



Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for August



When: August 11th, 2025

Where: Timberlake Lodge

Time: 11:30 am: Buffet

11:45 am: Luncheon

*Note the earlier start time

Cost: \$15.00 members

\$20.00 non-members

RSVP required:

218-326-6619 or email

jennifer@grandmn.com

by August 7th, 2025

Calendar of Events

Be sure to visit our website for a listing of all of our events including NEW learning opportunities!



Learning at the Lake:

Conflict Resolution

August 20, 2025

Luncheon: Power Hour

September 8, 2025

Lunch-N-Learn:

MN PFMLA Updates

September 16, 2025

Golf Outing & Fun Day

September 18, 2025

Learning at the Lake:

Women's Summit

September 24, 2025

Taking Care of Business

December 3, 2025

Chamber Committee Meetings

Ambassador

Third Wednesday/monthly,

noon - 1:00pm

Government Affairs

Last Friday/monthly,

7:30am - 9:00am

Natural Resources

Last Friday/monthly,

9:15am - 10:45 am



WELCOME!

EVENTS & MARKETING
COORDINATOR

JENNIFER PLACKNER

Grand Rapids Area
Chamber of Commerce



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NOTE - Early start time! 11:45 A.M.

**AUGUST 11TH
LUNCHEON AT
TIMBERLAKE**

11:45 CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Join us to recognize our 2025 Scholarship Award Recipients.

Presented by: GRACC Scholarship Committee and Mesabi Metallica

Scholarship Awards Sponsored by:



ESSAR Group - Green Steel

12:00 CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHILDCARE ACCESS

Local leaders will provide a panel discussion exploring the pressing and vital issue of childcare access in our community. Gain insights about our current state, and innovative approaches to solutions that can support working families, aid in workforce retention and recruitment, and strengthen our regional economy.

SPEAKERS:

Luncheon Sponsored by:



DARLA RAHNE

Director of Early Learning
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative



SARAH SCHRAPP

Education Director
Itasca County Family YMCA



DR. STACI GILPIN

Co-Founder, Co-Owner
Rural Pathways



CODY GEISLER

Early Childhood Faculty
Minnesota North College



**11:30 Buffet Available
11:45 Luncheon Begins
1:00 Adjourn**

RSVP DEADLINE: 8/8/25

218.326.6619

KERRY@GRANDMN.COM

\$15/ Member

\$20/Nonmembers

*Taxes are not included in the price and will be added at checkout. Gratuity is also not included. Thank you for your understanding and support!

*Thank
you.*

**2025 Swap Meet
& Car Show
Sponsors!**



**Paul Bunyan
COMMUNICATIONS**

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Ribbon Cuttings

We're excited to welcome NHS Northstar to the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce!
A ribbon Cutting was performed on June 27th. 🎊

NHSE Northstar, founded in 1988, provides personalized, compassionate support for individuals with disabilities. NHS has services across the Iron Range while supporting over 40 people in the Grand Rapids area, both in community settings and licensed homes.

On June 27, 2025, we celebrated their official ribbon cutting alongside our Chamber Ambassadors: Laurie Clausen - Edward Jones, Leah Oslin - Wildwood Design, Co. & Jo Jo Ledin - Car Inc.

Welcome to the Grand Rapids Chamber family, NHS Northstar!
We're proud to have you as part of our thriving business community!



We're thrilled to welcome Jon Rohloff from State Farm Insurance.
A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on June 27th. 🎊

We are grateful to be part of this amazing community! Our commitment is to provide excellent customer service and personalized protection against the unknown. We focus on community involvement and aspire to be the first choice for those in need of insurance and financial services..

From left to right: my daughter, Jade Rohloff, with her son, Everett Brockway; my wife, Veronica Rohloff; Peggy Modlisz, Team Member; Jon Rohloff, Agent/Owner; and Emma Lundell, Team Member. Chamber Ambassadors: Laurie Clausen - Edward Jones, Leah Geisler - Wildwood Design, Co. & Jo Jo Ledin - Car Inc



A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrates a new beginning. It also has the added benefit of boosting business visibility, introducing you to the community and enhancing your business's reputation.

If you're a Chamber of Commerce, or the member of a Chamber of Commerce, a ribbon cutting ceremony is an exciting time for a business. The Chamber of Commerce enjoys being there to help you celebrate. If you are a member and have not gotten your Ribbon Cutting yet, email kerry@grandmn.com, and let's get this exciting event planned for you!

Mark Your Calendars



**SEPTEMBER 8TH
LUNCHEON AT
TIMBERLAKE**

POWER HOUR: UPDATES ON ENERGY
Join us for updates from Minnesota Power, Lake Country Power, Great River Energy and Grand Rapids Public Utilities, including upcoming projects, service improvements, and recent developments in green energy and sustainability.
Connect with leaders through a panel discussion as they discuss the future of clean, reliable energy in our region.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
LUNCH-N-LEARN AT
TIMBERLAKE**

**MINNESOTA EMPLOYMENT LAW OUTLOOK:
KEY CHANGES COMING IN 2026**
Join us for an informative luncheon focused on the employment and labor law changes taking effect in Minnesota in 2026. This session will cover key updates including paid family and medical leave, mandatory rest and meal breaks, earned safe & sick time, and employer compliance to help business leaders prepare for this evolving regulatory landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to stay ahead and ensure your organization is ready for the new mandates.

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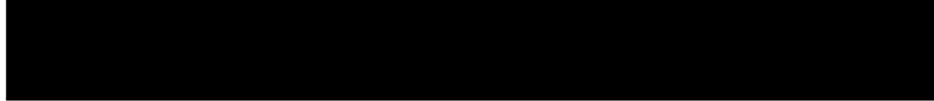


**It's 5 o'clock Somewhere
GOLF PUTTING & FUN DAY**
**THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 18
POKEGAMA GOLF COURSE**



**SAVE the
DATE**
LEARNING AT THE LAKE:
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025







COME BE OUR NEIGHBOR!
**OFFICE SPACE
FOR RENT**
Amenities:

- 11'x 12' Space
- Conference Room
- Utilities & Secure Wifi
- 24-hour Secure Access
- Partially Furnished Private Office

\$400/MO
One NW 3rd Street, Grand Rapids
(218) 326-6619
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**Welcome
New Members**


President – CEO: **April Jespersen**
Business Relations Coordinator: **Kerry Larsen**
Events & Marketing Coordinator: **Jennifer Plackner**

