

# Pearl City Progress

Newsletter for the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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## GMCCI Celebrating 70 Years

In 1944, WWII was raging on, D-Day occurred on June 6th, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to his fourth term in office (he's the only U.S. President with that distinction), Bob Hope was the most popular comedian of the time, Casablanca won the Oscar for best picture, the St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series and Montreal won the Stanley cup.

Not as well known, but important to us, the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce was formed. The membership drive advertisement (see photo below) placed in the *Muscatine Journal* on September 8, 1944 states "60 workers of the campaign all say with pride, 'I'm selling Muscatine'." As of that date, 300 people had joined the new chamber and the 60 workers had 400 prospects to call on.

One of the benefits of Chamber membership listed then is unchanged today – 70 years later: *"The Chamber of Commerce is an investment. The Chamber's program is business expansion. It is the only city-wide organization working for ALL Business."*

**"We're Selling Muscatine"**

Say the 300 Business Men and Women who have Joined the **New Muscatine Chamber of Commerce to Date!**

**"I'm Selling Muscatine!"**

The sixty workers of the campaign all say with pride, "I'm Selling Muscatine". Each one of the 300 persons who have signed application cards for the forward moving New Muscatine Chamber of Commerce also say with pride, "I'm Selling Muscatine". If you are not one of the 300 persons who have joined, sign the application card and get it into you are interviewed and join the "I'm Selling Muscatine" movement.

Sixty workers who started Wednesday morning, Sept. 6th have over 400 prospects to interview. Time has not permitted them to call on all prospects.

If you have not been interviewed to date, by one of the co-workers, greet him with a smile and be ready to sign an application!

**QUESTION:**  
Can Muscatine get along without a Chamber of Commerce?  
ANSWER: No, it cannot. The Chamber of Commerce is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business.

**QUESTION:**  
My business is too small!  
ANSWER: The business is too small to matter because there is no business where it is not. The Chamber of Commerce is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business.

**QUESTION:**  
This is not the time, I may join later!  
ANSWER: This is the best time to join. The Chamber of Commerce is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business.

**QUESTION:**  
I am not interested in the Chamber of Commerce!  
ANSWER: The Chamber of Commerce is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business. It is the only organization that can help you in your business.

**MUSCATINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
"Join Now" SEPT. 6th THROUGH SEPT. 15th "Join Now!"

As the Chamber celebrates its' 70th anniversary year, so do several of our charter members. Please join us in recognizing these companies that have exhibited successful longevity through innovation, perseverance and growth:

- Central State Bank
- Credit Bureau of Muscatine
- First National Bank of Muscatine
- Geo M Wittich-Lewis Funeral Home
- H J Heinz L.P.
- Hahn Ready-Mix
- Kent Corporation
- Krieger Motor Company
- Miller & Harrison Insurance Services
- Muscatine Journal
- Muscatine Power & Water
- Stanley Consultants
- TD&T Financial Group

### Other interesting facts about 1944:

- A first class stamp was \$.03
- A loaf of bread was \$.10
- A gallon of gas was \$.15
- Famous people of the day included: Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper, Bing Crosby, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong and Ernest Hemingway.
- The Batman and Robin comic strip premiered in newspapers.
- Glenn Miller went missing from a plane crash
- Anne Frank and her family were captured and sent to a concentration camp.
- Soon to be the first African American Major League Baseball player and eventual MLB Hall of Famer, Army second lieutenant Jackie Robinson refused to move to the back of an unsegregated Army bus and was arrested by military police and sent to court-martial in August 1944 for which he was acquitted and given an honorable discharge in November 1944. A handful of months later, Robinson accepted a contract with the Kansas City Monarchs to play professional baseball in the Negro leagues for \$400 per month.



The Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a catalyst for advancing our region's economy, improving our quality of life and enhancing our members' success

## Save - The - Date Upcoming GMCCI Events

### January 9

Business After Hours

Taste of GMCCI

Hosted by: GMCCI

Gallery on 2nd

129 W. Second Street, Muscatine

5 to 7 p.m.

### January 16

YPN's Third Thursday

Geneva Golf & Country Club

3100 Bidwell Road, Muscatine

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### January 17

GMCCI Executive Board Meeting

GMCCI Conference Room

Noon to 1 p.m.

Have News to Share  
With Us?

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## New Members

### **Comfort Inn**

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This pet-friendly Comfort Inn hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Muscatine. A short driving distance from other cities, including Iowa City and the Quad Cities. Their hotel features: free wireless high-speed Internet access in all rooms, free weekday newspaper, free local calls, a Manager's reception, an indoor pool and exercise room, as well as a free hot breakfast featuring eggs, breakfast meat, yogurt, waffles, fresh fruit, cereal and more. Whether looking at Comfort Inn for business or pleasure, it is the perfect location.

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## Living United Highlighted at Business After Hours in December

The holidays came a few weeks early at Business After Hours on Thursday, December 5, as United Way of Muscatine hosted a spectacular event.

The mission of the United Way of Muscatine is to strengthen the collective capacity of the people of the Greater Muscatine area to care for one another. They provide focused, strategic and responsive leadership to address the health and human service need of the area. They achieve this by building strong relationships, understanding community needs, connecting donors and volunteers, energizing and enriching health and human service providers and ensuring adequate funding is in place to achieve these missions.

A full crowd was on hand to tour the United Way office, located upstairs in downtown Pearl Plaza, speak with the United Way staff and mingle with the many GMCCI guests on hand. The event sponsor for the night was HNI Corporation who helped provide a full range of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, holiday desserts and drinks. The evening's door prize was awarded to Micki Tripp, Muscatine Sister Cities. Tripp received a beautiful Oscar Grossheim print to take home.

January's Business After Hours will be one you don't want to miss! Mark your calendars now, for in the first time in recent history, GMCCI will be hosting our very own Business After Hours. On January 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. all members are encouraged to represent their company at the Gallery on Second, 129 W. Second Street, downtown Muscatine (the former Marie Lindsey Furniture and Interiors Store).

Guests will have the opportunity to feast on a "Taste of GMCCI". Area member restaurants and caterers will be there to market their business and showcase a few of their most popular menu items. Come hungry!



  
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## Renewed Members

Company	Years	Company	Years	Company	Years
Muscatine Journal	70	Lofgren Investments	25	Van Meter Industrial Inc	16
Kent Corporation	70	Precision Equipment, LLC.	25	The Post	15
Alliant Energy	69	CDS Global	24	White Distribution & Supply, Inc.	15
The HON Company	64	Muscatine Used Parts, Inc	24	Direct Maytag	15
Daufeldt Transport, Inc	56	Burke Cleaners	21	Rochelle Conway	15
Family Eye & Contact Lens Center	53	Investment Center of Muscatine	21	Tallgrass	14
Monsanto Company	52	Charles J. Lewis	20	Allsteel	13
Muscatine County Abstract Co	47	Nepple Law, PLC	20	Sycamore Printing	11
City of Muscatine	45	Environmental Services, Inc	19	Village Profile.com	11
Musser Public Library	45	The Flower Gallery	19	State Farm Insurance - Garcia-VanAuken	10
Lutheran Homes	43	Raymond-Muscatine, Inc.	18	Jerry Coffman	10
Muscatine Mall	43	Muscatine Community Y	18	Triumph Staffing	9
Gerdau	39	Riverside Animal Hospital	18	Advanced Accounting Personnel	9
Sulzberger Excavating Inc	38	Team Staffing Solutions, Inc.	18	The Rendezvous	8
Wester Drug Inc	38	Tru Art Color Graphics	18	Joseph Pack-N-Ship Postal Center and More	7
Carver Pump Company	37	Lucas Communication Inc	17	Muscatine Urgent Care	7
Hy-Vee Mainstreet	37	St. Ambrose University	17	Senior Resources	7
Muscatine Community College	37	Ameriprise Financial	16	GrapeTree Medical Staffing, Inc.	5
Dallas Group of America	36	Biotek Associates International	16	Hy-Vee Home Health Care and Medical Suppl	4
Muscatine Community Schools	36	dciPrint.com	16	Mercy Family Medicine of Muscatine	4
Neal's Vacuum & Sewing Center	36	Quest Liner Inc	16	Women's Connection, Inc	3
Community Bank	34	Holmes Collision Repair	16	Muscatine Connected Education Foundation	3
Curtis Financial Services	34	Kellor & Kellor Landscape Inc	16	Life's Detail Inc.	2
Musco Sports Lighting LLC	32	Louisa-Muscatine Community School Dist.	16	Bent River Community Credit Union	2
Carver Aero, Inc	31	Missipi Brew	16	Rainbow International Restoration & Cleaning	2
Carriage House Carpet One	30	Muscatine Family Restaurant	16	Warrior Crossfit Muscatine	1
State Farm Insurance - Bob Keig	30	Nelson Electric, Inc.	16	Miss Muscatine Scholarship Program	1
River's Edge Gallery	26	Reynolds Engineering & Equipment, Inc.	16	BAAR- Beauty And Art Redesigned	1
		TanTara Transportation Corp	16		

## Giving Thanks and Looking Forward to 2014



It does not seem possible that I have been writing a monthly article for the *Pearl City Progress* for over a year now. The year has passed quickly; giving me the opportunity to meet and greet some wonderful folks through SCORE during 2013. We at SCORE look forward to a prosperous 2014.

I happen to also teach at Muscatine Community College where we have been seeing an emphasis on the entrepreneurial spirit. This is refreshing! The challenge that folks face in starting new businesses can be daunting, but it is important to know that one is not alone. Our local SCORE President, Jerry Johnson, and I will be meeting with a client on a different day and a different time than our usual times this upcoming week. This goes to show we are flexible and we want to help.

Just look at these amazing stats: SCORE helped start 37,054 new small businesses and create 82,206 jobs in 2012 nationwide. There are 10 million bricks in the Empire State Building and that is how many people SCORE has helped since 1964.

If you are in need, a SCORE Mentor is always available. Call GMCCI at 563-263-8895 and set up an appointment. A mentor will be happy to help you make 2014 a prosperous new year.

*Doctor John*

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# Member Spotlight: The Sherwin-Williams Company

**Who:** The Sherwin-Williams Company  
**What:** A leading provider in paint, window treatments and floor coverings.  
**Where:** 120 E 2nd Street, Muscatine, IA 52761  
**Website:** www.sherwin-williams.com  
**Member Since:** April 19, 2013

For close to 150 years, Sherwin-Williams has been providing its customers the best in high quality paint coatings, window treatments and floor coverings for residential, commercial and industrial markets, as well as the tools and advice to make sure the jobs get done right.



Muscatine was first introduced to The Sherwin-Williams Company in 1952. For 61 years residents and contractors alike have been using this store as their primary one-stop-shop for all their building and remodeling needs.

Devin Lawson became the new store manager of Muscatine's location in the spring of 2013.

*"Our customers come into our store looking for an experience only a paint retailer can provide. We pride ourselves on being there for our customers from the idea to the finished product," said Lawson.*

For a company that has been around since 1866, has not only grown to be the largest producer of paints and coatings in the United States, but it is among the largest producers in the world. They also take great pride in their employees. From their professional work environment to their excellent benefits and training, they take care of the people that help make them strong.

Locally, Sherwin-Williams regularly donates items for various charitable events for families in Muscatine and most recently have been pleased to do business with fellow GMCCI member Rebuilding Together of Muscatine County.

Lawson looks forward to developing more relationships in the Muscatine community and having the store find ways to support and be an even bigger part of Muscatine.

*Want your chance in the spotlight?* Be sure to attend our next Business After Hours where you'll have the chance to be highlighted.

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## Local Sisters Awarded Youth Engaged in Service Grant



On Monday, December 2, Abigail and Emma Yerington (sisters) became the first recipients of a “Youth Engaged in Service” Grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine in the amount of \$1900 to support their “Coins for Christmas” program. The granting ceremony took place at their school, Grant Elementary.

The “Coins for Christmas” program began three years ago when the girls were in 2nd grade. Their second grade teacher, Joellen Kill, read them a story about a homeless father and his 4 year old son living in an airport. The girls were inspired by this story and as a result, have been annually collecting coins around the holidays at their elementary school to purchase needed supplies for our local homeless shelter.

To date, Abigail and Emma, with the support of fellow Grant Elementary School students, have raised over \$5,000 to support families living in our homeless shelter. With the grant money, the girls will purchase new mattresses and picnic tables for the family shelter at the Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA).

The Youth Engaged in Service Granting Program, called “YES”, is generously sponsored by Monsanto, our Business Circle and Partners in Philanthropy. These groups are making grant dollars available only to youth under 18 who are involved in charitable work to improve their communities. Representatives from Monsanto, Musco Sports Lighting, the Muscatine Community School District and MCSA were in attendance at the granting ceremony to celebrate with Emma and Abigail.

If you would like to learn more about the YES granting program, please contact Shelly Maharry at the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, 563-264-3863. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with the next awards being granted in March 2014.

## Nepple Law, PLC Named First Tier Metropolitan “Best Law Firm” by U.S. News – Best Lawyers®



Nepple Law, PLC has been named a First Tier Metropolitan “Best Law Firm” in the Quad Cities region by its peers in *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* for 2014 in two

practice areas – Tax Law and Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law. Nepple Law is one of over 11,000 law firms in the U.S. to receive this First Tier ranking. It is the

only firm under Tax Law and one of two firms under Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law in the Quad Cities area to receive this distinction.

Nepple Law, with three offices in Muscatine, Davenport, and Moline, is a regional law firm with five attorneys, three tax accountants and five administrative assistants providing nationally recognized services to Iowa and Illinois clients for over 40 years in tax planning and preparation, estate planning and trust and estate administration, business planning, employment law, retirement plans, nonprofits and charitable trusts, tax audits and appeals, and tax court

litigation. Jim Nepple, managing partner, has been listed in *Best Lawyers* for over 20 years. Nepple Law also owns NPL Tax & Accounting, LLC. Iowa and Illinois clients are served in the fields of accounting and QuickBooks tax planning and return preparation, financial statement compilations, and payroll services.

Firms included in the 2014 “Best Law Firms” list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.



# Muscatine Veterinary Hospital P.C. Welcomes Two New Veterinarians



The Muscatine Veterinary Hospital P.C, located at 2200 Park Avenue, Muscatine, has recently welcomed two new vets to their staff, Dr. Erin Adley and Dr. Nick Sterner.

Dr. Erin Adley grew up in Minnesota and Colorado and was surrounded with animals. Her family raised American Paint horses and she actively showed dogs in her local 4-H program. During college she traveled overseas on multiple student exchange trips, including doing a veterinary course in India and South Africa. Adley graduated from Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine in May of 2010 and began working at a small animal walk-in practice in the south Chicago suburbs. While at this practice she gained an interest in ophthalmology and saw a very wide range of cases. She started at Muscatine Veterinary Hospital in

September of this year. She currently lives in Muscatine with her fiancé and two Australian Cattle Dogs; Sky and Bandit. In her free time she likes to cook and ski with her family in Colorado.

Dr. Nick Sterner grew up in Lone Tree, Iowa and had a menagerie of animals that first sparked his interest in becoming a veterinarian. Sterner completed his Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Iowa State University in 2009 and graduated from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May of 2013. He spent a period of time working as an Emergency Veterinarian at an animal referral and specialty center in Des Moines where he had previously worked as a technician. Although he enjoyed the quick pace and learned a great deal in a short amount of time he wanted to be closer to friends and family. Nick joined the Muscatine Veterinary Hospital in November of this year. In his free time he enjoys riding his horse, being outdoors, and spending time with his baby nephew.



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# Chamber Chat



Kim Warren, United Way, is shown accepting a \$500 donation check from Salvatore's Ristorante to go towards United Way of Muscatine's Annual Campaign.



Central State Bank employees donated their food items to the Hawkeye Trailer at Hy-Vee during the first week of the Two Weeks of Love campaign. All food donations went to the Salvation Army of Muscatine.



Young patients at UnityPoint-Trinity Muscatine were comforted by stuffed animals donated by pageant winners this holiday season. Judi Connor, director of C&S Pageants, Inc. and the pageant girls presented the stuffed animals Friday, December 13th. Pictured from left to right: Justine Wagaman, Trinity RN; Lexi Weikert (Muscatine), Miss Pre-Teen; Bella Larson (Wapello), Miss Hospitality; Allison Aguilar (West Liberty), Miss Jr. Muscatine and Minerva McCabe, Trinity RN. (Bottom row) Ava Fusco (Muscatine), Little Miss Muscatine and Chloe is Edaburn (Muscatine), Little Miss Sweetheart.



GMCCI members, Chamber Ambassador Network members and members of the Muscatine community celebrated at 101 West on Thursday, December 19 with a Ribbon Cutting. Guests were able to tour the beautifully renovated restaurant and bar, as well as meet the owners Marty Mehlert and Laura Juszczyk.

Have recent company photos to share? Submit to [abillhorn@muscatine.com](mailto:abillhorn@muscatine.com), with the headline Chamber Chat.



# “Taste of GMCCI” Coming to You!

On Thursday, January 9, the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be hosting their first ever Business After Hours.

GMCCI is inviting the entire membership to the Gallery on 2nd, 129 W. Second Street, downtown Muscatine, from 5 to 7 p.m., for a unique opportunity to mingle with other businesses, restaurants, GMCCI staff and many other Chamber members.

Held in the former Marie Lindsey Furniture and Interiors Store, this space owned by Tom and Ann Meeker has most recently been transformed to house the “Embracing the Land” art exhibit; where guests from China and beyond have visited to see the artwork of Mr. Bai Runzhang. Runzhang’s artwork will be on display the night of this event.

The highlight of the evening will be what the Chamber is calling “Taste of GMCCI”. Over 10 Chamber member restaurants and caterers will be on hand to showcase their premiere appetizers, entrees and desserts. This co-op marketing opportunity is fantastic for these members, as well as those in attendance.

The goal of this event is to provide GMCCI members a networking opportunity that they cannot afford to miss. Business After Hours has always been about being in a room full of potential clients, in a no-pressure atmosphere. A place where people can unwind, relax and enjoy other’s company.

We highly encourage all members to mark this date on their calendar to attend. Bring a friend, bring your co-workers and show them what being a Chamber member is all about.



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**What's a Walking Moai?**  
Moai Walking Teams are groups of up to 10 people who walk together at least once a week for 10 weeks to points of interest throughout the community. Teams spend time together and build friendships while tracking their steps as they explore their neighborhoods.  
The term “moai” comes from Okinawa, Japan. It means “meeting for a common purpose.” It originated as a way for villagers to support each other in times of need. Moai Walking Teams encourage that same social support while adding the physical benefits of walking.

**Why Join a Walking Moai?**  
Moai Walking Teams are a great way to meet new friends and stay healthy. **Sign Up** and we'll connect you to a team and help you discover a healthier, happier, more connected future.

**Getting Started:**  
**Step 1:** Sign up for the Blue Zones Project and then register for the next Moai at: [bluezonesproject.com](http://bluezonesproject.com)  
**Step 2:** After signing up, attend the launch event to join a team.

**Launch Event:**  
**DATE:** Saturday, January 11  
**TIME:** 10:00-11:30AM  
**LOCATION:** Muscatine Mall



# Nominations Being Accepted for 2014 ATHENA Awards®

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 ATHENA Awards®, scheduled for March 26, 2014, noon, at Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island. Presented in affiliation with Athena International by the Women's Connection and the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, the awards will honor outstanding women leaders in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Missman, Inc. is the title sponsor of the 2014 ATHENA Awards, with additional sponsorship from Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors, DHCU Community Credit Union, Senior Star at Elmore Place, The University of Iowa Tippie MBA and Quad-City Times. Deadline for nominations is January 20, 2014.

## Honorees for the 2014 ATHENA Awards will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Nominee demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in her business or profession
- Nominee provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community
- Nominee actively assists women in realizing their full leadership potential

**New this year**, during the event, a Male Champion of Change Award will be presented to a regional man who exhibits exceptional commitment to the acceleration of women in leadership, and who utilizes his influence, talents and abilities to enhance gender diversity.

Nomination forms for the Athena Award and for the Male Champion of Change Award are available at [www.quadcitieschamber.com](http://www.quadcitieschamber.com) and at [www.womens-connection.org](http://www.womens-connection.org). For more information, call (309)631-0167.

The mission of Athena International is "to support, develop and honor women leaders; to inspire women to achieve their full potential; and to create balance in leadership worldwide." The mission of the ATHENA Award program is to elevate and honor those women who are setting a gold standard in their business and community leadership, and who are helping to bring along the next generation of women leaders.

Since 1982, 6,000 ATHENA Awards and Global ATHENA Leadership Awards have been presented by Athena International in more than 500 communities in the United States, Canada, Russia, China, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

## Past ATHENA Award recipients in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois: 2006

- Marie Ziegler, Deere & Company
- Cathy Whiteside, Quad City Bank and Trust
- Dr. Barbara Suelter, Superintendent United Township High School District #30
- Denise Spindel, Quint Co. Inc.
- Pamela Fisher, Two Rivers Massage and del Sol

## 2007

- Michelle Gau, Alleman Catholic High School
- Roxanne Kramer, Always A Woman Boutique
- Mary Lagerblade, retired Relocation Director, Mel Foster Company
- Diane Nelson, Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois

## 2008

- Mary Junck, Lee Enterprises, Inc.
- Christy Kunz, Junior Achievement Worldwide
- Jan Masamoto, JTM Concepts, Inc.
- Linda Newborn, Deere & Company
- Heidi Schultz, Management Resource Group

## 2009

- Lisa Brothers Arbisser, MD, Eye Surgeons Associates
- Kim Armstrong, PhD
- Cheri Bustos, Iowa Health Systems
- Hon. Linda Neuman
- Dana Wilkinson, Paragon Commercial Interiors, Inc.

## 2010

- Stephanie Acri, Evans Premium Manufacturing
- Linda Duffy, Assumption High School
- Jennifer Rowe, Serv-A-Lite
- Cynthia Tidwell, Royal Neighbors of America

## 2011

**Recipient: Sr. Joan Lescinski, St. Ambrose University**

### Honorees:

- Julie Bechtel, Quad-City Times
- Denise Bulat, Bi-State Regional Commission
- Caroline Ruhl, Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors
- Jackie Staron, River City Tire
- Ginny Wilson-Peters, Integrity Integrated

## 2012

**Recipient: Gayle Roberts, Stanley Consultants**

### Honorees:

- Diane Campbell, Muscatine Community School District
- Carmen Darland, Quad City Arts
- Kelli Grubbs, Victory Enterprises
- Pat Shouse, Trinity Regional Health System
- Sally Welvaert, John Deere Classic

## 2013

**Recipient: Sarah Lande, former Executive Director of Iowa Sister States**

### Honorees:

- Joy Boruff, Moline Foundation
- Angela Moody, Arrowhead Ranch
- Heidi Parkhurst, Merrill Lynch



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# YPN Shows Their Holiday Spirit

## December Third Thursday Recap

Thank you to Plamor Lanes for hosting December's Third Thursday! We all had a ball with bowling, the ugly sweater contest, the photo booth and the yummy food. What a wonderful turnout we had, with several NEW YPN members signing up for 2014 membership. Luke Nguyen won the ugly sweater contest and received \$10 gift certificate to Plamor Lanes. The group also donated toys to the Two Weeks of Love toy drive. A special THANK YOU goes out to St. Ambrose University, Vintage Sound 93.1 and Allsteel for being the corporate supporters for the event.

## January Third Thursday – YPN Annual Meeting

Don't miss out on the annual meeting event at the next Third Thursday on January 16, 2014 at Geneva Golf & Country Club. Come and enjoy the food, drinks and social time and learn how to become more involved in YPN and our community. Don't forget that the membership drive will wrap up at this event; so come and sign up for membership in 2014 and get a chance to win an iPad Air!

## Two Weeks of Love Recap

The Muscatine Young Professionals Network sponsored the Corporate Freezing for Food donation and the Toy Time Drive donation in December. Participants this year were; Unity Point Hospitals and Clinics, Tantera Transportation, Boonies on the Avenue, Central State Bank, Monsanto, First National Bank, The HON Company, Muscatine Power and Water,

Happy Home Daycare, Shelter Insurance of Muscatine, Kent Corporation, The City of Muscatine, Vintage Sound 93.1, Bridgestone Bandag, Western Illinois University, Muscatine Community College, and MUSCO Sports Lighting. As you can see in the photos, this was a huge success again this year. There was an entire Hawkeye trailer full of food and toys to give to our community. Many families were able to enjoy a very happy holiday season due to these donations.

On behalf of YPN, Krieger's, Hy-Vee and the entire Muscatine Community, we thank you for the overwhelming participation and donations to this year's Two Weeks of Love. We look forward to making it a success for years to come!





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# January

## 9 Jan

SCORE

1:30 to 3:30 PM

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Gallery on 2nd

129 W. Second Street,

Muscatine

5 to 7 PM

## 16 Jan

SCORE

1:30 to 3:30 PM

YPN's Third Thursday

Geneva Golf & Country Club

3100 Bidwell Road,

Muscatine

5:30 to 7:30 PM

## 17 Jan

GMCCI Executive Board

Meeting

GMCCI Conference Room

Noon to 1 PM

23 Jan

SCORE

1:30 to 3:30 PM

## 30 Jan

SCORE

1:30 to 3:30 PM

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Entire 3 Day Concert Package:**  
(\$40.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Evening Concert Tickets:**  
Fri. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ragtime Shellgame Lunch**  
Friday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - Non ticket event  
Free entry - menu prices \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Afternoon Concert:**  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sunday Concert:** Jan 26<sup>th</sup> (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**FREE Activities include:**  
Eagle Watch: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>  
Ragtime/Jazz Gospel Service: Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

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The duo, consisting of Anne Barnhart on flute and vocals with Jeff Barnhart on piano and vocals, was formed in 2001 to perform to great acclaim at the prestigious annual Jazz Festival in Sun Valley, Idaho. Individually, Anne and Jeff could not have come from more disparate musical backgrounds. Anne is a magna cum laude graduate of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and holds both bachelor and masters degrees in music. Following extensive master-class experience performing for such world famous artists as Jeffrey Khaner and Goran Marcussen, Anne participated under Ransom Wilson in the Academie Internationale d'ete de Nice held in Nice, France.

Jeff Barnhart is a highly regarded pianist, vocalist, arranger, bandleader, recording artist, composer, pedagogue and entertainer. Jeff began his professional career at age 14 performing throughout New England at jazz clubs and restaurants as a soloist and with ensembles. He continued to maintain a busy performing schedule while earning a double bachelor's degree in Music and English (Summa Cum Laude) from Connecticut College.

**Martin Spitznagel** Martin Spitznagel has been hailed as a remarkable, astonishing, and “face-melting” musical talent. His flying fingers and sparkling repertoire have left audiences across the country enthralled with America's first popular music, Ragtime. Whether performing the masterworks of Scott Joplin or the score to Star Wars, Martin is truly at home on the piano bench. He found success early, winning a Yamaha Disklavier at the age of 14 in Calloope Media's nationwide Crazy for Ragtime competition. His entry, chosen from the hundreds of submissions by a panel of judges that included world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, coincided with the centennial of the birth of ragtime music in 1897.

**Bryan S. Wright** Bryan S. Wright is a pianist and musicologist and the 2013 Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation's Artist in Residence. A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Bryan was classically trained as a pianist and now specializes in ragtime and early jazz piano styles. With his wife, Yukko, he has performed and lectured on ragtime across the United States and abroad and released two full-length solo CDs, Syncopated Musings and Breakin' Notes.

**Faye Ballard** Faye Ballard has been interested in ragtime music since the age of 10 when Les Cripe, former piano player for the Harry James band, taught her how to play “Maple Leaf Rag”. Faye first entered the World Old-Time Piano Playing Championship and Festival at age 12 where she competed against the contests first champion, Joybelle Squibb. Faye has been a 5-time finalist in the contest and currently serves as the Contest Coordinator. Faye was also thrilled to star in the documentary made about the 2009 competition, “The Entertainers”. Faye enjoys performing at festivals such as the Scott Joplin Festival in Sedalia, MO and playing for her church and various local events.

**Daniel Souvigny**, is a 12 year old who lives in Hampshire, IL. He loves music and has a big passion for ragtime. He has been playing the piano since the age of 5, and began serious technique training at the age of 10. As a way to give back to his community, Daniel has been performing on a regular basis at a variety of local venues since the age of 8. He currently studies classical, jazz, and ragtime music. In 2012, at the age of 11 years old, Daniel became one of the youngest to win 1st place in the Junior World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest in Peoria, IL.

**Mad Creek Mudcats** began in 1992 as an offshoot of the River City Big Band. The music they play is what was popular in the 1890-1930 period. This encompasses a lot of ragtime, traditional jazz, and some novelty tunes. They have been a regular at Eagles and Ivories for years.

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## Festival at a Glance

### Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- 11:30 to 1:00pm **Ragtime Shellgame Lunch**\* at The Muscatine History & Industry Center  
5:00 to 7:00 pm **Soup supper** with music by the **Mad Creek Mudcats** at Wesley United Methodist Church.
- 7:00 pm **Concert** with **Ivory&Gold®**, featuring **Jeff & Anne Barnhart**, **Martin Spitznagel**, **Bryan S. Wright**, **Faye Ballard**, and **Daniel Souvigny** at Wesley United Methodist Church.
- 10:00 pm **Afterhours** at The Muscatine History & Industry Center.

### Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- 9:00 to 3:00 pm **Eagle Watch** at Pearl City Station, 200 West Riverfront. (in Riverfront Park) Presentations by Corps of Engineers Park Rangers & Dave Bakke, Naturalist. Eagle Watch is free.
- 12:00 pm Silent Movies at Muscatine Art Center
- 2:00 pm **Concert** at Muscatine Art Center - **Martin Spitznagel & Bryan S. Wright**.
- 5:00 to 7:00 pm **Syncopation Supper** at Wesley United Methodist Church featuring **Locust Street Boys**.
- 7:00 pm **Concert** with **Ivory&Gold®**, featuring **Jeff Barnhart & Anne Barnhart**, **Martin Spitznagel**, **Bryan S. Wright**, **Faye Ballard**, and **Daniel Souvigny** at Wesley United Methodist Church.
- 10:00 pm **Afterhours** at The Muscatine History & Industry Center

### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- 10:45 am **Ragtime/Jazz Gospel Worship Service** at Wesley United Methodist Church.
- 2:00 pm **Concert by Ivory&Gold®** featuring **Jeff & Anne Barnhart** at Muscatine Art Center.

#### Locations:

Wesley United Methodist Church at 400 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa.  
Pearl City Station at 200 West Riverfront, Muscatine, Iowa.  
Muscatine Art Center at 1314 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa.  
The Muscatine History & Industry Center at 117 West 2nd Street, Muscatine, Iowa

\* non ticket event - menu prices

## Lodging:



**Fairfield Inn** by Marriott  
305 Cleveland Street

Fairfield Inn has reserved a block of rooms at the rate of \$65.00, plus tax for Weekend participants. Amenities include complimentary deluxe continental breakfast, heated indoor pool and spa, free high-speed internet access, and 24 hour coffee and tea. For more information call 563-264-5566. The Fairfield Inn is located about 4 miles from the Downtown events scheduled.

## General Information:

- ⇒ Evening Concerts are \$15.00.
- ⇒ Entire 3 day concert package is \$40.00.
- ⇒ Saturday Afternoon Silent Movies \$5.00
- ⇒ Saturday Afternoon Concert is \$10.00.
- ⇒ Sunday Afternoon Concert is \$10.00.
- ⇒ Children 16 and under free to all events.
- ⇒ Eagle Watch is free.

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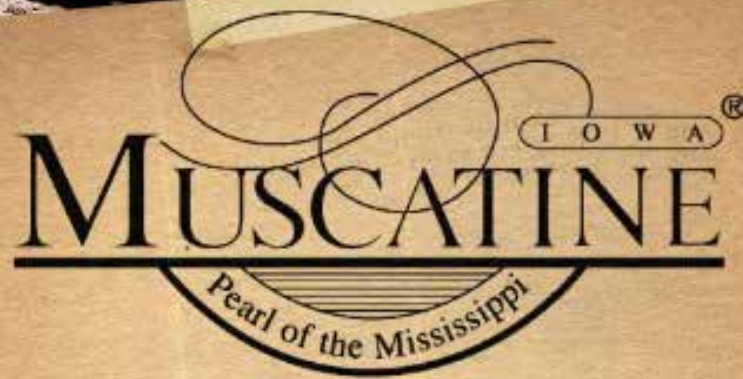
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