



Chamber Connection

Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Welcome to the
"Chamber Connection"

UPCOMING



EVENTS:

February 4, 2011

**Hibbing Area Chamber's 106th
Annual Dinner & Auction**
Hibbing Elk's Lodge

February 16, 2011

**WINs Healthy Eating
Redefined**
Jimmy's



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HIBBING AREA CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER/GALA HIGHLIGHTS

The Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce will hold it's 106th Annual Dinner and Auction the evening of Friday, February 4 at the Hibbing Elks Lodge. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP by this Thursday, January 27th 218-262-3895 or hibbcocf@hibbing.org



Highlights of the event include –

~A visit from Congressman Chip Cravaack. The Congressman will mingle with the crowd as well as deliver a brief message.

~Induction of Chamber Chair of the Board – Scott Allison, President/CEO at Minnesota Twist Drill and 2011 Hibbing Area Chamber Board of Directors.

The first ever Hibbing Area **Business of the Year** award will be presented to a long time Hibbing business. The award is given for :

- Demonstrated growth and stability
- Excellence and/or innovation in their field
- Dedication and service to the community
- Longevity of business and loyalty to employees
- Special contributions of leadership and mentoring of others
- Support and promotion of the region, chamber and business community

A fabulous menu with a rustic Italian flair.

PETTO DI POLLO FARCITO *Spinach, pancetta and mozzarella stuffed into a panko crusted chicken breast, accompanied with a white wine supreme sauce. Served with a rustic mashed potato and broccoli.*

PESCE CON CIOPPINO *Pan seared halibut served with a white and red wine sauce with shrimp, clams and mussels. Served with a wild mushroom risotto and grilled asparagus.*

BISTECCA ALLO BALSAMICO E ALGIO ARROSTITO *Strip sirloin marinated in roasted garlic and balsamic vinegar overnight, roasted to a nice medium rare and served with a sirloin sauce. Served with cheesy Delmonico potatoes and broccoli.*

Outstanding Auction items like

- 2 round trip coach tickets on Delta Air Lines
- 2 round trip tickets from Hibbing to Laughlin, NV (February 27-March 3) – includes hotel stay at Riverside Resort & Casino
- 2 tickets to the MN Wild vs Detroit Red Wings hockey game



Fairview's Radiation Therapy Center expansion is complete!

Fairview University Medical Center-Mesabi is proud to announce it has completed installation of the most advanced linear accelerator in the region. It targets tumors with the highest degree of accuracy and minimizes the amount of damage to surrounding healthy cells.

Through more precise targeting, dosage levels can be increased and the target area can be reduced, so tumors get a higher dose of radiation and healthy surrounding tissues get very little. Higher doses have been shown to enhance treatment effectiveness and better targeting reduces the possible side effects of radiotherapy.

State-of-the-art motion management techniques allow patients to breathe naturally during treatment sessions, increasing treatment accuracy, reducing stress and increasing patient comfort.



This advanced cancer treatment technology is not available anywhere else in or around the region. At Fairview, patients have convenient access to the highest quality cancer care available in the region-without traveling long distances to receive it.

RETIRING CHAMBER BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to the following outgoing Board members for their hard work, time and dedication to the Hibbing Area Chamber.

Kelle Degnan, Edward Jones Financial

Rich Lees, A-1 Refrigeration/Lee Rental

Don Hilligoss Jr., Ranger GM



News Briefs -----

The Hibbing Area Chamber welcomes Center -- a new yoga, pilates, and Thai massage studio in Hibbing. Center is the second of two in operation. The other location is in Grand Rapid, MN. To help each client feel better, Center offers more than 20 weekly classes in yoga, kettle bells, and pilates. Pilates classes are offered in mat form and on equipment. As well, yoga is available in several styles: vinyasa flow, gentle flow, kundalini, fusion and power flow. Class and equipment use is ongoing (no start/stop dates). Class size is kept to 20 or less to allow instructors to give one on one attention. The Thai massage offered at Center is a clothes-on one on one therapeutic session aimed at stimulating the flow of healing energies within the body, opening the are body, mind and spirit back into balance and harmony. Center is located at 1935 2nd Avenue East (directly behind Range Tobacco). Hours vary depending on classes and prices vary from class to class, with your first class free! For more information, log onto www.center-mn.com or call 218-262-YOGA (9642).



Hibbing Team Skyping with I'Falls Team in Friendly Competition

International Falls and Hibbing have joined together to lure the Minnesota Vikings to visit their towns as a part of the 2011 "You Made the Team" Community Tour.

The two northern Minnesota communities will participate in a friendly competition in an effort to entice the team to visit and to encourage active living in *their children*. The competition is called "Pennies for Play." In Hibbing the money raised will benefit the Greenhaven Community Playground on 6th Avenue East and 33rd St. In International Falls the money raised will benefit *Kerry Park on 11th Street*. The money will be raised until the Vikings visit or until the end of the school year, whichever comes first.

Coin receptacles will be placed throughout the communities. Members are encouraged to contribute. Anyone looking for more information or wishing to volunteer should contact **Lory Fedo**, 218-262-3895/ lfedo@hibbing.org



BusinessConnection, available at www.mnbizconnect.com or by calling 1-888-MINN-BIZ, is a free service for Minnesota businesses to help solve and research business-related problems. BusinessConnection offers all of the state's public and private business-assistance resources in one convenient location. It is a service of Grow Minnesota! and sponsored by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Our local partner is the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce. It supports the service in the Hibbing Area.

Ribbon Cuttings-----



NEW LOCATION

Home Instead Senior Care
2204 1st Avenue • Hibbing, MN 55746

J V Wiener, Ambassador, Mary Bischoff, Ambassador / Hibbing Daily Tribune, Mary Andrews, Owner, Kim Fagan, Customer Service Rep, Dorothy Ylatupa, CareGiver, Brett Andrews, General Manager Stacie Loe, Staffing, Brenda Fagan, Ambassador/The Range Center, Carrie Manner, Ambassador/Edward Jones-Kelle Degnan

NEW OWNER

Range Floral
2902 3rd Avenue East • Hibbing, MN 55746

J V Wiener, Ambassador, Kristina Menard, Ambassador/ Advantage Billing, Mary Bischoff, Ambassador/Hibbing Daily Tribune, Jeff Douville, Owner, Lindsay Douville, Owner, Sandra Menard ,Ambassador/O D C, Brenda Fagan, Ambassador/The Range Center



EXPANSION

Donna J's located in the Howard Court
302 East Howard Street • Hibbing, MN 55746

J V Wiener, Ambassador, Sandy Menard, Ambassador / ODC, Donna Juhlin, Owner, Lindsey, Staff, Linda Perpich-VonderHaar, Ambassador/American Bank, Kristina Menard, Ambassador/Advantage Billing Concepts



WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Triumph Twist Drill

3219 19th Avenue East · Hibbing, MN 55746
218-263-3891

Country Financial

214 East Howard Street · Hibbing, MN 55746
218-262-4905

Boardwalk

Debra K. Boardman, President & Chief Executive Officer of Range Regional Health Services, in Hibbing, MN, a part of the Fairview Health System. Prior to joining Fairview, Ms. Boardman was the President & Chief Executive Officer of RiverView Health in Crookston, MN and the Administrator/Chief Executive Officer at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, MN.



Ms. Boardman is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator in the state of Minnesota and is a Fellow in the American College of HealthCare Executives. She has served on numerous professional boards and committees, as well as community boards. Currently she serves as a member of the Minnesota Hospital Association Board and Executive Committee, the MHA Trustee Council, and a board member of the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board. She is past board member of the Minnesota Department of Health – Office of Rural Health and Primary Care - Rural Flex Grant Advisory Committee, a past member of the University of Minnesota Crookston's Health Management Program Improvement Audit Committee, and was the Vice Chair of the board of the Crookston Housing and Economic Development Authority. Past roles she has served in include Chair of the North Region Health Alliance and Chair of the Board of the Minnesota Hospital Association.

Ms. Boardman has testified at the state legislature on healthcare related issues and in 2006, participated in an 11 member contingency with the Minnesota Department of Health that toured Chinese hospitals and public health agencies in an international sharing, collaborating, and fact finding mission.

Ms. Boardman graduated from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN in 1994 with a major in Business Management and minor in Healthcare Management. She obtained her Long Term Care Administration Degree from the University of Minnesota.

RYP



range young professionals
...making connections

The next RYP Meeting will be

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
12:00 Noon
At Sammy's



Healthy Eating redefined

**A Different Way to Eat,
Connect with your body &
Be Healthy**

Jillian Lampert, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.D., L.D. • Director, Education, Research and Program Development

Date

Wednesday
February 16, 2011

Time

5:00- 6:00 PM Social
6:00 PM Meal & speaker

RSVP with selection:

- Oriental Chicken Salad or
- Montreal Steak Salad

Location

Zimmy's

Additional Info:

Cost: \$17.00 members,
\$20.00 non-members

Join Us!

Join us for this wonderful event.

Healthy eating usually means what foods you "should" eat or what foods you should "feel bad" about eating. True healthy eating means much more than just WHAT you eat. This approach, called mindful or intuitive eating, is an approach that focuses on WHY you eat and HOW you make food choices rather than just WHAT you eat. It's not a diet; it's a way of thinking; a way of living.

Dr. Jillian Lampert provides nutrition education and counseling. Jillian is on the board of the Academy for Eating Disorders, and co-chairs its Nutrition Special Interest Group. She has authored numerous book chapters and articles on nutritional treatment of eating disorders, body image, sports participation and adolescent health. She completed her doctorate in nutrition and epidemiology, master's of public health and dietetic internship at the University of Minnesota and a master's in nutrition at the University of Vermont.

RSVP

RSVP by Wednesday, February 9 to the Hibbing Area Chamber at 218-262-3895 or email hibbcocf@hibbing.org



2011 Legislature: High stakes for jobs

By David C. Olson, President MN Chamber of Commerce



The 2011 Legislature convened with clear signals that Minnesota will be “open for business.” It’s customary that the first bills introduced in the session mirror the priorities of the majority party. These bills, in both the House and Senate, reflect the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce’s 2011 agenda.

Senate File 1, the “jobs” bill, proposes to reduce the corporate income tax by half in the next six years, roll back and freeze business property taxes to 2009 levels, and ease regulations and streamline the environmental permitting and review process.

House File 1 also takes steps to streamline environmental permitting and review.

Other noteworthy measures provided alternative pathways to teacher licensure, abolished many local government mandates, and lifted the ban on consideration of additional nuclear power plants.

The proposals are refreshing and send a welcome message to the statewide business community. The Minnesota Chamber and its network of local chambers stand ready to advance those measures necessary to assist businesses in locating and expanding in Minnesota. That’s vital to the economic livelihood of all Minnesotans.

Developing the economy is important business and a competitive business. Look no farther than our neighbor to the east. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker made recent headlines when he erected signs at the Minnesota-Wisconsin – as well as Illinois-Wisconsin – borders declaring: “Open for Business.”

“The pro-growth initiatives I support stand in stark contrast to those policies being discussed in our bordering states,” Walker said in a prepared statement. “These signs are aimed directly at job creators to make them aware that they are welcome here.”

Minnesota policy-makers cannot sit still. Businesses face intense competition not only from other states but also across the globe.

Incorporating incentives for businesses to locate and expand in Minnesota is essential. The task of building a budget on anticipated revenues of \$32 billion – up \$1.5 billion from the existing biennium – won’t be easy. But the intent from the new legislative leadership is clearly promising.

What’s the No. 1 reason why Minnesota businesses are not adding jobs? Uncertainty.

We enter the 2011 legislative session with fundamental questions. How will business be treated by the new governor and Legislature? Will taxes be going up? Will rules and regulations be expanded? Or will our new leaders send a message that one way out of this recession is to make it easier for private-sector job-providers to create more jobs?

The Minnesota Senate and House have certainly identified their job priorities. Governor Dayton also has made it clear that his No. 1 priority is jobs and helping our economy get moving again. All in all, good first steps to what will be a very difficult legislative session.

The task won’t be easy. We all must share the pain, including the business community. Completing this assignment is essential for Minnesota to address its most pressing problems and build the infrastructure necessary to develop and grow our economy.

For more information, visit the Web at www.mnchamber.com.



February 2011

Leadership Committee	01	8:00AM, Sportsmen's
106 th Annual Dinner & Auction	04	5:30 PM Social, 6:30PM Dinner - Hibbing Elk's
Executive Committee Meeting	07	Noon, US Bank boardroom
Women's Innovative Network Meeting	08	4:00PM, Jimmy's
Commercial Weatherization Meeting	09	8:30AM, Chamber office
Board of Directors Meeting	14	11:30AM, Bach Yen
Ambassadors Meeting	15	Noon, The Brickyard
Range Young Professionals	16	Noon, Sammy's
WIN's Healthy Eating Redefined	16	5:00 PM Social, 6:00 PM Dinner – Jimmy's
MN Chamber Conference Call Series	18	7:30AM, Chamber office
BR & E Meeting	21	7:45AM, Chamber office
Hibbing Beautification meeting	28	1:30PM, Chamber office

Your 2011 Chamber Leaders

Chair of the Board
First Vice Chair
Treasurer
Past Chair of the Board

Scott Allison
 Rally Hess
 Mark Gardeski
 Kelle Degnan

Minnesota Twist Drill
Hibbing Taconite
Security State Bank
Edward Jones Investments

Chris Bergum *Triumph Twist Drill*
 Joe Bonelli *Airgas*
 Danette Brandstrom *Fairview UCMC*
 Joan Cotton *1st Realty Rangewide*
 Shaun Germolus *Range Regional Airport*
 Jason Janisch *Jasper Engineering*
 Bill Lowry *Max Gray Construction*
 Camille Nasi *Liquor Cabinet*
 Shelley Robinson *Range Center*
 Kathy Salmi *Delta Air Lines*

Deb Boardman
 Kelly Bougalis
 Roberta Collins
 Rachel Delich-Sullivan
 Brian Grzybowski
 Greg Lee
 Wanda Moeller
 Kristen Olinske
 Jeremy Rodorigo
 Bill Thurman

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Prebich Law Office
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