

Why I'm grateful for our Waconia Community

There's a whole culmination of reasons why this community is special. To name just a few, our small town shops and local businesses have character and charm with festivity displayed in their windows. Our annual Tree Lighting held in City Square Park has been described as something that comes straight from a Hallmark movie. And our non-profit organizations are strong and quick to serve those in need.

This past week's Chamber events were yet another good reminder of why I'm incredibly proud and grateful to work and serve in this community.

Made in Waconia - At our monthly luncheon we celebrated National Manufacturing Month and all things *Made in Waconia*. A panel of manufacturers shared about their products, challenges, and successes. We're grateful for these companies to choose to do business in Waconia and enhance our local economy.

Experience the Trades - Over 60 students and representatives from 10 different companies in the manufacturing and trades industry participated. The event held at Waconia High School is designed to give exposure to job shadowing, apprenticeship, and career opportunities available.

Coffee Connection - 50 people attended not only to network and build business referrals; but also to build strong connections, friendships, and community.

D.E.A.R. Hunting - This Saturday is D.E.A.R. Hunting Day - Divas (and Dudes) Enjoying Awesome Retail! It's a day to bring out your blaze orange attire and have fun shopping, eating, and experiencing local.

Finally, to our Veterans; thank you for your service to our country.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

With gratitude,

-Christine