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Governor Walker Visit



Shannon Meyer, Gov. Scott Walker & David G. Voss, Jr.

A packed audience at Miron Construction in the Town of Menasha greeted Gov. Scott Walker with a standing ovation. Walker addressed Chamber members and guests on the state's economy and job creation Thursday morning.

Thank you to our hosts.



Small Business Awards Luncheon - June 8

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Small Business of the Year Award Luncheon on Wednesday, June 8 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton. The awards recognize excellence in small business Manufacturing, Wholesale/Retail, Service. An up-and-coming small business is recognized with the Rising star Award.



Sponsors of this year's awards include



The event will begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. [To register online click here.](#) For additional information contact the Chamber by calling (920) 734-7101 or by emailing to information@foxcitieschamber.com

in conjunction with The Post-Crescent and WHBY 1150 AM

Fox Cities Chamber Business -- July/August Issue

The editorial coverage of the **July/August 2011 issue** will be **Jobs** and will also **feature the 2011 Small Business Award winners.**



Space reservation deadline is Friday, June 3.

[To download a PDF of the Editorial Calendar click here.](#) [To download a PDF of the Advertising Rate sheet click here.](#)

2011 Wisconsin Next Generation Manufacturing Study

The Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP) launched the 2011 Next Generation Manufacturing Study to benchmark the global competitiveness of state manufacturers. The new research effort is an update of Wisconsin's 2008 landmark study of more than 500 state firms.

Manufacturers who complete the study's confidential questionnaire will receive a comprehensive Next Generation Manufacturing Performance Report that will allow them to see how they stack up against other firms surveyed. The web-based Next Generation Manufacturing Study questionnaire can be accessed at www.NGMStudy.com. Any manufacturing owner, CEO or senior-

level executive is eligible to participate. Participation in the study is confidential or anonymous and takes 20-25 minutes to complete. The deadline for participation is June 21, 2011.

Scheduled to be released this fall, the 2011 study results will provide a wealth of valuable data for manufacturers, business leaders and state and national policymakers.

Manufacturing contributes \$42 billion to Wisconsin's economy annually and is the state's second largest private-sector employer.

For more information on the 2011 Next Generation Manufacturing Study, go to www.wmep.org/node/1907 or call 1-877-856-8588.

Pulse - Urban Evolutions Event - June 16

Urban Evolutions

When: Thursday, June 16

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Registration & Networking

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Presentation & Tour

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Socialize and check out the retail store

Where: Urban Evolutions

867 Valley Road, Menasha

Pulse has an opportunity to learn about a unique, successful worldwide business in the Fox Cities. Urban Evolutions is a source for an array of reclaimed building materials, custom fixtures and design solutions for high-end retail and other commercial locations around the world as well as home restorations and new sustainable home construction. Listen to the owner's story to make their mark on places like Anthropologie in London, Pink Taco in Los Angeles, Free People Corporate headquarters in Philadelphia and Hawaiian Salt in Hawaii.

Cost: \$12.00 for Pulse members and \$22.00 for non-members includes appetizers and beverages. Price will increase by \$5.00 each after June 14.

Co-Sponsored Events

How to Conduct Valid Market Research and Build Credible Revenue Projections

When: Tuesday, June 28, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

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

Whether you have an existing business, are looking to expand, or

you are a start-up company, Jothi Nedungadi, CEO, Competitive InfoSearch, LLC and James Oliver, Managing Member, Bespoke Solutions, LLC, will demonstrate effective ways to conduct market research and use that research to build credible revenue projections that will satisfy your banker and investors. Cost: to attend is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for perspective members is paid in advance. Cost increase to \$25.00 and \$30.00 at the door for Chamber and non-Chamber members, respectively.

Business Connections -- 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A informal monthly 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.

June

When: [Tuesday, June 28](#)

Where: [Appleton Yacht Club](#), 1200 S. Lutz Drive, Appleton

Breakfast with Congressman Reid Ribble

When: Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Where: Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr., Appleton

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in conjunction with the Heart of the Valley Chamber have arranged for a breakfast conversation with Congressman Reid Ribble. There will certainly be plenty to talk about, i.e.; gas prices, economy, jobs, raising the debt ceiling, reducing federal spending, Social Security, Medicare, Interstate status for USH 41, war on terror, the demise of Bin Laden, etc. The cost to attend is \$15.00 and includes a continental breakfast. [To register, click here.](#)

Golf Outing - July 25

The Fox Cities Chamber golf outing is scheduled for Monday, July 25 at Ridgeway Country Club in Neenah and will have a new twist this year.

A "Chopper Dropper" ball drop is being introduced. Five hundred

tickets at a cost of \$50.00 each will be sold. At approximately 5 p.m. on the day of the event, 500 numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter on the 18th hole. The ball in or closest to the cup wins \$10,000.

The outing will remain in a best ball scramble format, with a shot gun start at 10:00 a.m. A boxed lunch will be delivered to the golfers on the course and a reception with a large variety of hors d' oeuvres will be offered at the conclusion of the day.

New sponsorship levels have been established for the event. [For a PDF of the sponsorship opportunities click here.](#)

Cost to golf is \$150.00 per golfer or \$600.00 per foursome and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, the box lunch and hors d' oeuvres reception. [Golfers can register by downloading a PDF](#) or online at www.foxcitieschamber.com

For more information on sponsorships or to schedule a foursome contact Pam Hull, vice president of Membership and Operations at the Chamber, by calling 920-734-7101 or e-mail to phull@foxcitieschamber.com.

Morning Business Advice -- 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Monthly small business events planned by the Small Business Committee. 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.

Morning Business Advice for July

When: [Thursday, July 14](#)

Where: Marian University Appleton, 720 Association Dr., Appleton
Christine Russell of WPS Insurance/ARSIE will speak about the "The State of Small Business Healthcare and Innovations in Healthcare."
The event sponsor is [Valley Insurance Associates, Inc.](#)

China Trip -- Oct. 31 to Nov. 8

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 are planning a second trip to China this fall.



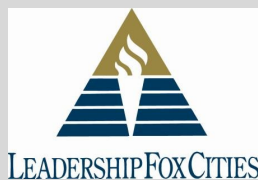
The group will depart from JFK International Airport on Monday, October 31, returning on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Reservation deadline will be August 1. Cost per person is only \$2,099 based on double occupancy.

If you are interested in more information, [click here to download a PDF](#) or contact the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce by calling (920) 734-7101 or emailing to information@foxcitieschamber.com Type China Trip 2011 in the subject line.

Board of Directors Nomination Information

The Chamber is asking for nominations from the general membership to serve on our Board of Directors. Please see a [PDF of the Board Nomination Request Letter](#) and a [PDF of the Board Nomination](#) if you would like to help us shape the future of the chamber going forward.

Leadership Fox Cities



Leadership Fox Cities to hold reunion

Leadership Fox Cities was initiated by the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce in 1991 to cultivate and train an ongoing pool of candidates who could continue to serve the community. **The program will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2011.** Several alumni have come together to plan a reunion event to be held in the next several months. If you are an alumnus of the program and wish to receive information on the event please provide us with your updated contact information. Email to information@foxcitieschamber.com

Type Leadership Fox Cities in the subject line or contact Gayle Schultz by calling 920-734-7101.

2011-2012 Applications

[Click here to download an application for the next class.](#)

Save the Date

Face Booth Fox Cities Business Expo 2011 - Tuesday,
September 13, 2011, Players Choice of the Fox Cities
Annual Meeting -- Thursday, November 3, 2011, Fox Cities
Performing Arts Center

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