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◆ MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ◆

for ankeny young professionals

Lunch & Learn

January 14 @ Noon
Old Chicago

Speaker: Mayor Steve Van Oort
Sponsored by RDG Planning & Design

Annual Kick-Off

January 21 @ 6 PM

Ankeny Golf & Country Club
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After Hours Social

February 4 @ 5 PM

Cazador Mexican Restaurant
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Marketing Opportunities Coming Soon!

First right of refusal contracts are currently being secured. Contracts are due at the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce on January 20. The 2010 Total Resource Campaign will kick off in January 27. This is your opportunity to market your business an affordable way that can get your business name in the metro area.

There are many different options to market your business and support the community.

2010 TRC
Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

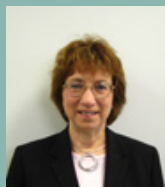
Ambassadors' Corner

Presented by



Ambassador of the Month

Presented by



Carol Torrents

2007 Ambassador of the Year - Carol Torrents is an Account Executive with ADi Group, Inc. ADi Group, a manufacturer and a distributor of printed material also specializes in ecommerce with an on line ordering system. Located at 4049 120th Street in Urbandale, you can contact Carol at 515-334-2208 or ctorrents@theadigroup.net. Visit our web sight at www.theadigroup.net.

To learn more about our ambassadors go to www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org

AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

Thur, January 7

5 - 7 PM ~ Ambassador Social Hour

(Briarwood Club of Ankeny)

Wed, January 13

11 AM ~ Ambassador Committee Mtg

Noon ~ Chamber Orientation Reception

Thur, January 14

5 - 7 PM ~ Business After Hours

Veridian Credit Union (1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.)

Tue, January 19

Noon ~ Ribbon Cutting - Bark Avenue

(1002 S.E. Surefine Dr.)

Tue, January 26

Noon ~ Ribbon Cutting - Premier Technologies

(320 S. Ankeny Blvd.)

The mission of the Ambassadors is to be the welcoming arm of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. Ambassadors are appreciated as they mentor, welcome, guide and enhance the membership opportunities of fellow business managers and owners.

Join Us!

Business After Hours

January 14
5 - 7



Veridian Credit Union

1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 289-1822
www.veridiancu.org

Art from some of Ankeny High School's best artists will be on display at an ArtShare Premiere presented by Veridian. The premiere will be held in conjunction with an Ankeny Area Chamber Business After Hours event. The artwork will be unveiled on Thursday, January 14, in the Veridian branch at 1201 S. Ankeny Blvd. The event, which will be from 5 to 7 p.m., is free and open to the public. More than 40 pieces of original art will be showcased. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

The premiere is a product of ArtShare, an award-winning program designed to increase awareness of young artists in our community. Each piece of art that appears at the premiere is professionally framed and displayed at the branch for the following year.



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Residents of Ankeny don't have to drive downtown to talk to a financial advisor. The financial advisors serving the area are Terry Peter, Brian Herbel, Mike Mathis, Kevin Fisher, and Tracy Burt. All five are very involved with the community and serving its needs. At any of the offices, you can receive one-on-one, face-to-face service when you need it. As you pass life's milestones, your Edward Jones financial advisor will take the time to meet you and explain the full array of services and investments. Edward Jones is a full-service firm offering complete financial services and products to meet your goals.

For more information or to schedule your portfolio review call Terry Peter (965-6901), Brian Herbel (964-1010), Mike Mathis (965-7582), Kevin Fisher (964-1841), and Tracy Burt (964-4404).

Welcome! OUR NEW MEMBERS



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Resistance Skate Shop

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Resistance Skate Shop has moved to a new location, 221 S.W. 3rd St. We are in the same location as Beauty and the Beast Pet Salon. We sell skateboards, bearings, trucks, wheels, helmets and accessories. Stop by and see Donnie Brookes for all your skateboarding needs. Call us at 964-5444 or check us out on the web at www.Resistance515.com. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Ankeny Area Quilters Guild

Laura Parker
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Ankeny Area Quilters' Guild (AAQG) was originally founded in 1991 by a small group of area women with a strong passion for quilting. Since then, AAQG has grown to become one of Iowa's largest guilds governed by an annually elected board of directors with over 150 members. Our mission is to provide education and inspiration to all members and guests with the same passion for the art of quilt making. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in quilting. No actual quilting experience is necessary. Meetings usually take place the second Tuesday of each month. Each monthly meeting consists of a short business meeting, scheduled programs, show & tell, door prize, birthday announcements and refreshments. For more information visit our website. www.aaqg.net



I-35 Spirits

Arthur Rice
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www.i35spirits.com

I-35 Spirits is a liquor store that will offer walk-in and drive-up service. The focus of the shop will be on liquor and beer especially microbrewery and craft beers. The interior might be worth a look. The floor is polished concrete. The furnishings are from West End Salvage and include a 1950s restaurant bar and wine-press table that will be used for I-35 Spirit's planned monthly wine tastings. Customers will be able to drive-through or walk in for cigarettes or lottery tickets. Tentative hours are 10 AM to 10 PM daily, with later hours for drive-up window. Rice said drive-up service may be available as late as 2 AM Thursdays through Saturdays.



Ankeny Family Vision Center

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Welcome! OUR NEW MEMBERS



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Although style and trends are a large part of graphic design, communicating your message is just as important. Whether your business needs a fully integrated marketing campaign or a single design solution, Studio A Designs has the experience to give your business a "look" that outshines the competition! Amanda Thompson, owner and award winning graphic designer, will provide you with the best visual solutions and the freshest ideas at the highest standard. With a wide variety of experience in publication design, prepress and printing, mailings, advertisements, signage, identity solutions, brochures, reports, newsletters, special invitations and more; Amanda prides herself in design versatility and customer satisfaction from concept to production. Work directly and communicate with Amanda from the beginning of the project to the end with no account managers or ideas lost in translation. Visit www.studioa-designs.com to view portfolio items including Iowa High School Sports championship logos, annual reports for Iowa Health-Des Moines, AIB College of Business marketing materials, designs from the Des Moines Arts Festival 2009 and much more.



New Life Counseling, P.C.

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New Life Counseling, Coaching and Consulting exists to provide counseling services that will help you achieve personal and professional growth. At New Life our goal is to help clients find solutions to life problems that limit their success. We provide cognitive behavioral services from a Biblical foundation, utilizing sound psychological theory and interventions based on the unique needs of the client to help them achieve success both personally and professionally.

New Life Counseling, Coaching and Consulting with our founder, Dr. Don Gilbert, have been providing professional services to individuals, couples, families, churches, businesses, groups and organizations since 1991. Our professional staff offers services in the areas of counseling, life coaching, professional coaching, management and supervision, team building, time management, conflict management and facilitator training. At New Life, our years of experience and depth of training qualifies us to offer a complete and well-balanced spectrum of counseling, coaching and consulting services.

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In today's fast-paced, globalized economy the need for effective leadership is greater than ever. Organizations are facing an epic talent shortage over the next decade. As baby boomers begin to retire, how will you navigate and support the transfer of leadership to the next generation now entering the workforce? If you're unsure about the answers to any of these questions, you're not alone. Many companies, new and old, are struggling with this issue. The good news is that great leadership is a learned skill, and we can help your team gain this critical knowledge. At Iowa Leadership Academy we improve company performance by delivering exceptional leadership training to leaders of Iowa organizations. Full-day and multi-day workshops develop key leadership skills of participants that lead to higher company performance. We employ an experiential learning methodology using only research-based coursework. We deliver highly interactive, hands-on, team-based learning that sticks. We make sure it sticks through action plan development, personal accountability and follow-up coaching performed by our staff. This is a feature not found in the industry today and clearly sets our programs apart from all others.

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Welcoming the 83rd Iowa General Assembly for the 2010 Legislative Session

**Monday, January 11, 2010
5 - 7 PM**

***The Des Moines Social Club
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Meet your Iowa Legislators, enjoy great food from
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Cost:

*\$15 per person for members
of Greater Des Moines Partnership and Affiliate Chambers of Commerce*

\$30 per person for non-members



To register log on to www.desmoinesmetro.com/events or contact Jessica Maldonado at jmaldonado@desmoinesmetro.com or 515-286-4924.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Tue, January 5

Noon ~ **Business 2 Business Committee Mtg**

Thur, January 7

8:30 AM - 1 PM ~ **Business 2 Business Forum**
(Ankeny Golf & Country Club)

5 - 7 PM ~ **Ambassador Social Hour**
(Briarwood Club of Ankeny)

Mon, January 11

Noon ~ **Board of Directors Meeting**

Wed, January 13

11 AM ~ **Ambassador Committee Mtg**
Noon ~ **Chamber Orientation Reception**

Thur, January 14

Noon ~ **Christmas Luncheon Committee Mtg**
5 - 7 PM ~ **Business After Hours**
Veridian Credit Union
(1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.)

Mon, January 18

Noon ~ **Public Affairs Committee Mtg**

Tue, January 19

Noon ~ **Ribbon Cutting - Bark Avenue**
(1002 S.E. Surefine Dr.)

Wed, January 20

Noon ~ **Total Resource Campaign**
Kick-Off Luncheon
(Ankeny Golf & Country Club)

Tue, January 26

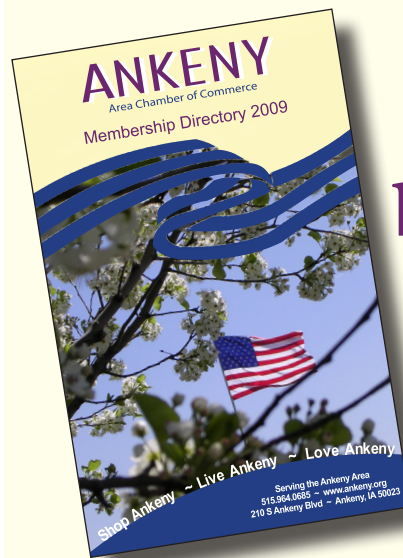
Noon ~ **Ribbon Cutting - Premier Technologies**
(320 S. Ankeny Blvd.)

Wed, January 27

8 AM ~ **Total Resource Campaign Training**
1 PM ~ **Total Resource Campaign Training**

Thur, January 28

8 AM ~ **Total Resource Campaign Training**



2010 Membership Directory

The 2010 Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce and The Greater Des Moines Partnership directories will be going to print. These directories are a valuable resource for people in the area to locate your business. Having the correct information will lead them right to your door.

Please check your listing on our websites, ankenychamber.org and desmoinesmetro.com, to make sure your business is listed correctly.

If you are interested in advertising in the Ankeny Area Chamber's Membership Directory, please contact Shelley Baugh at the Chamber, 964-0685.

Ribbon Cuttings



Ankeny Music Center
637 S. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny, IA 50021
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The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce
cordially invites you & your employees to the

Annual Dinner Celebration



Presenting Sponsors

Snyder & Associates, Inc. & Ankeny Press Citizen and Register

Thursday, February 11

6 - 7 PM ~ Social 7 PM ~ Dinner

Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

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