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A Message from Your President...

This is my first "Message from the Prez" as 2010 President of the Young Professionals. I have been involved with Young Professionals for a little over two years now and know I made the right choice to get involved.

The Right Choices. We deal with choices all day, every day. Some are critical and some not so much. Some are business decisions and some are personal ones. Something stood out in Lisa Montgomery's speech at the Annual Chamber Banquet, "life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it."

I have made some wrong choices in my life...many of them. But I have learned to think differently as I think about those wrong choices. Reacting is a huge part of how you learn from your mistakes or even your opportunities. If you react wrong, you look silly and chances are you will make the same mistake again. But if you react correctly and take the time to reflect in your choices, positive things will come from it.

Full quote from Lisa Montgomery

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Giving Back



The Greater Menomonie Area Young Professionals hosted a Holiday Party at Skoog's Parkside on December 8th. In spite of the blizzard outside, the attendance came bearing gifts for those in need in Dunn County. Several blankets and toys were collected and donated to the United Way of Dunn County Christmas for Kids program. Thank you to all that participated and donated all the wonderful gifts!

Calendar of events

February

25 - Simply Networking - Log Jam
 4:30 pm - 7:30pm

March

17 Tourism in Dunn County - Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts
 5:00 pm - 7:00pm

April

21 Beer & Wine Tasting - Fuzzy's Bar & Grill
 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

30 Bowl for Kids Sake - Broadway Bowl

May

1 Thunderhawks Game at Williams Stadium - UW Stout 6:00 pm

18 Green Day - Dunn Energy Cooperative
 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm

June

12 Relay for Life Cleanup - UW Stout Track 9:00 am - 11:00 am

19 Volunteer Event - National Bike Race

Young Professionals November Kick-Off Event

GMAYP's 3rd Annual Tailgate Party and Membership Drive took place on Thursday November 5, 2009 at the Stout Ale House. The event was sponsored by Cedar Corporation and Cedar Falls Building Systems Inc.



We had a great turnout for this event! It was a great opportunity for current and prospective members to meet and network with each other in a relaxed setting. Our formal program included speeches from GMAYP's outgoing and incoming presidents. Outgoing President Jill Rassbach Pember spoke about what GMAYP had accomplished in 2009 and the difference our volunteering is making in the community.

Incoming President Christian Peterson then spoke about what GMAYP steering committee has planned for 2010. To see this year's calendar visit <http://www.menomonieyp.com/events.php>.



Door prizes were donated by local companies including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern WI, Dunn Energy Cooperative, Fleet Feet, Menomonic Golf & Country Club, Menomonic Thunderhawks, Red Cedar Medical Center, Tangles Hair Salon, Ted's Pizza, UW-Stout Athletics, WESTconsin Credit Union, Whitetail Golf and Wipfli.



Welcome New Members!

This month we'd like to thank the following members for joining Menomonic Young Professionals

Brandi Beck - Clear Channel Communication
Chad Barflenecht - Clear Connect Chiropractic
Chris Becker - Stout Entrepreneurship Association
Nicole Benson - Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW
Tyrel Blanchfield - Dunn Energy Cooperative
Brent Costello - Alliance Church of Menomonic
Dwight McNaughton - Menomonic School District
Krisha Miller - Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
Kim Munsch
Amanda Moore - Westconsin Credit Union
Amy Oberhelman - Westconsin Credit Union
Collin Rusin - Stout Entrepreneurship Association
Kristen Schlough - Perkins
Vannessa Shefchik - Red Cedar Medical Center
Wyatt Spielman - Marshfield Clinic
Amy Styer - UW Stout
Mike Wilson - Lucette Brewing

Let's make a presence
at the Menomonic
Chamber of Commerce
Business After Hours

Dates and Locations:

March 15th - Autumn Village

April 19th - Log Jam

May 17th - Mabel Tainter
Theatre

June 21st - Jake's Supper Club

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE AWARD
WINNERS FROM THE
CHAMBER AWARDS
BANQUET**



Cardboard sled race took place Saturday February 6th.

Thank you for those who came out to support the Cardboard sled race at the Dunn County SnowPark.



January 2010 MYP 1st Speed Networking Event

Hosted by WESTconsin Credit Union. Turnout and participation could not have gone better. Attendees found that the opportunity created in this event allowed them to meet and make new contacts within our community; this being most beneficial. Due to the overwhelming, positive responses it is our hope to hold future events similar to our January 2010 Speed Networking Event in our future. Thank you to those who attended this event and made it successful and to Larinda Hessler, Mercedes Koenig & Jody Hagman of WESTconsin Credit Union for volunteering their time with the organization and presentation of this event.

WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to participate on the GMAYP bowling team for Big Brothers Big Sisters – Bowl for Kids' Sake. This is the 2nd year GMAYP will be having a team participate in this event. Last year, our team raised \$1260. Bowling skills and ugly shoes not required. For more info on Bowl for Kids Sake visit http://www.bbbsnw.org/bowl_for_kids_sake.html

Friday, April 30, 2010
Broadway Bowl, Menomonie
If interested in participating,
please contact Grady Richartz
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Full quote from Lisa Montgomery,

“The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so with you....we are in charge of our attitudes!”

Thank you Lisa for those inspirational words and choices and change happens to everyone. When it happens to you, stop, take a breath, and react in a way that will positively affect everyone.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you at our upcoming events. Please tell me how you think things are going with YP and how you might see them work better for the future. There is no paid staff with Young Professionals and these events are put on by the hard work of our wonderful YP Steering committee. Please thank them when you see them.

God Bless,
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