



Dear Chamber Member,

The 2023 Chamber theme is “Better Than Yesterday” and is built on the belief that we can never stop improving. I chose this theme because it ties to a core belief system I have and I wanted to bring it into the light for our great community to see and understand. When I think about this theme and how it ties to our community, it’s easy to see that our community isn’t satisfied with being just another stop for people on I-94. Rather, we truly want to be a place where you can live, work, play and prosper, both personally and professionally.

Growing up in Eagle Bend, MN, I was someone who always looked at Alexandria as the “big city”. When my wife and I decided to find a place to settle down, we wanted a home where we could truly feel part of the community. Our first option was Alexandria, and we made our decision almost immediately after spending time here. Alexandria and its residents have provided us with a place to start our family and more importantly, grow our family.

Our community has long been growing, and that growth has started to ramp up over the course of the last year. An example of this can be seen when you take a drive down Broadway. You can look in all directions and see the growth of our community – new buildings being built, old buildings being remodeled, and new restaurants and stores opening and continuing the strong commitment to providing our community with great retail and dining options. This community continues to look at all obstacles, adversity, and challenges as an opportunity to grow. This constant strive for growth is at the core of my theme and I look forward to helping our community continue towards the future.

It is my goal to keep our community’s growth at the forefront of all our minds throughout the next year. I want to look back 10 years from now and see a community that is continuing to innovate, lead and collaborate for a better tomorrow.

Ultimately, the Chamber of Commerce wouldn’t be what it is today without your membership and commitment to our mission. It is an honor for me to serve as the Chamber president for the next year. I look forward to working closely with you to help our community continue being “the ultimate destination to live, work, play, and prosper.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Notch".

**Tyler Notch, Director of Operations, Grand Arbor by Knute Nelson**  
2023 Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Board President

