

# My Story

## Chamber



### Meet Sune Frederiksen

I became a member of Berea Chamber of Commerce around 2006 when I acquired Main Street Café on College Square and later opened Berea Center for the Arts in the old movie theater on Chestnut Street. However, the first time I was involved with a Chamber activity was back in 1997 when I had a booth at one of the first Spoonbread Festivals.

Since I came to town in 1995, I have made a strong effort to be a part of the community's cultural scene, business life and youth sport leadership, which includes gymnastics and soccer. The main reason for me to join the Chamber was to network and to support local retail to the best of my ability.

The Chamber has definitely expanded my horizon in Berea, and due to this membership and being a small business owner, I have learned much from this complex group of individuals, representatives of industries and financial institutions, educational institutions, political leaders, and various non-profit organizations, which represent as many opinions as there are members.

The Chamber offers numerous opportunities to become involved in various committees, e.g. economic development and special events. I enjoy receiving the monthly newsletter, which keeps me informed about various activities. I consider it an advantage to have an active chamber in a town like Berea, a chamber with a positive vision and willingness to play a role in the future development of the town. With the multi-faceted configuration of this chamber it may be difficult to reach a consensus each time, but a part of the democratic process is to be willing to learn from others and stay on good terms.

I have enjoyed conversations with the good ol' boys, who grew up in town, and with new entrepreneurs and educators, who bring new visions and leadership ideas to the table. The trick is find a common platform with the city leaders, Berea College and others and see Berea prosper.

For the betterment of Berea,

Sune Frederiksen



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