

The Latest Member News

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On the Move



Gray Plant Mooty named John Fitzgerald and Kirk Reilly as the new co-chairs to lead the Franchise and Production Distribution Practice Group.

Community Health Charities Minnesota (CHCM) welcomes Medica as its newest campaign partner.



Suzanne Boston was recently hired as an account executive for **City's Best Marketing**, in Bloomington.

The Opus Group Northwest, LLC has promoted John Meyers to the position of vice president of retail development.

The Opus Group named Jim Heller as president and CEO of the Opus North Corporation where Jim will oversee the Opus North offices and serve as a member of the office of the presidents.

Benny J. Larry has been named director, talent management and acquisition, and Buffie Blesi has been named senior business consultant and director, regulatory and compliance practice for **NOVON Consulting**.

Todd F. Taggart, CPA, CCEP, partner at **Grant Thornton LLP**, was the newly elected national secretary of the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) for the 2005-2006 term.

Several major Twin Cities law firms have joined forces to form the Twin Cities Lawyers Group (TCLG).

Incorporating firms and organizations include: **Briggs and Morgan, P.A.**; **Dorsey and Whitney LLP**; **Faegre and Benson LLP**; **Fredrikson and Byron, P.A.**; **Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty and Bennett, P.A.**; **Leonard, Street and Deinard**; and **Lindquist and Vennum PLLP**.

Minnesota Historical Society and **metroConnections** have teamed up to enhance the Twin Cities Highlights sightseeing tour. For more information about the tour visit www.metroconnectionstours.com/public.

The Twin Cities office of **Weber Shandwick** announced the promotion of Lida Poletz to the position of account group manager in the financial services practice, and Kelly Puspoki to group manager in the consumer marketing practice. Jon Mason has also been promoted to senior account executive in the consumer marketing group, while Jill Favilla was promoted to account executive in the healthcare practice.

Olson + Company announced the promotion of Tom Fugleberg to the position of Creative Director where he will continue to provide creative insight and help oversee the creative process for many Olson + Company clients.

Achievements

Northwestern Health Sciences University's employee health and wellness program also recently received the 2005 Health @ Work award from Hennepin County.

Carolyn Herfurth of **The Entrepreneur's Source** was awarded the Women on the Way award by the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Kevin Moquist, Carver Moquist and O'Conner, LLC



managing partner and the 2004-2005 Hobey Baker Memorial Award chairman, recently had the opportunity to present the Hobey Baker Award to Marty Sertich of Colorado College.

Phil Kotula, owner of **Minuteman Press Golden Valley** has been named Printer of the Year by PrintImage International.

Bolder Options was named Best Charity in the City Pages' "Best of the Twin Cities 2005."

Chamber Member **GameWorks Minneapolis** was awarded the title of being the number one venue for Team Building Events by the Minnesota Meetings and Events magazine.

Piper Jaffray equity analysts won nine awards as stock pickers and earning forecasters in the annual Forbes.com/StarMine North American Analyst Awards.

Qwest Communications, Inc. was awarded the Employer State Chair Award from the Secretary of Defense Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).



Alice Seagren, the Minnesota Education Commissioner, was honored at the **Normandale Community College's** Sixth-Annual Community

Connections Award Gala.



The National Association of Women Business Owners presented the Young Business Woman of the Year award to Suzanne McGann, owner and

president of **Voyageur I.T.**



Gray Plant Mooty was honored with the 2005 Minnesota Business Ethics Award for their emphasis on values and integrity, including their recognition

of employees who participate as community volunteers and who pay close attention to client satisfaction.

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