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Rolling Forward!

This past year has held significant milestones for the Midway area and our Chamber. The Central Corridor light rail transit has been at the forefront of the news, with Minnesota's legislature approving funding for Central Corridor. This funding will take Central Corridor through to the next level to finalize the exact location of the rail line and station locations. During this process, the Midway Chamber has been representing its members' interests in several important areas. Brian Thoemke (Midwest Staffing), B. Kyle (St. Paul Port Authority), and Lori Fritts (Midway Chamber President) serve on the Business Advisory Committee. Jack McCann (Update Company) and Judd Fenlon (Wellington Management) and I served on the Central Corridor Station Area Planning Committee. Involvement by our Chamber members and staff has been crucial in addressing key issues of its members, including parking, future development and mitigating negative impacts during construction.

Another key project has been working with Rock-Tenn to help it identify a replacement fuel source. Paul McGinley (Loucks Associates), has served on the Rock-Tenn Community Advisory Council committee to identify suitable fuel replacements. This has been a contentious issue and Paul has done a great job of representing our organization.

Development activity in our area has continued to remain strong. Many people attribute this to the anticipated light rail line. While light rail is certainly a plus, the Midway's central location and great access have always been its strength. This has led to many new developments along

University Avenue, including the Hmong Professional Clinic, the Carlton Lofts, Jefferson at Berry, Episcopal Homes' Carty Heights and Amherst H. Wilder Foundation's wonderful new facility at University and Lexington. These are positive developments, but we need to continue to work with the City to support positive development activities in our area.

With all these important activities, maintaining and strengthening our membership base is now more important than ever. Tom Whaley (St. Paul Saints) and Troy Musel (Western Bank) took the lead on our Membership drive this year. They combined energy and fun to make our membership drive a great success!

Our most regular way of getting members, and others, involved is with our monthly luncheons. We have had great attendance at these this past year. With Lori Fritts' coordination, we have had some outstanding speakers on very timely subjects, like Peter Bell, Chair of the Metropolitan Council, U.S. Congresswoman Betty McCollum, or just to have fun with comedian/corporate trainer Stevie Ray!

I especially want to thank Lori Fritts, our President, for her hard work this year. We have gone through transitions with her support staff and she has done a wonderful job of maintaining a strong presence for the Chamber while keeping our members well-informed and involved. I also want to thank our Board for their energy and commitment to the Midway Chamber. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this great organization!

June Chamber Luncheon

June 18, 2008

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Speaker: Dave Mona,
Chairman, Weber Shandwick

Presentation: Minneapolis St. Paul
More to Life Branding Initiative

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12:00 Luncheon

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Dave Mona, Weber Shandwick to Headline 2008 Annual Meeting

“Minneapolis St. Paul has an image problem, but only because people don’t know much about us. That’s a problem we can solve by working together. With more major company



headquarters than Chicago, Denver, Atlanta and Seattle, it’s critical that we get the word out so that we can continue attracting a workforce to fuel our vibrant economy.”

—Dave Mona, chairman, Weber Shandwick

In addition to recognizing the business of the year, business person of the year, the 2008-2009 board members and the new chair, this year’s annual luncheon taking place at the historic Town & Country Club will feature Dave Mona, chairman, Weber Shandwick Minneapolis.

Mona, who has been a long time leader in many Minnesota

initiatives including bringing the Gopher football stadium on campus and the LPGA tour to Interlachen Country Club, will share the newest endeavor he is involved with—the Minneapolis St. Paul More to Life branding campaign. This campaign’s central focus is to show the world what Minneapolis and St. Paul has to offer. It aims to “dispel myths and introduce the country to the true Minneapolis St. Paul: a vibrant, diverse community with strong businesses and abundant cultural opportunities.”

As eyes from around the world will be on St. Paul and Minneapolis for the upcoming Republican National Convention, the Minneapolis St. Paul More to Life campaign gives local residents the chance to become brand ambassadors—and there are certainly no better advocates of St. Paul than Midway Chamber members!

Register today to celebrate the 2007-2008 year and the future of the Midway. Call 651-646-2636 or email hughes@midwaychamber.com.

Member Notes

Congratulations to Mintahoe Hospitality Group for winning the “2007 Catered Event of the Year” from the National Association of Catering Executives. Mintahoe’s winning event, a “Rockin’ 90th Birthday Celebration” for local music industry legend and community leader Amos Heilicher, was held this past November at Nicollet Island Pavilion. Mintahoe Hospitality Group has been catering, coordinating and hosting some of Twin Cities’ finest events since 1993. Mintahoe’s family of hospitality businesses includes Apples Catering, Perfect Host Catering and Mintahoe Beverage Services. In addition Mintahoe manages the catering events for Nicollet Island Pavilion, Minneapolis Central Library, Epic Event Center, the Minnesota Boat Club, and the Chateau at Medicine Lake, as well as being the exclusive caterer aboard the Paddleford Riverboats.

Goodwill Easter Seals recognized award winners at its *2nd Annual Power of Work Week* ceremony on April 30th. The

ceremony which took place at the International Market Square honored **Philanthropist of the Year Joe Barskey**, board member and current board treasurer of Goodwill Easter Seals. The ceremony also recognized Dick Lawrence, Larry Hemmesch and Tsehay (last name withheld) as program participants who are now working successfully among the community. Businesses recognized at the event for their contributions over the past year were Voyd Portable Trailer of MN and Cold Spring Granite. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Congratulations to chamber member **Marco** who was recognized by Sharp Electronics Corporation as a **Hyakuman Kai Dealer** for providing exceptional service to the local business community. This award puts Marco in a select group of dealers recognized by Sharp from the hundreds of dealers that sell Sharp’s business products in the United States. Marco provides expertise and technology to

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Happy 35th Anniversary to the Transformed Tree! Transformed Tree and its owners **Peter Hagen** and **Mel Salmi** specialize in working with older, urban homes and have done some amazing transformations. They have their own cabinet shop and are truly remarkable in their ability to work with a home's existing aesthetic—matching its heritage and elegance, while giving homeowners updated features and expanded space. Transformed Tree has won over homeowners all across the metro area as a reliable, thoughtful, true partner in the remodeling process. Congratulations on your 35 years of business!

Attention chamber members!!

As the summer months approach the **Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota** enters its busiest season for used clothing donation collections. At the same time they are also launching a new arm to their donation program—donation bins. The bins which

are approximately four by six feet tall will be placed throughout St. Paul for clothing donations. The success of this new program depends upon building partnerships with area businesses and other organizations willing to host a clothing bin on their property. The Epilepsy Foundation is completely responsible for the placement, monitoring and servicing the bins. If you or anyone you know in the St. Paul area would be willing to host a bin please contact Tom Wentzell from the Epilepsy Foundation at 651-287-2332 or twentzell@efmn.org

Children's Hospital Association would like to announce their Children for Children's Bike-A-Thon that will be taking place on Sunday, July 20th at Harriet Island in St. Paul.

- Registration: 10 a.m.
- Ride: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Lunch and Activities: 12 noon- 2 p.m.

Each rider must agree to raise a minimum of \$25; \$50/family. Call Cindy @ 651-220-6176 or visit www.cha-stpaul.org to register!

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night...stops the Midway Chamber from gathering for the Great University Avenue Clean Up”

On Saturday, May 3rd Chamber volunteers gathered at the Midway YMCA for the 10th Annual Great University Avenue Clean-Up. While the weather was in question



during the early hours of the morning, the sun shown down in time for the clean-up to begin. Volunteers marched up and down University Avenue picking up wet garbage as the cold wind blew hard at their backs.

But all the volunteers

had the same goal in mind—a clean avenue where fellow community members could do business and take pride in the Midway area. Mission Accomplished. Better luck next year in terms of the weather. A special thanks goes to Aspen Waste, Midway Training Services, Episcopal Homes, Midway Family YMCA and all the volunteers who battled the weather!

We are looking for your input for next year's clean-up! We would like to schedule the Great University Avenue Clean Up around Earth Day which falls on Wednesday, April 22nd of 2009.

- If the clean up were held on a week day afternoon instead of the weekend would you be more or less willing to participate?
- What day of the week typically works best for you? Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon?

Please email your preferences to Mara at Hughes@midwaychamber.com. Thank you for your input!



Thank You Renewing Members!

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New Members

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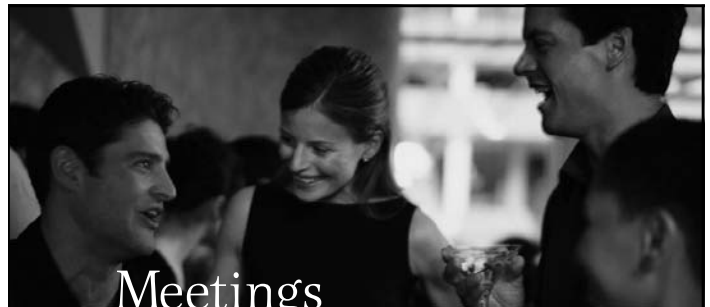
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One hundred golfers participated in this year's 71st annual Midway on the Fairway Golf Tournament at Midland Hills Country Club on June 9th. Whether you consider yourself an avid golfer or just enjoy getting out in the fresh air to meet new people, this year's tournament had something for everyone!

2008 Midway on the Fairway Tournament Winners included:

Winning Foursome-

Jeff Warner, Warners' Stellan

Bob Hughes, Pioneer Press

Rickey Young, American Mortgage

Lori Fritts, Midway Chamber of Commerce

Men's Longest Drive- Matt Brown, Northwestern College

Women's Longest Drive- Susan Schmidt, CorVal Group

Men's Longest Putt- Judd Fenlon, Wellington Management

Women's Longest Putt- Susan Kimberly, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce

Men's Closest to the Pin- Jeff Nelson, Nelson Financial

Women's Closest to the Pin- Terri Fleming, Park Midway Bank

Pot Hole Contest- Mike Kelley, Park Midway Bank

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June 9
Golf Tournament, Midland Hills Country Club

June 10 7:30 am
Executive Committee Meeting

June 18 11:30-1:30
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June 20 7:30 am
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