

January 2009



# Chamber Action

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Fri 6:30am - 6:00pm  
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# ◆ MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ◆

## ankeny young professionals

### After Hour Social

January 6 @ 5 PM

Buffalo Wild Wings

Sponsored by Marquis Builders

### Breakfast & Learn

January 13 @ 7 AM

7 Flags Fitness Center

Speaker: Josh Norstrud

Sponsored by Simpson College

### Kickoff

January 22 @ 6 PM

Chips Restaurant

Sponsored by Hair West & Skeffington's Formal Wear

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[www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org](http://www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org)

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## Ambassadors' Corner

Presented by



### Ambassador of the Month



Andy Sheil

Andy Sheil is an account relationship specialist with the *Ankeny Register*. He enjoys playing golf and playing softball. He is excited to work in the Ankeny community and enjoys speaking with the residents of Ankeny.

To learn more about our ambassadors go to [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org)  
Explore Our Committees

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.

### AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

**Thurs., January 8 @ 5 - 7 PM ~ BAH @**

Veridian Credit Union (1201 S. Ank. Blvd.)

**Tues., January 13 @ Noon ~ RC @ Ankeny Bark Avenue**

(109 E. First Street)

**Wed., January 14 @ 11:15 AM ~ Ambassadors**

Committee Meeting

**Wed., January 14 @ Noon ~ Chamber Orientation**

Reception

**Thurs., January 15 @ 5 - 7 PM ~ Regional BAH @**

DMACC West Campus

(5959 Grand Ave. West Des Moines)

**Tue., January 20 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC @ Neveln Center**

New Entry (406 S.W. School St.)

**Mon., January 26 @ Noon ~ RC @**

Iowa Health Express Care (located in Hy-Vee)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mon., January 5** @ Noon ~ Public Affairs Committee Meeting  
**Tues., January 6** @ 7 AM ~ Executive Board Meeting  
**Tues., January 6** @ 5 – 7 PM ~ AYP Social at Buffalo Wild Wings (1690 S.E. Delaware Ave., Suite 117)  
**Thurs., January 8** @ Noon ~ Christmas Luncheon Committee Wrap-up Meeting  
**Thurs., January 8** @ 5 – 7 PM ~ BAH @ Veridian Credit Union (1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.)  
**Tues., January 13** @ 7 AM ~ Board of Directors Meeting  
**Tues., January 13** @ Noon ~ RC @ Ankeny Bark Avenue (109 E. First Street)  
**Wed., January 14** @ 11:15 AM ~ Ambassadors Committee Meeting  
**Wed., January 14** @ Noon ~ Chamber Orientation Reception  
**Thurs., January 15** @ 5 – 7 PM ~ Regional BAH @ DMACC West Campus (5959 Grand Ave. West Des Moines)  
**Tue., January 20** @ 4:30 PM ~ RC @ Neveln Center New Entry (406 S.W. School St.)  
**Wed., January 21** ~ TRC Training  
**Thurs., January 22** ~ TRC Training  
**Thurs., January 22** @ 5:30 PM ~ Greater Des Moines Partnership Annual Dinner  
**Mon., January 26** @ Noon ~ RC @ Iowa Health Express Care (located in Hy-Vee)  
**Wed., January 28** @ Noon ~ TRC Kick Off (Ankeny Golf & Country Club)

## 2009 Directories

The 2009 Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce Directory and The Greater Des Moines Partnership Directory 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 the Ankeny Area Chamber & Greater Des Moines Partnership websites to make sure your business is listed correctly.

[ankeney.org](http://ankeney.org)

[desmoinesmetro.com](http://desmoinesmetro.com)



### Veridian Credit Union

1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.  
 Ankeny, IA 50023  
 Michele Starkenburg  
 (515) 289-1822  
[www.veridiancu.org](http://www.veridiancu.org)

Join Veridian Credit Union for 2009's first Business After Hours and ArtShare Premier 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, at 1201 South Ankeny Blvd. The evening will showcase art by Ankeny High School students. Guests will enjoy hors 'd'oeuvres, refreshments and door prizes. ArtShare is an award-winning program designed by Veridian to increase awareness of artists in the community. Pieces are selected by Ankeny High School art teachers.



### Business Spotlight

#### CrossTrain Fitness

107 E 1st Street  
 Ankeny, IA 50021  
 (515) 965-3809  
[www.crosstrainfitness.com](http://www.crosstrainfitness.com)

CrossTrain Fitness, owned by Deb Finnestad, Jenny Neighbour, and Luke Carlson, is a spiritually-based weight loss and workout center that has been serving the community since October 2005. The facility offers a cardio room as well as a 30-minute circuit workout where exercises change monthly to keep members challenged. CrossTrain Fitness provides many specialty exercise classes along with nutrition counseling at no additional cost to members. Other health and weight loss programs are available including REV which is an eight-week comprehensive program designed for individuals ready to fully commit to improving their bodies, minds and spirits through intense workouts, detailed nutritional guidance and a journey of personal discovery. The facility also employs two certified personal trainers. The staff invites you to join us for a one week guest pass. During your free week, enjoy all the facility has to offer including the circuit, cardio room and unlimited exercise classes!

# Welcome New Members



## Back Atcha! Bodywork

Dawn Hay ~  
Licensed Massage Therapist  
1932 S.W. 3rd St., Suite 4  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
(515) 867-0830  
[www.backatcha.massagetherapy.com](http://www.backatcha.massagetherapy.com)

Back Atcha! bodywork offers therapeutic and relaxation massage with home visits as an option. We are committed to providing solutions specifically tailored to your individual therapeutic needs. Modalities that are offered include deep tissue massage, relaxing Swedish massage, sports massage, pre-natal massage, laser-assisted massage and geriatric massage. Couples massages are available - and make a great gift for the newly engaged or married. Corporate wellness programs are offered and will be customized to meet the needs of your business and its employees. Consider Back Atcha! for your next event, jewelry party, open house, baby or wedding shower. Give the gift of health - gift certificates are available.



## Nationwide Insurance ~

### Mark Stocker Agency

Mark Stocker ~ Agent  
8769 Northpark Ct.  
Johnston, IA 50131  
(515) 537-7324

My name is Mark Stocker and I'm the principal agent for Nationwide Insurance at the Mark A. Stocker Agency. My family and I live just south of Ankeny in Saylor Township, and we enjoy our neighbors and the activities that are offered here. I was raised on the family farm in southern Iowa and have roots there still. I'm licensed in the state of Iowa and offer home, auto, life, farm and commercial insurance. I will work to get you covered like family and always offer free quotes. I offer insurance plans to help with the unexpected things that life throws at you. To plan the transfer of your estate so you and your family will have control in uncertain times. Protecting family and what is important to them is why I'm here. Give me a call, and let me prove to you, that here, we are "on your side."

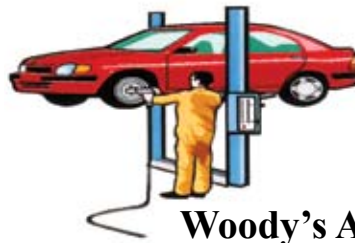


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## Heartland Payment Systems

Vince Kopacek ~ Relationship Manager  
518 NE Stoneridge Dr.  
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(515) 419-2363  
[www.heartlandpaymentsystems.com](http://www.heartlandpaymentsystems.com)

Heartland Payment Systems, Inc., a NYSE company trading under the symbol HPY, delivers credit/debit/prepaid card processing, payroll, check management and payments solutions to more than 250,000 business locations nationwide. Heartland employs over 1,200 relationship managers out of a team of nearly 3,000 employees in operations, sales, IT, marketing and administration.



## Woody's Auto Repair & Service, Inc.

Julie Wood ~ Co-Owner  
217 E. 1st St.  
Ankeny, IA 50021  
(515) 964-7925

Our service facility is independently owned and operated providing full-service repair and maintenance services. We use the latest diagnostic equipment to guarantee your vehicle is repaired or serviced properly and in a timely fashion. We are a member of TECH-NET Professional Auto Service, an elite performance network, where independent service facilities share common goals of being world-class automotive service centers.

# Welcome New Members



## Grand View University

Scott Bock ~ Vice President

1200 Grandview Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50316

(515) 263-2802

[www.gvc.edu](http://www.gvc.edu)

Grand View University is a four-year liberal arts school affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Founded more than 100 years ago, Grand View offers a high-quality education to a diverse student body in a career-oriented, liberal arts-grounded curriculum at two campus locations in greater Des Moines. Grand View welcomes traditional students and adult learners representing a wide range of religious and cultural backgrounds.

At Grand View students find a winning combination of high-quality programs, experienced professors and caring individuals. With 1,800 students and an average class size of 14, students get to know their professors and other students well. They learn independence and seek responsibility in Grand View's educational environment. Learning is an interactive process at Grand View—students engage in lively discussions, work on real-world projects and participate in career-related work experiences.



### Ames Tribune

Terri Kraus ~ Account Executive

317 Fifth St.

Ames, IA 50010

(515) 232-2160

*The Tribune*, which is owned by the Omaha World-Herald Company, can trace its roots back to 1867. For over 140 years *The Tribune* has provided Ames and surrounding communities with world, national and local news, sports and community information. *The Tribune* is published afternoons Tuesday through Friday and Saturday and Sunday mornings. The daily circulation enables *The Tribune* to capture the Mid Iowa Market. *The Tribune* also provides *The Story County Advertiser* which is a weekly publication delivered to both subscribers and non-subscribers each Wednesday. *The Advertiser's* 14,000 extended circulation gives *The Tribune* and *Advertiser* nearly 100% total market coverage of the primary market area of Story County.

## Fantasy Nails

### Fantasy Nails

Pon Boun ~ Owner

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## PREMIER

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### Premier Lawn & Landscape

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Des Moines, IA 50317

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### X-treme Autoworx

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Des Moines, IA 50313

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*The Greater Des Moines Partnership and Affiliate Chambers & Organizations invite you to the*

# OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

*Welcoming the 83rd Iowa General Assembly  
for the 2009 Legislative Session*

***Monday, January 12, 2009  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.***

***The Civic Center of Greater Des Moines  
221 Walnut St.  
Downtown Des Moines***

Meet Iowa Legislators, enjoy hors  
d'oeuvres from restaurants and vendors  
from the Affiliate communities, and  
view the newly renovated Civic Center of  
Greater Des Moines

***Cost:***

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

***\$30 per person for non-members***

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To Register Log on to [www.desmoinesmetro.com/events](http://www.desmoinesmetro.com/events) or call Meg Fitz at 515-286-4934



# Annual Dinner



## Annual Dinner Celebration

**Thursday, February 12**

6:00 - 7:00 Social (Cash Bar)  
7:00 Dinner

Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny  
Grand Ballroom

Invitations will be mailed out the second week of January

## Ribbon Cuttings



### VISION 4 Less

2409 S.E. Delaware Ave., Suite 104  
Ankeny, IA 50021  
Marc Swank  
(515) 965-7711  
[www.vision4less.com](http://www.vision4less.com)



### Ankeny Temporary Services

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[chamber@ankeny.org](mailto:chamber@ankeny.org)



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YOUR AD HERE?**

**CALL 964-0685**

# 2009 TRC Marketing Opportunities Coming Soon!

Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce



Chairperson 2009 TRC  
Terry Peter

Being a member of the Ankeny Area Chamber gives you the opportunity to market your business to the community. January 28, 2009, will be the kick off to our Total Resource Campaign. In an organized few weeks, volunteers will market sponsorships to our programs, events, publications and electronic media.

The Total Resource Campaign consists of 15 teams of volunteers under the leadership of three vice chairs: John Barber, Brad Botos and Tom Friedman.

These vice chairs lead volunteers to market sponsorships to Chamber events and publications, while also seeking new members for the Chamber. Volunteers assist companies with choosing options that are best suited to meet the organization's marketing needs.

"The campaign is a great way for volunteers to meet our area's top community leaders and business owners while working directly with many of the Chamber's most dedicated leadership," said Terry Peter, 2009 Chair.

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