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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

November Third Thursday – November 19, 5:30 pm at The Button Factory (featured supporters – Allsteel and Monsanto).

Community & Professional Development Committee – December 1, 5:30 pm at The Pearl.

Social Committee – December 2, 6:30 pm at Plamor Lanes.

Public Relations Committee – December 3, 6:00 pm at The Pearl.

Membership Committee – December 7, 5:30 pm at The Brew.

Leadership Council – December 10, noon at the GMCCI Board Room.

December Bowling Event – December 10, 5:30 pm at Plamor Lanes (featured supporter – HNI Corporation).

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.

Social Committee Report

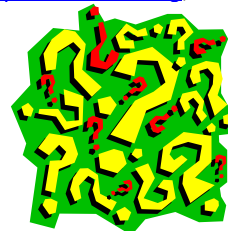
November Third Thursday will be held in the new “Upper Deck” at the Button Factory Woodfire Grille. Don’t miss this chance to check out the new dance floor and gift shop and enjoy a variety of appetizers in the new addition of the Button Factory. Our featured supporters for this month’s event are Allsteel and Monsanto.

Clear your calendar now for our **Bowling Event** in December at Plamor Lanes! Please remember that this “Third” Thursday will occur on December 10, one week earlier than normal.

Visit us at our next Social Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 2, at Plamor Lanes to offer your input, or contact Jamie Leza, Social Committee Chair, at jleza@fnbmusc.com.

Did you know?

Did you know that the YPN website is the home to pictures from our events? For instance, visit the photo galleries to view some pictures of the kids that decorated miniature pumpkins donated by YPN at the Muscatine County Conservation Board’s Halloween Hike. To view the galleries of photos, visit www.ypnmuscatine.org, click Share and then Gallery.



Check out
www.YPNmuscatine.org

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Membership Report

2010 Membership Drive

The 2010 Membership Drive has begun! Being a paid member of YPN includes many great benefits, such as free entry to Third Thursdays and professional development events and access to membership discounts provided by several local businesses. Individual membership costs \$50 for the year, while joint membership costs \$75. You can sign up for membership at the next Third Thursday, by visiting www.ypnmuscatine.org, or by contacting YPN's Membership Chair, Scott Warren, at warrenscott@stanleygroup.com.

Dodgeball and Bagg-o League Update

The YPN Dodgeball Team has been taking the court on Sunday afternoons, wearing their matching green YPN shirts and working for wins. They currently hold a record of 7-8, but there is still plenty of season left to gain more wins.

YPN has two teams competing in the Bagg-o league. Team 1 has a record of 6-3, while Team 2 has 3 wins and 6 losses. Stay tuned to hear how their season ends.

Do you have a special interest you want to share?

YPN is dedicated to serving its members in multiple ways, primarily through monthly networking events, community and professional development events, or through special events such as Revelry by the River. Based on recent conversations, there is interest in providing a way for members to communicate with each other about special interest opportunities. This would be a way YPN members could connect on an informal or small group level. For example, do you like to play cards or video games, try different foods, hunt, or play sports? YPN is now developing an area of the newsletter where members can seek others with similar hobbies and interests for activities. YPN does not plan to be involved in planning, coordinating, or sponsoring these small group activities, and anyone who participates will be doing so as individuals.

So if you like to play cards, want to connect with others who share your passion for hunting, want to get a knitting group together, or need another player for your volleyball team, then you can put an announcement in the "Special Interests" section of the newsletter. To submit your Special Interest announcement, contact Brenda Mohr at mohrb@allsteeloffice.com.

YPN Muscatine on Facebook

YPN is now on Facebook! **Become a fan** of YPN Muscatine to receive the latest YPN news and event information. We are excited to provide members with current information this way!

Community, Professional Development & Volunteer Opportunities

Leadership Muscatine Community Services Fair

Each year Leadership Muscatine holds a session where service providers in the community are invited to share about volunteer opportunities they offer. This year's Leadership Muscatine Community Services Fair will be held on Wednesday, December 2, from 8:00-10:00 am at the Muscatine Community Y. Agency presentations will occur from 8:00-9:15, providing a brief overview of each participating organization. Participants are then encouraged to visit agency tables during the volunteer fair to learn more. YPN members are invited to take part in this great opportunity. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Krista Regennitter at kregennitter@muscatiney.org by Monday, November 30.

Professional Development Event Recap

Vicki Beckey from Taylor, Rees, Beckey & Company, P.C. provided great tips and tools for young professionals at our recent professional development event, "Tax Planning for YP's." The interactive session covered information about credits for new home buyers, energy credits, and how to handle itemizations and charitable contributions.

Thank you to Vicki for sharing her knowledge with us, Central State Bank for opening their meeting room for the event, and Paul Revere's for catering the event.



Bell Ringers Needed



The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign has begun, and volunteers are needed to ring the bells this holiday season. Various times and locations are available. If you are interested in ringing bells between now and December 24 (excluding Sundays and Thanksgiving), please contact Sissy at the Salvation Army at 263-8272, and tell them you are a YPN member.

Diamond Towns Support Foundation Meeting

As local YP's, we have been identified as persons with community energy and people who are interested in community improvement and are ready to get involved. YPN members have been invited to a meeting with the Diamond Towns Support Foundation, a Muscatine-based organization providing community development to rural communities – starting with Muscatine. This meeting is intended to give you an overview of the Diamond Towns process and an update of the readiness to start working in Muscatine. Two discussions and presentations are scheduled. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, from 6:30-7:30 pm, and the second meeting will be held on Friday, November 20, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Flickinger Learning Center. RSVP's are requested; please contact thuber@diamondtownsofamerica.com to let them know which session you plan to attend.

Share the Warmth Coat Drive Recap

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fourth annual Share the Warmth Coat Drive! Because of the generosity of the people in Muscatine, over 220 coats and other cold weather items were collected and will benefit members of this community. In addition to the coat drive items, the members of Muscatine Power & Water held a Jeans Day and raised \$285. All items donated were distributed between the Salvation Army, Pearl City Outreach, and the Family Resources Domestic Violence Shelter.

When Community and Professional Development Committee member Brianne Fitzgerald delivered 2 boxes of coat drive items to Pearl City Outreach, they stated that the timing was great since people were asking if they had any winter coats available. Pearl City Outreach also received \$95, their portion of the MPW Jeans Day contribution. Earlier in the day that the coat drive items were distributed, staff had gone to purchase something they needed for the children they help but fell \$100 short. They were extremely grateful for that much needed money from the coat drive.



The Community and Professional Development Committee would also like to thank the participating businesses and Menasha, which donated the collection boxes for the drive.

Congratulations Krista Regennitter for winning the TomTom Navigation System donated by Muscatine Foods at October's Third Thursday! Her coat drive donation at the event made her eligible for the drawing.

If you have any ideas or submissions for the YPN Muscatine Newsletter, contact Brenda Mohr at mohrb@allsteeloffice.com.