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Leadership Network Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2008

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Embassy Club

801 Grand Avenue, 40th Floor

Menu: Assorted Buffet

Cost: \$20

RSVP: <http://www.dmladershipnetwork.org/>

Margaret at 331-1861 by Tuesday, April 15

DAVID MILES FROM COUNTRYSIDE RENEWABLE ENERGY IS OUR APRIL SPEAKER

The bulk of Mr. Miles' career has been spent in the asset management business. In 1987 he joined Investors Management Group, Ltd., a Des Moines-based investment advisory firm, and acquired controlling interest of the firm in 1991. During his tenure as president the firm's assets grew to \$1.84 billion. In 1998 he negotiated the acquisition of IMG by AMCORE Financial, Inc., a financial services holding company located outside Chicago.

Mr. Miles worked for AMCORE for 5 years, successively adding responsibility for asset management, trust, private banking, and retail banking to his portfolio.

After taking a few months off to travel – including summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro with his wife Loree in October 2004 – his family returned to Des Moines. From January 2005 to September 2006 Mr. Miles was Executive Vice President of the Principal Mutual Funds, where his primary focus was development and implementation of an accelerated growth strategy for the Funds. While at Principal he helped to lead the successful acquisition of the \$20.8 billion WM Group of Funds from Washington Mutual.

From September 2006 through October 2007 Mr. Miles served as CFO and then CEO of Countryside Renewable Energy, Inc., a venture company funded by John Pappajohn for the purpose of consolidating independent ethanol plants into a larger, more sustainable organization. Due to unfavorable market conditions, the company ceased operations last October.

Mr. Miles presently serves as Managing Director of The Miles Group, LLC, a company engaged in private equity investing.

Mr. Miles received his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School and his Masters of Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1983, and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Drake University in 1979.

Mr. Miles has been an active member of the community for many years. He is past-chair of the Arthritis Foundation Iowa Chapter, Leadership Iowa and the Drake National Alumni Association, as well as past-vice chair of Rockford Health Systems. In 1996, he received the Young Alumni Achievement Award from the Drake National Alumni Association. He also served for eleven years on the Drake University Board of Trustees, including three years as chair.

On May 1, 2007, David Miles began a six-year term on the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. He was elected president effective January 1, 2008.

Mr. Miles and his wife, Loree, live in West Des Moines. He has two stepsons, Erik Raker and Michael Raker. His special interests are his two granddaughters, current affairs, investing, wine, art, and running.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we near the end of the 2007-2008 year I reflect back on some of the great programs that we have had this year.

Jody Jenner, our first speaker last September, explained the importance of the Broadlawns Medical Center to our community and also told of their plans for the future.

In October Dr. L.D. McMullen, CEO of the Des Moines Water Works talked about the services they provide to the Des Moines area and he educated us in what it takes to provide our families with good quality water.

In November Judi Cunningham from the Des Moines Independent Community School District gave us a “report card” regarding the status of our schools and the hard work and vision that it takes to take our schools to the next level.

In December Rob Davis of the Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped explained the services they provide to several thousand people across the state that would otherwise struggle to keep up with the news and current events.

As someone relatively new to the Des Moines area, I personally enjoyed when Pat Boddy, Director of Polk County Conservation, enlightened us on the many outdoor recreation areas we have.

In February Carmela Brown, a lobbyist for Mercy Health Network of Iowa, talked about the legislative process and what it takes to have their ideas about government translated into law.

Last month Dr. David Stilley talked to us about his new company, Doctors Now. With the number of families that have both parents working and single parent families the need for “off hours” healthcare in critical; this is a true entrepreneurial undertaking.

Our final two speakers for the year are no exception. Mr. David Miles’ career has been spent in the asset management business. His wide and varied professional and personal experiences include summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro and beginning a 6-year term on the Board of Regents in 2007.

Martha Willits of the Greater Des Moines Partnership will join us in May to tell us all the great things happening in the Des Moines area. I want to thank Mary Ann Nielsen for the great job she did this year in lining up all of these speakers.

Finally I would like each of you to consider getting more involved in our organization. With us nearing the end of this year we will begin to plan for next year. We are always looking for volunteers to help share the opportunities and experiences. None of the duties are overly time consuming and the more help we get the more we can share the work. It is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow member better and to really feel a part of the Leadership Network.

Sincerely,
Jim Hansen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendar now for all of our programs through the year and plan to be there.

- **April 17:** David Miles, Countryside Renewable Energy
- **May 15:** Martha Willits, Greater Des Moines Partnership

GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

If you know anyone who might like to join, encourage them to attend one of our meetings to experience the benefits for themselves. They may also contact **Executive VP of Membership**, Randy Knudtson of Iowa Realty 778-4905 to learn more about membership.

SPOTLIGHT MEMBER

- April 2008 – TBA
- May 2008 - TBA

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