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## Leadership Network Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2008

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Embassy Club

801 Grand Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor

Menu: Assorted Buffet

Cost: \$20

RSVP: [www.dmlleadershipnetwork.org](http://www.dmlleadershipnetwork.org)

Margaret at 331-1861 by Tuesday, January 15

### PAT BODDY, DIRECTOR, POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION IS OUR JANUARY SPEAKER

Pat Boddy is director of Polk County Conservation. PCC manages more than 12,000 acres of parkland, nearly 40 miles of trail (with that number growing rapidly), and PCC serves 1.4 million customers annually.

Boddy comes to the job after a career in engineering, communications research, and as an award-winning video producer. Pat holds a B.J. (Journalism) degree from University of Missouri-Columbia, a B.S. in Ag and Biosystems Engineering from Iowa State, and a Masters in Water Resources, also from ISU.

She's a licensed professional engineer, mother of two, and has been married for 32 years to Rob Davis, director of IRIS.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone. I don't know about you but I'm sure happy to have January 3, behind us. I have a healthy interest in politics, but the constant bombardment of signs, ads, articles tilting left, some tilting right and then all those candidates at every turn. I believe this election will be an exciting one. I urge each of you to take an active part in the process that keeps our country great.

As we wish 2007 farewell I would like to remind you of the speakers we have enjoyed so far. In September we were honored to have Mr. Jody Jenner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Broadlawns Medical Center share information on the status and future at Broadlawns. At our October meeting we were pleased to have Dr. McMullen the CEO and General Manager of the Des Moines Water Works to share his knowledge of the Des Moines Water Works and the treatment of our local tap water. He also enlightened us on water safety standards for other sources of water. November we welcomed Judi Cunningham, Executive Director for the Des Moines Independent Community School District. (Please note the information below.) Our December meeting we learned about the Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc. (IRIS) from Rob Davis it's Executive Director. These dynamic speakers covering a wide range of information are a mainstay of our Leadership Network. Thank you to Mary Ann Nielsen for finding such great people to share their time and knowledge with us. Our 2008 programs will be equally diverse and interesting.

Did you know the following facts about the Des Moines Independent Community School District?

- It is the largest provider of public education in Iowa and is 100 years old this year.
- There are 60 buildings in which 33,000 students receive their education.
- Fifty-seven percent of these students receive a free or reduced cost lunch.
- Fifty languages are spoken by students attending classes.

- Over 37 percent of the students are minorities.
- Des Moines has a graduation rate of 84 percent – one of the highest in the nation.
- Twenty-seven of the top 32 high school scholars in the nation attend Central Campus in Des Moines, Iowa.

These are just a few of the interesting facts shared by our November speaker, Judi Cunningham, from the Des Moines Independent Community School District.

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Our January speaker will be Pat Boddy, the director of the Polk County Conservation. PCC manages more than 12,000 acres of parkland, nearly 40 miles of trail and serves 1.4 million customers annually.

You do not have to be a member of the Leadership Network to attend, as guests are always welcome. If you are interested in more information about the group, contact any member or visit our website [www.dmladershipnetwork.org](http://www.dmladershipnetwork.org).

The Leadership Network is a non-profit organization and each year we fund a scholarship for an AIB College of Business student and consider donations to other local charitable organizations.

Sincerely,  
*Jim Hansen*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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

- **January 17:** Pat Boddy, Director, Polk County Conservation
- **February 21:** Carmela Brown, Legislative Lobbyist
- **March 20:** David Stille, M.D., Doctors Now
- **April 17:** David Miles, Countryside Renewal 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**

- January 2008 - Deb Stearns, Essman Companies
- February 2008 – To be announced...

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