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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS LUNCHEON

BRAD ZAUN, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS 3RD DISTRICT, OPENS SPEAKER SERIES

The Leadership Network has a long tradition of arranging luncheon presentations that will inform us on both the local and national fronts. Continuing in that vein, we welcome State Senator **Brad Zaun** as he kicks off our new season. The timing of our first autumn meeting offers a unique opportunity to interact directly with a candidate running for United States Congress. Let's set the pace for the year with a fantastic turnout.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

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

THE DES MOINES EMBASSY CLUB

801 GRAND AVENUE, 40TH FLOOR – LUNCHEON BUFFET

\$20.00 cash or check payable to **Leadership Network**

RESERVATIONS (or cancellations) accepted
through noon on Tuesday, September 14

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SPEAKER BIO

Brad Zaun was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He attended public and parochial schools where he enjoyed student government and athletics and graduated from Dowling High School. Brad attended college at Ellsworth Community College and Grand View University. While in high school and college, he worked for his father's John Deere dealership, learning the practical lessons of the business of agriculture. After college, he worked in the hardware trade and soon took the opportunity to go into business for himself. It was there as proprietor of Zaun's Trustworthy Hardware in Urbandale for eighteen years that he learned the hard lessons of business ownership. Now, as the vice president of a local real estate firm, he has been applying those life lessons in yet another challenging and rewarding arena of life.

Brad has served on the Urbandale City Council and as mayor of Urbandale. During his tenure as mayor, Urbandale experienced unprecedented commercial and residential growth, and during that same time the city was able to create some of the best metro area amenities and achieved the highest national quality of life rankings of any city in Iowa. Urbandale enjoyed record growth while having the lowest taxes in the metropolitan area. Brad took his plan of streamlined government and fiscal responsibility to the Iowa State Capitol when he was elected State Senator from Northwest Des Moines and Urbandale. Brad began to work hard to build consensus and successfully sponsor bills and programs to expand educational access for all Iowans, to significantly toughen Iowa laws against illegal drugs, and to measurably reduce bureaucracy and tax burdens on Iowa's farmers, small business owners and senior citizens. Brad was elected Assistant Minority Leader by his peers during the last senate session. It is with the core values, lessons learned and practical proven principles that he now seeks support in his race for United States Representative in Iowa's Third District.

TRANSITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to our members employed by the following "Best of Des Moines" companies, as voted by readers of the Des Moines *Business Record*.

- ❖ Baker Electric Inc. - Best Electrical Contractor – **John Irving**
- ❖ Iowa Realty – Best Residential Real Estate Company – **Randy Knudtson**
- ❖ Palmer Group – Best Executive Search Firm – **Dave Leto**
- ❖ Storey-Kenworthy Co. – Best Place to Buy Office Furniture – **Joe Richardson**
- ❖ Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield – Best Health-Care Insurance Provider – **David Zahn**

Welcome, new members **Maria Davis**, AIB College of Business and **Joe Richardson**, Storey-Kenworthy.

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.

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