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## Leadership LindyLand



**2009-2010 Leadership LindyLand Participants**

*Seated left to right: Daniel Bednarek, Camp Ripley; Phil McCoy, MN Power; Standing left to right: Jane Eliason, Bieganek Insurance; Theresa Sweeney, Morrison County Social Services; Jenifer Drill, Morrison County Public Health; Jessica Raad, Elder Care of MN; Mavis Buker, MN Fishing Museum; Kristen Nelson, MCICC; Lisa Thielman, Unity Family Healthcare; Amy Kelash, Morrison County Technology Services; Cathy Tryggstad, Mid State Education District; Nancy Henderson, Little Falls Community Schools. Not pictured: Doris Illies, Productive Alternatives.*

The 9th Leadership LindyLand program is underway. October was the opening retreat where the participants learned more about themselves through the Myers Briggs personal type testing. They learned more about each other by participating in a scavenger hunt. The second day of the retreat was spent on team building and personal leadership.

## Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Included with this newsletter are nomination forms for Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Nominating is easy. Simply complete the form and either fax, email or mail to the Chamber Office by the deadline date. All nominations will be reviewed by the Chamber's Outstanding Service Committee, with awards being made at the Chamber Annual Meeting in February 2010.

## Inserts Included...

~ "Thanks For Giving Day" Flyer

### Chamber Events:

- ~ November Networking Flyer
- ~ Small Business of the Year Nomination Form
- ~ Large Business of the Year Nomination Form
- ~ Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

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**Your 2009  
Chamber of  
Commerce Board  
of Directors:**

**2007-2009**

Tom Chatfield  
Fallsburg Woodworking  
Jacki DeVine  
Lori Kush  
Kush State Farm Insurance  
Sandy Smith  
2009 Chair of Board  
GoldSmith Jewelers

**2008-2010**

Shane Cole  
Dominos Pizza  
Carl Vaagenes  
St. Gabriel's Hospital  
Doug Veillette  
Dairy Queen  
Tom West  
Morrison County Record

**2009-2011**

Bridget Britz  
Horizon Health  
Paul Kapsner  
Royalton Lumber  
Julie Zupko  
Bieganeck Insurance Agency  
Col. Richard Weaver,  
Immediate Past Chair  
Camp Ripley

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**From the Desk of the CEO - Debora K. Boelz**



*Greeting from the desk of the CEO! Our calendars flipping to November brings the realization that the holiday season is upon us! Are you ready?*

*A housekeeping item from last month - MN Manufacturer's Week was celebrated October 26-30. Locally, representatives from the Lindy Greeter Committee presented certificates of appreciation signed by Governor Tim Pawlenty to our manufacturing members. A luncheon was held in conjunction with Region 5 Development Commission, the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the local chambers of commerce on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker for the luncheon was David Olson, President of the MN Chamber of Commerce, with a message of appreciation to our manufacturers for the jobs they provide, the taxes they pay and for simply doing business in Minnesota! Here! Here!*

*Photos from the certificate presentations are posted on the Chamber's website. Check it out!*

*Back to the upcoming Holiday season! For those of you who like visuals, I am standing on my soapbox again! Buy Locally! As homes and businesses are prepared for holiday entertaining with new festive items, buy locally! As party menus are planned, please think about what can be purchased locally first to make dishes from scratch or catered by one of our many food establishments.*

*Check out our local retailers for that perfect gift first. You might be surprised at what you can all find right here, conveniently located without the parking hassles, expense of gas and time it takes to travel down the road. I can't guarantee that there will not be crowds, but shopping here in November and December will help ensure that the shopping options are around in January and February!*

*To kick off the holiday season in Little Falls, the Little Falls Business Association is sponsoring its annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am. to 4:00 p.m. The Pierz Commercial Club is sponsoring their annual St. Nick Night on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Shop early and shop often!*

*That brings me to Chamber Bucks! Chamber Bucks, the local buying program sponsored by your Chamber, ensures that local dollars stay local. Many of our businesses utilize the Chamber Buck program for employee incentives, recognition and appreciation gifts. During any given month, about \$10,000 in Chamber Bucks are circulating through the community.*

*Chamber Bucks spend just like cash at participating Chamber-member businesses. Please consider Chamber Bucks as your formulate your gift-giving list.*

*Business owners are encouraged to train their register operators on accepting the Chamber Bucks in a welcoming manner - it is good for business today and in the future! Bucks are accepted the same as a personal check.*

*In closing, Little Falls is currently the first choice by the Veteran's Administration for a 96 bed veteran's nursing home to be built within the community. What a perfect compliment to our existing relationship with the military through Camp Ripley and the Minnesota Veteran's Cemetery. As the planning committee moves forward with the proposal, community support is so important. Not only the short term jobs created during the building phase of the project, but the long term impact of a projected 100 jobs would be a tremendous boost to the local economy. The increase in visitors to our community to see loved ones will positively impact up and down main street, side streets and everything in between! If asked, please do your part to make this facility a reality for Morrison County.*



## Chamber Holiday Promotions

Your Chamber of Commerce will again be working to make the holidays special for our community. Doing business locally is a great gift you can easily give! Enticing all area residents to shop Little Falls during this holiday season will strengthen our local economy by recycling dollars again and again through the business community. See the list below for specific Chamber planned promotions and events.

### Santa Parade Reception

The Chamber will be hosting a reception prior to the Santa Parade on Friday, November 27, 2009 from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the Depot. Join us for hot chocolate, apple cider and a cookie before the Santa Parade starts.



The Santa Parade will start at 6:00 p.m. on the corner of Lindbergh Drive South and Broadway, cross the river to Bank Square and end at the Fire Hall. Thanks to the West Side Improvement Association for sponsoring the Santa Parade.

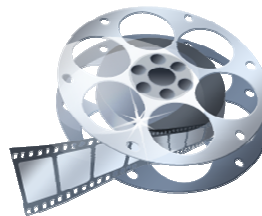


### City of Lights

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to again flip the switch on the City of Lights in downtown Little Falls. The City of Lights will run from November 27, 2009 thru January 2, 2010.

### Holiday Matinee Movie

Give yourself time to leisurely shop locally while your children enjoy a free movie at the Falls Cinema, located at 115 SE 1 St in Little Falls on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Show times are noon and 2:00 p.m. The movie being shown has not been determined at this time, but will be a family-friendly film. This movie is free due to the generous sponsorship provided by Mid MN Federal Credit Union.



### Have your photo taken with Santa!

Santa will be visiting Little Falls and double checking his list, Saturday December 19 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at the Chamber of Commerce, 200 NW 1 St. Have your photo taken with Santa!



## Friday Morning Coffee

November Friday Morning Coffee  
Friday, November 20

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: **Schlenner, Wenner & Co.**

Location: Chamber of Commerce  
200 NW 1 St, Little Falls

**SCHLENNER  
WENNER & CO.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
& BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

Kick off your weekend by joining us for a cup or two of coffee and a donut while making business connections. All Chamber members and their employees are invited to attend.

Friday Morning Coffees are the third Friday of each month from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Introductions are made around the room starting at 8:15 a.m.



## Business After Hours

November Business After Hours

Tuesday, November 17

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: **RadioShack**

Location: RadioShack  
1614 NE 1 Ave, Little Falls

 **RadioShack**

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their investment in the Chamber for fiscal year 2009-2010, since our last Newsletter, as of October 29, 2009

**We appreciate your continued support!**

BFI  
Grand Casino Mille Lacs  
Meyer Teleservices



## CONGRATULATIONS! October Employee of the Month

In October, Jeneva Bellefeuille, **St. Otto's Care Center**, was honored. Jeneva is the Director of Nursing. She has held the position since 1993. She is in charge of the nursing department, as well as coordinating care throughout the facility. Jeneva and her husband, James, have one son and two grandchildren. They garden and do canning; enjoy snowmobiling and boating, and spending time with their family.



## Lindy Greeter Member Visits

Thank you for your membership. Photos are from Member Visits made October 22. Greeters present the member with a Chamber mug filled with sweets, and thank them for their support of the Chamber and community.



### RURAL AIDS ACTION NETWORK

Lindy Greeter Laurie Whitlow, **Bell Mortgage**, with Executive Director Charles Hempeck at **RAAN (Rural AIDS Action Network)**. RAAN provides comprehensive HIV services to people living in rural Minnesota. They have 7 offices around the state, and people can see a full list of services at [www.raan.org](http://www.raan.org)

### AMBIANCE @ 53

Lindy Greeter Jon Vetter, **Pine Country Bank**, with co-owners Mary Uhlhorn, left, and Susan Paulson at **Ambiance @ 53**. The Holiday Open House will be November 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy Ambiance's Christmas room, food samplings, and s'mores on the back patio. Mary and Susan are looking forward to seeing you!

### SUBWAY

Lindy Greeter Jon Vetter, **Pine Country Bank**, second from right, with Maria LeMieur, owner Jack Faufau, and Alexis Stumpf at **Subway**, located in Lora B's Plaza. They are celebrating their 20th year in Little Falls. They continue to support Coats For Kids, and will have a collection on November 7 & 8. Please support this great effort.

## Lindy Greeter Member Visits continued...



### FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF LITTLE FALLS

*Lindy Greeters Laurie Whitlow, **Bell Mortgage**, right, and Jon Vetter, **Pine Country Bank**, with Sister Mary Obowa from **Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls**. The Sisters are happy to be involved with the Chamber and be active in the Little Falls community. They will be holding their Spaghetti Supper on November 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

# We Want You!

Make the Most of your Chamber Membership – Get Involved!

While Chamber membership provides many benefits, individuals involved with the activities of the Chamber know that involvement is one of the best business builders. Your Chamber has worked hard to develop a structure that allows volunteers to get maximum benefit from the time dedicated. Meetings are productive, fun and time-limited. Time outside of meetings is devoted to specific and time-limited tasks. Best of all – a volunteer is not making a lifetime commitment when getting involved in a task force, committee, council or event.

Do you want to grow your business while having an impact on our community? We will help you find the best “fit” for your involvement. Contact Gina at the Chamber, (320) 632-5155 or by e-mail [ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com](mailto:ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS & CHAMBER MEETINGS

November 2009

(Chamber events and meetings are in **bold** print). For an expanded listing of community events, check the Chamber website at <http://www.littlefallsmnchamber.com/whatsnew.cfm>

### NOVEMBER

- 3 **Executive Committee Meeting—7:30 a.m.—Depot**
- 3 **Lindy Greeter Committee Meeting—Noon—Depot**
- 5 **Finance Committee Meeting—7:30 a.m.—Depot**
- 7 Spaghetti Supper—4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.—St. Francis Convent
- 8 Holiday Open House sponsored by Little Falls Business Association—11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 12 **Board Meeting—11:00 a.m.—Depot**
- 17 **Business After Hours—4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—RadioShack**
- 18 **Leadership LindyLand Session—8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Depot**
- 19 **Membership Development Committee Meeting—7:45 a.m.—Depot**
- 20 **Friday Morning Coffee—7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.—Depot; sponsored by Schlenner, Wenner & Co.**
- 23 Indoor Marching Band Concert—7:30 p.m.—Little Falls Community High School
- 26 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 27 **Santa Parade Reception—5:30 p.m.—Depot**
- 27 Santa Parade sponsored by West Side Improvement Association—6:00 p.m.
- 27-Dec. 6 Christmas at the Mansions—1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Linden Hill Historic Event Center
- 28 Christmas with the Lindbergh’s—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Lindbergh Historic Site

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### DECEMBER

- 1 Lindy Greeter Committee Meeting—Noon—Depot**
- 1-6 Christmas at the Mansions—1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Linden Hill Historic Event Center
- 2 St. Nick Night sponsored by Pierz Commercial Club—Participating Businesses
- 5 Christmas with the Lindbergh's—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Lindbergh Historic Site
- 5 Movie Matinee sponsored by Mid MN Federal Credit Union—Noon & 2:00 p.m.—Falls Cinema**
- 9 Leadership LindyLand Session—8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—St. Francis Campus**
- 10 Board Meeting—11:00 a.m.—Depot**
- 11 String Orchestra Christmas Concert—7:00 p.m.—Franciscan Sisters Sacred Heart Chapel
- 12 Cookies with Santa sponsored by West Side Improvement Association—9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—JC Park Warming House
- 13 St. Francis Community Chorale Concert—2:30 p.m.—Franciscan Sisters Sacred Heart Chapel
- 17 Membership Development Committee Meeting—7:45 a.m.—Depot**
- 18 Friday Morning Coffee—7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.—Perkins Restaurant & Bakery**
- 19 Santa at the Chamber—9:00 a.m. to Noon—Depot**
- 21 Holiday Concert—7:30 p.m.—Little Falls Community High School
- 21 Scrooge Night sponsored by Little Falls Business Association—4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.—Participating Businesses



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# Thanks for Giving

**Wednesday, November 25**

to benefit the **Morrison County United Way**

The Morrison County United Way will be working with Dominos Pizza on “**Thanks For Giving**”, Wednesday, November 25. When ordering your lunch, dinner or pizza party you will receive a large cheese pizza for only \$9.00.

Additional topping are available for \$1.49 each.

The Morrison County United Way will receive 25% of each order.

To ensure you receive your pizza when desired **pre-order** by **November 20**. Pre-order by calling Dominos at (320) 632-2371 or e-mail your order to Dominos at: [shanecoleiamlfpizza.com](mailto:shanecoleiamlfpizza.com). Any regular pizza orders will be included with the days receipts for the day. *No e-mail order November 25, please.*

**Orders can be for delivery or carry out.**



**Thank you** in advance for your continued support of the Morrison County United Way and our partner agencies!



# November Networking Events

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## Business After Hours

Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
at **RadioShack**  
*1614 NE 1 Ave, Little Falls*

Sponsored by:



Make valuable business and personal connections by joining us for hors d'oeuvres, refreshment and great networking at this well attended event. All Chamber members and their employees are invited to attend. Great chance to start your Holiday shopping!

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## Friday Morning Coffee

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7:30 - 9:00 a.m.  
at Chamber of Commerce  
*200 NW 1 St, Little Falls*

Sponsored by:



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*200 NW 1 St (Depot), Little Falls*

Sponsored by:



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