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*Sharing news and events
for
Young Professionals in
Muscatine!*

Upcoming Meetings and Events

July Third Thursday – July 16, 5:30 pm at the Elly's Tea and Coffee House patio (featured supporter – HNI Corp.).

Thanksgiving in July Food Drive – July 19-25, 2009.

Social Committee – August 5, 6:30 pm at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course.

Public Relations Committee – August 6, 6:00 pm at The Pearl.

Leadership Council – August 13, 5:30 pm at the GMCCI Board Room.

Membership Committee – August 17, 5:30 pm at The Brew.

August Third Thursday – August 20, 5:30 pm at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course (featured supporter – Central State Bank).

If you would like to receive the email invitations for YPN events or to find out more about a committee, contact Amanda Landers-Each at alanders-each@muscatine.com.

Membership Report

New Membership Discount – Ascentra Credit Union

YPN is pleased to announce another new discount. Open your new account with Ascentra Credit Union and start enjoying these benefits:

- Free appraisal on a new first mortgage (up to \$250 value)
- Your first box of checks free with new checking account
- Get up to .50% APR discount on many new fixed rate loans when you have an Ascentra Credit Union checking account and set up automatic payment at closing
- Get a .50% APR discount on new hybrid vehicle loans
- Refer a new member to Ascentra Credit Union and when they mention you sent them or present your referral card and become a new member, we'll put \$25 in your savings account.*

*Free appraisal available for new purchase first mortgage loan. The \$25 member referral bonus will be treated as interest and will be reported to you and the IRS as interest income on IRS form 1099-INT.

Download and print Ascentra's YPN Coupon and Brochure at www.ypnmuscatine.org under Share/Downloads/Flyers. Remember that your YPN membership card serves as your identification when receiving YPN discounts.

Check YPN's website for other discounts for paid members under Promote and then YPN Promotions. We look forward to adding more value to YPN membership!

Check out
www.YPNmuscatine.org

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Revelry by the River Recap

YPN hosted another successful Revelry by the River at The Brew on June 27. In spite of the inclement weather that swept through the area at the intended start time, Crazy Delicious and Lynn Allen went on to entertain a crowd of over 350 people. In addition, guests were excited to participate in contests and prize giveaways staged by Greg Dwyer, from 97X's Dwyer and Michaels morning radio show.

Revelry by the River is held on the opening day of Be a PatriART Week, which is organized by the Muscatine Cultural Alliance. YPN is proud to be able to **give over \$160 dollars back** to the Muscatine Cultural Alliance from money raised at this year's event.

Thank you to the more than 20 volunteers whose dedication and hard work were invaluable to the success of this event. YPN would also like to give special thanks to Dave Armstrong and Mary Kisner, joint owners of the Missipi Brewing Company, and to the Muscatine community for supporting YPN's efforts and events.



Social Committee Report

Thank you in advance to Elly's Tea and Coffee House for hosting the **July Third Thursday**. What a wonderful and unique location downtown Muscatine has to offer! Thank you also to HNI, this month's featured supporter.

We are looking forward to the August Third Thursday at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course. The event will feature the socializing you have come to enjoy along with a golfing activity for those interested.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, for the first ever **YPN Iowa vs. ISU Tailgate** at Whispering Pines. Start preparing your teams for the Chili Cook-off and your taste buds for the judging!

As always, your input is important to us! If you have a location or event idea, please join us for a Social Committee meeting. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 5, at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course. You may also submit your ideas to Jamie Leza, Social Committee Chair, at jleza@fnbmusc.com.

Community, Professional Development & Volunteer Opportunities

Real World Program Financial Simulation

Interested in going back to high school? Before you say "No way!" - don't worry; you would be going as a volunteer helping the incoming freshmen. Please consider helping out on August 20, from 11:45-3:00 pm. Muscatine High School is conducting a financial simulation of the Real World Program.

This program is an active, hands-on, real-life simulation that gives young people the opportunity to explore career opportunities and make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those adults face on a daily basis. After the students have completed the Real World experience, they visit with a Financial Counselor if their account was negative. The Financial Counselor talks to them about what they could have considered as alternatives that might have given them a positive balance in the end. Thirty to forty-five minutes of training will be provided to you before the students arrive. Your role may be at the IRS booth, transportation, or utilities, just to name a few. The volunteer role will be easy and fun.

For more information about volunteering, please contact Tracy McGinnis at 262-3103 or tracy.mcginis@centralstate.com.



Thanksgiving in July – Hunger knows every season

YPN is partnering with the Muscatine Community Food Pantry to bring the Thanksgiving in July Food Drive to Muscatine for the first time. This is a one week, community wide effort to stock the shelves of local food pantries. All food collected in Muscatine will be given directly to three local food pantries – Muscatine Community Food Pantry, Pearl City Outreach, and The Salvation Army.

Thanksgiving in July will be held July 19-25. Individuals, businesses, and civic and faith-based organizations have been asked to hold their own food drives during this time. Financial contributions as well as donations of non-perishable canned or packaged food are welcome. We encourage you to **get involved** in your organization's food drive!

The food you collect can be dropped off Saturday, July 25, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the semi-trailer that will be parked by Pearl City Station. We need volunteers to load the donated food onto the semi-trailer and deliver it to the food pantries after it is weighed. If your business or organization is interested in organizing a food drive or to volunteer your time on July 25, please contact Kenza Nelson at knelson@shlaw.com.



St. Ambrose offers Project Management Seminar

The St. Ambrose University Leadership Initiative, a joint project of the College for Professional Studies and College of Business, is offering **Project Management: Tools, Principles, and Practices - How to Plan, Schedule and Control Projects Successfully** on September 22-24 or November 17-19.

Take the guesswork out of **project management!** If managing projects to get results is important to your organization, you can't afford a seat-of-the-pants approach. Here are proven tools and techniques used by world-class companies to make their projects sizzle! With these methods, your projects will come in on time, on budget, and at the right level of performance. The seminar will be conducted by **Dr. James P. Lewis**, who has 15 years of industry experience as an electrical engineer and project manager and over 28 years of experience teaching seminars.

Seminar participants will receive the book [Project Planning, Scheduling & Control](#) by Dr. James P. Lewis, a comprehensive 150-page workbook, 2.4 CEUs or 18 PDUs, three networking luncheons, and a certificate of attendance.

The cost of the entire seminar is \$1,395 for the first registration from your organization and \$1,275 for each additional participant from the same organization. SAU alumni receive a 10% discount. To register or for more information, please contact Brad Stoeften, Corporate Training and Outreach Specialist, at 563-441-9950 or StoeftenBradleyJ@sau.edu.

School Supply Drive a Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Community and Professional Development Committee's School Supply Drive at June's Third Thursday. **Over 140 pounds** of school supplies were donated! Congratulations to the winning team that collected the most school supplies and received Button Factory gift certificates. All supplies will be donated to the P.E.N.C.I.L. Program run by Community Action of Eastern Iowa. The supplies will be collected and organized so that local area students can choose the school supplies they need for the upcoming school year.

Professional Development Event Recap

Those that attended the Professional Development Event, "Marketing Yourself," on July 8, 2009, learned how to make themselves stand out in a crowd, get out into the community and interact with peers and colleagues, perfect their "elevator speech," and be ready for tough interview questions. Thank you to Brad Stoeften from St. Ambrose University and Reginald Williams from Toastmasters for speaking at the event and to Elly's Tea & Coffee House for catering. Look for more information on the next Professional Development Event this fall!