



# YPN

MUSCATINE  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

JUNE 14, 2010

Volume 5, Number 6

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

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**June Third Thursday** – June 17, 5:30 pm at Mami's.

**Community & Professional Development Committee** – June 24, 5:30 pm at the Muscatine Community College Student Center.

**Revelry by the River** – June 26 at The Brew.

**Public Relations Committee** – July 1, 6:00 pm at The Pearl.

**Social Committee** – July 7, 6:30 pm at the Button Factory.

**Leadership Council** – July 8, 5:30 pm at the GMCCI Board Room.

**Membership Committee** – July 12, 5:30 pm at The Pearl.

**July Third Thursday** – July 15, 5:30 pm at the Button Factory.

**Professional Development Event** – Third week of July.

**Thanksgiving in July Food Drive** – July 25-31.

**Family Picnic/Pool Party** – August 1, 12:00-2:00 pm at the Aquatic Center.

If you would like to receive the email invitations for YPN events or to find out more about a committee, contact Bill Phelan at [bphelan@muscatine.com](mailto:bphelan@muscatine.com).

## Revelry by the River – June 26 – Join us!

Revelry by the River is only a couple of weeks away! This event, which is in its fourth year, will be held at The Mississippi Brew on Saturday, June 26. A \$5 cover will be charged starting at 6:00 pm. Food will be served throughout the day.



**17Candle**, who performed at the 2003 Orange Bowl and the 2010 Capital One Bowl, will kick off the evening at 5:30 pm, with **Crazy Delicious** rounding out the night from 10:00 pm - 1:30 am. For the second year, the event will feature 97X's Greg Dwyer from the Dwyer and Michaels morning radio show. Check out the bands' websites at [www.17candle.com](http://www.17candle.com) and [www.crazydelicious.com](http://www.crazydelicious.com).

Volunteer opportunities are still available for the event. We need volunteers to serve as security, grillers, servers, and money collectors at the door. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nick Gow at [ngow@ci.muscatine.ia.us](mailto:ngow@ci.muscatine.ia.us).

Revelry by the River is the kickoff to the Muscatine Cultural Alliance's "Be a PatriArt Week." YPN will be proud to donate a portion of the proceeds from this event to the Muscatine Cultural Alliance in support of the arts and entertainment in our community.

Check out  
[www.YPNmuscatine.org](http://www.YPNmuscatine.org)

## Leadership Council & Committee Chairs

Nick Gow, Chairperson  
ngow@ci.muscatine.ia.us

Brenda Mohr,  
Secretary/Public Relations  
Committee  
mohrb@allsteeloffice.com

Dan Fitzgerald, Treasurer  
dan\_fitzgerald@kentfeeds.com

Krista Regennitter,  
Community & Professional  
Development Committee  
kregennitter@MuscatineY.org

Scott Warren,  
Membership Committee  
warrenscott@stanleygroup.com

Andrea Jentz,  
Social Committee Co-Chair  
ajentz@fnbmusc.com

Bill Phelan,  
Interim GMCCI Liaison  
bphelan@muscatine.com

Brandy Dulceak Olson,  
Immediate Past Chair  
bolson@mpw.org

## Membership Report

### Membership Benefits

Not a YPN member yet? You can sign up for membership at any time! Being a paid member includes many great benefits, such as free entry to Third Thursdays and professional development events and access to membership discounts provided by local businesses. You can sign up for membership at the next Third Thursday or by contacting YPN's Membership Chair, Scott Warren, at [warrenscott@stanleygroup.com](mailto:warrenscott@stanleygroup.com).

## Social Committee Report

Join us on June 17 for this month's **Third Thursday** at Mami's. Bring your **business cards** to pass around as we participate in a people scavenger hunt. And don't forget to bring your donations for the Community and Professional Development Committee's **school supply drive**. This month's featured supporters are HNI Corporation and Stanley Consultants.

**Thank you** to the Lighthouse for being the host location for May's Third Thursday, and thank you to the event's featured supporters – Muscatine Foods Corporation and The HON Company. Congratulations to the sundae contest winners; the ice cream creations were unique and creative.

The 2010 Downtown Showcase was a great success with 20 businesses participating! We thank the local merchants for the discounts, drawings and fun they provided in each of their businesses. The Social Committee would appreciate feedback on the Downtown Showcase; comment cards will be available at June's Third Thursday.

The next **special event** will be here soon! Join us at the Aquatic Center on August 1, from 12:00-2:00 pm, and enjoy some food and swimming with your family and friends. Food will be catered and served in the multipurpose room during the event. YPN members and their families will have no cost for attendance. There will be a \$5 fee for non-member adults for admission to the Aquatic Center and pizza.

The next Social Committee meeting is scheduled for July 7, at 6:30 pm at the Button Factory. Please join us and share your comments and suggestions.

## Community, Professional Development & Volunteer Opportunities

### School Supply Drive at Third Thursday

Even though school just wrapped up for the summer, we are already planning for next year. YPN will be holding its annual **school supply drive** at June's Third Thursday at Mami's. Take part in a friendly competition that will support the P.E.N.C.I.L. program by working together with a team of four people **to donate the most school supplies by weight and number of items**. The team with the most supplies (weight times number of items) will win \$40 in Chamber Dollars! The second place team will win \$10 in Chamber Dollars. All items will be weighed and counted at Third Thursday. Don't have a team? We can assign you to a team at the event. Items to consider donating are notebooks, paper, glue, scissors, erasers, pencils, crayons, backpacks, and rulers. Thank you in advance for helping us support local students and educators!

### Thanksgiving in July – Hunger knows no season



YPN is the sponsor for Muscatine's second annual Thanksgiving in July Food Drive. 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 local food pantries – Muscatine Community Food Pantry, Pearl City Outreach, The Salvation Army, Emmaus Café, and Loaves and Fishes.

**Thanksgiving in July will be held July 25-31.** Individuals, businesses, and civic and faith-based organizations are being 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. Food drop off times will be Friday, July 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot on the corner of Fourth Street and Cedar Street, and Saturday, July 31, from 10:00 am to noon in the Muscatine Mall parking lot. We encourage you to **get involved** in your organization's food drive! Last year the drive collected over 5,000 pounds of food and more than \$2,700. Let's beat that this year! If your business or organization is interested in organizing a food drive, please contact Brenda Mohr at [mohrb@allsteeloffice.com](mailto:mohrb@allsteeloffice.com).

## Professional Development Event

The next Professional Development Lunch and Learn will take place during the third week in July. This summer's topic is "HR issues for YPs." A panel of experienced HR professionals will discuss issues and challenges faced by YPs, recent grads and interns, such as adapting to a company's culture, the impact of social networking on your success in the workplace, and more. Confirmed panelists include Janet Sichterman - Vice President of Human Resources & Communications for Muscatine Foods Corporation, Wes Fowler - Director of Human Resources for the Muscatine Community School District, and Stephanie Romagnoli – Human Resources Manager for the City of Muscatine. If you have a topic or question for the panelists, email your suggestion to Brandy Olson at [bolson@mpw.org](mailto:bolson@mpw.org).

## Community Involvement Spotlight – Muscatine History and Industry Center

Coralie Voss is the Director of Operations for the newly formed Kent Nutrition Group - Pet Division. Coralie and her husband, Kevin, Senior Electrical Engineer at Stanley Consultants, have called Muscatine home for over nine years. Currently, Coralie serves on the Board of the Muscatine History and Industry Center (MHIC) – Home of the Pearl Button Exhibit and many of Muscatine's vibrant industries. She is frequently found volunteering at the MHIC's events during Patri-ART Week and the Holiday Stroll. While volunteering, she enjoys helping longtime residents, new residents and visitors learn the rich, extensive and industrious history of Muscatine.



Over the years, Coralie has volunteered for many community organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, Muscatine's hosting RAGRAI, and Leadership Muscatine. Coralie and Kevin are proud to call Muscatine home because it is a unique community, which provides many opportunities to work, play, and get involved. Coralie encourages everyone to learn more about Muscatine at the Muscatine History and Industry Center and to donate a few hours amongst great community organizations that make Muscatine the "Pearl of the Mississippi."



## A Message from the new Chair – Brenda Mohr

On behalf of the YPN Leadership Council, **I would like to thank Nick Gow** for his dedication and service to YPN. Nick has been involved with YPN Muscatine since its inception, providing support and leadership in multiple areas. We look forward to Nick's continued support of the organization as a member and the Immediate Past Chairperson for the Leadership Council. Nick – Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do in support of YPN!

**Thank you also to Jamie Leza** as our outgoing Social Committee Chair. Jamie has built a strong team of committee members and provided leadership for the planning of social events and Third Thursdays, providing an avenue for YP's to network, build relationships, and get connected to YPN and the Muscatine Community. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication, Jamie!

Brandy Olson will soon finish her term on the Leadership Council as the Immediate Past Chairperson. Brandy has provided great leadership and insight for YPN, and we look forward to her continued support of the organization. **Thank you, Brandy**, for all you have done for YPN!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in YPN, whether on the Leadership Council, as a committee member or volunteer for a YPN event, or by actively participating in YPN events and helping promote the events and organization to other YP's. It is the dedication and support of our members and volunteers that help make YPN Muscatine great!



*If you have any ideas or submissions for the YPN Muscatine Newsletter, contact Brenda Mohr at [mohrb@allsteeloffice.com](mailto:mohrb@allsteeloffice.com).*