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# ◆ MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ◆

## Ankeny young professionals

### Breakfast Social

April 7 @ 7 AM

Cafe Diem

Sponsored by Marquis Builders

### Lunch & Learn

April 14 @ Noon

City of Ankeny Public Service Building

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What young professionals want to see in Ankeny

### Social: Season Opener for the Iowa Cubs

April 17 @ 6:30 PM

Principal Park, Downtown DSM

feeling young?

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## Ambassadors' Corner

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### Ambassador of the Month

Presented by



Deb  
Finnestad

Deb Finnestad is one of the owners of CrossTrain Fitness, a Christian workout and weight loss facility. CrossTrain offers a circuit workout, cardio room, several fitness classes and is located at 107 E. 1st in Ankeny. You can contact Deb at 515-965-3809 or [debfinnestad@aol.com](mailto:debfinnestad@aol.com). Visit CrossTrain's website at [www.crosstrainfitness.com](http://www.crosstrainfitness.com).

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

**Wed, April 15 @ 4 PM ~**  
Ambassador Committee Meeting

**Wed, April 15 @ 4:45 PM ~**  
Chamber Orientation Reception  
(Sponsored by *Tasteful Dinners*  
*Tasteful Catering*)

**Thur, April 16 @ 5 PM ~**  
BAH ~ 1st National Bank, Ankeny

**Thur, April 16 @ 5 PM ~**  
Regional BAH ~ Noodle Zoo  
(601 E. Locust, East Village)

# CHAMBER CALENDAR

## Sat, April 4

9 AM – 11AM ~ Legislative Coffee (Neveln Center)

## Mon, April 6

Noon ~ Executive Board Meeting

4:30 PM ~ Events Committee Meeting

## Tue, April 7

7 AM ~ AYP Breakfast Connect Event  
(Cafe Diem)

Noon ~ Golf Committee Meeting

## Mon, April 13

Noon ~ Board of Directors Meeting

## Tue, April 14

Noon ~ AYP Lunch & Learn: Develop Our Ankeny  
(City of Ankeny Public Services Building)

## Wed, April 15

4 PM ~ Ambassador Committee Meeting

4:45 PM ~ Chamber Orientation Reception

*(Sponsored by Tasteful Dinners  
Tasteful Catering)*

## Thu, April 16

5 PM ~ Business After Hours ~ 1st National Bank,  
Ankeny (1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.)

5 PM ~ Regional Business After Hours ~

Noodle Zoo (601 E. Locust, East Village)

## Fri, April 17

6:30 PM ~ AYP Social:

Season Opener for the Iowa Cubs

(Principal Park, Downtown DSM)

## Tue, April 21

Noon ~ RC - Therapeutic Massage Center  
(513 S.W. 3rd St.)

5:30 PM ~ SummerFest Committee Meeting

## Wed, April 22

11:30 AM ~ Spring Membership Luncheon  
(Ankeny Golf & Country Club)

## Wed, April 29

4:30 PM ~ RC - Nutrishop (2010 S.E. Delaware Ave.)

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Tom Friedman

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First National Bank Ankeny puts you first by having experienced Ankeny bankers. Tom Friedman and Deb Jensen have over 45 combined years of experience of putting Ankeny businesses and homeowners first. Banking should not be about what makes sense for the bank; it should be about what makes sense for the customers. At First National, that principle is the foundation for all we do; it is why we put you first. It's What Banking Should Be.

## Nationwide Insurance - Don Moody



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Don Moody

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## Business Spotlight

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Michael Claeys ~ Manager

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## Creative Counters and Bath

Ryan Jones ~ Co-Owner

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Dave Jordan ~ Owner

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[www.ifroofing.com](http://www.ifroofing.com)

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## Golden Openings, Inc

Kimberly Baeth ~ President/Owner

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Golden Openings also has three franchise offices in other states, as we handle events all over the U.S. Some of our clients have included: Oprah, The White House, Microsoft, Best Buy, Hollywood, Disney and more!

# Welcome New Members



## Designs With Byte

Carol Westercamp ~ Owner  
15160 New York Cir.  
Clive, IA 50325  
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[www.designswithbyte.com](http://www.designswithbyte.com)

Carol Westercamp is an Iowa State University graduate and has worked with several local Iowa and national companies providing communications/marketing assistance. Our approach is simple—as a business you need to create real life moments in communications that show understanding. People are complex. They must identify with you on an emotional level, one which compels them to believe something new, to try something different, or to take a chance. Away from work, Carol and her husband, Dirk try to keep pace with the athletic endeavors of their three kids, unwise as that may be.



## LAWN DOCTOR of Ankeny -

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Cary Hughes ~ General Manager  
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## Smart Cleaning & Maintenance

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We offer commercial and residential cleaning services. Under residential we offer basic or deep cleaning, cleaning furniture and upholstery, carpet steam cleaning and window washing. Commercial cleaning includes multi-site facility or single location, dusting of office furniture, cleaning and sanitizing restrooms, trash collection, carpet steam cleaning, window washing

Maintenance services are created to help businesses and residents to get plumbing and electrical services, painting, any type of floor installation, dry wall repair, flood and water damage, landscaping and snow removal.

Please watch for more of these exceptional professionals.

## Epilepsy Foundation of North/ Central IL, IA & NE

Karly Ashlock ~ Service Coordinator  
1111 9th St., Suite 275  
Des Moines, IA 50314  
(515) 238-7660

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



The Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska opened our first service office in Iowa in September of 2007. The Iowa based office is located in Des Moines yet covers the entire state of Iowa. Our mission is to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research. We offer educational presentations to schools, workplaces, organizations and many more. Along with educational materials, we provide support groups throughout the state, including Des Moines. Please contact Karly to learn more about our programs and services or to schedule an epilepsy training for your workplace or organization at 515-238-7660 or [kashlock@efncil.org](mailto:kashlock@efncil.org).



## Briarwood Dental Spa

Dr. Angelina Blass ~ Dentist  
 2785 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 26  
 Ankeny, IA 50023  
 (515) 965-5999  
[www.smilecentraliowa.com](http://www.smilecentraliowa.com)

Briarwood Dental was recently purchased by Dr. Angelina Blass and her husband, Aaron Blass. They have changed the name to Briarwood Dental Spa and have made significant changes to the office environment and patient experience. They have expanded the practice to include treatment for children, in addition to adults, and have given the office a spa-like feeling. Angelina is a graduate of the University of Iowa Dental School, and she has five years of advanced dentistry experience. She is a native of Polk City, and Aaron is from Ankeny. This practice represents a return to their home area.

Dr. Blass feels that everyone deserves to look and feel his/her very best. Services offered at Briarwood Dental Spa include complete family dentistry, restorative and cosmetic dentistry, crowns, bridges, dentures, implants as well as endodontics, oral surgery and on-call emergency dental services. Briarwood Dental Spa offers many amenities to patients including a refreshment center, spa music and decor, aromatherapy, and i-pods or movies to enhance the dental experience. Patients are encouraged and invited to utilize a relaxation suite, including massage chairs that reduce stress and anxiety before and after treatment. The goal of Briarwood Dental Spa is to offer complete patient comfort in addition to exceptional family dentistry. Briarwood Dental Spa is offering new patient specials, including teeth whitening services, and accepts most insurance plans.



## Des Moines Council of American Business Women's Association

Amanda Weakland ~ Council Chair  
 202 N.E. 9th St.  
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The Des Moines Area Council of American Business Women's Association has five local chapters in the area. Each chapter has its meeting at a different time to fit into all different schedules. We are a non profit organization working to provide local scholarships to individuals.

Whether you are actively seeking to advance to the next level or to stay current with business trends and skills; whether you dream of breaking out on your own or are running your own business; whether you are looking to stay active in retirement, are a stay-at-home mom ready to reconnect or are a full-time student looking to explode onto the job scene - ABWA has a membership option that is right for you.

**Dogwood Grooming & Spa**  
 Ronald Pratt ~ Professional Dog Groomer  
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## Lavens Northwest Monument, Inc.

Marge Cuddy ~ Sales Representative  
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You can now also find us on Facebook.

The 2009 Grand Parade - with the theme  
"Ankeny Through the Eyes of a Child."



The Ankeny Area **Chamber Action** newsletter is "Going Green." If you receive the **Chamber Action** newsletter by mail, this will be the last month for our bulk mailing - we will still have some print copies located at the Chamber office for your needs. The **Chamber Action** will be emailed each month and is also archived on the Chamber website at [www.ankeny.org/newsletters.php](http://www.ankeny.org/newsletters.php).

Please call us if you have any concerns.

## **Ankeny Emerging Leaders Institute**

The Ankeny Economic Development Corporation, Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Ankeny invite you to apply for the Ankeny Emerging Leaders Institute. The purpose of the institute is to create interest in and provide information about, Ankeny leadership. If you demonstrate desire to make significant contributions to future of Ankeny, have some experience in leadership activities and have interest in using what you learn through the eight sessions of the institute in our community, you are invited to apply. Find application at [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org).



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June 17

The Ankeny Area Chamber Golf Open, presented by Prairie Trail is schedule for Wednesday, June 17, at Briarwood Club of Ankeny. Morning and afternoon shotgun starts will be available. Times will be announced at a later date. Information and the registration form will be out mid-April, either by email or mail. Registration is on a first come, first served basis; payment is due at the time of registration.

The morning session includes breakfast, 7:30 AM shotgun start, lunch and awards. The afternoon session includes lunch, 1:30 PM shotgun start, after golf social and awards. The lunch will be provided by Outback Steakhouse.

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# Spring Chamber Membership Luncheon

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## “Connecting People Through Recreation”

with Todd Redenius, director of the City of Ankeny’s Parks and Recreation Department

Wednesday, April 22 @ 11:30 AM  
Ankeny Golf and Country Club

11:30 ~ Registration/Networking  
Noon ~ Lunch/Program

Reservations required by Friday, April 18

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