



# 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.

- February 10 Chamber Luncheon at Wishin' Well Café 11:45 a.m.
- April 14th Chamber Luncheon at Queen Bees
- March 10 Chamber Luncheon at Wishin' Well Café 11:45 a.m.
- May 12 Chamber Luncheon at Queen Bees

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)

FEBRUARY  
 2010

## LUNCHEON DATES

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## SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

Tara Westby presented the Salute to Excellence Award Winners with a Certificate from Congresswoman Michele Bachmann.

Ron and Judy's Restaurant did a great job on the food, the atmosphere was wonderful and the comedian had everyone in stitches!

The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards. There were some very surprised but deserving recipients.

- Boss of the Year.....Joel Burr
- Employee of the Year.....Amanda Lewis
- Business of the Year.....Skinz Protective Gear
- Community Service Award.....Dr. Greg Friederichs
- Outstanding Young Person.....Aly Schultz

Thanks to all of the recipients for their contributions to the Paynesville Community!

Paynesville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Office located at 115 Augusta Ave.

Office hours are Tuesday 9-1 Wednesday 9-1

**2010 Chamber Officers**

President: Doris Wendlandt

Vice President: Robert McDaniel

Past President: DuDonne Andrie

**Board of Directors:**

Jessica Beekman

Brad Nepsund

Lori Laudenbach

Robert McDaniel

Tony Whelchel

Jeb Johnson

Nick Bielfelt

Michael Hentges

Greta Keller

# AWARD WINNER!



January 12, 2010 Sheri Wegner, photographer of Sheri's Studio Inc, was awarded her Craftsman Degree from the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) in Nashville. The annual PPA convention was attended by over 10,000 professional photographers. On Tuesday evening Sheri, escorted by her husband Tim Wegner, along with 52 other photographers from around the world were award their degree of Photographic Craftsman. This degree is one of the 2 degrees, and designation revered by the PPA. Sheri has earned and maintains the Certified designation and is currently working toward the Master

Photographer degree. It is her hopes that by 2015 she will have earned both degrees and designation. The craftsman degree is earned through providing educational training to other professional photographers and affiliates, 25 merits need to be accumulated to qualify. In the state of MN there are only 44 Professional Photographers that have earned the Craftsman degree. Sheri currently has earned the PPA: Certified designation, Craftsman Degree, Special endorsements for Wedding and Portrait photography. MNPPA: Service degree, 25 plus gold bar, Qualified Photographer in Weddings and Portraits, serves on the executive board. CMPPA: President 3 years. Sheri has proudly served and supported the Paynesville area since 1993. Congratulations to Sheri on this Award!



## CHAMBER BUCKS

In 2009 the Chamber sold \$8910.00 worth of Chamber Bucks. **This is money that is spent in Paynesville!**

Many of the Chamber Bucks are sold to the Businesses of Paynesville as gifts to their employees, rewards for a job well done or as a

donation to charitable organizations. Chamber Bucks are also purchased by individuals, churches and schools.

The Paynesville Chamber provides this program as a service to the member businesses and does not make a profit from the program.

Chamber Bucks can be used to purchase anything from gas to groceries to jewelry.

The Chamber Bucks Program is a good way to invest in your community!

## CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Join us at the Wishin' Well Café & Floral for our noon luncheon on February 10th at 11:45 a.m. Guest speakers will be Pat and Allan Solum doing a presentation on their six month stay in New Zealand.

### Account Balances as of 1/31/10

General Account	\$028.30
Money Market	\$5480.31
Christmas Light Fund	\$5638.68
Chamber Bucks (total of 3 accounts)	\$6789.07
Welcome Neighbor	\$2057.17

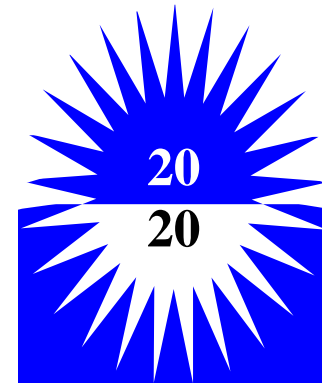
## CHAMBER BUCK\$ DRAWING

Show up for the luncheon on February 10th for a chance to win \$25.00 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!



## LUNCHEON FORMAT TO CHANGE

The Chamber is changing their format at the monthly luncheons to include two parts. There will be a **20 minute** presentation by a guest speaker. This will be followed by a **20 minute** presentation to showcase a business. The showcase may include a display of products, demonstrations, slide show, or other creative ideas of the presenter. It is the hopes of the Chamber Board that this will generate interest in the monthly luncheons and increase the knowledge of what businesses do.

The first Business Showcase will be held in March. The presenters will be "Home Town Greetings". The purpose of this business is to welcome new residents to our area and provide them with information about our businesses and community. Plan to attend the luncheon on March 10th at the Wishin' Well Café at 11:45!!

Any area business may volunteer to showcase their business at our monthly noon luncheons by contacting Linda at the Chamber Office (320-243-3233)