

## March 2012 Chamber Meetings

Tuesday, March 6- 7:30am  
(Two-Part Workshop)  
How to work ON your Business,  
not IN your Business

Tuesday, March 6 - 10:30am  
Ribbon Cutting  
Stevie B's Pizza  
3525 E. Calumet St. | Appleton

Thursday, March 8 - 8am  
Member Resource Council

Friday, March 9- 8am  
Advocacy Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 13 - 9am  
Membership Marketing Council

Thursday, March 15 - 9am  
Business Development Team

Thursday, March 22  
Business after Hours  
Country Inn & Suites  
Patriot Drive | Little Chute

Monday, March 26 - 11:30  
Lunch & Learn  
Badger Sports Park  
Evergreen Drive | Appleton

*Chamber meetings are at the  
Chamber office unless specified  
otherwise. Guests are welcome.  
Please call to confirm*

## Annual Event Honors Chamber Members

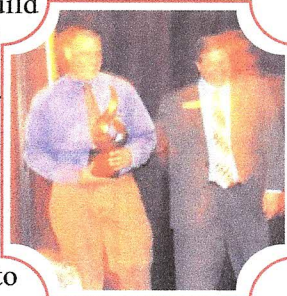
The Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted the 40th Annual Awards Event on Wednesday, February 29 at the Grand Meridian. The event featured a food and beer pairing with Wisconsin brewed Leinenkugel's beer and Keynote Speaker Dick Leinenkugel.

Within every community there are people and businesses that go above and beyond what is normally expected, to benefit those around them. We wish we could honor them all but unfortunately this year we were able to honor 6 following awards.

Kay Abel, Abel Insurance, was honored as **The Business Person of the Year Award** for her dedication and support of the community. Her professionalism is always evident in the knowledge and commitment she provides to all her clients. She is involved in her church, her school district, her alumni association, community groups and in her trade association, all in leadership roles.



BACE Incorporated was awarded the **Rising Star Award**. BACE is a commercial design and build business that opened in one of the worst economies most of us will ever see. Two short years ago the owner, John Elrick, fulfilled a life-long dream to



own his own business. Their core philosophies are communication, trust and relationship building. Look for them in the future because they will make their mark on our business community.

The **Emerging Enterprise Award** went to Gary Vaughn and his staff at Guident Business Solutions. This businesses which established in 2009 actually teaches other business owners the skills they need to run a successful, profitable business. They help their clients in the areas of operations and management skills, financial analysis, HR, leadership, strategic planning and market strategies.



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## ✓ March To-Do List

**Join** a committee! This is a great way to meet new business professionals and keep a pulse on what is happening at the Chamber!

**Attend** the Business after Hours on Thursday, March 22nd from 5-6:30pm at The Country Inn & Suites in Little Chute.

**Learn** more about Chamber benefits and programs! Are you making the most of your Chamber membership?

**Want to get involved?**  
Call the Chamber at 920-766-1616!