

[Manufacturing and Athena Awards Presented at Annual Meeting](#)

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented its 2009 Manufacturer of the Year Awards to two area firms, and its Athena Award to an outstanding businesswoman at the organization's annual meeting held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Economist and commentator, Barry Asmus, Ph.D., was the keynote speaker.

Twelve firms were nominated for the Manufacturing Awards with winners being selected in the small and medium categories. The Manufacturing Awards are sponsored by Baker Tilly. Fox Valley Spring Company, Inc. won in the Small Manufacturer category and Eggers Industries won in the Medium Manufacturer category.

The Chamber honored Kim Bassett-Heitzmann, President/COO, Bassett Mechanical with its 2009 Athena Award. The Athena Award is sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive.

Sponsors for the event included: AT&T; Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group; Community First Credit Union ; Fox Banquets Rivertyme Catering; Fox Valley Technical College; Keller, Inc.; Menasha Corporation; ThedaCare; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; US Bank; WHBY; Network HealthPlan and The Business News.

[Healthcare Reform the State and Federal Level](#)

WMC, in partnership with the Marshfield Clinic, Pfizer Inc., the Rauser Agency, and WPS Health Insurance, is hosting a series of member briefings (<http://www.wmc.org/PDFfiles/HC-flyer.pdf>) on the current status and substance of healthcare reform at both the state and federal level. The briefings will feature Michael Tanner, Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, as well as an update from WMC staff on Wisconsin-specific healthcare legislation and WMC activities.

Michael Tanner heads research into a variety of domestic policies with a particular emphasis on healthcare reform, welfare policy, and Social Security. Tanner's writings have appeared in nearly every major American newspaper, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. (MORE)

(<http://wmc.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=5624&brandid=4045&uid=1000193239&mi=493976&ptid=9>)

Register today! (<http://wmc.informz.net/survistapro/s.asp?id=1998>)

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[Business Connection for November](#)

When: Wednesday, November 11, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Solea Mexican Grill, 1350 Gillingham Rd., Neenah

A monthly, informal, after-hours event sponsored by a Chamber member. Bring your business cards and mingle! Cost for Chamber members is \$2.00 if registered and paid in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Non-member cost to attend is \$20.00.

[Morning Business Advice for November](#)

When: Thursday, November 12, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Where: FVTC DJ Bordini, 5 Systems Drive, Appleton

James Prosser of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. will speak about "Avoiding Legal Pitfalls When Interviewing Candidates - Top 10 Mistakes." Prosser will discuss preparing effective interview strategies and how to avoid liability when questioning candidates. The event is sponsored by WIPFLI LLP. Registration is at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 for Chamber members in advance or \$10.00 at the door and \$15.00 for non-members. Advance registration is accepted until noon the day prior to the event.

Breakfast Networking Connections

When: November 19, 2009, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, 125 N. Superior St., Appleton

Members of the Fox Cities Chamber can now jump start their day with a hot cup of coffee and a handshake at the Breakfast Networking Connections. At the other end of the handshake might just be their next new customer! Meetings are held from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. A maximum of 30 people can attend. Each participant is given two minutes to talk about themselves and their job and can distribute materials. The cost to attend is \$2.00 per person which include a continental breakfast.

Pulse November Event

When: Thursday, November 19, 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah

Kristin Steede, the local woman who appeared on The Biggest Loser, NBC's hit reality television show, will give a behind the scenes look into the show. Have you ever wondered how much of reality TV is real? What happens when the cameras stop rolling? What is it like to have your every move watched by millions of people while weighing 360 pounds. Steede will share it all including her story of emotional and physical perseverance in becoming the first woman ever to lose 100 lbs while on the show. The event sponsored by Coalesce. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Cost to attend is \$10.00 for Pulse members (\$15.00 if registered after November 16); \$20.00 for non-Pulse Members (\$25.00 if registered after November 16).

Business Connection for December

When: Wednesday, December 1, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha

A monthly, informal, after-hours event sponsored by a Chamber member. Bring your business cards and mingle! Cost for Chamber members is \$2.00 if registered and paid in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Non-member cost to attend is \$20.00.

New North Summit

When: Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: KI Center, Green Bay

New North and NEW END will host A Date to Renew, a one-day economic development opportunity for collaboration, networking and education. Be inspired and motivated – hear success stories from local entrepreneurs, community leaders and attend business breakout sessions. Cost to attend is \$45 per person if registered prior to November 16 or \$55 per person after that date.

Morning Business Advice for December

When: December 10, 2009, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Where: FVTC DJ Bordini, 5 Systems Drive, Appleton

Diane Roundy of Schenck Business Solutions will speak about "Effectively Working The Room: The Top 10 Habits of Turning Introductions Into Leads." Learn networking basics and how to meet key people. The event is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. Registration is at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 for Chamber members in advance or \$10.00 at the door and \$15.00 for non-members. Advance registration is accepted until noon the day prior to the event.

Experience China

Join the Northeast Wisconsin Chamber Coalition (includes the Chambers of Commerce from Fond du Lac, the Fox Cities, Green Bay Area and Oshkosh) and fellow business leaders for an exciting adventure to China in spring 2010! The group will depart from JFK International Airport on April 8, 2010. Reservation deadline will be in early December 2009.

Experience today's China – learn about the Chinese business system, meet with Chinese business leaders and take in all the country's memorable sites and cultural experiences.

The trip includes tours of Tian An Men Square, the largest square in the world, and the Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall and Ming Tombs while in Beijing. In Shanghai visits will be made to the Linger Garden, Tiger Hill, Hanshan Temple and National Embroidery Institute to see silk embroidery, a local craft with thousands of years of history.

For more information contact the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce by calling (920) 734-7101 or emailing to information@foxcitieschamber.com Type China Trip in the subject line.

Save the Date – Economic Outlook Breakfast, Wednesday, February 3, 2010

The following events are co-sponsored with the Fox Cities Chamber

Customer Service Workshop

When: Friday, November 6

[Morning Session – 8:30 a.m. to noon](#)

[Afternoon Session – 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.](#)

Where: Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, 125 N. Superior St., Appleton

Joe Constance of Constant Training will speak on customer service as an integral part of any business and how treating customers can affect your business. All participants will receive a copy of Constance's book Customer Service Eagles. Cost to attend is \$70.00 for Chamber members and \$80.00 for non-members.

Up2Date, a weekly e-newsletter from the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, features Chamber sponsored programs and events including Business Connections, Morning Business Advice, seminars and other relevant news for the coming week.

Up2Date is best viewed in HTML format.

To register for any of the following Fox Cities Chamber events or to inquire about Chamber membership, call (920) 734-7101, [go online](#) or [email](#). To read a full description of the information, click on the title of the event or [go online](#) to www.foxcitieschamber.com