

Nomination process for manufacturing awards begins

Each year the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce recognizes successful manufacturing firms with its Manufacturer of the Year Awards. Nominations are currently being sought for the 2009 awards to be presented at the Chamber Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 28. Nominees must be manufacturing companies within the Fox Cities and must be a member of the Fox Cities Chamber. To receive a nomination form or for more information on the Manufacturer of the Year Awards call the Chamber at 920-734-7101, email to information@foxcitieschamber.com Type Manufacturer of the Year Awards in the subject line. Nomination forms are due on September 4.

2009-2010 Wage and Benefits Study

There is still time to participate in the 2009-2010 Wage and Benefits Study! The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Northeast Wisconsin Chambers Coalition is currently conducting the study. The study results are available to survey participants upon completion of data entry. Non-survey participants will not have access to the results until November. This is a critical time due to changes in employment and the downturn in the economy to have accurate wage and benefit information available. More information and how to become a participant in this study can be found at the Chamber's website www.foxcitieschamber.com

Morning Business Advice for August

When: Thursday, August 13, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Where: FVTC DJ Bordini Center, 5 Systems Dr., Appleton

Speakers for the 2009 Small Business of the Year Award Winners will discuss their "3 Keys to Success." Representatives from R. Sabee Company, LLC (Manufacturing Category); Building Service, Inc. (Retail/Wholesale Category) and Turek's Plumbing, Inc. (Service Category). The event is sponsored by First National Bank - Fox Valley and Schenck Business Solutions. 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.

Fox Cities Chamber Business magazine

The **September/October issue is the largest of the year** as it is distributed at the **Business Expo**. This issue is an excellent opportunity to drive business to your at the Expo!!

Editorial coverage will be: **CLASS ACT:** Educational reform. Role of business in education. Career pathways. Beyond the QEO. **Ad commitment deadline is Friday 8/14/09. Artwork deadline Friday 8/21/09.**

Lamp Recycling

When: Wednesday, August 19

Where: Goodwill Industries located at the intersection of highways 441 and 41

Companies that have 300 or more fluorescent bulbs to recycle may make arrangements for a pickup at no additional cost, as long as all the bulbs are in a single Fox Cities location. Requests for pick up must be made through the Chamber office at least one week prior to the event. A complete price list for the 2009 Lamp Recycling is located on the Chamber website at www.foxcitieschamber.com

To request additional information, contact Thom Ciske, vice president of government affairs, at the Chamber at (920) 734-7101 or by e-mailing to information@foxcitieschamber.com

Business Connection for August

When: Wednesday, August 19, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Barnes & Associates Dentistry, 381 Kools Street, 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.

Save the Date – September 23, Building Service, Inc. , 2920 N. Ballard Rd. Ste. B, Appleton

Pulse & Current Hosting Joint Golf Outing

Join Pulse and Current at the Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links for an afternoon of golf along with an evening of networking. Golf includes a box lunch, 18 holes of golf, dinner and networking. You can choose to do the entire package, only dinner or just show up for a great "Networking Night". If your business would like to get involved, there are opportunities to contribute prizes and/or items for a free "goodie" bag and various sponsorships still available.

Where: Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links, 201 Royal St. Pat's Drive, Wrightstown

When: Monday, August 24, 2009

Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Box lunch: 12:20 p.m.

Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Awards: 6:00 p.m.

Networking Night: 6:00 p.m.

Price:

\$65.00 (includes 18 holes of golf, cart, box lunch, dinner & awards)

\$15.00 (if only attending dinner)

FREE – Networking Night following dinner

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (cash bar available)

Breakfast Networking Connections

When: August 27, 2009 (check our website for dates for the rest of year)

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.

[The Fox Cities' Largest Business to Business Event Business Expo 2009](#)

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Where: Tri County Ice Arena, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The 21st Annual Business Expo offers maximum exposure with minimum time commitment. Booth availability is exclusive only to Fox Cities Chamber members and limited to 155 booths. Booth rental is still at 2008 prices -- \$490 if registered by July 31. After that date, rental is \$510. Booth includes standard electrical hook up, table and booth draping provided; exhibitors provide and assemble their own displays. Ribbon cutting ceremony opens the event. For more information on exhibiting at the Expo contact Pam Hull, vice president of membership and operations at the Chamber, by calling 920-734-7101 or e-mail to phull@foxcitieschamber.com.

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

[Controlling Healthcare Costs - an Employer Perspective HR Business Partners, LLC](#)

When: Tuesday, August, 18, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

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

Mary Felton of HR Business Partners, LLC will share innovative experiences in controlling healthcare costs while positively impacting employees health, productivity, culture and bottom line. The initiatives that Felton has implemented have shown 30-35% reduction in healthcare cost within the first year, while enhancing employee benefits and wellness culture. Cost to attend is \$20.00 for Chamber members and \$25.00 non-members.

[Thriving During Difficult Economic Times Avoid Burnout](#)

When: Thursday, August 20, 8:00m to 9:30 a.m.

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

Workplace burnout isn't the same as workplace stress. Burnout may be the result of unrelenting stress even though it isn't the same as too much stress. When you're stressed, you care too much, but when you're burned out, you don't see any hope of improvement. This challenging, dynamic and interactive 90 minute workshop has been developed by Dale Carnegie to provide tools needed to avoid workplace burnout, manage job stress and be more productive. Cost is \$49.00 for Chamber members and \$59.00 for non-members.

Save the Date

Annual Dinner -- Wednesday, October 28

Trip to China – April 2010

The Northeast Wisconsin Chamber Coalition (includes the Chambers of Commerce from Fond du Lac, the Fox Cities, Green Bay Area and Oshkosh) are in the process of planning a trip to China in April 2010. More details will be available in late September 2009.

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