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A Message from Your President...

Dear Greater Menomonie Area Young Professionals,

I hope your 2009 is off to a great start. Did you notice our revised organization name? We certainly want all Dunn County young professionals to feel included and welcome to join this organization. With that being said, the steering committee has made a decision to revise our name to Greater Menomonie Area Young Professionals. A special thanks goes out to Jolene Neisius for creating our updated logo to go with this name change.

We have an exciting 2009 calendar of events planned. We have several events that need more than just 'attendance' though. Would you like to have a deeper involvement in some local community activities? If so, we need your help. For example, we hope to have a team at the Bowl for Kids Sake in May. We also plan to assist with the Chamber's Annual Golf Outing in May and a Relay for Life Team in June. If you have interest in any of these events, please let us know.

We are always looking for new members to become involved with this very enthusiastic and valuable organization. If you have a friend or a coworker that you think may be interested in this group, please feel free to have them contact me at 715-556-1539 or at jill@rassbachrealty.com or Christian Peterson at 715-308-5002 or chrisp@cfbsi.com. Visit our website to learn more – www.menomonieyp.com

I appreciate that all of you renewed your 2009 membership and want to welcome the many new members that have joined. The diverse talents, industries and interests of the members in this organization make this group special. We look forward to another wonderful year of friendship, networking, learning and giving back to this community with each of you!

Wishing you happiness, success and good health in 2009!

Your President,
 Jill Rassbach Pember

Calendar of events

February

12 Dunn County Poverty Simulation

16 BAH - UW-Stout Memorial Student Center

18 Give 'em Something to Talk About - Network on the Dance Floor

March

3 Interfaith Volunteers of Dunn Co. - What can you do?

23 BAH - Dean & Sue's

April

20 BAH - Menomonie Log Jam

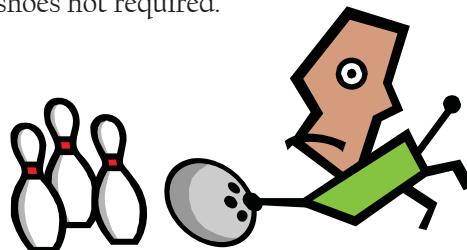
23 Making Sense Out of Your Dollars

Bowling for Kid's Sake

We are looking for volunteers to participate on the MYP bowling team for Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kid's Sake. Bowling skills and ugly shoes not required.

Friday, May 1, 2009
 Broadway Bowl, Menomonie

If interested please contact Grady Richartz
richartzg@uwstout.edu



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True Colors Personality Profiling Lunch

Greater Menomonee Area Young Professional members enjoyed an enlightening professional development lunch on Friday, January 23. Members met at CVTC-Menomonee for a fun-filled personality profiling event that not only translated to their professional lives, but personal as well.

Thanks to Maltee McMahan with Bremer Bank, attendees had the opportunity to take the True Colors personality assessment to learn more about their own strengths and frustrations. Maltee took the discussion deeper by giving participants suggestions on how to better relate and communicate with other personality types in their homes and work places.

The seminar was very interactive and informative and enjoyed by everyone. We would like to extend a special thanks to Roxann Vanderwyst with CVTC for helping coordinate all of the event details.



Celebrating the Season in Style

The Creamery, in Downsville, was the host of our December event. The building, with the beautifully updated rooms, made for a stylish backdrop for the Annual MYP Holiday Social.

At this celebration we paired up with the Dunn County Christmas for Kids through Cheryl Weber, who also happens to be in charge of events at the Creamery. Attendees brought a blanket to donate as their 'charge' for admission. We gathered more than 35 blankets!

The evening was filled with good food, drinks a plenty and great conversation. We had more than 35 people attend. Thanks to the Creamery and their staff for a beautiful evening and for donating the use of the Brick room.



A Very Special Thank You!

Happy holidays to all of you with the Young Professionals of Menomonee!

We so enjoyed having you celebrate at the Creamery - thank you!

Friday was our Christmas for Kids Distribution Day, and WOW, did you have an impact with the extra blankets that were given! It really made a difference to many. We helped over 500 families in Dunn County with your help!

It is a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to seeing you in the future. Have a great New Year!

Cheryl & The Creamery Staff

Tailgate Party Scores Big!

If you were looking for the place to be on November 6, 2008 it was the Stout Ale House. With 53 area businesses represented, the 2nd Annual Menomonie Young Professionals (MYP) Tailgate Party and Membership Drive was a qualified success.

The night started with registration beginning at 5 p.m. Guest speaker and Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce (GMACC) Board President, Mark Lewis of Cedar Falls Building Systems, Inc., kicked off the official program. Speaking from experience, Lewis' message touched on trusting your gut and not being afraid to take risks. Speaking to a crowd of about 70 people, Lewis let everyone know that GMACC is proud of what MYP is accomplishing in our community. Great things will continue to come from this group.

Door prizes were donated by local companies including: Phillips Plastics, Wipfli, Dunn Energy Cooperative, Wal Mart DC, and Red Cedar Medical Center



Call to Action!

We are always looking for more help with community events. If you are interested in opportunities to volunteer within the community, feel free to give a steering committee member a call. If you have ideas for volunteer activities or fundraisers, we'd love to hear from you.

Steering Committee Members:

Jill Rassbach Pember - President
Christian Peterson - Vice Pres.
Jolene Neisius - Secretary
Lisa Vanasse - Treasurer

Josh Boehm
Theresa Boettcher
Jenna Creaser
Kelly France

Julie Greener
Kristae Knous
Grady Richartz

Welcome New Members!

This month we'd like to thank the following members for joining Greater Menomonie Area Young Professionals!

Jodi Bach	Dunn County Title Service	Lisa Katelhut	WESTconsin Credit Union
Dave Benedict	Workforce Resource Inc.	Lindsay Lee	WESTconsin Credit Union
John Englund	Corey-Burstad Insurance Agency	Tim Schletty	Log Jam
Heidi Bjork	WESTconsin Credit Union	Melissa Hitz	ManPower
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	Lisa Montgomery		Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce
	Toni Oas		Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce
	Christina Thrun		Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Wisc