



RESORTER REPORTER

Message from the CMR President, Jennifer Bateman

A warm "hello" to all Congress of Minnesota Resorts Members! At our fall conference in October I was elected to serve a second consecutive year as your president. I'm excited to serve another year in this leadership role, and I think the continuity will help keep our organization strong.

Our fall conference was another smashing success, packed with information about the resort industry. I found of particular interest the information presented on reducing liability risk, and (believe it or not) storm water management! As resort owners, there is a wide range of things we need to know! We also honored Dana and Cindy Pitt from Bailey's Resort on Leech Lake with the annual Resorters of the Year Award. Congratulations to these fine resorters! You will find a much more detailed summary about the conference and a full write up about our award winners in the January issue of the Minnesota Resorter magazine.
R e a d i t c o v e r t o c o v e r !

Our first board meeting following the fall conference was held November 9th. We spent time assigning each board member to committees, which generally include marketing, education and legislation. Your newly elected board members have jumped right into the action and bring many talents with them. Combine this with the experience of the existing board, and we've got some real, hard working leadership. I'm excited at the prospect of all we could
a c c o m p l i s h t h i s y e a r !

As I did last year, I'm strongly encouraging this year's board to reach out to CMR members at large (that's you!) for input and assistance on their committees. The more people involved with planning and implementation, the broader our ideas and the more we can accomplish as a progressive organization. So if you get a call from a board member asking for your ideas, please take the time to offer your input. And if they call asking for your help, please say "Yes!"

Important Dates for 2007

Who is already marking their new 2007 calendars with important dates? Good for you! If you haven't started, here are some Congress of Minnesota Resorts dates to pencil in to get you going. Circle 'em in red so you can plan around them because we would *LOVE* to have you join us for fun, education and support!

2007 CMR "Day on the Hill" will be February 20-21 (Tuesday-Wednesday)

2007 CMR Spring Workshop will be April 10 (Tuesday), at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids.

2007 CMR Fall Conference will be October 28-30 (Sunday-Tuesday) at Breezy Point Resort in Breezy Point.

NEED \$500 FOR SCHOOL?

Each year the Congress of Minnesota Resorts offers three \$500 scholarships to a junior or senior in high school or a current undergraduate or technical school student. March 15th is the deadline for the scholarship application to be returned to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts office. Please contact Vicky to receive a scholarship application packet by emailing: cmr@minnesota-resorts.com or call 888-761-4245.



Have a Blessed
Holiday Season
From the
Congress of Minnesota Resorts

CMR LOGO FOR YOUR WEBSITE

If you want to let your guests and potential guests know that you are a member of a statewide resort association, the CMR logo is now available to you to post on your web site if you wish. Typically, businesses that are members of associations tend to be more progressive and "in the loop", which may put potential guests at ease when they are looking for a resort at which to stay. As a CMR member your resort falls into that progressive category. So why not let the public know!?

Log into the Membership section of www.minnesota-resorts.com, the Media link is on the left menu bar, just under Vendors. Members have the option to pick from 3 different logo versions where you can save the image and also copy code to help add the logo to your web site with a link back to the CMR's web site.

Need assistance please contact the CMR office by email cmr@minnesota-resorts.com or call our toll free number 888-761-4245.



Joel's Election Pool Results!

With this year being an election year, our lobbyist, Joel Carlson, sponsored a fun contest during the legislative portion of our fall conference. There were almost 50 entries in Joel's Election Pool this year. Many of our CMR members were in the running (and some were totally off the mark!!!). Steve Fox again had a very close prediction, but he did not win.

This year's winner, correctly predicted:

Amy Klobuchar in the US Senate, reelection of Governor Tim Pawlenty, the exact number of the Minnesota Senate (44 DFLers and 23 Republicans), and predicted a DFL takeover of the Minnesota House (the guess was 71 DFL to 63 Republicans, the actual total was 85 DFL and 49 Republicans).

There was no need for a tie breaker, as the winner was several seats closer on the legislature.

So.. our congratulation (and the Murray's Silver Butterknife Dinner for two) goes to:

TIMBERLY CHRISTIANSEN from Finn 'N Feather Resort!!!!!!

Board of Directors

Congratulation to the newly elected members of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts Board of Directors to serve on the 2006-2007 board. Tim Aarsvold, Geneva Beach Resort, Alexandria, Jason & Timberly Christiansen, Finn-N-Feather Resort, Bemidji, Tom & Jeanne Pingel, Thunder Lake Lodge, Remer.

Many thanks to the following outgoing board members that have given many volunteer hours of service for the Congress of Minnesota Resorts: Sherm & Mary Anderson, Anderson's Starlight Bay, Nevis; Preston & Penny Turner, Big Timber Lodge, Nevis; Brian & Heather Sams, Country View Resort, Cushing; Jack & Sherry Frost, Joe's Lodge, Bemidji; Karen Kaehler, Pinedale Resort, Longville; Tom & Pat Ossell, Northern Lights Resort & Outfitting, Ray; Jim & Kerri Ball, Cass Lake Lodge, Cass Lake.

The CMR Board of Directors are resort owners just like you. They help keep your organization a strong influence in the tourism industry of Minnesota by serving on committees in the areas of education, marketing and legislation. Please consider serving on the board in the future. Elections are held during the Annual Meeting at the CMR Fall Conference.

ADDRESS CHANGE

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts
Address has changed (not moved)

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NEW MEMBERS

New members/owners since the September newsletter. Please give them a call or email of encouragement and welcome them to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts.

New Members:

Mark, Rosemarie & Adam Krupowicz, Birchwood Resort, 10518 Gamma Road, Kabetogama, MN 56669-8006 218-875-2503 email: birchwood@aol.com

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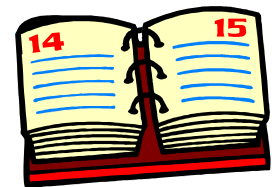
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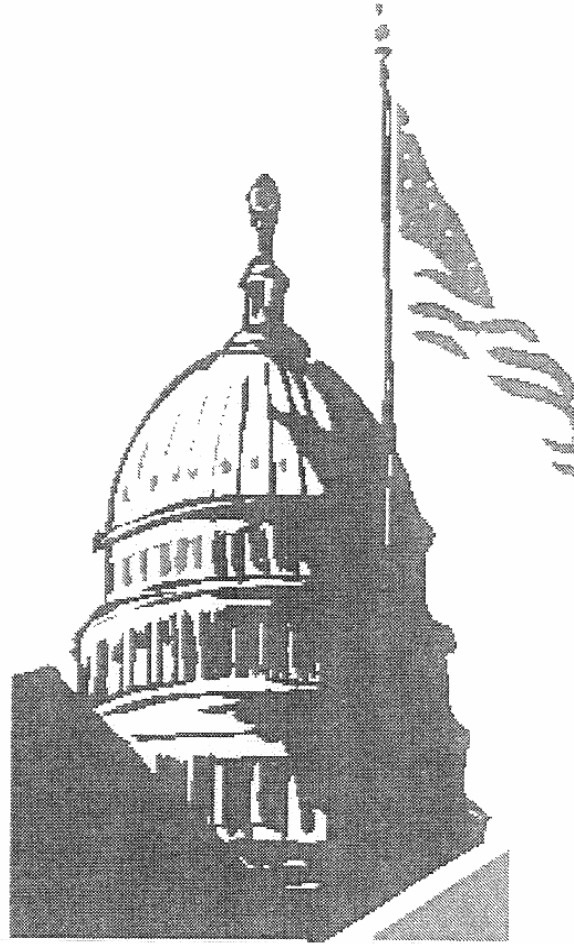
The Crackerbarrel Quilters are meeting Tuesday, Dec 5, at Cedar Rapids Lodge, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The project is a quick and easy tote bag and the crackerbarrel discussion is all about cleaning. Contact Pat Addler at vacation@crlodge.com

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| January 4, 2007 | Board of Director Meeting, contact office for location and time. |
| February 20 & 21, 2007 | Day on the Hill, St. Paul, MN more information to follow. |
| March 15, 2007 | Scholarship Applications due at CMR Office |
| April 10, 2007 | 2007 CMR Spring Workshop, Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids |
| June 1, 2007 | Nominations for "CMR Resorters of Year" due at CMR Office |
| October 28-30, 2007 | 2007 CMR Fall Conference, Breezy Point Resort in Breezy Point |



CONGRESS OF MINNESOTA RESORTS



DAY ON THE HILL

FEBRUARY 20 and 21, 2007

HAVE OUR VOICE HEARD!!!!!!!

Details to follow in the Resorter Reporter and Resorter Magazine

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on the CMR website.



CMR MISSION STATEMENT

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts exists to help family owned and operated resorts in Minnesota to continue as a viable segment of the Minnesota tourism industry

CMR MOTTO

The Congress of Minnesota Resort's motto is "Resorters Helping Resorters" We believe that none of us is as smart as all of us.

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