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February 2022 Newsletter

The "All That Jazz" Chamber Gala Dinner Fundraiser is February 25!

Tickets and Sponsorships are NOW AVAILABLE!



The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding our annual fundraiser, the

Gala Dinner on Friday, February 25, 2022. The event will be held both in person at The Courtyards of Andover and with a virtual option. The event theme for this year's event will be "All That Jazz and you are invited to attend!

This critical fundraiser is one of two the Chamber holds each year. It is the key to making sure the mission that is the Chamber continues.

As usual the Gala Dinner will feature games, raffles, silent and live auctions and much more. Tickets, table sponsorships and event sponsorships are now available.

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State of the Cities Member Luncheon is February 8th

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce will host representatives from the cities of Andover, Anoka, Champlin, Coon Rapids, Dayton, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey and St. Francis at the February Membership Luncheon. The topic of the luncheon will be our Annual "State of the Cities" address. The luncheon will be held at Bunker Hills Event Center, 12800 Bunker Prairie Road in Coon Rapids. This very popular luncheon will get you up to date on key issues occurring in our area cities. You'll find out what's been happening in our area communities and what's coming up.

The luncheon will begin with a registration and lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by the program from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person or a table of 8 for \$140 Please call the Chamber office at 763.421.7130 or email to mail@anokaareachamber.com to RSVP.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get up to date on what's happening in and around our area!

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHAMBER COMES WITH BENEFITS!

**This Anoka Area Chamber Member Benefit
IS A BLAST!!**

This month's benefit is: The Email Blast List.

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce is a business organization made up of and ran by business people. Our goal is a simple one, do the best job to help promote and better our business members. There are many benefits of membership available only to members of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Each month we'll highlight one of the benefits. If you'd like to learn about all benefits available, attend a Member Orientation Meeting held each month on the 2nd Thursday from 8 to 9 AM at the Chamber office. The meeting is free. RSVP to 763.421.7130 or mail@anokaareachamber.com.

The Chamber has an email list of members that is available to any Anoka Area Chamber Member. The list is NOT given out to anyone else as it is a benefit of membership in the Chamber!!!

The Email List will provide you with a great opportunity to network with the membership of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce about the products and services your business features. You can create your own email piece and get it out to fellow members as often as you like with just a click of a button!

If you don't want your email included in the email blast list being offered to the membership, just call the Chamber office and we'll pull your name from the list. The Email List of members is yet another benefit of membership in the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Use your benefits to benefit your business!

For more information about this benefit or any other benefits of membership in the Anoka Area Chamber, call 763.421.7130.

Chairperson's Letter

Greetings! I hope you are all enjoying winter, spending time participating in the many activities that only this season affords us or traveling somewhere warm to escape the yearly tilt away from the Sun. Here at the Chamber offices things are definitely heating up as staff and volunteers prepare for two of our most popular annual events; the Annual State of the Cities Luncheon and the 34th Annual Anoka Area Chamber Gala Dinner and Fundraiser! The Annual State of the Cities Luncheon, one of our most popular Chamber Member Luncheons of the year, will be on Tuesday, February 8th at the Bunker Hills Event Center. This event is one of my personal favorites. It is a great opportunity to get the inside scoop on the exciting new developments and plans that our local city governments and leaders are working on to improve our dynamic cities and communities. There is a lot going on from Highway infrastructure to Housing and Business Development and the Mayors and Administrators from our region are the best sources to share this information.

And now for the main event, the 34th Annual Anoka Area Chamber Gala Dinner Fundraiser! This year's theme is "All That Jazz"! So be sure to save the date for Friday, February 25th and we will see you at The Courtyards of Andover. This event will be offered in person

or a virtual option if you would prefer. Tickets and event sponsorships are now on sale and donations are needed for the Silent and Live Auctions. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps keep the mission that is the Anoka Area Chamber running and your support is needed and greatly appreciated. Details are in this newsletter and we hope that you can attend, or perhaps be an event sponsor and or donate something for the auctions!

If you are still thinking of a resolution for the new year let me suggest a resolution to take advantage of the many benefits your membership in the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce has to offer you. There are great networking events and marketing opportunities to tell all about the products and/or services your business has to offer. We hope to see you this month!

Chris Randall
Chair of the Board of
Directors
Anoka Area Chamber of
Commerce



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Spotlight on: Coon Rapids



Community strength... for generations

Coon Rapids Steps Up Sustainability, Fresh Retail and Community Outreach

Coon Rapids Earns SolSmart Silver and GreenStep 3 Designations

Did you know nearly 50 property owners in Coon Rapids currently have solar energy installations? The City of Coon Rapids is committed to solar as an energy option and it is easier than ever for residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. A new streamlined permit process and updated City ordinance reduce the time and money it takes to go solar. The improvements earned Coon Rapids a “Silver” designation from SolSmart, a national program that recognizes communities for removing obstacles to solar. Coon Rapids is proud to be the first SolSmart city in Anoka County.



Solar isn't the only sustainable practice the City has embraced. Coon Rapids also earned a “Step 3” designation as part of the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. This voluntary program helps cities quantify and achieve sustainability goals that improve quality of life. Coon Rapids implemented several sustainability-related improvements such as LED street lights and traffic signals, two electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall and at the Coon Rapids Ice Center, improved walking and biking trails, and expanded recycling services. In all, Coon Rapids completed over 95 sustainable actions to earn the Step 3 designation.

Ready to Shop? Riverdale Refresh Underway



It's a question we receive a lot at the City... what is being built on that corner? New businesses and renovations are underway in the Riverdale area. The former Sears space in Riverdale Village Shopping Center is under construction to make way for Schneiderman's Furniture (*pictured upper left*). Work also continues on the reconfiguration of the former JC Penney space in Riverdale Village (*pictured upper right*), which will become multiple tenant spaces. Meanwhile, Total Wine and More is moving into the former OfficeMax location near Target in Riverdale Commons. And just down the block, housing at Riverdale Station continues to grow with two more apartment buildings planned in 2022. A senior housing complex and a market-rate apartment building will be built next to existing mixed-income and luxury apartment buildings.

Culture and Community: Police Launch Multicultural Advisory Committee

In an effort to strengthen community relations between the police and the public, the Coon Rapids Police Department launched the City's first Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) in 2021. The group includes police officers, residents and community leaders from culturally diverse backgrounds. The goal is to build relationships, improve understanding of cultural differences and encourage great discussions.

MAC currently has 16 community members and 6 representatives from the police department. The group gathers monthly to discuss public safety and cultural awareness. At every meeting, a MAC member gives a spotlight presentation sharing their personal story. The presentations are recorded and viewed by all patrol officers in the department to promote a broadened cultural awareness.

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce to co-host Midwest Economic Forecast Summit

Featuring national and regional experts in agriculture, energy, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology.



MIDWEST
Economic Forecast Summit

The **Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce** is proud to partner with the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber to bring the Midwest Economic Forecast Summit to our region on February 8, 2022. This summit is the first event in a four-part Midwest Summit series that will convene regional and national industry

experts and thought leaders for crucial conversations on four significant regional topics.

The Midwest Economic Forecast Summit on February 8 is in partnership with chambers of commerce from across the Upper Midwest and will bring together leaders and experts from the following sectors to engage in a timely, in-depth and holistic discussion: agriculture, energy, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology. Keynote speakers for the event will be **Neel Kashkari**, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, **Dr. Scott Beaulier**, dean of business at North Dakota State University, and **Commissioner Steve Grove**, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Kashkari will address the economy on a national scale and touch on the impact of COVID-19, federal recovery dollars, housing and workforce challenges, and more. Dr. Beaulier has spent his career actively engaged in understanding and advocating for policies that foster dynamic, vibrant economies that best allow businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive. He will discuss how policies are integral to our economic success, and how people – innovative, creative and dedicated business leaders – are the lifeblood of any economy. Commissioner Grove is focused on empowering the growth of the Minnesota economy, and under his leadership, the department works on growing the state's workforce, closing the opportunity gap, and providing businesses and startups the support they need to grow and thrive in Minnesota's economy. Commissioner Grove was previously an executive at Google for 12 years. In addition to these three keynote speakers, there will be panel discussions featuring leaders in agriculture, energy, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology.

Our nation recently faced a global recession, record U.S. unemployment and extreme economic uncertainty. This is an opportunity to learn about regional and national trends, understand our biggest threats, examine factors that keep our area competitive, and hear from leaders across various sectors that are the backbone of our economy.

"This is going to be a big deal; we are excited to bring thought leaders and experts from all over the country to our community and to dive into this critical topic. We also have numerous partnering chambers from across the Midwest that are co-hosting the livestream of this event in an effort to inform and engage as many of their own area business leaders as possible on this important subject," remarked FMWF Chamber President & CEO Shannon Full.

Developing and maintaining a vibrant economy is essential to the continued growth of the Midwest; we hope you join us for this new, major event series and important discussion. Bremer Bank and Cass County Electric Cooperative are the presenting sponsors for the Midwest Economic Forecast Summit.

Midwest Economic Forecast Summit

Tuesday, February 8 | 8 to 11 a.m.

Delta by Marriott, Fargo and Livestream

Who is invited: Members of the public, chamber members, business owners & operators, professionals in the aforementioned industries, college students and members of the media.

To register for this event click: : <https://bit.ly/MidwestEconSummit>

Member News

Member News is a column that gives members a chance to introduce their business products and services to the membership of the Chamber. These articles are written by the businesses featured.



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this town! I am a happily married mother of five incredible kids
ranging in ages 23 to my 9 year old twins. Being a mom is my
favorite thing AND cooking & baking are my passion! I am
excited to be a new member of the Anoka Area Chamber of
Commerce!

I have been playing in the kitchen for over 30 years, ran my
own personal chef company for 3 years and have run a food
related non-profit from my home for 7 years and counting now.
At the moment I run my home bakery as a stay-at-home mom
with aspirations of owning my own bakery & restaurant store-
front someday. A girl can dream right?! You can follow my biz
@GinnyBitesLife!

YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

***If you would like to feature your
business in the "Member News"
column,***

just call the Chamber office.

***Members can feature two articles about
their Business per year FREE of charge.
Articles in "Member News" are another
of the many benefits of membership
in the Chamber.***

Call 763.421.7130 for more info.



New Year, New You! Get Into Shape In 2022!

Max Nutrition is a Coon Rapids local business, focusing on help-
ing better the nutrition of the community around us. The new
year is here and many people in the community have set health/
fitness related resolutions and goals to accomplish in 2022!
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establish better nutritional habits and get you the results you're
looking for!

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the top 3 places of the following categories: Weight Loss, Overall
Transformation, Muscle Definition, and Physique! Then the judg-
es select one top Male and Female Grand Champs, and they get a
whopping \$500 for their transformation!

For more information on our challenges, and to learn more about
Max Nutrition, please visit our website at [maxnutri-
tion.wixsite.com/maxnutrition](https://maxnutrition.wixsite.com/maxnutrition)

KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH NETWORKING!!!!

The Anoka Area Chamber will feature some great networking events in the coming months. These events are designed to give you the opportunity to promote your products and services. See full details in articles within this newsletter or go to the Chamber web site at www.anokaareachamber.com. **Is your next client at one of these events?**

All meetings will be held in person !

Mark your calendar for these networking events:

- 1/19 AM Connections Networking**
- 2/2 AM Connections Networking**
- 2/8 State of the Cities Member Luncheon**
- 2/16 AM Connections Networking**
- 2/25 Gala Dinner Fundraiser**



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Anoka Area Chamber Manufacturing CoHort Ready for 2022!



The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing CoHort met for working lunch on Tuesday December 28, 2021.

This meeting had a full house and included representatives from manufacturing as well as City of Ramsey, Anoka County and Anoka Technical College.

Agenda centered around the workforce training effort and the application of the \$120,000 MN Dual-Training Pipeline grant that our Chamber was awarded earlier this year.

Beyond the aspect of how fortunate these manufacturers reported they were as a participant in the training that the grant offered to their teams, they are also aware of multiple extended benefits.

These benefits include but are not limited to how the grant and training has open pathways to advanced manufacturing training and individual growth. Additionally, the training has deepened the learning of new job-related skills, and the individuals report being connected to a broader sense of purpose and attachment to their jobs. The employers relate that they believe this training and the program allows participating employees to experience the added value that training brings to their jobs and increases the retention of the employee. Also, this has acted to stabilize the workforce, while deepening a sense of engagement in the organization.

Overall, the CoHort has been given direction to continue to use the MN Dual-Training Pipeline grant as way to support the needs of the industry.



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Vision Statement of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce

**The AACC will be known as
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leader, providing member
businesses with
opportunities and resources
to help them thrive while
advocating with
government, education, and
citizens
to help create a better
business environment and
a stronger community.**

Welcome New Members

The Board of Directors of the Chamber would like to welcome the following New Members to this business organization!

We urge the membership to use the goods and services of other Chamber members. This is what the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce is all about. Promoting business between local partners interested in the future of the area!

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The Anoka Area Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting at Max Nutrition. Cutting the ribbon is owner Michala Voss.

The Chamber Gala Dinner Committee Needs Your Help! **PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION!!**

It's the biggest event of the Chamber Year and it's just around the corner.

On February 25th, over 400 business people will gather for the Chamber's 34th Annual Gala Dinner Fundraiser!

The Key to the success of the event is the generous donations of items from the Anoka Area Chamber Membership! Can you help make this fundraiser a success with a donation?

We will make sure that everyone knows that you donated and supported the event!

No item too small or big! (Big is always better and will go in the Live Auction!)

Can you donate?

**Contact the Chamber office at
763-421-7130 to donate and
THANK YOU in advance for your
support!!**

Announcing the "Anoka Area Chamber Ambassador of the Month" *Cindy Jezierski, Presto Graphics*



Cindy Jezierski, at Presto Graphics, Inc. along with her husband Dave, have owned their business since 1985 in Anoka. We loved the "small" town feel with "big" opportunities to grow our printing business! A lot has changed, especially since COVID-19 happened in March of 2020, but Presto Graphics is still the same and here to help you with all your printing and digital needs! I truly think in 2021 the businesses in Anoka and our surrounding communities are coming back stronger than ever! I have enjoyed being in the Ambassador program for the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce to welcome the new businesses into our community. I believe we need to support all our local businesses, whether small or large, to help them grow and succeed!

WE WANT YOU! **We are Looking for a Select Few to serve as an Anoka Area Chamber Ambassador!**

Only 22 spots make up this group featuring the best of the Chamber's best. This group represents the Chamber at events like ribbon cuttings, ground breakings and more. There are a couple of openings available right now. Contact Pete Turok at the Chamber office to see if this might be a fit for you to become one of a selected handful of members that will represent the Chamber as an Ambassador!!

Department of Employment and Economic Development Awards 5 Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Programs Across Minnesota

Projects will retain or create more than 3,000 jobs

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Today, the Department of Employment and Economic Development announced 5 Transportation and Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) projects across Minnesota. The program targets transportation infrastructure projects that create economic development opportunities and jobs, through a collaboration between MnDOT, DEED, and local government and private sector partners.

"This investment in transportation projects will broaden economic development possibilities," said **DEED Commissioner Steve Grove**. "These projects will retain or create more than 3,000 jobs while improving critical pathways to businesses and opportunities in communities across Minnesota."

2021 TEDI Awards

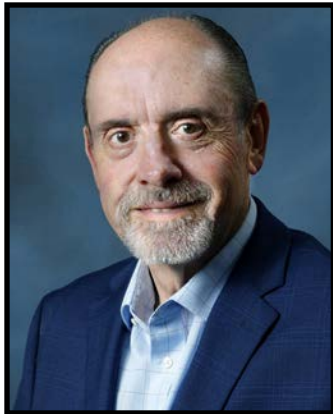
- **City of Dayton** (\$1,000,000) - Assist with construction of a four-lane divided highway linking the new interchange on Interstate 94 to the central part of Dayton. I-94 in this part of the state is one of the busiest freeways in the state (95,000 vehicles per day). The new interchange will provide a new option for traffic that currently goes through the very busy Highway 101 interchange. The project will assist in creating and retaining 1,455 jobs in the area at businesses like Graco, Inc., CRG, Zeigler CAT, ICA Corporation, King Solutions, and others. Tax base increase is estimated at \$134 million in five years. Total cost of the public infrastructure project is estimated to be \$4.57 million.
- **City of Chaska** (\$487,600) - Construction of roadway and sewer along Creek Road to allow full buildout of the 360 acre Southwest Chaska Business Park. The project estimates 5,906 new jobs and a tax base increase of \$46 million in the next 5 years. Oppidan, a developer, has committed to the first development of a \$10.5 million building that will create 301 jobs. The total cost of the infrastructure project is \$14.2 million.
- **Renville County** - (\$200,000) - Reconstruct 3 miles of roadway that will primarily serve the Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative, Renville County's largest employer. The project will create a wider concrete roadway that will increase safety for the roadway that has high truck traffic. The cooperative is planning a \$175 million expansion. Businesses along the reconstructed road will create or retain 642 jobs and estimate a tax base increase of \$40 million in five years. Total cost of the public infrastructure project is \$2,840,900.
- **McLeod County** (\$750,000) - Extend County Road 5 through a business park in Winsted. The project will expand and provide better access to the existing business park. The expansion will provide 120 additional acres in the park and provide better access to existing businesses such as Millerbernd Manufacturing and RAM. Those two businesses will retain and create 625 jobs and increase tax base by \$28 million in 5 years.
- **Big Stone County** (\$462,400) - Construct a roadway that will allow trucks direct access to Highway 75 and bypass residential streets in Clinton. The project will primarily serve CHS, Big Stone Lumberyard, and the Wheaton Dumont Co-op Elevator. The Elevator was destroyed by a fire in 2021. The businesses will create or retain 35 jobs and increase tax base by \$1.5 million in 5 years.

The TEDI Program is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota Department of Transportation. TEDI funds may be used for projects outside of MnDOT rights of way, that will create and retain jobs and increase economic opportunities.

For more information on DEED's TEDI program, visit mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/business-funding/tedi/awards.jsp.

DEED is the state's principal economic development agency, promoting business recruitment, expansion and retention, workforce development, international trade and community development. For more details about the agency and its services, visit the [DEED website](#), the [JoinUsMn.com](#) website, or follow us on [Twitter](#).

From the Desk of: Peter Turok



Peter Turok
President

"2022. Continuing the MOVE FORWARD!"

2022 is here! It still seems so strange that pretty much all of 2020 and 2021 are a blur. So much was going on (or not) that it seems hard to believe that here we are at 2022. Looking back to January 2021, I started the year hopeful. Hopeful that the world would start to get back on track. Sadly, in January

2022 I'm still hoping for that. We did move forward in 2021 although slower than I had hoped but still, we moved forward. Maybe it's just that I'm a glass half full guy but I am hopeful that 2022 will bring all of us together moving forward even more.

I really thought we'd be farther along at this point in time. We are still all in a learning curve of dealing with the pandemic and I'm afraid that will be the case for some time. However, learn we all do. I think the key word as we all move forward is adjustment. We all continue to adjust as needed and that is the case at the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce as well. We continue to do our job and that won't change in 2022.

We continue to field questions from many of our members as they continue to adjust. The Chamber has been there for its owners, you the members, since we opened the doors in 1952. I will say that in the over 3 decades I've been here that it has never been more busy than the last almost 2 years. So many questions, so much uncertainty. You reach out looking for answers and we try to get them

for you. Hey, it's our mission and one that the Board of Directors and staff are looking forward to in 2022.

We will all continue to move forward, one way or another. Here's wishing you and your business family the very best in 2022 as we all move forward together!

An "ASK"

Each January the work really kicks in as the Chamber has a major, and much needed, fundraiser! The 34th Annual Anoka Area Chamber Gala Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 25th and we have an ask. First and foremost we'd like you to attend! The event has an in person and a virtual option. It's a great night of fun, food and fundraising! I guarantee you and yours will have a great time! Hey, if you guy a ticket (good for 2 people), you will win something! We'll have raffles and a Silent and Live Auction. We keep things moving along so a great night will be had by all. Can to buy a ticket? Sponsor something? Donate something? Contact me if you can and THANK YOU!!



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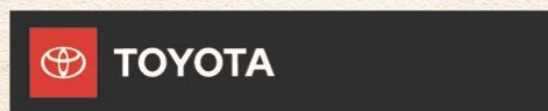
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Contact Pete Turok at the Chamber office for details.

Calendar of Events

January

19-Chamber A.M. Connections Networking Group
Meeting held in person at the Chamber offices
7:45 to 9 AM
FREE to Attend and NO RSVP NEEDED!

20-Taping of The Chamber Report TV Show
QCTV Studios in Champlin
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Want to have your business features on an upcoming show? It's a **FREE** benefit of membership you can do each year!
Contact Chamber staff for details.

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QCTV Studios in Champlin
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Want to have your business features on an upcoming show? It's a **FREE** benefit of membership you can do each year!
Contact Chamber staff for details.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Annual Chamber Gala Dinner Fundraiser will be Friday, February 25, 2022.

The event will be held in person and virtually. The doors open at 5 with dinner at 7 and program and games starting at 8 pm. See page 1 for details!



Announcing the 34th Annual
Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce
"All That Jazz"

Annual Gala Dinner Fundraiser
An in person and/or virtual Event!

February 25, 2022

Presenting Sponsor:



The Courtyards of Andover
13545 Martin Street, Andover
5:30-Social, Dinner-7:00
LIMITED SEATING for 400!

See the page 2 of this flyer for more information.

Donation Opportunities: Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles, and Sponsorship

Ticket Information and Table Packages

"The Gold" Table Sponsor

\$1500

You'll get:

- 4 tickets
- *8 people at a table and served a delicious meal!*
- *If you attend virtually, you'll get \$100 in gift certificates from a Chamber Member Restaurant of your choice!*
- Priority Table Seating
- Your Impression on the BIG screen and virtual watchers screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the event
- Special Signage at your table
- Acknowledgment in the Event Program & upcoming Chamber Newsletter
- Special acknowledgment at the event
- 20 Big Raffle Tickets

"The Silver" Table Sponsor

\$1000

You'll get:

- 4 tickets
- *8 people at a table and served a delicious meal!*
- *If you attend virtually, you'll get \$100 in gift certificates from a Chamber Member Restaurant of your choice!*
- Priority Table Seating
- Your Impression on the BIG screen and virtual watchers screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the event
- Special Signage at your table
- Acknowledgment in the Event Program & upcoming Chamber Newsletter
- Special acknowledgment at the event

Individual Tickets are \$150 per couple

You'll get a fabulous dinner for two plus a chance to win up to \$1000 in The Gala Game!

Attend Virtually!

This is an option to be a part of this critical Chamber Fundraising Event!

As a virtual attendee, you'll get the following:

- A number to play the Gala Game for your chance to win cash prizes
- \$25 in a Food Gift Certificate from a Chamber restaurant of your choice.
- Get a Virtual Table and get \$100 in Gift Certificates!
- The Event Program emailed to you so you can play along while you watch the action live!
- Buy a "Raffle Package" so you'll be a part of Event Raffles
- Be a part of the Live Auction as we will have volunteers taking your bids right when the action is happening!
- Opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items through your phone and more!

Thank You to our Presenting Sponsor: Connexus Energy!

Sponsorship Opportunities!

Have your business STAND OUT in the crowd by being a sponsor!

By being a sponsor, Here's what you'll get:

You'll be featured on the BIG Screen throughout the night and when the game/event is held, listed in the event program and follow up article in the Chamber newsletter as a sponsor.

Main Stage Sponsor. Cost \$500. You will be the sponsor of the Main Stage at the event.

Silent Auction Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship will feature your logo in the Silent Auction area.

Heads or Tails Game Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship is for the game that will be played twice during the night.

Live Auction Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship is for the Live Auction that is always a BIG hit with the crowd.

BIG Raffle Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship is for the raffle that is held throughout the evening and will feature tables full of wonderful prizes.

Win All the Wine on the Table Raffle Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship is for a raffle that will feature a table full of Wine that will be given away to one winner.

Social Hour Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship is for the Social Hour which is held from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Plinko Game Sponsor. Cost \$500. This game is always a crowd favorite. The game gives people a chance to play the game and win cash prizes.

Apple Watch Raffle Sponsor. Cost \$500. This raffle will feature a Apple Watch that 1 ticket will win!

Click Bid Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship gets your logo all over the Silent Auction site when people check out the items and bid!

Bag of Swag Sponsor. Cost \$500. This raffle is always a crowd favorite. The raffle gives people a chance to win cash prizes.

Non-Winning Ticket Prizes Sponsor. Cost \$500. This sponsorship helps fill the bag that each non-winning ticket will receive.

Crack the Safe Sponsor. Cost \$1000. This game is always a crowd favorite. The game gives people a chance to play the game and win \$1000.

The Gala Game-Oakwood Insurance Agency has already sponsored this!!!, THANK YOU!!

Darts for Dollars Game-Presto Graphics has already sponsored this!!! THANK YOU!!

Balloon Raffle-Dan Gould Jewelers has already sponsored this!! THANK YOU!!

Program Sponsor-Bolt Hoffer Boyd Law Firm has already sponsored this!! THANK YOU!!

Buy a Raffle Package!

Available for Virtual or In Person Attendees!

Whether attending the Gala Dinner in person or virtually, you can be a part of the special raffles to be held. If you attend virtually, the Raffle Package will be mailed to you prior to the event. Winners will be posted on a Chamber Monday Morning Email and Member Newsletter. For In Person Attendees, you can buy the Raffle Package ahead of time or the night of the event.

For \$80 you'll get the following: 1 bag for the Bag of Swag raffle, 1 ticket to the Win all the Wine raffle, 1 ticket for the Apple Watch raffle, 1 combination to the Crack the Safe Game, 2 tickets to the Plinko Game and 10 tickets to the Big Raffle!

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What is the Gala Dinner?

This is an annual fundraiser that helps keep the mission that is the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce going strong! A maximum of 400 people can attend the in person event. Those will be sold on a first come/first serve basis. A virtual option is also available.

Each ticket is numbered and has a chance at numerous cash prizes that will be drawn for during the event. Cash prizes range from \$100 to \$1,000. Every non-winning ticket will receive a gift.

A number of raffles will be held along with a silent and live auction. The profits from this event go toward Chamber Membership Programming.

Anoka Area Chamber “All That Jazz” Gala Dinner Registration Form

This event sells out, so reserve your tickets and sponsorships right away.

_____ Yes, we will be a **“The Gold” Table Sponsor**. Cost is \$1500.

_____ Yes, we will be a **“The Silver” Table Sponsor**. Cost is \$1000

_____ Yes, we would like _____ Ticket (s) for the Gala Dinner.
Cost is \$150 per ticket which serves two people.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Main Stage**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Silent Auction**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Bag of Swag Raffle**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Heads or Tails Game**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Live Auction**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **BIG Raffle**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Win All the Wine on the Table Raffle**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to be the **Social Hour Sponsor**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Plinko Game**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **Apple Watch Raffle**. Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to be the **Click Bid Sponsor** . Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to be the **Non-Winning Ticket Prize Sponsor** . Cost \$500.

_____ Yes, we would like to be the **Crack the Safe Game Sponsor** . Cost \$1000.

_____ **Yes, I would like to buy a Raffle Package. Cost \$80. Circle Virtual or In Person**

_____ Yes, we would like to donate a prize for the Silent Auction/Raffle.
Please have someone call us.

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email it to: pete@anokaareachamber.com or mail it to:
Anoka Area Chamber, 12 Bridge Square, Anoka, MN 55303

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