



## St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Update

Photos and articles compiled by Alicia Loehlein ST. FRANCIS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

*The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce exists to serve its members and better the community. To find out more or to become a member: call: 763-438-5163 or visit us online: [www.stfrancischamber.org](http://www.stfrancischamber.org)*

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## A note from the president

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new president of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.



As a lifelong resident of the St. Francis area, I have a great appreciation for what this wonderful community provides to residents and businesses. St. Francis offers a great small-town atmosphere with close proximity to the Twin Cities—it's the best of both worlds.

I would also like to extend an invitation to any business that is not currently a member to look into joining the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.

As our mission statement says, the chamber serves the needs of its members in working toward the common goal of a growing, healthy business environment and community as a whole.

We offer many opportunities for business owners to network with other business owners to create lasting relationships. The chamber also hosts or co-hosts seminars of interest to the area business community as well as the general public for educational and informational purposes.

Any person, association, partnership or estate having an interest in the future of our community can join!

*-David Johnson,  
2008 Chamber President  
Highland Money Management*

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The Writings on Your Wall and North Anoka Plumbing golf teams take a moment with the St. Francis Ambassadors during the Chamber golf tournament June 24 at The Ponds. Money raised from the event goes toward chamber and community events including scholarships for St. Francis High School students.



Ron Bardine of Raymond James Financial Services, Gary Zimmerman of Why USA/North Anoka Realty, and David Johnson of Highland Money Management sample McCafé coffee during the Chamber's July 22 New Member Showcase & Wine/Coffee Tasting at The Ponds. Bardine was among four new chamber members who introduced themselves to other members.

## Golf tourney, new member showcase events held

The annual St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce golf tournament held June 24 at The Ponds raised more than \$3,700 to go toward chamber and community events. Tournament director Kerby Scherer, St. Francis Subway, said the 75 golfers made this year's event the biggest yet. "Everything went great," he said.

The Chamber would like to thank the Miss St. Francis Ambassadors for their help and the many members who donated door prizes and silent auction items.

## New businesses showcased

The Chamber held a new member showcase and wine and coffee tasting July 22 at The Ponds. Ron Bardine of Raymond James Financial Services, Michelle White of Writings on Your Wall, Chase Lenz of Edward Jones Investments and Cheryl Shanks and Karen Baldwin of Camilia Club 3 were the new 2008 members who presented information about their services.

Attendees also sampled wine and coffee from St. Francis Bottle Shop and McDonald's new McCafé.

## Upcoming Chamber and community events

Check out the following Chamber and community events coming up. Visit [www.stfrancischamber.org](http://www.stfrancischamber.org) for the latest Chamber news and event calendar.

- Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, August 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.  
St. Francis Community Center  
Current and prospective Chamber members are encouraged to attend board meetings to give input and help plan events.

- National Night Out  
Tuesday, August 5, 6-8 pm  
St. Francis Community Park  
Chamber serving root beer floats, other groups will be on hand at the annual crime prevention/safety awareness event.
- St. Francis Friday Nite Rally Car Shows  
Each Friday through September 5  
St. Francis City Centre parking lot  
Car enthusiasts from around the area are invited to the free car show.

## St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Members

Membership in The Chamber has continued to grow steadily and is quickly reaching the goal of 100 members.

Visit our web site [www.stfrancischamber.org](http://www.stfrancischamber.org) for member contact information and information on how to join The Chamber.

ABC Newspapers  
Ace Solid Waste, Inc.  
Advanced Automotive Care  
American Family Insurance  
Mary Dresch  
American Residential Mortgage  
Andover YMCA  
Anoka County  
Anoka Hennepin Credit Union  
Barna, Guzy & Steffen  
Bertolas & Pekula

Billy's Neighborhood Bar & Grill  
Bolton and Menk  
Casey's General Store  
Cedar Creek Baking  
City of St. Francis  
CommunityHotline.com  
Connexus Energy  
County Market  
Curves For Women  
D & R Motors  
Dr. Douglas T. Jonak  
Edward Jones Investments  
Embroidery & Ink  
First Option Enterprises  
Gerdin Auto & Tire  
Hakanson Anderson Associates  
Homes R Us Realty  
Hong Kong Delight  
Joseph Anderson  
Kungel Appraisals

Land of Lakes Choirboys  
Landmark Community Bank  
Mansetti's Pizza & Pasta  
Mary Kay Cosmetics  
Sharon Stott  
McDonald's  
Michael J. Nichols, Sara Sauer, CPAs  
North Anoka Plumbing, Inc.  
Northern Lending  
Nowthen Nursery  
Oak Grove Sewer & Water  
Opp Family Chiropractic  
Papa's Café  
Pine River State Bank  
Ramacher Roll-Offs  
Re/Max - Larry Anderson  
Sally's Cleaning Service  
St. Francis Bottle Shop  
St. Francis Collision & Glass  
St. Francis Dental Care

St. Francis Foods  
St. Francis Insurance Agency  
St. Francis Jaycees  
St. Francis Lions  
St. Francis Physical Therapy  
St. Francis True Value Hardware  
St. Francis Veterinary Clinic  
Subway  
T & S Trophies & Embroidery  
T & W Adventures  
Tasty Pizza  
The Courier  
The Oaks of Lake George  
The Ponds Golf Course  
The Refuge Golf Club  
Unique Dining Experiences  
Village Bank  
Why USA North Anoka Realty

### Welcome to our new 2008 members!

Advanced Roofing  
Avon - Renee Havelka  
Blue Fin Pool & Spa  
Camilia Rose Care Center  
Cedar Construction Co.  
Cornerstone National Construction  
David Langseth  
Farmers Insurance Group  
Gymnastics Galaxy  
Heating & Cooling Solutions  
Highland Money Management  
Norgren's Napa Auto Care  
North Country Exteriors  
Raymond James Financial Services  
Rum River Tree Farm  
Skogman Flooring, Inc.  
St. Francis Medical Clinic  
The Writings on Your Wall