

Emerging Leaders Forum

Tomorrow's Philanthropic Leaders Building a Better Community Today

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There are still a limited number of tickets remaining for the ELF Annual Luncheon
Wed. April 29
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Cloud Public Library
Click on www.communitygiving.org

>> UPCOMING EVENTS <<

Brainstorming in Sartell:
A potluck and collective brainstorming session at
Sartell City Hall
Sunday, May 17
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Women On Stage...
At the River

Just like the shoots of green that have been appearing this spring, the Emerging Leaders in Central Minnesota have been bringing forth great ideas and enthusiasm for 2009 and beyond.

We all know the Emerging Leaders Forum (ELF) is *the place* for the next generation of community leaders to come together and identify ways in which Central Minnesota could be a better place, and then tackle those challenges.

So....what does that really mean?

Who? ELF is not about chronological ages. The group includes anyone who wants to make a difference for the future of the St. Cloud area. The minimum annual gift is \$125 per year - so we can be philanthropic without first being millionaires.

What?

- *Taking Action Now for the Long Term:* ELF donors want to shape the future, not just support the priorities of previous generations.
- *Social Capital:* ELF donors want to connect with others who want to improve our community.
- *"Cool Community":* ELF donors want to build on the good things about our community to make the St. Cloud area more dynamic and vibrant - a place their kids will want to live 20 years from now.

Why? It is up to our generation to help change happen here.

When? Now! We are taking action today for long-term results.

Gather for a relaxing evening of food and entertainment along the Mississippi
Tuesday, June 23

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

View a list of community events at

www.CommunityVIEW.org

Find us on Facebook:
Search for "ELF - Emerging Leaders Forum" and join our group.

www.facebook.com

Where? Throughout the greater St. Cloud community.

How? We creatively apply our professional, financial and volunteer resources.

There you have it...our community needs you!

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Community Impact Discussions in St. Cloud and Sartell

ELF members and friends gathered in March and April to talk about what was important to them and their community. At the Sartell event, topics included the Mississippi River, a local town square, a community center, and expansion of park land along the Sauk River. There will be a follow-up session at City Hall with Sartell Mayor Tim O'Driscoll and city staff on May 17th from 12:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The St. Cloud gathering was at the Veranda Lounge. Many ideas were discussed, especially the goal of developing a Cool Community. Attendees were especially interested in the 5th Avenue Live! Project and plans for the Mississippi River.

Watch for more opportunities to help make change happen as ELF donors continue to work on these initiatives.

2009-10 Chamber Leadership Program Applications Due May 29

Many current ELF members have found the St. Cloud Chamber Leadership Program to be an incredible opportunity to meet wonderful people while enjoying insightful and inspiring experiences. It is a great entry point and launching platform for anyone looking to make connections and learn more about the community in which we live and work.

For a brochure and application, please visit: <http://stc.stcloudareachamber.com> and click on "programs" on the left column.

If you'd like to talk with someone directly about the program and its benefits, please contact Jason Hallonquist, Volunteer Chair, St. Cloud Area Chamber Leadership, at 320-252-6552 or jason@aisplanning.com.