

National Healthcare

A heartfelt thank you to all of members who took the time to make their concerns about the healthcare bill (HR 3590) known to our representatives in Washington.

Your willingness to write, e-mail, phone, and make personal visits was necessary and helpful to the debate, and deeply appreciated by the Chamber and your fellow Chamber members throughout the Fox Cities.

The President signed HR 3590 into law earlier this week, following its passage by both the Senate and House. The legislation will bring dramatic changes to the health insurance marketplace in the US. While most tax increases will be in force immediately, other changes that will impact employers and workers will be phased in over the next five years. [Follow this link for a brief summary](#) regarding how the legislation will affect Chamber members.

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Earn a Gift Card

Chamber members who participate in the Office Depot program can earn a \$50.00 American Express Gift Card with Office Depot. Just order 8 cases of Hammermill standard 8 ½ X 11 copy paper by March 31 and receive your \$50.00 gift card. Hammermill paper is 99.99% Jam-Free, guaranteed! Call your Office Depot rep, Greg Breister at 920-328-3488 or email him at Gregory.breister@officedepot.com for more details. Hurry, offer ends March 31, 2010.

Fox Cities Chamber Business – May / June 2010 issue

The editorial coverage for the upcoming issue is Innovation in Education – Funding challenges, training future workers. *Capitalize on member-to-member business opportunities — advertise in 2010.* [Click on this link for the 2010 Editorial Calendar & Rate Sheet.](#) For more information about advertising, email to svandenheuvel@foxcitieschamber.com

Northeastern Wisconsin Global Trade Conference - Taking Wisconsin to the World

When: Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Oshkosh Convention Center, Oshkosh

This event is a collaboration of the Highway 41 Corridor International Development Program that consists of the Fox Cities, Fond du Lac Area, Green Bay & Oshkosh Chambers of Commerce and their respective economic development partners. Keynote speakers are Steve Shelley, Senior Vice President Supply Chain Management for Schreiber Foods, Inc. and Ro Khanna, deputy assistant secretary for domestic operations for the U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Master of ceremonies will be Bill Jartz, WBAY-TV news anchor. Cost to attend is \$80.00 per person. Discounts are available for registrations of multiple people from the same company. Registration

fee includes breakfast, lunch, all seminar sessions, morning and afternoon breaks. For more information and to register contact Fred Monique monique@titletown.org 920-496-2118.

[Pulse March Madness Membership Drive](#)

Pulse, the Young Professionals Network, will be holding a membership drive for the entire month of March. Join during the drive for only \$50 per person and receive many giveaways. This rate also is available to current members to renew their membership for one year. A culminating event will be held on April 15 at Riverview Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information, go online to www.foxcitiesyoungprofessionals.com or call Joy Kapheim the Fox Cities Chamber at (920) 734-7101.

[Leaderfest '10, a Young Professional Regional Event](#)

When: Thursday, April 1

Where: Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan

This is the fourth annual Leaderfest. Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's restaurants, will be the keynote speaker during the evening program. Anderson's speech will focus on the success of his restaurant concept, and share his experience on maintaining strong attitudes and managing the challenges of operating a small business. Many workshops will be held throughout the day. For a complete description on the workshops, visit www.leadership.com. Cost to attend the day portion of the event is \$75.00 per person including the morning seminar, afternoon breakout sessions and lunch. The evening is \$35.00 per person. Attend both for a discounted rate of \$100. For more information on Pulse go online to www.foxcitiesyoungprofessionals.com

[Morning Business Advice for April](#)

When: Thursday, April 8, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Where: FVTC DJ Bordini, 5 Systems Drive, Appleton

Jeff Lang of Omni Resources, Inc. will speak about "Business Metrics: Converting Your Data into Actionable Information." Lang will cover understanding business analytics and finding the right tools for your business. The event sponsor is sponsored by Guident Business Solutions, LLC. 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.

[Business Connection for April](#)

When: Tuesday, April 13, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Butte des Morts Country Club, 3600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton

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.

[Breakfast Networking for April](#)

When: Thursday, April 29, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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

Members have the opportunity to meet at the Chamber office and give a two minute talk about themselves and their company and can distribute materials. A maximum of 30 people may attend. Individuals from Chamber member firms can sign up for as many dates as they would like. The cost to attend is \$2.00 per person which includes a continental breakfast. To register, go to the Chamber website www.foxcitieschamber.com and click on Chamber Events on the left side. Go to the months you wish to register for and follow the instructions.

[Pulse April Event - Pegasus Leadership Event](#)

When: Wednesday, April 28th

Where: Pegasus Leadership Consultants, N7394 Brusewitz Road, Black Creek

This event features experiential leadership development activities, starring the gentle and friendly Pegasus horses. If you're not much for riding, don't worry you won't actually be on the horses. Even though the event is strong on leadership and professional development, casual attire is strongly encouraged. This event will be held in a stable so wear a jacket and comfortable shoes as well. Food will be served and time set aside at the end to check out the stable. Cost to attend is \$10.00 for Pulse members and \$20.00 for non-members. More information and registration will be posted on the website soon.

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Small Business of the Year award nominations due April 2nd

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry is seeking nominations for its 2010 Small Business of the Year and Rising Star Awards. The Small Business Awards recognize excellence in Manufacturing, Retail/Wholesale, and Service trades. The Rising Star Award recognizes entrepreneurial firms in business less than five years but already exhibiting signs of success. Innovative companies with strong business plans and creative strategies are highlighted.

First National Bank – Fox Valley and Schenck SC are returning as the award sponsors in conjunction with The Post-Crescent and WHBY 1150 AM.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Chamber website www.foxcitieschamber.com or call (920) 734-7101.

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

PCI Compliance Seminar

When: Wednesday, April 7 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Where: Bridgewood Hotel & Convention Center, 1000 Cameron Way, Neenah

As a credit card merchant, it's your job to know about PCI compliance. The set of requirements is designed to ensure all companies – big and small – that process, store or transmit credit card information maintain a secure environment. If your customers' credit card information is breached, your business could be held financially liable. Don't assume your credit card software or processing company has this covered on your behalf. The cost for the seminar is \$25.00 for Chamber members and \$35.00 for non-members and includes a continental breakfast.

Save the Date

Small Business Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Chamber Scramble Golf Outing, Monday, July 26, 2010 at Ridgeway Country Club

Business Expo 2010, Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Annual Meeting, Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Upcoming Business Connections

Tuesday, June 29 at Appleton Yacht Club

Tuesday, July 13 at Miron Construction

Wednesday, August at The Villas of Apple Tree

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