



NETWORK NEWS

MAY 2010

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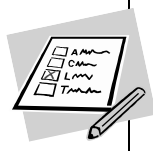
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING, VOTE IN THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

As our last meeting for the year is soon upon us, I reflect back on how what a fun and educational year we had. We had an excellent



turnout at each and every meeting this year and as a group we grew nicely in membership. In addition, we cannot forget about the phenomenal speakers we had each and every month. Following is a quick recap of the speakers.

In September, Austin Palmer, President of Palmer Group discussed the employment market and how he has run a successful business during challenging times. David Stark,

President/COO of Blank Children Hospital spoke in October about the various services the hospital provides.

In November, Kent Sovern, Executive Director of the Iowa Parks Foundation, came in to discuss the organizational goals and highlighted the impact the parks and natural resources have on our state. The December meeting was more of an open forum or, as we called it, our "semi-annual meeting" for all of the members to provide their thoughts and ideas on how we as a group could improve. I felt there were some great ideas shared and I know everyone also enjoyed the gift giving and receiving.

In January, MidAmerican Energy presented information on Wind Energy and the impact that this has on our state. February led us to start thinking about the Iowa State Fair. Gary Slater, CEO and Manager of the Iowa State Fair gave us the inside scoop on the 2010 Fair and what new things are happening at the Fairgrounds.

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For March, J. Barry Griswell, President of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, educated us on the Foundation and how we can get involved. He also enlightened us with some wise words on leadership. Ted Cochran, Founder and President of My Angel Network, shared some heart wrenching stories in April regarding organ and tissue donation. Very inspiring stories!

To end our membership year, we will have a packed agenda at the May meeting. We are going to present the \$1,200 scholarship to AIB student Jacob (Jake) Porter, a Bachelor of Science business administration major who expects to graduate at the end of spring 2011 term. We are privileged to have the participation of the founding members of Des Moines Leadership Network at the ceremony! This will be a great opportunity to learn some history about our great organization and to mingle with your Leadership Network friends. In addition, we will be voting in the board for next year's term, which will go from June – May.

If you know you will miss the meeting, please send your vote to the Leadership Network Yahoo mailbox! The 2010-2011 board slate follows.

Candidates

President: **Marlena M. Bandurski, Greater Des Moines Partnership**

Executive Vice President – Membership: **David Zahn, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield**

First Vice President: **John Burnley**

Second Vice President: **Judi Pierick, Iowa Dollars for Scholars**

Vice President of Communications and Programs: **Tyler Brady, MERIT Resources**

Treasurer: **Jill Boyle, Freedom Financial Bank**

Members at Large: **Abi Fangman, CEC and Nabeel Meghji, Geosync Global, LLC**

Non-elected position: **David Leto, Immediate Past President.**

Appointed position: **Dennis Sensenbrenner, Senior Advisor to the President.**

Next, I want to discuss the Happy Hour event we are going to have at Mike Kinter's warehouse in the East Village. The board is discussing three dates in June with Mike. We are looking at Thursday nights, June 10th, 17th, or 24th. Stay tuned as we will get an invite out in the next week or two with additional information.

As always, we are actively searching to add new members to our group. Please continue to invite guests to this May meeting and to the happy hour event in June. This will be a great way to introduce new people to our group and give them a chance to socialize with our wonderful members.

Lastly, I want to say it has been my honor to serve as President this year. I feel truly blessed to be surrounded by such good people. We have a great thing going with our group and I look forward to many more good things to come. We have done a great job on networking, providing educational subjects, and charity. Three very important things to be a part of and with all of that the building of friendships also comes.

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Thank you again to everyone for a great year and very special thanks to the 2009 – 2010 board members who have served so honorably and diligently this entire year:

Marlena Bandurski
Dennis Sensenbrenner
John Irving

David Zahn
Jill Boyle
Judi Pierick

Tyler Brady
Deb Stearns
John Burnley (*completing
Deb's term*)

Sincerely,

David Leto

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

11:45 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

THE DES MOINES EMBASSY CLUB

801 GRAND AVENUE, 40TH FLOOR

\$20.00 CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO

LEADERSHIP NETWORK

RESERVATIONS (OR CANCELLATIONS)

ACCEPTED THROUGH NOON

ON TUESDAY, MAY 18

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RESERVATIONS NOT HONORED MUST BE BILLED.

TRANSITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to our members with Iowa Network Services! INS has been recognized as one of two “most successful companies” in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year contest.

CAMPUS CORNER

Hopefully you're enjoying the start to this beautiful month of May! We have great news to report this month as our fundraising goal of \$38,000 has been succeeded through our members' hard work over the past four terms. In just a few short weeks, members will be reaping the reward as we head off for Costa Rica!



BMA Bowling night at Air Lanes was a blast with pizza, pop, laser lights, and lots of fun... a little friendly competition also helped to make for an exciting night. For our next outing, we hope to catch the action at an Iowa Cubs game downtown.

On May 5, we hosted our 9th Annual Mr. Irresistible Pageant at AIB, and it was a great success! With over 80 attendees, we were able to collect 150 non-perishable food items to be donated to Children and Family Urban Ministries.


Many members seized the chance to get involved during Earth Week; from planting trees and making a pledge to picking up litter for the Trash Bash, our members most definitely gave back in those few days. This summer we look forward to the opportunities to continue to give back to the community through volunteering.

As we look forward to early June, we get to celebrate another exciting year as our members take part in AIB's Commencement Exercises. Congratulations to those six members who will be receiving their diploma! We will also be awarding the yearly BMA scholarship to one deserving member in the amount of \$500.

Thank you to all for a great year of networking and luncheons. Have an amazing summer, and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

Business Management Association, AIB College of Business
Student Chapter of the Des Moines Leadership Network





DES MOINES LEADERSHIP NETWORK

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Meets 3rd Thursday of the month -- September to May
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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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 \$95 for one year (June 1 to May 31)

Name _____

Title _____

Professional certification _____

Company or employer _____

Street address or postal address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

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