



The Chamber Bulletin

September 2014 Newsletter

Meetings and Important Dates

September 2014

- 1 Chamber Office Closed – Labor Day**
- 8 Executive Board of Director’s Meeting – 11:00am, Depot**
- 8 Board of Director’s Meeting – Noon, Depot**
- 8 Syttende Mai Committee Meeting – 5:30pm, Quality Inn & Suites**
- 9 Ambassador Committee Meeting – 8:00am, Depot**
- 18 Grape Expectations Wine & Food Events – 6pm, Stoughton Country Club**
- 18 Third Thursday – Stoughton’s Night Out – Downtown stores stay open until 9pm**
- 22 Lunch & Learn – Noon, Bryant Center inside the Stoughton Hospital, Sponsored by Stoughton Hospital/Shalom Free Health Clinic**

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2014 Grape Expectations- Still Time to Sponsor



Don't miss one of the Chamber's signature annual event! On Thursday, September 18th enjoy wine, food, art, networking opportunities and amazing raffle prizes! You can still sponsor a tasting station, a case of wine or even 2 or 4 bottles of wine. You can also donate a raffle prize.

Even if you don't sponsor, we hope you purchase tickets to the event and take advantage of the networking opportunities and

the fun social environment! Tickets are on sale at the Chamber – cost is \$50. Remember, a portion of the proceeds go to fund the Rae Ladd Scholarships.

**** You won't want to miss the few surprises we have in store for you! ****



Grape Expectations WINE & FOOD TASTING EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 6:00 P.M.
TICKETS: \$50.00 (SALES TAX INCLUDED)

STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB
3165 SHADYSIDE DRIVE
STOUGHTON, WI

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FUND
THE RAE LADD SCHOLARSHIP**

TO PURCHASE TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:
STOUGHTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
608-873-7912
WWW.STOUGHTONWI.COM

August Membership Renewals

Thank you to all of our members that continue to support the chamber through their membership. Your support is greatly appreciated!

All Through The House
Kim Walter
Member since 1998

American Legion Post 59
Sonny Swangstu
Member since 2006

Blackhawk Community Credit Union
Sandra Burger
Member since 2009
5-year Anniversary!!

Concordia University Wisconsin - Madison
Kristopher Muth
Member since 2013

Conservation Club of Stoughton
Tom Dybevik
Member since 2008

Dunkirk Electrical Services, LLC
Mike Zweep
Member since 2007

Elven Sted Apartments
Robin Blackerby
Member since 2012

Nelson Global Products, Inc.
Kevin Stokstad
Member since 2011



August New Members

Stoughton Hospital Foundation

Mary Link
900 Ridge Street
Stoughton, WI 53589
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www.stoughtonhospital.com/foundation



**Stoughton Hospital
Foundation**
Circle of Friends

Stoughton Hospital Foundation, established in 1974, raises friends and funds to benefit Stoughton Hospital, its services and projects. Although the Foundation is often hidden, we work behind the scenes to provide meaningful giving opportunities for people seeking to give back to their community. Thanks to hundreds of generous friends, the Stoughton Hospital Foundation has supported numerous programs, helped to purchase medical equipment, assisted with the renovation of existing facilities and the acquisition of new opportunities and partnerships most recently in the Oregon Urgent Care and Physical Therapy Clinic and Stoughton Wellness and Athletic Center.

Stoughton To Be Featured in InBusiness Magazine



Make sure you get your hands on a copy of the September issue of InBusiness Magazine. Why? Because there will be a 12-page special supplement highlighting Stoughton. This joint project between the Chamber, city, schools and local businesses will tell Stoughton's story and is one of the ways the group is collaborating to promote all the great things that are happening in our community.

Coffee Break Festival – Crazy for Coffee!

The 17th Annual Coffee Break Festival was another success! About 500 people purchased mugs, so we figure at least 700 people attended to sample coffee from 5 different roasters. People participated in the Java Jog 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, viewed classic and custom cars, jumped in bouncy houses and bought things at the arts & crafts fair. New this year, Joe Conant and his crew worked hard and served up a delicious pig roast. It was a fantastic day for all ages. Thank you to the Coffee Break Festival Chair Dave Gasner and his committee for all the time and energy spent putting this event together! This was Dave's last year as chair and he has done a great job. Maybe next year *you* can help in some way?

And thank you to our sponsors!

Mocha Level

Blackhawk Community Credit Union
Bunn
Conant Automotive
D.W. Nelson
Olson Auto Exchange
Stoughton Courier Hub
Stoughton Hospital
The UPS Store
US Cellular/Radio Shack

Latte Level

Asleson's True Value Hardware
 Cress Funeral & Cremation Care
 Culver's
 Gold Star
 McFarland State Bank
 Pec's Personal Fitness
 Skaalen Retirement Services
 Stoughton Area Community Foundation
 Stoughton Lumber

Cappuccino Level

Badger Water
 Edward Jones – Tom Fendrick
 Hanson Pest Management
 Locks & Unlocks
 Saving Thyme

Coffee Level

Stoughton Floral
 TRICOR Insurance

Mark your calendars – next year's Coffee Break Festival is on Saturday, August 15th, 2015.



Congratulations to Cheesers of Stoughton for winning the "Roaster of the Festival" award with their Door County Coffee!

Sons of Norway - Mandt Lodge Named International Lodge of the Year

The recognition continues for members of Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge 5-314. At the recent International Sons of Norway Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, Mandt was named International Lodge of the Year for 2013- Tier 1. Mandt Lodge Building Corporation President John Arneson and Lodge President Darlene Arneson accept the award from International President Jon Tehven. Only two lodges (Tier 1- large lodges and Tier 2- smaller lodges) were recognized out of all 380 lodges which have 57,178 members in the United States, Canada and Norway. The lodge was named 2012 Family Lodge of the Year and the 2013 Lodge of the Year-Tier 1 at the District 5 Convention in June. Sons of Norway has biennium conventions so the awards were earned for the lodge's activities the past two years. The Family Lodge of the Year focuses on family, youth and educational activities. The Lodge of the Year evaluates the lodge's overall activities, programming and outreach to the community. To learn more about Sons of Norway – Mandt Lodge, contact Darlene Arneson at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com, 608-873-7209, or visit Facebook: Sons of Norway Stoughton, WI.



Mandt Lodge Building Corporation President John Arneson and Lodge President Darlene Arneson accept the award from International President Jon Tehven.

Moyer's Landscaping & Stoughton Utilities – Tree Power Savings

Shade trees on the south and west sides of your home can help reduce air conditioning costs in the summer, and allow warm sunlight into the home during the winter. Stoughton Utilities is offering residents up to \$50 cash back per tree (maximum 3 trees). In addition Moyer's Inc. is partnering with Stoughton Utilities by offering an additional 20% off approved shade trees with the Tree Power incentive. For more information click [here](#).

Stoughton Lionesses Help the Community!

What do you do when your non-profit group has left over food from serving festival goers at the Coffee Break Festival?? That's what the Stoughton Lionesses asked themselves at the end of the Coffee Break Festival back on August 16th. They decided to take their cooked brats, hot dogs, taco meat, fritos, buns, etc. and donate them to the Stoughton Youth Center. Greg Hoyt, Director of the Youth Center was thrilled to have them. Greg said they will freeze what they do not serve to the kids that week. He said on a weekly basis he has kids coming to the center that receive what might be their only meal of the day as there are about 10 – 20 families in the Stoughton area at any given time, that cannot put food on the table. He does what he can do to help via donations but it is not always enough and the food the Lionesses brought them would probably get them through until school started.

Bring It - Bake It - or Make It

In an effort to support the Stoughton Hospital ER/Urgent Care department, the *Partners of Stoughton Hospital* organization is planning to host a fundraiser on October 9, 2014 "Bring It, Bake It, Make It".

POSH will be gathering donated items from individuals and local businesses to include in a silent auction. Please consider donating an item(s) you feel would generate several bids. Be creative and think BIG! You might choose to "Bring" one of the many fantastic items available through our local businesses or create a gift basket of items, "Bake" something fantastic, maybe using some of our local fall produce, or all you crafts people who have amazing hobbies can "Make" one of your favorite items. Knit a blanket, paint a chair, make a wreath, create a piece of art using your favorite medium. Donations will be needed by October 1.

The event will be held in the lower level of Banushi's (BBG's) on October 9 beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be available in the Hospital gift shop starting September 1. Feel free to contact Becky Greiber at 608-873-2205 or bgreiber@stohosp.com for more information.

Walmart to Host Another Open House

Walmart is hosting an informational Open House to display plans and solicit feedback regarding its proposal for development of a Walmart store in the proposed Kettle Park West Development. There will be no formal group presentation, but Walmart and its consultants will be on hand to show plans and respond to comments. Stop by anytime during the Open House.

Walmart Open House
Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014
6:00-7:30pm

Hanson Room (Large Training Room) - EMS Garage - 516 S. Fourth Street, Stoughton, WI

July Real Estate Information

COLDWELL BANKER		Real Estate Market Statistics—July 2014			
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Stoughton School District	July 2014	2014 YTD	July 2013	2013 YTD	
# New Listings	57	296	31	251	
# Sales	27	155	33	160	
Average Sale Price	\$241,307	\$214,864	\$199,121	\$196,728	
Median Sale Price Single Family	\$231,077	\$191,500	\$179,000	\$191,500	
Median Sale Price Condo	\$107,995	\$128,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	
Total # Active Residential Listings at end of period	163		134		
Oregon School District	July 2014	2014 YTD	July 2013	2013 YTD	
# New Listings	44	299	44	278	
# Sales	29	170	39	181	
Average Sale Price	\$305,527	\$264,605	\$290,778	\$249,769	
Median Sale Price Single Family	\$239,900	\$232,500	\$277,000	\$230,250	
Median Sale Price Condo	\$237,000	\$161,000	\$153,500	\$142,000	
Total # Active Residential Listings at end of period	153		130		
Verona School District	July 2014	2014 YTD	July 2013	2013 YTD	
# New Listings	56	381	35	349	
# Sales	53	222	53	257	
Average Sale Price	\$317,925	\$293,515	\$301,972	\$275,990	
Median Sale Price Single Family	\$310,625	\$289,535	\$309,375	\$275,000	
Median Sale Price Condo	\$151,950	\$162,000	\$130,000	\$132,000	
Total # Active Residential Listings at end of period	159		145		
McFarland School District	July 2014	2014 YTD	July 2013	2013 YTD	
# New Listings	28	189	28	165	
# Sales	21	104	13	105	
Average Sale Price	\$238,860	\$240,423	\$265,151	\$248,144	
Median Sale Price Single Family	\$245,000	\$233,900	\$241,000	\$228,392	
Median Sale Price Condo	—	\$198,950	—	\$205,000	
Total # Active Residential Listings at end of period	85		78		

Information provided by the SCWMLS and is based on Single Family Homes and Condos as of July 13, 2014.



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