBOHomes.com: New Member!

An innovative advertising and coordination service assembling a team of local real estate professionals including certified appraisers, certified home inspectors, professional photographers, and an on-site real estate attorney to assist homeowners in selling their home. 12475 Riverdale Blvd NW, # G, Coon Rapids. 763.280.3636 fsbohomes.com

GoFit Dining: New Member!

Equipped with a strong understanding of nutrition, activity and the busy lifestyle Americans lead, founded to promote lifestyle balance by creating a community of wellness and support enabling you to Dine Fit, Live Fit, and Go Fit. 17519 Heather St NW, Andover. 612.408.7575 gofitdining.com

FIRE Fitness Ham Lake: New Member!

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By providing the highest possible level of service, delivering superior investment alternatives, embracing long-term planning, valuing methodical decision-making, and remaining focused on what matters most: You. 3340 Northdale Blvd, # 110, Coon Rapids. 763.210.5277 raymondjames.com

RDM Insurance Agency: New Member!

Serving the community for over 50 years and building a reputation of excellence through customer service and competitive rates. RDM Agency offers both personal and commercial insurance. 9201 Lexington Ave N, Circle Pines. 763.784.2426 ardmagency.com
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Grocery

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Grocery

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COMMITTEES/GROUPS: OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Ambassadors: Oct 9 & Nov 13 - Chamber 4 pm
Board: Oct 10 - Chamber 7:30 am
Nov TBD - Retreat - TBD
Executive: Oct 2 & Nov 6 - Chamber 11:30 am
Gala: Oct 26 & Nov 30 - Chamber, 9:30 am
Golf: Oct 8 & Nov 12 - Chamber 4 pm
Hops & Vines: Oct 3 & Nov 7 - TBD - Blaine, 4:44 pm
Sunrise - 1st Friday: Oct 5 & Nov 2 - Tavern Grill - Blaine, 7:30 am
Sunrise - 3rd Friday: Oct 19 & Nov 16 - Sticks & Stones, 7:30 am
Sunrise - 5th Friday: Nov 30 - Route 47 – Fridley, 7:30 am
Workforce Development: Oct 22 & Nov 26 - Chamber, 12:00 pm
Work with Women: Oct 24 & Nov 28 - Rasmussen College - Blaine; 9:15 am

SPECIAL EVENTS: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Boos & Brews: Oct 16 - Anoka, 4:44 pm
Marketing 201: Oct 18 - Chamber-Blaine, 8:15 am
New Member Welcome Reception: Oct 23 - Broadway Pizza - Blaine, 4:30 pm
Blaine Business Council: Oct 25 - TPC Twin Cities, Blaine, 7:30 am
Connecting 101: Nov 15 - Chamber, 8:15 am
Coon Rapids Business Council: Nov 27 - Bunker Hills, Coon Rapids, 7:30 am

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