

January 2008



Chamber Action

210 S Ankeny Blvd

Ankeny, IA 50023

(515) 964-0685

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another wonderful year....



Dan Kitzinger
2008 President



Happy
New Year!

We need your nominations!

Please take the time to nominate for
Small Business Person of the Year & Outstanding Citizen

Hurry...we need them by Jan 23rd!

◆ MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ◆

Business Spotlight

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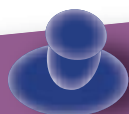


**January 10th
5 PM**

Join Veridian Credit Union for 2008's first Business After Hours event in conjunction with the annual ArtShare Premier on Thursday, January 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1201 South Ankeny Blvd. The evening will showcase original art created by 50 Ankeny High School art students, including sketches, paintings, sculptures and more. Guests will enjoy refreshments and the chance to win door prizes.

ArtShare is an award-winning program designed by Veridian Credit Union to increase awareness of young artists in the Ankeny community. Each piece is carefully selected by Ankeny High School art department leaders, lent to the credit union and encased or professionally framed for display. The annual event gives student artists the opportunity to showcase their creations and be recognized for their outstanding talent.

Veridian Credit Union, founded in 1934 in Waterloo, Iowa, is a not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members. The credit union offers a full range of consumer financial services and employs more than 450 Iowans throughout 22 branches. For more information, visit www.veridiancu.org or call (800) 235-3228.



A Note of Thanks!
Thank you to The
Growing Concern for
the wonderful
Holiday Decor
in the
Chamber entry way!



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Stop by the Chamber to pick up your copy of the Ankeny Economic Development Guide. The publication is dedicated to assisting our existing business & industry and to promoting business growth.

ANKENY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENTS

BREAKFAST SOCIAL
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4
7 AM @ CRICKETS
AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

LUNCH & LEARN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 @ ANKENY AREA
CHAMBER
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2008 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICKOFF
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 @ ANKENY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
"GET A TASTE OF AYP"
6:30 - 8:30 PM

SPIRIT BLVD - WINE & BEER TASTING EVENT

Welcome New Members

CROSSROADS CELEBRATION COMMUNITY

Crossroads Celebration Community is a Free Methodist congregation; we worship in Southeast Elementary School's cafeteria.

Our worship time is at 10:30 AM on Sundays and our Sunday School, Pit Stop, meets at 9:30 AM. We are casual in attire and contemporary in music style. One hundred percent of our music in worship you will hear on Christian radio; plus our worship leader is writing some of his own music. We started July 1, 2007, and have been averaging 30 people in worship for the past five months. Our prayer is to reach a larger metro ministry with busing. We have a big God and believe God has something special for us to do. Pastor Mark Tuttle has nearly 25 years pastoring experience with another Methodist denomination. He has joined with the Free Methodist to support a stronger stance on biblical principles. Pastor Mark has great experience in preaching, working with children and youth in many creative areas like camp, puppetry, clowning and gospel magic. He is also teaching at DMACC in ethics and philosophy. We hope that you will join us at the Crossroads where we journey with Christ and together discover God!

Crossroads Celebration Community

Mark Tuttle ~ Pastor

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Kimberley Jackman ~
Owner

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Welcome New Members



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Fred Fernatt, exclusive, financial specialist has over 25 years experience as a Certified Financial Planner® and CPA. Fred is one of the premier financial planners in the Midwest.

With a dedicated and professional staff equipped to assist customers with specific individual insurance and financial needs, the Charles Webb Allstate Agency looks forward to providing services to the Ankeny community.

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Dipak Biswas ~ Director of Catering

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Become a partner today!

This is another way the Ankeny Area Chamber provides its members an opportunity to gain customers and grow their businesses.

Check out www.ankeny.org to learn about the discounts you can receive!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 31 – January 1 Chamber Closed for New Years

January 4 @ 7 AM ~ AYP Breakfast Social @ Crickets

January 7 @ Noon ~ Public Affairs Meeting

January 8 @ 7 AM ~ Executive Board Meeting

January 8 @ Noon ~ AYP Lunch & Learn @ The Chamber

January 8 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC/Open House - Creative Community Options

January 10 @ 5 PM ~ BAH – Veridian Credit Union (1201 S Ankeny Blvd)

January 11 @ Noon ~ RC - Ankeny Pediatric Clinic (909 SW Oralabor RD)

January 15 @ Noon ~ RC – Humana (located in Ankeny WalMart)

January 16 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC – The Bark Zone (109 E. 1st St)

January 17 @ 4:30 PM ~ RC – Courtyard Estates

(601 NE Hawthorne Crossing, SE Bondurant)

January 23 @ Noon ~ RC – Hunziker Associates (1255 N Ankeny Blvd)

January 23 @ 1 -3 PM ~ TRC Training @ The Chamber

February 1 @ 5 PM ~ AYP Happy Hour



Anani Salon & Spa

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Ribbon Cuttings



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Christmas Luncheon Photos



Thank you

to the following people who
generously donated
their time & talents to make the
2007 Christmas Luncheon a success.

Committee

Chairperson - Bill Konnath ~
Ankeny Community Chorus
Angela Carroll ~ Community State Bank
Ronda Ceynar ~ Oral Surgeons, P.C.
Sonja Chesnik ~ Sonja Chesnik Interiors
Kathleen Coady ~ Premier Design Jewelry
Jan Globuschutz ~ Turning Leaf Interiors
Amanda Kuhn ~ First American Bank
Jenny Neighbour ~ CrossTrain Fitness
Michele Starkenburg ~ Veridian Credit Union
Jeanne Wagner ~ Northwest Bank

Annual Dinner Celebration February 28, 2008

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church
510 East First Street ~ Ankeny

Social: 5 - 6:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Program & Awards to follow

\$35 per person
\$325 for reserved table for eight
with business signage

Invitations will be in the
mail mid-January

A limited number of sponsorship
are still available for \$150

Lighting

David Raver and RDG Planning & Design

Master of Ceremonies

Mayor Steve Van Oort

Entertainment

Faith Chorale ~ Directed by Dr. Irv Van Hooser
Ronda Ceynar ~ Piano
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Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

Total Resource Campaign Announcement



Chairperson 2008 TRC

Terry Peter, chairman of the 2008 Total Resource Campaign for the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, announces the kick off to be January 30, 2008. The Total Resource Campaign will create 15 teams of volunteers under the leadership of three vice chairs: Brad Botos of Liberty Bank, Mark Degner of Community State Bank and Mark Land of Snyder & Associates.

These vice chairs recruit volunteers to market sponsorship to Chamber events and publications, while also seeking new members for the Chamber. The all-volunteer campaign consists of more than 100 sponsorships available during the campaign. Volunteers assist companies with choosing options that are best suited to meet the organization's marketing needs.

"The Total Resource Campaign offers excellent exposure for companies both at the Chamber's events and within our signature publications," said Peter.

He explains, "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."

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Chamber member business person with at least 20 percent ownership in the business and an active involvement in the management of the business.
- Demonstrated an active involvement in community betterment.

It is important to note that this criteria is only a guideline subject to the interpretation of the selection committee.

This award is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

2007 Small Business Person of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business Person of the Year Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the achievements of our community's businesses.

This award is to recognize a business person making a significant contribution in business risk and community involvement.

NOMINEE: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

Why is the nominee qualified for this award?

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

The Small Business Person of the Year Award will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner on February 28, 2008.

Submit nomination to Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021, or fax to 964-0487.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: January 23, 2008

NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

NOMINATION FORM

2007 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nominations are being accepted for the 2007 Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the entire community outside his/her chosen trade or profession.

Ankeny's outstanding citizen is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

NOMINATION

DEADLINE:

January 23, 2008

Nominations
will not be accepted
after this date.

NOMINEE: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Why is this nominee qualified for this award?

NOMINATED BY _____ PHONE _____

*SUBMIT nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce,
PO Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021, or fax to 964-0487.*

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 28, 2008.