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East Revisits West Trip...A Success!

East Revisits West - Approximately 20 people from Grand Forks traveled to Watford City, ND to build on the great business relationships we have with the west. Another 20 people from Watford City, Williston and Tioga participated in the two days of sessions. Lt. Governor Mark Sanford spent all day Tuesday with our group including several hours at a social event. Thanks to Chamber Board Member Mike Dunn of Construction Engineers for coordinating. A group from the west will be in Grand Forks for a hockey game we will host this fall. Grand Forks is recognized as a strong business and legislative partner with the west.

Check this out!!

- Current Chamber News
- New Members
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Brown Bag Seminar
- Business After Hours
- July City-to-Farm/Ag Social Event

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MN Legislature Puts a Bow on the Session

A few policy items and accomplishments from the past year worth noting as we put a bow on the 2021 session:

- Lawmakers proposed billions in tax increases this session, despite large budget reserves and federal stimulus funds. Through the work of the Chamber and our allies, we provided much needed relief to the thousands of businesses that participated in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. This was an important victory as our state was one of a few states that did not conform to federal tax treatment of forgivable Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. Record-breaking grassroots initiatives helped secure $409 million for the 190,000 businesses who took these loans.
- This was in addition to other recent successes in reducing taxes on the business property tax levy and election for pass-through entities. And, conforming with federal Section 179, allowing immediate equipment expensing, saving farmers and small businesses from retroactive tax increases and securing $208 million in tax relief.
- For years, lawmakers proposed extreme mandates on paid leave, scheduling, wage and others. Once again, the Chamber blocked these proposals, saving businesses $2.2 billion, a .6% payroll tax increase and 24 weeks per year in paid leave (44% of work days).
- The Chamber has long-led coalitions with strong private sector and labor support. Throughout the pandemic, we led the "Minnesota Ready Coalition" of business organizations and 90% of all local chambers in Minnesota, articulating small business needs to safely reopen the economy.

Governor talks workforce shortages - photo

The Chamber hosted a meeting with a dozen local business people to share concerns and talk about strategies related to the tremendous workforce shortage facing Grand Forks area and all North Dakota employers. Career Technical Education Centers, the Way Cooler campaign and many other creative approaches were discussed with the Governor and his he key staff people. Thanks to Russel Crary for moderating the event on behalf of the Chamber Board.

Chamber News

Grand Forks Air Force Base Update

This has been a busy month for the GF AFB with a new commander, Col Tim Curry, a new mission announcement and meetings with the two ND Senators and General Mark Kelly Commander of Air Combat Command.

The new ISR communications mission with the E-11 aircraft has been announced. This mission will replace the 4 Block 20 Global Hawks. Efforts for additional ISR missions are progressing. Base retention team members met with Senator's Cramer and Hoeven in Washington DC two weeks ago on retirement plans for our current Global Hawk mission and future mission opportunities. Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt was in Salt Lake City last week to meet with ACC Commander General Mark Kelly as part of the ACC Civic Leaders Group. There is tremendous pressure to retire exiting platforms and invest in new military capabilities to keep pace with China and Russia's massive investment in their military modernization.

Welcome President Kiddoo

The Chamber would like to welcome Sandy Kiddoo as the new President of Northland. Plan now to attend the Northland State of the College luncheon on October 21st. We look forward to working with her on to continue the strong tradition of Northland helping meet the needs of area employers.

Canadian Border Opening

We continue to push state and national elected leaders to reopen the Canadian boarder. Stateside all of the leaders in our region support the reopening and are doing what they can to put pressure on the administration in Washington DC. It is absolutely critical to the Grand Forks retail and hospitality industry for the border to open.

The Chamber hosted the Women in Business July Brown Bag Seminar

We listened to Monica Musich from SCORE ask three successful business woman the questions you have been wanting to ask. Attendees were able to engage and ask questions about what they wanted to know. We learned what it takes to be successful and the steps and hurdles these local woman faced. Thank you to Monica Musich from Score, Sonia Roberton from The Lighting Gallery, Kay A. Derry from Northern Roots Boutique and Dee Decimus from All Embracing Home Care. We appreciated their time and insightful presentation.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

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Russell has honed his photography skills in many different environments. Including, surveillance, accident scene photography, document photography, etc. He has also been shooting sports and action for many years. Russell is a Freelance Photographer and works for many different media outlets and teams photographing youth, high school, college and professional sporting events throughout the United States.

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July 1 - July 31
Membership Renewals

The following businesses know the value of their Chamber Membership and have renewed their membership in The Chamber GF/EGF.

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Family Realty - Katie Marcotte
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Edward Jones - Brian Fedje
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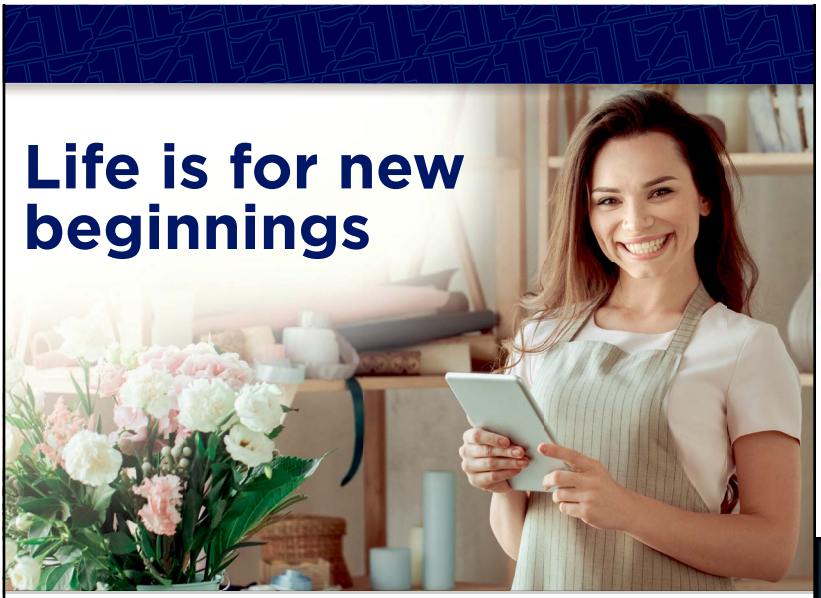

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Ambassador Meeting

We are the "welcoming arm" of The Chamber

We welcome new chamber members and businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies We assist with registration and greeting at Chamber functions and we participate in The Chamber's annual Membership Drive.

July Ambassadors meeting was held at The Spud Jr. in East Grand Forks. Kara Welke from Home Therapy Solutions ND gave a quick commercial about her business. Home Therapy solutions focuses on the client and the caregiver. Education and specialized health care area couple of the things she discussed. Find out more about her business at: **http://www.hometherapysolutionsnd.com/**

Congratulations to Valeria Becker for being an outstanding Ambassador for the 1st and 2nd Quarter. She was recognized and gifted with certificates from local businesses. Thanks for all you do Valeria.

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- Ethos Home Care & Hospice
- Grand Forks Park District - Choice Health & Fitness
- Grand Forks Public Library
- Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation
- Home Therapy Solutions, LLC
- ICS, Inc.
- Krampade LLC
- ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- ND Women's Business Center
- Network Center
- Northland Community & Technical College
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- S & S Promotional Group, Inc.
- Sanford Health 929 Central Ave Clinic
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- The UPS Store
- Ultima Bank Minnesota
- United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area
- Yorhom Medical Essentials

Stop in...Enjoy the fun and take advantage of great networking opportunities.

You might even win $700 in our Progressive Cash drawing!
We'll draw the name of one Chamber Member business.
If someone from that organization is present, they win!!

Because of the business nature of this event, no children under 18 may attend.

Watch our site for... LIVE

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

11:30 am - 1:00 pm In-Person & **11:45 am - 1:00 pm** Virtual Zoom

This course will identify challenges that are facing today's businesses and review leadership skills needed to address these business challenges. Facing these concerns will require leaders to find the most effective way to stay relevant in a fast-paced world, lead a new generation of workers, and manage industry transformations at a rate that has never been experienced before.

Presented by:
Jennifer Johnson
PPMO Manager
Minnkota Power

Jennifer has worked for Minnkota Power Cooperative for more than 40 years and is currently the manager of the portfolio project management office (PPMO).

The PPMO was the result of Minnkota's desire to improve management of their increasing workload by identify processes and practices to define, execute and complete projects. These principles and organizational skills can be applied to any business to improve efficiencies. Jennifer is a graduate of UND in Industrial Technology and has a master's degree in Project Management from the University of Mary. She is also a certified project management professional.

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If you have questions, please contact Tina at the Chamber. **tina@gochamber.org** *or* ***701-772-7271***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lietz named to CVIC fund-raising position

Emberly Lietz

Emberly Lietz has joined CVIC as director of development. She will be instrumental in advancing the organization's work to virtually end violence in the Grand Forks region, developing donor strategies and increasing fundraising opportunities. Lietz will also coordinate volunteer involvement with CVIC.

Lietz was previously the membership director with The Chamber Grand Forks/East Grand Forks for nine years.

"I am very excited to take on this new role and to be part of such meaningful work to make our community safe," Lietz said. "I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with those who share this commitment to CVIC's mission to end violence in our community."

Senior Director of Development Kara Fosse said, "Emberly's enthusiasm and passion for CVIC's mission is evident the minute you meet her. She is an asset to the greater Grand Forks community and with her experience and knowledge, will significantly impact CVIC's ability to keep families safe."

With a bold mission to end violence in two generations, CVIC delivers vital safety and healing services to adults and children experiencing trauma and educates youth and professionals about how to prevent violence and develop healthy relationships. CVIC provides services to nearly 3,000 children and adults annually. Its prevention efforts reach more than 15,000 youth and adults throughout the region every year.

Erica Johnsrud joins the Dale Carnegie Training team

Erica Johnsrud

Erica joins Dale Carnegie as Client Experience and Brand Champion. Johnsrud is a native of Dawson, MN, and a Concordia College graduate. She leads the strategy and experience behind Dale Carnegie Training's brand across their territory. Before joining the Dale Carnegie team, Johnsrud worked in nonprofit development for over ten years.

Erica loves to meet new people, go new places, and try new things while digging in to the communities that Dale Carnegie training serves and looks forward to meeting you!

JLG Architects Promotes Jill Winkler to Principal-in-Charge

Jill Winkler

JLG Architects has promoted Jill Winkler to Principal-in-Charge. Winkler was a former Senior Project Manager at the firm and has been a part of the JLG team since January 2020. As a Registered Architect in Minnesota, she has accrued over 20 years of diverse experience. Winkler graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Arts with a major in Architecture.

As Principal-in-Charge, Winkler brings a successful history of seamlessly executing complex and multifaceted design projects. She is a strong client advocate with a dedication to building collaborative partnerships and facilitating spaces that enhance both the user experience and client investment. Winkler strives to understand and positively impact businesses beyond the building – strategically connecting client needs, user interaction, resources, function, and financial goals. With a background in diverse projects, such as community centers, mixed-use, industrial, higher-ed, sports, and general commercial architecture, Winkler consistently puts people first – ensuring users' needs are met and businesses have the tools to thrive, well into the future.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kristen Waechter Earns Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) Certification

Kristen Waechter

On Monday, June 28, Kristen Waechter (Program Operations Manager) was recognized by Minnesota Community Action Partnership as part of the 2021 class of Certified Community Action Professionals (CCAP). The CCAP designation is a nationally recognized credential earned from the Community Action Partnership in Washington, D.C. She is a staff member with Head Start, Child and Family Programs at Tri-Valley.

Earning CCAP certification is a rigorous process. Candidates must complete a candidate data form, develop an executive skills portfolio, and pass a four-hour written exam. Benefits of achieving the CCAP certification include earning recognition for accomplishments in the field, recognition for the standard of professionalism in Community Action, enhancing the credentials of Community Action staff at the agency, and providing an edge in competing for public and private grant funds.

The CCAP certification is designed for current and emerging managers or leaders in the community action profession. To achieve certification, employment in either a community action agency (CAA), a delegate agency or sub-grantee of a CAA, a CSBG eligible entity, a state or regional association office, or a state community services program office is required.

Chamber Hires Tina Fetsch

Tina Fetsch

Tina Fetsch began working at The Chamber in July of 2021 as the Executive Assistant. Tina will be the first face you will see when you come into the Chamber. She will be the voice you will hear answering the phones. She is responsible for the Member-2Member, updating marketing information and the database. Along with these duties she is the lead to the Agribusiness Committee and looks forward to working with various members of the Chamber.

Tina is a long time resident of Grand Forks and has been involved in several community functions throughout the years. She has went through the Chamber leadership program and has great knowledge of the Chamber and it's mission.

Her and her family reside in the area. She is a proud mother to three children and grandmother to 11. Tina enjoys lake time, reading, gardening, sporting events and spending time with family and friends.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Flom-Meland Named Chair Of Und School Of Medicine & Health Sciences Department Of Physical Therapy

Cindy Flom-Meland

Professor Cindy Flom-Meland, P.T., M.P.T., Ph.D., has been named chair of the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences Department of Physical Therapy (PT).

A veteran practitioner and faculty member who teaches in the areas of communication and professional behavior in PT, in addition to motor control, psychology, and neuro-rehabilitation in PT, Flom-Meland takes over the role of chair from Dave Relling, P.T., Ph.D., who was recently named the School's new Associate Dean for Health Sciences. She is only the fourth department chair in its more than 50-year history and its first female chair, taking the reins of a program formerly managed by Relling and his predecessors Tom Mohr and former Grand Forks mayor Henry "Bud" Wessman.

Having taken both her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy and Master of Physical Therapy degrees from UND in 1991 and 1993, respectively, Flom-Meland earned a doctorate in teaching and learning from UND's College of Education and Human Development in 2004. A full professor in the Department since 2018, she began as a PT instructor for UND in 1998.

The SMHS Department of Physical Therapy oversees the University's three-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, which has graduated 98% of its matriculants since 2018. In its more than 50-year history, the program has produced nearly 2,000 physical therapists; half of the licensed PTs practicing in North Dakota are UND alumni.

Scott Engum Named Associate Dean Of Und School Of Medicine & Health Sciences Southeast Campus

Dr. Scott Engum, professor of surgery with the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS), has been named Associate Dean for the School's Southeast Campus in Fargo. Engum succeeds Dr. Cornelius "Mac" Dyke, who was recently named chair of the SMHS Department of Surgery.

A widely published practitioner-scholar, Dr. Engum received his medical degree from the UND SMHS in 1989. After completing both a general surgery residency and pediatric surgery fellowship at the Indiana University (IU) School of Medicine, Engum was a professor of surgery with the IU Department of Surgery until 2014, when he moved back to North Dakota to practice in Fargo.

As the primary representative of the SMHS and the Office of the Dean in North Dakota's largest metro region, the associate dean in Fargo develops and meets curriculum goals and objectives for the School, provides a resource for volunteer faculty, recommends campus physicians for clinical appointment, and serves as a student advocate who organizes third- and fourth-year student clinical rotations in the community.

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Alerus Adds Anna Larson As Financial Advisor

Anna Larson

Alerus is pleased to announce the addition of Anna Larson as financial advisor. In this role, Larson delivers comprehensive financial advice to help clients meet their complex and unique long-term objectives.

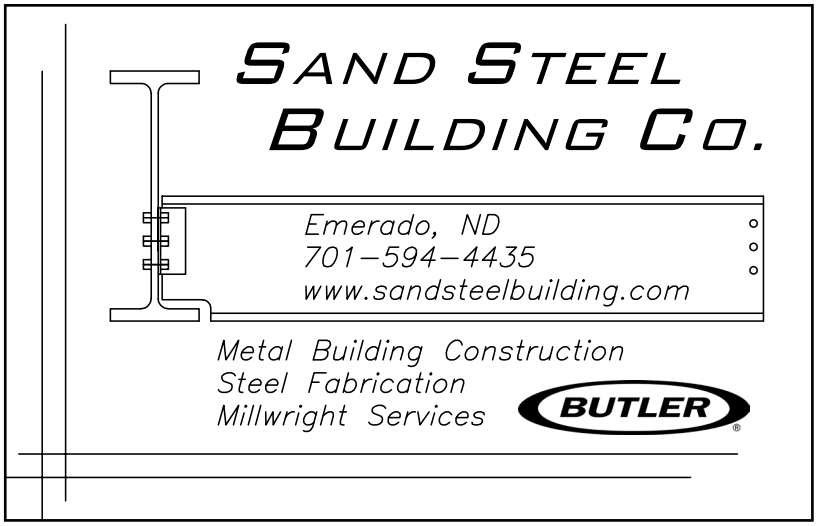
Larson has more than six years of financial services experience and has expertise in retirement income or distribution planning, risk management, investment management, and legacy planning. She holds Series 7 and Series 66 securities licenses, is licensed for life, health, and annuity insurance in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Florida, and is a Retirement Income Certified Professional. She holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She is based at Alerus' office at 2300 South Columbia Road in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Jill Sackenreuter has been named associate director of Human Resources (HR) for the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS).

Making her way north after more than two decades in Fargo, the former associate director of Recruitment and Administration at North Dakota State University is now the lead HR staffer at the SMHS.

A 2009 graduate of NDSU, Sackenreuter is a Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)-certified "Professional in Human Resources."

"I'm pleased that UND is getting a professional of Jill's caliber to fill the associate director of human resources position at the School of Medicine & Health Sciences," said Dr. Joshua Wynne, dean of the SMHS. "We look forward to Jill's tenure and thank interim associate director Melissa Arnold for all the hours she gave to our School as we sought out the new hire."



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Ribbon Cutting

The Chamber Ambassadors would love to meet you and celebrate your business with a ribbon cutting ceremony. If you are interested, please contact Tina at **772-7271** or **Tina@gochamber.org** to schedule a ribbon cutting event.

Tina Neil,
Chamber Membership & Communications Vice President

Billies Soaps

Top TEN Chamber Membership Benefits

1. New Business Contacts – Networking and new business contacts will help your business grow. With more than 100 chamber programs and events, you'll have no problem adding to your contact base.

2. Credibility – Make a statement that you are committed to the future of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks region.

3. Leadership Development – The Chamber offers learning and professional development opportunities to help you run a smarter, more profitable business.

4. Community Commitment – Community involvement benefits you and the community and shows your commitment to helping our region grow.

5. Referrals – The Chamber's referrals of our members are a great return on your investment.

6. Publicity and Exposure – Publicity and heightened name recognition as a Chamber Member shows your customers and potential customers who you are.

7. Marketing & Advertising – Targeted and affordable advertising offered by The Chamber help you promote your business effectively on a small budget.

8. A Healthy Local Economy – Be a part of a group that is committed to creating a strong local economy to keep our business momentum moving forward.

9. Gain a Voice in Government – The Chamber is your representativeon a local, regional, state and national level. With over 1100 members representing thousands of area employees, The Chamber speaks with a strong voice for our business community on issues affecting your business.

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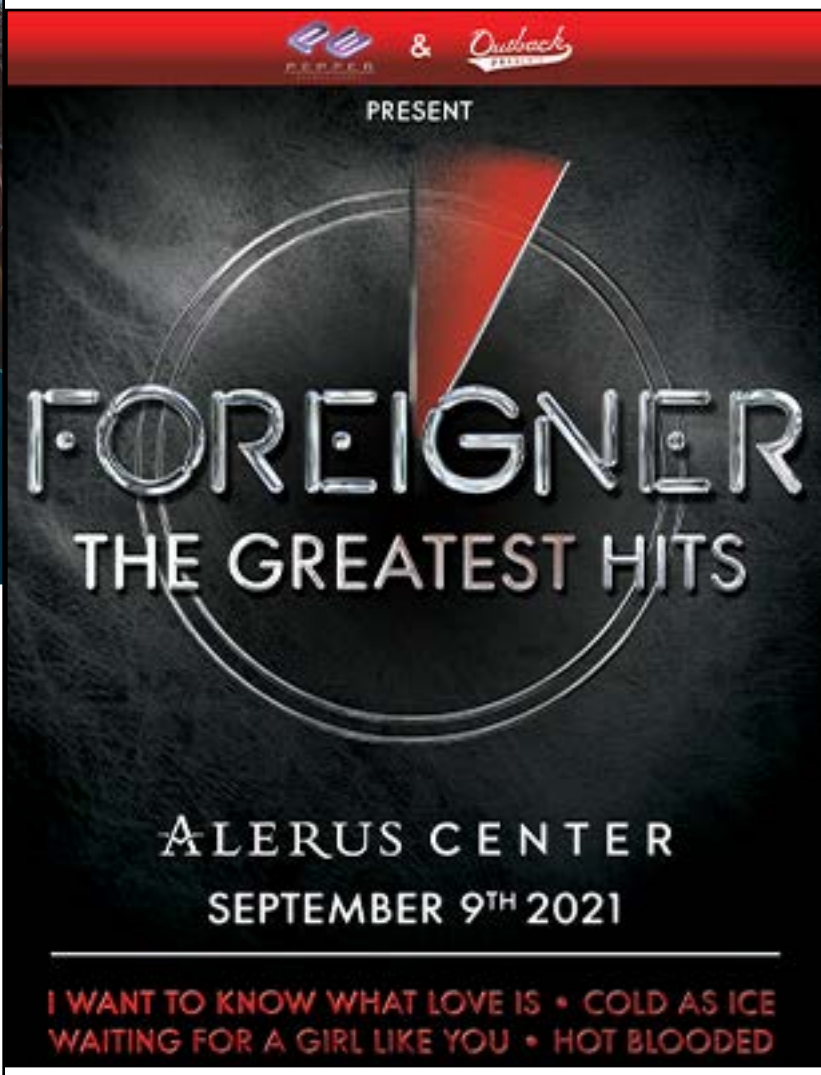

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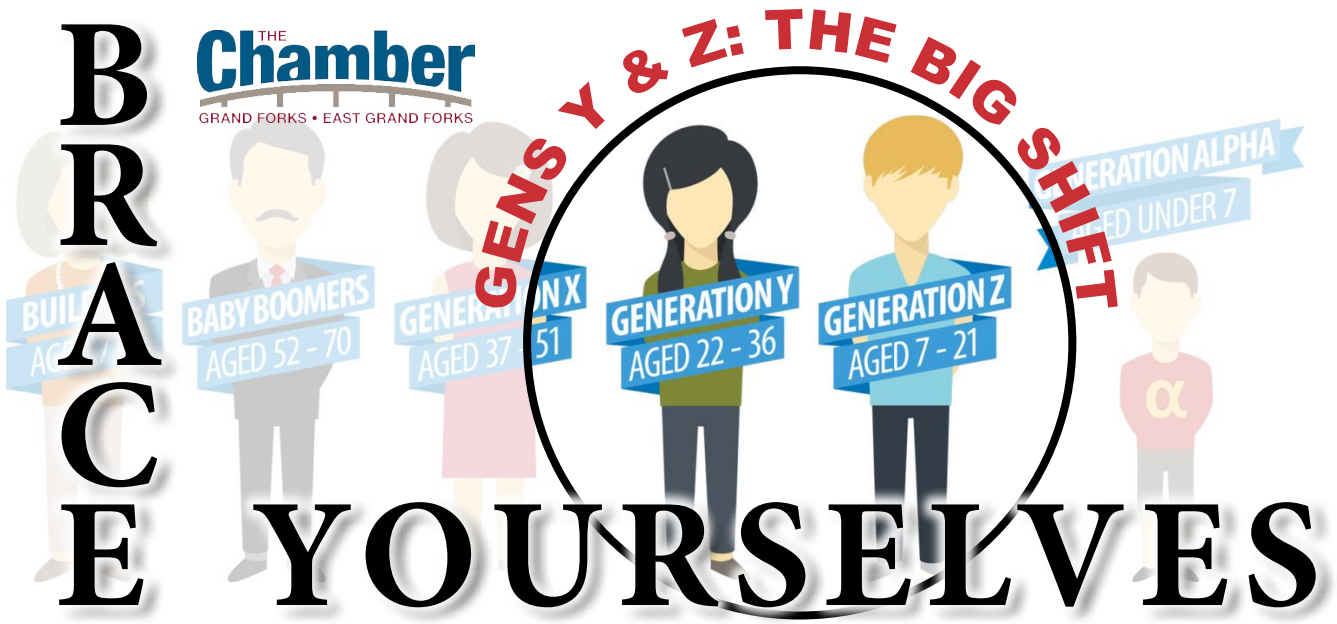

GENERATIONS

Gain understanding into how their strengths can be identified and utilized for the benefit of the enterprise and the community.

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DIFFERING VALUE SYSTEMS

Much has been said regarding Generation Y, the Millennials, and much of it has not been very positive. Too bad, because by watching the generations before them, Gen Y learned much about what is and is not important in life. Gen Y developed different values and is pursuing them. As is often the case, the younger are misunderstood by the older because of differing value systems.

GENERATIONAL REBOOT

Now, here comes the next generation, Gen Z or the "iGen." There has been very little negativity about this generation so far, and for good reasons. This is the most exciting "generational reboot" to emerge so far, and they have the potential to positively shake-up everyone's status quo.

Understanding more about how to engage the newest generations, to leverage their strengths, and to not be left in the generational dust.

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