

COTTAGE GROVE AREA

Women in Business

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July 2016

A program of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

**Join us at our next meeting this
Friday, July 15, 2016 @ 7:45am**

July Meeting:

Business Boot Camp

Our July meeting will offer you an opportunity to analyze your strengths and opportunities. You will evaluate yourself and work on a quarterly action plan to help you grow your business!

Also -

Discussion with

Commissioner Karla Bigham & Senator Katie Sieben

Karla and Katie will be joining us for a brief discussion about the role of government in business and their experiences as a woman in politics.

Some background on Senator Sieben:

Senator Katie Sieben represents residents of Minnesota Senate District 54, which includes the cities of Newport, Saint Paul Park, Cottage Grove, South Saint Paul, Hastings, and Afton; and Denmark, Nininger and Grey Cloud Island townships.

Senator Sieben was re-elected to the Minnesota Senate in November 2012 after serving two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and two terms in the Senate. She serves as the Assistant Majority Leader, the Chair of the Subcommittee on Elections and as a member of the Rules, Environment and Energy, Finance, and Capital Investment committees.

Katie grew up in Newport and attended South Washington public schools. She graduated from Colorado College and was a policy fellow at

the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs, and received her Masters degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School. Prior to her election, Katie worked as an aide in the United States Senate.

Katie, her husband, Josh Straka, and their three children live in Cottage Grove.

Some background about Commissioner Bigham:

Commissioner Karla Bigham was elected to the Washington County Board on November 4, 2014. She is a life-long resident of Washington County. Bigham served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2007 until 2011. She was the vice chair of the Public Safety and Civil Justice Committee, and served on the Public Safety Finance, State Government Finance, and Veteran Affairs Committees.

From 2005 until 2007, Commissioner Bigham served on the Cottage Grove City Council. She led the effort to secure funding and establish partnerships for the police department's K9 Unit. Prior to serving on the city council, she chaired the Cottage Grove Public Safety, Health, and Welfare Commission. Additionally, Commissioner Bigham has chaired the Cottage Grove Charter Commission and has been a member of the Cottage Grove Environmental Commission.

Commissioner Bigham obtained a Master of Public Affairs Degree from the University of Minnesota in 2013. She received her Bachelor's Degree as a paralegal, with minors in sociology and political science from Winona State University in 2001. Karla is a 1997 graduate from Park High School in Cottage Grove. Commissioner Bigham and her husband, John, are residents of Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

Meeting will be held at NEW location:

*Training Room of BEC Building
7516 80th Street S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016*

And NEW start time: 7:45am

We will have coffee sponsored by:

***RE/MAX Professionals
and
Cottage Grove Eyecare Clinic***

Free Seminars

Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP are hosting the following upcoming seminars at their office located at 962 Saint Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105:

Estate Planning Seminar: August 16, 2016 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Estate Planning: Trusts, Wills and Planning for Incapacity.

A FREE box dinner is provided with a RSVP to (651) 776-2900 or evon@spangleranddestefano.com. Space is limited.

Business Owner Seminar: September 15, 2016: The Top Ten Legal Mistakes Businesses Make Regarding the Nuts and Bolts of Running a Successful Business: from choosing the correct entity, to following corporate formalities, to protecting your corporate veil and everything in between.

A FREE box lunch is provided with a RSVP to (651) 776-2900 or evon@spangleranddestefano.com. Space is limited.

To receive legal tips and event information, please like our Facebook page, Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP.

School Supply Drive

The Cottage Grove Women in Business is holding a School Supply Drive for the Friends in Need Foodshelf!

School supplies are welcome, but we also welcome and encourage cash or gift cards to ensure Friends in Need can round out their supplies with what is needed.

Drop off your donations at
Cottage Grove Eyecare Clinic
7430 - 80th Street South
Suite 103

Cottage Grove, MN

Items will be accepted through
Thursday, August 11th, 2016

Home Value Info

[Keep an eye on your home's value](#)

RE/MAX Professionals is providing you with the tools to stay up-to-date with all the latest news and statistics on your neighborhood's market by checking out their free Market Watch Emails.

Benefits of being an informed neighbor:

- Find out how much your home might be worth
- Compare your house to other homes on the market
 - Get market trend statistics for your area
- See pictures of the homes you may be competing with

Get your Market Watch Emails today at
www.professionals.net/vma

Do You Know...



Barb Leuthe - Norris Square

Business/Position: Housing Counselor

Years in Business: 6+

Describe what you do in 3 sentences or less: I help older adults transition to carefree living in a supportive, welcoming community.

One thing on your bucket list: a trip to Italy

Describe yourself in two words: friendly, caring

I am happiest when: I am spending time with family and friends.

People would be surprised to know.... I go camping almost every weekend.

Awesome deal or promotion you'd like to offer: Stop by for a tour of Norris Square so I can show you why our residents love living there!

Next Month's WiB Meeting

**Next Women in Business Meeting
Members only event!**

Swirl My Wine

3291 St Croix Trail S, Afton, MN 55001

Thursday, August 11th, 2016

5pm - 7pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Cash Bar

(cost for event covers appetizer selection)

**Optional: Additional \$5 donation for the Women in
Business school supply drive for Friends in Need Food
Shelf**

Sign up by August 5th at

office@cottagegrovechamber.org

**If you're interested, we are potentially arranging a
carpool. Please let Nicole know if you're interested so we can
make arrangements!**

We will meet at the BEC at 4:30pm on August 11.

Upcoming WiB Meetings

September Speaker:

Stephanie Hansen -

**MyTalk 107 Radio Personality on Entrepreneurship & Dealing
with What Life Throws at You**

October Speaker:

Louise Griffith -

**You are Worth It: 52 Weeks to Honoring, Loving and Nurturing
Your Soul**

November Speaker:

Jennifer Collins -

What *The Secret* Didn't Tell You...3 Things You Need to Know

About the Law of Attraction to Get What You Really Want

Upcoming Chamber Events:

Business Breakfast

Wednesday August 17th, 2016

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

BEC Training Room

More details to come!

For more Chamber Events or to register to any events above, visit:

www.cottagegrovechamber.org/event-calendar

Become the Coffee Sponsor

Each month we have speaker, a WIB member has a chance to be a coffee sponsor. They will have their logo on meeting promotional materials and a 3-minute spotlight at the meeting. The cost is coffee! Please bring coffee for around 25 people (an early morning snack is optional).

Refer a New Member

Refer a new member to the WIB and receive a gift of a "sassy" green CG Area Women in Business business card holder. Membership applications are available at every meeting or can be downloaded at our website at

www.wibcg.com.

