



## Spring Banquet

Annual Meeting/Fundraiser

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Jack & Jim's Event Center



Come to a fun-filled evening including a **great buffet meal, a silent auction, a live auction, raffles, and games!**

All proceeds from the event support the Becker Area Chamber of Commerce and allow us to continue to provide services, events, and programs to help local businesses grow in the community.

**This is a great opportunity for you and your business to be recognized by sponsoring, donating, and of course attending!**

Sponsor by **March 11<sup>th</sup>**- your business will get mentioned on the formal invitation. All donations and sponsorship received by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** will be noted in the evening's event program.

*Thank you for your time and consideration of a donation or sponsorship!*

### Sponsorship Opportunities

#### Tulip Sponsor \$200

\*two dinner tickets \*full page ad in program

#### Daisy Sponsor \$125

\*two dinner tickets \*half page ad in program

#### Daffodil Sponsor \$75

\*one dinner ticket \*business card ad in program

### Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffle Items

*Baskets, Gift Certificates, Business products, etc.*

You can also donate cash and we will do the shopping for you on behalf of your business. All items will be purchased from local Chamber member businesses. Donations can be sent or dropped off at our office. We would also be happy to stop by your business and pick up a donation, just give us a call!

**Don't forget to send in your nomination for Business and Volunteer of the Year!**

*WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION IN THE MAIL SOON!*

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**What business do you feel deserves Business of the Year?**

**Who do you think deserves Volunteer of the year ?**

*Please take a moment and consider these questions.*

Your response is necessary for us to continue presenting this award at our upcoming Spring Banquet on April 8th, 2011.

You should have received your nomination forms in the mail.  
If not, please check on our website, call us or just send in your choices.

**We have a lot of deserving people!**

Spring Banquet sponsorship is due now!  
Nominations are due now!  
Donations are being accepted now!

*From the Chair, Bruce Tyler*

**WHY HIRE VETS? IT ONLY MAKES CENTS!**

**The federal government is going all out to make it easy to hire returning veterans.**

**Here is a top ten list of why it makes sense to hire a vet.**

- 1.) **Accelerated Learning Curve:** Veterans have the proven ability to learn new skills and concepts. In addition, they can enter your workforce with identifiable and transferable skills, proven in real world situations. This background can enhance your organization's productivity.
- 2.) **Leadership:** The military trains people to lead by example as well as through direction, delegation, motivation and inspiration. Veterans understand the practical ways to manage behaviors for results, even in the most trying circumstances. They also know the dynamics of leadership as part of both hierarchical and peer structures.
- 3.) **Teamwork:** Veterans understand how genuine teamwork grows out of responsibility to one's colleagues. Military duties involve a blend of individual and group productivity. They also necessitate a perception of how groups of all sizes relate to each other and an overarching objective.
- 4.) **Diversity and Inclusion in Action:** Veterans have learned to work side by side with individuals regardless of diverse race, gender, geographic origin, ethnic background, religion and economic status as well as mental, physical and attitudinal capabilities. They have the sensitivity to cooperate with many different types of individuals.
- 5.) **Efficient Performance under Pressure:** Veterans understand the rigors of tight schedules and limited resources. They have developed the capacity to know how to accomplish priorities on time, in spite of tremendous stress. They know the critical importance of staying with a task until it is done right.

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*Board of Directors*

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*"Our Vision for the Becker Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Becker Area so that it's citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, civil, commercial, industrial and educational interests of the area."*

*Ambassadors*

<b>Jody Buesgens</b> All Star Embroidery 763-261-2566	<b>Patti Mayer</b> Magic Moments Photography 763-295-2727	<b>Audrey Orton,</b> Welcome Ambassador Mary Kay Cosmetics 320-743-2636	<b>Amy Chmielewski</b> American Family Insurance 763-261-5959
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Would YOU be interested in helping with our mission to promote businesses and the chamber? Please call !

*Chamber Office*

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*"Our Mission is to promote a positive business environment, offering participation, encouragement and support to the Becker Area Businesses."*

*Monthly Member Meetings*

The **Becker Chamber Member meetings** are usually held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at various member's locations. We meet from 12—1 p.m. , enjoy lunch, networking, and often a speaker. Join us!

March 9th, 2011 **"State of the City"** presented by Becker City officials: Mayor Dave Graning, City Administrator Greg Pruszinske, and others

**Blue Moon Grille** at Pebble Creek Golf Course

April 8th, 2011 **"Spring Banquet"** at Jack & Jim's Event Center - Social hour 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

*I wanted to thank all the Chamber members that generously donated to the "Christmas Give" at the December Wine Tasting Event. The donations of food, cash and toys were distributed to families in the Becker area this Holiday Season to bring them a little cheer in the tough times they are facing. It is so wonderful to see so many Chamber members with such big hearts. Thanks so much for letting us be at your event and for all the donations and support. - Sara Gallus Faith in Action Volunteer*

**2011 Chamber Dues**

We would like to remind you that membership runs on a calendar year basis. If you have not paid for 2011, please consider doing so now. We want your updated information as we are working on our directory.



**\*\*Member-to-Member Specials\*\***

**Central Minnesota Law, PLLC**  
**Duwane Snyder**  
10% discount to chamber members and veterans

**Canine Cabins**  
10% discount to chamber members

**Downtown Variety Gallery**  
has booth space available!

Advertising for specials/discounts to other members listed here FREE!

**Scheduled events in 2011:**

**Freedom Days—June 18th, Golf Mixer—July 28th, October Harvest Fest(TBD), Holiday Social—December 2nd**

**BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

We are looking for an interested business representative to help guide and direct our chamber. Requirements and time are minimal: monthly meetings, willing to offer ideas and suggestions, and participate in events. Call Bruce Tyler at 763-263-2655 or the chamber office.

The chamber office always welcomes flyers, coupons, and miscellaneous items for "New to the Area" bags, to give to tourists, as giveaways, etc.

*Is your business well represented?  
We can help you advertise!*

**BNG - Becker Networking Group**  
is a group that meets about 2 times a month sharing ideas, exchanging business information and becoming friends. A casual, free networking group! Watch for information!

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## March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Minnesota Food Share Month	Music in our Schools Month	1 Board mtg 10 am City Council 5 pm	2	3 BNG 7:15 am	4	5
6	7	8 Spring Banquet mtg @ noon	9 Member mtg "State of the City" @ Blue Moon	10	11	12 Chase a Leprechaun 5K @ BCC
13 Daylight savings Did you "spring ahead"?	14 EDA 5:30pm	15 BNG Nix 12 pm City Council 5pm	16	17 	18	19 ECFE Scrapbooking Magician -BCC 11 am
20	21	22	23 Park & Rec 7pm	24	25 Sherb. Hist. Ctr. Wine Tasting 6:30 pm	26 Pebble Creek Open House
27	28 Planning Comm. 7pm	29	30	31 BNG 7:15 am	Spring Break for Becker March 25th-April 1st	

## April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
International Customer Loyalty Month	Child Abuse Prevention Month				1 April Fools day!	2
3	4	5 Board mtg 10am City Cncil 5pm	6	7 "Meeting with the Mayor" 6pm BCC	8 Annual Meeting Spring Banquet @ Jack & Jims	9
10 Indoor garage sale BCC	11	12 BNG	13	14	15	16 Easter Bunny Breakfast -BCC
17	18	19 City Council 5pm	20	21	22 Earth Day Good Friday	23
24 Easter 	25 Planning Comm. 7 pm	26	27	28 BNG	29	30

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- 6.) **Respect for Procedures:** Veterans have gained a unique perspective on the value of accountability. They can grasp their place within an organizational framework, becoming responsible for subordinates' actions to higher supervisory levels. They know how policies and procedures enable an organization to exist.
- 7.) **Technology and Globalization:** Because of their experiences in the service, veterans are usually aware of international and technical trends pertinent to business and industry. They can bring the kind of global outlook and technological savvy that all enterprises of any size need to succeed.
- 8.) **Integrity:** Veterans know what it means to do "an honest day's work." Prospective employers can take advantage of a track record of integrity, often including security clearances. This integrity translates into qualities of sincerity and trustworthiness.
- 9.) **Conscious of Health and Safety Standards:** Thanks to extensive training, veterans are aware of health and safety protocols both for themselves and the welfare of others. Individually, they represent a drug-free workplace that is cognizant of maintaining personal health and fitness. On a company level, their awareness and conscientiousness translate into protection of employees, property and materials.
- 10.) **Triumph over Adversity:** In addition to dealing positively with the typical issues of personal maturity, veterans have frequently triumphed over great adversity. They likely have proven their mettle in mission critical situations demanding endurance, stamina and flexibility. They may have overcome personal disabilities through strengths and determination.

Taken from Veterans Today

*Bruce Tyler*

## Member Benefits

**Bulk Permit Use:** Chamber Members are able to use our Bulk Mailing Permit. A \$35 annual fee and a 200 mailing minimum is required. Please contact the Chamber Office for assistance.

**Ceremonies & Events:** Chamber Ambassadors are available for Ribbon Cutting events, Award Ceremonies or for an Open House. Ambassadors are the recruiting and retaining arm of the Chamber and are always willing to make a visit and take a photo at your special event.

**Mailing Labels:** Printed address labels are available to all Chamber Members at no cost.

**Chamber Bucks \$\$:** Promote yourself and other members with these!

**Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities**

**E-mail Blasts:** We can send an ad or pro-

motion to all members for only \$10.

**Member to Member Ads:** Free 2x2 ads for specials directed toward Chamber Members are available for advertising in our newsletter and on our Specials Page of our website. These are run on a first come, first serve basis.

**Monthly Member Meeting:** The second Wednesday of the month is reserved for our Chamber Luncheon. It is held at various locations within the community from 12-1pm. Attendance is limited to members or by invitation. An RSVP to the Chamber Office is required.

**Newsletter Inserts:** Preprinted flyers can be added for \$20 each newsletter. Business Card Ads run 12 months for \$72.

**Website Advertising:** Free advertising on our website under the specials tab is available on a first come, first serve basis. Banners can be placed on the homepage for \$10/month or on any inside page for \$5/month with a link set up to your website. Banners must be 175x60 pixels and excludes design. Contact the Chamber Office if interested. These also run on a first come, first serve basis.

**Welcome Kits:** Welcome Kits are available for you to place your business advertisement in. These kits are distributed to new residents from both the Chamber Office and City Hall.

**Notary Services** available at NO cost to members. Call Julie!

**Tuesday Tidbits**-weekly e-mail updates

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Member "Focus" - Hansen House of Music



Located in Becker Township, Hansen House of Music offers private lessons in piano, flute and voice to students of all ages, beginners through advanced. Students are taught by Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, Heidi A. Hansen, who believes in teaching each student based on his or her own personal learning style.

New to the studio this year is the addition of Musikgarten Preschool Music Classes.



These classes meet weekly for 15 weeks per semester and are designed to build attention and self-expression and include singing, chanting, moving, focused listening, musical games, exploring musical instruments, creative movement, and storytelling.

"Family Music for Toddlers" is for children ages 16 months to 3 years, and "Cycle of Seasons" is for children 3-6 years of age. Both of these classes have parents or caregivers attend the class with the children. In the fall of 2011 "Music Makers At Home" will be offered for ages 4-6 (independent of their parents) and will engage students in activities that establish a solid music-making foundation. Such a foundation will lead to long-term success with music reading in future classes and moving on into private lessons.

For more information checkout www.hansenhouseofmusic.com or call 763-262-1095

**\*New 2011 Chamber Member\***

Member News:

*Bogart, Pederson, and Associates - Denny Pederson wins "Surveyor of the Year" from the MN Society of Professional Surveyors in January. Congratulations!*

*Welcome NEW members:*

*Canine Cabins, Inc 5370 135th Avenue Clear Lake, MN rachel@caninecabin.com  
Downtown Variety Gallery 12192 Hancock Street Becker, MN  
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2011 Becker Business Expo

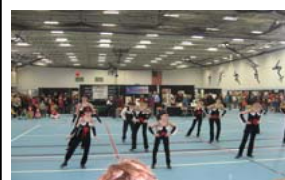
The Becker Area Business expo has come and gone again for another year!

On January 22nd, over 70 businesses and organizations were represented at the Becker High School Field House.



The day included some familiar favorites: Starz Dance, DoJo Karate, caricatures from Bill Morgan, games, prizes, bags from Liberty Paper, and free food samples from McDonald's Meats, D's Pizza, Nix Bar & Grill, and McDonald's of Becker.

A fun return to the expo was Becker Pets and Supplies sharing their snakes and other creatures. Also, a new addition was author Mike Roberts signing his book "The Last Keeper at Split Rock"



The Chamber booth prizes included a grand prize of an Amazon Kindle, \$700 of eyewear courtesy of Insight eyecare, \$50 Jubilee gift card, and a huge variety of fabulous prizes donated by local businesses. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Thanks to all of you who participated, donated, volunteered and came to our event. It is a lot of work, but always a lot of fun too! We will see you next year! January 21st, 2012



From the members.....We wish you well !!



It is with mixed feelings that at the end of the month, we will be closing D's Pizza (we are still hopeful that we will find a buyer before then). We certainly will not miss the struggle of owning a small business in a tough economy, but we will miss the people and being a part of this community. One of our favorite things has been being involved in the Becker Chamber. It is such a GREAT source for businesses and we truly appreciate everything it has done to help D's Pizza. Thanks again!! Keep up all the good that you do and we hope to see you at the upcoming Chamber events. We can't wait for the Spring Banquet - hopefully it will be Spring by then!!!

-Cory, Carrie, Chuck & Jay

I'm definitely going to miss all the wonderful people I've met. It has been a great experience. I hope to see some familiar faces around town or even stopping in at Element Arms even if it's just to say Hi! I have a sale in progress right now. If things work out she will do great things with the place. Java's last day was last Friday. We will close & wait for some changes! Thank you for everything over the last 16 months. -Shelly Emholtz



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