

Meet the Waconia Chamber Team!

We work in a relationship-based nonprofit organization with the mission of serving YOU, and your businesses and organizations. Our dynamic Chamber team works to live out our mission of supporting our businesses and enhancing the quality of life in the community.

As I enter into my 7th year in serving as the Chamber President, I continue to be grateful for our incredible business community. Waconia and the surrounding area continue to grow and since 2020, we've grown our chamber membership from 250 to 320 member businesses today. We're thrilled to be able to expand our team and serve our membership by offering more programming and professional development opportunities; expanded business and education partnerships; networking opportunities; advocacy efforts; and community events that continue to draw customers, employees, and even future residents to our local businesses and community.

Intros: You may have noticed some new faces and shifts in job duties over the past year, so I wanted to take a minute to (re)introduce you to the group of talented women that make up the Chamber team.



pictured: Christine, Chelsey, Emily, Dee, Jenna – at the Agritourism luncheon at Parley Lake

Christine Fenner, President

Every day brings new opportunities, and I'm fortunate to work in a variety of capacities alongside this team!

Chelsey Koubsky, Senior Communications and Office Manager

Chelsey started with the chamber in May of 2021, and continues to wear lots of hats on any given day. While capable of most tasks within the chamber, Chelsey now focuses on graphic design and marketing, website, and billing. She also has a gift for figuring out how

to do new things and is known in the office as the “IT Department.” She’s helped to grow our operations to what it is today, and we’re grateful for her years at the chamber.

Emily McKeever, *Member Services and Tourism Coordinator, part-time*

Emily joined us in February as a part-time Interim Communications and Administration Coordinator, and has recently accepted a position to stay on part-time as the Member Services and Tourism Coordinator. Emily serves members through communication writing and creating social media content, working with the Nickle Dickle Day Arts & Craft Show, and coordinating ambassador visits.

Dee DeLange, *Event Coordinating and Consulting*

Dee is a familiar face to most! We’ve been honored to have her serve for several years on the Chamber Board and Tourism Board, including Board Chair of both groups. Additionally, she has been a strong leading member of the Retail Committee, supporting and growing events. While in transition of selling her own business and filling a gap at the chamber, Dee played a critical role with the Community Expo and Sister Saturday events. She has continued on to do event coordinating and consulting work for the Golf Tournament, and currently Nickle Dickle Day. We attribute much of the success of these events to her and are very fortunate to have her expertise on the team.

Jenna Dahlke, *Chamber Support in Communications and Events, part-time/occasional*

Jenna began with us as an Event Intern in the summer of 2024, and has continued to support in communications and events on a part-time/occasional basis. She’s was a ‘23 Waconia HS grad Chamber Scholarship recipient, and a ’26 graduate of Entrepreneurial Studies at South Dakota State University. Jenna joined us again in the office late spring and is currently working in the office weekly on Thursdays. Jenna continues build the Friday Facts/Newsletter each week, supports our social media, and brings innovative ideas and support to each chamber event.

We’re honored to partner with you – our members!

There’s still a lot of summer to be had, and we know that Nickle Dickle Day and fall is just around the corner. As we enter the next season, we’ll continue to elevate our chamber. We’ll continue to plan community events; and will also be working on strategic planning, advocacy, and workforce for our members. Thank you for all that you bring to this community; our team is honored to work alongside you.

-Christine

