



# Calendar of Events

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events get in touch with a Chamber Board member or contact the chamber office.

- [December 5 Breakfast with Santa at the Paynesville Senior Center](#)
- [December 9 Chamber Luncheon at Hilltop Restaurant](#)
- [December 30 Community Sit Down dinner at Paynesville Lutheran 5:30-6:30 pm](#)
- [January 12th Annual Meeting Ron & Judy's Restaurant](#)

Changes or additions to the calendar can be directed to Linda at the Paynesville Area Chamber Office—  
 320.243.3233 or [chamber@lakedalelink.net](mailto:chamber@lakedalelink.net)

DECEMBER  
 2009

## LUNCHEON DATES

- December 9  
Hilltop Restaurant
- January 12 Annual Meeting at Ron and Judy's Restaurant

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## Paynesville Royalty spent some time with Santa

## HOLIDAY KICK OFF BREAKFAST

The waffles were crisp and tasty and all the food was great at the Annual Holiday Kick Off Breakfast held at the Queen Bee on November 22nd. With the mild temperature and dry weather, many people took advantage of the free horse and wagon rides around town.

Santa was very popular for the young and old alike with lines of people waiting to get a turn to sit on his lap.

The merchants opened their doors to all of the people wanting to find a bargain to kick off the Holiday Shopping season in Paynesville.

Thanks to all of the people who donated time, money and other items to make the Holiday Breakfast such a fun and successful event. All of the profit from this event will go to purchase Christmas lights and decorations for the City of Paynesville. The Chamber Board has decided to save the money in the Christmas Light Fund to purchase lights for the new entrance to Paynesville when the Highway 23 project is completed.

## ANNUAL MEETING



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010**

At Ron and Judy's Restaurant  
 Social Time.....5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 3-Meat Buffet Dinner .....6:30 p.m.  
 Business & Awards .....7:30 p.m.  
 Entertainment .....8:30 p.m.  
 Cost is \$25.00 Tickets available from any Chamber Board Member or from Linda at the Chamber Office. Board Members will be contacting Business as in past years. Come and be inspired by the Salute to Excellence Awards and enjoy the entertainment !!

**C. Willi Myles** takes everyday life challenges and applies the humor to them. He has opened for many of the top musical and comedy acts throughout the country and performs regularly on cruise ships, and at casinos and in concert with some of the biggest names in entertainment. And Willi is always a big hit on the college and corporate scene.

With extremely funny non-offensive stories and jokes, Willi makes everybody laugh. What happens when you take a guy from Alabama and you move him up to Minnesota and let him experience his first winter including ice fishing? One thing that happens for sure is a lot of laughs and a unique look at living in the Midwest. For comedy truly at its best, check out the comedy of C. Willi Myles

He is a graduate of St. Cloud State University!!

## SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

Be sure to go to the Chambers Web site and copy a 2009 Salute to Excellence form and submit your nominees for the different categories.

<http://www.paynesvillechamber.org>

Submit your nominations before **December 15th** to any Chamber Board Member or mail them directly to the Chamber Office at PO BOX 4, Paynesville MN 56362.

The categories are:

1. Boss of the Year
2. Employee of the Year
3. Business/Farmer of the Year
4. Outstanding Young Person
5. Outstanding Community Service

Nomination form inserted in your newsletter or attached to your email newsletter

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### 2009 Chamber Officers

President: DuDonne Andrie

Vice President: Doris Wendlandt

Past President: Doug Miller

### Board of Directors:

Sheryl Fuchs

Jessica Beekman

Brad Nepsund

Lori Laudenbach

Ashley Gleitz

Robert McDaniel

Tony Whelchel

Jeb Johnson

## CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Join us at the Hilltop Restaurant for our noon luncheon on December 9th at 11:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Mayor Jeff Thompson reporting on the past year for the City of Paynesville and what 2010 holds in store for us. Last month Mike Jacobson and Paul Bugbee spoke on the Historical Society's projects over the past year and the future of that organization. Connie Haag gave an update on the Community Sit Down meals.

### Account Balances as of 11/30/09

General Account	\$7012.97
Money Market	\$3476.26
Christmas Light Fund	\$5635.32
Chamber Bucks (total of 3 accounts)	\$546.51
Welcome Neighbor	\$2057.17

## CHAMBER BUCK\$ DRAWING

Show up for the luncheon on December 9th for a chance to win \$20.00 in Chamber Bucks.

You can also purchase Chamber Bucks as reward or gifts for family, friends or employees. Email the Chamber office or call 320-243-3233 for more information. Chamber Bucks support our local economy!

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

December greetings!

Thank you to everyone for helping our "Holiday Breakfast" a huge success. This waffle breakfast is becoming a bigger event each year, and we appreciate your support and those who volunteered- it was a great morning of festive fun to kick off the season.

Looking ahead, our annual banquet will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be available soon. We invite you to fill out the Salute to Excellence nomination forms...ASAP! The month of December goes fast, and we want to have as many applications as possible to choose from. I am always impressed by the applications and it's no surprise that we have so many kind, wonderful and giving people in our community. Last years awards were just excellent, and I look forward to being your banquet host this year at Ron & Judy's Restaurant.

Mayor Jeff Thompson will be the guest speaker for the December business luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup>. He will give the "Year in Review" report and talk about what's on the schedule for 2010. Please come to the luncheon for a valuable hour of networking!

Remember, as your making those Christmas shopping lists, shop Paynesville first! And, if you or your business would like to purchase chamber bucks, please contact Linda or myself. Chamber bucks make a great gift and are an easy way to invest in our local economy. Have a wonderful month, filled with family, friends and cherished memories.

~ DuDonne