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OED advances the business prosperity of Ozaukee County collaborating with community, regional and business partners ensuring a growing and diversified economy.

Business of the Year & Economic Forecast Breakfast



KAPCO

Roger Kirgues, Jim Kacmarcik, Todd Luft

Ozaukee Economic Development was excited to hold its first Business of the Year Award and Economic Forecast Breakfast. The breakfast was held on October 9th at the Ozaukee Pavilion.

Roger Kirgues started the program by recognizing our two Businesses of the Year. Both businesses were recognized for significant business growth and strong community partnerships.

The Small Business of the Year is **From Scratch Catering**. They opened their business five years ago with six employees and has now grown to 39 employees. The company, founded by Donna and Roger Erickson, has seen significant growth in their revenue stream and has developed an ever-expanding base of clients. From Scratch Catering has also been an excellent community partner, donating to a variety of causes including the Cedarburg Education Foundation, the Grafton Area Chamber, Advocates and the Rivoli Theatre Restoration.



From Scratch Catering

Roger Kirgues, Donna Erickson, Roger Erickson, Todd Luft

The Large Business of the Year is **Kapco, Inc.** in Grafton. Kapco was founded by Tom Kacmarcik, Sr. in 1972. The business has continued to grow over the years, even during the previous recession and was selected by the Milwaukee Business Journal as one of the “Fastest Growing Companies” in the area for the past two years running. Kapco is now owned and operated by Jim Kacmarcik and has nearly 400 employees within the Kapco family of companies. Kapco is a strong community partner as well, focusing on five major tenets; Kids and Families in Need, Arts and Education for Low-income Children, Programs encouraging Job Readiness and Training, Community Organizations & Events and KAPCO’s employees. Lastly, in 2012, KAPCO saw the inaugural season of the Lakeshore Chinooks, a wooden bat baseball team, at the new Kapco Park at Concordia University.



Economic Forecast Speakers

David Frances, Bill Morse, Dr. David Borst

Following the Award presentations, Dr. David Borst, Dean of the Business School at Concordia University moderated a panel discussion on the economy with David Francis, Vice President of Investment Equities at Thrivent Asset Allocation Funds and Bill Morse, Senior Vice President of Ziegler Wealth Management. The Panel discussion highlighted current issues facing our economy including unemployment, the Affordable Health Care Act’s effect on businesses and the interest rate.

President's View...

As 2013 comes to a close, OED is planning for the future. The economy as a whole, has improved and one of the most critical indicators, unemployment is down. New challenges are facing businesses in 2014 including the Federal Government's Affordable Care Act. Recognizing this, OED has partnered with the area Chambers of Commerce to offer an education program on how creating a Wellness Program can reduce companies health care costs.

OED will continue to work hard and advocate on behalf of Ozaukee County businesses in 2014.

In 2013, OED through its ongoing efforts:

Attracted 312 new jobs

Retained 127 jobs

I invite you to contact Kathleen Cady Schilling, OED's Executive Director, or me directly if OED can assist your businesses.

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Best wishes for a safe Holiday Season and a prosperous 2014!

Cordially

Todd Luft

President OED
Ozaukee Economic Development



How Corporate "Wellness" Can Save Your Bottom Line



January 16, 2013

7:45—900 am

Aurora Hospital

Ozaukee Economic Development, Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce, Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce, Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, Port Washington Chamber of Commerce and the Saukville Chamber of Commerce invite you to a program on how a "Wellness" program within your business can impact your bottom line.

Agenda

7:45—8:00

**Continental Breakfast
Provided by Aurora Health Care**

8:00 - 9:00

Presentation

Tom Ross: Ansay & Associates

Rich Erickson: LaBudde Group

Lora Mirasola & Laura Meyer: Charter Steel

Dr. David Smith: Aurora Health Care

RSVP to jhill@co.ozaukee.wi.us by January 13, 2014
Include name and e-mail of attendees

2014 Manufacturing and Career Fair

Date Set...March 25, 2014

OED is pleased to announce its 6th Annual Manufacturing and Career Fair to be held at Cedarburg High School on March 25, 2014. The Career Fair is an opportunity for Manufacturers to promote the industry to high school students as they begin to plan for the future. The career fair looks at all aspects of Manufacturing and discusses opportunities directly out of high school, ones that utilize technical training or an Associates degree and jobs that require a bachelors or advanced degree.

If you would like to be part of the Career Fair, please contact Kathleen Schilling at 262.238.7730 or kschilling@co.ozaukee.wi.us



Thiensville Business Forum

On Wednesday, September 25th the Village of Thiensville hosted a meeting showcasing new development in the Village along with encouraging the business and development community to consider Thiensville for their next business venture.

The evening began with a groundbreaking for the new Health Alliance Building on Main Street in Thiensville. The project which sits on the former Reimer's Flowers, D&D Electronics and Sand n' Sea Scuba sites, will be a three-story mixed use building focused on health services. The project is being headed by Dr. Gary Lewis and Andrea Mayerson.

The program then moved to the Watermark at Shully's where guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and networking. Dr. Van Mobley, Village President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Thiensville. Ken Herrera then highlighted the Village's efforts and brought forward a new "business attraction" video. The program ended with talks by Village Trustees Kim Beck and David Lang who spoke about the new Economic Alliance and the many attributes of the Village for businesses. The program ended with a recognition of the new Shully's facility—The Watermark at Shully's and Scott and Beth Shully's commitment to Thiensville.



L—R Steve Giuntoli, Dr. Gary Lewis, Andrea Mayerson, Van Mobley, Lisa Giuntoli, David Lange & Kim Beck



Dr. Van Mobley
Village President



Ken Herrera



Kim Beck
Village Trustee



David Lange
Village Trustee

Mayor' Forum City of Port Washington

The City of Port Washington hosted its sixth Mayor's Forum. The program held at Franklin Energy in Downtown Port Washington on October 23rd. The evening began with hors d'oeuvres and networking.

Mayor Tom Mlada welcomed all attending and started with the Business recognition program. The City recognized three businesses for their commitment to Port Washington and impact on the Community:

Poole Funeral Home recently celebrated 100 years of business. Poole Funeral Home has been located in downtown Port Washington and owned by the Poole family for the entire time.

Allen Edmonds has also been a long time Port Washington business having moved after a fire at its Belgium facility. Allen Edmonds has become a major local business with over 500 employees at its two Port Washington facilities.

Duluth Trading Company was recognized as Port Washington's Business of the Year. Former Mayor Scott Huebner highlighted the efforts of the City to bring the company to Port Washington. Duluth Trading Company has had an immediate impact on the downtown bringing new shoppers to the community. Steve Schlacht, CEO of Duluth Trading Company was there to accept the award.

Mayor Mlada highlighted the City's marketing efforts including its new brand—**Your Home Port**—and the updated City website. Mayor Mlada noted there would be 4 to 5 additional Mayor Business Forums in 2014.

Save the Date — Wednesday April 30, 2014
7th Annual Outreach Event
The Watermark at Shully's