

Notes...

A Message from Your President...

Happy Summer 2009! I hope you are having both a fun and productive summer.

I want to thank each of you that took the time to respond to the GMAYP Zoomerang survey that was sent out in the last month. And thank you to Kelly France, a RCU employee and steering committee member, that took on drafting and executing this survey. We had a HUGE (56%) response rate and we will definitely use the valuable feedback provided when planning the 2010 calendar of events that will be unveiled at the annual Tailgate Party on November 5th at the Stout Ale House.

I want to welcome three new members that have stepped up to be actively involved in the steering committee: Cory Scheidler with Cedar Corporation, Jody Hagman with WESTconsin Credit Union and Vannella Englund with Shefchik Builders. We very much look forward to the vision and talents these individuals will bring to the committee and organization.

I also would like to thank Josh Boehm for the term he served on the steering committee and time he spent as a member. Josh has moved to Kansas City to pursue law school. We wish him the very best of luck!

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GMAYP Helps Clean up after Relay for Life

Greater Menomonie Area Young Professionals had the opportunity to help clean up for the Relay for Life event at the UW-Stout track. Great turn out from the GMAYP and the cleanup process went very quickly. Please check out some of the photos below from this event. The Relay for Life crew was very thankful for our help and GMAYP hopes to have the opportunity to do this again next year.



Thank you to all who came out and help!! Thank you Theresa Boettcher for organizing this great event!



Some GMAYP members and their families helped the American Cancer Society Relay for Life by helping clean up the morning after the event.

Calendar of events

August

13 - Eat My Fish Family Fishing event

17 - BAH at Pioneer Grill & Saloon

September

17 - Project in the Park, Wakanda

21 - BAH at Quality Auto Body Detail Center

October

19 - BAH at Stout Ale House

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For more information on Business After Hours (BAH) please visit the Chamber at www.menomoniechamber.org

Please visit our website at www.menomonieyp.com for details on our listings.

Finding Your Inner Bud

About 25 GMAYP members enjoyed sampling some of Bill's Distributing new products for May's Networking event. After the sampling, we were able to get a tour of Bill's brand new facility. Good times were had by all as the staff from Bill's entertained us with jokes and told us about the history of Bill's Distributing.

Many thanks to all who helped with this event and to Bill's Distributing for having us!

The Shriner's Came to Town...and We Joined Them!



The Greater Menomonie Area Young Professionals participated in the first Zor Shriner's Parade on Saturday, May 30, 2009. It was a glorious day with a large crowd in attendance. Among those representing GMAYP were Kristae Knous, Jesse Olson, Joseph Voorhees, Grady Richartz, Jill Rassbach-Pember, Jody Hagman, Becky Richartz, and Julie Greener.

FreedomFest 2009 a Success for GMAYP!

GMAYP headed three successful events at FreedomFest 2009. The events were "Menomonie's Got Talent", Bean Bags and the Dunk Tank.

"We had a great group of participants, volunteers and sponsors," said Jody Hagman, WESTconsin Credit Union. "We greatly appreciate all the participants that came to support our three events and donate their time for our cause."

Dean & Sue's provided the bean bags and and Wade Lambrigtsen, owner of Vintage Sign Shop in Menomonie, donated the Dunk Tank sign. All of the

events were a huge success for GMAYP from community involvement to GMAYP representation. It was great having the community comment and share their excitement in regards to our involvement in FreedomFest. We are looking forward to participating again in 2010!

* A special thank you to the many GMAYP volunteers. Our volunteers for FreedomFest 2009 were Becky Richartz, Larinda Hessler, Megan Portnoy, Heather Weber, Anna McCabe, Jill Rassbach Pember, Christian Peterson, Latacia Greeley and Jody Hagman.

Welcome New Members!

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

Jarrold McCurdy – Cedar Corporation

Joseph Voorhees – Century 21

Ray Roberts – Northern Wisconsin Thunderhawks

Todd Maki – Main Street Health & Fitness

GMAYP: Solving the World's Problems, One Dot at a Time

The July event started off with some exciting introductions to a new group in town, Toastmasters. Judge Rod Smeltzer did an uplifting presentation about what Toastmasters is and how it can help benefit anyone interested in improving their public speaking skills.

Toastmasters opened up into an energetic presentation by Kari Dahl. She presented a model that, with all three pieces working and helping one another, can create any place into a positive working environment. Without one piece however, getting there cannot happen. Her presentation centered around creating personal connections with employees which will foster personal connections with our customers and consumers.

The group then went outside to do a hands-

on group activity showing just how important listening, understanding, asking questions, and reiterating what you believe someone is saying, is to the concept of clear communication.

Kari left us all feeling ready to go back to work and really identify what WE can each do to take responsibility for the atmosphere, attitudes, and energy at our work places. We can each choose to act/react in ways that lead and feed our spirits to one another.



The group of attendees at Kari Dahl's presentation in July.

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GMAYP participated for the first time ever with the FreedomFest 4th of July celebration. Our efforts were led by members and WESTconsin Credit Union employees, Latacia Greeley and Jody Hagman. Thanks to these ladies and the many volunteers that assisted, fun was had by all at a dunk tank, bean bag area and talent show!

We hope you are able to join our first ever family event coming up on Thursday evening, August 13th at the Bullfrog Fish Farm - www.eatmyfish.com. Visit our website for all the details!

I want to close with some leadership thoughts to ponder and share with your respective work groups. Stay focused on your goals and continue to work hard to achieve them!

Radical Action

During these faster and more competitive times, business excellence is not reached in moderation. It's achieved by taking radical action: in learning and upgrading skills, prospecting new business, gaining referrals, keeping current clients happy and the like.

It's Only Potential

Talent is only potential. Until a talented person is

lined up with the right job, in the right environment and led by the right manager, his or her talent will only remain a matter of "what might have been."

You Won't Grow

Don't join an easy crowd: you won't grow. Associate with people that nudge, stretch, challenge and encourage you to do more.

Don't Stop!

You can't stop and rest every time you're tired or you'll never reach your potential. Just as a muscle starts to grow during those last few painful reps during a workout--about the time you'd like to quit--you'll grow only when you extend yourself beyond where you're comfortable.

Strong Why

When setting goals make sure you have a strong "why". Why do you want it? Do you have one reason or one-hundred reasons? The stronger the "why" the easier the "how".

Your 2009 GMAYP President,
Jill Rassbach Pember