



Announcement: West Allis & West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce

January 31, 2018

Dear Members, Business Owners, Community Leaders and Supporters:

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that the West Allis West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce has ceased operations. This is a day that we desperately wanted to avoid. However, the Chamber does not have the ability to support the growth and success of local businesses and individuals.

To our Members & Business Owners: You gave the Chamber 60 years of your support, ideas and time. The relationships that the Chamber has fostered over the years will be missed. The effort that you gave the Chamber for events like Forks and Corks, the Annual Golf Outing, and the Annual Meeting was reflected in attendance and community participation. Not only did you support these events with your time and energy, many of you gave us sponsorships, products and services that were critical to making these events successful. We hope that you found the value in participating in these events and we hope that you were able to make connections, relationships and friends!

To the Community Leaders: From participation on our boards, to bringing great ideas to our committees and organizations, and supporting our signature events, we say "Thank You!" The influence that you have given the Chamber over the years drove others to give us a chance. You allowed the Chamber to make connections and open doors that may not otherwise been available!

To our Supporters: You gave us your time, influence and energy to assist in bringing value to the Chamber and our respective communities. Not an event or meeting went by where we did not see a room full of individuals connecting, making conversation and developing relationships!

In closing, we would be remiss if we did not include all of the board members over the years who also gave their time, energy and ideas. We are all volunteers and it takes a group of individuals who are committed to driving growth within our communities. "Thank you" to everyone that has participated on a board or a committee that allowed to the Chamber to have a solid foundation over 60 years!

Finally, we encourage the business communities of West Allis and West Milwaukee to work together with community leaders to consider creating a new Business Alliance that brings new ideas and a fresh perspective. Please contact the leaders below so they can gauge interest and support the cause.

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