



# Detroit Lakes CHAMBER NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce

## Chamber Bucks keep Dollars Local!



In the past year, over \$40,000.00 of DL Chamber Bucks have been spent with DL Chamber member businesses! If you are looking for a way to thank your clients and employees, this is a great way to support your fellow DL Chamber members and keep the dollars local.

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Thank you to **Wells Fargo Bank, First Security Bank and Bremer Bank** for supporting this program over the years.



Our Member Meetings have returned to their monthly schedule. Join us via Zoom for :45 Minutes of DL Chamber News, Member Updates and Community Networking.

The 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:15am

Wednesday, December 9, 8:15-9:00 am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 751 950 5020 Passcode: 45 or Phone in: 312 626 6799

The Mission of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce is to advance a vibrant business and tourism economy through service, advocacy, networking and innovation.

### We're Working for You:

October 2020 YTD

- Walk-Ins  
126                      1,103
- Phone Calls  
286                        2,527
- Visitor Guides Mailed  
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- Website Sessions  
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If you have any questions please call Carrie 218-847-9202. Thank You!

## DL Chamber Member Advantages

- Job postings on [www.VisitDetroitLakes.com](http://www.VisitDetroitLakes.com) are free to members.
- Notary and Certificates of Origin Services are free to members.
- Ribbon Cutting, Groundbreaking and First Dollar of Profit recognition.
- A mailing list of the current DL Chamber membership is available for \$25.
- **Members can use the DL Chamber's bulk-mail permit**—call for information.
- Membership dues may be tax deductible. Ask your accountant for information.
- Qualifying Auto Owners Insurance business policies receive a 10% discount. Call the Chamber Staff if you have any questions about these advantages!

### CONGRATULATIONS to the Chamber Staff! 2020 milestones:

Jean Erickson—38 years at the DL Chamber!  
Cleone Stewart—18 years at the DL Chamber!  
Carrie Johnston—10 years at the DL Chamber!  
Sandy Stilke—6 years at the DL Chamber!

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# 99 Years of Strong Leadership

As the DL Chamber looks forward to our 100th Anniversary in 2021 we thought it would be fun to look back at all those that have been volunteer chairs of our Board of Directors. Thank you to all who stand up to lead!

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1921 John K. West      | 1956 John L (Jack) Given | 1989-90 Lowell Kramer    |
| 1922 G.C. Canfield     | 1957 A.R. (Al) Johnson   | 1990-91 George VanDam    |
| 1923 Walter Oby        | 1958 Duane W. Lindstrom  | 1991-92 Ron Zeman        |
| 1924 Alden Pearson     | 1959 A.D. Kadletz        | 1992-93 David Sohl       |
| 1925 Henry Johnson     | 1960 Alton Peterson      | 1993-94 Bruce Imholte    |
| 1926 Carl Erickson     | 1961 Joseph Sauer Jr.    | 1994-95 Steve Evans      |
| 1927 H.D. Blanding     | 1962 P.A. (Art) Norum    | 1995-96 Paul Sukke       |
| 1928 H.D. Blanding     | 1963 Milo Moe            | 1996-97 John Solheim     |
| 1929 J.K. McCarthy     | 1964 Robert Lueben       | 1997-98 Kevin Shipley    |
| 1930 R.C. Videen       | 1965 Arlen Restad        | 1998-99 Tom Kleve        |
| 1931 R.C. Videen       | 1966 Wallace Schultz     | 1999-00 Jim Anderson     |
| 1932 Herb Anderson     | 1967 Robert Knudson      | 2000-01 Joel Swanson     |
| 1933 C.W. Blanding     | 1968 Dennis Tuft         | 2001-02 Laurie           |
| 1934 C.W. Blanding     | 1969 Don Dodge           | Lewandowski              |
| 1935 W.L. Taylor       | 1970 Phil Johnson        | 2002-03 David Pratt      |
| 1936 Dr. W.A. Carlson  | 1971 John Meyer          | 2003-04 Dan Berg         |
| 1937 Ben Peoples       | 1972 Arnold Porkkonen    | 2004-05 Denise           |
| 1938 Dr. Wm. Ellingson | 1973 Dick Campion        | Fredrickson              |
| 1939 Dr. Wm. Ellingson | 1974 David Carlson       | 2005-06 Ladd Lyngaas     |
| 1940 George Mitchell   | 1975 Bruce Barrett       | 2006-07 Nathan Fetting   |
| 1941 Dr. O.O. Larsen   | 1976 Gary Mulph          | 2007-08 Jo Johnson       |
| 1942 Dr. O.O. Larsen   | 1977 Dennis Schurman     | 2008-09 Tom Thompson     |
| 1943 Ed Linder         | 1978 Jack Leland         | 2009-10 Cyndi Anderson   |
| 1944 Steve Evans       | 1979 John Holland        | 2010-11 Josh Hochgraber  |
| 1945 W.B. Schwartz     | & David Knutson          | 2011-12 LeAnn Mouw       |
| 1946 Howard Myhre      | 1980-81 David Knutson    | 2012-13 Jeff Jaspersen   |
| 1947 Howard Myhre      | 1981-82 Bob Hoover       | 2013-14 Brooke Wenzel    |
| 1948 B.C. Barrett      | 1982-83 Brad Davis       | 2014-15 Breanna Adams    |
| 1949 Sid Amundson      | & Vern Seal              | 2015-16 Jill Mack        |
| 1950 Lawrence Nelson   | 1983-84 John King        | 2017-18 Marjorie Berg    |
| 1951 Ed Nelson         | 1984-85 Robert Irvine    | 2018-19 Kelley Nowell    |
| 1952 Ray Brekken       | 1985-86 Steve Knuttila   | 2019-20 Doug Anselmin    |
| 1953 Roger Hamilton    | 1986-87 Adrienne Buboltz | 2020-21 Brittany Nordick |
| 1954 William Reid      | 1987-88 Raymond Marr     |                          |
| 1955 Parnell Sanford   | 1988-89 Charles Lindberg |                          |



## Did you know?

The current Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce Office building was opened in 2006.

Our original location near the Depot was eliminated due to the Highway 10 redesign.

Groundbreaking took place on Oct 6, 2005. The building is owned by the Chamber of Commerce and its members. It serves as an office for staff as well as a year-round tourist information center for the area.



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## Trails to Explore in the Area



(Picture Left) Ryan Frohling, (r) Project Leader at Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, 1732 North Tower Road, updated DL Chamber's Tourism Committee on the Prairie Marsh Trail. Attending were (l-r) Todd Mitchell (Country Campground) with granddaughter Kailynne, Sandy Stilke (DL Chamber), Gary Thompson (Tri-State Diving), Amy Wolf (Lakecrest Resort) and (not pictured) Cleone Stewart (DL Chamber)

(Picture Right) The trailhead to the 1.6 mile Prairie Marsh Trail is located just west of the driveway to the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District on Tower Road. The trail is open daylight hours year-round to foot traffic (motorized vehicles and horses not allowed) A paved trail for hiking is located at Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge, just north of Audubon.

## Member Renewals

Thank You to the following members who have renewed their membership from October 28–November 25, 2020.

Chamber memberships renew throughout the entire year.

For a complete list of members, see <http://business.visitdetroitlakes.com/list/>

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# Member News

First Security Bank welcomes John Hansen as Branch President in Detroit Lakes. Hansen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business from South Dakota State University. He has over 23 years of banking experience. He and his wife, T.J., live in Detroit Lakes.

Central Market announces the launch of their new online grocery pickup service, Shop Central. Go to their website at [www.thefreshplace.com](http://www.thefreshplace.com) for details.

United Savings Credit Union welcomes Brittany Rislund as a Business Services Representative.

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# Hometown Holiday Stroll



November 19th, kicked off the Detroit Lakes Chamber's inaugural Hometown Holiday Stroll at the Lakes weekend. Participants completed a passport, stopped at over 20 locations around Detroit Lakes and registered for prizes. Merchants hosted a variety of activities from live music, art, sales, demonstrations and partnerships benefitting local non-profits. Thank you to all that participated and helped to support our local businesses.



Mainstream Boutique partnered with the Humane Society of the Lakes to collect donations for the shelter.



This family stopped into D&D Appliance after Tae Kwon Do for S'mores and deals.



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Prize packages each worth over \$150 went to (L to R): Angela Schmitz, Michael Christen and Kathleen Brekken. CONGRATS!

## Contact your local legislators

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senator.klobuchar@senate.gov

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**What's Happening!**

December 2020

- 2,9,16 Wednesdays in Advent, Live-streamed Mini-Concert Series,  
 12-12:30pm, www.firstlutheranchurch.com
- 3 Chamber Board of Directors, 8am, via Zoom
- 4,11,18 Young Life Christmas Tree Sales, 4-7pm, West Lake Laundry
- 5 Holiday Pop-Up Market, 10am-3pm, Washington Square Mall
- 5,12,19 Young Life Christmas Tree Sales, 10am-7pm, West Lake Laundry
- 6,13,20 Young Life Christmas Tree Sales, 10am-7pm, West Lake Laundry
- 9 :45 Fill-up Member Meeting, 8:15-9am, Zoom
- 12 Holiday Pop-Up Market, 10am-3pm, Washington Square Mall

January 2021

- 2-3 Detroit Lakes 200 Snowmobile Cross Country Tour, Holiday Inn

See full calendar of events at [VisitDetroitLakes.com](http://VisitDetroitLakes.com)  
Please let us know if you have events that should be on our website calendar.