

China for just \$1,999/person

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.

Learn about the Chinese business system, meet Chinese business leaders and take in all the country's memorable sites and cultural experiences.

Your trip will include:

- Roundtrip international airfare (does not include travel to and from John F. Kennedy International Airport)
- 4- and 5-star hotel accommodations
- 3 meals each day
- Deluxe bus tours
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides
- Entrance fees for attractions

Important trip information:

- This phenomenal trip is only \$1,999 per person based on double occupancy.
- Reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Payment in full is required by December 15.
- All travelers must have a valid Chinese visa (\$145.00 for Chinese visa processing in addition to the trip cost).
- Securing and updating a passport is your responsibility.
- There is a \$700 cancellation fee up to Dec. 31, 2009; thereafter, the entire payment is forfeited upon cancellation.

[Register today](#) by going online or by calling the Chamber at (920) 734-7101.

Project Thank You

Volunteers will be visiting all members of the Chamber during the annual Project Thank You on Tuesday, December 1. In-person visits are made to hand deliver new materials to Chamber members. These personal visits also give members the opportunity to discuss Chamber related issues and programs, and carry any questions or concerns voiced by members back to the staff for appropriate action. If you would like to participate in Project Thank You, send an email to information@foxcitieschamber.com and type Project Thank You Volunteer in the subject line.

[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: Tuesday, 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.

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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Growth and development in the Fox Cities

The January/February issue of *Fox Cities Chamber Business* is the annual growth and development issue. The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce reviews the building activity in the past year including expansions and relocations. The Chamber keeps track of these activities as we are made aware of them. Many of the area general contractors also provide us with information. The Chamber would like to have as complete of a list as possible.

If your company has built a new location, expanded or remodeled, please send us the information. Please be sure to include the size of the project in square footage, project cost, location, and number of jobs created if any. Information can be sent by faxing to (920) 734-7161 or emailing to information@foxcitieschamber.com. Type Growth & Development in the subject line.

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

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