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November 2013

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November 5 @ Noon

Ankeny Chamber Office

Sponsored by Generation Next: Prairie Trail

After Hours Social

December 5 @ 5 pm

Sports Page Grill

Sponsored by Generation Next: Great Western Bank

AYP Ugly Sweater Party

December 19 @ 6 pm

Slash Web Studios

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Based out of their Ankeny, IA office, Dan is a Commercial Banking Manager for Great Southern Bank. In this role, Dan is responsible for working with Commercial Real Estate Investors and Commercial and Industrial Business Owners to handle their financing needs not only in Iowa, but in surrounding Midwestern states as well. With over 15 years of Commercial Business experience that ranges from examining banks for the Federal Reserve, to handling business development for a regional general contractor, to leading commercial lending teams in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Dan is able to quickly understand the needs of his clients and work to develop a financing package that best aligns with their needs.

Dan and his wife, Jocelyn, reside in Ankeny with their 3 school-aged children. In Dan's free time, he enjoys golfing, exercising and spending time attending and assisting in coaching his children's sporting events.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Tue, Nov 5

Noon AYP Lunch & Learn - Chamber Board Room

Mon, Nov 11

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Board Room

Tue, Nov 12

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Dymond Memorial Funeral & Cremation Services** - 121 SW 3rd St.

5:00 pm Board of Directors - Strategic Planning Retreat

Wed, Nov 13

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Quality Commercial Cleaning** - Chamber Board Room

4:30 pm Legislative Forum - Neveln Center

Thur, Nov 14

5:00 pm **Business After Hours - Fiscus Diamond Jewelers** - 1701 SE Delaware Ave., Ste 250

Tue, Nov 19

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Salon JKM** - 1510 SW Oralabor Rd. (Dolce Vita Salon Suites), Suite 108

Wed, Nov 20

11:00 am **Ambassador Meeting** - Chamber Board Room

11:45 am **New Member Social** - Chamber Board Room

Thur, Nov 21

11:30 am Joint Legislative Luncheon - Pinnacle Club, Otter Creek

Fri, Nov 22

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - American Heart Association** - Chamber Board Room

Mon, Nov 25

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Magnabilities - Rebecca & Dana** - Chamber Board Room

Tue, Nov 26

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Godfather's Pizza - Remodel** - 802 N. Ankeny Blvd.

Thur and Fri, Nov 28-29

Chamber Office Closed - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Dates and Times are subject to change.

Check out www.ankeny.org for the most up-to-date schedule and details.



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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

FISCUS DIAMOND JEWELERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Direct communication is essential in creating a fine piece of custom jewelry. Come enjoy our no pressure, relaxed atmosphere, where we want you to feel special. We want to help you create that perfect piece of jewelry that will last a lifetime. We offer high-quality diamonds and fine jewelry at outstanding prices. We're confident you won't find a better quality diamond or piece of jewelry for the price.

The Custom Design process begins with your idea. Whether you have found an idea elsewhere, drawn up one or just want to describe your perfect piece of jewelry, we can sketch it for you. All you need to do is make an appointment with Noel or stop in and we'd be happy to help you get the process going. Many men have found the option of custom design very helpful because he can design an engagement just as unique as she is.

The next step in the process is carving a wax model (lost wax casting) or use CAD (computer aided design) to create the ring or pendant. These processes are done in-house from start to finish. Once the ring is cast into the metal of your choice then our jewelers set the stones and polish it. The custom design process is approximately one month start-to-finish. When we finish, we include a complimentary appraisal and call you to pick up your new custom jewelry.

Fiscus Diamond Jewelers

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Business Spotlight

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Contact me direct for information on Fundraiser's or to host a taste-testing for yourself or business.
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Bella Boutique

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Bella Boutique is a new clothing and accessories store for women of all ages and varied budgets! We buy limited quantities of many different lines to offer our customers unique styles so they won't see their outfits coming and going on other gals! Our talented stylists can help you find just the right outfits for your body type and lifestyle! The hip young chick as well as the young at heart mature gal will find what they love at Bella Boutique! We also offer a Preferred Customer Club Reward for our loyal customers as a way to say 'thanks for shopping with us!'

Bella Boutique opened in Sioux Falls, SD in 2003, and then opened in West Glen Town Center in West Des Moines in July 2009 and are still located there. We then opened in the Kaleidoscope Mall downtown Des Moines in January 2013 and now in Ankeny. We have offered private parties in the stores for fun and fundraisers over the last 10 years and are generous with donations for our local communities.

I am Victoria Jorgenson, the owner of Bella Boutique and am passionate about fashion and offering quality merchandise and customer service. My husband David is the Director of New Business with The Baker Group and we have two sons and three grandchildren. We are buying a home in Ankeny and looking forward to settling into the community.

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WINNER: Treasure House

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Best Food Sample

WINNER: Smokey D's BBQ

Honorable Mentions (all within 6 votes of each other; wow!): Hy-Vee, Jethro's BBQ and LakeHouse, Tasteful Dinners/Catering, Leaning Tower of Pizza, Cafe Diem, Briarwood Club of Ankeny and Z'mariks Noodle Cafe



TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Lamberti, Gocke, Takekawa Law Offices was our October recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays!

Lunch was provided by Bandana's BBQ!

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:

First National Bank, Ankeny!



Chamber Facts!

Who will the 2014 Ankeny Chamber President be?

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.*

October's Chamber Facts

What Chamber event takes place on October 24, 2013?

Answer: TASTE Ankeny EXPERIENCE Ankeny

Winners: Jeremy Zinn, Clarity Construction

Becky Armstrong, Simpson College

Jim Stewart, Copyworks

Michael O'Connor, Mid Iowa Boy Scouts of America

Larry Anderson, Veridian Credit Union

Ribbon Cuttings



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Christmas Luncheon

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

11:00 – 1:00 PM

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Regional Affiliate Legislative Luncheon

Presented by the Ankeny, Grimes, Johnston, Polk City and Urbandale Chambers of Commerce.

Thursday, November 21, 11:30 - 1:00 PM

Otter Creek Golf Course, 4100 NE Otter Creek Drive

Cost: \$20

Register at www.ankeny.org!

Legislative Public Forum

Wednesday, November 13 - 4:30 PM - Neveln Center, 406 SW School St.

Meet with Senator Jack Whitver, Representative Kevin Koester, and Representative John Landon on November 13. This public forum is your opportunity to learn what the Ankeny elected officials are working on for Ankeny. Please bring any comments, concerns or questions to this public forum. We hope to see you there!



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2013 SMALL BUSINESS/ SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business / 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 and community involvement.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Chamber Member 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.

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 6, 2014

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

NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16, 2013

2013 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nomination Form

Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 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: December 16, 2013

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, IA 50021, or fax to 964-0487

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be presented at the
Chamber's Annual Dinner Celebration on February 6, 2014

2014 Annual Election of Directors Single - Slate

The nominating committee has selected the following candidates
for election to the Board of Directors of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote for Six

- ☐ **Travis Carlsen - One Source Tax & Accounting
Services, LLC**
- ☐ **Lydia Hornung - John Deere Des Moines Works**
- ☐ **Steve Krob - UnityPoint Health Des Moines**
- ☐ **Michele Starkenburg - Veridian Credit Union**
- ☐ **Crystal Vitzhum - Ankeny Children's Dental**

Write in:

According to the By-Laws regarding the election of Board of Directors: "Of the twelve elected members, one-third shall be elected . . . annually to serve for three (3) years . . . A nominating committee of five members shall be appointed to nominate from the membership of the Chamber a number of members to be candidates for membership on the Board of Directors equivalent to the number of vacancies on the Board to be filled . . . All voting shall be by ballot . . ." Return to the Chamber at Box 488, Ankeny, Iowa 50021 or fax to 515-964-0487.

**Ballots Are Due By
December 16, 2013**