

CHAMBER Action

January 2011

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ASP CHAMBER WIDE EVENT



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AYP Annual Kickoff
January 20 @ 6-8 pm
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Business Spotlight

US Coffee and Tea Company is a locally owned office coffee service and so much more. Almost 30 years old, US Coffee provides our locally roasted coffee, branded coffee, tea, hot chocolate, assorted break room and janitorial supplies, water coolers, service, equipment, and delivery. Among our customer base are restaurants, schools, offices, and churches. Our service extends to Ames, Pella, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Iowa City and the Quad Cities. In fact we ship our products all over the country. Our company is actively involved in several area chambers of commerce and our staff has provided many different free demos to show various products available.

Coffee service is an awesome amenity to provide a hard working staff and to extend a warm welcome to visitors and customers. We would be happy to provide a demo for your office and tailor a service level to the needs of your company. Without our service, you are just drips and perks away from happy customers and employees!



Bonnie Christensen
RE/MAX Opportunities
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Bonnie has been in the Ankeny community for 25 years. She worked as a Regional Vice President and Sales Manager for a wholesale import company for 15 years covering the upper midwest before starting with REMAX in 2006. She has been very active in the Ankeny community for several years. In her free time she spends time golfing and enjoying time with family and friends.

Currently acting broker at REMAX Opportunities, Inc. White Birch Branch

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Business 2 Business Forum

Thursday, January 20

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 5:00 - 7:00 PM



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1201 S. Ankeny Blvd
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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Mon, Jan 3

12 pm **Executive Board Mtg**

Wed, Jan 5

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - ASAP Ankeny Substance Abuse Program**

-Neveln Center - 406 S.W. School St. - Dining Hall

Mon, Jan 10

12 pm **Board of Directors Mtg**

Tue, Jan 11

12 pm **Ribbon Cutting - Internet Solver**

- Chamber Board Room

Wed, Jan 12

1 pm **TRC Kick-Off & Training**

Thur, Jan 13

8:30 am **TRC Kick-Off & Training**

5 pm **Business After Hours - Veridian Credit Union**

-1201 S. Ankeny Blvd

Mon, Jan 17

12 pm **Public Affairs Committee Mtg**

Wed, Jan 19

11 am **Ambassador Committee Mtg**

11:45 am **Chamber Orientation**

-Chamber Board Room

4:30 pm **TRC Meeting**

-Chamber Board Room

Thur, Jan 20

6 pm AYP Kick-Off

Mon, Jan 24

4:30 pm **Ribbon Cutting - The Iowa Clinic**

-1810 S.W. White Birch Cir., Suite 111

***Ambassador events**
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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Lenning Construction

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Lenning Construction offers the following: framing, roofing, siding, doors and windows. We specialize in new construction but also do remodels, add-ons and repairs. Brian has 20 years experience and is fully insured. Estimates are free.

Meade Computing

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Meade Computing, LLC provides a broad range of computer services for homes and businesses and accounting services for small businesses. We serve Ankeny, Des Moines, Ames and the surrounding areas. Meade Computing is committed to providing prompt response and expert service for you, meeting your needs and guaranteeing your complete satisfaction. Pat Meade received his computer science degree from ISU and worked as a programmer from 1986 until April 2010 when he left his full-time position as a software developer to take Meade Computing full-time. He started Meade Computing in 1995, helping family and friends with their computer needs. Word spread and the part-time business grew to the point that Pat is now able to devote himself full-time to Meade Computing doing what he enjoys most: Helping people in central Iowa with their computer needs and making sure that business and home computers work at their maximum potential. As of June 1, 2010, Meade Computing, LLC was formed.

Meade Computing offers expert computer service repairing computers, acquiring new computers and setting them up to maximize performance, selling refurbished computers at great prices, installing wireless and traditional networks, removing viruses, installing virus protection, setting up Internet service, email accounts, and websites, installing surveillance systems, recovering data, installing Windows upgrades, custom programming, and providing businesses with maintenance contracts. He provides free on-site estimates and there are no trip charges. Credit is given on the trade-in of a computer when a new computer is purchased. Meade Computing now accepts MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

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The Morale Mechanic

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Gavin Jerome has been a professional entertainer for over 20 years. He has worked with the likes of:

Jerry Seinfeld, Paul Reiser, Dennis Miller, Steve Harvey and Pat Paulson

For over a decade, Gavin has been providing humor workshops, keynotes and consulting worldwide that help companies, individuals and associations reduce stress, enjoy their jobs more and want to strangle co-workers less. His client list includes:

3M, IBM, Pepsi, The Principal Financial Group, Mayo Health System and US Probation Office
For 5 seasons, Gavin was seen and heard as the track announcer for the hit TV show PINKS on the Speed Channel.

With the current economic climate as it is, a greater need has arisen for people to manage their ENERGY rather than their time. Burnout rates are at an all time high and according to WebMD. Inc. the average American does not take the time off that they should to recharge, refresh and refuel. If your stress meter is rising and your fun meter is falling, the solution is simple. The Morale Mechanic can facilitate fun and help manage your morale so you can be happier, healthier and more productive than you have ever been.

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Serving environmental certification programs across the globe, the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) is dedicated to protecting public health and the environment through certification. ABC's membership includes almost 100 certifying authorities representing more than 40 U.S. states, nine Canadian provinces as well as several international programs. These programs certify over 150,000 water and wastewater operators, laboratory analysts, plant maintenance technologists, biosolids land appliers and backflow prevention assembly testers.

ABC exists solely as a resource for its diverse membership by providing a conduit for certification programs to share innovative ideas and information to continue improving environmental certification programs worldwide. The Association offers a voluntary certification program, and is home to an industry-leading national Testing Service used by many members.

In addition, ABC hosts an Annual Conference, publishes a newsletter and other materials focused on environmental certification, and provides certification program development for member programs. Founded in 1972, ABC has long been recognized as a leader in environmental certification thanks to the dedication of its many dynamic volunteers. For more information on ABC, please visit www.abccert.org.

Iowa FFA Foundation

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Established in 1986, the Iowa FFA Foundation is a non-profit foundation created to provide financial support to agricultural education organizations in Iowa. Originally housed at Mitchellville, the Iowa FFA Foundation has recently moved to its new location in the FFA Enrichment Center located on the DMACC campus in Ankeny. This move will allow the Foundation new and exciting opportunities to work hands-on with sponsors, other industry leaders, and FFA members to support agricultural education through leadership development and the promotion of excellence within the agricultural industry. The Iowa FFA Foundation works with different entities to acquire financial support that primarily benefits educational programs developed by the Iowa FFA Association, Iowa FFA Alumni Association, Postsecondary Agricultural Students of Iowa, and the Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators. The Foundation also has vital roles in supporting the development of advanced educational programs to providing recognition of excellence in the areas of agriscience, agribusiness, and production agriculture. Through sponsorships, dedicated time and efforts, the Iowa FFA Foundation has strived to prepare Iowa's most valuable resource-its young people by assisting in the development of their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. The Iowa FFA Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and supported by a volunteer Sponsoring Committee that is composed of agricultural business/industry representatives, agricultural education instructors, the current and past Iowa FFA presidents, FFA Alumni members, Postsecondary Agricultural Students (PAS) representatives, Iowa Department of Education staff members, and the Foundation's executive director.

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ankeny Lions Club

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Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 45,000 clubs and 1.3 million members meeting in every corner of the globe. As part of our mission to serve others, the Ankeny Lions Club serves the Ankeny community and offers members a variety of club and individual service opportunities.

Ankeny Lions serve by:

- Annually conducting more than 1,250 KidSight free vision screenings of children enrolled in Ankeny area daycare and preschool programs;
- Collecting and recycling eyeglasses and hearing aids;
- Funding Dollars for Scholars and other youth programming;
- Providing parking assistance at school and community events;
- Supporting training of Leader Dogs;
- Serving as volunteer drivers for transport of cornea tissue;
- Assisting those in need of vision and hearing services; and
- Helping with or funding community better activities.

Ankeny Lions hold regular club meetings at 6 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month at Wig & Pen, 2005 S Ankeny Blvd. Meetings provide an opportunity for fellowship and networking plus help the club plan projects and conduct business. Programs, tours and presentations from community leaders are often part of regular club meetings. Individuals interested in learning more about Lions or joining are welcomed to attend.

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