

Promoting the Alexandria Lakes Area as the ultimate destination to live, work, play and prosper.

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### **CONNECTIONS**

#### Wake up Alexandria

- ♦ Hosted by different Chamber members 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30 8:30 am
- Open to the public only Chamber members can make announcements and place promotions on the Promotions Table
- Pot of Gold drawing sponsored by Chamber members

#### Alexandria Area Young Professionals

- Professionals under age 40
- Luncheons: 1st Thursday of each month, 12 1 pm
- Connect Groups:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 5 6 pm and
  - ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 7 8 am
- Quarterly socials/service projects

### MARKETING

- Visibility
- Member-to-member Business
- Duffers Delight Golf Tournament
- Ambassador Team
  - 20-member committee that welcomes new businesses, relocations, major remodels, etc.
- Membership Team
  - 15-member committee that visits new Chamber members
- Business-to-business email blasts
- Online & Print Directories
- Member Portal
- Job Board
- Visitor & Resource Center Referrals

### **EDUCATION**

- Spring & Fall Luncheons
- Listen & Learn
- Blog
  - Informational blogs, Member Spotlights, Testimonials
- Chamber Communications
- Chamber 101
- Leadership Alexandria
  - 9-month program with 25 participants
- Leadership Alexandria 2.0
  - 4-month program

#### **OTHER BENEFITS**

- Certificate of Origin Stamp
- Notary Services
- Member Mailing Labels
- Equipment Rental
- Groundbreaking/Ribbon Cutting Events

## **ADVOCACY**

- Government Affairs Team
- ► Member of Minnesota Chamber and Minnesota Chamber Federation
- Grow Minnesota
- Other efforts

### **COLLABORATION**

- Partners
  - Explore Alexandria Tourism (EAT)
  - Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission (AAEDC)
  - Alexandria Downtown Merchants Association (DMA)
  - City of Alexandria
  - Douglas County
- Programs/Projects
  - Maps
  - Convention & Welcome Bags
  - Business and Industrial Appreciation Day (BIAD)
  - Hello Neighbor
  - Pride of the Lakes
  - Chamber Bucks
  - Commit To Kindness



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