



NETWORK NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

A NEW YEAR



Welcome to the “official” start of a new year for Des Moines Leadership Network. I hope you all are enjoying your summer and the beautiful weather we have been experiencing as of late. I am honored to serve as President for our group this year and I look forward to another exciting year of networking, great speakers, and continued friendships.

I want to first thank Dennis Sensenbrenner for serving as President this past year and for all he has done for the group. In addition, I would like to thank the former and current board members. The board puts a good deal of time and effort into making our group successful, so please join me in thanking them.

Speaking of the board, we have already met twice since our May meeting as we are all very excited about what the new year brings. We are focused on making the Leadership Network a worthwhile investment of everyone’s time and pocketbook. The 2009 - 2010 season is shaping up nicely!

To fill you in, some of the items the board has discussed are ways to increase networking within our group. We are all there to have fun and hear good speakers, but at the same time we are business people and we need to support each other’s businesses every way we can, especially during these interesting times. So, there will be additional time at each meeting for us to get better acquainted with each other’s businesses. In addition, we are working on a lineup of speakers that continues to help us all learn and be intrigued. Leadership Network has always been known for excellent speakers

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and we are looking to make this year *exceptional!* Our speaker for September is already lined up and it promises to be meeting you won't want to miss. We have increased our recruiting efforts by tapping into known resources while working hard to keep the great membership we have had all these years. Please remember to pass the word to those you think would make excellent additions to our network! We have a plentiful supply of meeting reminder cards that you can share in a flash. Call Marlana to have some sent to you (286-4953).

As I said, the board has been busy, but we need your help to direct our efforts further. Watch your email for a **brief** member survey (via Survey Monkey), which will ask all of us some basic questions. When you see this survey, please take 5 minutes to answer the questions and provide your input; good, bad, or indifferent, we want to hear all of it. We also want to know what you would like to see this year and in the years to come. This is our group and it is up to all of us to make it happen, so please don't be shy about expressing your thoughts. If you would like to contact me personally, my contact information is listed below.

Thank you for everything you do to make our group successful and I look forward to seeing the survey results from all of you soon.

Best Wishes,

David Leto

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TRANSITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Palmer Group was chosen as the first place winner in the Best Places to Work competition (50 or fewer employees category) by the *Des Moines Business Record*. It sounds like LN President **Dave Leto** has an enjoyable place to go every day.

John Irving of Baker Electric Inc. was honored with the Government Policy Council Leadership Award during DM/DC 2009, the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual lobbying trip to the nation's capital.

Emilie Newbury of Hubbell Homes will be found in our membership directory under a new last name. Congratulations, Emilie Reha!

SUMMER TO-DO LIST

- Fill out and return membership survey
- Refer 5 potential members
- Ask Marlana for meeting reminder cards
- Pay 2009-2010 membership dues
- Suggest luncheon meeting topics and speakers
- Mark 9 third Thursdays on the calendar
- Relax and have fun



DES MOINES LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Preparing tomorrow's leadership team today

Meets 3rd Thursday of the month -- September to May
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Des Moines Embassy Club
801 Grand Avenue, 40th Floor

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The Des Moines Leadership Network is an established networking group for professionals in Greater Des Moines.

Our Mission

To enhance the leadership experience, knowledge, growth, and commitment to ethical practices and professionalism of our members through program meetings and networking with one another.

CLIP AND SAVE MEETING REMINDER

New Member Application

Regular Member Annual Dues: \$95.00

Retirees may join for half price

Name _____

Title _____

Company or employer _____

Street address or postal address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

Email address _____

Phone _____ Mobile # _____

Professional certification _____

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