Chamber events bring the business community together
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For more than a century, chambers of commerce throughout Minnesota have connected businesses to each other and to their communities. We take pride in being the connection point for employers and employees – those who create a great quality of life and sustain Minnesota's economy – and the communities in which we all enjoy that life.

Events are a great way to make these connections. The Minnesota Chamber hosts more than 50 events every year, which range in size from 10 to 2,000 guests, and welcome with more than 4,000 total attendees.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic challenged everyone's ability to enjoy these gatherings in person, the Minnesota Chamber and our local chamber partners continued to bring you programming to grow your network and your knowledge base. Now we are beginning to be able to enjoy each other's in-person company again. No matter your interest or industry, we have an event for you.

On November 18, we will host our Annual Economic Summit, offering data on Minnesota's economy and perspectives on the landscape of how to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and keep and grow jobs throughout the state. This annual event welcomes business and public affairs leaders from all corners of the state, and features high-level speakers, real world business solutions, and opportunities to grow your network.

And your local chamber offers opportunities to connect with other business people in your community as well. Network and connect with other Waconia Chamber members the first Thursday of each month at a Coffee Connection. The October Coffee Connection is Thursday, October 7, 7:30AM-9:00AM at Bakery on Main. The Waconia Chamber's upcoming fall events are a great way to connect with the community as well. Hosting a scarecrow drives people right to do you door and events like D.E.A.R. and Homespun Holiday offer direct interaction with the community.

As we all emerge from the pandemic together, we look forward to connecting with all of you at an event sometime soon!