



# 2014-2015 99th Annual Report

The mission of the Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote progressive community and economic development to benefit Chamber members and the North Iowa region.

## Chairman's Message

*To benefit our members.* While easily overlooked, these four words from our mission statement are the cornerstone of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. From grassroots efforts to promote community development projects like the re-purpose of Southbridge Mall, to engaging members of Congress on pro-business legislation, it is the needs and desires of our members that establish our program of work and chart the course for this organization's future.

Your investment and participation with the Chamber of Commerce help us to achieve our goals, which in turn, strengthens our member businesses and our North Iowa Region.

As we press forward into the coming year, I'm confident Steve Noto and the rest of the board will continue to focus upon benefiting our members by finding ways the Chamber can foster new relationships and opportunities for the continued success of business in our region.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer sincere thanks to all our members. It is because of your support that we can accomplish so much. It has been an honor to serve.



**Robert J. Klocke**  
First Citizens National Bank  
2014-15 Chairman of the Board

## Looking Ahead...

2016 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. As we look back at all the accomplishments we have achieved as a community through the varying economic, political, and even international challenges we have faced, one thing has remained the same. The goals of our founders. The goals established 100 years ago for industrial, commercial, and civic advancement continue to guide and inspire our efforts today.

So what lies ahead for the members, boards, and staff of business-led economic and community development organizations like our chamber? While we can't foresee the future, we do know the world is changing at a dramatic and accelerated pace. We'll continue to follow influences such as population shift, global impacts, political and social fragmentation, changes in technology and communications, as well as trends in the nature of belonging and gathering to ensure our program of work anticipates the needs of our members.

The board met last month for an extensive planning session to brainstorm and prioritize plans for the upcoming year. We're eager to get started and have literally hundreds of volunteers ready to assist in our program of work. We believe in our collective impact, and have every reason to be optimistic about the future growth of North Iowa, and the next 100 years of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce.

I'd like to thank all of you for your membership investment, and thanks also to my board colleagues for their time and commitment to the Chamber. Finally, a special thank you to Bob Klocke for his exceptional leadership over this past year.

It is an honor and a privilege to be your Board Chairman and I look forward to serving in the year ahead.



**Steve Noto**  
Stoney Creek Hospitality Corp.  
2015-16 Chairman of the Board

# Thank You Annual Meeting Sponsors!



**CLEAR LAKE  
BANK & TRUST<sup>CO.</sup>**



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL<sup>®</sup>**

*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

**Air Choice One**



# Thank You Annual Meeting Vendors!

Arby's  
Butcher's Steakhouse  
Cabin Coffee Company  
Coca-Cola Bottling Company  
Country Meadow Place  
Diamond Jo Casino  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Hy-Vee East  
Hy-Vee West  
Jimmy Johns  
Kraft-Heinz  
Mason City Country Club  
Pancheros Mexican Grill  
Pepsi Beverages Company  
Rib Crib BBQ & Grill

## Executive Board



**BOARD CHAIRMAN**  
Bob Klocke  
*First Citizens  
National Bank*



**PAST CHAIRMAN**  
Kim Pang  
*Diamond Jo Casino-  
Worth County*



**CHAIRMAN ELECT**  
DVP GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
Steve Noto  
*Stoney Creek  
Hospitality Corporation*



**TREASURER**  
Todd Kirkpatrick  
*Clear Lake Bank & Trust*



**DVP BUSINESS**  
Julie Valencia  
*Kaplan University*



**DVP MEMBERSHIP/  
COMMUNITY**  
Traci Rohrer  
*Wells Fargo Bank*



**DVP WORKFORCE &  
LEADERSHIP**  
Holly Eichmann  
*Express Employment  
Professionals*

## Chamber Board



Sherry Becker  
*NIVC Services*



Dave Bergan  
*Smithfield*



Joshua Brueggeman  
*Accord Architecture*



Kelly Hansen  
*POET Biorefining-  
Hanlontown*



Jerry Knoll  
*Hawkeye Auto Body*



Eric Levehagen  
*Prowise Tax &  
Accounting*



Garrett McKiness  
*McKiness Excavating*



Tara McLaughlin  
*Country Inn & Suites-  
Worth County*



Dr. Paul Manternach  
*Mercy Medical Center-  
North Iowa*



Kirk Paulson  
*NSB Bank*



Bill Schickel  
*KCMR Radio*



Chad Wickman  
*Northern Cedar  
Service*



Brad Walters  
*Hy-Vee East*



Joel Yunek  
*Yunek Law Firm PLC*

## Chamber Staff



Robin Anderson  
*President & Chief  
Executive Officer*



Allyson Krull  
*Marketing & Leadership  
Development Director*



Colleen Frein  
*Program Director*



Bob Mason  
*Membership  
Development Director*



Gary Lindgren  
*Membership  
Development Director*



Sharon Lindgren  
*Membership Services  
Director*



Mikki Baker  
*Service & Operations  
Director*

# Small Business of the Year: Huber Supply Company

## Douglas L. Huber, President

Doug Huber is the recipient of the Chamber's most prestigious award for 2015. Huber Supply Company supplies industrial products and gases to customers in Iowa and southern Minnesota. Headquartered in Mason City, Huber Supply has satellite locations in Owatonna and Ames. In addition, several route drivers provide direct delivery of the company's products to customers ranging from individual farmers to large manufacturers. Huber Supply also serves customers nationally and internationally on its website: [WeldingOutfitter.com](http://WeldingOutfitter.com); online sales have been made in all 50 states, and several countries. In fact, this website has more than 35,000 "likes" on Facebook.

The company was founded in 1939 by George Huber, and was passed on to his son Loren, and is led today by Doug. All of Doug and Kristie Huber's children work in the business, or intend to after college. Rod, Cody, Nicole, and Cal are learning and carrying on the family business into the fourth generation.

### Professional Background:

Doug Huber chose NIACC first, before earning a BBA degree in Marketing from the University of Minnesota-Mankato. Since May 1984, Doug has enjoyed many positions with Huber Supply including: Warehouse/Production, Inside Sales, Route Sales, Operation Manager, and President. Doug also served as President of the Independent Distributor Association.

### Business Philosophy:

*"We SERVICE, EDUCATE, and PROVIDE our customers with the best products on the market." "First in Quality, First in Service."* These two phrases from the company's website, sum up the Huber Supply business philosophy. Continuing the traditions of a family operated, locally-owned business is an important cornerstone of Huber Supply Company. Doug also believes in the power of prayer; he credits prayer as the major reason that Huber Supply is still a vibrant, growing business after 76 years.

### North Iowa Operations:

Huber Supply made a significant investment in North Iowa by purchasing and renovating the former MetalCraft building in 2014. A parking lot was added to the east side of the building, and the grade was raised five feet to enable customers to enter the showroom without navigating stairs. The showroom walls, columns, and floor were blasted and sanded to reveal the original stone and brick; it is one of the largest welding-supply showrooms in the nation. The fill plant was also upgraded during the move. The move enabled Huber Supply to grow from 8,500 sq. ft. at their former location to 35,000 sq. ft. at their new location! Now that Huber Supply is more centrally located, they are a convenience stop instead of a destination.



**Douglas L. Huber, President**  
Huber Supply Company



The Chamber is proud to honor a home-grown, locally-owned, successful operation as its 2015 Small Business of the Year.

Congratulations to the entire team at Huber Supply Company!

The **Small Business of the Year** is selected annually from nominations submitted by Chamber members. The selection committee considers business philosophy, achievements, volunteer service, and overall impact on the community in making the award.

2014 North Iowa Oral Surgery  
2013 Haas Chiropractic Clinic  
2012 Boxes Unlimited  
2011 Cabin Coffee Company  
2010 Hawkeye Auto Body  
2009 Woodharbor Doors & Cabinetry  
2008 Larry Elwood Construction  
2007 Harley Davidson of Mason City  
2006 Heartland Asphalt  
2005 Varied Industries  
2004 Moorman Clothiers  
2003 Metalcraft  
2002 Ken Petersen Builders

2001 Sound World  
2000 Design Lighting Center  
1999 River City Ready Mix  
1998 Midwest Roofing  
1997 Henningsen Co.  
1996 Express Personnel Services  
1995 Van Horn Auto Parts  
1994 Latham Furniture  
1993 Hovland Enterprises  
1992 Godfathers  
1991 Hardees Restaurant  
1990 Stoyles Printing Services

# Boss of the Year 2015: Dennis Van Gorkom

## Corporate Farmer, Inc.

The form nominating Dennis Van Gorkom, owner of Corporate Farmer, for **Boss of the Year** recognition began like this: "Where do I even start??" Indeed, Dennis has done so much for so many people, that finding a place to start is difficult.

Dennis made Corporate Farmer into "Corporate Family". He recognizes each employee's birthday and their anniversary with the company. Corporate Farmer holiday parties are second to none! In troubled times, Dennis is a friend, mentor, and cheering section. Although they have a beautiful office, Dennis had another window installed so everyone could have some sunshine and a desk with a view.

Dennis never misses an opportunity to thank the staff for a job well done, and to let them know how valuable and important they are to him and to the company. They serve roughly 750 clients with a staff of nine. This is a testament to their loyalty and work ethic—according to Lori Leonard-Reeves, who nominated her boss for this honor—"You can't take care of this many clients with so few employees, unless they really love their jobs!" Dennis has even rewarded the staff with monthly massages from the massage therapist next door! The employees believe that he will provide whatever will help them to do a better job and keep them happy. Not surprisingly, employee turnover is rare.

In addition for his concern for his employees, Dennis has a servant heart. He is very active with Make A Wish, St. Jude's Hospital, My Happy Place, Habitat for Humanity, and several other community charities. His focus is on helping children to have better and happier lives.

Congratulations Dennis VanGorkum. We salute you!

### Former Recipients:

2014 Dalena Barz, Dignity • 2013 Diane Murphy, Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa • 2012 Troy Swanson, Cargill Kitchen Solutions • 2011 Heather Englin, American Cancer Society • 2010 Dr. Lyell Hogg & Dr. Todd Juhlin • 2009 John Michel, Kraft Foods • 2008 Jay Lala, Central Park Dentistry • 2007 Daryl Berg, Cargill Kitchen Solutions • 2006 Mary Ingham, Crisis Intervention Services • 2005 Gregg Maakestad, First Citizens National Bank



Dennis Van Gorkom, Owner  
Corporate Farmer, Inc.

---

## 2014-2015 Chamber Accomplishments

### Networking/Referral Opportunities

- New website launched October 1, 2014
- **Business Before/After Hours** events
- **Coffee at the Chamber** (weekly)
- **Operation Thank You**
- **ChamBRRR 5K**
- **Chamber Bowl**
- **Annual Ag Breakfast**
- **Annual Golf Outing**
- **12@12 Luncheons & 7@7 Breakfasts**
- Online Business Directory
- **Chamber Concierge Card**
- Telephone Referrals
- Online Business Directory
- Membership Directory
- **Chamber Members Only (CMO) Card**

### Representing the interests of Business with Government

- Iowa Chamber Alliance events and membership
- Association of Business & Industry membership
- Business Leaders Luncheon
- Annual Washington DC Trip

### Education and Business Resources

- Marijuana in the Workplace Lunch & Learn
- Iowa Healthcare Marketplace Lunch & Learn
- **Leadership North Iowa**
- **YIELD** youth leadership program
- Bill Drury "A Passion for Service" seminar
- **College Connections**
- **Annual Ag Tour**
- **Global Familiarization Tours**
- Blue Zones Project Worksite resources

### Promote Community Development Initiatives to create a STRONG regional economy

- Iowa Reinvestment Act application—the "Next Big Thing"
- East State Street/Historic Egloff House rehabilitation & renovation
- River City Sculptures on Parade, Inc.
- **North Iowa Band Festival** celebration
- Groundbreakings and Ribbon Cuttings

# Distinguished Citizens: Gary and Sharon Lindgren

Although the *Distinguished Citizen Award* typically recognizes an individual, this year's recipients are an inseparable team. When Gary and Sharon Lindgren adopted Mason City as their hometown in 1975, our community gained a pair of entrepreneurial, hard-working, servant leaders.

As long-time downtown business owners, Gary and Sharon understand first-hand the importance of maintaining a vibrant central core. The Lindgrens were very active in the Downtown Association—the predecessor to Main Street Mason City—as well as working diligently behind-the-scenes to ensure Mason City was accepted to the Main Street Iowa program.

Sharon organized and managed all of the fundraising billing, recordkeeping, receipts, deposits, and statement reconciliation for the Vision Mason City project—a volunteer assignment that lasted for more than six years.

A list of their 40 years of volunteerism and involvement would fill this report, so a sampling will have to suffice. Past and current positions of special note:



Sharon & Gary Lindgren

- A longtime member of the River City Kiwanis Club, Gary currently serves as Lt. Governor for the Nebraska/Iowa Region.
- They are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church where they serve in various positions ranging from mission trips to Jamaica to congregation president.
- Prior to being employed at the Chamber, both served terms on the organization's board of directors.

Gary and Sharon have been honored by the State of Iowa with the Governor's Volunteer Award, the Main Street State Volunteer of the Year, and Main Street Iowa's Best of the Best Award for their dedication to downtown revitalization.

The Lindgrens are retiring October 1st from their tag-team position as Membership Development and Service Directors at the Chamber. Their Commerce Center colleagues will miss their team spirit and camaraderie, as well as their dedication to the Chamber's members and mission of community and economic development.

The Lindgrens have been happily married for 51 years, and consider their primary roles to be spouse, parents, and grandparents. They have a son, Brian, and a daughter, Julie, who are graduates of Iowa State University, and are the proud grandparents of Kristin, Kate, and Garrett.

Congratulations to Gary and Sharon Lindgren on this well-deserved recognition. Mason City has certainly benefited from their presence and participation.

The *Distinguished Citizen Award* annually recognizes a Mason City resident based upon leadership, membership, and participation in community organizations; length of residence; and active service to the community.

## Former Recipients:

2014 Mick Baker • 2013 Scott Tornquist • 2012 Dennis Reidel • 2011 Jim FitzPatrick • 2010 Robin Edgar • 2009 Peggy Bang • 2008 Jean Marinos • 2007 Bonnie McCoy • 2006 Bill Killpack • 2005 Keith Sersland • 2004 Rosie Hussey • 2003 Ann MacGregor • 2002 Joel & Joyce Hanes • 2001 Carl Miller • 2000 Robert McCoy • 1999 Margo Underwood • 1998 Barbara MacGregor • 1997 Rich & Shirley Dean • 1996 Leigh Curran • 1995 Herb Kennedy • 1994 Ralph Wallace • 1993 Lola Rhem • 1992 David Murphy • 1991 Safford Lock • 1990 Francis Holland • 1989 Dan Klemnauer • 1988 Art Fischbeck • 1987 Dorothy Curran • 1986 Dick Bailey • 1985 Ken Kew • 1984 Karl Johannsen

# Thank You Committee Members!

## AMBASSADORS

Eric Levenhagen, Chair

The Ambassadors are the "Greeting Arm" of the Chamber and make calls on new members, new businesses, and new managers. The Ambassadors hosted 25 ribbon cutting ceremonies and 1 ground-breaking, and made 30 team calls on new members and managers this past year to welcome them to the Chamber. Congratulations to Drew Gappa for being awarded "Ambassador of the Year!"



Tyler Anderson  
Roller City



Dalena Barz  
KGLO, KLSS, KIAI, KRIB,  
KYTC - Digiity



Edith Blanchard  
MacNider Art Museum



Jenny Doughty  
NIVC Services



Adam Duffy  
Edwards-Brandt &  
Associates



Holly Eichmann  
Express Employment  
Professionals



Fred Fenchel  
Fred T. Fenchel  
Entertainment



Mike Fitzgerald  
KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV



Drew Gappa  
NSB Bank



Mary Holmes  
Diamond Jo Casino  
Worth County



Michelle Jurgens  
Heritage Care &  
Rehabilitation  
Center



Traci Koehn  
Clear Lake Bank  
& Trust



Steve Kruse  
NSB Bank



Libby Lembke  
Community  
Supporter



Eric Levenhagen  
Committee Chair  
ProWise Tax &  
Accounting



Megan Studer  
IOOF Home &  
Community Therapy  
Center



Tara McLaughlin  
Country Inn & Suites  
Worth County



Amber Morud  
Charlie Brown  
Preschool & Childcare



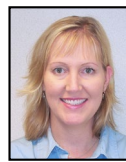
Sheena Murray  
Hy-Vee West



Jamie Nelson  
98.7 Kiss Country /  
103.7 The Fox / KIOW  
107.3 / KCHA 95.9



Tami Ramon  
98.7 Kiss Country /  
103.7 The Fox / KIOW  
107.3 / KCHA 95.9



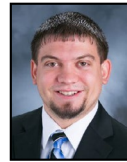
Melissa Schoneberg  
Habitat for Humanity



Traci Rohrer  
Wells Fargo  
Bank of Iowa



Kelly Wessels  
KTTC/Fox 47 KXLT



Brent Willis  
Principal Financial  
Business Center



### Ambassador of the Year

Drew Gappa  
NSB Bank



### Retired Ambassadors 2014-15

Stephanie Hassebroek, Clear Lake Bank & Trust  
Shaun Hoffman, Stifel  
Pam Klukow, Century 21 Preferred  
Dan McGuire, First Citizens National Bank  
Paula Zimmerman, Clear Lake Bank & Trust

### Incoming Ambassadors 2015-16

Allana Engles, Newman Catholic Foundation  
Jamie Smith, North Iowa Community Credit Union

## BUSINESS RESOURCE

Julie Valencia, Chair

The Business Resource Committee hosted a variety of events this year, including Bill Drury, "A Passion for Service® seminar." The committee launched its **7@7** and **12@12** meetings, in which Chamber members host a meeting at the Commerce Center with the Chamber taking care of the details. Also new this year are the **Chamber Concierge Cards**, offering a variety of services to new residents and employees in North Iowa. Finally, the group selected the **Small Business of the Year** and **Boss of the Year** award recipients. They are looking forward to another productive year to provide educational opportunities and business resources to our members!



Renee Anderson-Bartz  
NIACC



Julie Bauer  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Tony Buhr  
Manpower



Nathan Kueker  
Fencig Enterprises, Inc.



Eric Nietzke  
NIACC



Andy O'Brien  
ActionCOACH



Rhonda Paulsen  
Thrivent Financial



Julie Valencia  
Committee Chair  
Kaplan University



Kelly Wessels  
KTTC/Fox 47 KXLT

Serving 2015-16: Mary Ingham, Crisis Intervention Service; Brad Schoneberg, First Citizens National Bank; Louisa Montelvo, 98.7 Kiss Country / 103.7 The Fox / KIOW 107.3 / KCHA 95.9

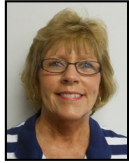
Not Pictured: Angela Backhaus, IowaWorks; Deborah Baskerville, Rock Solid Business Solutions

# Thank You Committee Members!

## AGRIBUSINESS

Linda Anderegg, Chair

The Agribusiness Committee hosted another successful **Ag Breakfast** in March. They served almost 400 guests at the 33rd Annual event! REG hosted the **2015 Ag Tour** on September 17th, and had an impressive turnout. This committee is currently working with the Business Resources Committee to host the **Farm-City Week Event**, featuring keynote speaker Aaron Thomas; they are anticipating a large crowd at the November 18th event.



Linda Anderegg  
Committee Chair  
Cerro Gordo County  
Farm Bureau



Dalena Barz  
KGLO, KLSS, KIAI, KRIB,  
KYTC - Digiity



Jerome Bormann  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Brian Carlson  
EXIT Realty  
Mason City



Cal Dickson  
Hertz Farm  
Management, Inc.



Pat Goedken  
Clear Lake Bank  
& Trust



Fred Greder  
Benchmark  
Agribusiness, Inc.



Mike Hegvedt  
EXIT Realty  
Mason City



Tyler Kerr  
REG Mason City



Steve Kruse  
NSB Bank



Alex Kuhn  
Henkel  
Construction Co.



Gary Loos  
Hertz Farm  
Management, Inc.



Jamie Nelson  
98.7 Kiss Country / 103.7  
The Fox / KIQW 107.3 /  
KCHA 95.9



Ronald Rachut  
Fertile Valley  
Gardens



Matt Rasmuson  
Principal Financial  
Business Center



Brad Schoneberg  
First Citizens  
National Bank



John Sjolinder  
Iowa State University  
Extension



Jesse Stewart  
KGLO, KLSS, KIAI,  
KRIB, KYTC - Digiity



Troy Swanson  
Cargill Kitchen  
Solutions



Sterling Young  
Hertz Farm  
Management, Inc.

**Not Pictured:** Marvin Borcherding, AgriCare Farm Management, Inc.; Frank Fox, Fox Auction Company

## BLUE ZONES PROJECT WORKSITE

Dan McGuire & Jackie Luecht  
Co-Chairs

The Blue Zones Project® Worksite Committee is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of our workforce, by continually working to fulfill the milestones laid out in Mason City's Blue Zones Project Blueprint. To date, at least 39 of Mason City's businesses are dedicated worksites, representing nearly 6,000 employees.



Perry Buffington  
City of Mason City



Angie Determan  
City of Mason City  
Blue Zones Project



Drew Gappa  
NSB Bank



Dan McGuire  
Committee Chair  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Shelly Schmit  
North Iowa Area  
Community College

**Not Pictured:**

Julie Dannen, Kaplan University; Karen Reis, Curries; Pete Erb, Cargill Kitchen Solutions; Lisa Hegland, Principal Financial Group; Jacque Huesman, Smithfield; Jackie Luecht, Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa



## EVENTS

Mike Castle, Chair

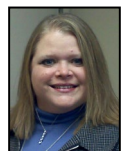
The Events Committee kicked off 2015 with the **ChamBRRR 5K**, and followed in February with the popular **Chamber Bowl** event. Rain tried to put a damper on the annual **Golf Outing**, but dozens of teams hit the links on a rescheduled date and enjoyed the course and camaraderie. Throughout the year, committee members greeted guests at the **Business Before/After Hours** events. The upcoming year will see this committee take on new challenges and continue to improve on their annual events!



Jerome Bormann  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Mike Castle  
Committee Chair  
Northwestern Mutual  
Financial Network



Bonnie Burnett  
TeamQuest



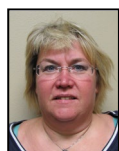
Amanda Johnson  
Culligan Water  
Conditioning



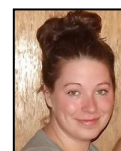
Pam Johnsrud  
Mason City Parks  
& Recreation



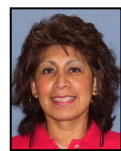
Keri Ostercamp  
North Iowa  
Community Credit  
Union



Sally Paulson  
Principal Financial  
Group



Danielle Pommrehn  
Holiday Inn Express &  
Suites - Mason City



Ann Shaffer  
Community  
Supporter



Crystal Shellhart  
Holiday Inn Express &  
Suites - Mason City



Carmen Tickal  
Oak Leaf  
Collectibles

# Thank You Committee Members!

## NORTH IOWA BAND FESTIVAL

Amy Fleming, Chair

It was an impressive year for the **77th Annual North Iowa Band Festival**. This year, the North Iowa Band Festival Committee moved the annual event downtown, drawing a big crowd over the Memorial Day weekend. Between the parade, car show, carnival, marketplace, Stu Nevermann Run, and music, thousands of families enjoyed a fun, wholesome weekend of entertainment.



Jared Allen  
KGLO, KLSS, KIAI, KRIB, KYTC  
Digity



Vance Baird  
Community  
Supporter



Carrie Berg  
Community  
Supporter



Bob Berggren  
City of Mason City



J Brooks  
98.7 Kiss Country /  
103.7 The Fox / KIQW  
107.3 / KCHA 95.9



Amy Fleming  
Committee Chair  
KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV



Chris Frenz  
North Iowa Area  
Community College



David John Huber  
Talent Machine Inc



TJ Just  
Southbridge Mall



Russ Kramer  
Mason City Schools



Karl Nedved  
U.S. Postal Service



Joy Olson  
Clear Lake Bank &  
Trust Co.

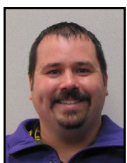


Julie Olson  
Clear Lake Schools



Dixie Ouverson  
Cerro Gordo  
County

Save the Date for the  
78th Annual North Iowa  
Band Festival  
May 21-25, 2016!



Brian Pauly  
Mason City Parks  
& Recreation



Ken Petersen  
Petersen Plaza



Amanda Ragan  
Community Kitchen  
of North Iowa



Traci Rohrer  
Wells Fargo Bank  
of Iowa



Bill Stangler  
City of Mason City



Lt. Frank Stearns  
City of Mason City



Tom Thoma  
Globe Gazette



Dana Thomas  
Bergland + Cram  
Architects



Nancy Wolf  
Diamond Jo Casino  
Worth Co.

## Thank You to the 2015 Band Festival Sponsors!

### Drum Major Sponsors



Principal Financial Group  
Foundation, Inc.



The Hanson  
Foundation



### Band Master Sponsors



### Flag Corps Sponsors

Burns Insurance & Financial ▪ Casey's General Stores ▪ Clear Lake Bank & Trust ▪ Holiday Inn Express  
Kaplan University ▪ Marco, Inc. ▪ Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa ▪ NIACC ▪ Rieman Music



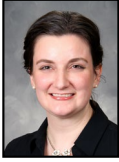
# Congratulations Leadership Graduates!

## 2015 LEADERSHIP NORTH IOWA GRADUATES

Good leaders know the importance of lifelong learning and networking. **Leadership North Iowa** provides both by connecting students with emerging and established leaders. Participants learn leadership skills and examine the economic and social issues of our area. Classes are held every Tuesday for 12 weeks. The 2016 class begins January 5, 2016 - contact the Chamber for more information!



Mindi Ames  
Flooring America



Kerry Anderson  
Bergland+Cram  
Architects



Renee Anderson-  
Bartz  
NIACC



Brook Boehmler  
NIACC Sm Bus  
Development Ctr



Taylor Brown  
Cargill Kitchen  
Solutions



Tim Clark  
King Construction &  
Overhead Door, Inc.



Amanda Crowell  
Clear Lake Bank &  
Trust Co.



Loni Dirksen  
Cupid's Undie Run



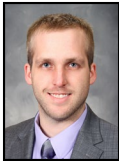
Tara Dorenkamp  
Dean Snyder  
Construction



Joel Gould  
North Iowa  
Transition Center



Roxanne Huberty  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Jason Johnson  
Stoney Creek  
Hospitality



Andrew Johnston  
Heiny Law Firm



Emilee Jorgensen  
Cargill Kitchen  
Solutions



Evan Jorgensen  
McGladrey, LLP



Matthew Kennedy  
State Farm Insurance-  
Clint Thomas



Lenny Larson  
I&S Group, Inc.



Carrie Lau  
North Iowa  
Transition Center



Justin Limbaugh  
Mason City  
Tire Service



Jenny Loেকে  
Principal Financial  
Business Center



Austin Pehl  
WWA-Architects



Chris Poplawski  
Diamond Jo Casino  
Worth Co.



Katie Reding  
Express Employment  
Professionals



Derek Segerstrom  
POET Biorefining -  
Hanlontown



Alyssa Slattum  
Diamond Jo Casino  
Worth Co.



Rindy Studer  
Kaplan University



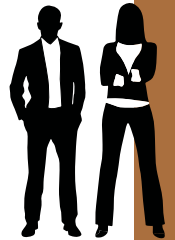
Sara Thomas  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Ashley Trousdale  
First Citizens  
National Bank



Lisa Young  
Wells Fargo  
Bank of Iowa



## 2014-2015 YIELD GRADUATES

The Chamber and Mason City Youth Task Force formed a partnership in 2003 to provide leadership training for area youth. The **YIELD** program (Youth Investing Energy in Leadership Development) is an investment in our future citizens and leaders that will surely yield huge benefits for North Iowa. This program has become a model for youth leadership programs and has been replicated in other communities.



Bailey Baker



Ben Butler



Shaelynn Coleman



Ricky Connor



Khalil Daoud



Angela Eppens



Sawyer Goetz



Taylor Hauser



Elizabeth Henrich



Hunter Fettkether



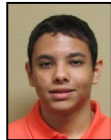
Michael Fitzsimmons



Samuel Lala



Mary Katherine Louscher



Fady Makar



Olivia Manternach



Makenzie Meyer



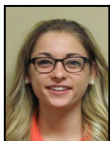
Haley Muyskens



Kenzie Penca



McKayla Pirt



Meeghan Rodamaker



Ellie Schmit



Quinn Slaven



Lauren Smith



Addison Thomas



Michael VanSteenhuysse



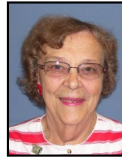
Special thanks to this year's **YIELD** sponsors: Ag Processing, Inc. • Alpha Orthodontics • Cerro Gordo Independent Insurance Agents • Clear Lake Bank & Trust • Dr. Judith Demro, PC • Family Dentistry • First Citizens National Bank • Harley Davidson of Mason City • Heiny, McManigal, Duffy, Stambaugh & Anderson, PLC • Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapels • Hogan - Hansen, P.C. • Major Erickson Funeral Home & Crematory • Nettleton Dental Group North Iowa Community Credit Union • North Iowa Eye Clinic • Stadheim Jewelers • The Law Offices of Timothy L. Lapointe, P.C. • Wells Fargo Bank of Iowa

# Office Volunteers

Volunteers . . . a gift to the community. Volunteers truly help us succeed; they put so much heart into every deed. Thanks, Volunteers, for the gifts that you share - your commitment of time and your generous care!



Merritt Balmer



Virginia Balmer



Shirley Fuller



Walt Fuller



Ann Shaffer

## Mason City...a Certified Blue Zones Community



Mason City employers are committed to worksite wellness, and the number of chamber members who completed the rigorous requirements for designation as a Blue Zones Worksite is proof. These employers have implemented worksite practices that improve the health and well-being of their employees. Congratulations!

If your business is interested in pursuing this certification, contact Colleen Frein at the Chamber.

- Athletico
- Cargill Kitchen Solutions
- City of Mason City
- Culligan
- Curries
- Edwards-Brandt & Associates
- First Citizens National Bank
- Four Oaks/Mason City
- Harding Elementary School
- Henkel Construction Company
- Hoover Elementary School
- Hy-Vee Drugstore
- Hy-Vee East Grocery Store
- Hy-Vee West Grocery Store
- IOOF Home & Community Therapy Center
- Jefferson Elementary School
- John Adams Middle School
- Kaplan University
- Lincoln Intermediate School
- Mason City Alternative School
- Mason City Chamber of Commerce
- Mason City Community Schools--Administration
- Mason City Family YMCA
- Mason City High School
- Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa
- Metalcraft, Inc.
- Midwest Roofing/Overhead Door Company of Mason City
- North Iowa Area Community College
- North Iowa Community Credit Union
- North Iowa Community Credit Union-West
- NSB Bank
- NSB Bank-East
- Pepsi Beverages Company
- Principal Financial Group-Mason City
- Roosevelt Elementary School
- Smithfield

## Chamber Presidents & Board Chairs



- |                        |                           |                           |                                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1916: A.M. Schanke     | 1954-55: J.D. Vance       | 1977-78: Dick Wagner      | 1996-97: Scott Westermann          |
| 1917: B.C. Way         | 1956: H.E. Van Essen      | 1978-79: D. Low           | 1997-98: Kathy Loeckle             |
| 1918: W.S. Wilcox      | 1957: C.A. Henkel         | 1979-80: B. Girton        | 1998-99: Dave Sorenson             |
| 1919-20: T.A. Potter   | 1958: Richard L. Currie   | 1980-81: Jack King        | 1999-2000, 2001-02: Keith Sersland |
| 1922-23: H.D. Reynolds | 1959: R.D. Casey          | 1981-82: Arlene Gilbert   | 2000-02: Tom Douglas               |
| 1924-25: E.S. Selby    | 1960-61: K.P. Johannsen   | 1982-83: Jack Knapp       | 2002-03: Craig Olson               |
| 1926: J.H. Marston     | 1962: Jack MacNider       | 1983-84: Hal Haver        | 2003-04: Mike Arens                |
| 1927-28: G.E. Breese   | 1963-64: Dr. L.W. Swanson | 1984-85: Jerry Bretey     | 2004-05, 2010-11: John Michel      |
| 1929-30: E.H. Wagner   | 1965-66: Ray Rorick       | 1985-86: Tom Schaefer     | 2005-06: Marti Rodamaker           |
| 1931-32: B.A. Webster  | 1966-67: L. Loers         | 1986-87: Catharine Ayers  | 2006-07: Dennis Reidel             |
| 1933-37: W.G.C. Bagley | 1968: Milton Raizes       | 1987-88: James Locher     | 2007-08: Robin Edgar               |
| 1938: H.M. Knudson     | 1969: Rex Bailey          | 1988-89: Charlie MacNider | 2008-09: Jim FitzPatrick           |
| 1938-40: F.G. Duffield | 1970: Art Fischbeck       | 1989-90: Bob Westbee      | 2009-10: Andy Hubbard              |
| 1941-42: H.L. Campbell | 1971-72: B. Palmer        | 1990-91: Robert Layfield  | 2011-12: Tom O'Neill               |
| 1944-46: M. C. Walker  | 1972-73: W. Wilkins       | 1991-92: David Buettner   | 2012-13: Dr. Debra Derr            |
| 1947: W.J. Walker      | 1973-74: E. McDaniel      | 1992-93: Bob McClurg      | 2013-14: Kim Pang                  |
| 1948-49: F.J. Olson    | 1974-75: Jack Carlson     | 1993-94: Doug Rozendaal   | 2014-15: Robert J. Klocke          |
| 1950-51: W.B. Rae      | 1975-76: Jack Mackin      | 1994-95: Gary Lafrenz     |                                    |
| 1952-53: C.F. Weaver   | 1976-77: Jack Nielsen     | 1995-96: Ken Bales        |                                    |

# 50+ Year Members

## SPECIAL THANKS

These businesses have been loyal members for more than 50 years. We appreciate their continued confidence in the Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce.

### 1900s – 100+ Year Members

Coca Cola Company - 1908  
United Sugars - 1908  
Wells Fargo Bank of Iowa - 1912

### 1920s

Locher Law Firm - 1920  
1st Insurance - 1921

### 1930s

Alliant Energy - 1934  
Globe Gazette - 1934  
Bank of America - 1936  
Heiny, McManigal, Duffy, Stambaugh & Anderson - 1938  
Arnold Motor Supply - 1939

### 1940s

McKiness Excavating – 1940  
Mid-West Roofing Company/Custom SheetMetal Works - 1940  
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network - 1940  
US Bank - 1941  
Allied Purchasing - 1942  
Mason City Tent & Awning - 1942  
Cerro Gordo Abstract - 1943  
McGladrey & Pullen - 1943  
Floyd & Leonard - 1944  
Henkel Construction - 1944  
Masters Chiropractic - 1945  
Hosmer Honda - 1945  
Petroblend - 1946  
Carroll Sales Co., Inc. - 1947  
WHKS Engineers, Planners & Surveyors - 1948  
Fareway Stores, Inc. #491 - 1949  
Mason City Airport Commission - 1949

### 1950s

DeVries & Price - 1950  
Midland Concrete Products - 1950  
Culver-Hahn Electric Supply - 1951  
Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa - 1951  
Graham Tire Co. - 1952  
Huber Supply Co. - 1952  
KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV - 1954  
Lehigh Cement Co., LLC - 1955  
Pepsi Beverages Company - 1955  
Plumb Supply Co.- 1955  
Bergland + Cram Architects - 1956  
Decker Sporting Goods - 1956  
Cerro Gordo County Farm Bureau - 1957  
Blackmore Nursery - 1957  
Ted Enabnit - 1958  
Metalcraft, Inc. - 1958  
The Nettleton Dental Group, P.C. - 1958  
O'Brien Moving & Storage - 1958  
Winston & Byrne, P.C. – 1958  
Major Erickson Funeral Home – 1959  
Mason City Family YMCA - 1959

### 1960s

Edwards-Brandt & Associates - 1960  
Fred T. Fenchel Entertainment Agency - 1960  
Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel - 1960  
Holtz Realty - 1960  
McDonald's Restaurant - 1960  
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen, P.C. - 1960  
Birdsall's Ice Cream - 1961  
Blazek Electric, Inc. - 1965  
Hy-Vee West - 1965

# Premier Members

Thank you to this year's Premier Members who have gone above and beyond in their support of Chamber programs and events.

**Gold (\$6,000 & up)**  
First Citizens National Bank

**Silver (\$3,000 - \$5,999)**  
Clear Lake Bank & Trust  
Curries  
Diamond Jo Casino  
Holiday Inn Express - Mason City  
ITC Midwest  
POET Biorefining - Hanlontown  
Principal Financial Group

**Bronze (\$1,000 - \$2,999)**  
Casey's General Store  
Corporate Farmer  
Henkel Construction Company  
Kaplan University  
Marco, Inc.  
Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa  
NIACC  
Pritchard Family Auto Stores  
Wells Fargo Bank of Iowa

# Be Our Guest

**T**une in Friday mornings to the Chamber "Be Our Guest" program at 8:40AM on KRIB 1490 AM. Digity provides this benefit to Chamber members free of charge. Listen in for October's guests!

**October 2** | Rest & Relaxation  
Massage LLC  
Emily Malli

**October 9** | Hospice of North  
Iowa  
Kathryn Mills

**October 16** | Great Plains Title Co  
Todd Prichard

**October 23** | Main Event  
Tim Latham

**October 30** | Talent Machine Inc  
David John Huber

# Chamber Events



**Time:** 4:30-6:30PM  
**Date:** Thursday, October 29  
**Location:** Hy-Vee West  
Wine Club Room  
2400 4th St SW  
Mason City

Sponsored  
By:



Join us every Tuesday from  
7:30-8:30AM at the Chamber  
for Coffee!

This is a Mason City Chamber of Commerce Publication.  
Mason City, Iowa 50401 641.423.5724

Publications are monthly for \$20 per year by the Mason City  
Chamber of Commerce, 9 North Federal Avenue, Mason City,  
IA 50401-3250. Second Class postage paid at Mason City, IA.  
Postmaster: send address changes to The Chamber, 9 North  
Federal Avenue, Mason City, IA 50401-3250.



Periodical Postage Paid at Mason City, Iowa  
(USPS 060-350)

## Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- |                                |                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday<br><b>October 1</b>   | <b>99th Chamber Annual Meeting</b>   11:30AM-1PM<br>The Music Man Square   308 S Pennsylvania                                   |
| Monday<br><b>October 5</b>     | <b>Groundbreaking</b>   2-2:30PM<br>Alliant Energy   1035 43rd St SW                                                            |
| Wednesday<br><b>October 7</b>  | <b>Business Resource Committee</b>   7:30-8:30AM<br>Farrer Room   Commerce Center   9 N Federal                                 |
| Thursday<br><b>October 8</b>   | <b>Events Committee</b>   12-1PM<br>Farrer Room   Commerce Center   9 N Federal                                                 |
| Friday<br><b>October 9</b>     | <b>Band Festival Committee</b>   12:15-1PM<br>Band Festival Room   Commerce Center   9 N Federal                                |
| Wednesday<br><b>October 14</b> | <b>Ag Business Committee</b>   7:30-8:30AM<br>Wine Club Room   Hy-Vee West   2400 4th St SW                                     |
| Thursday<br><b>October 15</b>  | <b>Blue Zones Worksite Committee</b>   12-1PM<br>Board Room   Commerce Center   9 N Federal                                     |
| Thursday<br><b>October 29</b>  | <b>Business After Hours</b>   4:30-6:30PM<br>Opportunity Village & Hy-Vee West<br>Wine Club Room   Hy-Vee West   2400 4th St SW |

## November Events

- |                                 |                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday<br><b>November 12</b>  | <b>Business After Hours</b>   4:30-6:30PM<br>Buena Vista University<br>500 College Drive                           |
| Wednesday<br><b>November 18</b> | <b>Farm-City Week Event</b>   6-8PM<br>Featuring Keynote Speaker Aaron Thomas<br>NIACC Auditorium   500 College Dr |