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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2007 Express Passes Now Available!

Don't worry about carrying cash! Breeze right through registration! Save money! The Savage Chamber of Commerce Express Pass is designed to make it quicker, easier and less expensive to attend Chamber monthly member meetings. For \$110 you can attend all 11 monthly member meetings - it's like getting one meeting FREE! Please contact Kristi at kristi@savagechamber.com or call 952-894-8876 for more information. IMPORTANT: You still need to RSVP for luncheons because that is how the lunch count is ordered. The 2007 Express Pass is valid for 2007 Savage Chamber member meetings only!

Business Scholarship Fund Donations



The Savage Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship Fund is an ongoing program that will again be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors in both ISD 191 and ISD 719 for the 2006-2007 school year. Scholarship presentations will be given at our June Member Meeting. Please consider giving \$25, \$50, or \$100 to the scholarship fund. It's as simple as including it with your annual dues payment or sending us a check. If you would like to help a graduating senior you can send a donation to the Savage Chamber, 14141 Glendale Rd, Suite 210, Savage, MN 55378. Please designate on your check "Scholarship Fund". Each month, we will print the names of the businesses that have made donations to this scholarship fund.

Wake Up! Savage

There were over 20 Chamber members at Sam's Club in December for the monthly Wake Up! Savage. Members enjoyed a great continental breakfast while networking and learning about the memberships Sam's Club has to offer. Thank you Sam's Club, for hosting December's Wake Up! Savage.



Chamber Recognizes Joe Dols

The 2006 President's Award was awarded to Joe Dols of Index Computers. Joe was recognized for his expertise, time and kindness, for keeping the Savage Chamber updated and informed on its information technology systems. Congratulations Joe!

2006 Holiday Fundraiser Celebration - Caribbean Style a Huge Success!!

Thanks to all of you that came to the 2006 Holiday Fundraiser! We had great attendance this year and met our fundraising goals from the Silent and Live Auctions! Everyone socialized and celebrated while enjoying the music by the 2 man Steel Band.

A special thank you goes out to Diane Sprague and her staff at Crystal Lake Golf Club for hosting our event. The food and decorations were exceptional in keeping with a traditional Caribbean theme.



UPCOMING Events

Wake Up! Savage

January 11
8:00 - 9:00 am
H & R Block
3977 Egan Drive, Savage

Member Luncheon Meeting

January 16
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Sponsored by: BankCherokee
St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church
4625 W. 125th St., Savage

Business After Hours

January 25
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Let's Dish
574 Prairie Center Drive, Town Square, Suite 115, Eden Prairie

LOOKING Ahead

Wake Up! Savage

February 8
8:00 - 9:00 am
First Community Bank

Member Meeting

February 20
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
St. Francis Regional Hospital

Business After Hours

February 22
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Savage Art Studio



2006 Business Person of the Year

Jerry Young, Twin Cities GMAC Real Estate, was chosen the 2006 Business Person of the Year. Criteria for this award is based upon being an active member of the Chamber, a supporter of the Savage business community, and someone who is successful in their chosen profession. That describes this year's recipient to a tee!

Jerry has been described among his peers as a dedicated, hard working individual who is always willing to help out, always smiling, and has the community's best interests at heart. Though the desk may be piled high, the phone ringing, and the pager going off when you visit his office, you will always be made to feel there is time for you and your needs matter.

Jerry has been a solid Savage community supporter for years. He opened a GMAC Real Estate branch office in Savage several years ago and has established a strong local presence. Jerry has been recognized several times within his company, by receiving a quality service honor role award in 2004 and also named Twin Cities Super Agent in 2003 & 2004. Over the years the office has been expanded to include additional related services and branch offices in other communities.

Though success in a career was not enough, he furthers his time and talents with giving back to the community. Jerry has served on the Prior Lake Savage Area School's Community Education Services Advisory Council since July 1996, a group that makes recommendations about policies, program offerings, and budget guidelines for the district's Community Ed programs. This group also helps stage the annual Fall Fest, where area businesses, service groups, and non-profits showcase their booths. Leading the way at Fall Fest is, Jerry, helping with setup and directing traffic. In addition, Jerry finds time to be involved with the Prior Lake Optimists and the Prior Lake Yacht Club.

Championing the cause of the Savage business community, this year's businessperson of the year has served on the Savage Economic Development Commission since February 2001, offering many thoughtful and progressive ideas to enhance commercial and industrial growth opportunities within our community.

Last, but not least, Jerry is honored by being heavily involved with the Chamber, giving heart and soul to its efforts. An avid golfer, he has served for many years on the golf committee helping to organize and run our annual golf tournament, which is a significant fundraiser for the Chamber. Elected to the Chamber Board of Directors in 2002, Jerry took on the office of President in 2005 and served a rare second term this year, playing an instrumental role in sustaining a positive direction for the chamber during a time when staff turnover has presented both opportunities and challenges. The Savage Chamber of Commerce is proud to award Jerry Young, 2006 Business Person of the Year!



2007 Chamber of Commerce EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Pam Becker

Term: 1/07 – 12/08

ISD 719, Glendale Elementary Principal
952-226-0203

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Term: 1/07 – 12/08

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952-447-4700

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Term: 1/07-12/07

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952-447-7033

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Term: 1/06 – 12/07

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952-895-9620

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nick Atkinson

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952-226-6999

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952-894-0800

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Term: 1/07-12/07

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952-447-2101

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Term: 1/07 – 12/08

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952-895-5434

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Term: 1/06 – 12/07

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952-447-1333

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Term: 1/07 – 12/08

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952-882-2660

Doug Storbeck

Term: 1/07 – 12/08

Primrose School of Savage
952-226-4352

Jerry Young

Term: 1/07 – 12/07

Twin City GMAC Real Estate
952-465-0400

Executive Director:

Lori Anderson

952-894-8876

FROM THE President

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the position of President of the Savage Chamber of Commerce for the year 2007. I have worked in the public sector for many (more than the age of many Savage residents) as a teacher and currently as principal of Glendale Elementary in Savage. However, one guiding principle, that links running a school or operating a business, is that of service. Success happens when the needs of customers is carefully analyzed and steps are taken to deliver the best service possible. The new board of directors of the Chamber has set its goals for the year with this in mind.

Programs, People, and Progress will drive the actions of this board. We are here to serve you and offer positive programming to help you grow and thrive in the Savage area community.

Again, we are here to serve, Pam Becker

THANK YOU to Members...2006

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Jerry Young, President

GMAC Real Estate

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City of Savage

Jerry Young

Twin City GMAC Real Estate

Heather Koering

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Nancy Porter

Edina Realty

Pam Becker

ISD 719

Sean Hauenstein

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2006 Scholarship Donators

GMAC Real Estate

Market Works

D. Fongs

Ray Leathers

Savage Pacer

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Associated Bank

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Guardian Mortgage

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Rochelle Allison

The Roller Company

Mediacom

Fendler Patterson Construction

First Community Bank

Nancy Porter - Edina Realty

Primary Promotion

Cal's Market & Garden Center

Chamber Members who served on the 2006 Dan Patch Days, Inc.

Board of Directors

Barry Stock

Tom Brennan

Julie Bernick

Rob Fendler

Tom Hansen

Mark Roberts

2006 Dan Patch Days, Inc. Planning Committee

Lori Anderson

Julie Bernick

Tom Brennan

Jens Bohn

Chris Dill

David Fong

Emily Gunderson

Greg & Conni Van Gompel

Martha Hoover

Mark Jamerson

Jamie Klug

Mark Roberts

Rick Pollock

Rodney Seurer

Rob Warmka

2006 Golf Committee

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GMAC Real Estate

Jeff Taxdahl

Thread Logic

Ray Leathers

Advantage Performance Network

Sean Hauenstein

Copeland Buhl & Co.

Major Sponsors for Golf Classic

Boyer Trucks

First Community Bank

First Resource Bank

El Loro

Twin City GMAC Real Estate

2006 Hole Sponsors

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Prior Lake State Bank

BankCherokee

D. Fong's

Linde Dental/Smiles of Distinction

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SDDI Signs

Advantage Performance Network

Eastland, Solstad, Cade & Hutchinson

South Metro Federal Credit Union

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage -

Wayzata

Fantastic Sams

Sterling State Bank

Outback Steakhouse

Savage Goodyear

Edina Realty - Rachel Van Den Boom

American Bank

Holiday Fundraiser Celebration Committee

Jill Ryan

First Community Bank

Heather Koering

Eastland, Solstad, Cade & Hutchinson

Doug Storbeck

Primrose School of Savage

Mary Kay Marxen

Weekender Wear

Tracy Bergland

Sterling State Bank

Major Sponsors for the Holiday Fundraiser Celebration

First Community Bank

Prior Lake State Bank

St. Francis Regional Hospital

Linde Dental/Smiles of Distinction

Advantage Performance Network

Sterling State Bank

Dinner Refreshment Sponsors

BankCherokee

D. Fongs

Eagle Creek Gallery

Family Vision Clinic

Fendler Patterson Construction

First Resource Bank

Twin City GMAC Real Estate -

Jerry Young

Gotcha Covered

Larkin Hoffman Attorneys

NW Digital Works

Old Republic Title

Outback Steakhouse

Primrose School of Savage

SDDI Sign Systems

Villa's by Mary T.

Waste Management

Catherine Sowder, SDDI Signs -

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Chamber Photo Sponsor

Businesses that hosted a Member Meeting in 2006

Tin Shed

The Wilds Golf Course

Savage City Hall

Savage Fire Department

The Legend's Golf Course

Shepherd of the Lake

Captain Jack's on Prior Lake