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Chamber Spotlight Statewide Gas Services

Statewide Gas Services is the company to call if you are looking for the highest quality home comfort products, personalized customer service, complimented by a great value!

Since 1993, Statewide Gas Service has been there to help you find the indoor comfort solution that's right for you and your home. So, whether it's a new Bryant high efficiency heating, air conditioning and ventilation system, or a beautifully functional gas fireplace...we've got it all – from design...to installation.

Our employees work hard to keep our customers happy and we stand behind every product and installation 100% guaranteed. Our owner, Tom Kurtz, is hands on and regularly works side by side with our skilled servicemen to deliver the perfect home comfort solution. Is there any wonder the first time customers become repeat customers at Statewide Gas Services? Come visit our state-of-the-art showrooms in Waconia and NYA for great local customer service and design ideas.

We look forward to Raising Your Comfort to A New Level!

Statewide Gas Services 952-467-3505 2 locations to serve you better!

220 Industrial Blvd. - NYA 201 W. Main St. - Waconia

President's Corner Jeff Hebelson, Chamber President

Greetings from your Norwood Young America Chamber of Commerce. I am very excited to lead our Chamber this year along with the rest of the Board of Directors. We are anticipating an active year – with success measured by the participation of our members taking advantage of the programs we have in place to promote our local businesses.

I have made a personal goal to have the Chamber actively promote our smaller businesses – many of which are locally owned. This is the majority of our business community, and although we are a “small business” – there is nothing small about the contribution, investment and commitment we make to our community and employees.

Your Chamber has a huge opportunity for you next month. We will again be sponsoring the **Business Bonanza** – this time in conjunction with the Central High Post Prom Craft Show. This is a one-day show that gives you the opportunity to meet face to face with current and potential customers. They will be there and we hope you are as well (continued on page2)!

City Update

Input is being sought for the City's Greenway Master Plan

In these tough economic times, the City was fortunate to receive a number of grants in 2008, going towards the Oak Grove project and other planning efforts. One of these grants awarded to the City was \$64,000 over a two-year period towards planning efforts that focused on open-space and natural resource preservation. As everyone is aware, NYA is fortunate to have numerous high quality natural resources, including five natural environmental lakes in the 20-year growth boundaries of the City! The grant application

focused on a planning process that would help preserve these areas, while creating an amenity that would benefit our community members and hopefully become a regional attraction some day!

The grant administrators were very excited about the City's proposal greenway corridor master plan, which would create a greenway circling the community, connecting each lake and various existing and new neighborhoods. It is our hope that we can work within the existing community to make additional connections between residential and business areas and this corridor as well, creating

not only a great scenic attraction, but an economic development opportunity as well.

The Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission will be participating in much of the background work, but we welcome any and all community and business members who are interested in this planning project to be part of the planning team as well. If you are interested in being part of the group or would just like to provide feedback or be given progress and meeting updates, please contact the Community Development Director Chelsea Alger at 952-467-1806 or calger@cityofnyc.com

**Communication:
The best place to start is with the next person you talk to!**

2009	Budget	Actual YTD
Membership	10,950	4860
Events	6,500	0
Picnic	2,000	0
Queen Program	1,500	0
Banquet	1,000	780
Interest	100	0
Other	200	0
Total Income	22,250	5,640
Advertising	2,000	0
Banquet	1,000	657
Chamber \$ Bucks	200	890
Comm. Improve.	500	0
Scholarship	500	500
Events	5,500	0
Insurance	850	0
Office Exp.	500	175
Picnic	2,000	0
Postage	500	0
Queen Program	1,500	0
Newsletter	400	56
Ex. Dir	6,300	525
Web Site	500	0
Total Expense	22,250	2,802

President's Corner continued...

As the NYA Chamber tries to create a local "economic stimulus," we will be giving each Chamber member, \$25, for participating in the **Business Bonanza**. All that is required is that you use this \$25 as a gift certificate to your store or as a 'door prize' to be given from your booth. This will encourage visitors to visit each booth and give you the opportunity to invite them to visit your store or office as well. Details of this will follow as we receive your show registration.

"Thank you again for your Chamber Membership and please use the opportunities your Chamber is creating for you!"

Have you checked out the Chamber Website?

What's new on the Website?

- Have you entered your **Business Bio Information**? Go to www.nyachamber.org, under the Chamber's Workings section and complete your Business Bio online! Or, complete the attached document and return it to the Chamber.
- Have you returned your **2009 Membership Form**? If not, you can complete it online or complete the attached form!
- Have you signed up to participate in the **Business Bonanza** on March 28, 2009? Sign up early the spots are filling up!
- Post your business event(s) on the Chamber's **Upcoming Events** page!

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***"Don't Sweat the Small
Stuff and It's all Small
Stuff!"***

Upcoming Events

A big **Thank You** to Elroy Latzig, Joe Pfeilsticker and Julie Hauser for their time and dedication while serving the Chamber!

The new Board members are: Jack Lano, Julie Wigfield and Sue Samuelson.

General Membership Meeting: 2/18/09 at noon at the Midtown Restaurant. Jesse Molnau, from Studio West Designs, who created the Chamber's website, will be our Guest Speaker.

The NYA Chamber of Commerce and the Central H.S. Post Prom Committee are excited to host the 2009 **Business Bonanza** and the Post Prom Craft Fair on Saturday, March 28, 2009! Show hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Central High School.

See attached Flyer!

Ridgeview's Women Health Seminar 2/12/09 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
"The Beat Goes On": Understanding Heart Disease and Menopause.

Hymn History and Sing-A-Long at the Harbor 2/17/09 10:00 a.m.

Open House – Farmers Insurance/Teresa Uecker 2/27/09
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 510 Faxon Road NYA

*Welcome New Board
Members!*

