



Save the Date

January 9:

After-Hours at the Pizza Pub
4:00-6:30 pm

January 14:

Chamber Lunch & Learn
Networking: Jules Bollinger
11:45 am - 1:00 pm
Princeton Civic Center

January 17:

PACC Networking - Because
Chamber Works at Innovative
Communication Strategies -
Civic Center
7:45 am - 9:05 am

January 23:

Chamber Winter Gala
Casino Theme
6-9 pm
Tickets:
www.princetonmnchamber.org
Click on Winter Gala under
2020 PACC Events

Baskets and Swag

We are still looking for silent auction basket donations and some of your business promotional items for the Gala. Please visit the Gala page on the website for more information.

Don't forget to renew soon!

Just a reminder to get those membership registration forms into the Chamber office soon in order to be included in the Princeton Community Guide. The guide is distributed throughout visitor centers in the area and are also distributed through the Town and Country Shopper. **The deadline to submit Chamber information to ECM is January 15.** This is a hard deadline, so we'll need your registration form and payment before that date.

Also, don't forget to take advantage of some of the great packages we're offering for 2020. Although the advertising package is sold out, you can take care of all your event registrations right now by purchasing the event package. Another exciting package being offered this year is the Princeton Shop Local package. We have lowered the price from last year and are going digital. Remember, this package is limited to the first 20 businesses who sign up. Lastly, we are offering some brand new options this year to make things easier for you: 1) Monthly membership payments 2) Pre-pay for luncheons 3) Pre-pay for the networking group. Visit www.princetonmnchamber.org for more information.



Recognizing some of our new and returning members at the December luncheon. (L-R) **US Bank, Edward Jones** - Amber Endicott, **First National Bank of Milaca, Innovative Communication Strategies, Edward Jones** - Tracy Carlson



Congratulations

Congratulations to Scott Liestman of **Edward Jones**, who began his transition into retirement in December. Scott retires after working for 20 years with Edward Jones and was a member of the Chamber during his 20 years there. We wish you the best in your retirement, Scott!



Congratulations to the employees of **First Bank & Trust** who were selected as the Chamber's 2019 Volunteer of the Year. The employees of the bank always jump at the chance to volunteer to help out with anything Chamber related - from stuffing pizza boxes to giving us a space to hold meetings. Thank you, First Bank & Trust!

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

PACC Board Secretary Alisha Lueck was recently re-elected to serve a second 3-year term on the Chamber Board, and we're so happy to have her! Alisha said she enjoys serving on different committees on the board (she's very active in the Gala and Shop Local Committees to name two) and likes to plan new events and offerings to members. She said she loves how close our businesses are and the small town feel of the community. When she's not working as the Promotions Coordinator for **Marv's True Value**, she works at her small home business called Minted Twine. She said she also enjoys playing outside with her pups, going to flea markets and to the movies with her hubby.



PACC Networking - Because Chamber Works - at First National Bank of Milaca!



Thank you to **First National Bank of Milaca** for hosting our December networking group. We had the pleasure of seeing the remodeled building and playing a trivia game about the bank. Did you know that you can open a Christmas Account at the First National

Bank of Milaca? You can deposit money during the year, and you'll be able to save it because it's not accessible until it's time to start shopping!

We would love to have you join us at our next networking event, which will take place on January 17 at the Princeton Civic Center and will be hosted by **Innovative Communication Strategies**. The networking group continues to grow each month. We are currently booked for hosts through July, but we'd love to have you sign up to host in August or later. Don't have a big enough location to host? No worries! Contact the Chamber office, and we'll help you reserve a location to host!

AM Networking Dates

1/16: Innovative Communication Strategies (Civic Center)

2/20: Premier Realty (Crystal Cabinets Training Center)

3/19: ACT on Alzheimer's (Public Safety Building)

4/16: ABRA Auto Body & Glass

5/21: Crystal Cabinet Works (Training Center)

6/18: City of Princeton

7/16: Edward Jones (loc. TBD)

After Hours Dates

1/9: Pizza Pub

2/6: Tapped Bar & Grill/Princeton Lanes

3/5: Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill

January Lunch & Learn - Networking!



Please join us for our first Lunch & Learn of the year. Jules Bollinger of the Elk River Chamber of Commerce will be talking to us about networking. Why is it important for your business? What if you are an introvert and networking makes you uncomfortable? What is the best way to network? We hope you'll join

us to learn more. Thank you to **Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill** for catering the January luncheon. See you there!

2020 Chamber Winter Gala - Jan. 23

Tickets are on sale now for the 2020 Chamber Winter Gala, which will take place in the Raven Room of the Pizza Pub on January 23 from 7-9 pm. The theme this year is "Casino Night," and we have a fun night planned! Tickets are \$35/each or you have the option to purchase a table for \$400, which includes 8 tickets, your business name displayed on the table located near the entertainment, a swag bag for each guest (includes raffle tickets), and a chance to win additional prizes! Business tables are limited to six, and only TWO tables remain, so reserve your table soon!

We are also looking for promotional items to use in a dice game we have planned. Please email the Chamber office at pacc@princetonmnchamber.org if you are able to donate items. Promotional items and baskets are due to the chamber office by Jan. 13.

Please visit www.princetonmnchamber.org/winter-gala to purchase tickets and to read about the silent auction basket donation needs. We are also looking for two entertainment sponsors (\$400 each). Thank you to **Advantage Point Realty** for sponsoring the Wine Wagon and to **Rum River Auto** for sponsoring the Cooler of Beer.



Thank you to our 2020 Chamber Sponsors:

Sterling Pointe Senior Living
Minuteman Press
Marv's True Value
First National Bank of Milaca
First Bank & Trust
Crystal Cabinet Works
Bremer Bank
ABRA Auto Body & Glass

Rum River Festival Buttons

This year the Rum River Festival button will serve a larger purpose, but we need your help! As in year's past, the button will be designed through a contest and will be available for purchase for \$1 each. We would like to attach some savings at local businesses to those who wear their buttons during the festival. Would you like to offer a special or coupon to people wearing their Rum River Festival button into your business? Please email your special or coupon to pacc@princetonmnchamber.org no later than **January 31**. We are excited to offer this to our community during the festival!



Princeton Public Schools Long Range Planning

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Long Range Planning Options Group

Tuesday, January 7, 2020
 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Princeton High School-Media Center
 RSVP to Ben.Barton@isd477.org

Princeton Public Schools is exploring the facility needs in our school district. They have held several criteria meetings recently and you are invited to learn the results! The district strongly encourages our families and community members to join in as options and solutions are created for the future of our school district. It's a GREAT day to be a Tiger!

Business and Nonprofit of the Year

Congratulations to the nominees for the PACC Business and Nonprofit of the year. Nominees for Business of the Year are **Riverside Chiropractic, ABRA Auto Body & Glass, and Princeton Golf Course/Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill**. Nominees for Nonprofit of the year are **Twice as Nice Clothing and Treasures, Civic Betterment Club/Community Garden and Princeton Public Schools**. Voting took place at the December luncheon, and the winners will be announced at the PACC Winter Gala on January 23.

New Board Members Sworn In

Three new board members were sworn in at our December luncheon. We are excited to welcome Cammie Laurence of **Sterling Pointe Senior Living**, who began an appointed 2-year term in September, Tracy Carlson of **Edward Jones** and Mary Patnode of **Innovative Communication Strategies**. We are excited to have their leadership and ideas as we start the new year. Michelle Czech of **Princeton Public Schools** and Ashley Lueck of **Marv's True Value** were also sworn in for another 3-year term. We thank Scott Suhsen of **Crystal Cabinets** who completed his 3-year term in December, for all of his time and work on the Chamber board. Thank you, Scott!