

March 2008



Chamber Action

210 S Ankeny Blvd

Ankeny, IA 50023

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Annual Dinner Celebration



*Tim Cox
2007 Small Business
Person Award*



*Carol Torrents
2007 Ambassador of the
Year Award*



Proud family/friends of Tim Cox



2007 Scholarship Recipients



Proud family/friends of Sue Gibbons



*Sue Gibbons
2007 Outstanding
Citizen of the Year Award*



*Sharlyn Huling, Susan Mackee,
Cindy Fish and Kris Oakie
2007 President's Award*

◆ MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ◆

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Chamber Night

with the Iowa Energy

Thursday, March 27, @ 7:30 PM

Wells Fargo Arena

\$8 for any chamber member & their family

*offer not valid at Box Office

Contact Danielle at 515-564-8555 or
dclark@iowanba.com to get your tickets today.

ankeny young professionals

breakfast social

march 7 @ 7 am

panera

yp day at the capitol

march 11 @ 9-5

iowa capitol building

lunch & learn

march 14 @ noon

ankeny area chamber

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6 @ Noon ~ Uptown Meeting

March 7 @ 7AM ~ AYP – Breakfast Social Panera

Bread (2310 SE Delaware)

March 7 @ Noon ~ RC @ Maurices

(1802 SE Delaware Ave.)

March 11 @ 7 AM ~ Board of Directors Meeting

March 11 @ 9 AM ~ AYP “YP Day at the Capitol”

March 12 @ 7 AM ~ Ambassador Committee

Meeting

March 12 @ 7:30 AM ~ New Member Reception

March 12 @ 4:30 PM ~ Victory Celebration for

TRC (Tournament Club of Iowa)

March 14 @ Noon ~ AYP Lunch n Learn (Chamber)

March 19 @ 7:30 PM ~ AYP – Iowa Energy

Basketball Game

March 27 @ 5 PM ~ BAH – Hunziker &

Associates

April 1 @ 8 AM ~ Executive Board Meeting

April 2 @ Noon ~ RC @ Bridal Connections

(710 N. Ankeny Blvd)

April 3 @ 8 AM ~ Uptown Meeting

April 4 @ Noon ~ Education Committee Meeting

(The BAH is changed to the last Thursday of March due to Spring Break and the schedule)

Business Spotlight



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Hunziker & Associates

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Workforce Shortage

**Online job posting is a benefit of your membership
to find out more details join us on April 23**

Martha Willits, CEO & President of the Greater Des Moines Partnership will explain this benefit as well as other benefits of the dual membership. This service is free for Partnership and Affiliate members. Non-member employers will be charged \$50 per job type per month.

It is a brief description of the types of jobs you have available. For example, create an entry that lets job-seekers know you have several customer service positions open. You can also let others know you need seasonal help, or fill an individual job opening. Job-seekers will be able to view this information and then contact you for complete details.

Join us on April 23 at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club to here more information on this opportunity and others.

<http://www.desmoinesmetro.com/employment/>

Welcome New Members

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JLF Productions

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The Entrepreneur's Source is a consulting firm that specializes in assisting people with exploring self-employment and business ownership opportunities through education, coaching and knowledge of opportunities around the state and country.

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Happy Trails Pet Nutrition and Training, Inc. provides an assortment of clicker training classes, free nutrition classes, pet nannies and a store for all your pet needs. We provide that special touch with gift wrapping and pet food delivery! We use fun learning games to help dogs learn human manners, and we are members of Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

We also provide a free in-home consultation before we provide services. During your pet's holiday we take pictures every day and post them on our website.

It was so important for Happy Trails to provide a great food that we felt comfortable feeding our own pets and recommending to others. Our other goals were to make our food affordable and convenient; simply call or fill out our on-line form, and we delivery it directly to your front door.

Welcome New Members



Skeffington's Formal Wear has been Iowa's premier provider of men's formal wear since 1951. We are locally owned and operated, and we are the only tuxedo company with a warehouse located in Des Moines. We have eight retail locations throughout Iowa, and we are pleased to announce the recent opening of our newest location in Ankeny!

Skeffington's is a member of Savvi Formalwear which includes the nation's leading independent formalwear specialists. At Skeffington's we carry a huge selection of vest colors for that perfect match for your wedding color scheme.

In addition to weddings we also cater to prom, corporate events, and other special occasions. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff wants to provide you with a perfect wedding experience. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Skeffington's Formal Wear

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Jakes Pub
Justin Sykes ~ Owner
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Jakes Pub has been an Ankeny staple since 1999. In November of 2007 Jakes changed ownership. Jon Phelps, who had managed the bar for the past four years and Justin Sykes, a long time Ankeny resident, purchased the bar from Mark Jacobs. A remodel is underway, but Jakes is open from 3 PM to 2 AM, 7 days a week. Stop in to see the progress and meet the new crew!

Welcome New Members



Paige Evans, owner of Tailored Travel Inc, has recently opened a satellite office here in Ankeny. Our main office was established in Omaha, NE, in 1999 and is still in operation there as our main headquarters. With all the agents we employ, we currently have a combined travel agency experience of over 55 years. We focus on relationship building not just vacation planning. Our goal is to exceed your expectations. We focus on customer service and strive to always provide the utmost service to all of our clients. Whether you're looking for relaxation or adventure, solitude or socialization, we've got great vacation ideas for you. Our travel packages offer a wide range of activities and destinations - which means you're guaranteed to find the perfect escape from everyday life. Please call our office today to plan your special

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Nelsen Appraisal Associates, Inc.

Nelsen Appraisal Associates, Inc. was established in 2007 by Gene F. Nelsen, MAI CCIM, a 23-year veteran of the commercial real estate appraisal industry. Nelsen Appraisal Associates, Inc. provides appraisal reports, consulting, litigation support and eminent domain appraisals throughout Iowa and surrounding states. Gene has performed commercial appraisals in Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

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Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce

TOTAL RESOURCE CAMPAIGN!

There is only one week left for the Total Resource Campaign. Don't miss out on an opportunity to market your business! On March 12 the campaign will conclude with a "Victory Party" at the Tournament Club of Iowa.

Congratulations to the many volunteers who have had fun promoting themselves, their businesses, and the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce while earning a trip to Cancun. The following volunteers have been leaders in the campaign and will be in sunny Cancun in November 2008.

Bonnie Christiansen of ReMax Opportunities, Deb Finnestad of Cross Train Fitness, Jeremy Zinn of Briarwood Golf Course, Mark Degner of Community State Bank, Jacquie Holm-Smith of Community State Bank, Damon Miller of Community State Bank, Michele Starkenburg of Veridian Credit Union, and Terry Peter of Edward Jones Investments.

There is still time for you to be involved. Check out the website at www.ankeny.org or contact one of the many volunteers working on this campaign.



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