

Happy Blue Year!

# January 2015

The mission of the Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote progressive community and economic development to benefit Chamber members and the North Iowa region.



**Time:** 4:30-6:30PM

**Date:** Thursday, January 15

**Location:** North Iowa Youth For Christ

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Mason City

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## Make 2015 A Blue Year!

The Mason City Chamber of Commerce wishes you a Happy Blue Year in honor of our status as a certified Blue Zones Project community. Putting health and wellness as a top priority in 2015 will help you, your employees, and your business enjoy a prosperous year ahead.

Is your business a Blue Zones Designated Worksite? These "Blue Year Resolutions" will help you get there:

- Enter the 2015 **ChamBRRR 5K!** Walkers and runners are welcome!
- Designate one meeting per week as a walking or standing meeting.
- Swap out one office treat with fruit, vegetables, or other healthy choice.
- Post a walking route in your office (e.g.: 1 lap around office = 48 steps).
- Establish a campus-wide tobacco-free worksite policy.
- Take the Healthways Well-Being Assessment (found on the Blue Zones Project website).
- Establish some friendly inter-office competitions to accomplish a group wellness goal.



Edwards-Brandt staff entered as a team in the 2014 ChamBRRR 5K.

## ChamBRRR 5K -- January 17

Get off the couch and enjoy the frosty fresh air! Join your friends and co-workers at the 2nd Annual **ChamBRRR 5K** on Saturday, January 17th. A reception with refreshments and a hot cocoa bar will be held on the third floor of the Commerce Center following the race. Enter to run or walk as an individual or form a team. The focus of this event is fun and fitness!

- **Individual Entry:** Lace up your running shoes to get a great start to your new year!
- **4-Person Team:** Don't want to run a full 5K? Gather a few friends or co-workers to form a 4-person team for the team competition! Each racer will run .77 miles. The top two teams will receive prizes!
- **Best Dressed Group:** Would you rather run in the individual race but still have team spirit? Grab a few friends and enter your names to contend for the best dressed group!

Contact Tanner at the Chamber for a registration form at [tobrien@masoncityia.com](mailto:tobrien@masoncityia.com) or 641-423-5724, or visit our website.

7:30AM Registration, 9AM Race, Reception to follow  
Saturday, January 17, 2015  
NIRCC (9 N Federal Ave)

Registration Fee Before January 9th:  
Individual=\$20; Team=\$60  
Registration Fee After January 9th:  
Individual=\$30; Team=\$70

The first 60 entrants will receive a blue stocking hat!



# Membership Renewals

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in January.

## One Hundred Plus Years

Coca-Cola Bottling Company (107)  
Wells Fargo Bank of Iowa (103)

## Ninety Plus Years

Locher Law Firm (95)  
1st Insurance (94)

## Seventy Plus Years

Heiny, McManigal, Duffy, Stambaugh & Anderson PLC (77)  
Arnold Motor Supply (76)  
US Bank (74)  
Allied Purchasing (73)  
Mason City Tent & Awning (73)  
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP (72)  
Henkel Construction Co. (71)  
Hosmer Honda (70)  
Masters Chiropractic (70)

## Sixty Plus Years

Petroblend Corp. (69)  
WHKS Engineers, Planners & Surveyors (67)  
Culver-Hahn Electric Supply (64)  
KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV (61)  
Pepsi Beverages Company (60)  
Plumb Supply Co. (60)

## Fifty Plus Years

Jefferson Lines, Inc. (59)  
Cerro Gordo County Farm Bureau (58)  
Ted Enabnit (57)  
The Nettleton Dental Group, PC (57)  
Major Erickson Funeral Home (56)  
McDonald's Restaurant (55)  
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen P.C. (55)

## Forty Plus Years

McGregors Furniture (48)  
Curries (47)  
ProBuild (46)  
Northern Cedar Service Co. Inc. (41)

## Thirty Plus Years

North Iowa Eye Clinic, P.C. (39)  
NIVC Services (35)  
Trinity Lutheran Church (35)  
Mechanical Air Systems (33)  
Ag Processing, Inc. (30)  
Cinema West Theatre (30)

## Twenty Plus Years

Mason City Tile & Marble (29)  
Kelly Services (26)  
Jay Urdahl - County Supervisor (26)  
Mercy-City-Lehigh Family Credit Union (25)  
North Iowa Community Action (25)  
Verizon Wireless (24)  
Maggie's Sewing Center (24)  
McCloskey Appliance (24)  
Mason City Parks & Recreation Department (20)

## Ten Years Plus

Schupick & Associates, P.C. (19)  
Larson Contracting (18)  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows - IOOF Lodge #224 (14)  
North Iowa Air Service (14)  
Ironhouse Gym, Inc. (13)

## From the President

Happy New Year! Will 2015 be the year you travel with the Chamber to an exciting destination? We hope so! Our Chamber started this global familiarization program a few years ago to assist in North Iowa's transition to a global economy. For the most part, our destinations are important U.S. trading partners that we may not be comfortable visiting on our own.

We have a wonderful line-up planned. This spring, we have groups headed to China in March and Australia-New Zealand in April. We have the opportunity to offer an October trip to Cuba, and are in the midst of planning a trip to Singapore/Malaysia/Thailand for November. In Spring 2016, we'll be traveling to Peru. We'd love to have you along!

To help us with our plans, we are distributing an electronic survey in the weekly **Chamber News**. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by completing this survey. Your responses are anonymous, so please provide your honest input.

These trips are open to Chamber members and "friends" of the Chamber, so feel free to invite friends and relatives as travel companions. They will have a wonderful time...and, thanks to our value-pricing, will receive an incredible deal.



Robin Anderson  
President & CEO

## Iowa Healthcare Marketplace Lunch & Learn



The Chamber and Human Resource Association of North Iowa recently hosted a representative from the Iowa Insurance Division to cover Affordable Care Act changes for 2015 that impact employers.

The session covered several aspects of this complicated legislation, including the Iowa Health Insurance Marketplace, small employer tax credits, and large employer provisions.

## Chamber Alliance Legislative Luncheon



Chad Schreck, Robin Anderson, Bill Schickel, Julie Valencia, and Gary Lindgren represented North Iowa at the Iowa Chamber Alliance Legislative Leaders Luncheon in Des Moines recently. Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey and leaders of the Iowa Senate and Iowa House provided their thoughts on the upcoming legislative session that opens this month.

## Ag Speaker - Roger McEowen - January 15

Chamber members are invited to a lunch meeting from 11:45AM to 1PM on Thursday, January 15 at the Commerce Center. The Agribusiness Committee has arranged for Professor Roger McEowen to make a presentation on agricultural tax updates and estate planning.

Roger A. McEowen is the Leonard Dolezal Professor in Agricultural Law at Iowa State University. He is also the Director of the ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation. Professor McEowen develops and conducts an education program in agricultural law and policy, and is responsible for developing the curriculum and instructional program for the Iowa Farm Income Tax Schools.

The price to attend this luncheon is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, January 13.

To register, contact the Chamber at 423.5724, e-mail [tobrien@masoncityia.com](mailto:tobrien@masoncityia.com), or visit the calendar on our website: [www.masoncityia.com/events/calendar](http://www.masoncityia.com/events/calendar).



Professor Roger McEowen  
Iowa State University



## Save the Date - Ag Breakfast - March 18

The annual **Ag Breakfast** is scheduled for 7AM on Wednesday, March 18th in the All Seasons building at the North Iowa Events Center.

This annual appreciation event, which is typically attended by 400-500 people, brings farm and business together for an early morning breakfast hosted and served by the Chamber's Agribusiness Committee.

Minnesota farm girl and long-time Mason City educator Deadra Stanton is the featured speaker. Deadra, owner and presenter of Creative Communications, has been a teacher of English, Speech, and Theatre for more than 31 years. She is an honors graduate of Mankato State University and holds a Masters degree in Education from St. Mary's University. With majors in Speech Communications, Theatre Arts, and Business Administration, she brings a diverse background to the podium.

Tickets are available in tables of 8 priced at \$75 for Chamber Members and \$88 for non members. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$11 each.

Please contact Tanner at the Chamber for more information or to purchase tickets: 641-423-5724 | [tobrien@masoncityia.com](mailto:tobrien@masoncityia.com)

Thank you to the **Ag Breakfast** Sponsors:



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## Membership Renewals

**The Hungry Mind (13)**  
Kevin Dolphin CPA, P.C. (11)  
Community Housing Initiatives/River City Apartments (11)  
Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa (11)  
Accelerated Rehabilitation Center (10)  
Cabin Coffee Company (10)

### Five Years Plus

Nature's Best Ingredients, Inc. (9)  
Johnson Sanitary Products (8)  
Cavalier Coaches, Inc. (8)  
Rib Crib BBQ & Grill (8)  
Potter & Brant, P.L.C. (6)  
Kruger Seed (6)  
Control Print Creative (5)  
LD's Filling Station (5)

### One Year Plus

Mobile Media Innovation (4)  
Oak Leaf Collectibles (3)  
North Iowa Community Healthcare (3)  
Merlin Bartz (2)  
Mike Hegtvedt Real Estate & Auction Company (2)  
Navratil Excavating Inc. (1)  
Advocate Independent Distributor - Sandi Lincoln (1)  
Theilen Auto Sales (1)

## Be Our Guest

**T**une in Friday mornings to the Chamber "Be Our Guest" program at 8:40AM on KRIB 1490 AM. Dignity Communications provides this benefit to Chamber members free of charge. If you would like to schedule a guest spot on the show, please contact the Chamber. Listen in for January's guests!

January 2	Mason City YMCA Cait Hamilton
January 9	NIACC Performing Arts & Leadership Series Lindsay Dalrymple
January 16	St. John's Episcopal Sue Frelund
January 23	Clear Lake Arts Center Paula Hanus
January 30	Oak Leaf Collectibles Mike Tickal



## Visit Mason City kicks off “Bring It Home” promotion

Do you travel to attend business conferences? Sporting events? Association meetings? Club events? Family reunions?

Did you know that thousands of visitors travel to Mason City throughout the year to attend these types of events? A few examples include the Pyrotechnics Guild International Convention, Mail Carriers Convention, American Planning Association—Iowa Chapter, River City Sports Festival, and Central States District Fall Barbershop Contest .

Not only do these events provide the opportunity to showcase all that’s great about Mason City and North Iowa, but the attendees also provide a boost to the local economy through their spending.

Every visitor dollar spent in the area supports jobs and helps our schools, community’s services plus keeps taxes low. Meetings and special events are a vital component of this economic impact. In

Fiscal Year 13-14, VMC worked with 113 meeting, sport events, and/or group tours resulting in over an estimated 113,909 visitors to the community and an estimated \$11.39 million in convention/meeting, sports and group tours direct spending.

Many times, these events are made possible due to the influence of a local resident. Locals are the best advocates and ambassadors for the area. Not only is Mason City a great location for future meetings, tournaments, family reunions and special events but Visit Mason City also offers a

variety of services to assist those interested in hosting an event here at home.

To help increase awareness of these services, Visit Mason City will be kicking off our “Bring It Home” promotion in January. The 3-month ad campaign will utilize digital marketing and radio ads to engage locals and encourage them to consider Mason City as the location for their next special event.

If you have an idea for a future event or would like to learn more about the Bring It Home program and services available, contact us today at 641.422.1663 or email Sue Armour at [cvb@VisitMasonCityIowa.com](mailto:cvb@VisitMasonCityIowa.com).

## REMINDER: Grant Funds available for tourism marketing

Visit Mason City is pleased to announce the 2014-2015 Tourism Marketing Grant Applications are available. Those eligible to apply include event, convention, tournament and facilities that attract visitors to Mason City.

**Application deadline is 4pm on Monday, February 2, 2015 for marketing projects completed Feb. 2, 2015 – Oct. 1, 2015**

To review program requirements and to receive a Tourism Marketing Grant Application, please visit <http://www.visitmasoncityiowa.com/index.php/tourism-marketing-grant>

If applicants would like assistance in completing an application, appointments can be made with Visit Mason City staff. Appointments will be scheduled during Visit Mason City office hours, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm. Appointments must occur three business days before the grant deadline.



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# MAIN STREET MINUTE

## The Faces Of Main Street Mason City in 2015

This year we have had tremendous community support and welcomed many new faces to the Main Street team. Throughout 2015 we will be introducing you to our eleven Main Street board members.



**T. J. Just, SCLS - President** TJ is the General Manager of Southbridge Mall. He is a Senior Certified Leasing Specialist from the International Center for Shopping Centers and has over 15 years working experience in the industry. TJ sits on the board of Visit Mason City and is a member of Mason City Noon Rotary. TJ enjoys spending time outdoors hunting, fishing and playing golf, but most of all hanging out with his wife and their twin sons.



**Eric Levenhagen – Treasurer** Eric is the owner of ProWise Tax & Accounting, LLC, a help service based business showing other business owners how they can stop wasting money on taxes. Eric is a Certified Tax Coach (CTC), a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a published author (Secrets of a Tax Free Life, 10 Most Expensive Tax Mistakes Costing You Thousands, and many other various self published articles). Eric has been quoted several times over the years in the media (Business News Daily, Entrepreneur, Fox Business News, and interviewed on KIMT). Among his many achievements Eric is a member of Mason City Chamber Ambassadors, River City Sunrise Rotary, and Fellowship of Rotarian. Eric's biggest passion in life is his family. Stating, "Everything I do is with them in mind and doing my small part to make the community and the world a better place to live."



**Hal Berding - Promotions Chair** Hal is a Business Account Executive at CL Tel, a telecommunications company that provides voice, data, and video services in the Clear Lake-Mason city area. Hal is also active in both Clear Lake and Mason City Chambers of Commerce, a member of Mason City Noon Rotary, Rolling Acres Church Council, and was a member of the Clear Lake Park and Recreation Board. One of Hal's passions is to see the revitalization of Main Street Mason City to continue developing and building on the existing strengths that Mason City has to offer.



**Joy Haave – Design Chair** Joy is the owner of Kush Spa & Salon in downtown Mason City. Over the years, Kush has become partnered with a highly regarded beauty industry company, Aveda. Some of the other achievements Kush is known for is receiving Best Massage by Globe Gazette Reader's Choice Awards, Featured for their Skylight Lofts in 2012 Globe Gazette, and highlighted in a video entitled "Main Street Iowa: Getting Results" on YouTube. Joy is an esthetician with a license from the Board of Cosmetology. Joy shares, "That since moving to Mason City ten years ago to be near family, she has been amazed at the transformation of the downtown area and is looking forward to participating in even further positive changes that the next years will bring."



Friday  
**February 20, 2015**

*Wine Tasting, Food, Fun & Music by The Hats!*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 641-494-0003 OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

[www.mainstreetmasoncity.org](http://www.mainstreetmasoncity.org)

# New Members

## Wesley United Methodist Church

Pastor Steve Hanson  
1405 S Pennsylvania Ave  
Mason City, IA 50401  
641-423-6549  
www.mcwesley.org

Congregation located in Mason City's southeast neighborhood putting their faith and love into practice throughout the community and around the world.

## The Beehive Body Spa

Kristen West  
103 E State St, Ste 303  
Mason City, IA 50401  
641-201-8999  
beehivebodyspa@gmail.com  
www.beehivebodyspa.com

Located in the Historic Brick & Tile Building, The Beehive Body Spa offers premier body sugaring services as well as rejuvenating spa treatment services. We have been providing services for the ladies (and gentlemen) of north Iowa since 2006.

## Collette Travel

Zack Sayles  
180 Middle Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
800-852-5655  
www.gocollette.com

Since 1918, we have been sharing our love of travel. Today our worldwide travel collection features comprehensive land tours, river cruises, rail journeys, small group tours, family trips, garden holidays and more. Collette is the travel of choice for the upcoming Chamber Australia/New Zealand trip.

## Buck's Recycling

Amanda Leake  
1541 A Hwy 9  
Manly, IA 50456  
641-454-3049  
www.bucksrecycling.com

Family owned scrap metal recycling business located in Manly since 2000 and in Belmond since 2012. We do scrap recycling and buy everything from copper and electric motors to car bodies, steel, junk machinery, gold & silver.

## Grace United Methodist Church

Pastor Steve Hanson  
200 14th St NW  
Mason City, IA 50401  
641-423-5727  
www.mcgumchurch.org

A United Methodist congregation putting faith in action by making disciples of Jesus.

# Thank You Membership Directory Sponsors

You should have received a "North Iowa's Best Businesses" 2015 Membership Directory in your **Operation Thank You** packet. We hope you find this to be a useful tool. If you did not receive your copy, please let us know and we will get one to you. Additional copies of the directory are available at the Chamber office.

Thank You to the following businesses for sponsoring our Membership Directory!

### Gold

- Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co.
- First Citizens National Bank
- Henkel Construction Co.
- Larson Contracting
- Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company
- Iowa Heartland Credit Union
- Johnson Heating & Air Conditioning
- Kaplan University
- Lehigh Cement Company LLC
- Mason City Municipal Airport
- NIVC Services - Helping People Work
- North Iowa Area Community College
- Otto's Oasis
- POET Biorefining - Hanlontown
- Ryken Engineering & Land Surveying
- Storey Kenworthy
- Thrivent Financial
- Wells Fargo Bank of Iowa
- Westside Wireless
- Woodharbor Custom Cabinetry

### Silver

- Advanced Systems, Inc.
- Connect Hearing
- Country Landscapes, Inc
- Dean Snyder Construction
- Farmers State Bank
- Godfather's Pizza
- Historic Park Inn
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites - Mason City

### Bronze

- 1ST Insurance
- Bergland + Cram Architects
- CL TEL
- Demro Orthodontics
- Express Employment Professionals
- Federal Fire Equipment
- Hosmer Toyota/Honda
- Hy-Vee East
- Landfill of North Iowa
- North Iowa Collision Center
- Northwestern Steak House
- Schupick & Associates, P.C.
- Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.
- Zilge's Appliance Center

## Chamber Concierge Card- Get Yours Today!

The **Chamber Concierge Card** is a punch-card of business services. By purchasing a **Concierge Card** for \$100, you will be able to use five services from the concierge menu during the 2015 calendar year. Services, such as a dental or legal consultation, will be provided free-of-charge with this card. As a consumer, you may select a service from the **Chamber Concierge Menu** and then contact the provider to set up your free appointment.

This card is available to anyone, but is especially attractive for new residents and businesses in North Iowa. If you are "shopping around" for a financial planner, dentist, computer consultant, etc. this card allows you the ability to "try before you buy".

To purchase a **Chamber Concierge Card**, please contact Tanner O'Brien at the Chamber. 641.423.5724 | tobrien@masoncityia.com

## Country Meadow Place Ribbon Cutting



**NEW RENOVATION**  
Country Meadow Place  
17396 Kingbird Ave

## Leadership North Iowa Registration

Last call for the 2015 **Leadership North Iowa** (LNI) program! LNI provides lifelong learning and networking by connecting you with emerging and established leaders. Participants will learn leadership skills and complete a service project for community betterment.

LNI 2015 will be held every Tuesday from January 6 through March 24 with a graduation ceremony on March 31. The registration fee is \$375 for members and \$500 for non-members.

Please register online at [masoncityia.com](http://masoncityia.com) or contact Allyson Krull at the Chamber at [akrull@masoncityia.com](mailto:akrull@masoncityia.com) or 641.423.5724.

A special thank you to our **Leadership North Iowa** Sponsors:



## 2015 Chamber Bowl - February 3&4

Join us for our annual 9-pin winter bowling event scheduled for February 3 and 4, 2015. **Chamber Bowl** is a fun social event that fills Mystic Lanes. This event consists of six player teams; dinner is provided and lots of prizes are awarded.

Time: Registration from 3:30-3:50PM | Bowling begins at 4PM | Meal at 7PM  
Date: Two Nights of Fun! Tuesday, February 3 or Wednesday, February 4  
Place: Mystic Lanes | 2571 4th St SE, Mason City  
Fee: \$180 per team of six (includes meal, three games, and shoe rental)



Don't forget! We present a "Best Dressed Team" award!

Contact Tanner at the Chamber for a registration form:  
[tobrien@masoncityia.com](mailto:tobrien@masoncityia.com) | 641-423-5724

## Bill Drury Seminar - April 8

Bill Drury is a man with a passion. He is on a mission to help businesses create lifetime loyal customers. On April 8, 2015 he will present an action-packed 1/2 day workshop with proven strategies and techniques to help everyone in the company win customers and reduce lost sales.

Some disturbing service facts:

- 96% of unhappy customers never complain about discourtesy, but 91% of them will not buy again from a business that offended them.
- Customers who encounter poor service tell an average of 11 other people about their bad experience.
- Courting new business can cost up to five times more than strengthening relationships with current clients.

We've heard fantastic feedback about this program!

Chamber Member investment is only \$89 per ticket if you register by April 1. Late registrations are \$99 per ticket (Non member ticket prices are \$199 each). Contact Tanner at Mason City Chamber at 641-423-5724 or email [tobrien@masoncityia.com](mailto:tobrien@masoncityia.com) to reserve your spot!



Bill Drury

# Blue Zones Project®

Each month, we showcase the best practices of a Blue Zones Worksite®

### IOOF Home & Community Therapy Center

As an organization, this designated worksite focuses on a different wellness initiative each quarter. Following is the basics of their "BLUE" print for 2015.

#### 1st Quarter: Fitness & Weight Management

- Lunch & Learn with IOOF Home Dietician

#### 2nd Quarter: Financial Fitness

- Lunch & Learn with Wells Fargo

#### 3rd Quarter: Psycho-social Fitness

- Picnic with guest speaker from the Mental Health Center

#### 4th Quarter: Medical Wellness

- Wellness Fair with guest speaker from Cerro Gordo County Public Health

Not only do these initiatives challenge the organization and its employees to make a commitment to wellness, the initiatives also provide excellent opportunities for team members to gain knowledge of a variety of well-being strategies and tools that can become habits to assist them in reaching their personal well-being goals.



# Chamber Leadership

## Executive Committee

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## Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday  
**January 6**

**Business Savvy Series | 8-9AM**  
Board Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave  
**Ambassador Meeting | 12-1PM**  
Country Meadow Place | 17396 Kingbird Ave  
**Leadership North Iowa Begins | 4:30-7PM**  
Third Floor Event Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave

Wednesday  
**January 7**

**Business Resource Committee | 7:30-8:30AM**  
Farrer Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave

Thursday  
**January 8**

**Events Committee Meeting | 12-1PM**  
Farrer Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave

Friday  
**January 9**

**Band Festival Committee | 12:15-1PM**  
Band Festival Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave

Monday  
**January 12**

**Ribbon Cutting - Air Choice One | 3-3:30PM**  
Mason City Municipal Airport | 9184 265th St | Clear Lake

Wednesday  
**January 14**

**Ag Business Committee | 7:30-8:30AM**  
Wine Room | Hy-Vee West | 2400 4th St SW

Thursday  
**January 15**

**Ag Speaker: Roger McEowen | 11:45-1PM**  
Third Floor Event Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal  
**Blue Zones Project Worksite Committee | 12-1PM**  
Board Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave  
**Business After Hours | 4:30-6:30PM**  
North Iowa Youth for Christ | 2210 S Federal Ave

Saturday  
**January 17**

**ChamBRRR 5K | 9AM**  
In front of NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave

Wednesday  
**January 28**

**Chamber Board Meeting | 7-8AM**  
Board Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave

**EVERY Tuesday | Young Professional Coffee | 7-8AM**

Board Room | NIRCC | 9 N Federal Ave



**Feb 3-4**

**Chamber Bowl**

**Feb 17**

**Business BEFORE Hours Sponsored by Kaplan University**