



NEW RICHMOND
Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

Endless Possibilities

Christmas Parade Set For Saturday, December 5th **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARADE ROUTE**

The third annual Christmas Parade will take place this Saturday, December 5th at 5 p.m. The route will be from Mary Park to the Middle School along Green Avenue. We are expecting about 20 units. Line-up for the parade will be on Green Avenue just outside of Mary Park. We are expecting reasonably nice weather so come and join us. Entries are still being accepted for the parade and there is no registration fee.

Volunteers are still needed from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you can spare us just one hour to help please call Steph at the Chamber office at 246-2900.

Santa to Visit Chamber Office **Before The Parade!**

Santa will make his annual visit to the Chamber on Saturday, December 5th before the Christmas Parade from 1 to 4 p.m. All children and their parents are welcome to attend. Each child will receive a goody bag and have the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and make that special gift wish. Parent's are encouraged to bring their camera.



Don't Forget Chamber Gift Certificates for **Last Minute Gift Giving**

Chamber gift certificates are the solution to your last minute gift giving dilemmas. They are redeemable at most Chamber member businesses and help keep shopping dollars local. The Chamber gift certificates also make great employee gifts. To purchase certificates by check, cash or by credit card call or stop by the Chamber office today.

Chamber Office Holiday Schedule

The Chamber office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holiday. Please be sure to get your Chamber certificates ordered and picked up by the 23rd. The Chamber office will also be closed at Noon on December 31st and all day on January 1st, New Year's Day.



Yoga Barn Special Offer

The Practice of life as it is!

Start 2010 with a Gift to You!
Any Yoga Class for \$35.00 a month

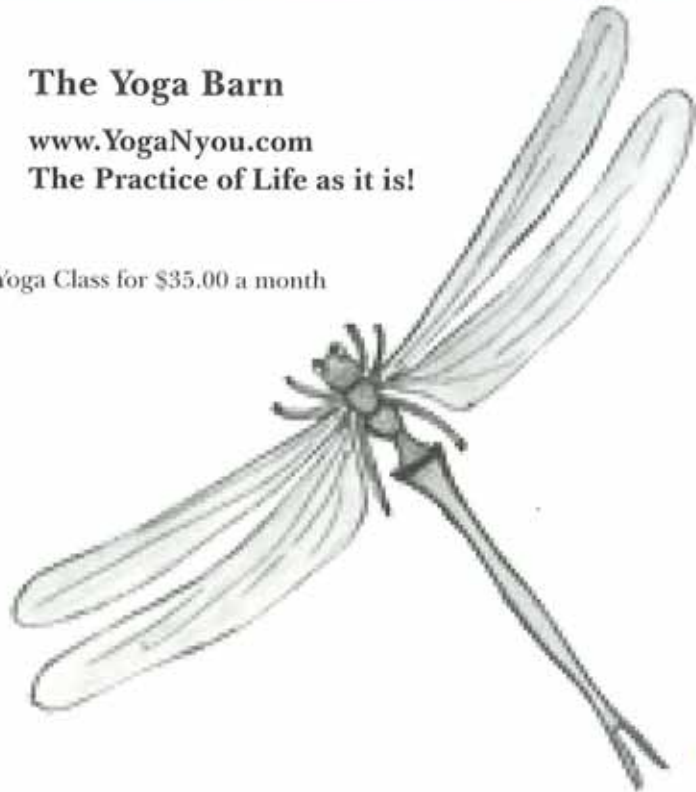
715-246-3406 or
www.YogaNyou.com

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Mission Statement

The Chamber advocates the interests of its members to promote economic and community development.

Promote Your Business

Newsletter Insert: Market to your business community with a promotional page in the newsletter. Inserted for \$100.

Website Directory: Free alphabetical and category listing of your business on the Chamber website. Includes free links to your business website. Additional category listings/links available at nominal charge.

Membership Mailing Labels: Mail directly to your fellow Chamber members. Printed labels for \$45.

Display Wall: Promote your business using the display racks at the Chamber.

Event Sponsor: Advertise your business and sponsor a Chamber event: Annual Meeting, Chamber Neighbor Golf Outing, Park Art Fair, Fun Fest, Good Morning New Richmond, Program Speakers and Spring Sparkler.

Award Recognition: Nominate a business for special recognition at the Chamber Annual Meeting in January. Award winners are featured all year on the Chamber website.

Volunteer! Join a committee or volunteer to work at an event. It's a great way to network and for people to learn about your business.

Chamber Gift Certificates: Anyone may purchase a Chamber gift certificate but they may only be redeemed at Chamber member businesses.

R&D Banquet Center To Host This Year's Holiday Social *It's Not Too Late To Sponsor This Fun Event*

The very popular Business Holiday Social will be held on January 13th, 2010 at R&D Banquet Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event is always much anticipated as the business community gathers to celebrate the new year and celebrate the just passed Christmas shopping season.

This member event is one of the most popular of the year which can easily be described as the biggest Business After Five of the year. The event features a bountiful buffet of appetizers and complimentary beverages while funding lasts. It is a great way to meet fellow business people in a social setting. Sponsorships of this event are just \$150. Look for more information on the enclosed flyer in this newsletter. Call Steph at the Chamber office if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

Don't Miss Out On Membership Benefits! *Make Sure Your Dues Are Current So You Are Included In the Membership Directory*

Now is the time to make sure your dues are current as two very important member benefits come into play over the next two months.

During the holiday season the Chamber will sell over \$25,000 of Chamber Gift Certificates. Most of these are redeemed in January and February. Only members in good standing are included on the list of merchants given with each certificate. And only members in good standing may redeem the certificates. Don't miss out on getting a portion of this large amount of local spending.

We are also getting set to publish the 2010 Membership Directory. The Directory lists all members by alphabetical order and by category and is distributed to all members and other community stakeholders. They are also sent to relocation inquiries.

The Chamber can offer payment plans to help you make paying your dues more affordable. The Chamber is also able to charge your dues to a credit card. In these difficult financial times, now is not the time to cut back on investments in getting the word out about your company. And the Chamber believes that one of your best investments is your Chamber membership! Call the Chamber office if you have any questions about your dues.

Not Too Late To Purchase Christmas Cash Raffle Tickets

Because a prize is drawn every day in December there are still plenty of opportunities to win as part of the Christmas Cash Raffle including the largest prizes towards the end of the month. Stop in and get your raffle ticket today!



Be A Sponsor!

2010 Annual Holiday Social

"An Informal Business Networking Opportunity"

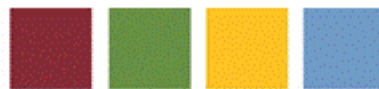
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Doyle's Farm & Home
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Suzanna's Restaurant
WESTconsin Credit Union
Willow River Electric, Inc.

**Call or Email Steph At The Chamber Office To Sponsor
This Much Anticipated Annual Event!**

2010 Holiday Social
R&D Banquet Center
Wednesday, January 13, 2009
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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Business of The Year Awards

To honor those businesses which have shown leadership through their commitment to New Richmond by demonstrating best practices, taking actions to help all businesses in the community be successful, being an innovator in their industry or by making a significant new investment to improve their business.

Their investment in New Richmond not only improves our quality of life but also helps attract new businesses to town through their actions.

Recipients of this award are required to be members of the New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. Please submit a separate nomination form for each category.

Mom & Pop Business of the Year
10 or less employees

Small Business of the Year
11-49 employees

Large Business of the Year
50 or more employees

Citizen of the Year

To honor and identify exceptional service by an individual that has positively contributed to the quality of life in New Richmond. An individual that has provided extended period of continuing service and community involvement, provided service above individual or professional goals. Not required to be a Chamber member.

Chamber Member of the Year

To identify and honor the activities of exceptional Chamber members whose service or performance positively contributes to the quality of business life in New Richmond. An individual who is an active Chamber member; proven commitment to Chamber activities and events; demonstrated positive contributions to the Chamber mission/vision.

2009 Chamber Awards Nomination Form

Step 1: Choose an award area

Please indicate which of the five award areas you are nominating someone for by checking the white box to the right of the name of the award.

Step 2: Nominee Information

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Step 3: Submitter Information (person doing the nominating)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Step 4: Describe your nominee

(Please attach a separate typewritten sheet with your description.)

State briefly why you would like this company or individual to be considered.

Your nominee will be sent a separate, follow-up questionnaire that will request details for them to complete and return.

Step 5: Submit Nomination too:

New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
245A South Knowles Avenue
New Richmond, WI 54017
Fax: (715) 246-7100
Email: nrchamber@presenter.com

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: **Deadline for nominations** :
: **Wednesday, December 16, 2009** :
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Please note: If nominee does not meet criteria, the nomination will be eliminated. The board has the right to seek nominations if no one that qualifies has been nominated.

For a complete listing of community events go to www.newrichmondchamber.com

Calendar of Events

December

- 1 Christmas Cash Raffle Begins!
- 3 7:30 a.m., Executive Board Meeting - Chamber office
- 5 5 p.m., 3rd Annual Christmas Parade
- 11 2-4 p.m., Ambassadors Holiday Stroll
- 17 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting - Chamber office
6-8 p.m., Business After 5 - First National Community Bank
- 21 Winter Begins
- 25 Merry Christmas!!

January 2010

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 6 Noon, Ambassador meeting - Suzanna's Restaurant
- 13 5:30-7:30 p.m., Annual Holiday Social - R & D Banquet Center
- 18 Martin Luther King Day
- 21 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting - Chamber office
- 27 6 p.m., Annual Meeting - Suzanna's Restaurant

February

- 3 Noon, Ambassador meeting - Suzanna's Restaurant
- 14 Happy Valentines Day!
- 18 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting - Chamber office

March

- 3 Noon, Ambassador meeting - Suzanna's Restaurant
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 18 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting - Chamber office

April

- 4 Happy Easter!
- 7 Noon, Ambassador meeting - Suzanna's
- 15 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting - Chamber office

May

- 5 Noon, Ambassador meeting - Suzanna's
- 20 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting - Chamber office



News You Can Use

Health Cooperative Opens Enrollment

Cooperative Health Choices of Western Wisconsin (CHC) has opened enrollment for effective dates of January 1, February 1 and March 1. All area businesses within CHC's service are eligible to enroll. Businesses with as few as two employees may enroll.

In May 2008 a steering committee was formed to study the possible creation of a health insurance cooperative in western, west central, and northwest Wisconsin.

CHC was officially formed in late 2008 with the adoption of By-laws and Articles of Incorporation. CHC leverages the purchasing power of a larger group. CHC relies on the basic principles of a cooperative—voluntary and open membership, member participation, and democratic member control—to provide affordable health insurance to its members.

CHC offers insurance through an agreement with WPS Health Insurance within the 17-county region of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, and Washburn counties.

Membership in CHC includes large and small for-profit corporations, non-profit corporations, self-employed persons, local units of government (towns, villages, cities, counties, and school districts), trade and labor organizations, rural utility cooperatives, and business partnerships located in the 17-county region.

WPS is offering a two year rate guarantee for groups of 2 to 50 employees as part of this enrollment period. Coverage is purchased through an accredited broker. For a list of accredited brokers, including those in New Richmond, and to learn more about CHC go to www.cooperativehealthchoices.org

Need To Access Your Computer From Home? Try LogMeln.com

As much as many try to avoid it sometimes it is necessary to work at home. Whether to meet a deadline, because of inclement weather or a result of taking care of a sick child sometimes working at home helps keep the flow of business going smoothly.

Welcome New Members

St. Croix County Nursing Home
1445 North 4th Street
New Richmond, WI 54017
Cindy Prokash

246-6991

Thank You Renewing Members

WIXK Radio
Workforce Resource

246-2254
426-0394

Of course if the absence is planned one can email files to a home email account or put needed files on a flash drive. But aside from the inconvenience, you often forget files or don't have the necessary software on your home computer or laptop.

The Chamber office has found a solution to this problem called LogMeln and have used it very successfully. This web based software allows you to access your work computer from anywhere you have an internet connection. When you are sitting at your home computer using the software to view your work desktop the view you get is as if you were sitting at your desk. LogMeln allows you to access all of your files, utilize any of work software, view/send email and print to your work printers. Best of all, this software is easy to use and install and it is FREE!

A for-pay option of the software is also available that has expanded features including the ability to transfer files between your work computer and home computer plus print documents to home computer from your work computer.

Of course, any remote access system to your computer increases your security risk so do a little research to make sure this tool is right for you. Also, be sure to check with your system administrator before you try LogMeln if your work computer is part of a larger network.

But if you find yourself often wishing you had access to your work computer to check a file from home, even if for a few minutes, LogMeln might be the solution for you. To learn more go to LogMeln.com



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Use it anywhere Visa is accepted



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Mark Your Calendars!

2010 Chamber Annual Dinner
Wednesday, January 27th, 2010
Suzanna's Restaurant

Invitations and RSVP Cards Being Sent Soon!

Please consider showcasing your business and help make our dinner a success by:

- Becoming a Cash Sponsor
- Donating a Arm's Length Raffle Prize
- Donating a Silent Auction Item
- Donating a Dessert for the Dessert Auction

The Chamber's Board of Directors is also seeking nominations for the 2009 annual awards for outstanding individuals, members and businesses in our community. The nomination form is included in this newsletter.



*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year From The
Staff & Board of Directors.*

2008 Chamber Awards

Dennis Horner
Citizen of the Year

Marie Gremore & Tammy Robinette
Chamber Member of the Year

Kathy Jacobsen
Ambassador of the Year

Chickadee Doo-da
Mom & Pop Business of the Year

J.A. Counter & Associates
Small Business of the Year

WITC - New Richmond Campus
Large Business of the Year

Board of Directors

President - Kathy Jacobsen ~ Individual Member

Vice President - Joe Kerlin, NR Parks & Rec. Department

Past President - Tom Mews ~ First National Community Bank

Treasurer - Mike Giese, WESTconsin Realty
Carrie Paulson ~ Suzanna's

Anne Schmiede ~ Doar Drill Skow, S.C.
Lenore Knock ~ WITC

Tammy Robinette ~ Individual Member
Deanna Johnson ~ Bosch

Terry Kucera ~ Frontier Communications
Darian Blattner ~ New Richmond Area Centre

Staff

Russ Korpela ~ Executive Director

Stephanie Cooke ~ Administrative Assistant