



OAKDALE OUTLOOK

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OBPA President John Larson

From The President John Larson

May OBPA meeting at Prom Center

Our May Oakdale Business and Professional Association general meeting was dedicated to informing our members and guests about some of the activities in which our organization is involved. It was designed to paint the picture of all the avenues of "input" and "output"

of our organization. We "take in" information from other community organizations and help distribute that information for their benefit. We "take in" member's advertising to help them be successful. We "take in" funds from members and friends for our chosen charities and community causes. We "put out" for member networking, parades, public political forums, community picnics and other events as well as meeting needs of the poor. As the Board Members told the story of their designated responsibilities, I was once again reminded that great organizations and great cities are possible because of the sacrifice and effort "put in" by so many. Thanks OBPA Board Members.

JUNE FAMILY PICNIC

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the OBPA June Family Picnic at the Oakdale Fire Station, 5000 Hadley Avenue North on June 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In place of the regular monthly meeting, this event is a great networking opportunity for OBPA members. Nearly 1000 hot dogs are planned to serve business leaders, elected officials, families and passers-by. The event is free and open to anyone who wants to join the picnic.

DUNN BROTHERS

Whether the coffee is hot or cold, the atmosphere is warm and inviting at Dunn Bros in Oakdale, located on the southwest corner of Hadley and Hwy 5. "We want it to feel like home to everyone that walks through the door," said Carol Trombley, owner of the coffee shop.

Despite being open only six months, the staff and regulars almost feel like a small family. "If someone usually comes in at 10 a.m., we start to worry about car accidents if we don't see them by noon," said Trombley. "Our shop is about bringing the community together to relax and enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea," said Trombley.

While the business can seat about 50 people, it also caters meetings and events. Dunn Bros serves sandwiches, soup, pastries and baked goods, and of course, coffee. "Our focus is the coffee, beans and brew," said Trombley. "We roast all of the coffee beans that we use and sell on-site." Since they only sell beans within three days of roasting, freshness is really important. Trombley said her favorite is the Indonesian coffees because of the smooth earthy flavors they contain. Trombley is pleased with the great group of warm and kind individuals who work with her. Key staffers include Carol, Jean, and Reuben as well as assorted extremely valuable part-time employees.

"My husband and our two teenage daughters work part-time at the shop. Time together is always a blessing," she said. Trombley thinks the baristas make exceptional drinks. "We will customize any drink, and after you walk out the door with your one-

of-a-kind beverage we will be making another one and tasting it ourselves," she said. Sometimes the request gets pretty long; nonfat, extra hot, extra shot, dry latte, with half the regular amount of sugar free almond syrup, extra froth and double cupped. "Once the request gets beyond nonfat, I need to write it down," she said. "The other baristas are better at remembering complicated requests!"

"I appreciate being part of a larger organization that encourages community donation and environmentally friendly practices," said Trombley. Her business not only donates products such as brewed coffee to the Relay for Life at Tartan, but also has a corporate-wide giving card, which enables them to donate dollars to non-profits. The shop has ties to the community. We have local artwork on the walls, Hill-Murray earlier in the year and now Mounds Park, and local musicians play a variety of free, live music on Friday and Saturday nights. After the school session ends, Trombley said she plans to promote a photography exhibition for local photographers. Trombley's Dunn Bros has WiFi and two open computer stations for people to use. There is a variety of reading material around the shop and a borrow-a-book program so there always seems to be someone sitting next to the fireplace reading. Also, groups use Dunn Bros as a meeting location and will reserve tables as requested. "We love to have people linger here. I love coffee and the coffee house environment including the books, music, and art," Trombley said.



Carol Trombley proprietor at Dunn Bros in Oakdale is ready to serve you a cup of coffee.

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- The Washington County WorkForce Center and the City of Oakdale would like to invite hiring businesses to exhibit at the **East Metro Job and Education Fair**. The Fair is June 23 from 11 a.m. at The Prom Center, Oakdale. For more information contact Beth Jameston at 651-275-8670 or Beth.Ann.Jameston@state.mn.us.
- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
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| June 4
Eggs N' Issues Breakfast | June 18-21
Summerfest |
| June 11
Family picnic | September
10 th Annual Regional Business Organization Conference |
| June
Annual Partnership in Education Golf Open | |

EGGS N' ISSUES BREAKFAST

The OBPA invites city, county, state and congressional elected officials to address members about past accomplishments and their vision for the future. The event will be at Oak Marsh Golf Club on Thursday, June 4 from 7:15 to 9 a.m. The guest panel includes Representative Nora Slawik, Oakdale Mayor Carmen Sarrack, School board member #622 Kathy Miller and County Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek with John Larson as the moderator. For more information contact Rick Timm, All Family Dental at 651-731-2141 or doctor@integraonline.com.

OAK MEADOWS SENIOR WII BOWLING TEAM GOES ON THE ROAD

Oak Meadows Senior Living has a fantastic Wii Bowling team and to prove it, they are taking it on the road! On April 21, senior bowlers from Oak Meadows put their skills to the test by playing against another bowling team at senior residence Walker at Hazel Ridge in Maplewood. This was the 2nd tournament between the two teams, the first of which Oak Meadows won. The Hazel Ridge team wanted a re-match and so the teams spent the next few months practicing for the next tournament. Although Oak Meadows came in second this time, they still enjoyed themselves immensely and came home wearing their medals proudly. They take their bowling seriously and plan to win their next tournament!



The Oak Meadows bowling team, which participated in a tournament with Walker at Hazel Ridge in Maplewood. Five of the players are over 90 years old.

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