

# ***Sartell Area Chamber of Commerce Inc.***

## ***General Membership Meeting***

December 8, 2009

### **I. Welcome**

- a) Pledge
- b) Introductions
- c) First time guests
  - a. Sarah Johnson – Snap Fitness
  - b. Randy Ahren – Integra Telecom
  - c. Carl Koehn – Max Wireless

### **II. Announcements**

- a) This is the last membership meeting of 2009. There are three outgoing board members that have done an outstanding job over the past several years; Todd Fritz, Mark Osendorf and Dave Miller. Tom Templin will transition to past president and Nick Colatrella will become president effective January 1, 2010.
- b) Reminder that Membership Luncheon RSVP's are sent out via email a week prior to the meeting and is required so an accurate lunch count may be provided.
- c) Membership renewal forms have been given to each person in attendance today and is due within 30 days. Payments may be made on the Chamber website or a check may be mailed to the Chamber's P.O. Box.
- d) Thank You to Liquid Assets for preparing lunch for this meeting.

### **III. Lunch Sponsor – Max Wireless (Carl Koehn)**

- a) Max Wireless offers #1 total customer service.
- b) Flat rate broadband and wireless company.
- c) 3.5 G network
- d) Phones allow you to see who you are talking to via live video. Max Wireless is the first to offer video calling.
- e) 100% digital
- f) Flat rate price with unlimited talk, text and data.
- g) Troy Gunderson gave a brief testimony of his positive experience with Max Wireless.

#### **IV. Presentation – “What does the County Attorney’s Office do?”**

##### **(Stearns County Attorney, Janelle Kendall)**

- a) Stearns County office structure shown on slide presentation
  - i) 52 employees
    - a. 26 attorneys, 13 professional staff and 13 support staff
- b) Budget is 5.1 million for the year.
- c) Average of 900 go to prison per year.
- d) Adult felony charges rank the highest (person charges)
- e) An average of 500 trials are set per year. (30-40 of these actually go to trial.)
- f) 80-90% of crimes are drug related.
- g) 40-80 hours of law enforcement training is provided per year.
- h) Seven attorneys carry phones 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- i) Growth in violent crimes, mental illness and domestic violence. These are challenges ahead.

#### **V. Marketing Update (Deb Paul)**

- a) The Visitor’s Guide is expected to be out by Jan. 1, 2010.
- b) Now offering an “Early Bird Special” for the Sartell Community Showcase that will be on Saturday, February 20, 2010. All members in attendance received a registration form. Forms available at [www.sartellchamber.com](http://www.sartellchamber.com) and online payments may be made. Deadline for special ends Dec 18<sup>th</sup>!
- c) Community Showcase media sponsors are Times Media and Leighton Broadcasting.

#### **VI. City Update (Mayor Tim O’Driscoll)**

- a) The Junior Achievement program has openings. Contact Tim if interested.
- b) The 2010 budget will be available at the Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- d) Mayor Tim announced that Nick Colatrella, PineCone Vision Center was appointed for the Economic Development Commissions Committee.

#### **VII. School Update (Dale Gasser)**

- a) The Sartell Swim team is State Champs as well as the Football team!
- b) Focusing on the literacy program.
- c) The Board of Education will begin the search for a new superintendent in January 2010.

### **VIII. Announcements**

- a) National Karate will be having a Kids Event on Friday from 6:00-10:00 pm.
- b) Jane Laskey from the Times will be working on an article on how businesses can help out during these economic times. Please contact her if you have ideas.
- c) Chris Kosloski, Community Education stated over 600 attended the ECFE Holiday Kickoff Event last Saturday at ORE. The Sartell Senior Connection is hosting the Fun Singers at Celebration Church today.
- d) Snap Fitness is hosting Toys for Tots / Free enrollment special for 12 weeks.
- e) Brenny Transportation is sponsoring Toys for Trucks program for the holiday.
- f) Federal Credit Union is offering a holiday loan special of 2.99 percent interest.
- g) Wacosa is offering a holiday light & cord recycling program.
- h) Tom Templin announced the new information table in the hallway during Chamber meetings.

### **IX. Testimonials**

- a) Carl Koehn from Max Wireless – Community Education and Reker Construction have both personally provided so much for his family.
- b) A testimonial for Max Wireless. Very pleased with all of the features that are offered for \$30.00 per month and no contracts.
- c) A testimonial for PineCone Pet Hospital. A situation was shared about an ill dog that the pet hospital assisted and brought back to health.
- d) Patti Gartland – The Sartell Chamber is the business lifeline. A testimony for Susan Satre was given for all of her positive services.

## **X. Attendance Today**

360 Chiropractic	Brent Venables & Kirsten Freeman
AAMCO	Steve Anderson
Advanced Media	Troy Gunderson & Rod Oltz
ATA Martial Arts	Jessica Swift
BankVista	Tom Templin, Mike Phillips & Dan Nygaard
Bernicks	Jason Bernick
Blue Line	Scott Widor
Bremer Bank	Curt Gainsforth
Brenny Transportation	Rachael Haskamp
CentraCare Health System	Deb Paul
City of Sartell	Patti Gartland & Tim O'Driscoll
Custom Accents	Chris Nelson
District 748 Schools	Dale Gasser, Chris Kosloski & Cathy Vande Vrede
Epic Properties	Steve Feneis
Great River Bowl	Jason Mathiasen
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites	Sherry Engelbrekt
Image Builders	Lisa Landowski
INH	Scott Privatsky
Inteleconnect	Brenda Eisenschenk
Integra Telecom	Randy Ahern
KDV	Steven Leen & Caroline Stutsman
Liquid Assets	Chris Zupke
Max Wireless	Carl K, Todd Fritz & Scott Widor
Midsota Plastic Surgeons	Shelly Teff
National Karate	Christa Halonen
Northwestern Mutual	Andy Hawkins
Opportunity Manor	Regan Stommes
Pacific Wok	Bryan Kosidowski
Paramont Construction	Nate Moeller
PineCone Pet Hospital	Walker Brown
PineCone Vision Center	Nick Colatrella
Plaza Park Bank	David Eickhoff
Reker Construction Inc.	Marty Reker
Sailer Family Chiropractic	Jeff Sailer
Sartell Churches	Tom Wright
Sartell Newsleader	Janelle Von Pinnon
Sartell Post Office	Terry Niehaus
St Cloud Area Realtors	Paul Elwell
Stearns County Attorney	Janelle Kendall & Jenny Theis
Smart Site	Rich Gallus
Snap Fitness	Deb Seifert
St Cloud Federal Credit Union	Tammy Butler
Times Media	Shawna Hanson & Jane Laskey

Still Pointe  
Stonebreaker Design  
Sundance  
Synergy  
Tri-County Abstract  
US Bank  
Wacosa  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Xcel Energy  
Yo's Clinic  
You Have It Maid

Susan Saetre  
Andrew Lasher  
Stuart Swenson  
Cheri Carlson  
Mitch Rengel  
Dave Miller  
Roxanne Ryan  
Jacki Templin  
Mark Osendorf  
Angela Olson  
Sani Bernard

Total of 66 in attendance.