

CHAMBER *Action*

January 2013

210 S Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 964-0685



Christmas Luncheon



Bonnie Christensen
(515) 971-9973
www.BonnieSellsIowa.com

Bonnie Christensen
Re/Max Opportunities

"New year....New house? Let's get started!"



ankeny young professionals

Lunch and Learn

January 7 @ Noon

Simpson College

Sponsored by Simpson College

Annual Kickoff Event

January 30 @ 6 pm

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

Sponsored by LaBounty Chiropractic and
Slash Web Studios

feeling young?

www.ankenyyoungprofessionals.org

Annual Dinner Celebration

Celebration of 2013 and Awards Ceremony

February 6, 2014

Courtyard By Marriott, Ankeny

6-7 pm Social

7 pm Dinner & Program

Registration required with names of attendees and meal choices.

Register online at www.ankeny.org by February 1.

\$50 per Person - Cash Bar

\$450 - Reserved Table of 8

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



facebook.com/AnkenyAreaChamber



twitter.com/AnkenyChamber

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, Jan 6

Noon Executive Board Meeting - Chamber Board Room

Wed, Jan 8

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Assisted Transition**
- Chamber Board Room

Thur, Jan 9

4:00 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Iowa Ortho** - 710 E. First St.
5:00 pm **Business After Hours - Veridian Credit Union**
- 1201 S. Ankeny Blvd.

Mon, Jan 13

11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting - Chamber Board Room
5:00 pm 2014 Opening Night Legislative Reception
- State of Iowa Historical Museum

Tue, Jan 14

Noon TRC Training Meeting - Chamber Board Room

Wed, Jan 15

9:00 am TRC Training Meeting - Chamber Board Room
11:30 am **Ambassador Meeting - Godfather's Pizza**

Tue, Jan 21

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Creatively Simple Marketing**
- Chamber Board Room

Thur, Jan 23

9:30 am Member Connect - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Fri, Jan 24

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - Point Builders**
- Chamber Board Room
4:00 pm **Ambassador Social - Wheel House Pizza & Pub**

Mon, Jan 27

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Shelter Insurance - Kim Hanken**
- 1510 S.W. Oralabor Rd., Ste D

Thur, Jan 31

Noon **Ribbon Cutting - PURE an Aveda Concept Salon & Spa**
- 1805 S.E. Delaware Ave., Ste 800

Dates and Times are subject to change.

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

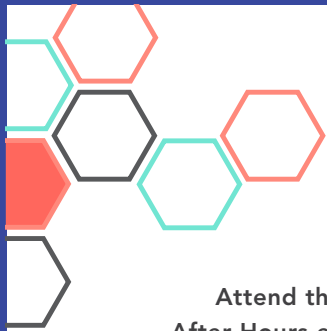


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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

VERIDIAN CREDIT UNION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 5:00 - 7:00 PM



artshare '14

YOU'RE INVITED

Attend the Ankeny Chamber's January Business After Hours event, hosted by Veridian Credit Union®.

This event is held in conjunction with Veridian's annual ArtShare Premiere, which showcases original art created by students from Ankeny High School, Ankeny Centennial High School and Ankeny Christian Academy.

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1201 S. ANKENY BLVD.
ANKENY

Browse artwork anytime between **5 and 7 p.m.**

Preview some of the showcased artwork with #myArtShare.

artshare



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Ankeny Young Professionals Kick Off Event!

January 30
6 - 8 pm
Ankeny Golf and Country Club

This event is open to the community!

Thank you to our sponsors!

Labounty Chiropractic
Slash Web Studios



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Allstate Insurance

Tony Strang
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www.allstate.com



Here at the Ankeny Allstate Agency we are extremely excited for this new opportunity! We have a TEAM of Professionals with over 65 years of combined Customer Experience! We know the importance of providing that piece of mind & security for your Investments! We have a diversified list of products most consumers do not know about and we pride ourselves on educating EVERY client that chooses to partner with us! We take every accountable step possible so you believe you're in good hands with Allstate!

Jay's Cookies

www.jayscookies.net



Jay's Cookies

Jay Jacobson
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The ideal addition to all your holiday celebrations, Jay's Cookies provides a beautifully packaged treat perfect for office parties, community events and even small gatherings with family and friends. The Ankeny-based baking company offers a variety of homemade cookie flavors including lemon cream, white chocolate almond, caramel toffee and even an Iowa State Fair award-winning chocolate chip recipe. With free delivery anywhere in the Des Moines metro area and optional on-site baking, these cookies are a delicious value. This year, give the ultimate holiday treat with Jay's Cookies – the perfect way to show appreciation for your co-workers, acknowledge a hard-working teacher and even offer a tasty treat for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Visit jayscookies.net today to place your order. Opt for free metro delivery or have them shipped anywhere in United States.



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Leah Moravec
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Pure's premier full service salon and spa is dedicated to making you feel pampered and relaxed. We are driven by our desire to continue our professional growth by taking strong emphasis on education and feel that it is vital to our continued success. We want to be known for our technical ability, reliability, honesty and our outstanding customer service. We know that by emphasizing the strength of teamwork that growth, longevity, and financial success will naturally follow.

We invite you to experience the difference here at PURE Salon and Spa!

Open Bible Fellowship

Rev. Wallace Shea
1125 S.W. 3rd St.
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(515) 964-8544

www.openbiblefellowship.org



Open Bible Fellowship is a charismatic church which believes God still works today as He did in the Bible. The church believes the Bible is the accurate word of God and emphasizes balance, fellowship, discipleship and missions. We are associated with Open Bible Churches. OBF is a contemporary and forward looking church. Our web site is www.openbiblefellowship.org and our phone is 515-964-8544. The church has purchased land east of I-35 on First Street and plans to build there. Rev Wallace Shea has pastored in four churches before coming to OBF along with his wife Lana. Both are graduates of the University of Sioux Falls and Wallace graduated from Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. The congregation invites you into the life of their fellowship.



Eyecare Associates - Jesse Kahnk, O.D.

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Signarama can custom make any type of sign for your business including: ad specialty items, banners, lightbox signs, channel letters, custom graphics, custom logos, digital graphics, safety and traffic signs, directory signs, individual letters and more!



Sassman Glass & Mirror LLC

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Sassman Glass & Mirror is a full service glass and mirror shop located in Des Moines, Iowa. We offer glass, mirrors, shower doors, and windows. We also offer installation and repair of commercial doors, windows, and storefronts. We have competitive pricing on all of our services.

Sassman Glass & Mirror has been in business since 1980. We have a great team of installers with over 200 years of combined glass experience. We have full-time shower door and mirror installers, commercial glazers, and a commercial bid team. We have a full showroom, with many shower doors on display. Our knowledgeable installers can customize any shower door to fit your needs. We offer Basco, Southeastern, Alumax, and Cardinal shower doors in a wide variety of glass styles. Our customers are saying great things about us. Check out our main website for hundreds of customer reviews. We look forward to hearing from you!



Mrs. Clark's Food

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Mrs. Clark's Foods has been an Iowa food manufacturer for over 85 years. At its inception, the company became well-known for its salad dressing and mayonnaise. The original plant was located in Des Moines, but as operations grew, the production facility was relocated to its current site, calling Ankeny its home since the 1980's. Currently several product categories are produced at the Ankeny facility such as: shelf stable juice, mayonnaise, salad dressing, barbecue sauce, marinades and other types of condiments. The customers Mrs. Clark's produce for consist of national and international brands as well as private label customers and is recognized in the industry as a trusted, quality food manufacturer. Mrs. Clark's branded retail products are available in select retailers and often found being served in our local school lunch programs. If you have any questions regarding Mrs. Clark's or our products please visit our website at www.mrsclarks.com or email info@mrsclarks.com.



iWireless

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iWireless is a leading regional wireless communications provider serving Iowa, western Illinois, and eastern Nebraska. Founded in 1997 and headquartered in Urbandale, iWireless is owned by T-Mobile USA and Iowa Network Services (a consortium of 127 Iowa Independent Telecommunications Companies). iWireless provides wireless communications products with Freedom and No Contract 4G plans, and gives customers the freedom and flexibility to find the phone and plan that's right for them. iWireless has over 250 full service company stores with authorized dealers and offers customers access to the world's largest and fastest wireless voice and data network. For more information on iWireless, visit www.iwireless.com.

The Ankeny Chamber of Commerce's Total Resource Campaign will be kicking off in January 2014!

**Taking part in TRC is a great way to boost
business development!**

Contact the Chamber to learn more and get involved!

Training will be: Tuesday, January 14 from 12-1 pm and Wednesday, January 15 from 9-10 am
at the Chamber Office.



TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Veridian Credit Union was our December
recipient of Tastebud Tuesdays!
Lunch was provided by Ankeny Diner!

Chamber Facts!

What is the name of the young professional group associated with the Chamber?

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.

December's Chamber Facts

How many full time staff does the Chamber have?

Answer: Five

Winners: Brian Jass, Two Rivers Bank & Trust

Todd Wehr, Shive-Hattery, Inc.

Cheryl Jass, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Deb Gervais, City of Ankeny

Jeremy Zinn, Clarity Construction

Ribbon Cuttings



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Greg Wycoff

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Member CONNECT



Formerly known as the Business 2 Business Forum, the Chamber is offering an opportunity to help you "break the ice" and connect yourself to other business leaders!

Join us for a morning of ice breakers and have the opportunity to share for 1-2 minutes about yourself, your business, and how you can help others in 2014! Concerned about what to share? We will send you a basic outline before the event to help you get the ball rolling!

JANUARY 23, 2013
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, ANKENY
9:30 - 1:00 PM

Cost - \$30 (Includes Lunch)

Please register by January 20, www.ankeny.org

An advertisement for Clarity Construction featuring a photograph of a modern interior with a staircase and a chandelier. The text "Envision your dream home with Clarity." is overlaid on the image.

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ClarityConstruction.com

An advertisement for Country Inn by Carlson featuring the company logo, which consists of a green shield with a red border and a red flower design. Below the logo is the address and phone number.

COUNTRY
INN
BY CARLSON

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Join us in the Challenge!

Put simply, rising healthcare costs and deteriorating health of employees remain a top concern of business leaders. Employee wellness affects a variety of issues important to top level executives: long term competitiveness, productivity, corporate social responsibility, and profitability. Without the resources and budgets that larger corporations boast, small employers face an even larger challenge.

Greater Des Moines Partnership and the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Iowa Healthiest State Initiative and Capital Crossroads Wellness Capital are encouraging Central Iowa businesses to participate in the successful statewide Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Wellness Challenge.

The simple and affordable challenge, beginning January 27, provides its participants an opportunity to improve their health while engaging in a fun, friendly team competition.

Over the course of 10 weeks, teams (2-10 people) track activity minutes and/or weight loss through the Live Healthy Iowa website. Each team member has a personal online tracking page to monitor goals, report progress and access resources. The online leaderboard allows teams to see how they stack up to others locally and across Iowa.

Engaging in a wellness program can be intimidating. Live Healthy Iowa offers a turn-key opportunity with no-cost technical support and a variety of customizable resources. The Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Wellness Challenge works well for businesses - large or small!

Ready to take the Challenge?

Online registration is now open. Visit www.livehealthyiowa.org to join! Be sure to enter **LHIANKENYCC** as your Chamber ID when registering.

Need to learn more?

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10 WEEK
WELLNESS
CHALLENGE



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through sports, recreation and health