

Benefits of Membership

Business Referrals Chamber Members do business with Chamber members. The hundreds of visitors and chamber members who stop by or call the Chamber office to inquire about where to do business are always referred to Chamber member businesses.

Chamber Directory An invaluable resource for anyone wanting to do business in Polk County, this directory puts member businesses in front of potential clients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Members are listed by business name and by category. A free link to member websites and or e-mail, distributed free of charge to members, the I-26 Welcome Center, real estate offices, motels and Bed & Breakfasts, and those interested in relocating to Polk County.

Website—www.polkchamber.org

Membership includes a listing of your business on the website and a link to your website. It also provides visitors with general and demographic information about our area. In addition, members can take the opportunity to let us create a one-page website for your business on **www.polkguide.com**, included in the yearly membership investment dues. By request only.

Business After Hours

Business After Hours gives Chamber members an opportunity to network with other members. Participants can meet new business contacts, share new business ideas and make new friends.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

The Chamber will be on hand to help you celebrate opening a new business, buying an existing business, relocating, building or expanding your business.

Identity & Credibility for Your Business

All members are given a plaque to display announcing their affiliation with the Chamber. Chamber membership conveys both trust and credibility to your customers

The Voice of Business The Chamber acts as the voice of the business community in the affairs of local, state, and federal government and serves as liaison between elected officials and the Chamber membership.

Monthly Newsletter New Chamber members are listed in the Chamber Notes newsletter. This is mailed to all members, local officials and leaders, and neighboring Chambers. This publication keeps members informed about Chamber progress and events.

Brochure & Business Card Rack Service

Chamber members are encouraged to display their promotional materials in the Chamber's lobby. Hundreds of visitors stop in at the Chamber looking for information on places to stay, things to see and do, and services offered in Polk County and the surrounding areas.

Members Mailing List, Labels

For a nominal fee, members can purchase a complete Chamber mailing list of more than 400 members. Mailing labels are also available and both may be purchased on diskette if desired.

Business Seminars The Chamber collaborates with Isothermal Community College and area organizations to offer educational seminars and programs designed to assist and develop business.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Support the Chamber and let us promote your business by sponsoring our special events:

www.blueridgebbqfestival.com

