

CHAMBER *Action*

February 2013

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I have lived in Iowa my entire life and in Ankeny since 2001 and graduated from Iowa State University with a BA in Architecture. I have been the architectural group leader for Shive-Hattery Architects + Engineers West Des Moines office since 2003. We currently have 15 licensed architects on staff in this office. S-H specializes in Commercial/Retail, Education, Government, Healthcare, Industrial and Institutional projects. We are a full service firm offering Architecture, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Mechanical, Structural Engineering, Surveying, Environmental building testing, Roofing and Building Commissioning.

I am married to Cindy and have five children (Sam, Jessy, Molly, Chris and Malissa) and seven grandchildren (Ellesha, Kaylee, Tristen, Sam, Courtney, Brendon and Bryan). I am involved in Ankeny Economic Development Corporation, Rotary Club of Ankeny, Ankeny Chamber Ambassador and Prairie Ridge Church. I try to play golf, volleyball and racquetball when I have time. I also have a 1500cc Kawasaki that Cindy and I cruise around on when it's warmer.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, February 4
Noon Executive Board Meeting

Tue, February 5
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - At-Home Care Company**
- 1517 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ste 4

Thur, February 7
6:00 pm Annual Dinner Celebration
- Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Mon, February 11
11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm China Trip - Informational Session
- Jade Garden

Wed, February 13
4:00 pm **Ambassador Meeting** - Chamber Office
4:45 pm **Chamber Orientation Reception** - Chamber Office

Thur, February 21
5:00 pm **Business After Hours - Smokey D's BBQ**
- 5055 N.W. 2nd Ave., DSM

Mon, February 25
Noon **Ribbon Cutting - The Toro Company**
- 5500 S.E. Delaware Ave.

Wed, February 27
11:30 am February Membership Luncheon
- Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek Golf Course

Thur, February 28
4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers**
- 1510 S.W. Oralabor Rd., Ste 106

Dates and Times are subject to change.
Check out www.ankeny.org for the most up-to-date schedule and details.

Keep track of what the Ankeny Area Chamber is up to on Facebook and Twitter!



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Business Spotlight

Have you seen what's new at The Briarwood Club of Ankeny? The Briarwood Club of Ankeny has been a proud member of the Ankeny Chamber for over 15 years. As Ankeny has changed and evolved so too has Briarwood. Briarwood made the transition from public course to private club in 2008. Since then we have totally renovated our clubhouse, expanded our dining options, created much needed private meeting space for Ankeny, and opened our beautiful pool. What hasn't changed is our passion for providing the Ankeny community with a family friendly atmosphere, outstanding golf, and an exciting social calendar for adults and youth all at an incredibly affordable price.

For those of you who have not been to the club since it became private, we invite you to come see what's new! Briarwood members enjoy a premier golf course, playing in our famous Couple's Twilight events, relaxing poolside, weekly happy hour, and nightly dining specials from our outstanding chef. At Briarwood, our members never wait for a tee time or a table. Our membership prides itself on being a welcoming and diverse group of the young, and young at heart. To become one of us, contact Matt Matthias, Briarwood General Manager, at mmatthias@briarwoodclubofankeny.com for more information about our latest membership offers.

Briarwood is proud to be a part of the growing Ankeny community. We open our doors to anyone interested in hosting an event, big or small, regardless of whether or not you are a member. For more information on hosting your next golf outing, company meeting, awards banquet or party with Briarwood contact Amy Warford, Communication and Events Director, at 515-964-4653.



Briarwood Club of Ankeny

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



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Can Do Cancer

Molly Suarez

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Can Do Cancer is a non-profit organization with a mission to improve the lives of local breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Can Do Cancer serves patients living in Des Moines and surrounding communities. Services are provided free to enrolled patients and include:

- Dinner for patients and their family on chemotherapy days
- House cleaning services during treatment
- A website for patients to learn what they need to know after a breast cancer diagnosis
- Motivational support for patients

The organization was founded by Ankeny resident and breast cancer survivor, Molly Suarez. Visit www.candocancer.org to learn more, enroll or make a donation.

We are a full-service janitorial company specializing in commercial, new construction cleaning and a full line of epoxy flooring. M&M consistently meets the janitorial needs of a wide array of corporations. Offering top quality services. M&M provides daily, weekly, or monthly maintenance contracts. Each customer is presented with a project plan. This plan includes task details, duration, resources, deliverables, and a timeline for transition if applicable.

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Greater Des Moines Partnership Update

Through your membership with Ankeny Area Chamber, you are automatically a member of Greater Des Moines Partnership. The Partnership is the economic and community development organization serving the Greater Des Moines metro, covering an eight-county region (Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, and Warren). The Partnership is dedicated to the economic and community development of the entire Greater Des Moines area. Through economic development, the Partnership works regionally to recruit and assist new and expanding businesses, and to ensure there is a talented and educated workforce from which those firms can draw their human resources.

Through community development, they contribute directly to the good health and vitality of our members' businesses and the improvement of quality of life for the entire region. Embedded within each of these areas is a strong emphasis on building and sustaining a vibrant downtown core through development, events, environment, and promotion.

The Partnership collaborates with the 21 local Chambers of Commerce to provide regional access and exposure, and to create a true partnership between business, government, and the public, so we can pursue our economic and community betterment goals with one voice, one mission, one focus. We will be highlighting specific aspects and programs from which you can benefit from throughout the year. In the meantime, feel free to learn about how the Partnership can help your business do more at www.desmoinesmetro.com.

THE ANKENY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITES YOU AND YOUR EMPLOYEES TO THE

Annual Dinner Celebration

AT THE COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, ANKENY

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF 2012 AND
AWARDS CEREMONY

February 7, 2013

6pm Social

7pm Dinner & Program

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ANKENY.ORG BY FEBRUARY 1

\$50 PER PERSON - CASH BAR

\$400 FOR RESERVED TABLE OF 8 WITH BUSINESS SIGNAGE

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Chamber Facts!

Where is the Chamber hosting a trip to in October 2013?

Email lweyer@ankeny.org with the correct answer and be entered to win 2 movie passes to Springwood 9 Theater!

**Winners names' will be drawn the day after the newsletter is sent out. Winners can pick up their movie passes at the Chamber Office, 210 S. Ankeny Blvd. Answers and winners' names will be posted in next month's Chamber Action Newsletter.*

January's Chamber Facts

What new Chamber event is being held March 2, 2013?

Answer: Chamber Chill 5K Run/Walk

Winners: Amanda Mueller, Northwest Bank
Amanda Petersen, 1st National Bank, Ankeny
Amy Olsen, Northwest Bank
Peter Strauss, Reset
Kim Perkins, Etech

Member Happenings

Schneider Graphics is hiring!

Schneider Graphics is currently seeking a full-time Decal Production Assistant.
Stop in to fill out an application or send your resume our way!

Schneider Graphics, Inc.
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QA Graphics Promotion!



QA Graphics is pleased to announce the promotion of Cade Ingle from an HVAC Graphics Specialist to a Marketing Coordinator.

QA Graphics New Hire!



QA Graphics has hired John Brix as their newest 3D Designer.

Woodruff Companies have named three new Regional Presidents!



Dave O'Brien has been named the West Regional President and is based in Fort Dodge.



Jason Reckhammer is the new Central Regional President, with an office in Ames.



Nick Ford, new East Regional President, is based out of Woodruff's Iowa City office.

Want to celebrate a positive happening in your business?

Please submit items to Lindsay Weyer,
lweyer@ankeny.org

February Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Pinnacle Club at Otter Creek Golf Course

Brian and Mary Lohse

2012 Powerball Jackpot Winners from Bondurant

11:30 AM - Networking/ 11:45 AM Lunch & Program

Register at www.ankeny.org

Registration closes 24 hours prior to event (Tuesday at Noon) for lunch preparation purposes.

CHAMBER CHILL 5K RUN/WALK

PRESENTED BY



JOHN DEERE

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