

**Mission Statement**

“Committed to the success of the Big Lake business community through information, communication, cooperation and support for all.”

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8 am - 10 am  
And alternate Fridays  
Or by appointment

**GLORIA'S GEMS**

*Last September I was privileged to attend the MN Chamber of Commerce Executives fall conference in Mankato.*

*One of the short segments was encouraging Chambers and their members to be involved in their local high school's career exploration programs. While they showcased another city's efforts, I knew Big Lake's REAL program far exceeded the example they gave. Kudos to the businesses, the school and the city for developing this program. See page 3 for statewide and national recognition for Big Lake and this program.*

**CHAMBER'S 30th ANNIVERSARY**

**BUSINESS of the MONTH:**

Diane Jacobsen has been the owner of Carousell Works for 28 years and she was involved on the Chamber Board in those early years when they met in a small room behind the newspaper office.

As you can see from the photo below, their name stems from the Big Lake Amusement Park in the early 1900's. Their building is the former historic brick schoolhouse with the first half built in 1915 and the second in 1935. Future sections were added in 1952 & 1961. When the school moved, the building was a library for the community. When Bruce & Diane started Carousell Works, they remodeled it extensively, keeping some of the original brick, wood & light fixtures. With space up to 320 guests, they can accommodate grand celebrations like weddings or small family or reunion gatherings.



“The Chamber has done well over the years, Diane exclaims. “We did go together as businesses to the Capitol and I would like to see more businesses do that again.”



**CHAMBER'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL Friday, Dec. 14th**  
**Friendly Buffalo at 6 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Dinner**  
**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!**



*Entertainment by Spinning Sound and the BLHS Chamber Choir*

*Live Auction. Silent Auction, 50:50 cash games*

**Menu:** Rosemary Chicken & Traditional Pot Roast with green beans and almonds, seasoned roasted red potatoes and dessert! Just \$25 each!

*Please bring a wrapped gift for the Live Auction*



[Register here!](#) by Dec. 5th



**CHAMBER HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING AT BROWNS PARK**

Many thanks to the sponsors of our trees: Anytime Fitness, Big Lake Chamber, City of Big Lake, Cabot Securities, Edward Jones, Great River Spine & Sport, Ken Geroux Construction and Options Inc.



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## RECOGNITION at November's Membership Meeting

It was announced at our November 27th membership meeting at the Big Lake High School that Hanna Klimmek, Community Development Director of the City of Big Lake received a Local Government Innovation Award from the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs for the **Big Lake High School Work-Based Learning Program**.

Big Lake High School also received the honor of being only one of two **pilots in the nation** to explore work-educational partnerships. High School Principal Bob Dockendorf is working with the Dept. of Labor on this opportunity.

Wade Olson, a certified educator, spoke to the 35 members about the Relevant Experience through Apprenticeship Learning (REAL) program where students can work at area businesses and manufacturing facilities while exploring their career options. Students can also job-shadow.



### Ambassador/Holiday Social Planning Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 at Chamber Office!



## CHAMBER'S January Membership Meeting

Find out about what the Big Lake Township and the City of Big Lake are planning for the new year and what has been accomplished in 2018 at our Tuesday, January 29th membership meeting at Big Lake Township's Lions Park. [Register here](#)



### City of Big Lake's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Lighting Contest 2018



**2 Business Winners**

1st Place: \$50 Gift Card to any City of Big Lake Business  
2nd Place: \$25 Gift Card to any City of Big Lake Business

**2 Residential Winners**

1st Place: \$50 Gift Card to Lake Liquors  
2nd Place: Seasonal Lakeside Park Pass and Beach Towel

Judging Will Be Held Between December 13th – 20th, 2018  
Winners will be announced on December 21st, 2018 on the City Facebook Page and Website at [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org)

**Contest Rules:**

- Outdoor Displays Only
- Open to anyone (Residential and Businesses) located within the Big Lake City Boundaries
- Must Register for contest by turning in below registration to City Hall (160 Lake St. N, Big Lake, MN 55309) or by emailing to Corrie Scott at [ccscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:ccscott@biglakemn.org) by Wednesday, December 12th



Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  Business  Residential  
 Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I agree to release my full name and address in all City publications of the Holiday Lighting Contest.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## GOLF EVENT

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 FROM 9-5 PM**  
**MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB**  
**1209 GOLF COURSE RD, MONTICELLO MN**

### SPONSORSHIPS

**Master Sponsor:** \$625 for sponsorship of event & includes green fees, cart, light breakfast & dinner for 4 golfers)

**Classic Sponsor:** \$200. Includes sponsorship of a golf hole with signage. You are encouraged to have a game or event at your golf tee box.

**Dinner Sponsor:** Receives signage at table at start time and also at the dinner buffet.

**Beverage Cart Sponsor:** (2): \$450. Your company logo on carts

**Driving Range Sponsor:** \$200. Signage at the driving range. Can have table set-up to greet golfers the day of the tournament


**Party Cart:** \$200. Party Cart will be decorated to theme of the Golf Tournament & have sponsor's logo on signage on the cart. Sponsor can also provide prizes.

\*\*\* All sponsors will be recognized in Big Lake Chamber Newsletter, Facebook, & Big Lake Chamber Website and Special Recognition at the Awards Dinner.



### GOLFERS

Enjoy games such as longest drive, longest putt & closest to pin

**HOLE IN ONE \$20,000 PRIZE** sponsored by 

**Team with Lowest Score receives \$200 to use at Pro Shop**

Early Bird by April 20th: \$80 each or Team of 4 at \$300

After April 20th: \$90 or \$360 per Team of 4

### SCHEDULE

9 am Registration & Continental Breakfast  
 10 am Shotgun  
 3 pm Social Hour  
 4 pm Dinner



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**MN CHAMBER 2019 SESSION PRIORITIES**

**MINNESOTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**


**GROWING MINNESOTA**

Join Chamber Executive Director Gloria Vande Brake, area businesses and legislators at the MN Chamber 2019 Session Priorities on Wednesday, January 9 at the River-Centre in St. Paul from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. This will be one of the first events that Minnesota’s new governor will likely speak and his departmental commissioners will also share their goals for the new year. Local legislators plan to attend and key legislative leaders will also present. Tickets are \$150 each and interested members must commit by December 5th to be at the Big Lake table.

See Gloria for more details or [Click here for more information & to register!](#)

Several new job postings are on our Chamber website. As you gather with family and friends over the holidays, keep these in mind. [Check them out here!](#) Members can also add their listings.

**COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR!**  
City of Big Lake, MN



Citizens and Business Leaders are invited to join Mayor Basanne Danielowski for coffee and casual conversation to exchange information and discover ways to work together to improve Big Lake and enhance the quality of life for all who live and work here.

Bi-Monthly, Mayor Danielowski will serve as your host for Coffee with the Mayor events.

- ENJOY SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS
- RECEIVE CITY UPDATES
- DISCUSS ISSUES/CONCERNS
- ASK QUESTIONS
- OFFER COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
- All while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee and a snack!

Please take the time to come out and help Big Lake become the best that it can be! There is no charge to attend these events. All are welcome!

HELD THE 2nd SATURDAY IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at:  
Coborn's Deli  
711 Rose Drive, Big Lake, MN

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## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Big Lake Lions Club is having their 16th annual “**Little Hole on Big Lake**” ice fishing contest on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and are seeking monetary donations as well as donated items, which are used as prizes for the contest. The contest has grown to an average of 800 participants, over 100 of them being children under the age of 16. The proceeds will go to the Big Lake Scholarship Program to help high school students continue their education. Over \$6000 was given in scholarships in 2018.



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will host its **Annual Christmas Bird Count** on Tuesday, December 18. In order to have a successful count, we are asking the community within 15 miles of the refuge to clean and fill their feeders at least 3 days beforehand to encourage the birds to be out so they can be included in the count.



HELP SUPPORT

## TRI-CAP

WHERE 18210 Zane Street NW, Elk River, MN 55330

WHEN Fri, Dec 14th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.\*

### Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?\*

Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at [Fundraising.PaneraBread.com](http://Fundraising.PaneraBread.com)

\*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event. Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

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Sherburne NWR also thanks their dedicated **Adopt-a-Road volunteers** in keeping their roadsides and habitats clean and wildlife-friendly. During the months of September and October, 87 individuals volunteered their time and cleaned approximately 28 miles of refuge roads! Chamber member Ace Solid Waste donated a dumpster during the 2-month clean-up.

Lupulin Brewing announced the release of a new beer in its **Operation CoHoperation** collaboration series in partnership with Drastic Measures Brewing. The beer has a base of Maris Otter malt and Flaked Oats to make a beautiful malt pillow along with a huge charge of Citra, Mosaic, and Ekuanot hop hash to make it extra tropical and juicy.



Members can submit their announcements to [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com).

## VOLUNTEER FOR A CHAMBER COMMITTEE in 2019

In addition to its Board of Directors, the Chamber has seven Committees that members can be involved. Several of these are short-term Committees around a specific event while others advise the Board on specific issues. Please consider volunteer for one of the following and email your interest to [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com):

Ambassadors

Block Party

Economic Development

Golf Event

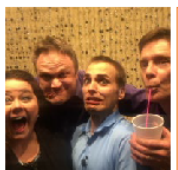
Governmental Affairs

Holiday Social

Vendor Fair

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019**  
**AT 8:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

River City Extreme  
3875 School Blvd.  
Monticello, MN

**COST:**

**SAVE NOW with online registration**  
\$10 each or \$70 table of 8  
\$15 at the door (cash only)

**REGISTER TODAY:**

Go to [CentraCare.com](http://CentraCare.com), click on "Classes & Events" and enter the search term "bounce"

**WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN US?**

- » Sharing laughter with others is healthy & strengthens relationships
- » Bounce Back™ promotes "Purpose" – a notion that we all belong to something bigger than ourselves. In this case, we are all part of our larger community and gathering together and meeting new people is so healthy!

- » Light snacks will be served
- » Cash bar available
- » Share kindness! Bring a food shelf donation (canned goods, personal hygiene items)

**BOUNCEBACKPROJECT.ORG**



## Winter Farmers Market

Saron Lutheran Church • 3:00-6:00pm

311 Lake St S, Big Lake, MN 55309 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month

**November 9 • December 14\* • January 11**  
**February 8\* • March 8 • April 12\***

\*Senior Days: Seniors 55+ receive \$3 coupon

**Debit/Credit & Snap/EBT Accepted**  
**Market Bucks Match Program**  
**Live Monthly Musicians**  
**Free Kids Activities**  
**Vendor Products:**

Homemade and homegrown produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, syrup, honey, tea, salsa, pickles, jam, crafts, and more!

**[www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org)**

Questions? Contact Corrie at 612.277.6331 or [corrie@biglakemn.org](mailto:corrie@biglakemn.org).

**BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

The members re-elected via ballots Ken Geroux of Ken Geroux Construction and Tim Suchy of Edward Jones to the Board along with Karen Tomforhde of Insurance Specialists Team (IST) to 3-year terms in November.

Twenty-nine percent of the members or 38 ballots were signed. Congratulations Ken, Karen & Tim!



**Newsletter Tidbits Due**

Want to include something in the Chamber Newsletter? Send us a 1/4 page ad or a few sentences to include in next month's newsletter by Wednesday, January 23rd. Full page ads can be added for only \$25 per month. Are you a new member? Ask the Chamber how to redeem your free full page ad!



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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

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HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!

**Mark Your Calendar!**

January 9: Session Priorities at RiverCentre in St. Paul

January 29: Membership Mtg at Big Lake Township Lions Park

March 2--Big Lake Vendor Fair