

# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

## CONGRATULATIONS 2025 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Kevin Lynch, Woodbury Fire Marshal**

Public Safety Worker of the Year

**Basic Needs**

Nonprofit of the Year

**Sandy Peterson**

Everyday Hero

**The HOW Companies, Inc.**

Business of the Year

**Logan Carstensen, Lake Middle School**

Educator of the Year



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**Woodbury Magazine**

**Woodbury Community Foundation**

## MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Book Club
- Connect Groups
- Discounted EXPO Booth

# PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Laurie Staiger, IOM  
Chamber President

As we settle into February, I'm reminded how fortunate we are to be part of such a strong and engaged business community here in Woodbury. With nearly 500 members, our Chamber continues to be a place where connections are made, ideas are shared, and local businesses support one another in meaningful ways.

The year is already off to a great start, and we're looking forward to more opportunities to learn, network, and grow together in the months ahead. Whether you're attending an event, welcoming a new member, or collaborating with a fellow business owner, your involvement is what makes this Chamber thrive.

Be sure to either exhibit or attend the Woodbury Community EXPO on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It is the place to be to connect business and commerce.

Thank you for being part of our community and for everything you do to make Woodbury a great place to do business and build your professional network.



**Mission:** Connecting businesses to strengthen community

**Vision:** To serve as the catalyst for a thriving economy and be the essential resource for businesses in the community

## New Year! New Opportunity! Join a Connect Group!

Connect is a dynamic networking program designed to foster meaningful, professional relationships with non-competing business leaders in our community. Expand your network, gain new perspectives, deepen your engagement with local professionals! Groups average 12 members, meet twice a month for six months, and include facilitated discussion.

The following Connect groups are launching:

- General
- Young Professionals
- Women In Business

Email [laurie@woodburychamber.org](mailto:laurie@woodburychamber.org) for application. Deadline is February 6 for groups starting later this month.

# NETWORKING EVENTS



## February Good Morning Woodbury

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Free to attend

**Thursday, February 5**

**MN Spine & Sport**

8360 City Centre Drive, Suite 100  
Woodbury



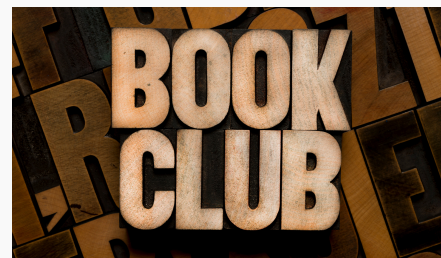
## February Business After Hours

4:00-6:00 p.m. - Free to attend

**Tuesday, February 17**

**Sponsor: Eric Rislove, Edward Jones Investments**

**Location: Lakewood Tavern**  
9939 Hudson Blvd.  
Lake Elmo



## Chamber Leadership Book Club "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team"

3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 25**

**Facilitator: Stephanie Elliston**

**Location: Woodbury Chamber**  
700 Commerce Drive  
Conference Room 145

[Register Here](#)



## SIP & SHOP FUNDRAISER!

## MAINSTREAM BOUTIQUE

**FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

**5-8 PM**

**7774 HARGIS PARKWAY, WOODBURY**

Stop by Mainstream Boutique for a Sip & Shop event to benefit the Woodbury Chamber Business Foundation! 15% of your purchase will be donated to benefit the Chamber's Leadership programs.

A new Chamber initiative, the business foundation is committed to building strong leaders and offering programs that enrich and energize our business community, including:

- ✓ Providing leadership programming
- ✓ Supporting educators
- ✓ Creating career pathways for students

Ensure your listing is accurate!  
View your listing online and  
make any updates now!

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## COURAGE TO FAIL

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026    Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

**Woodbury Chamber Conference Room 145  
700 Commerce Drive, Woodbury**

**Event is Sold Out!**

Get on the waitlist by emailing  
[michele@woodburychamber.org](mailto:michele@woodburychamber.org)

The fear of failure can be paralyzing but embracing it as a valuable opportunity for growth can lead to increased confidence and a deeper understanding of one's abilities. Walk away with solutions for how you can build a healthier mindset when failure shows up; specifically:

- Solutions to help navigate feelings of failure.
- Ways to build resilience.
- How to reframe failure.
- Practical mind-body application for handling the stress response cycle while incorporating play into your day



Pete K. Wong is the founder and creator of Courage in Chaos, a resilience & self-mastery coaching, facilitation, and speaking service. Pete has over 20 years of experience blending movement, play, and evidence-based strategies to empower participants to reframe negative thoughts, manage stress, and advocate for themselves with renewed confidence.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION: HOW TO TALK TO THE KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**MARCH 18, 2026    Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

**Woodbury Chamber Conference Room 145  
700 Commerce Drive, Woodbury**

**REGISTER TODAY**

**FREE TO ATTEND. LIMITED SEATING**

This presentation from Citizens Against Sex Trafficking (C.A.S.T.) will discuss human trafficking and exploitation, the reality of this issue in the Twin Cities, what C.A.S.T. is doing to prevent exploitation, as well as ways community members can end exploitation before it begins.

Be informed about the threats today's youth are facing. Hear how we can strengthen our community against predators and learn language for talking to the kids in your life.



Ashley Moore, Executive Director of C.A.S.T., has served in anti-human trafficking for almost 10 years, working with survivors of sex trafficking in Austria, England, and the US, partnering with law enforcement, and now works in human trafficking prevention. Ashley was born and raised in Washington County and is eager to use her education and experience to empower the community with the knowledge they need to end exploitation before it begins.

# RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber provides ribbon cuttings for new businesses in the community who join the chamber as well as for members celebrating a 10+ year milestone business anniversary, moved to a new business location or completed major renovation.



## **HARMONY WHEELS TRANSPORTATION**

New Business

.724 Bielenberg Drive, Suite 28, Woodbury



## **KIDDIE ACADEMY OF WOODBURY**

New Business

805 Stephens Way, Woodbury



## **THE PART BARN**

New Business

8511 Hudson Blvd., Lake Elmo



## **YOU'RE INVITED!** **UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTINGS**

### **SLICK CITY WOODBURY**

New Business

**February 24, 2026**

**3:00 p.m.**

587 Settlers Ridge Parkway  
Woodbury

### **Saint Therese of Woodbury**

10 Year Anniversary

**March 3, 2026**

**3:00 p.m.**

7555 Bailey Road  
Woodbury

# 2026 COMMUNITY EXPO



**M HEALTH FAIRVIEW SPORTS CENTER**  
**4125 RADIO DRIVE**

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Join us as we celebrate our 17th Woodbury Community EXPO! Don't miss this opportunity to get in front of potential customers--booths are selling strong as we approach this year's event! A member business booth is \$450 and non-profit member booth rate is \$350.

[Click Here to register for a booth!](#)

The EXPO offers entertainment and activities for the whole family. Experience the excitement on the main stage with high energy martial arts demonstration from Master Kim's Tae Kwon Do, high stepping O'Shea Irish dance performance, spectacular showcases by Aspire Music Academy's Momentum performance group and much more! Other activities include kid's area, outdoor vehicle fair, food booths and entertainment from local performance groups on the community stage.



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Xcel Energy

**Kid's Area**

Kiddie Academy of Woodbury

SoWashCo Community Education

**Entertainment**

Natalis Psychology

Woodbury Leadership Academy

**Community Stage**

Primrose School of Woodbury

**Show Floor**

Beyond the Pines Tax & Accounting

Great Plains Windows & Doors

**Vehicle Fair**

Russell Room Remodelers

Exhibitor

Image360

**Sponsorships Still Available!**

A variety of sponsorships are available ranging from \$1,000 - \$3,000 and some include a booth.

[SIGN UP](#)

# MEMBER NEWS



New businesses opening in Woodbury::

**Kiddie Academy**

805 Stephens Way

**Listo! Fresh Mexican Grill:**

1960 Donegal Drive  
Suite #15

**Bevvie Soda Café**

2190 Eagle Creek Lane  
Suite B

**Slick City Woodbury**

587 Settlers Ridge Parkway  
Suite 300



**Over \$15,000 Donated through  
CorTrust Cares 2025  
Jeans Day Program**



CorTrust Bank is using “casual Fridays” to give back to local community causes. Through the CorTrust Cares Jeans Day program, employees can wear jeans on Fridays in exchange for a financial gift. This charitable giving initiative offers a centralized way for each CorTrust market to uplift worthwhile causes.

In 2025, the program donated \$15,851.67 to local nonprofits in the areas they serve. These funds helped over 30 organizations,



**Support the Online  
Student Council**



The Online Student Council hosts monthly media center activities for online students across all three district high schools. With candy prizes and open participation, these events create a fun way for online teachers and 2500 students to connect in person.

Please contact Business Teacher Linda Pederson if you would like to make a donation to help purchase candy for the monthly events. [lpeders2@sowashco.org](mailto:lpeders2@sowashco.org). 651-425-7327



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# RENEWING MEMBERS

We thank the following members for renewing their membership and for their continued support of the chamber.

## 1-5 Year Members

**Stepping Stone Emergency Housing**  
Member Since 2025

**Goosehead Insurance-  
Tony Muckala Agency**  
Member Since 2025

**Bernicke Wealth Management**  
Member Since 2024

**Blaze Credit Union**  
Member Since 2024

**Tyler Martin - Engel & Völkers**  
Member Since 2024

**Burn Boot Camp Woodbury**  
Member Since 2023

**Squeaky Services**  
Member Since 2023

**Thrivent Financial - Ross Hillukka**  
Member Since 2023

**Hero Training Center**  
Member Since 2022

## 1-5 Year Members

**Sextant Advisors, LLC**  
Member Since 2021

## 6-10 Year Members

**Christie Denson  
Communications**  
Member Since 2020

**Mindset Chiropractic**  
Member Since 2020

**All Family Dental**  
Member Since 2019

**Salvo Soccer Club**  
Member Since 2019

**Culver's of Woodbury**  
Member Since 2016

**Nothing Bundt Cakes**  
Member Since 2019

## 11-20 Year Members

**Ze's Diner**  
Member Since 2015

**St. Paul Development  
Corporation**  
Member Since 2014

**Woodbury Lions Club**  
Member Since 2014

# NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce.

**AA Garage Door LLC**  
aagaragedoor.com/

**AB CAM Services**  
abcamservices.com/

**A Place of Hope MN**  
placeofhopemn@gmail.com

**Backyard Birdies**  
backyardbirdiesmn.com

**Frios Gourmet Pops (Woodbury)**  
friospops.com/woodbury

**Jeff Wegge Photography, LLC**  
jeffweggephotography.com

**Luminate Bank**  
nicole.drummond@goluminate.com

**Mississippi River Valley Beyond the  
Yellow Ribbon**  
btyr@cottagegrovemn.gov

**Nordic Renewal Co.**  
nordicrenewalmn.com

**North Star Vending & Amenities**  
northstar-vending.com

**Service Restoration Inc.**  
servicerestoration.com/

**Slick City Woodbury**  
slickcity.com/mn-woodbury/

**St. Paul Saints**  
milb.com/st-paul

**Woodbury King Fu**  
woodburykungfu.com

**Zippy Photo Booth Rental**  
ZippyPhotobooth.com

# 2026 WOODBURY CHAMBER GALA HOLLYWOOD GLAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Thank You Gala Committee!

Committee Chair Amber Bisek, Crystal Bakker, Elizabeth Kriel, Jillian Faber, Kim Quigley, Lisa Boe, Mandana Okpor-Company; Meggan Kerkenbush, Tricia Schweitz



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