



# 2024 **PLAN OF ACTION**

EMBRACE CHANGE  
DRIVE MOMENTUM  
CHAMPION GROWTH



# Real VALUE For Your Membership

## MORE than 100 Member Networking Events and Training Opportunities!

- The Chamber Annual Meeting - January
- State of the Base Breakfast – March
- EGF Mayor's State of the City Luncheon - April
- The Chamber Shark Tank - May
- Leadership Alumni Program - Spring
- GF Mayor's State of the City - Summer
- Annual Chamber Golf Classic - May
- Operation Thank You - August
- City to Farm Tour / Ag Social - July
- Wake Up to UND - September
- Northland State of the College - October
- GF School District Breakfast - Nov
- Eggstravaganza - December
- Business After Hours - Monthly
- Brown Bag Seminars - Monthly
- Leadership Training Program - Aug. - Dec.
- Small Business Seminar - Spring

**and many more...**

### Member Services

- Member referrals
- Community Profile/Membership Directory Publication
- Online business directory listing
- Marketing Landing Page/TCS
- Google Map of members/increase Member search ability
- The Chamber monthly e-newsletter "The Voice"
- The Chamber App for iPhone and Android
- FREE Business Briefs section of newsletter
- Certificate of Origin Seals
- Facebook, Twitter and social media opportunities
- Member2Member E-mail - weekly
- Membership visit program
- Notary Public Service

### Member Recognition

- Henry Havig Award - January
- Ambassador of the Year - January
- Mike Maidenberg Emerging Leader Award - December
- Social Media Posts and Updates - Regularly

**Your Premier Networking and Business Information Resource**  
**Your Chamber Working For You.**

***Your Chamber has been working for our communities for 120 years. With more than 1,000 members, it is the region's largest business organization.***



# 2024 Chamber of Commerce Leadership

## Executive Committee



**Tony Hodny**  
H&S Electrical  
Board Chair



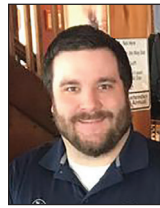
**Mike McLean**  
JLG Architects  
Chair Elect



**Russel Crary**  
Crary Real Estate  
Past Board Chair



**Mike Fridolfs**  
Northrop Grumman  
Corp.



**Pat Boppre**  
Blue Moose Bar & Grill  
Vice Chair



**Kay Derry**  
Northern Roots  
Boutique  
Vice Chair

## Board of Directors



**Barry Wilfahrt**  
The Chamber - GF/EGF  
President/CEO



**Matt Bredemeier**  
Grand Forks Subaru Kia



**Jon Fargo**  
Retrax Holdings, LLC



**Matt Fischer**  
Probitas Promotions



**Todd Forkel**  
Altru Health System



**Derek Holt**  
First Community  
Credit Union



**Tarek Howard**  
Auto Finance  
Super Center



**Meloney Linder**  
University of North  
Dakota



**Keith Lund**  
Grand Forks Region  
EDC



**Matt Norby**  
Norby's Work Perks



**Emily O'Brien**  
Bioscience  
Association of ND,  
Dist. 42 Legislator



**Scott Reck**  
Northdale Oil



**Phil Ring**  
McKinnon Company



**Liz Savage**  
Hugo's Family Market-  
place



**Andy Schneider**  
Dakota Concealed/  
GF County Sheriff



**Penny Stai**  
River Cinema



**Tyler Wilson**  
Vilandre Heating,  
AC & Plumbing



**Col. Timothy  
Monroe**  
GFAFB Commander  
Sr. Military Advisor

The Chamber meets and exceeds the needs of our diverse business community and over 1000 members through the work of our Standing Committees.

# CHAMBER COMMITTEES:

## PURPOSE AND 2024 PRIORITIES

### *Agribusiness Committee*



**Co-chairs:** Jon Rentz, Alerus and Joseph Fietek, Ultima Bank

**Purpose:** Promote agriculture and its importance to the region.

**Goals:**

- Bring awareness to the public and city leadership about the importance of agriculture in the Grand Forks & East Grand Forks Region.
- Conduct Annual City to Farm Tour
- Network with Agribusiness and Ag Producers of all ages.
- Conduct an annual Agribusiness/Producers Golf Outing
- Review Ag Policy and explore value added agriculture opportunities.
- Conduct Ag Producers appreciation activities

### *Ambassadors Committee*



**Chair:** Kathy Reiser, Valley Petroleum Equipment Inc.

**Chair Elect:** John Friend, PS Industries

**Purpose:** Welcome new businesses and promote Chamber membership.

**Goals:**

- Welcome new chamber members and businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies.
- Assist with registration and greeting at chamber events.
- Involve Ambassadors in 2024 Membership Drive & Operation Thank You.

### *Business Government Education Alliance Committee (BGEA)*

**Co-chairs:** Todd Feland, GF City and Kathryn Kester, Xcel Energy



**Purpose:** Bring business, government and education leaders together to address issues and share information of importance for the successful development and positive growth of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks region.

**Goals:**

- Host monthly meetings on topics of keen interest and importance to the community.
- Report outcome of meetings to the membership.
- Be a catalyst for change and build on focused relevant programs.



## Foundation



**Chair:** Tommy Kenville, ISight Drone Services

**Purpose:** Provide charitable, scientific, or educational services dedicated to strengthening the region's long-term competitiveness, economy, and business environment in the Greater Grand Forks Region. Or by making targeted investments in people, places and infrastructure vital to the quality of life, prosperity, and long-term growth of the region.

**Goal:** Convert existing Chamber nonprofit eligible accounts and projects to 501c3 foundation for tax benefits to members..

## Government Affairs Committee



**Co-chairs:** Garth Rydland, Valley Senior Living and Stacey Dahl, Minnkota Power Cooperative

**Purpose:** Provide leadership, information and advocacy that will enhance the economic environment and represent the interests of the local business community.

**Goals:**

- Develop cooperative relationships with organizations to establish and nurture positive relationships at the local, state and national levels.
- The Chamber will be an advocate for the free enterprise system.

### Minnesota Goals:

- Lead an annual business/community delegation to the legislature to meet with elected officials and key decision makers on issues impacting the GF/EGF Region.
- Organize EGF Intergovernmental Retreat in February.
- Work with MN State Chamber as a Federated Partner, Greater MN Coalition and Boarder Cities Coalition to provide input on issues of importance to the local business community. Assist in communicating their platforms back to local elected officials.
- Support the EGF Legislative Team agenda.

### North Dakota Goals:

- Lead biannual business/community delegation to the legislature to meet with elected officials and key decision makers on issues impacting the GF/EGF Region. March 6th & 7th, 2025.
- Conduct Legislative Luncheons on Saturdays during the ND Legislative Sessions.
- Work with ND State Chamber to provide input on issues of importance to the local business community. Assist in communicating their platforms back to local elected officials.
- Work with Chamber Public Policy Advisors Bruce Gjovig and Lois Delmore to lead the Team GF agenda and lobbying efforts.

### Overall Goals:

- Be in contact with the congressional delegation on key issues impacting the GF/EGF Region. Coordinate listening sessions with business leaders and members of the congressional delegation.
- Be visible and active in local city, school and county decision making that potentially impacts the business community.
- Interface with the US Chamber "Committee of 100" which our CEO serves on.
- Conduct candidate forums for school, city, county and legislative races.
- Work with local and regional business leaders to ensure the "business voice" is heard.

## ***Herald Advisory Committee***



**Chair:** Bruce Gjovig

**Purpose:** Meet periodically with representatives of The Grand Forks Herald and Prairie Business Magazine to discuss how business is represented and its issues communicated in the publications.

**Goals:**

- Meet quarterly with the Herald editorial board to talk about the Herald's coverage of business issues.
- Assist the GF Herald in identifying business-related stories of interest to the community. 10-15 resulting stories a month.
- Host one guest of influence annually (Governor, Senator, etc.) at Herald Advisory Meeting.

## ***Leadership Committee***



**Chair:** Deon Wawrzyniak, Houston Engineering, Inc.

**Purpose:** Continue to respond to the need for future leaders by conducting an annual leadership training program.

**Goals:**

- Conduct the 38th annual personal growth and professional development training program.
- Continue to successfully graduate 40 participants.
- Identify new ways to encourage the more than 1200 graduates of the program to become involved in the community, including an interactive website.
- Continue to work with the Community Foundation to award the Mike Maidenbergh Emerging Leader Award.
- Start a one day Chamber Leadership Alumni Program - April.

## ***Military Affairs Committee (MAC)***



**Co-chairs:** Gregory Bowen, FOB NoDak and Scott Meyer, Benchmark Mortgage

**Purpose:** Foster a strong relationship between the GF/EGF communities and the military units in our region and help provide community support for future missions.

**Goals:**

- Coordinate military and military family support/community connection
- Facilitate communication between military and non-military groups.
- Support GF Airforce Base future missions and reinvestment activities (Mayor's Base Advisory Committee, BRIC).
- Continue the Golden Eagle funding program for the many military support activities.

**If you are interested in joining any of our committees or just want more information, contact us at 701-772-7271 or [info@gochamber.org](mailto:info@gochamber.org)**

## **Chamber Nonprofit Committee**



**Co-chairs:** Bob McWilliams, Altru Family YMCA and Sue Shirek, Northland Rescue Mission

**Purpose:** To connect and promote the nonprofit community to the broader business community

**Goals:**

- Highlight Nonprofit Community Economic Impact. Incorporate impacts of the nonprofit community into our marketing to the business community to

help highlight the tremendous impact nonprofits have and how important it is for business to support them with talent.

- Connect Leadership GF Graduates with Local Nonprofits. Continue to refer our Chamber Leadership Program class to area nonprofits for their annual in service nonprofit experience.
- Coordinate with existing local nonprofit business alliance.
- Nonprofit committee meetings with round table discussions on topics of interest to nonprofits in our region.

## **Past Board Chairs Committee**

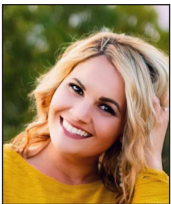


**Chair:** Russel Crary, Crary Real Estate

**Purpose:** Serve in an advisory capacity to chamber leadership and staff.

- Host two lunch meetings featuring major community topics - 2024 - Additional Air Service and one other.

## **Small Business Committee**



**Co-chairs:** Sonja Robertson, The Lighting Gallery and Megan Werven, Something Sweet.

**Purpose:** Provide value to The Chamber's small business members through educational, programming, and other small business services. Work with SBA, it's resource partner programs, such as SCORE and the ND SBDC, along with other business owners to carry out this purpose.

**Goals:**

- Continue to offer monthly Brown Bag Seminars on a variety of pertinent topics to small businesses in the GF/EGF region.
- Offer one half-day small business education opportunity.

## **Facilities Committee**



**Chair:** Mike McLean, JLG Architects

**Purpose:** Update and manage the current Chamber owned facility at 202 N. 3rd Street

**Goals:**

- Continue to work on the facility improvement plan. (Chamber Depot Building)
- Keep The Chamber office rental space occupied.
- Stay current with longterm chamber building and location options including building a new facility in our current location.

**While you are hard at work, your Chamber and its committees are working for you.**

## **Transportation Infrastructure Task Force**



**Co-chairs:** Dave Zavoral, RJ Zavoral & Son's Inc. and Sally Miskavige, Opp Construction

**Purpose:** To serve as a convener and catalyst to ensure local units of government and the MPO come together to invest in major infrastructure projects.

**Goals:**

Convene members of the MPO and various units of government to ensure Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, Polk County and Grand Forks County pursue federal and state funding for major transportation projects in our area. Such projects include: additional bridge(s) across the Red River, I-29 interchanges at Merrifield road and 47th Avenue.

## **North Dakota UAS Leadership Committee**



**Co-chairs:** Michael Fridolfs, Northrop Grumman Corp. and Tommy Kenville, Isight Drone Services.

**Purpose:** Convene UAS Sector leaders from across ND to discuss and act on key issues and opportunities for UAS in ND.

**Goals:**

1. Convene quarterly meetings of the group. Meetings will include: round-table discussions featuring updates from each member, various relevant UAS program presentations and discussion of issues and opportunities for the UAS industry in ND.
2. Monitor and act on various threats and opportunities in preparation for and during the legislative session.
3. Identify and recruit members to the committee.
4. Convene Five Task Forces to Develop action items for the committee: Large Drones, Small Drones, Beyond visual Line of Sight, UAS Workforce and ND UAS brand and National Marketing Strategy

\*\*\*Members of the UAS Committee will be charged a \$125 administrative fee to support the activities of the committee. Members must be members of their respective local chamber to be a member of this GF Chamber Committee that will represent the ND UAS Industry.

**If you are interested in joining any of our committees or just want more information, contact us at 701-772-7271 or [info@gochamber.org](mailto:info@gochamber.org)**

## **The Chamber Staff**



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In addition to the office staff, The Chamber also out sources coordination of its Leadership Program, Market Capture Assessments efforts, accounting services and some of its lobbying efforts. This matches talent with specific expertise on Chamber services at a fraction of the cost of traditional staffing efforts.





# Strategic Partnerships strengthen our ability to IMPACT THE COMMUNITIES WE LIVE IN.

## **Mayor's Base Retention Committee**

**Goal:** Secure new missions, capabilities and infrastructure for Grand Forks AFB

### **Objectives:**

- Maintain close relationship with US Air Force leadership at national and local levels.
- Maintain close relationship and open communication with US Senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer and US Representative Kelly Armstrong on new mission recruitment and base retention strategy.
- Leverage the ND Base Retention Grant funding (\$250,000 for the 2023-2025 biennium) to develop and execute base retention strategy.
  - The Chamber was awarded the \$250,000 Base retention Grant by the North Dakota Department of Commerce

### **Committee Members:**

Brandon Bochenski, Mayor of Grand Forks  
Barry Wilfahrt, The Chamber CEO and US Air Force Air Combat Command Civic Leader  
Bruce Gjovig, US Air Force Civic Leader  
Dave Engen, Grand Forks County Commissioner  
Scott Meyer, Benchmark Mortgage, District 18 State Senator, and Chamber Military Affairs Committee Co-Chair

## **BRIC (Base Retention and Investment Committee)**

A partnership of the City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, The Grand Forks Region EDC,

UND and The Chamber. The eleven members of BRIC are all members of The Chamber.

**Mission:** Work to retain and enhance Grand Forks Air Force Base.

**Vision:** A fully operating base of the future with multiple long term relevant missions. A base near capacity with new infrastructure, many personnel well positioned for future BRAC rounds. A base with alternative uses incorporated into the overall base plan including the Grand Sky UAS Business Park.

### **Goals:**

- Support & enhance the value of Grand Forks AFB, its infrastructure and current missions.
- Work to help secure new missions & capabilities for Grand Forks AFB
- Engage the public and private sectors to leverage the assets and infrastructure of Grand Forks AFB for economic diversification opportunities to strengthen the Grand Forks Region and State economies.
- Support Grand Sky, UND and the emerging UAS industry in North Dakota.

### **BRIC Members:**

Gracie Lien, Grand Forks County  
Todd Feland, City of Grand Forks  
Bruce Gjovig, GFAFB Civic Leader  
Dave Engen, Grand Forks County  
Dana Sande, Grand Forks City Council  
Keith Lund, Grand Forks Region EDC  
Barry Wilfahrt, The Chamber GF/EGF and GFAFB Civic Leader  
Robert Kraus, UND  
Rob Carolin, UND  
Tom Ford, Grand Forks County

## Chamber Partnership with UND and NCTC

The Chamber partners with the University of North Dakota and Northland Community & Technical College in many areas in support of both UND and NCTC's strategic plans including: internships, Career Conversations, Coulee to Columbia, start-up community projects, and connecting students to area employers through service learning opportunities.

## Workforce Development Committee

A coalition of the Chamber, EDC, Job Service, School Districts and Area Human Resource Professionals

**Purpose:** To develop strategies to increase workforce availability for area employers.

### Goals:

- Support Career Impact Academy Funding and Implementation.
- Tell the Grand Forks story through the "Grand Forks is Cooler" web site. Drive new resident and potential employee traffic to the "Grand Forks is Cooler" web site.
- Increase employer and post-secondary engagement (UND Freshman Career Exploration Event) connecting employers to students.
- Career Expo - Provide opportunities to directly expose regional high school students to career opportunities in the Upper Red River Valley
- Promote and Distribute a "New Residents Guide."
- The Chamber, EDC and UND Career Services will continue to partner on new internships for UND students at area businesses.
- Pursue ND Commerce and Workforce

Development Council funds.

- Educate Businesses on Immigration and VISA workforce opportunities.

## GF Legislative Priority Committee (Team GF)

A coalition of The Chamber, The GF Region EDC, The City of GF, GF County, UND and other entities as necessary.

**Purpose:** To identify key infrastructure, funding and policy needs and work with elected officials at the state and local level to promote the Grand Forks legislative agenda. Historically well over \$1.2 billion dollars in funding has been secured.

### East/West Relationship

The Chamber will lead a delegation from Grand Forks to meet with legislators and business people from Western ND to learn about what is going on in Western ND and also build on the relationships between Grand Forks and leaders in Western North Dakota.

Develop 2025 ND Legislative Priorities

### Team Grand Forks Members:

Barry Wilfahrt - Chamber  
Todd Feland - GF City  
Stacey Dahl - Chamber  
Ken Vein - GF City  
Garth Rydland - Chamber  
Bret Weber - GF City  
Tom Ford - GF County  
Meloney Linder, UND  
Peter Johnson - UND  
Keith Lund - EDC  
Ryan Reisinger - GF Airport  
Rob Carolin, UND  
New School Board Member  
Terry Brenner - GFPS

## **EGF Intergovernmental Committee**

A coalition of The Chamber, The EGF EDHA, The City of EGF, NCTC and Polk County.

**Purpose:** To identify key infrastructure and policy needs and work with elected officials at the state and local level to promote the East Grand Forks legislative agenda.

2024 MN Legislative Priorities:

- Support bonding for Northland Community & Tech. College
- Support the Greater MN Cities agenda.
- Increase awareness of NW MN needs among legislators statewide.

## **East Grand Forks EDA / Chamber Partnership**

The Chamber and EDA will work on ways to help EGF create a separate identity in 2024.

The EGF EDA and The Chamber continue to meet on a regular basis and continue to do the annual "GROW MN" business visits.

The two organizations will work together to develop new ways to assist existing EGF businesses working with MN DEED.

The two organizations will work together to align marketing focuses among the various groups marketing EGF in 2024.

The Chamber will consider doing a weekly Business of the Week feature in the Exponent.

The Chamber, GF EDC, EGF EDA, city administrators and both mayors meet several times a year to talk about how the two communities can collaborate more in the name of efficiency.

The Chamber and EDA will partner on the possible sales tax vote in 2024.

## **Grand Forks Region EDC / Chamber Partnership**

The Chamber and the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation partner on many things with each group taking the lead role where appropriate: housing, airport infrastructure development, workforce initiatives, branding and many other projects and programs.

The Chamber and EDC CEO's meet on a monthly basis

The Chamber, GF EDC, EGF EDA, city administrators and both mayors meet several times a year to talk about how the two communities can collaborate more in the name of efficiency.

The Chamber and Grand Forks Region EDC partner to bring business leaders and local issues to the ND Governor and Lt. Governor.

# INFORM

The Chamber informs members on important business and community information.

*This is done through events, the newsletter, broadcast emails and social media. The Chamber lets its members know when there is something that may affect their business, something good that is happening in our communities or when there is a potential issue coming up that we need to take action on.*

## CHAMBER PUBLICATIONS:

- **WEEKLY** - Member2Member
- **MONTHLY** - The Voice Newsletter
- **YEARLY** - Community Profile/Membership Directory



# PROMOTE

We promote our members, the business community & the Grand Forks/ East Grand Forks Region

*Through community directories in print, on the website, on social media sites and even a mobile app, people can find out about our businesses. The Chamber makes countless referrals over the phone and via e-mail to people looking for our services and products. Members can promote themselves through The Chamber's newsletter, Member2Member e-mails, and various advertising and sponsorship opportunities. Being a member of The Chamber is the most effective way to be in front of over 1000 area businesses.*



Chamber Board Meeting at Grand Sky



# ADVOCATE

**We advocate for our members and our business climate at the city, state and federal levels**

*The Chamber advocates for its members and our business climate at the city, state and federal levels. The Chamber is present at legislative meetings in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks and at our state capitals. The Chamber collaborates with other organizations in the community to make sure we have a strong voice to affect change in Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and our region.*



Meeting with Senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer

# CONNECT

**We provide opportunities for businesses to connect with other businesses**

*Some of these opportunities are at events, at Business After Hours and through a variety of committees. The Chamber connects members with government by organizing trips to the legislature, candidate forums, legislative forums, policy meetings, and meetings with state legislators, etc. The Chamber collaborates with various community organizations to work together to create a strong*



Business After Hours

# EDUCATE

**We provide education opportunities for your business and employees**

*From monthly Brown Bag Seminars, to the yearly Leadership Training Program to special trainings like Disney Business Excellence, The Chamber offers training opportunities for all businesses.*



Brown Bag Seminars

*In the fall of 2009, Chris Semrau and Jim Galloway came to my office and asked me if I would be interested in getting involved with The Chamber as a member of the Board of Directors. I sheepishly admitted to them that I knew that The Chamber existed and what their general purpose was but I had basically sent in my annual dues on behalf of our company and followed The Chamber at a great distance. Well, I agreed to join the Board of Directors and it did not take me long to figure how much I really did not know what The Chamber stood for and what The Chamber's involvement was. What an eye-opening experience my five years were as a Board Member, Vice Chair, Chair and now Past Chair.*

*- Jeff Wilson, Vilandre Heating AC & Plumbing*



*I would like to take a moment and thank you and your organization for the partnership we have with you. I believe that The Chamber is an essential connection between the City of East Grand Forks and the City of Grand Forks. We have several shared objectives between the two cities, and The Chamber works to accomplish those objectives to the mutual benefit of both. Along with that, as we work to partner with businesses in our community, The Chamber is there. Working with our EDA, you have helped create more seamless communication between us and them. With the State of the City event and other efforts, you help us organize and articulate our priorities and communicate them with our residents.*

*- Steve Gander, Mayor East Grand Forks*



*The Chamber continues to be a catalyst for positive growth and prosperity for our region; particularly for the military service members and families on Grand Forks Air Force Base and throughout surrounding communities. During my time in Command on the base, the Chamber was a positive, reliable, and inspiring partner who provided vision, financial resources, time, and important expertise to Airmen and Guardians. The Chamber has embraced and advanced every new mission that has come to Grand Forks, and will continue to support new undertakings and personnel including civilians and contractors. The partnership between the military, government officials, and the Chamber is vital to national security and one that future Commanders and families will continue to rely upon in the midst of challenging times. Thank you for being a faithful partner and enhancing the quality of life of our nation's most valuable resources—people!*

*- Tim Curry, KBR*



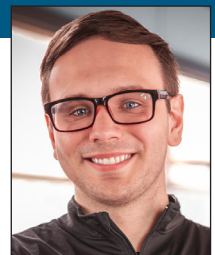
*Our Chamber has been an excellent resource and valuable community partner of the Grand Forks Park District. From the initial concept of the indoor sports & aquatics complex to the sales tax extension vote, The Chamber was a true advocate of the project by helping inform businesses on the vast economic impact and quality-of-life benefits an indoor complex would bring to our community. The Chamber has also been a valuable partner to the Grand Forks Children's Museum & Destination Park Campaign, shown through their active support during the 2023 ND Legislative session. What can I say - Grand Forks and East Grand Forks really do have an amazing Chamber of Commerce!*

*- Jill Nelson, Grand Forks Park District*



*Fenworks is proud to be a supporter of The Chamber. The Chamber has provided incredible resources to help grow the skills and abilities of our team. Being able to stay connected to our community and collaborate with other businesses is such a joy. We're thankful for the work done by The Chamber and we're excited for the future.*

*Kaleb Dschaak, Fenworks Chief Executive Officer*



# Past Chamber Board Chairs

2023 Russel Crary	2004 Phil Gisi~EGF Dave Molmen~GF	1991 Jack Robertson~EGF Bruce Rampelberg~GF	1978 Kenneth Coauette~EGF George Unruh, Jr.~GF	1965 John P. Bushee~EGF John A. McDonald.~GF
2022 Tommy Kenville	2003 Mike Pokrzywinski~ EGF Judi Paukert ~GF	1990 Bob Rosenberg~EGF Bob Kerr~GF	1977 Raymond German~EGF Curt Magnuson~GF	1964 Leonard Zimmer~EGF Bob Lander~GF
2021 Dave Zavoral				
2020 Paula Anderson	2002 Mike Pokrzywinski~EGF Darrell Larson~GF	1989 Jeff Westrem~EGF Don Larsen~GF	1976 Francis Mireault~EGF Dick Wold~GF	1963 Emil Rychart~EGF Edward Olson~GF
2020 Josh Brown	2001 Dr. Steve Gander~EGF Dave McFarlane~GF	1988 JoAnn Sayler~EGF Marlan Helgeson~GF	1975 John F. Ellison~EGF John Norby~GF	1962 John P. Bushee~EGF T.P. McElroy, Jr.~GF
2018 Ron Galstad				
2017 Matt Walkowiak	2000 Terry Hecht~ EGF Bob Peabody~ GF	1987 Gerard Neil~EGF Ralph Campbell~GF	1974 Marvin K. Devig~EGF Justin Hoberg~GF	1961 Leonard Driscoll~EGF R.W. Blaine~GF
2016 John Oncken	1999 Duane Finney~EGF Don Fisk~GF	1986 Gerard Neil~EGF John Marshall~GF	1973 Maury Finney~EGF David Kessler~GF	1960 Earl Levasseur~EGF James Rice~GF
2015 Kristi Magnuson Nelson				
2014 Chris Wolf	1998 Wally Rodgers~EGF Dr. Robert Boyd~GF	1985 Paul Stadem, DDS~EGF R.J. Fiala~GF	1972 George Mack~EGF David Vaaler~GF	1959 Leo Dunlevy~EGF G.E. Satrom~GF
2013 Jeff Wilson	1997 Terry Atkins~EGF Jack Carroll~GF	1984 Richard Wiley~EGF Jean Kiesau~GF	1971 Arvy J. Larson~EGF Jerome M. Dunlevy, Jr.~GF	1958 Lee Everett~EGF H.T. Gustafson~GF
2012 Chris Semrau				
2011 Jim Galloway	1996 Cheryl Gaddie~ EGF Lonnie Laffen~ GF	1983 Steve Gorman~EGF James Dalglish~GF	1970 Arvy J. Larson~EGF Ed Lander~GF	1957 Michael K. Gorman~EGF Gordon Caldis~GF
2010 Barb Schultz	1995 Cindy O'Keefe~ EGF Randy Newman~ GF	1982 Steve Gorman~EGF Bob Vaaler~GF	1969 John J. Gaddie~EGF N.C. Olsson~GF	1955 - 1956 Henry Havig ~ GF
2009 Rick Duquette				
2008 Jerry Youngberg	1994 Craig Buckalew~ EGF Greg Gerloff~ GF	1981 Robert E. Peabody~EGF Jim Strausbaugh~GF	1968 Albert Boushey~EGF Chuck Goodman~GF	1954 Henry A. Hansen ~ GF
2007 Kristi Hall Jiran	1993 Steve Worwa~EGF Ralph J. Noll~GF	1980 Robert E. Peabody~EGF Clair Rowe~GF	1967 Lee Dunlevy~EGF Ralph Roth~GF	1953 Ronald N Davies ~ GF
2006 Rich Becker				
2005 Rich Becker/ Joanne Otto	1992 Bob Bydal~EGF Dr. James E. Gjerset~GF	1979 Dean F. Mitzel~EGF Paul J. Bridston~GF	1966 Lars Stennes~EGF Don Lindgren~GF	1952 T.L. Degnan ~ GF
				1951 Armin F. Rohde ~ GF
				1950 H.R. Magnuson ~ GF





# OUR MISSION

We create an environment that encourages business success while enhancing the quality of life in our region.

The Chamber is a catalyst for positive growth and prosperity of our region.

## US Chamber Accreditation

The Chamber received 4-star accreditation in 2012 and 5-star accreditation in 2017 and again in 2022 which is the highest ranking possible. This means the GF/EGF Chamber is among the top 140 chambers out of over 7,000 nationwide. Areas measured and assessed include: governance, finance, human resources, government affairs, program development, technology, communication, facilities and benchmarking.



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