

COTTAGE GROVE AREA

# women's business development

GROUP

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A program of the  
Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

## Newsletter



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### *Friday, Mar 15 Meeting Agenda*

7:45 Check-In & Informal networking

8:00 Welcome & Rapid Introductions

8:05 City Council Briefing

## Welcome New Member

Danette Parr, City of Cottage Grove

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I work with business recruitment and retention within the City of Cottage Grove. I support local businesses in any way possible.

## Membership Renewals

- Cheryl Mann, Custom One Homes
- Jean Brown, South Washington County Bulletin
- Evon Spangler, Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP

## Free Seminar-Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP

In April, Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP is hosting a FREE seminar for business owners on April 12, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., "The Top Five Legal Mistakes Businesses Make in Contracts and Leases." The seminar will be held at Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP, 962 Saint Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55015. RSVP's are required as a free lunch will be provided to all participants. Space is limited. Please RSVP to (651) 776-2900 or [evon\\_spangler@qwestoffice.net](mailto:evon_spangler@qwestoffice.net)

8:10 Group Networking Game  
8:15 Speaker: Kristi Lynn Olson,  
Owner & CEO of Purpose  
Released, LLC  
Topic: Discover Your SPARKLE  
Effect-7 Steps for Redefining the  
Business of YOU!  
8:55 Announcements  
9:00 Structured Optional  
Networking Time  
9:15 Meeting Adjourns & Informal  
Networking continues

**Greeter: Donna Mathiowetz**  
**Sign-in: Evon Spangler**

### *Meeting Schedule*

**Apr 19, 2013, 7:45 a.m.**  
**Norris Square**  
**Speaker: Joy Pecchia, Beyond the  
Boardroom Doors**  
**Topic: "Pink Leadership"**

**May 17, 2013, 7:45 a.m.**  
**Speaker: Becky Fox, MaryKay  
Cosmetics**  
**Topic: Customer Service/Sales**

**Remember to Bring  
Your Name Tag!!**



## What's NEW for Spring!

Shop our Spring-Summer Catalog, featuring over 25 NEW foods and gifts - including savory spices, luscious desserts and more.

We also have a terrific host special this month. So if you'd love to try something new, it's the perfect time to party

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[CLICK HERE](#) to visit my website

## Chamber Business Showcase

10th Annual Spring Business Showcase  
Thursday, April 25, 2013  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Cottage Grove Ice Arena

Register by March 21st for the Discounted Rate!!  
\$75 for Chamber Members  
\$125 for Non-Chamber Members

Rental Includes

10' x 10' Booth  
Table & Chairs

Electricity - Limited Availability

Opportunity to attend FREE training on Tuesday March 26th, hosted by Merchants Bank

Pick up a registration flyer at today's meeting!

## Refer a New Member

Refer a new member to the WBDG and receive a gift of a "sassy" green Women's Business Development Group business card holder. Membership applications are available at every meeting or can be downloaded at our website at [www.wbdg.com](http://www.wbdg.com). Already have a "sassy" holder? For each additional referral you receive a \$5.00 voucher towards your dues or a members only event.

## Fraud Seminar

**Business** Online Fraud Prevention  
**SECURITY** crime detection  
safeguard protection  
Corporate Account Takeover

Please join us for a  
**FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR**

You're welcome to attend a Chamber breakfast and fraud prevention seminar

**When:** **Thursday, April 4, 2013**  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Networking  
8:00-9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Session  
Financial Crimes, Trends and More  
Featured speaker: John McCullough  
(RSVP to Chamber required for the breakfast session. Cost of Chamber breakfast: \$6.00)

**RSVP:** RSVP is required for the Chamber Breakfast Session, by Tuesday, April 2 to the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce at (651) 437-6775 or by email at michelle@hastingsmn.org

**Where:** **River Oaks Public Golf Course** • 11099 South Highway 61 • Cottage Grove, MN



## Chamber Spring Banquet

Chamber Spring Banquet  
Our PREMIER Event!  
Honoring Local Businesses, Organizations and Educators  
Friday, April 12, 2013  
Hope Glenn Farms  
R.S.V.P. by April 4th to the Chamber Office  
\$50 per person, \$380 for a table of eight  
Visit our website for additional information  
[www.cottagegrovechamber.org](http://www.cottagegrovechamber.org)

## Get into the Swing for Scholarships

Tuesday June 11th, 2013  
Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Golf Classic - River Oaks

Benefiting the Chamber Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors who reside in Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park or attend Park High School.

11:00 a.m. Registration & Lunch  
NOON Shot Gun Start  
5:00 p.m. Dinner

**Sponsorship opportunities available!!**

**Information Available at today's meeting!**

## **Chamber Scholarship Program**

Current seniors are eligible if they plan on pursuing post-secondary education at either a two-year or four-year educational or vocational institution in the summer or fall of 2013. Students will be selected based on their response to the question, "If you were to return to your community following your education, how would you be involved in the community and what would you do to improve it?" Students are also asked to provide a brief description of their involvement in school activities and any volunteer and work experience, in resume format. Further basis for awarding scholarships will be on participation and leadership in school and community activities, work experience, academic achievement and personal circumstances relating to the need for scholarship support.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download an application.

**Become a WBDG member & post your upcoming business events,  
promotions and announcements here!!**