

The Biz Buzz

Shakopee Chamber and Visitors Bureau

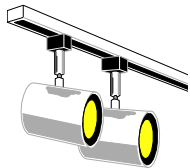
February 4th, 2010



Member Announcement

- Crofut Family Winery is open weekends in 2010! They have had so many calls and people stopping by, they have decided to stay open weekends, so stop by for a tasting. Bring your snowshoes too! Tours will return in the spring after the snow melts. Hours are Saturdays 11am-6pm and Sunday 12pm-5pm.
- A Wine tasting fundraiser will take place on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Canterbury Park for the Shakopee High School 2010 All Night Graduation Party. Ticket prices are \$16.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. For tickets and more information please contact Michele Dahl (952) 445- 4473 or mdahl@canterburypark.com. You can also purchase tickets by visiting WineStyles located at 8170 Old Carriage Court in Shakopee.
- MediaMAX is hosting a HOME Improvement and Design EXPO this weekend, February 6th and 7th, 2010 at Canterbury Park. For more information visit www.MediaMaxEvents.com OR www.ExpoGuys.com. Print a FREE EXPO PASS at www.MediaMaxEvents.com/free.

Business in the Spotlight



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2010 means unique opportunities for investors.

This year the income restriction has been lifted for individual investors looking to convert their traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Previously, investors with an adjusted gross income of more than \$100,000 (filing individually or jointly) could not convert to a Roth IRA from a traditional IRA. Investors will have to pay taxes when they convert to a Roth IRA. However, in 2010 only, your conversion amount will be split and reported as income for tax years 2011 and 2012.

For Business owners who have a retirement plan in place now is the time for a review. There have been many changes to the retirement plan landscape with Roth 401(k) contributions, Safe Harbor savings, enhanced features, and increasing fiduciary responsibility to those who offer the plan.

As a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor, Paul can help. Give us a call at; (952)445-8838, to set up a free consultation to find out if the Roth conversion makes sense for you. If you are a business owner and want to begin or have a 401(k), SEP, SIMPLE IRA, or other business plan, we will do a no cost review to insure your plan is right for your business.

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Town Hall Meeting

State Representative Mike Beard and State Senator Claire Robling will host a 'town hall' meeting for area residents on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 at 12:30pm at the Shakopee Public Library (235 Lewis Street). Constituents are invited to attend and participate in discussions about issues facing the Minnesota Legislature in its upcoming session.

Young Professionals Speed Networking Recap

The YPG Speed Networking at Turtle's 1890 Social Hall was a great success! Attendees were able to network with each person that came and a great time was had by all. Check out this cool video created by Brad Tabke (Quercus Landscapes, Inc): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zf98ebIPH6Y>. Also become a Shakopee Young Professionals fan on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Shakopee-Area-Chamber-of-Commerce-Young-Professionals-Group/320406665102?ref=search&sid=1725348985.4289075761..1!>

2009 Review on www.shakopee.org

The Shakopee Chamber and Visitors Bureau, along with the Shakopee Valley News, recently published a '2009 Year in Review' which will be sent to Chamber Members very soon. In addition to this, we have posted it on our website at www.shakopee.org. Please visit the website to check out the 2009 Review along with much more information on the community, tourism and the Chamber of Commerce!

Upcoming Chamber Events

Membership Luncheon

Mark your calendar for February 10th, 2010 at 11:30 at the Shakopee Police Department Training Room, for an excellent presentation from **Bluewater Splash**. The cost to attend is \$15 per person and includes a delicious boxed lunch from **Panera Bread**. We want you to participate in an innovative direct marketing tool made as easy as 1-2-3! This is a new and easy way to market your business to your target audience all with a click of the mouse. Let your Chamber membership work for you! There will also be a **door prize** drawing!! Please email Emily at estrom@shakopee.org to register.

AM Connections

Sam's Club is hosting an AM Connections on Thursday, February 11th from 7:30am – 9:00am for the Shakopee, Savage and Prior Lake Chambers. They will be providing a full breakfast including items from make-your-own omelets to wild blueberry pancakes! Please come to this wonderful event and network with others in the surrounding communities. Sam's Club will also host tours of the club during this time.

Young Professionals Group

The Shakopee Chamber Young Professionals will meet Thursday, March 25th, 2010 at **Leinie's Lodge at Canterbury Inn** from 4:30 – 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet others and make contacts. Please spread the word and be sure to bring your co-workers and friends!

Membership Luncheon

On April 29th, 2010, the YMCA will be doing a short presentation on the different camping opportunities that are available to community members. The YMCA has been building lives in outdoor settings for 100 years. Over those years they've witnessed firsthand the positive difference that a week at camp can make in a young person's life. Please stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Ladies Day Out

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 13th from 3:00pm – 5:30pm for Ladies Day Out 2010! This year, we will be offering a different format from the past year's events. LDO 2010 will kick off with a cocktail hour, followed by three presentations for Fashion, Fitness and Finance. All of these topics will be tailored to women in the workforce. Our focus for this event is to provide a day for networking and fun while providing an entertaining and educational program! Sponsorship opportunities are available! Please contact Emily at estrom@shakopee.org for more information and watch upcoming newsletters for more details on the event!

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Business After Hours

Join us Thursday, June 3rd, 2010 from 5:30 – 7:00pm for Business After Hours at Crofut Winery in Jordan. This is a great event that provides wonderful networking among chamber members. Enjoy wine tasting, networking, winery tours and more.

12th Annual Golf Tournament – July 2010

The Shakopee Chamber Golf Tournament is one of the key revenue generators of the year, keeping membership dues investment down. Have fun while supporting your organization and network with fellow business people! Please stay tuned for more information!

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For more information or to register for Chamber events, please visit our website at

<http://shakopee.org/chamber-of-commerce/events>.

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2009 Holiday Food Drive Challenge Winners

