



The Chamber News

March 2018

WOW!
What can the chamber do to WOW
you?
Let us know!

Thursday, March 8th 2018

Dear Chamber Member,

Spring is in our midst! We hope that your 2018 isn't going too fast! It seems to be here at that Chamber. We are currently planning for two exciting events: the KMRS/KKOK Spring Expo and Prairie Pioneer Days.

We are always looking for new members to join the Chamber and our Morris Area family! If you know of anyone wanting to join, send them our way and we would be happy to get them all the information to become a member they need!

A special thank you to Riverview for hosting our Annual Board Retreat. We had a lot of fun setting this year's goals while welcoming new members to the Chamber and working on committee assignments. We are excited to work on these goals this year and make the Chamber and our community better!

Next on our agenda will be the KMRS/KKOK Spring Expo on March 16th and 17th at the Lee Community Center. We are excited to have a booth with Chamber information and some exciting games to win prizes as well as learning about the promos we have! We are looking for volunteers to help us during the day. If you have some time to serve a shift at the Chamber booth, please contact our office!

We are thrilled to have Valu Ford host our first Chamber Social of the year! That will be held on March 23rd at 7:30 to 9am at Valu Ford. All Chamber businesses and employees are welcome to attend! We are looking for businesses who would like to host or co-host a Chamber Social in 2018. If you are interested or would like more details on hosting a social, please contact our office. Socials are a great opportunity to network with other Chamber businesses and showcase your business!

We hope you have a wonderful rest of your March and can't wait to hear about more events that are happening the rest of the year! Thank you so much for your continued membership and support!

Jocelyn Giefer
Marketing and Events Intern
Morris Area Chamber of Commerce

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 16th-17th

KMRS/KKOK Spring Expo

at the Lee Community Center from
11am-7pm Friday and 9am-4pm
Saturday

March 23rd

Chamber Social at Valu Ford.

7:30-9am

July 13th-15th:

Prairie Pioneer Days

If you have an event you are
planning for 2018, please let us
know as soon as you can!

REMINDER

**If you want to be a part
of our weekly Friday
Facts. Please head to
our website, then scroll
down until you see
FRIDAY FACTS. Type in
'your name' and 'email
address' and press
'subscribe now'.**

REMINDERS:

Please contact the Morris
Area Chamber of Commerce
if your business has any
change of address, email
address, phone number, etc.

If you are interested in
learning more about our
different committees and/or
becoming part of our
committees, please contact
us! We would appreciate
the participation.

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Membership Spotlight

SCEIC



Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission started as the West Central Industrial Improvement Corporation in 1980 with a Board of Directors whose goal was to increase employment opportunities through business expansion and retention in the West Central Area. In March of 1990 the organization changed to the Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission. Cheryl Kuhn has been the Executive Director since October of 2016, alongside her is Amanda Nygaard who has been the Admin Assistant since September of 2017. Both Cheryl and Amanda feel lucky to work at the SCEIC because of the opportunity to help people accomplish their dreams of starting a new business or assist people with their established business.

Their hope for the future is to continue serving the clients and to grow the economy of Stevens County, but to make sure all businesses feel fortunate to be building in the community and that residents have a great place to call home. Some challenges that are faced within is getting excited about a new business coming into the area or assisting an existing business to stay in business, but not being able to tell anyone because of confidentiality guidelines.

The Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission (SCEIC) provides economic development services to make the economy of Stevens County more vital and viable through job retention and job growth. The SCEIC offers free CONFIDENTIAL professional consulting services to businesses or individuals doing business in Stevens County or to those businesses or individuals who will locate their business to Stevens County. These services include but are not limited to: New Business Start-Up Planning, Business Plan Development, Loan Application Assistance, Loan Packaging, Store Front Renovation loans, and Business Training Referrals. The SCEIC also provides academic, professional, technological and private consulting resources to assist businesses whenever possible.

Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission, Inc. (SCEIC) is registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service, the Minnesota Department of Revenue, the Minnesota Secretary of State, and the Minnesota State Attorney General as of 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation. SCEIC is audited annually by an independent CPA/Accounting firm.

They would like to invite all current and new businesses to stop in a chat about ideas they have for their business or the development of the County. They recently redesigned the SCEIC website which is available at www.sceic.org. Their website is filled with resources to help you and your business start or continue to grow. The SCEIC can be contacted by email at sceic@hometownsolutions.net or phone at (320) 585-2609. They are located at 215 Atlantic Avenue, Morris.

2018 Annual Retreat

Wednesday, February 7th

Riverview Dairy



Thank you to Riverview Dairy for hosting our Annual Board Retreat! We had a fun day of welcoming new members including Rusty Nielsen, Joseph Ishimwe and Megan Welle. We set committee assignments to establish who will help with Prairie Pioneer Days, Events & Promotions and many others.

We set out 2018 goals which are: 1) Communication Hub for Community Events and 2) Create excitement with dynamic and engaging events. We want to be a resource for anyone to post events that are happening in the Morris area and have a central location for people to go to to communicate these events.

Special thanks to Joan Spaeth for leading our retreat. She taught us a lot of new skills and gave us new ideas for building up the Chamber and Morris Area, and helped us set goals and execute our goals for 2018.

We hope that this year with our new goals in mind, will be one of the best years, yet!

March **CHAMBER SOCIAL**

Sponsored by: Valu Ford
March 23rd 7:30-9am

All Chamber Members and employees are invited to join us for a morning of networking, socializing and fun! Breakfast items and beverages will be provided.

**For more information,
email morrismnchamber@gmail.com**

**If you would like to host a future social,
please contact our office at 589-1242**