



# YPN

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

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

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

**October Third Thursday** – October 15, 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn (featured supporter – Muscatine Foods Corporation).

**Membership Committee** – October 26, 5:30 pm at The Brew.

**Community & Professional Development Committee** – November 3, 5:30 pm at The Pearl.

**Social Committee** – November 4, 6:30 pm at The Button Factory.

**Public Relations Committee** – November 5, 6:00 pm at The Pearl.

**Professional Development Event** – *Tax Planning for YP's*. November 12, 11:45-1:00 at Central State Bank, Iowa Avenue.

**Leadership Council** – November 12, 5:30 pm at the GMCCI Board Room.

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

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](mailto:alanders-each@muscatine.com).

### Social Committee Report

Join YPN at **October's Third Thursday** at the Holiday Inn on October 15, and enjoy great food and 'Speed Networking,' an opportunity to speak with each young professional in attendance. Be sure to bring business cards to share. Also, don't forget to bring cold weather items to donate for the Share the Warmth Coat Drive. Anyone who brings their donation to Third Thursday will be entered in a drawing to win a TomTom Navigation System, donated by Muscatine Foods Corporation, this month's featured supporter.

The Muscatine County Conservation Board hosts a pumpkin lit **Halloween Hike** through Discovery Park each year. This year's Halloween Hike will be on October 16 and 17. Children enjoy animal skits along the trail and refreshments around a bonfire after the hike. The event begins at 7:00 pm each night, with hikes beginning every 10 minutes until 8:00 pm. Tickets cost \$3.00 per person; children under 5 years of age participate for free. Tickets are required and may be purchased at the Learning Center beginning September 28. YPN is excited to help support the Muscatine County Conservation Board with this event again this year. If you are **interested in volunteering**, please contact Andrea Jentz at [ajentz@fnbmusc.com](mailto:ajentz@fnbmusc.com).

Mark your calendars now for November's Third Thursday! We will be at The Button Factory on November 19 for another great event!

As always, your input is important to us! Please join us for a Social Committee meeting or submit your ideas to Jamie Leza, Social Committee Chair, at [jlaza@fnbmusc.com](mailto:jlaza@fnbmusc.com).

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

## Leadership Council & Committee Chairs

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

## Membership Report

### 2009 Membership

October is the last month to sign up for **2009 YPN membership**, and the membership fee for the remainder of this year is **only \$5!** 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, by visiting [www.ypnmuscatine.org](http://www.ypnmuscatine.org), or by contacting YPN's Membership Chair, Scott Warren, at [warrenscott@stanleygroup.com](mailto:warrenscott@stanleygroup.com). The **2010 membership drive** begins in November!

## Community, Professional Development & Volunteer Opportunities

### Share the Warmth Coat Drive

The fourth annual Share the Warmth Coat Drive will end on October 15, but there is still time to donate! The Community and Professional Development Committee will be collecting coats and other cold weather items (hats, gloves, snow pants, etc.) at October's Third Thursday. Anyone who donates to the Coat Drive at Third Thursday will be entered in a drawing to **win a TomTom**, donated by Muscatine Foods Corporation.

All items donated will be distributed between the Salvation Army, Pearl City Outreach, and the Family Resources Domestic Violence Shelter to help those in need in the Muscatine area. This year's participating businesses include Muscatine Power and Water, First National Bank, Central State Bank, Allsteel, The HON Company, HNI Corporation, and the Muscatine Community Y. For more information, contact Brenda Mohr at [mohrb@allsteeloffice.com](mailto:mohrb@allsteeloffice.com).



### Professional Development Event - Tax Planning for YP's

YPN Muscatine will host its next professional development event, "Tax Planning for YP's," on Thursday, November 12, in the third floor meeting room at Central State Bank, 301 Iowa Avenue. Vicki Beckey from Taylor, Rees, Beckey & Company, P.C. will provide tips and tools for young professionals to make the most of their tax planning time.

Lunch will begin at 11:45, followed by the presentation at noon. This event is free for 2009 YPN paid members, and costs only \$5 for non-members. As a courtesy to bank customers, attendees are encouraged to use the parking along nearby streets or the riverfront parking lot rather than parking in the limited spaces in the bank lot. For more information about the event, contact Krista Regennitter at [kregennitter@MuscatineY.org](mailto:kregennitter@MuscatineY.org).

### YP Symposium is just around the corner

The 2009 Young Professionals Symposium is coming soon to Dubuque. This one-day event will be held at the Grand River Center in Dubuque on Thursday, November 5, and will feature guest speaker Liz Lynch who will discuss Smart Networking for Career Success. To view the schedule or to register for this event, visit <http://www.ypdubuque.org/symposium>.

### YPN Professional Spotlight – Andrea Jentz

Andrea Jentz, Co-chair of the YPN Social Committee, was recently promoted to Assistant Manager of First National Bank of Muscatine's Westside Office. Andrea started at First National Bank of Muscatine in March of 2008. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a BA in Communication Studies. Please join us in congratulating Andrea on her promotion!