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February, 2016

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Annual Dinner. It was a great night.

Also, just a quick reminder that notices for your 2016 dues went out in December, if you have not already renewed your dues please do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

President's Corner



Happy February!

I wanted to thank everyone who attended our annual dinner and donated items for our silent auction. We appreciate your support and for believing in the value of our organization.

Amanda Damp and our dinner committee of Denise Wild, Kim Kysley and Danielle Thompson did a remarkable job ensuring our event was a success. Heron's Landing added to the success but treating us to a wonderfully catered meal! The evening seemed very well received by all and we couldn't be happier.

Furthermore it was our honor to recognize the Citizen of the Year, Peggy Bare and the Business of the Year, Opportunities, Inc. for their commitment to Jefferson and their ongoing efforts to go above and beyond.

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Citizen of the Year

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Peggy Bare
Hardworking,
loyal, kind,
supportive,
friendly and
thoughtful is
just the tip of
the iceberg of
how to
describe this
year's



recipient. The word that most comes to mind, however, is selfless; the word NO is not part of her vocabulary. It is for her dedication not only to her businesses, church, local organizations of which she is a member, but also to the Jefferson community that she is being recognized this evening.

She is an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She not only is a member of the Grace Notes, but she organizes their holiday caroling to the elderly. She was instrumental in getting hand bells for the church and is the director of the Hallelujah Ringers. She also, teaches music at the children's Vacation Bible School.

This year's recipient is an enthusiastic participant in Tomorrow's Hope. Along with being a member of Team Fischer, she organizes the music and singers for the "Remember Ceremony", assists with wrapping the Silent Auction baskets, as well as moved the Tomorrow's Hope House across town and remodeled it.

She is a chamber member, and has served not only on the Board of Directors, but also President of the Board. She served 9 years on the Parade of Lights Committee and has an entry in both the Parade of Lights and Gemuetlichkeit Parade every year. She is a member of the Jefferson County Board of Realtors and has been President of the Board two times. She currently serves on the Jefferson Community Foundation and the Jefferson Live Music Foundations boards, even taking on the daunting task of chairing the Concession Stand for Concerts in Rotary Park. And, in addition to all of this she is the owner of Wine & Roses and Preferred Building Systems and Real Estate.

Tonight we honor *Peggy Bare* as our Citizen of the Year for 2015.

Executive Director

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SDJ Operational Referendum 2016

Q. A. What is an operational referendum?
Operational referendums maintain current levels of educational programs & services school districts deliver to students.

Q. A. Why do we need an operational referendum?

Responsibility
State
Local - Community

State funding for public schools has been capped and is not expected to be addressed locally.

Q. A. Operational Referendums passed by our neighbors...

Cambridge \$1.8 Million	Jefferson \$275,000	Doakville \$400,000
Wilkesport \$1.2 Million	Port Jefferson \$1.75 Million	St. Louis \$200,000

What will it cost?

HOME VALUE	PROPERTY TAX PER YEAR	MONTHLY IMPACT
\$100,000	\$1,100	\$9.16
\$200,000	\$2,200	\$18.32
\$300,000	\$3,300	\$27.48

Potential Areas of Reduction

Reduction of Staff

- Guidance and Counseling Services
- Elementary Classroom Teacher
- Reading Specialist
- Art, Music, PE Teachers
- Classical Dance
- Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Cleaning Technician
- Technology Support

Reduction of Educational Opportunities

- Special & Instructional Support
- Elementary & Junior Services
- High School
- Computer/Keyboarding
- Special Education Services
- Master or High School Health Classes
- High School
- Technology Education
- High School eq. Automation, Party & Consumer Science
- One Year/History Education
- High School Psychology and Latin Courses

Strong Schools = Strong Community

Attract Business
Increase Property Value
Stronger Civic Engagement
Enhanced Public Services

Attend an Informational Forum
Thursday, January 29th, 6pm - 8:45 pm
See the Website: SDJ.org for more information

VOTE TUESDAY
16
February 2016

Bring your photo to your voting place

[Vote YES For Education](#)

Events

February 13, 2016
[Jefferson Rotary Club](#)
"Valentine's Day in Paradise"

Join the club for this fun event including a chance to win one of

Leigh Price

Thank you Robin and hello to all of you Jefferson Chamber members! I have enjoyed meeting some of you during my first week, and I look forward to getting to know you and your businesses better in the upcoming months.



First, a little about myself, I was raised in Jefferson county and via an indirect route that went from Watertown up to Green Bay down to Madison up to Minneapolis and then down to Chicago, I eventually made my way back to Jefferson County-to a great place to live and raise a family-I have two twenty-something children-Austin who is a senior at UWW in Information Systems, and Charlotte who just completed her training at the Aveda Institute of Beauty and Wellness-so I'm looking forward to all the IT help I'll ever need and free color and haircuts-what more does a girl need?

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Annual Dinner



On Monday, January 25th, the Annual Dinner was held at the Jefferson Area Business Center. Once again the Annual Dinner Committee did a fantastic job of organizing and decorating this event, creating a wonderful night for all who attended. It was a night of networking, fun and good food. Heron's Landing did an incredible job of providing a delicious meal. Congratulations go out to our "Citizen of the Year" recipient Peggy Bare and "Business of the Year" recipient Opportunities, Inc. Thank you to the following list of businesses for your generous silent auction donations:

B.E. Hive Hair Salon & Spa
Badger Bank
Bon Ton Bakery

John's Fire Protection
Lake County Heating & Cooling
NAPA of Jefferson

several major prizes, enjoy a variety of beers and wines, food, and tropical themed music. For tickets or more information contact Ellen at ellenw1440@gmail.com or 414-322-1440.

February 14, 2016

Cab Rides for the Elderly

All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Serving from 8:00 a.m. till Noon at the VFW-1420 S. Main St., Jefferson. Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Kids 5 & under eat FREE. Tickets available at Jefferson financial institutions or River Crest Apartments.

March 5, 2016

[ACT 4HIM](#)

ACT 4HIM is excited to announce that Tenth Avenue North will be coming to Jefferson on Saturday, March 5th.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.myact4him.org

New Member

Welcome to our
Newest Chamber
Member

**[Jefferson County
Economic Development
Consortium \(JCEDC\)](#)**



Genevieve Coady-
Executive Director
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Brantmeier Law
Brickhaus Cafe
Century21 Integrity Group
County-City Credit Union
Crawfish Corners
Daily Jefferson County
Union
Fort Community Credit
Union
goJefferson.com
Green Links Lawnspring
Havill Motors
Heron's Landing
Jefferson County Living
Jefferson Golf Club
Jelli's Market

Once & Again
Consignments
Opportunities, Inc.
Pepsi
Premier Bank
Presidential Limousine
Robin's Nest II Styling
Salon
Sylvan Crossings
The Drug Store
Town & Country Homes
Vetro Winery
Wal-Mart
Watson Ace Hardware
Wine & Roses

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Business of the Year

Opportunities, Inc.

This is the eleventh year we are presenting business of the year award to one of our chamber members whose business has been in business for more than three years, grown during its existence, and contributed to the community in some way.

Participating in specials events and chamber functions is a great way to show presence in the community and this holds true for this business as they are always helping out at many of our functions throughout the year. Their mission to provide numerous services to individuals with diverse abilities allows for not only those individuals to thrive, but our communities as well.

We are happy to present
the Business of the Year
Award for 2015 to
Opportunities, Inc.

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Thank you to all of those that attended the dinner, Heron's Landing, Jefferson Area Business Center and the 2016 Annual Dinner Committee: Cindy Wade-Badger Bank, Danielle Thompson-Brantmeier Law, Denise Wild-County City Credit Union and Kim Kysely-Green Links Lawnspring.

Annual Report

Every year the Chamber strives to aide our local businesses and to improve the Jefferson community and this year is no different. This would not be possible without your membership and support this past year, and we thank you for not only that but for also volunteering at our events throughout the year. We greatly appreciated it. While the path to success is rarely smooth, it is the bumps along the way that often lead to growth and we look forward to continuing to grow and reach our 2016 goals.

In 2015, Jefferson welcomed the following businesses: AJ's Place, Neighbor's Grill & Pizza and Tea Tree Wellness. Along with the new businesses added to our community the Chamber presented three businesses with membership plaques and we ended the year with 161 members.

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