

February 11, 2011

Membership Drive Update

Because of the bad weather causing limited ability to get out & about, we have extended the membership drive to Feb 18th. Please encourage businesses & non-profits to join the Chamber. Remember, each new member receives 10 free ads on each of Three Eagles 7 radio stations, 1 free ad in Fort Dodge Living magazine, & will be featured in the Messenger's Business Review.

Centerpiece Baskets Needed

The Chamber's annual dinner will be held on Tue, Mar 1st. We still need a few more centerpiece baskets purchased or created by our members to decorate the tables & be given away as door prizes. You may use your business promotional materials to create your own basket, & baskets should measure no larger than 12"x12"x12". One basket per business, please. Baskets must be delivered to the Chamber office no later than Fri, Feb 25th. Thank you to those that have already donated.

Thank You Sue's Draperies

Thank you to Sue Baedke/Sue's Draperies for donating a much needed office chair!

Your Promotional Items Needed

We are assembling 50 gift bags for the Leadership Iowa gathering being held in Fort Dodge & invite you to drop off your promotional items to be included in the bag.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

- Feb 16th @ 9:30am -Fareway, celebrating grand opening of new store at 10am
- Feb 23rd @ 10:00am -Sunderman Farm Management, followed by Open House until 1pm, celebrating 50 years of business, 1309 1st Ave S, Suite 5
- Mar 2nd @ 5:00pm -Beacon of Hope, 1021 1st Ave N

All Aboard For China

This fall, the Mason City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a trip to China. This will be a cost-effective opportunity for members of our business community to become familiar with some of China's major cities, experience their centuries-old customs & history, & gain a better understanding of Chinese business practices & customs. If you are interested in more information, including the exciting trip itinerary, contact Amy at the Chamber. The cost of \$1,999 includes round-trip airfare from Los Angeles, accommodations in 4 & 5 star hotels, 3 full meals per day, all transportation within China, English-speaking tour guides.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our own Sandy Jones, Finance & Administration here at the Chamber, for a great performance last week with the Manson Meridian Singers. This was their 40th anniversary show & Sandy has been a part of this group for 13 of those 40 years.

Chamber Display Case

Stop by & see Crissann Campbell's alluring display for Travel & Transport. It's guaranteed to make you want to 'escape'!

