

**March 8th, 2019**

**CHAMBER CORNER**

**By: Heather Harris Jensen**

Ok, Winter weather, it's been nice, fun, beautiful, but I think I speak for everyone when I say, it's time for you to go now, you are kind of overstaying your welcome. I am very grateful that we did get out and ride our snowmobiles more this year, special thanks to the groomers with Missaukee Trail Blazers, the trails were simply amazing, thank you for volunteering your time to literally spend hours in a tractor smoothing out those trails. They are always seeking new members to help grow the club, if you are interested in joining, you can download and application off of their website [www.missaukeetrailblazers.org](http://www.missaukeetrailblazers.org) or attend a meeting, they are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the Missaukee EMS building, starting at 630p. Missaukee Mountain has been open the last few weekends, I love seeing the pictures of all the fun being had out there along with memories made.

The Chamber is excited to announce that we are bringing back our Ambassadors Club. What's an ambassador you may ask? Besides are pretty fancy sounding title, our Ambassadors are very important to the Chamber, they essentially serve as an extension of our board and staff, they work on recruiting new members, retaining current members, gathering volunteers, organizing the Business After 5's & ribbon cutting ceremonies. In the past, they brought you the Farmer's Market that was in conjunction during Thursdays summer Music in the Park. Now, I cannot say for sure that the Farm Market will come out of retirement, but it's an absolute possibility with the right people willing to put in their efforts to bring it together. We will be announcing a meeting/mixer social get together in the next few weeks, watch our social media, and of course, I will write about it here. There is unity in community and if we want to be better, we need more people. Every single person that lives here has something to offer, don't be shy, be a part of the change and positivity! It feels great!

Our Vendor & Craft Show applications for the Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> are available in our office and website. Tiffany Ziegler will be chairing this for Greatest 4th; any email inquiries can be directed to [GFTIN@gmail.com](mailto:GFTIN@gmail.com) or contact Tiffany at (231) 429-7234. If you are interested in volunteering, we will be releasing an online sign up and of course you can always contact the Chamber. Apps are also available for download on our website for the Car Show & Festival of the Pines.

I have a few new members to share this week! Mike Escalera with Keystone Retirement Services, Mike offers Medicare plans, life insurance planning, long-term care planning, financial planning, medical, dental, & vision plans to name just a few, and he works with over 80 different carriers. He has an office in Cadillac, but I am willing to bet he would meet you on your turf as well, you can contact Mike at (231) 942-1090 or email [mike@keyrsonline.com](mailto:mike@keyrsonline.com), find him on Facebook. We also welcome Stephani Escalera, of ERA Greater North Real Estate! You may remember Stephani, as she has deep Lake City roots, being raised in a Real Estate family it was really just a matter of time before she joined the ranks! She is eager and ready to serve you whether you are selling your current home or looking to purchase a new one! (231) 920-9179 or find her online by simply searching her name along with real estate, she also has Facebook and email is [Stephani@ERAGreaterNorth.com](mailto:Stephani@ERAGreaterNorth.com). Both Mike and Stephani have volunteered for all of our events, we are excited to see their businesses grow and their contributions to the community as a Chamber partner. Next up, Mr. Carl Carlson! Carl has joined the Chamber as a senior individual member, we appreciate his dedication in building up not only our member network but Lake City as a whole. Reminder that Main Street Spectacles will offer a 10% discount to any individual Chamber members or business owners that are purchasing glasses, just simply show her your card. Lost your card? No problem, let us know at the office and we can get you a replacement, also Tiffany does have a member list and can always verify from that as well. See, membership really does have its privileges.

Soup Suppers at the United Methodist Church every Tuesday through the end of April from 430-6p, cost is a free will donation and take outs are available.

Sons of American Legion breakfast is tomorrow morning! You can enjoy all your breakfast favs including eggs made to order! All food events are open to the public, the club is located in downtown Lake City. If you ordered a Pasty from the Auxiliary, they will be ready for pick up on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Post.

Steak Fry tonight at The Eagles! It happens the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, you can enjoy a delicious Steak dinner from 530p-730p. Karaoke tomorrow night! Sundays have free pool (and Coney's) and free pool again on Wednesdays with a wing special. They will be hosting a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner next Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> and the next Steak O is Saturday (the 16<sup>th</sup>). All food events are open to the public! Located Just east of Lake City on M55 at 4154 W. Houghton Lake Road.

St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting an Irish Stew Dinner on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p, a free will offering is appreciated and you can enjoy Irish Beef Stew with slaw, rolls, beverage, & a dessert!

George Gruenberg plays piano on Thursdays (2p) at the Library. Today, our 4-H is hosting Exploration Days at 5p. March 12<sup>th</sup> at 330p will be Recycling with Missaukee Conservation District. Like and follow the Ardis Missaukee District Library FB page to see all of their activities.

Reminder that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Forest Area Federal Credit Union. Mr. Lake City will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the High School, this event raises money for after prom activities.

Another Easter Egg Hunt has been announced for April 13<sup>th</sup> to be held at Maple Grove Park from 11a-2p hosted by

EXIT Realty Land & Lakes! There will also be an Easter Eggstravanganza on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Township Hall by our Lake City Fire Departments. Lots of egg finding opportunities in the area next month, how great is this? You can hit both!

Our Spring Business After 5 will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Missaukee Golf Club.

Donations for the Flowers on Main street are kindly being accepted. You can drop off a check or cash right here at the Chamber office or mail a check to Drawer H, Lake City, 49651.

Recycle Missaukee! The Center is located on Sanborn Road and open Wednesdays & Saturdays. Support local! 68 cents of every dollar spent stays here in our community! #unityincommunity