



# Princeton Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and Tourism

## LEADERSHIP & COLLABORATION

Here at the chamber, we LOVE to collaborate. We feel it's the best way to enhance our business community and the Princeton community as a whole. As you know, our PACC Leadership Series participants meet once a month and focus on different topics such as the History of Princeton, Princeton Businesses, Princeton Nonprofits, Agriculture Day and more! We usually spend the first half in the "classroom" listening to panelists or presentations, then we eat lunch and head out into the community. Each month when I post photos of our day to Facebook, people want to know how they can be a part of what we did that day. In October we toured Princeton on golf carts with a guide. In November, we toured the Princeton Pantry and Reclamation Center and gave of our time by helping out at both locations. In January, we did some drumming at Beyond Sport Fitness, and in February, we got a behind-the-scenes look at two local restaurants and then interviewed high school seniors at a Just Desserts—Senior Edition event. It has all been amazing, and we have four more sessions to go! So, how do you get involved? Sign up for the 2024 PACC Leadership Series! We limit our group to no more than 15 participants so that we have a smaller group where we can network and get to know one another well. Contact me at the Chamber for more information and to sign up for leadership. You'll be so glad you did!

The Puzzles, Pizza and Pub Night was so much fun, and it was so popular that we may do another one again this year. We loved collaborating with Sunken Ship Brewing Company and the Pizza Barn on the event where teams of four competed to be the first team to complete a 300 piece puzzle, eat a large pizza and drink eight beers. The fastest team completed this mission in less than 40 minutes! The puzzle that was used was put together by a local photographer, and we have some for sale at the chamber for \$35/each. Stop by and grab one! The puzzle photo is pictured to the right.

—Kim Young, Executive Director

## SAVE THE DATE

### March 7

Lunch & Learn, **This Is Princeton** presentation, Noon, Civic Center

### March 14

Princeton Podcast released

### March 16

Leadership Series, Education & the Arts Day, 9 am—3 pm

### March 16

After Hours, **Spirit River Yoga & Massage**, 4:30—6 pm. Bring a yoga mat or towel!

### March 22

Morning Networking with **Element Group**, 8:00 am

### March 28

Princeton Podcast released



## Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome several new members to the chamber!

### Brains & Games

provides a fun space away from home to relax, compete, and meet new people who share similar interests. It's a one stop shop for all types of game lovers. They offer board games, video games, card games, game accessories (ie dice), plus more.

Ace Heating & Air Conditioning is locally owned and operated out of Princeton and specializes in all areas of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

Normand Property Services is a locally owned and operated property service company specializing in holiday lighting, lawn care and maintenance, snow removal, landscaping and more!



## MARCH MORNING NETWORKING WITH ELEMET GROUP

Join us on **March 22** for Morning Networking with **Elemet Group**. You won't want to miss hearing from the folks at Elemet Group. They have A LOT of exciting things happening! Networking begins at 7:45 am, and the meeting begins at 8 am. We are filling up for 2023 Morning Networking very quickly. Currently, we only have the month of July available. Be sure and get on the list soon!

## MARCH AFTER HOURS AT SPIRIT RIVER YOGA & MASSAGE

We are excited to offer a new aspect of After Hours, and this will be the first month we'll do it! Every business member's name will be put into a bucket for a \$75 drawing. If someone from the business who is drawn is at After Hours at the time of the drawing, they'll win \$75 cash! If no one is there, that amount goes up to \$100 at the next After Hours. IN ADDITION, if no one is present from the business who is drawn, we will keep drawing until a business name is drawn who has a representative at After Hours, and that person will go home with \$50 cash! At minimum, someone from After Hours will win \$50 each time. So be sure and stop by to network, hear from a local business and have fun!

This month's After Hours will take place at **Spirit River Yoga & Massage on March 16 from 4:30-6:00 pm**. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel as Emy will lead us in some yoga! If you are interested in hosting After Hours this year, we are looking for an April host. We also have spots open this summer. It costs \$100 to host, and it's a lot of fun. Contact the chamber to get signed up as a host today!

## RUM RIVER FESTIVAL DESIGN CONTEST & PARADE

We may keep getting snow, but that's not stopping us from planning the 2023 Rum River Festival! The design contest is open for anyone who would like to submit a design, which will be featured on stickers, marketing material and the 5K t-shirt. Also, registration for the Rum River Festival Parade is now open! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the design contest and to get registered for the parade!

## Princeton Grad Superstar

The Chamber, as a member of Tiger Community Connections with Princeton Public Schools, would like to recognize Princeton High School graduates who are working in Princeton and doing great things here. Our first Princeton Grad Superstar is Rich Prescott, a 1987 graduate of Princeton High School. Rich started at Glenn Metalcraft in 1993, not knowing what metal spinning was. He learned how to hand spin from a co-worker and eventually learned how to run and program CNC spinning lathes. Around 2000, Rich spent some time as a Quality Inspector and then moved into Production Supervision. He eventually took what he had learned in production and utilized it in a Sales and Account position, generating new work and fostering growth of existing customers. In 2017, Rich took the position of Operations Manger at Elemet Group’s powder coating facility, Minnesota Industrial Coatings.



Rich said his favorite part about working for Elemet Group is “Being part of a family of companies with such diverse offerings, and knowing where our products and services fit into the industries they do.”

Rich has mentored students through the apprenticeship program within the Princeton school district and said that many of those students have gone on to fill production leadership roles within the company. He has been involved as a Kinship Reading Buddy for 15 years, takes part in Princeton Scholarship Awards Night and volunteers as a representative of Elemet Group through the schools.

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If you are interested in submitting a Princeton Grad Superstar, please contact the chamber.



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