

Chamber of Commerce Names New President

The Chamber – Grand Forks/East Grand Forks' Search Committee Chair, Kristi Hall-Jiran and Chamber Board Chair, Jerry Youngberg, announced today that Barry Wilfahrt from Watertown South Dakota has accepted the position of President/CEO of The Chamber.



Wilfahrt served in the dual position of President & CEO of the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of the United Way of Watertown

South Dakota for 20 years before opening his own consulting firm in 2005. Under his leadership the Watertown Chamber and United Way increased membership and revenue 20 consecutive years. Prior to moving to Watertown, he served as the Chamber Executive in Crookston, MN.

Wilfahrt has a degree in Government from Saint John's University in Minnesota and his Master's degree in Urban Studies with a city management emphasis from Minnesota State University.

For the past 3 years, Barry has operated a consulting business doing lobbying, fundraising and development work. As a South Dakota lobbyist he currently represents the Professional Appraisers of South Dakota and Prairie Lakes Hospital. He is currently the campaign director for Focus Watertown, the Watertown economic development group, with a fundraising goal of 2 million dollars. Some of his other recent clients include: Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (casino operations of the Sisseton Wahpeton Tribe), CoHo Inc, Superior Homes, Stateline Signs, Otter Tail Power Company, and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Over his career he has also served on more than 50 national, state and local volunteer boards.

The Chamber is looking forward to Barry's Leadership in working with Chamber Members, the many volunteers in our communities and other leaders, to continue to address our challenges and accomplish our goals.

Wilfahrt will address the chamber membership at The Chamber's Annual Dinner and Meeting on February 25th at the Alerus Center. Wilfahrt will officially begin his duties as President/CEO on April 1st, 2008.



Where is the Next Business After Hours?.....Page 11

**Page 2
Messages From Your
2008 Board Chair**

**Page 4
New Members**

**Page 6 & 7
A Month In Pictures**

**Page 8 & 9
Business Briefs**

**Page 10
Check Out the Website
Member Directory Hits!**

**Page 11
January Business After
Hours**

**Page 12
January Calendar**

Officers

- Chair: Jerry Youngberg**
 First Realty of GFF
Chair-Elect: Rick Duquette
 City of Grand Forks
Past Chair: Kristi Hall-Jiran
 CVIC
Secretary: Barb Schultz
 Ideal Aerosmith, Inc.
Curt Kreun
 GF City Council
Scott Roche
 A.G. Edwards

Directors

- Rich Becker** - BacTee Systems/Becker
 Marketing
Dave Beehler - Ecolab
Pat Berger - United Way of GF/EGF
Thane Bergh - American Federal Bank
Andy Byron - United Valley Bank
Kent Hanson - NCTC
Jeff Jasperson - Canad Inns
Steve Johnson - GF Regional Airport
Monica Musich - Valley Dairy Stores
Linda Pierce - Cray Homes & Real Estate
Jim Richter - EGF EDHA
Chris Semrau - Ralph Engelstad Arena
Steve Swanson - AE2S
Vance Taylor - ND Mill & Elevator
Klaus Thiessen - GF Regional EDC
Greg Weisenstein - UND
Sr. Military Advisor to the Board
Colonel Diane Hull - GFAFB

Save the Date

The Regional ATHENA Awards

Thursday, April 3, 2008
 Rydell GM Auto Center
 Social-5:30pm Program-6:15pm

New this year to the program, the ATHENA Young Professional Award. For nomination and sponsorship information please contact Corrina at corrinas@gochamber.org. Nomination deadline is March 16th, 2008.

From Your Chair



Looking Ahead

This past month The Chamber and our communities lost a couple of good friends and great community leaders with the passing of Bob Brooks and Jean Kiesau. In Bob, the family lost a good husband and father and individually many of us lost a valued friend and advisor. The days are not going to be “just peachy” anymore. Jean was a strong and respected figure in the Home of Economy business, a leader and mentor for many in The Chamber of Commerce and in our communities for many years.

As we are moving through The Chamber year we are starting to accomplish the goals we had set.

First, we have leased out the North end of The Chamber building to Community Options. A new Chamber member, a new business in the community and a valuable service now provided to the area.

Second, we have selected the new President of The Chamber. He is Barry Wilfahrt from Watertown, SD and will be officially begin his duties on April 1st, 2008.

We will soon be announcing the when and where of “conversations with the mayor and city council members” of each of our Grand Cities. This will provide an opportunity for all participants to share ideas for the betterment of our communities.

February, I always find an interesting and enjoyable month. It is interesting because two of this countries greatest leaders are remembered for their births this month, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. There is the emotion of love and joy around Valentines day. Finally it is the shortest month and that has appeal, even this year with a day more for leap year.

We are looking forward to the annual meeting on Monday, the 25th of February at the Alerus Center. I hope you will be there for the first opportunity to hear from our new President, Barry Wilfahrt, participate in the presentation of the Henry Havig Award and enjoy all of the other program items. See page 4 for more information.

Please remember that the more you and your employees are involved with The Chamber activities, the greater the return you’ll see on your membership investment.

-Jerry Youngberg

Seats Still Available

6th Annual Mayor’s State of the City Address & Luncheon

February 13, 2008
 11:30am - 1:00pm
 Alerus Center

\$15/person (Includes Lunch)

Reservations are required. Seating is limited, sign up soon!
 To RSVP, Contact The Chamber at 772-7271 or info@gochamber.org or online at www.gochamber.org. Reservation deadline is February 6th.
Reservations not cancelled 3 business days prior to event, will be billed.

From Your Chamber Staff

Member Renewals

Thanks for renewing your membership in The Chamber! Renewals listed are from Dec. 26th, 2007 to Jan. 25th, 2008.

A Transmission City
AAA North Dakota - GF Branch
Anderson Brothers Auto Body Shop
APS Healthcare
Aurora Urgent Care
Baukol Builders, Inc.
Biolife Plasma Services
BNSF Railway Company
Bosh Enterprises
Braaten Cabinets
Brian's Flooring, Inc.
Cabela's
Caldis, Tingum & Tingum, Ltd.
Camrud, Maddock, Olson & Larson, Ltd.
Canad Inns
Cariveau Brothers Construction
Cariveau, George A. Business Consultant
Caulfield Studio
Century Electric, inc.
Citizens Community Credit Union - Hugo's
Citizens Community Credit Union - Wal-Mart
City of East Grand Forks
City of Grand Forks
Commercial Printing/Morgan Printing, Inc.
Community Contractors, Inc.
Conlin's Furniture
Cronquist, Jack
Dakota Fire Protection
Dakota Sales/Budweiser
Dakota Supply Group
Dean Foods N.C. Inc./Land O'Lakes
Dell-Com, Inc.
Dex Media
Domino's Pizza
Edgewood EGF Senior Living, LLC
El Roco Nightclub & Bottle Shop
Express Personnel Services
Fair Hills Resort
Ferrell Gas
First Realty - Jerry Youngberg
Friends of the Campbell Library
Galstad, Jensen and McCann, PA
Gate City Bank
Gateway Publishing (2001), Inc.
GEICO Insurance Companies
Gerells Sports Center/Hockey World
GF Co. Soil Consv. Dist. /NRCS
GF Park District
Grand Forks Herald
Grand Forks Winnelson
Greenberg Realty - Stacey Palmiscno
Ground Round
Happy Harry's Bottle Shops
Hospice of the Red River Valley
Hugo's #2
Hugo's #3
Hugo's #5
Hugo's #6
Hugo's #8
In-Prints Screen Printing, Inc.
Ink Doctor
Innes Construction Company
Jorgensen, LaVernia
Kingsbury Applied Economics
Lafarge Dakota, Inc.
Lander Limited Partnership
Leighton Broadcasting
Liberty Business Systems, Inc.
McDonald's Columbia Mall
McDonalds - EGF
McFarlane Sheet Metal
Merry Maids
Midwest Supply
Modern Information Systems, Inc.
Mondry, Dianne
Muddy Rivers
Nissan Honda of Grand Forks
Nodak Electric Cooperative
Norther Bag and Box Company
Northern Plumbing Supply
Northland Family Physicians
Odney/Lignite Energy Council
Page, Dennis
Pamida
Paradiso Mexican Restaurant
Park University
Peterson Construction Company, Inc.
Plaza Motel
Radi's Custom Woodworks
Ramada Inn
RDO Foods Company
Rebarchek Construction
Red River State Recreation Area
Red River Valley Motorcyclists
Results Unlimited Marketing & Consulting
Riddle's Jewelry
River Cities Speedway
Riverview Clinic
Roadking Inn columbia Mall
Rydel GM Auto Center
Saddler, Tom & Jackie
Shooting Star Casino
Simonson Lumber & Hardware
SimplexGrinnell LP
Spray Advantage
St. Vincent DePaul
State Farm Insurance - Gary Belanus
Stennes Funeral Home
Strata Corporation
Super Target
Tanabe, Curtis D.D.S.
TDL, Inc
Thompson Insurance
Thrify White Drug
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Thur-O-Clean
UBS Financial Services Inc.
University of North Dakota
United Way of GF/EGF & Area
US Food Service - GFG Division
Vaaler Insurance, Inc.
Valley Bone & Joint Clinic
Valley Memorial Homes
Vigen Construction, Inc.
Vreeland Remodeling, Inc.

Staff

Lisa Swanson

Marketing/Program Director
Interim Chamber Manager
lisas@gochamber.org

Nicole Spoor

Finance Director
nicoles@gochamber.org

Corrina Sachno

Program Coordinator
corrinas@gochamber.org

Kacey Ferry

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist
info@gochamber.org

202 N. 3rd Street
Grand Forks, ND 58203

PO Box 315
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

(701)772-7271
(701)772-9238 Fax

info@gochamber.org
www.gochamber.org

Mission Statement

*"The Chamber of Commerce
creates an environment
that encourages business
success while enhancing the
quality of life in our region."*

Welcome New Members

Denny's

3770 32nd Ave. S.
Grand Forks, ND 58201
701-852-6303

Greg Gerloff

3973 Shady Lane
Grand Forks, ND 58201
701-772-6840

O'Reilly Auto Parts

1106 S. Washington St.
Grand Forks, ND 58201
701-772-3699
www.oreillyauto.com

Express Tax

1604 S. Washington St., Ste. 106
Grand Forks, ND 58201
701-757-0771

Ambassador Calls



Altru Outpatient Care Facility
The Ambassadors were on hand to welcome the Altru Outpatient Care Facility to East Grand Forks.



Express Taxes
The Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting to welcome new Chamber members, Express Taxes, to the Grand Cities.



O'Reilly's Auto Parts
The Ambassadors welcomed new Chamber Member, O'Reilly's Auto Parts to the Grand Cities.



UND - Gate City Bank Room
The Ambassadors attended a ribbon cutting dedicating the Gate City Bank room at the UND CoBPA.

THE Chamber

GRAND FORKS • EAST GRAND FORKS

2008 Annual Meeting and Dinner

Monday, February 25, 2008

Alerus Center

6:00pm ~ Social

6:30pm ~ Dinner & Program

Please join us

- ↓# *Featured Speaker:* New Chamber President, Barry Wilfahrt
- ↓# Kristi Hall Jiran, 2007 Board Chair officially passes the gavel to 2008 Board Chair, Jerry Youngberg
- ↓# The prestigious Henry Havig Award will be presented
- ↓# Special Entertainment

\$40/person or reserve a table of 8 for \$288

~Dinner~

Creamy Cucumber Salad
Steak Béarnaise
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Honey Glazed Baby Carrots
Tiramisu

2008....Rising to Meet New Challenges & Opportunities

Invitations will be mailed soon. Sign up now by contacting The Chamber at 772-7271, info@gochamber.org or online at www.gochamber.org



Demand for electricity: *higher.*
Air quality standards: *tougher.*
The air we breathe: *cleaner.*

It should come as no surprise that Americans are consuming more electricity than ever. But it may surprise you to learn that power companies are able to keep up with that increasing demand while meeting and exceeding tougher air quality standards. In fact, the fresh air we breathe in North Dakota is some of the cleanest in the nation. For more details about how we're producing energy while protecting air quality, please visit www.powerofcoal.com.

*Increasingly clean, affordable and reliable.
Electricity from coal. Powering our lives.*



IRS NEWS FOR BUSINESS - JANUARY 2008

The 2008 standard mileage rates, beginning Jan. 1, 2008, for the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 50.5 cents per mile for business miles driven.

Tax Talk Today www.taxtalktoday.tv/ is available live, in archives and as podcast downloads. The next programs are: Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2008 1-2 CT International Tax Issues: Understanding Tax Treaties

The latest editions of the **Retirement News**, and **Employee Plan news** are now available. www.irs.gov/retirement/article/0,,id=122823,00.html and www.irs.gov/retirement/article/0,,id=96731,00.html

W2 Dates to Remember

January 1, 2008 Update payroll system to reflect the 2008 wage base rates. (Visit www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/colafacts2008.htm)

January 31, 2008 Deadline for supplying W-2s to employees.

February 28, 2008 Deadline for filing paper W-2s.

March 31, 2008 Deadline for filing electronic W-2s.

Use the Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS)

www.ssa.gov/employer/ssnvs_handbk.htm Remember, while SSNVS is available to all employers and third-party submitters, it can only be used for wage reporting purposes.

Helpful SSA numbers for your W2 filing:

800-772-6270 Employer Reporting Assistance M-F 6-6pm CT
ssa.comments@ssa.gov

888-772-2970 BSO Technical Assistance M-F 7:30-3 pm CT
bsu.support@ssa.gov For TDD/TTY call 1-800-325-0778

Visit www.ssa.gov/employer/wage_reporting_specialists.htm for a complete list of Social Security experts that can help with complicated questions about submitting W-2s/W-3s.

The number for North Dakota is Carolyn.Sykes@ssa.gov at (303) 844-2364.

The number for Minnesota is Paul.Dieterle@ssa.gov at (312) 575-4244.

A Month in Pictures



Top Right: Tracy Boone, Invisimax, Cheryl Ramberg, Brenda Kovar, Choice Financial and Kathy Loff, Clear Channel Radio had a great time at H&R Block's Business After Hours.

Top Left: Tracy Boone presents Dee Skjold, Gaffaney's with the Ambassador of the Quarter Award for fourth quarter 2007.

Bottom Left: The H&R Block crew did a great job making putting together the January Business After Hours event at the Eagles Crest.

Bottom: A recent Brown Bag Seminar filled the room at The Chamber.



A Month in Pictures



Top: Craig Silvernagel, UND, talked about Marketing on the Edge at the January Brown Bag Lunch Seminar at The Chamber.

Right: MAC Chair, Danny Holwerda, Am. Red Cross, presents Maj. Beckman, NDARNG, with a donation on behalf of The Chamber's Golden Eagles.

Bottom: Great food, door prizes and networking are a few reasons to make sure you attend Business After Hours each month.



Community Bank of RRV Announces New Employee and Promotion

Ronald Kuznia has taken the position of agricultural and business lender at the East Grand Forks office of Community Bank of the Red River Valley. He will be responsible for working with agricultural and commercial lending and customer development.



With almost forty years of agricultural and business lending, Kuznia brings with him a solid background and knowledge of all areas of the financial industry. He will focus his skills on topics like customer

and financial product knowledge, ag portfolio management, and commercial loan applications and administration.

Kuznia previously worked as Assistant Vice President in the Grand Forks office of Community Bank. While in Grand Forks his focus was equipment loans, operating lines of credit and commercial real estate loans. Kuznia is a graduate of the Bank Administration Institute, North Dakota School of Banking, and the American Banker's Association Executive Development Program. He is past president of the Bank Administration Institute and the Tri-County Bankers Association.

A Warren, MN native, he resides in Grand Forks, and is active in the The Chamber - GF/EGF, Boy Scouts of America, United Way of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, Lions International, and the Knights of Columbus.



Robert Sorlien has been promoted to the position of Business Banking Officer with the Grand Forks office of Community Bank of the Red River Valley. He will be responsible for business and commercial real estate loans and customer development.

Sorlien previously held the position of Business Banking Associate where he specialized in compiling customer information, analyzing financial statements and overall loan analysis.

Sorlien is a graduate of the UCA II: Credit

Risk Analysis for Commercial Bankers in Memphis, TN and the Strictly Business Dale Carnegie Immersion Course. He is Treasurer of the Sertoma Club of Grand Forks and Co-Captain of Community Bank's Relay for Life Team.

Sorlien is a native of Grand Forks, ND and earned his Bachelors Degree in Management from UND in 2004.

Kramer Joins AgriData, Inc.

Daniel Kramer has joined AgriData, Inc. as its web application developer. He is responsible for further development of AgriData, Inc.'s web-based projects and will handle the majority of the company's web development, software development and web design.



A native of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Kramer has more than ten years of experience in computer programming. Before joining AgriData, Inc., he worked as a programmer for the Aerospace Network at the University of North

Dakota in Grand Forks. Kramer has also owned his own web-design company since 2001. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Crookston, with a degree in Information Network Management.

A resident of Grand Forks, Kramer is married with three children.

Bergh Joins American Federal EGF

Thane Bergh, East Grand Forks, has been named Ag/Business Banker at American Federal in East Grand Forks.

Bergh brings 16 years of agricultural and commercial lending experience in southeastern North Dakota, the Red River Valley, and northwestern Minnesota to American Federal.



Bergh grew up on a family farm and graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. After college, Bergh joined Sargent County Bank in Forman, ND as an Assistant Vice President and worked in

all areas of commercial, agricultural and consumer lending.

Bergh also worked at Border State Bank in Greenbush, MN as a Senior Commercial and Agricultural Loan Officer before joining Community Bank of The Red River Valley in East Grand Forks, where he had been since 1999 as Vice President and Commercial and Agricultural Loan Officer.

Bergh is a graduate of the Midwest School of Banking in Morris, MN, the Commercial Lending School of the Minnesota Bankers Association in Grand Rapids, MN, and the Leadership Training Program of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce.

Bergh is on the Board of Directors of the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce and is Chair of the chamber's Ag Committee.

Bergh and his spouse, Janelle, reside in East Grand Forks with their three children: Bryce and Breanna, 13, and Brook, 9.

Simmons Flint Staff Attend Seminars



Linda Muus, account manager, received the Second Wind Certified Agency Account Manager designation after attending a three-day certification training seminar in Costa Mesa, Calif. The training included instruction in

account service, management, and planning, along with proposal writing and presentation skills.



Mary Schieve, senior copywriter, attended the Public Relations Society of America International Conference in Philadelphia, where she also attended a pre-conference seminar on new media communications.

SimmonsFlint is a full-service agency integrating all aspects of public relations, marketing and advertising.

Wolf Joins ND Chamber

Tyler Wolf has joined the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce as an intern for the Spring Semester of 2008. His main projects

Chamber News

for the internship will be researching, creating, and implementing a marketing plan to strengthen member communications and visibility for the organization and updating the Chamber website.



Wolf, a Wyoming native, attends the University of Mary where he is completing both his bachelors of science in business administration and communications with an emphasis in public relations. Before joining the chamber he was a customer service representative for Wells Fargo Bank.

The North Dakota Chamber of Commerce is the state's most influential general business organization. It offers many programs and services to help businesses succeed in North Dakota, making the state an outstanding place to live, work and do business.

Faulhaber Joins Trojan Promotions

Becky Faulhaber has joined the book-keeping department at Trojan Promotions in Grand Forks. She



oversees accounts payable and receivable and assists with company financials. She is a full time student at the University of North Dakota, pursuing her degree in Accountancy.

Faulhaber is originally from Dickinson, ND and previously worked at Community Bank of the Red River Valley and Vaaler Insurance.

AE2S Expands Ownership

AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.) has expanded the ownership of the company to include Wayne Gerszewski, PE, Sheryl Smith, MBA and Mitch Byrne, CPA.



Gerszewski, is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, a professional engineer, and a Senior Project Manager in the Grand Forks, ND office. Smith is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and is



AE2S's Chief Administrative Officer. Byrne, a graduate of the University of North Dakota, is the company's Controller.

“These individuals exemplify commitment to a broad spectrum of criteria, including client management, technical ability, character, leadership, financial understanding and ability, and contribution to business development,” explains Steve Burian, PE, CEO of AE2S. AE2S was founded in 1991 in Grand Forks, North Dakota by Burian and company President, Charles Vein, PE. Since inception, the firm has

grown from two people to over 70 people in seven offices located throughout North Dakota and Minnesota. Gerszewski, Smith, and Byrne join the Founders and 10 other individuals as owners of the company.

MN Business Day at the Capital

Business Day at the Capitol gives you the chance to share your views and concerns directly with state policymakers. Join us March 5 in St. Paul as we represent companies from our community alongside



businesses from across the state. We also will have an opportunity to personally visit with our local legislators.

Upward of 600 people come together as one statewide business voice at this event which has become the largest lobbying day in Minnesota. In its 15th year, it is an excellent venue for the business community to speak with a single voice on common priorities including quality and affordable health care, minimizing the state tax burden, and passing long-term funding for transportation needs across the state.

Headquarters for this event is the Crowne Plaza St. Paul-Riverfront, 11 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul. Two sessions are offered

to accommodate schedules. Session I runs from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Session II runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Both sessions join together at noon for a lunch program where the Governor traditionally gives an address. Cost for the day, including a continental breakfast, lunch, meeting materials and transportation to and from the Capitol, is \$50.

Let's demonstrate our commitment to protecting the priorities of Minnesota's business community – and thus the state's economic vitality – by joining with the Minnesota Chamber and local chambers statewide for this event. It's imperative that the business community speak with one voice if we are to achieve results at the Capitol.

For more information, or to register contact the MN Chamber or register online at www.mnchamber.com.

American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

Daffodil Days are coming!! Held in the first days of spring, thousands of volunteers around the country sell bunches of daffodils to raise funds for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.



The American Cancer Society recognizes the daffodil not only as the first flower of spring, but as the flower of hope- hope that cancer will be cured in our lifetime.

In February, businesses have the opportunity to pre-sell daffodils in their business and the flowers will arrive during the week of March 17-22. For a donation of \$10 you will receive a bunch of 10 flowers or \$15 for the flowers plus a beautiful vase. In addition, you may contribute to the Gift of Hope program for a minimum donation of \$15 a bouquet will be delivered anonymously to a cancer patient.

If your business is interested in participating in Daffodil Days, please contact Monica Foster, Daffodil Chair at 746-8440 or by email at gfdaffodils@yahoo.com

Continued on page 11

Introducing...



Chamber Express

What is it?

It's a new twist on Chamber Inserts.

- The Chamber will mail special Chamber Packs filled with flyers or brochures advertising your special offer or announcement to over 1500 Chamber Members.
- You provide 1600 copies of your 8.5x11 flyer or folded brochure (if over 24# paper, special pricing applies)
- We provide special Chamber Express envelopes and stuff and mail them with our members flyers to approx. 1500 business people in our area.
- Chamber Packs will be mailed every other month beginning with March 2007.
- Each time, one packet will include a special FREE offer from The Chamber as an incentive to browse the inserts.

Cost to include your flyer: \$175

Space is limited, contact Lisa Swanson to reserve your spots today, 772-7271 or lisas@gochamber.org

Due to overwhelming interest, we have added an April Chamber Express mailing!

Look for information from these businesses in your March Chamber Express!

Britton Transport
Brown Corp/Dakota Fusion
Conflict Resolution Center
Games Galore
GF Public Health
Hitek Print Management
Mathisons
Northstar Telecom
Sacred Heart Schools
Snap Fitness
Stone's Mobile Radio
The UPS Store

Space still available in March, April, May, July, September and November!

47,400+ Webpage Views in One Month!

www.gochamber.org lists all our Chamber members and people are finding you there! Some of the categories visited and number of views received from December 31st to January 31st were:

Abstractor/Architects/Engineers	3553
Financial Institutions	1552
Hotels & Motels	1546
Realtors	1507
Restaurants	1387
Agriculture/agribusiness	1330
Non Profit Org.	1286
Automotive Supplies & Service	1236
Contractors & Construc.	1153
Communication Sales & Service	1150
Advertising Services	1116

More Ways Your Chamber Is Working For You:

Member Referrals Made By The Chamber In 2008:

77

Total for January: 77

Certificates of Origin Signed By The Chamber In 2008:

3

Total for January: 3

New Resident Packets Distributed By The Chamber In 2008:

21

Total for January: 21



Thursday February 21st, 2008

4:45pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by Canad Inns

Upper Level of Playmakers Gaming Lounge

Hosted by:



Destination Center
Grand Forks

Free Admission

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and wine ~ Cash Bar ~ Door Prizes ~ Free l'Bistro Wine Club memberships to all who attend ~ Progressive cash drawing is at \$800! ~ ~ NO RSVP Needed

Canad Inns invites all Chamber Members and employees to their exciting Business After Hours to check out all they have to offer. Stop in...enjoy the fun experience Playmakers Gaming Lounge. You might even win \$800 in our progressive cash drawing! We'll draw the name of one Chamber Member business. If someone from that organization is present, they win!!

Business After Hours is a great time to network, catch up with friends, coworkers and clients in a fun and casual way. Spread the word and plan to attend the Canad Inns Business After Hours.

Jung Completes Certification

Laurie Jung, MPT, PRC, physical therapist at Axis Clinic in the Aurora Medical Park, just completed certification in Postural Restoration through the Postural Restoration Institute in Lincoln, NE. She is one of 23 certified therapists in the country and the only certified therapist in the state of North Dakota.



Postural Restoration is a specialized area in physical therapy that focuses on movement and breathing patterns that affect spinal alignment. Abnormal alignment can affect pain in all areas of the body. This intervention is extremely beneficial especially with chronic and long standing pain issues.

Altru Birthing Center Receives Award

Altru's Family Birthing Center has been named as one of the JOHNSON'S Childbirth Nursing Award recipients. The JOHNSON'S Childbirth Nursing Award, in partnership with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses recognizes Altru's Family Birthing Center for the special contributions its childbirth nurses make every day to their patients, their unit and to others. "I am very proud of our team. They are all very passionate about their jobs and have great compassion for those they serve. They work from their heart to be the best they can," comments Diane Shervold, manager of Altru's Family Birthing Center.

This is the first time Altru's Family Birthing Center has received the JOHNSON'S Childbirth Nursing Award. Altru's Family

Birthing Center has approximately 80 skilled and dedicated childbirth nurses.

Altru Welcomes Sheri Krogstad

Altru Health System, Grand Forks, ND *Sheri Krogstad, FNP for Altru's OB/GYN, joined Altru Health System in January 2008. Prior to her position with Altru, Sheri practiced at Valley Community Health Center in Northwood and Larimore for three and a half years.



Sheri received her undergraduate nursing degree from the University of North Dakota, as well as her master's as a family nurse practitioner. Sheri will see patients at Altru Clinic- Main.

Sheri says she is very excited to be at Altru. Her particular interest includes Women's Health.

Indepth Inspections Opens In EGF

Indepth Inspection, Inc. began offering home inspection services to homebuyers in Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, and the surrounding area in January of 2008. The company's staff includes certified home inspectors as well as civil engineers with experience in structural engineering. They have been completing foundation inspections for FHA loans for several years and now are expanding their service to include complete home inspections.



Continued on next page

Close ~ Quick ~ Easy



- # **Jet Service**
- # **Long Term Parking**
- # **Hotel/Motel Shuttle**
- # **Crosswinds Restaurant**
- # **Gift Shop**
- # **Car Rental**
- # **Charter Air Service**
- # **Air Cargo**

February 2008 Chamber Calendar

February 6

12:00pm Athena Meeting (TBA)

February 7

7:30am MAC Executive Meeting (COC)

12:00pm Finance Committee (COC)

February 8

8:00am Executive Committee (COC)

February 12

7:30am Agribusiness (Ramada Inn)

12:00pm Leadership (Adult) (TBA)

February 13

7:30am Business/Gov/Edu/Alliance (COC)

11:30am Mayor State of the City (Alerus Center)

February 15

7:30am Past Board Chairs Meeting (COC)

February 18

11:30am Ambassadors Meeting (TBA)

February 20

11:30am Brown Bag Seminar "Cooperate
Enterpreneurship" (COC)

4:30pm Cats Incredible Meeting (COC)

February 21

4:45pm Business After Hours (Canad Inns)

February 22

8:00am Board of Directors (COC)

February 25

6:00pm Annual Meeting & Dinner (Alerus Center)

February 28

8:00am MAC Meeting (COC)

Hospice of the RRV Recieves Grant

Hospice of the Red River Valley has received a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from Dakota Medical Foundation to support the care of cancer patients requiring more aggressive treatment.

Hospice of the Red River Valley is a nonprofit organization serving individuals with a life limiting illness and their families. Services include medical care, emotional and spiritual support, assistance with day-to-day tasks and follow up grief support for family members, in addition to support groups and education and resources for the community and health care professionals on end-of-life care, grief and loss.

Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo, ND, focuses its efforts on improving on improving health and access to medical and dental care in the region, with a special emphasis on children. Since 1996, the Foundation has invested over \$30 million to over 280-nonprofit organizations in the region. For more information, see www.dakmed.org.

Community Maps Available at The Chamber

The Chamber of Commerce recently partnered with the GF Herald to produce a full color, large, fold-out community map of Grand Forks/East Grand Forks. If you would like to have some on hand at your business for your customers, please stop by The Chamber and we'll be happy to give you a supply of maps.



There is no charge for the maps and they are a great giveaway to clients and staff. The Chamber office is located at 202 N. 3rd St, downtown Grand Forks and we are open Monday through Friday until 5pm.