

# Chamber News

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## From The President's Desk.... 2019 Erica Bates

Greetings Fellow Chilton Chamber members:

I'm back! The decision to step in to fulfill the duties of Chamber President for a second year did NOT come with much hesitation. I have learned a lot in the last year as president and I look forward to more learning and more leadership in 2019...and have fun while doing it!

Since being involved with the Chamber, I can really attest to all the countless hours the members volunteer to keep the events successful each year. My goal for 2019 is growth. I would like to focus on new members and getting the existing members more involved. It will make this small community BIG!

So just what events and activities is your Chamber involved with? Here is a brief outline:

**-Ambassadors Club** is a way that we recognize new businesses and existing businesses that have made substantial positive improvements to their business.

**-Summer Festival and Father's Day Parade** is held every summer and brings thousands of people to the streets of Chilton for a weekend of family fun!

**-Christmas Parade of Lights** is held annual and is a great way to kick off the Holiday Season.

**-Crafty Apple Fest** is the largest and best organized

craft fair in the area bringing in over 100 vendors and thousands of shoppers to the streets of Chilton.

**-CHS Scholarship Evening** – Every year since 1961 local Chilton Businesses have presented Scholarships to Chilton High School's best and brightest Seniors.

**-Retail Promotions** – The Chamber promotes multiple retail events each year including Summer Crazy Daze and our "Christmas on Us" promotion. Each promotion is designed to encourage customers to "Shop Locally" while offering specific benefits for doing so.

**-Distinguished Citizen of the Year** - Each year since 1949 the Chilton Chamber of Commerce has recognized and honored a Chilton resident for their service and devotion to our community.

**-Chamber of Commerce Community Directory** is a hard copy comprehensive listing and summary of local businesses, Civic Groups, Schools, and Churches. It offers a great tool to allow people to become familiar with our wonderful city. This is a great compliment to the Website to inform people who we are and what have to offer as a community.

As you can see, the list of Chamber activities is quite diverse but still focused in promoting our community in one way or another. If you have not done so in the past, I

would encourage you to learn more about the Chamber of Commerce by visiting our website at

[www.chiltonchamber.com](http://www.chiltonchamber.com).

Better yet, consider joining us for one of our monthly meetings. The monthly Chamber Meetings are held the first Wednesday of most months and are open to ALL members. Dates, times and locations are posted on the website and can be found in the newsletter.

Some may ask what specific benefits they receive from having their Chamber membership. Some of these are made obvious from the list above, but in my opinion, you will get the greatest benefits by becoming involved in the meetings and events. It's a great way to network with your fellow members. I am hoping to create more networking events this year which will give you the opportunity to meet your fellow business owners in the community.

Once again, I thank you for this opportunity to serve as your 2019 Chamber President. I wish you, your family and your business a Healthy & Prosperous New Year!!

Erica Bates  
2019 Chamber President

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**NEW  
Membership  
Plaques  
available to  
all members  
for 2019.**

If you did not attend the annual meeting, someone will be dropping your plaque off .

## Seeking Nominations for 2019 Citizen of The Year

**N**ominations are being accepted for Chilton's 2019 Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

The Chilton Chamber of Commerce will honor the recipient at the Chilton Eagles Club on Wednesday, March 27th. A social will be held from 6:00-7:00 PM, with the award presentation and program to follow at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and can be picked up at Vern's Cheese, BMO Harris Bank, or The State Bank.

Nominations should be sent to the Chilton Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 122 Chilton, WI 53014. There

is a form that needs to be filled out and submitted. Forms can be found on our website, under the Citizen of the Year tab, or can be picked up at City Hall, or the Public Library during business hours. You may email us at:

info@chiltonchamber.com to request a form to be emailed to you. The form is very specific in asking the nominees accomplishments. **Nominations must be typed or written.** Deadline is Friday, February 8, 2019

Resumes submitted in prior years must be resubmitted on the new form. The achievements of the individual being nominated must have

benefited the citizens of the Chilton area, should focus on volunteer related items rather than be job related, and the nominee must live or work in the Chilton area.

The winner will be selected by a committee of chamber members from submitted resumes prior to the March 1st monthly chamber meeting at which time the Chamber board will hear the recommendation from the committee.

If you have any questions, please call Tammy Pethan, Chamber Secretary, at 418-1650.

## Chamber Cash Check Program

**C**hamber Cash is a program that is designed to provide chamber members an opportunity for increased sales while serving as an outlet for bearers of the chamber checks to redeem them at participating member businesses. This also encourages residents to keep their shopping dollars local.

Chamber Cash can be purchased from the Farm and Home service desk during regular business hours. The checks are available in any denomination. When a chamber check is purchased a list of participating members (for redemption) is included. Participating members accept the chamber cash checks and can simply make a deposit.

Businesses can simply deposit the chamber checks as they would any other check.

Mail order chamber cash

checks are also available by emailing the chamber at: info@chiltonchamber.com or by calling the chamber secretary, Tammy at 920/418-1650.

Yearly, the chamber cash program generates over \$20,000 in sales right here in Chilton, just through the chamber cash program. You may redeem your certificate at any participating member listed below:

- 40 West
- A & K Truckland
- Artistic Images
- Baus Family Dental
- Best Western Stanton Inn
- Blattner's Piggly Wiggly
- BMO Harris Bank
- Brantmeier Electric
- Chaussee' Chiropractic Office
- Cheers
- Chilton Furniture
- Chilton Upholstery
- Country Visions Co-op
- Dairy Queen

- Delta Publications
- East Shore Humane Society
- Ethel's Pub & Grill
- Eyecare Center-Dr. Burkhardt
- Family Insurance Center
- Farm & Home
- Friederichs Abstract & Title
- Gravity Park
- Great Midwest Bank
- Hickory Hills Country Club
- Hilde's Deli and Bakery
- Horst Distributing
- Housekeepers
- Inspire Dreams Learning Center
- Jiggers Auto
- Jorgen's Auto
- Just For You Flowers and Gifts
- Karls Mechanical Contractors
- Mueller Plumbing, LLC
- Papa Don's Pizza
- Pet Pals Professional Grooming
- Pheasant Hill Animal Hospital
- Pla-Mor Lanes
- Premier Financial Credit Union
- Printing Express
- Reinl Accounting
- Riesterer & Schnell
- Roepke's Village Inn
- Rowland's Calumet Brewery
- Schmidt's Clothing
- Scoops Ice Cream
- Seasons By Design
- Seven Angels
- Shear America
- State Bank of Chilton
- Terra Verde Coffeehouse
- Thunderbird Motel
- Vande Hey Brantmeier
- Vern's Cheese
- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Weber's Self Serve



## 2019 Chamber Schedule

<b>Meeting Schedule</b>			<b>Event Schedule</b>
1/30/19 5:30 PM	Annual Meeting	Cheers	1/30/19 Annual Meeting at Cheers 3/27/19 Citizen of The Year at Chilton Eagles 5/01/19 Scholarship Presentations at Chilton High School 6/13-6/16/19 Chilton Summer Festival Weekend 09/07/19 Crafty Apple Fest 12/07/19 Holiday Parade of Lights  TBD Annual Golf Outing at Hickory Hills
3/06/19 5:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Wieiting Funeral Home	
4/03/19 5:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	State Bank of Chilton	
5/01/19 5:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Chilton High School	
6/05/19 Noon	Monthly Meeting	Hickory Hills	
9/05/19 Noon	Monthly Meeting	FVTC Chilton	
10/2/19 5:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Neighborhood Pub & Grill	
11/6/19 5:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Premier Financial Credit Union	
12/11/19 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting & Election Meeting	Roepke’s Village Inn	
All members are invited to attend any of our monthly meeting and events. Reservations can be made by calling, chamber secretary, Tammy Pethan at 418-1650 or emailing to <a href="mailto:info@chiltonchamber.com">info@chiltonchamber.com</a> . Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.chiltonchamber.com">www.chiltonchamber.com</a> to access the agenda and minutes one week prior to the meeting date.			

## 2019 Committee Chairpersons

Scholarship Committee	Glen Calnin
Finance Committee	Candy Chaussee’
Dues & Membership Committee	Tammy Pethan
Citizen of The Year Selection Committee	Jamie Wieting
Ambassador’s Club	Tammy Pethan & Erica Bates
Holiday Parade of Lights	Terry Friederichs & Paula Mortimer
Summer Festival	Jerry Mallmann
Parade—Jerry Mallmann	
Street Dance—Bob Cullen	
50/50 Raffle—Tammy Pethan & Candy Chaussee’	
Website/Facebook	Tammy Pethan, Laura Hoerth
Brochure Committee	Tammy Pethan, Mike Gerhartz
Chamber Cash	Tammy Pethan & Candy Chaussee’
Retail/Business Committee	Kim McKeen
Craft Apple Fest	Kim McKeen/Tammy Pethan/ Jerry Mallmann
Annual Meeting	Executive Committee

### 2019 Officers & Directors

*Erica Bates-President*

*Jamie Wieting-1st VP*

*Kari Meyers-2nd VP*

*Candy Chaussee’-Treasurer*

*Tammy Pethan-Secretary*

### Board Members

*Lisa Herrick*

*Kim McKeen*

*Mike Gerhartz*

*Denise Bangart*

*Glen Calnin*

*Jessica Wunrow*

*Susan Hardtke*

*Scott Kunde*

*Jerry Mallmann*

*Sue Kapingst*

*Stacy Woelfel*

*Bill Suttner*

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**Become Involved**

- Do you have something you would like to submit in our yearly newsletter?
- Any other thoughts about the chamber in general are always welcome. Call 418-1650.
- Would you like to be part of a committee or volunteer for one of our events? Just call-we'd love your help.
- If you have a special event or fund raiser you support, we would be happy to share through our email system.
- Bring a friend, and let them know what we are all about.
- Would you like to be part of a great organization that supports and promotes local businesses of all types? If you would like more information about the Chilton Chamber of Commerce please contact Tammy Pethan at 920/418-1650 or [info@chiltonchamber.com](mailto:info@chiltonchamber.com).

## Charitable Contributions Under the Current

There has been a lot of talk lately about whether the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's increased standard deductions and lower tax rates for individuals will have an adverse impact on the amount of funds given to charities. While it is true that many taxpayers will see changes in how much income tax is saved for each dollar of charitable giving, donors should be aware that there are still both tax planning opportunities and good reasons to give.

- ◆ People age 70 ½ or older can direct that up to \$100,000 per year of their IRA funds be distributed directly to charities. These qualified charitable distributions allow the donor to avoid federal income tax on IRA funds that would otherwise be taxable. Qualified charitable distributions from IRA's are generally preferable to using other sources for funding donations when IRA Minimum Distributions are required.
- ◆ Donating appreciated stock from your investment portfolio will provide charities with support equal to the value of the stock, while providing you with two tax benefits. A donor contributing appreciated stock held long-term avoids paying capital gain tax on the growth in value and can also claim a deduction for the fair market value of that stock. Donating appreciated stocks during a year for which you are expecting to itemize anyway will maximize the tax benefits of this type of donation.
- ◆ Contributions to donor advised funds are a good way to bunch together donations covering multiple years of support for your favorite organizations. This type of bunching allows you to save tax by itemizing deductions in a single tax year with a larger than usual charitable deduction, then claiming the rather sizable standard deduction in years that no additional funds are contributed. You can instruct your donor advised fund to send some of the available money to recipient organizations whenever you want a supported organization to actually receive the funds, even if in a later year.
- ◆ It has been estimated that in most states about 80% of return filers will pay less federal income tax under current rules than they paid in 2017, and only about 5% will pay more. Overall, taxpayers are expected to save an average of \$700 - \$900 each year starting in 2018, and some will save even more. While there are many factors affecting each household's income and its federal tax liability, many households may have noticed that their after-tax discretionary incomes did increase when the tax laws changed for 2018. Realizing that fewer taxpayers will take tax deductions specifically for making charitable donations, charities ask donors to focus on how their support fits into their own personal budgets and on how supporting charitable activities helps communities, even when donors can't claim deductions for federal income tax purposes.

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### **Our Mission Statement.....**

*The mission of the Chilton Chamber is to organize, to unite, advertise and advance the commercial, mercantile and manufacturing interests of the City of Chilton; to improve civic and industrial conditions; to promote just and equitable principles of business and trade among its members; manage and maintain rooms and places for meetings and in general to do all things possible for the promotion of business and civic interests and general prosperity and welfare of the City of Chilton.*