

Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



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CHAMBER MISSION STATEMENT:

This Chamber is organized for the purpose of advancing the quality of life, economic well-being, and awareness of the Maquoketa area so that our community will be a better place to reside and conduct business or professional endeavors.



2009 Award Winners

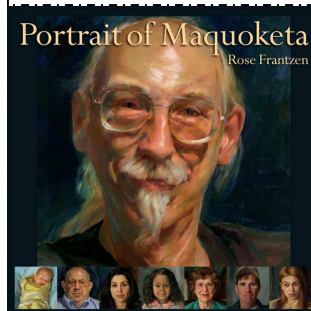
1. Congressman Bruce Braley - Invited Guest Speaker
2. Recap of 2009
3. Presentation of Awards: President's & Executive Director's
4. Outgoing Board Members & Incoming Board Members

Please join us. Reservations are required. Please contact Cheryl at maqchamberassist@qwestoffice.net or call 563-652-4602.

**Chamber Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
7:30—9:00 a.m.**

**Decker Hotel & Restaurant
\$9.00 (includes breakfast & program)**

Rose Frantzen's "Portrait of Maquoketa"



The Portrait of Maquoketa book is now available from Old City Hall Press at the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce, Maquoketa Art Experience, Old City Hall Gallery, and Osterhaus Pharmacy.

Cost: \$53.45 (includes tax)

Executive Committee

Kathy Seyfert, President
Sally Davies, Vice-President
Marla Franzen, Treasurer
Marisa Weis, Secretary

Board of Directors:

Pat Bollman
Katie Brown
Mark Burke
Tom Devine
Ron Schaefer



Staff:

Stacy Driscoll,
Chamber/Economic De-
velopment Director

Cheryl Clark,
Administrative Asst.

Sharon Krug,
Secretary

**State Historical Preservation Office
Meeting**

**Thursday, January 14, 2010
4:00 PM**

Maquoketa City Hall

Representatives from the State Historical Preserva-
tion Office will be in Maquoketa to present informa-
tion about historic and/or cultural district designa-
tions and their benefits. For more information, visit
[http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/
local-preservation/index.html](http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/local-preservation/index.html) or
[http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/
cultural_districts/index.html](http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/cultural_districts/index.html)

**Thank You to Donators for the Christmas Lights
Downtown...**

Thanks to the following businesses, clubs and individu-
als who contributed monies in the fundraising for Christ-
mas lights downtown this year: Alliance Pipeline, Judy
Bowling, Bowman's Body Shop, Brad Deery Motors,
Inc., Thomas Breuch, Attorney, Colonial Square Tax &
Acct., DuTrac Community Credit Union, Fraternal Order
of Eagles, Iowa Bank, Jack & Associates, Jackson
County Abstract Co., Kiwanis Club of Maquoketa,
KMAQ, Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, Maquoketa State
Bank, Nissen-Caven Insurance & Real Estate, Oster-
haus Pharmacy, Sedona Staffing Services, and U.S.
Bank.

A big "Thank You" to Maquoketa Municipal Electric
Utility for putting up the lights.



**From the
Chamber President,
Kathy Seyfert:**

Well, we are into the first week of the New Year and
as your Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce
president I am excited about the upcoming year. We
want you to know we are here to be your voices and
your advocates. We are mission driven and member
focused. We understand that we are responsible for
the direction of the organization and we take that role
seriously. I believe we have a diverse group of volun-
teers on our board willing to work hard for our mem-
bers. This past year our board has strived on getting
our name and faces out to the community. I hope you
have gotten a chance to meet the board members or
see them in action. We have also taken steps to attend
some of the seminars and workshops available as
chamber board members so that we have a better un-
derstanding of our jobs and how we can assist Stacy.

We are gearing up for 2010 and are preparing to set
our goals. Know that our door is always open and we
want to hear from you. It would be wonderful to have
some type of contact with each and every one of you
this year. Please accept this invitation to let us get to
know you better and tell us what we can do for you!

Happy New Year

CONGRATULATIONS

***Jackson County Toys For Tots** who supplied toys for 748 children this Christmas thanks to generous people and the great volunteers lead by Ron Schaefer and Marisa Weis.

***Josh Reicks** who joined **Schoenthaler, Roberg, Bartelt & Kahler**.

***Ben Kober** who was hired at the Jackson County Zoning Administrator.

***Subi Banerjee** hired as Senior Vice-President of Finance at **DuTrac Community Credit Union**.

***Maquoketa Sentinel-Press** for another successful 2009 Mitten Tree collecting 109 hats, 39 scarves, 175 gloves and mittens, 22 pairs of socks, 9 booties, 14 earmuffs, 14 pajamas and 6 shirts for children and adults in need.

***Maquoketa Police Department, Walmart, & Maquoketa Optimist Club** for another successful "Shop with a Cop" program. They helped 24 kids buy Christmas gifts for them and their families.

***Mark Lawson** for being appointed the Magistrate Judge.

***ANNIVERSARIES:**

JANUARY: DAC, Inc.—36 yrs.; H & R Block—31 yrs.; Maquoketa Family Clinic—30 yrs.; Maquoketa Financial Group—31 yrs.; River Service & Wick Buildings—56 yrs.; Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors—9 yrs.



Stacy Driscoll
Chamber/Economic Development Director
Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce

Did You Know?

Facts & Figures:

In December, 2009 the Chamber front office...

- ***Responded to 111 visitors that stopped in the office**
- ***Received 362 telephone calls**
- ***Received 123 pieces of mail**
- ***Received and responded to 479 emails**



Thanks to all of those who attended the Holiday Affair on Dec. 15th at the Comfort Inn. Thanks to the Maquoketa High School Chamber Choir for the great entertainment, the Decker Hotel & Restaurant for the great food and to the businesses that donated door prizes.

Prize	Business who donated	Winner
\$100 Chamber Bucks	Maq. Chamber	Bob Osterhaus
\$10 Gift Card	Bella Soul Designs	Katie Brown
\$10 Gift Card	Bella Soul Designs	Stephanie Carmichael
Holiday Arrangement	Brenda's Flowers	Deb Swanson
\$50 Visa Gift Card & Cooler Pack w/goodies	DuTrac Community Credit Union	Marla Franzen
\$25 Visa Gift Card	Maquoketa State Bank	Kim Huckstadt
Hurricane Lamp Centerpiece	Old Lumber Yard	Matt Clark
Holiday Candy Pack	Osterhaus Pharmacy	Kathy Lundin
Holiday Candy Basket	Osterhaus Pharmacy	Dean Engel
Floral Arrangement	RonAnn's Floral	Al Tubbs
1 Theatre Ticket a mo./for 1 yr.	KMAQ/Voy Theatre	Sara Sheldon
\$25 Mastercard Gift Card	Iowa Bank	Joy Jensen
Calendar, Hat, Rain Gauge, etc.	Jackson Co. Soil & Water Cons. Dist.	Tom Devine



THANK YOU, MARSHA MYERS

Marsha created a wreath for the Maquoketa

Chamber of Commerce for the Ohnward Fine Arts Center's Festival of Trees.



Peace Pipe Players To Award Scholarship

Maquoketa's Peace Pipe Players Community Theatre has announced that they are now accepting applications for their \$500.00 performing arts scholarship to be awarded to a single student in our area who has been involved in theatre, speech, dance, or music.

Applicant must be a high school senior attending Andrew, Bellevue, Bellevue Marquette, East Central, Maquoketa, Midland, Northeast, or Preston school districts.

Students interested must complete an application form, produce two letters of recommendation, and submit a typewritten essay of fewer than 500 words on the topic, "How has being involved in the arts helped shape the person you are today?" Deadline to apply is April 1, 2010.

Scholarship applications and information are available through the guidance counselors of each of the schools as well as the speech, drama and music instructors. Applications may also be downloaded from the Peace Pipe Player web site, www.peacepipeplayers.net.

Questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to Robyn Lane at rlane@mchsi.com.

Continuing Education Classes Offered at the CCC Maquoketa Center Campus

Jan. 20-Feb 10—Beginning Computers - 1-3pm -
Class fee is \$49 & Registration cut-off is January 15.

Jan. 25—Visiting Artist Series- Thodos Dance Com-
pany -7-8pm - Maquoketa High School Old Gymna-
sium. No fee. No registration is necessary.

Feb. 2-Mar. 9 - Beginning Ballroom Dance - 6:30-
7:30pm - Cardinal Elementary. Class fee is \$40 &
Registration cut-off is January 28.

Feb. 2-Mar. 9 - Beginning Swing & Latin Dance -
7:30-8:30pm—Cardinal Elementary - Class fee is \$40
& Registration cut-off is January 28.

Feb. 13 - Forklift Operators Training—9am-1pm -
Maquoketa High School - Class fee is \$75 & Registra-
tion cut-off is February 10.

For any additional information, contact Rachel Grager
at the CCC Maquoketa Center at (563) 652-5000 or
email her at rgrager@eicc.edu

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

The 2010 Legislative Session will begin on January 11, 2010. Senator Roger Stewart and Representative Tom Schueller will be working diligently in Des Moines on behalf of their constituents.

In a recent meeting with the Chamber Board of Directors, Roger and Tom indicated the Legislature will face a budget challenge this year. With a shortfall in revenues due to the economic downturn, they will be looking and working to find creative ways to shift money. The State's entire Tax Credit Programs will be under the microscope this session.

On the bright side, the session provides an opportunity to the elected officials to learn from the past and to learn to do more with less.

Nurturing existing jobs and finding creative ways to bring new jobs will be key in this tough economy.

Roger and Tom encourage everyone to call or visit them in Des Moines at anytime.

On behalf of the Chamber Board, Staff and Membership, thank you to Senator Stewart and Representative Schueller for meeting with us and we wish them all the best in the 2010 Legislative Session.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Now - July 5** "Portrait of Maquoketa" - Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington DC
- Jan. 9** The Exquisite Dress Exchange Extravaganza - 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. - Comfort Inn
- Jan. 9** Arthur Geisert Show Opening Reception 4:00-7:00pm - Maquoketa Art Experience, 124 S. Main
- Jan. 11** US Senator Chuck Grassley Town Hall Meeting - 4:45-5:45pm - Hurstville Interpretive Center—Community Room
- Jan. 14** SHPO Meeting - 4pm - City Hall (see article)
- Jan. 22-23** PPP presents "One Flew Over The Cuckoos Nest" - 7:00 pm - Ohnward Fine Arts Center - Tickets available at the Chamber office

- Jan. 26** Chamber Annual Meeting - 7:30-9:00am Decker Hotel
- Jan. 30** Legislative Update - 9:00am Maquoketa City Hall
- Feb. 11-12** KMAQ Farm & Home Show - Pearson Center, Jackson County Fairgrounds

Several classes are being offered through the Small Business Development Centers. Call 1-888-336-3907 to register or receive a brochure. You may also stop by the Maquoketa Chamber office as we have a small supply of brochures. Some of the classes offered are: Iowa Sales & Use Taxes for Landscaping; Quickbooks Pro: Essentials; Introduction to Social Media Marketing; Return to Boot Camp; Smart Start 101 - Forming Your Business; Smart Start 201 - Writing A Winning Business Plan; and Smart Start 301 - Financing Your Business.

For more information please visit our website.
www.maquoketachamber.com

Thank you...
 Maquoketa Sentinel-Press and Frantzen Photography for providing some of the pictures displayed in this newsletter.

For Immediate Release:
“The Exquisite Dress Exchange Extravaganza!”
A Maquoketa Kiwanis Event

Attention Shoppers:

For anyone looking for a classy party dress, a gown, or a dress for any formal occasion (Prom, Homecoming, Winter Dance, party, reception event...or even church!)

Sale: Saturday, January 9th – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Doors open promptly at 9:00. Comfort Inn, MAQUOKETA!

(Just off of Hwy 61, Maquoketa's FIRST exit)

Over 250 Dresses – they will take your breathe away....
(shoes, purses and jewelry too)

Saturday, January 9th, the Maquoketa Kiwanis After Prom committee is hosting the first ever Dress Exchange Event at the Comfort Inn, Maquoketa, Iowa, from 9:00am – 12:00. Four communities are involved including: Maquoketa, Wyoming (Midland), Andrew, and Preston.

This is an opportunity for shoppers to find party dresses, formal prom gowns, homecoming dresses and accessories at **seriously reduced prices**. Most dresses have only been worn ONCE. Sizes range from 0-22....something for everyone!

Four communities have been collecting dresses and over 250 dresses are ready for purchase. The dresses have been cleaned and pressed and are hanging on a hanger. Volunteer “Sizers and Fitters” will greet shoppers with information and assistance. Dressing rooms and mirrors have been hauled in to make the shopping experience classy and efficient.

The tag will list the original price, selling price, and a code. The seller will keep 80% of the selling price. The remaining 20% stays with the organizing entity – The Maquoketa Kiwanis Club After Prom Committee. (Purses, shoes and jewelry are a 50/50 split.) The seller's identity is kept private.

Thank you to Gilmore Drycleaners for giving a 10% cleaning discount for any dresses cleaned for this event. And thank you to the Thede Family for assisting with the Comfort Inn discounts.

Committee members include: Kerry Schepers – chairperson, Kathy Seyfert, Lenke Carson, Renee Davison, Vanessa Fowler, Peg Flenker, Brooke Herring, Karen Breitbach, Nicole Hute, and Lesley Caven. Surrounding community volunteer contacts are: Andrew – Kelly McMahon; Midland – Sheila Paulsen; Preston – Shirley Driscoll. (Contact : Kerry: cell: 319-350-3792)