

Official Newsletter of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce

Women's EDGE Welcomes Melissa Marshall



Tickets are still available for the last of the 2023 Women's EDGE speakers. Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 3pm at the Best Western Premier The Lodge on Lake Detroit (note new location) for an afternoon of learning. Call Jean at 218-847-9202 to reserve your ticket for \$45.00.

Melissa is a lifelong learner and a student of business, life, and hard knocks, her ability to lead with great authenticity and vulnerability gives her the innate ability to meet people where they're at and support them in achieving transformation. Melissa brings energy, humor, and authenticity, creating an environment where people open themselves to new ideas, experiences, and lasting change. Together, we will focus on work/life harmony and integration.



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This training is perfect for all staff: owners, managers, HR and front-line workers. Join us, Tues., November 14th, 10:00 am to 11:30am at the Becker County Museum. Everyone is welcome. FREE to attend. Pre-registration appreciated. Call 218-847-9202 or online (QR Code). Sponsored by the DL Chamber, Becker County Museum and AEP.





Parade of Lights coming November 27th

Join us, Monday, November 27th for the Parade of Lights Downtown DL. 5pm parade party, 5:30pm step-off.

Best viewing on Washington Ave—from the DL Library to the Washington Square Mall.

It's time to plan your float, plan on treats in your downtown business, and plan for fun with your family!

Looking for:

- Parade Sponsors
- Lighted Parade Floats
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- And other great ideas

See the insert in this newsletter for more information.



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If you are looking to connect your business and employees with the community, the DL Chamber's :45 Fill-up is a great place to start!

Learn more about what is new at the DL Chamber and around town!

Bring your business cards, event flyers and information.

FREE · Coffee provided · No RSVP required

All employees of member businesses are welcome!

Hosted the 2nd Wednesday of each month for 45 minutes 8:15-9:00 am at the DL Chamber Office.



*If DL Schools are cancelled or late due to weather, this meeting is cancelled.

Human Resources Connections

On the first Thursday of each month, the Chamber's HR Connect meets. This is open to anyone and is free for DL Chamber members (\$10 for non members). Whether you have 1 employee or you manage many... this is a great place to ask questions and share best practices.

Next meetings: Thursday, November 2nd & December 7th 8:15-9:30am
DL Chamber Office

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The monthly DL Chamber News features Chamber updates and member news. DL Chamber members can market their businesses & help support this publication. Remember space is limited so please call ahead! There are 2 ways to advertise:

- ~ Display ads can be placed for one month or save money be reserving your space for 6 or 12 months. For as little as \$35.00/month. Your ad can be the same for every issue or changed as often as you like.

 Space is limited.
- ~ Inserts: reserve your place in the next newsletter for your insert. \$160.00 (\$60 for non-profits)

 Drop off 625 ~ 8½" X 11" copies to the Chamber office by the 24th of the month.

 Copies can be double-sided, but need to be on standard copy paper no card stock.

 Space is limited so be sure to call ahead.

Ask us about ways your business can be featured in the newsletter.
From Member News to Ambassador Visits - we want to help you promote your events and milestones.





Ambassador Visits



On October 4th, the **Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes** along with the City of Detroit Lakes, officially opened their new playground. This new 9,600-square-foot playground features 24 pieces of equipment, outdoor instruments and four shade structures. The playground is open to B&G Club members and to the public.

Welcome New Member

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Dates to put on your 2024 calendar

Feb 9-25 Polar Fest May 16-18 Festival of Birds Street Faire at the Lakes May 31-June 1 Fireworks on Detroit Lake July 4 July 12-21 Water Carnival July 25-28 Frazee Turkey Days July 28 Art in the Park Aug 1-3 WF Fest Pine to Palm Golf Tourney Aug 5-11 DL Crazy Daze Aug 6

Aug 6 DL Crazy Daze
Aug 7-10 Becker County Fair
Aug 8-11 Vergas Looney Days
Sept 7 Dick Beardsley Races

For a full list of events go to VisitDetroitLakes.com







Member Renewals

Thanks to the following members who have renewed their DL Chamber Membership from Sept.. 27—Oct. 24, 2023

Chamber Memberships renew throughout the year. For a complete list of members, see

https://business.visitdetroitlakes.com/list/

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Member News

Foltz Trucking has been honored with a safety award after its drivers traveled about 3.5 million miles in Minn. last year without causing an accident. They earned the 2023 Fleet Safety Award for a truckload carrier from the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety

M State be celebrated 20 years since combining four regional community and technical colleges (Detroit Lakes, Moorhead, Fergus Falls and Wadena) under one expansive west-central MN collegiate campus.

Holbrook Farms Retreat raised over \$20,000 at their 10th Anniversary Celebration for Survivors of Heroes. Lakeshirts has entered into a strategic alliance agreement with Altered Latitudes to become the exclusive wholesale provided of Altered Latitudes merchandise. Altered Latitudes is a South Carolina based resort apparel and accessory manufacturer of nearly 10 years. The Altered Latitudes line will be treated as a stand-alone brand offering in Lakeshirts' Blue 84 Resort garment line.

Congratulations to Ken Foltz, **Foltz Trucking**, on being elected to the Minnesota Trucking Association Board of Directors.

J & K Marine is expanding its Detroit Lakes location. The construction will result in an expanded showroom and new and improved Parts & Service Department.

Detroit Mountain Recreation Area has hired Tom Thiel as new General Manager to run the day-to-day operations. Thiel is a former beverage sales manager and is an outdoor enthusiast. Detroit Mountain is tentatively planning to open their runs the day after Thanksgiving.

M State has been named the No. 1 Best Community College in Minnesota by Niche.com, the nation's market leader in higher education research and college planning. Eight of the college's online degree and certificate programs have earned national Top 10 honors from three leading college websites. The rankings speak to the outstanding quality and affordability of M State and their academic programs.

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Splash Awards 2023 Celebration

On October 5th, The DL Chamber celebrated our annual Splash Awards. There were 3 finalists in each of the award categories all nominated by the community in recognition for all they do to give back, volunteer and lead others.

The award recipients are: (photo 1) Lighthouse Award: Arvig,

- (2) Ripple Award: A Place to Belong, (3) Wave Award: WE Fest,
- (4) Beacon Award: Madalyn Sukke, (5) Launch Award: Kyle Meacham,
- (6) Skipper Award: Jay Estenson, (7) Accelerator Award: Mike Labine

Congratulations to all the nominees and to the award recipients! Thank you for all you do for our region and for letting us celebrate you!









Monday, November 27th 5:00 Parade Party 5:30 Parade step-off Downtown DL



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Special Thanks to our 2023 Emcees: Jim & Cindy Bruflodt and to our Planning Committee: Beth Pridday, Jennifer Winn, Jill Brandt and Christy Staab

We hope you will consider nominating someone for next year's Splash Awards!

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What's Happening!

November 2023

- 1 DL Chamber Ambassadors, 9:30am
- 2 HR Connect, 8:15-9:30am, DL Chamber Office
- 2,3,4 Roses for Rotary—Detroit Lakes Floral & Bergen's Greenhouses
- 2,4,5,10,11 DLHS "Guys & Dolls", DL Middle School, 7:30pm (5th-3pm)
- Randy Houser Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 4 Author Allen Eskens Presentation/Book Signing, 9am, Bluebird Books
- 4 Harvest Art, Craft & Vendor Market Shops, 10am-3pm, Wash. Sq. Mall
- 4 Paint & Take Ornaments, 12-2pm, Detroit Lakes Floral
- 8 :45 Fill-up, 8:15-9am, DL Chamber Office
- 8 EDGE Speaker Melissa Marshall, 3-5pm, The Lodge on Lake Detroit
- 9-11 Holmes Art Show, Th-4-7pm, Fri/Sat-10am-7:30pm, Holmes Ballroom
- 11 ABBA Tribute concert, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre
- 13-17 United Way Acts of Kindness Week
- 14 When to Call 911 Training, 10-11:30am, Becker County Museum
- 15 Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, 1pm, Becker County Food Pantry
- 16 Holiday Show, 4-7pm, Seven Sisters Spirits
- 17 April Wine Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 18 Holiday Open House, 9am-3pm, Marshmallow Animal Shelter
- 18 Pet Photos with Santa, 9:30am-2pm, Becker Pet & Garden
- 18 Lakes Area Comm. Concert Band, 4pm, Holmes Theatre
- 18 DL Jaycees Girls Night Out Bingo, 7pm, Holmes Ballroom
- 19 Happily Ever After Renovation Reveal, 11am-3pm, Humane Society
- 21 Kiwanis Poinsettia Pick-up Day, 11am-2pm, Bergen's Greenhouses
- 23 DL Chamber Office closed for Thanksgiving (open on 11/24)
- 25 Holiday Meet & Greet with Santa, 10am-3pm, Holiday Inn
- 25 Small Business Saturday Vendors, 10am-4pm, Holiday Inn
- 27 Parade of Lights, 5:30pm, downtown DL
- 30 Chamber Board of Directors, 8am, DL Chamber Office
- 30 Church Basement Ladies, 2pm & 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre

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Please let us know if you have events for our website calendar.