

# Networking

- The Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber offers many opportunities to meet people, make contacts, exchange ideas and interact with others. After all, business often involves who you know, not just what you know. That's why it's our job to make sure you know people who can help your company grow.
- Nearly every Chamber event provides networking time before and after the formal portion of the program, but here are a few networking "best bets" you might want to try to get started.
- **Business After Hours**  
Every first Thursday of the month, skip the usual happy hour and head to Business After Hours Hosted in restaurants and other locales throughout Park Rapids Lakes Area , Business After Hours is THE perfect place to build new business relationships by networking with many Park Rapids Lakes Area business people. Enjoy refreshments and informative exhibits.
- **Member Orientation**  
Held the third Thursday of each month, the Membership 101 Orientation is the opportunity to connect with the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber. Members are invited to learn how to make the most of their Chamber membership. Find out what programs are offered, how to get involved, and network with the Chamber's other members!
- **Annual Meeting and Awards Gala**  
Each April, the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber awards the prestigious Business of the Year award and introduces new leadership before business people. We will bring together the community's best entrepreneurs and its outstanding manufacturers to recognize achievements in those fields. The event not only provides attendees with an outstanding networking opportunity, but also exposes them to the best practices used by some of the community's leading companies.
- **Women's Business Luncheons:** Held every other Month. Interesting and informative topics a networking.



**Chamber's Core Purpose: Contribute to the success of our member businesses**