

Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce

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2006

News In Brief

CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 24th
7:30 a.m.

Decker Hotel & Restaurant

Program Agenda includes:

- *Presidential Award Presentation
- *Executive Director's Award Presentation
- *Review of 2005 & Committee Reports

Outgoing Directors: Brian Aunan, Brian Hintgen, & Annette Sohl

Incoming Directors: Carri Gilson, Julie Moore, & Dean Schauf

Reservations required by Fri., January 20th—
maqchamberassist@qwest.net or 563-652-4602.



Left to Right—Brian Aunan & Brian Hintgen

THANK YOU!

As we enter 2006, we say goodbye to 3 Chamber Board members: Brian Aunan, Brian Hintgen, & Annette Sohl (absent from picture). We will miss their guidance and dedication. We thank each of them for their time and commitment to the Chamber.

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURE AWARDS

The Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee is seeking nominations for the annual Friends of Agriculture Awards. The three categories include Farmer, Public Service, and Agri Industry. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office or Limestone Bluff RC & D office 1000 E. Platt in Maquoketa. Nomination forms must be returned to the Limestone Bluff office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2. The awards will be presented at KMAQ's Farm & Home Show on Thursday, February 9, 12:30 p.m. The awards are sponsored by the Maquoketa Chamber Ag

AG SEMINAR

Thursday, February 16th

Noon—2:00 p.m.

Comfort Inn

Speaker: Roger McEowen, Associate Professor of Agriculture Law at ISU

Topic: Tax tips and other farm issues

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

Drawing for bag of seed corn

RSVP to the Chamber by Wed., Feb. 8

Sponsored by the Maquoketa Chamber Ag Committee.

Welcome Basket

The Maquoketa Jr. Women's Club would like to invite all Chamber businesses to participate in extending a warm welcome to the new members of our community. The Jr. Women create and deliver welcome baskets to anyone who has recently moved to Maquoketa—but they need your help!

They are out or running low on most of the items they have been placing in the baskets. **If you previously donated or would like to begin donating promotional items with your business name on them, please drop off 2-3 dozen items to the Chamber office (brochures, pens, mugs, etc.—be creative!) . It is a great way to get your business name out to new members of our community.**

SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS HOST A BUSINESS SOCIAL

A Business After Hours is a Chamber social occasion that is an opportunity to showcase your business. It provides a networking experience for all of those who attend. It can be a Business Before Hours or a Business At Noon, if you prefer.

The Chamber will assist you in putting together this occasion. A combination of businesses may host this social. We want this to be a worthwhile experience for all of you.

If interested, contact Cheryl at 563-652/4602 to set up a date today.



Santa arrives in Maquoketa on Forrest Miller's horse and wagon along with several children who earned the honor to ride with Santa. Photo courtesy of Maquoketa Sentinel Press.

Congratulations

- ***Mayberry Maytag Home Appliance Center** celebrating 25 years in business
- ***Miner, Gilroy & Meade, Certified Public Accountants, PC**
- ***Sister Rita Green** honored for her 16 years of service as principal of Sacred Heart School
- ***Jody Martens**, named Assistant Vice-President of Ag Lending for Metrobank, Delmar
- ***Maquoketa Community School District Music Department** named the Iowa Exemplary Music Program by the Iowa Music Education Association
- ***DAC, Inc.** for receiving a 3 year accreditation from CARF by demonstrating that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable
- ***Bluff Lake Catfish Farm** for hosting a book signing for Terry Swails, Chief Meteorologist for DWQC-TV6
- ***ANNIVERSARIES:** November—Beidlers' Implement—37 yrs.; Jack & Associates—37 yrs.; and Subway—13 yrs. December—Lahey Funeral & Cremation Services—17 yrs.; and DuTrac Community Credit Union—6 yrs. January, 2006—River Service & Wick Buildings—52 yrs.; H & R Block—27 yrs.; Paul Miller Insurance—27 yrs.; Maquoketa Family Clinic—26 yrs.; and Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors—5 yrs.



2006 Chamber Board Members
Left to right: Julie Moore, Dean Schauf, and Carri Gilson

CARRI GILSON is the Account Coordinator at Sedona Staffing Services in Maquoketa. She has been employed at Sedona for 10 months.

After graduating from Maquoketa High School, She moved to Cedar Rapids and went to Kirkwood. She lived there for 10 years. While living there, she worked at MCI. In 1998 my family moved back to Maquoketa. Her husband, Denny, is the manager of Tandem Tire and they have 3 children Jordan (15), Dustin (11), and Hannah (41/2). They keep busy with all of their sporting and school events.

In her spare time she likes to go boating, shopping and spend time with her family. She is currently getting her AA degree at Clinton Community College. She is excited and looks forward to the challenge of being on the Chamber Board.

JULIE MOORE – Julie was born and raised in Dubuque. She is an operating room nurse by history, but switched gears and began selling real estate in 1998 for Re/Max. She moved to Maquoketa in 2002, continuing her real estate career as well as working with her husband at Ken Moore Construction. In 2004, Julie and her husband, Kenny, opened Big Bear Antiques and Giftables.

She has served on the American Heart Association fund raiser committee for 3 years and has been an Optimist since 2000.

Julie has four daughters and two grandsons. Julie has a wide range of interests, including physical fitness, photography, animals, cooking and traveling.

DEAN SCHAUF- Dean has been a resident of Maquoketa since 1984. He and his wife, Arlene (his better half as they say), have three children: Nick, teaching in Ventura, IA; Josh, a senior at Coe College; and Andy, a senior at Maquoketa High School.

Dean has been in the mortgage industry since 1997 and is currently the Branch Manager/Owner of Advanced Home Lending on South Main Street. He is a member of the Iowa Association of Mortgage Brokers as well as the National Association of Mortgage Brokers.

Outside interests include attending athletic events that his children are involved in, playing a little golf, and traveling.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| January 6 -
February 28 | Wendy Waltert Paintings Exhibit
Ohnward Fine Arts Center | February 16 | "Tax Tips & Other Farm Issues" Seminar
Noon - 2:00 p.m., Comfort Inn |
| January 12 | Maquoketa High School Band Concert
Ohnward Fine Arts Center/Kopel Theater | February 18 | Public Legislative Forum
9:00 a.m. - Maquoketa City Hall |
| January 15 | Jackson County Team Trivia
JCHS, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds | February 18 | JAZZ I: The Univ. of Wisconsin Jazz Band
Ohnward Fine Arts Center/Kopel Theater |
| January 21-22 | Gun Show - Pearson Center, Fairgrounds | February 18 | Artist Reception for Wendy Waltert
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Drew Art Gallery
Ohnward Fine Arts Center |
| January 24 | Chamber Annual Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Decker Hotel & Restaurant—RSVP | February 18 | Jackson County Team Trivia
JCHS, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds |
| January 27-28 | "Annie" Production by ENCORE!
Ohnward Fine Arts Center | February 19 | "What's Cookin' With Men Who Cook!"
5:00-7:00 p.m., Pearson Hall, Fairgrounds |
| January 28 | Womens Lifestyle Fair
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Comfort Inn | February 19 | For the Love of the Child Dinner
5:00 p.m. - Comfort Inn |
| January 28 | Public Legislative Forum
9:00 a.m. - Maquoketa City Hall | February 24 | "The Braschler Music Show"
Ohnward Fine Arts Center/Kopel Theater |
| February 1 | Tony Melendaz Concert
Ohnward Fine Arts Center/Kopel Theater | February 25 | Co'Motion Dance Theatre (ISU)
Ohnward Fine Arts Center/Kopel Theater |
| February 4-5 | "Annie" Production by ENCORE!
Ohnward Fine Arts Center | February 28 | Chamber Luncheon
Speaker: Gisele Abud
Noon, Maquoketa Country Club |
| February 9-10 | KMAQ Home Show
Pearson Center, Fairgrounds | | |