

November 18, 2011

YWCA's "Chamber After Hours" at The Trolley Center - Tonight

There will be a Chamber After Hours at the Trolley Center to help kick off the YWCA's "Frosty and Friends Holiday Showcase" tonight between 5 and 7 pm. The YWCA would like you to join them for hors d'oeuvres by Chef Michael and ICCC culinary students. Beverages will also be served. Tickets will be available for Showcase events throughout the weekend. Come and enjoy a festive evening.

Fireman's Ball

The Fort Dodge Annual Fireman's Ball will be held on Wednesday, **November 23rd**, at the Eagle's Ballroom (1018 1st Avenue N.) from 8 pm to midnight. Come and dance the night away to music by "Standing Hampton". For ticket information, please call the Fort Dodge Fire Department at 515-573-2871.

Annual Downtown Holiday Lighting Event

The Chamber's Annual Downtown Holiday Lighting event will be held Monday, **November 28th**, from 5:30-8:30 pm. The evening will begin with the Fort Dodge Fire Department delivering Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Plaza at 9th & Central to meet the Mayor and light the Official Holiday Tree. The event then moves directly across the street indoors in the Trolley Center for entertainment, crafts, photos with Santa, and several activities. Like last year, there will be hayrack rides on Central Avenue to judge the Central Avenue business' holiday lighting, with a trophy for the winner. Plan on attending this free event for all ages.

Employers' Network

The next Employers' Network will be Tuesday, **December 13th**, at Trinity Regional Medical Center in the Atrium Conference Room from Noon to 2 pm. The "Employee Wellness Programs" will provide you with information on how to keep your company's health care costs down by keeping your employees healthy. The cost will be \$10. Lunch will be served by the Trinity Café. Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon at the Chamber, 955-5500. Payment must be received prior to attendance. Please make checks payable to Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce.

Network @ Noon

Join us at December's Network @ Noon at Yogurt Plus in The Crossroads Mall on Thursday, **December 15th**, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Craig Amen, with Schnurr & Co. LLC, will present a program on tax changes and planning. Lunch will be a Mediterranean Buffet at Yogurt Plus. This is a great networking opportunity, so bring your business cards. The cost is \$10 per person by cash, check or credit card. Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon at the Chamber, 955-5500. Registration and pre-payment are required no later than Friday, 12/8/11.

Collectable Ornaments and Nostalgic Fort Dodge Holiday Cards



\$10 per pack of 10

The Chamber will be selling beautiful collectable ornaments and nostalgic holiday cards throughout this holiday season. The red collectable ornament features the City Square Gazebo. The holiday card features a nostalgic Fantle's holiday window display, circa 1955. Don't miss out on purchasing your ornaments and cards before they sell out.



\$10 Each

"Taste of Fort Dodge" Cookbook for Sale

The Chamber's cookbook has 400 recipes submitted by people and businesses in Fort Dodge. It contains a history of Fort Dodge and beautiful photos of various well-known locations throughout the city. It is on sale at the Chamber Office and the following locations for \$15 – **Bloomers** at 900 Central Ave. (955-2221), **Candies & More** at 819 Central Ave. (576-5977), **Central Perk and Dessert** at 14 S. 14th St. (573-7375), **Design Two** at 125 N. 27th St. (576-6745), **Do Overs** at 710 Ave. C (955-6762), **Finders Keepers** at 321 Central Ave. (576-8753), **Mary Kay's Gifts** at 1114 Central Ave. (573-3431), and **Real Deals on Home Décor** at 329 Central Ave. (576-3321).

***THE CHAMBER WISHES YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.***