

There is always a silver lining

As we turn the page to a new calendar year, the rollercoaster of change, emotions, difficulty, and national turmoil haven't disappeared. It's important to discuss the issues affecting our nation, state, and local community; and also reflect on what this past year has taught us. With 2020 now in our rearview mirror, we look ahead to 2021 and seek the silver lining in what's to come. Of the numerous life lessons to come out of 2020, and here are my top 3.

Top 3 lessons of 2020

- 1. Resilience is a Skill** - We've been forced to make changes in our daily lives through working conditions and our home life. It has required patience and extreme flexibility. By building this resilience, we've become better business leaders.
- 2. How to Better Overcome Challenges** - Over the past 8 months working at the chamber, I've learned something new every single day. With each challenge, there has been an opportunity to learn, grow, and try something new. I'm grateful for our team and membership that have offered their ideas, time, and input for success.
- 3. The Impact of Community Connections** - Most of all, I'm amazed at how our community works together, takes care of others, and has maintained strong relationships. We may not all have the same viewpoints, but we're all interconnected. Slowing down, appreciating the small gestures, and maintaining relationships all make a difference. I'm filled with gratitude in witnessing how the community supports one another.

Good things to come in 2021

At the Chamber office, we've been planning the event calendar and there's a lot to look forward to 2021. We'll continue to create networking opportunities, advocate for business, strengthen our local economy, and promote tourism. Waconia is a great place to do business, shop, dine, live, and have fun!

Keep seeking the silver lining,

-Christine