



**Future Leaders
in Kenosha**

**2025 - 2026
ANNUAL
REPORT**

WELCOME TO FUTURE LEADERS IN KENOSHA

About Us

Future Leaders in Kenosha (FLIK) is a member-driven network and a subsidiary of the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce, supported by the Chamber's resources and partnerships. We are dedicated to connecting, developing, and uplifting young professionals across Kenosha County by creating intentional spaces for social connection, personal growth, and professional advancement. FLIK helps members leverage one another's strengths, share skills, and build meaningful relationships that accelerate careers and strengthen the community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a collaborative ecosystem where emerging leaders support one another through mentorship, peer-led skill exchanges, professional programming, and community service. We host networking events, workshops, mentorship pairings, and civic engagement projects that produce practical development and measurable community impact.

With the Chamber's support, our members have fostered cross-sector partnerships, delivered career-focused programming, and contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to local initiatives—amplifying opportunity across the region. We welcome individuals and organizations who want to collaborate, share skills, and invest in Kenosha's next generation of leaders.



LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Building the Future of Kenosha - Together

Kenosha is a community built on connection, leadership, and forward momentum and Future Leaders in Kenosha (FLIK) represents all three.

As we celebrate FLIK's one-year anniversary, we are proud of the strong foundation this group has built in a short time. What began as a vision has grown into an engaged network of young professionals committed to connection, leadership, and community impact.

FLIK plays an important role in supporting emerging leaders and helping them grow their careers here in Kenosha. By fostering relationships, encouraging involvement, and creating opportunities for development, this group helps ensure our community remains vibrant and forward-focused.

We are excited to see this organization continue to grow and make a lasting impact for years to come. The Kenosha Area Chamber is proud to support FLIK and its mission. Together, we are strengthening our business community and investing in the future of Kenosha.

Thank you to all who contribute to this important work.

With appreciation,
Dave Strash
President & CEO
Kenosha Area Chamber

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

FLIK is supported by Chamber staff through dedicated time, organizational guidance, community connections, marketing support, and operational resources. In partnership with the Chamber, a volunteer Steering Committee provides leadership for the group's day-to-day direction, including planning and executing events, guiding programming, and helping shape the long-term vision for FLIK.

CHAMBER STAFF



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**Committee Member
and Partner with
RYP**
Mary Fonk
Kenosha Beach
House

EVENTS REPORT



One Year of

25-26



**Future Leaders
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7
**MORNING
BUILD &
BREWS**

Morning coffee at local coffee shops, meant for networking and connection

6
**EVENING
BUILD &
BREWS**

After work networking events, meant for building business relationships and enjoying company

3
**BOOK
CLUB
MEETINGS**

The group is reading the Let Them Theory by Mel Robins and meets every other Monday

2
**SKILLS TO
SUCCEED**

Local resources educating our group on relevant topics.

1
**BUSINESS
TOUR**

Visiting local businesses to learn more about their industry and possible future career opportunities.

LOOKING AHEAD

Future Events to Look Out For

Our steering committee is hard at work to bring the best and brightest ideas to keep our members engaged and moving forward with momentum into the second year of FLIK.



Racine YP and Elkhorn YP Collab Event

At Franksville Beer Garden



Snap-On Business Tour

Learning more about the Snap-On facility and career outlook



FLIK Give Back Day

Volunteering amongst peers for a local non-profit



Monthly Build and Brews

We will continue our monthly cadence of morning and evening Build and Brews

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US

Follow us on social media and join our email list to stay updated about our upcoming events and join in on the fun!



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