

# January 2018 Newsletter

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### **Welcome Our New Board Members**

Please welcome our 2018 Board Members: Matt Hauge, Brenda Geldert, Scott Schulz, and Ken Geroux. Thank you to both Scott Schulz and Ken Geroux for your second term serving on the Board of Directors.

### **Hawaiian Holiday Social Highlights**

Last month the Chamber hosted the annual Holiday Social with a twist! The Hawaiian theme was a hit, and so was the entertainment. Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered. You helped make the event possible. In case you missed out, below is a glimpse of some of the fun.





# **Membership Renewal Changes**

The BLCC&I will be introducing a new Membership Renewal Plan in 2018. Instead of all members renewing membership in January and prorating prices for those that join in the later part of the year, we will be renewing memberships based on the month your organization last paid investment dues. Our 2018 Membership Profile is posted on the website if you need to update your company's listing, but current members without any significant contact changes are not required to refile an application in 2018. Invoices will be sent out during your renewal month and can be paid with check, cash, or credit card. If you have any questions on this new process, please contact the Chamber office.



## **Ambassador Meeting**

We need more Ambassadors! Looking to become more involved in the Chamber? Attend the next Ambassador meeting on January 10th at Russell's on the Lake at 12pm. We will be planning the upcoming Vendor Fair. Contact Tim Suchy at tim.suchy@edwardjones.com for details.

#### **Business After Hours**

This month's Business After Hours will be held on January 18th at The Friendly Buffalo at 5pm. Stop out and enjoy a drink or appetizer while getting to know area businesses.

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# Vendor Fair

Sunday, March 4, 2018 11 am – 2 pm

Big Lake High School

Free admission
Free entertainment
Free food
Free giveaways

Booth Registration is NOW OPEN!
Go to the Big Lake Chamber website for details.
Registration Forms due by February 16th.
www.biglakechamber.com - 763.263.7800

#### **Newsletter Tidbits Due**

Want to include something in the Chamber Newsletter? Send us a 1/4 page ad or a few sentences to include in next month's newsletter by January 26th. Full page ads can be added for only \$25 per month. Are you a new member? Ask the Chamber how to redeem your free full page ad!



### **January Membership Meeting: City Updates**

Join us at the upcoming Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 30th for City Updates at Township Hall. Registration is at 11:45/Lunch at 12pm. Cost to attend is \$15. RSVP by contacting the Chamber office or by going to www.biglakechamber.com.

# **DATASuccess, Inc. Has Moved!**

Stop in and see the new office location (right across the street from McDonalds) at 29 Lake Street South, Big Lake, MN 55309! Need help with your computers? Let the techs at DATASuccess help you with all of your computer needs! Email at info.datasuccessinc.com or call at 763-263-7070.







# 2018 Chamber Events Schedule

#### **Special Dates**

- March 4th Big Lake Vendor Fair
- August 16th Tri- Chamber Tournament
- August TBD Big Lake Block Party
- October 22nd Political Forum
- December 4th Holiday Tree Decorating
- December 14th Holiday Social

#### **Membership Meetings**

\*Last Tuesday of every month 11:45am to 1PM

\*Cost \$15 a person

- January 30th City Updates at Township Hall
- February 27th Big Lake Schools at McPete's
- March 27th TBD at Community Room
- April 24th Worksite Wellness at Saron Lutheran Church
- May 29th Legislative Updates at Carousell Works
- August 28th Arvig Media at Carefree Country Club
- September 25th TBD
- October 30th TBD
- November 27th TBD

Please RSVP for Membership Meetings in advance. It is important that we send an accurate headcount to the caterer each month. You can RSVP by calling/emailing the Chamber office or by going to www.biglakechamber.com.

Frequently attend Meetings? Get a discount with our Prepaid Meals option!

#### **Ambassador Meetings**

\*Second Wednesday of every month at 12pm
\*No Admission Cost

- January 10th Russell's on the Lake
- February 14th Marketplace BBQ
- March 14th Chin Yuen
- April 11th Friendly Buffalo
- May 9th McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes
- June 13th El Loro
- July 11th Third Rail
- August 8th Russell's on the Lake
- September 12th McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes
- October 10th Chin Yuen
- November 14th Trail's Grill and Sports Bar
- December 12th Friendly Buffalo

#### **Business After Hours**

\*Third Thursday of every month at 5pm
\*No Admission Cost

\*\*Tri-Chamber Tournament 6pm to 9pm

- January 18th Friendly Buffalo
- February 15th El Loro
- March 15th Russell's on the Lake
- · April 19th Third Rail Bar and Grill
- May 17th Trail's Grill and Sports Bar
- June 21st Lupulin Brewing Company
- July 19th McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes
- \*\*August 16th Pebble Creek Golf Club
- September 20th Monticello Country Club
- October 18th Lupulin Brewing Company
- November 15th Third Rail
- December 20th Fl Loro



# January 2018

#### **Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Chamber Office Closed	2 Chamber Office Closed	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting	10 Ambassador Meeting at Russell's 12pm	11	12	13 Coffee with the Mayor at Coborn's 9am
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Chamber Office Closed	16	17	18 Business After Hours at Friendly Buffa- lo 5pm	19 Winter Farm- ers Market at Saron Luther- an Church 3pm	20
21	22 Chamber 101 in Chamber office at 12pm	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Tidbits Due	27
28	29	30 Membership Mtg at Town- ship Hall 12pm	31			

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

February 10th, 12pm to 3pm, Little Hole on Big Lake Ice Fishing at Lakeside Park February 16th, Due date for Vendor Fair Registration Forms March 4th, 11am to 2pm, Big Lake Vendor Fair (Formerly Business Expo) at BLHS