



# 2019-20

## *Annual Report*



# NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2019-2020

Despite the obvious obstacles, the Chamber of Commerce made several noteworthy achievements in the past year.

- Hosted the first annual **State of North Iowa** event at the new multipurpose arena in January, recapping the importance of staying on-task with the *Vision North Iowa* strategic plan and hearing from Iowa Economic Development Director Debi Durham. Durham praised North Iowa for its many current initiatives and shared how the region can align with the state's "This is Iowa" marketing campaign.
- Continued to promote and enhance talent retention and attraction efforts through the **Community Concierge** program.
- Received "Chamber of the Year" honors from the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives (ICCE) organization—its highest award. ICCE noted the Chamber's superior service to the business community; contributions to place-making and economic development; maintaining sound fiscal policies and organizational management; and government advocacy efforts.
- Despite the pandemic, produced a long list of events including **Picture Day, Chamber Bowl, Ag Breakfast, Band Fest Spirit Week, Moonlight Bike Ride, CEO Conversations, Breaking Glass Women's Leadership Series, Golf Outing**, and the inaugural **Chamber Cup**.

Perhaps most importantly, the Chamber utilized its strong relationships and Emergency Response Plan to assist employers and employees in responding to the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Produced a dedicated page on the website with daily updates on pandemic resources and information from members regarding business hours, special offerings, etc.
- Sent **North Iowa Strong** emails as frequently as necessary with links and information to the most up-to-date resources for businesses and their employees.
- Connected members with new programs such as the Small Business Recovery & Continuity Grant program, Save Small Business grant program, and CARES Act programs through the SBA and other state and federal agencies.
- Produced and facilitated Facebook LIVE events to distribute information and provide access to local, state, and federal officials.
- Utilized membership in the Iowa Chamber Alliance and Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives to gather best practices and share information.
- Actively worked with *Vision North Iowa* partners to coordinate COVID-19 response locally, including representation on the county Joint Information Center (JIC).
- Assisted members with marketing efforts to generate local business.
- Organized and facilitated a virtual wellness seminar focusing on mental health aspects of the crisis.
- Staff made phone calls to the entire 650+ membership list to offer assistance.
- ...and this work continues.



## MISSION

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



# SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

## *Northwestern Steakhouse*

### **Bill & Ann Papouchis**

100 years. Now, that's staying power. In an industry where the average life span of a family-owned restaurant is less than four years, the Northwestern Steakhouse has been a Mason City staple for 100 years and counting.

The Papouchis family planned a blow-out celebration for the restaurant's BIG birthday in July, but when the pandemic hit, things changed. The steakhouse closed briefly under state government orders, but reopened for take-out orders as soon as it was possible. After all, the restaurant has already weathered Prohibition, the Great Depression, World War II, and the 1980s Farm Crisis since opening its doors in 1920.

In fact, when Anthony "Tony" Papouchis (and Pete Maduras) started the business near the cement plants on Mason City's north side, Tony had only lived in the United States for about five years and spoke limited English. He brought his cooking skills, which were honed in the Greek Army, and focused on simple recipes with high-quality ingredients. The business partners planted a garden behind the restaurant to supply fresh vegetables.

In 1965, Pete sold his share to Tony and the restaurant officially became the Northwestern Steakhouse. Tony's son, Bill, served as manager and took over as co-owner with his wife, Ann, when Tony passed away in 1991.

The business is the recipient of numerous awards, including being named "Most Iconic Steakhouse in Iowa." For many, eating at the restaurant is a family tradition for celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and other special occasions.



Bill & Ann Papouchis  
*Northwestern Steakhouse*



Bill and Ann intentionally keep their restaurant small so they can maintain meaningful relationships with employees and customers. The restaurant attracts customers from all over the country, including the rich and famous, but the staff strives to treat everyone with the same great service and serve up the same great food (Greek steaks, freshly-baked bread, Greek salads, and that scrumptious, buttery spaghetti.)

Congratulations to Bill & Ann Papouchis and the entire Northwestern Steakhouse team!

## NORTHWESTERN STEAKHOUSE

### **Former Recipients:**

2019	First Citizens Bank	2001	Sound World
2018	Turning Leaf Counseling	2000	Design Lighting Center
2017	Central Park Dentistry, PC	1999	River City Ready Mix
2016	Window World of Mason City	1998	Midwest Roofing
2015	Huber Supply Company	1997	Henningesen Company
2014	North Iowa Oral Surgery	1996	Express Personnel Services
2013	Haas Chiropractic Clinic	1995	Van Horn Auto Parts
2012	Boxes Unlimited & Packaging Center, Inc.	1994	Latham Furniture
2011	Cabin Coffee Company	1993	Hovland Enterprises
2010	Hawkeye Autobody	1992	Godfather's Pizza
2009	Woodharbor Doors & Cabinetry	1991	Hardees Restaurant
2008	Larry Elwood Construction	1990	Stoyles Printing Services
2007	Harley Davidson of Mason City		
2006	Heartland Asphalt		
2005	Varied Industries Corporation (Vi-Cor)		
2004	Moorman Clothiers		
2003	Metalcraft		
2002	Ken Petersen Builders		

## BOSS OF THE YEAR *Matt Curtis* Wayne's Ski & Cycle

The *Boss of the Year* award is especially significant, because the nominations originate from employees. The most compelling information on the form nominating Matt Curtis, owner of Wayne's Ski & Cycle, for recognition was this: *"While the COVID-19 pandemic shut down other small businesses, interest in outdoor activities unexpectedly surged. Instead of cashing in, Matt saw this good fortune as an opportunity to help his fellow small business owners. He purchased gift cards from surrounding shops and presented them to customers who purchased bikes from Wayne's in an effort to support other businesses."*



Matt Curtis  
Wayne's Ski & Cycle

While Matt's generous action doesn't explain what makes him a great boss, it speaks loudly about his character...which is one of the attributes his employees love. Indeed, Matt has a holistic approach to his business. He's deeply invested in cycling for the physical and mental well-being of his customers, his staff, and himself. In fact, Matt loves nothing more than going on a morning bike ride with his co-workers before work. He provides facilities for the staff to shower, cook, and do laundry, which makes participating in outdoor activities adjacent to work time more accessible and enjoyable.

In addition to showing a genuine concern for his employees, Matt has a servant heart. He uses his time and resources to support SPIN Devo (junior bike racing team), North Iowa Human Powered Trails, Mohawk Mountain Bike Club, the Chamber's **Moonlight Bike Ride**, TRI Clear Lake, and the North Iowa Touring Club. He helps bring new visitors to North Iowa through his significant investment in the Bicycles, Blues & BBQ festival and the Cannonball CycloCross races.

Congratulations Matt Curtis. We salute you!

**Former Recipients:** 2019 Michael Davis, IOOF Home & Community Therapy Center • 2018 Mark Hewitt, Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co. • 2017 Michael Mahaffey, One Vision • 2016 Matthew Chizek, CENT Credit Union • 2015 Dennis Van Gorkom, Corporate Farmer • 2014 Dalena Barz, Alpha Media USA • 2013 Diane Murphy, Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa • 2012 Troy Swanson, Cargill Protein • 2011 Heather Englin, American Cancer Society • 2010 Dr. Lyell Hogg & Dr. Todd Juhlin, North Iowa Oral Surgery • 2009 John Michel, Kraft Heinz • 2008 Jay Lala, Central Park Dentistry • 2007 Daryl Berg, Cargill Protein • 2006 Mary Ingham, Crisis Intervention Service • 2005 Gregg Maakestad, First Citizens Bank

## DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN *Waldo Smeby*



Waldo Smeby

Waldo Smeby has been named Mason City's *Distinguished Citizen* for 2020. Wally has been the driving force in numerous noteworthy community projects—usually from behind the scenes.

As a proud graduate of Luther College, Wally credits his first boss with teaching him the importance of getting involved in the community. In those early years, he was active in the JayCees and his church, and he continues to serve in civic roles.

As the founder of NIACC's Presidents Club, Wally brought together CEOs from across North Iowa to tackle tough business issues. He created a forum for sharing information and learning new industry trends that helped move the region forward.

Total well-being is Wally's passion, and since retiring as president/majority owner of Metalcraft, he has devoted much of his time and treasure to "moving the wellness needle" through the creation of the Jan Again Foundation. The foundation has been instrumental in Mason City's Blue Zones Project® efforts and in the new MercyOne Behavioral Health Center. Wally also understands the important role of art in bringing social issues to light, so he commissioned a sculpture for Central Park which is entitled "Hope". His intent is to share a message of hope and love with all who visit this exceptional work of art.

The *Distinguished Citizen* is selected each year by a panel of former award recipients who consider leadership, membership and participation in community organizations, and active service to the community.

**Former Recipients:** 2019 Dr. Jay Lala • 2018 Scott & Susan Moorman • 2017 Ozzie Ohl • 2016 Kim Pang • 2015 Gary & Sharon Lindgren • 2014 Mick Baker • 2013 Scott Tornquist • 2012 Dennis Reidel • 2011 Jim FitzPatrick • 2010 Robin Edgar • 2009 Peggy Bang • 2008 Jean Marinos • 2007 Bonnie McCoy • 2006 Bill Killpack • 2005 Keith Sersland • 2004 Rosie Hussey • 2003 Ann MacGregor • 2002 Joel & Joyce Hanes • 2001 Carl Miller • 2000 Robert McCoy • 1999 Margo Underwood • 1998 Barbara MacGregor • 1997 Rich & Shirley Dean • 1996 Leigh Curran • 1995 Herb Kennedy • 1994 Ralph Wallace • 1993 Lola Rhem • 1992 David Murphy • 1991 Safford Lock • 1990 Francis Holland • 1989 Dan Klempnauer • 1988 Art Fischbeck • 1987 Dorothy Curran • 1986 Dick Bailey • 1985 Ken Kew • 1984 Karl Johannsen

# WORKPLACE WELLNESS AWARD

## *Smithfield Foods & Assa Abloy - Curries*

The *Workplace Wellness Award* reflects a partnership between the Chamber and CG Public Health, and the application process is extensive. Two Mason City manufacturers went above and beyond customary health and wellness standards during COVID-19. We are pleased to recognize Smithfield Foods and ASSA ABLOY-CURRIES for their efforts.

Smithfield Foods has free and unlimited COVID testing on-site daily for all employees. Management rearranged production lines to accommodate physical distancing and added physical barriers. The team distributed multiple bottles of hand sanitizer to each employee, and a sanitation mandate occurs every 30 minutes.



ASSA ABLOY-CURRIES workplace wellness program is operated by a committee comprised of workers. It focuses on employee engagement activities such as blood drives, group walks, and more. They offer an on-site ARNP Clinic in partnership with Iowa Specialty Hospital. During COVID-19, the company dispatched more than 120 employees to work remotely, provided PPE, and established social distancing throughout the facility.

Congratulations to Smithfield Foods and ASSA ABLOY-CURRIES for their efforts to support employee well-being!

**Former Recipients:** 2019 POET Biorefining - Hanlontown • 2018 Sukup Manufacturing • 2017 Metalcraft Inc. • 2016 North Iowa Area Community College

# Smithfield.

*Good food. Responsibly.®*

## CURRIES

## ASSA ABLOY

# AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR *Abigail Lee*

The Chamber Ambassadors serve as the welcoming arm of the Chamber. These volunteers assist with greeting new members, welcoming new managers or executives, conducting ribbon cutting ceremonies, and encouraging new businesses and organizations to join the Chamber.

## AMBASSADORS

Dalena Barz, Alpha Media USA - KLSS,KGLO,KIAI,KYTC,KRIB  
Edith Blanchard, MacNider Art Museum  
Angelica Brager, Young Construction of North Iowa  
Jenny Doughty, Loot By Louise  
Holly Eichmann, Express Employment Professionals  
Jana Erickson, CENT Credit Union  
Michael Fitzgerald, KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV  
Drew Gappa, NSB Bank  
Luke Gast, First Citizens Bank  
Mary Holmes, 98.7 KISS Country / 103.7 The Fox  
Michelle Jurgens, North Iowa Community Credit Union  
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Traci Muhlenbruch, CENT Credit Union  
Jamie Nelson, 98.7 KISS Country / 103.7 The Fox  
Tiffany Nonnweiler, First Citizens Bank  
Anthony Romualdo, IOOF Home & Community Therapy Center  
Nicole Rustad, Hertz Farm Management, Inc.  
Melissa Schoneberg, Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa  
Megan Studer, Newman Catholic School System  
Kelly Wessels, FOX 47 KXLT, KTTC/NBC, KWWL/NBC Waterloo, CW, MeTV and H&I  
Brent Willis, Principal Financial - Brent Willis



**Congratulations to the 2019-20  
Ambassador of the Year!**

Abigail Lee  
*Lee Realty*





# NORTH IOWA BAND FESTIVAL

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the 2020 **North Iowa Band Festival** was cancelled. Throughout its rich history, the only time the festival has been suspended was 1943-1945, in the midst of World War II. Despite the heartbreaking cancellation of the “traditional” festivities, the committee was determined to celebrate.

**Band Festival Spirit Week** – “socially distanced”—was just what River City needed to keep SPIRITS up. This included a gravesite tribute to Meredith Willson and an interview with the previous year’s royalty. Virtual concerts were graciously staged by Brad+Kate and Betty and the Gents on Facebook Live. And lastly, a “Big REVERSE Parade” was held in Central Park. Hundreds of cars passed under the “Welcome to River City” sign that afternoon. Cars were decorated like parade floats and ear-to-ear smiles could be seen on patrons young and old.



## Sponsors

### DRUM MAJOR SPONSORS



John K. & Luise V. Hanson  
Foundation

### BAND MASTER SPONSORS

David & Phyllis Murphy  
Charitable Foundation



### FLAG CORPS SPONSORS

Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co.  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Mason City  
MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center  
North Iowa Area Community College  
POET Biorefining - Hanlontown  
REG Mason City, LLC

## PREMIER MEMBERS

Thank you to the 2019-20 Premier members for their support of the Chamber programs, events, and the **North Iowa Band Festival**.

**GOLD** (\$6,000+): Cargill Protein, Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co., First Citizens Bank, Holiday Inn Express and Suites - Mason City, Jane Fischer and Associates LLC, MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, POET Biorefining - Hanlontown, REG Mason City, LLC

**SILVER** (\$3,000 - \$5,999): Century 21 Preferred, Diamond Jo Casino - Worth Co., North Iowa Area Community College, Principal Foundation

**BRONZE** (\$1,000 - \$2,999): 98.7 Kiss Country / 103.7 The Fox, Bergland + Cram Architects, CENT Credit Union, Farmers State Bank, First Security Bank, Henkel Construction Co., Mason City Motor Company, North Iowa Community Credit Union, NSB Bank, Smithfield Foods, Wells Fargo Bank, Young Construction of North Iowa

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## AGRIBUSINESS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Don O'Connor, Farmers State Bank  
Jeffrey Badger, First Security Bank & Trust  
Jerome Bormann, First Citizens Bank  
Marie Boyd, Healthy Harvest of North Iowa  
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Sarah DeBour, Iowa State Extension & Outreach  
Cal Dickson, Hertz Farm Management, Inc.  
Adam Fichter, Farm Credit Services of America  
Frank Fox, Fox Auction Company  
Fred Greder, Benchmark Agribusiness, Inc.  
Mary Holmes, 98.7 KISS Country / 103.7 The Fox  
Gary Loos, Hertz Farm Management, Inc.  
Randy Marcks, Sukup Manufacturing  
Kevin McMichael, Cargill Protein  
Kenn Miller, Bauer Built Tire  
Ronald Rachut, Fertile Valley Gardens  
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Carrie Seidel, Hertz Farm Management, Inc.  
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Jon Tofte, Trader Auction Company  
Sarah Tweeten, Cerro Gordo County Farm Bureau  
Sterling Young, Hertz Farm Management, Inc.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Mike Castle, First Citizens Bank  
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Mari Havey, Heritage Care & Rehabilitation Center  
Chad Leer, Stampede's Bar & Grill  
Melinda McGregor, IowaWORKS North Iowa  
Kristina Shellhart, Holiday Inn Express and Suites - Mason City  
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Mike Moore, Shelter Insurance  
Keri Ostercamp, North Iowa Community Credit Union  
Sandi Schnetter, COUNSEL  
Paul Unsen, Pita Pit Mason City  
Dan Wunschel, 1st Insurance

## WORKSITE WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Sarah Heinz, Metalcraft  
Kaitlyn Ausborn, Cerro Gordo County  
Angelica Brager, Young Construction of North Iowa  
Matt Curtis, Wayne's Ski & Cycle  
Kelly Dickes, Smithfield Foods  
Drew Gappa, NSB Bank  
Emily Ginneberge, Main Street Mason City  
Mari Havey, Heritage Care & Rehabilitation Center  
Chad Kozitza, MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center  
Lisa Prochaska, Farmer's State Bank  
Tonya Roberts, REG Mason City, LLC  
Shelly Schmit, North Iowa Area Community College



## NORTH IOWA BAND FESTIVAL

Committee Chair: Amy Fleming, KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV  
Jared Allen, Alpha Media USA - KLSS,KGLO,KIAI,KYTC,KRIB  
Carrie Berg, North Iowa Band Festival  
Bob Berggren, City of Mason City  
J. Brooks, 98.7 KISS Country / 103.7 The Fox  
Chris Frenz, North Iowa Area Community College  
Emily Ginneberge, Main Street Mason City  
Jason Hugi, City of Mason City  
Russ Kramer, Mason City Community School District  
Jennifer Martin, North Iowa Band Festival  
Danya Moore, Mason City Parks & Recreation Department  
Karl Nedved, North Iowa Band Festival  
Don O'Connor, Farmers State Bank  
Joy Olson, Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co.  
Dixie Ouverson, North Iowa Band Festival  
Brian Pauly, Mason City Parks & Recreation Department  
Amanda Ragan, Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc.  
Bill Stangler, City of Mason City  
Dana Thomas, Bergland + Cram Architects  
Nicole Unsen, Pita Pit Mason City  
Patricia Wright, Cerro Gordo County Treasurer





# LEADERSHIP NORTH IOWA

## 2020 GRADUATES

Ben Arentson, POET Biorefining - Hanlontown  
Jeff Badger, First Security Bank & Trust  
Fawn Bellinghausen, Jane Fischer and Associates LLC  
Amanda Black, Nora Springs Insurance  
Jeanene Blickenderfer, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach  
Chadd Christopher, Diamond Jo Casino - Worth Co.  
Katlyn Cox, Holiday Inn Express and Suites - Mason City  
Lindsay Dalrymple, North Iowa Area Community College  
Jessica Graham, Jane Fischer and Associates LLC  
Abe Hackman, Wells Fargo Bank  
Mason Harms, Henkel Construction Co.  
Teranie Heinzerling, Iowa Heartland Credit Union  
Lindsey Isaacson, Overhead Door Company of Mason City  
Hannah Jones, Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co.  
Laura Judge, MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center  
Kali Kriener, Cargill Protein  
Katelin Lugar, Hearing Associates, P.C.  
Nichole Malata, State Farm Insurance - Kristy Marquis  
Miles Martin, Cargill Protein  
Jaclyn Meier, First Citizens Bank  
Jackie Schmidt, Diamond Jo Casino - Worth Co.  
Willy Schmidt, Alpha Roofing LLC  
Clinton Schwarz, Sukup Manufacturing  
Twyla Shellhart, Holiday Inn Express and Suites - Mason City  
Maria Slusarek, Cargill Protein  
Rachael Swanson, First Citizens Bank  
Sonia Trujillo, Bergland + Cram Architects  
Aldair Trujillo, Smithfield Foods  
Charlie Weiner, Landus Cooperative  
Alicia Winters, Jane Fischer and Associates LLC



## UPLIFT NORTH IOWA

The 2020 *Leadership North Iowa* class had planned to complete raised garden beds for the elderly and those with disabilities, a project they titled "Uplift North Iowa – "Raising Spirits with Raised Garden Beds." These custom-built beds were going to be donated to area care and assisted living facilities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the class postponed the completion of the project out of restrictions and safety of the recipients.

# YIELD (Youth Investing Energy in Leadership Development)

## 2019-20 SPONSORS

98.7 KISS Country / 103.7 The Fox • Ag Processing, Inc. • Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company • Burgmeier Dentistry • Cargill Protein • Central Park Dentistry  
Cerro Gordo County Medical Society Alliance • Children's Dental Center of Mason City • Clear Lake Bank & Trust Co. • Determan Electric • Diamond Jo Casino - Worth Co. • Drs. Weber & Otto Family Dentistry • Farmers State Bank • First Citizens Bank • Heartland Asphalt, Inc. • Heiny, McManigal, Duffy, Stambaugh & Anderson PLC • Henkel Construction Co. • Hogan - Hansen, P.C. • Holiday Inn Express and Suites - Mason City • Hy-Vee Drugstore • Jane Fischer and Associates LLC • Lee Realty • Major Erickson Funeral Home & Crematory • Metalcraft, Inc. • North Iowa Eye Clinic, P.C. • North Iowa Orthodontics • NSB Bank • NutriQuest, LLC • Overhead Door Company of Mason City • Ozzie OHL • POET Biorefining - Hanlontown • River City Iowa Realty • Stoney Creek Hospitality Corporation • Sukup Manufacturing • The Nettleton Dental Group, PC • Wells Fargo Bank • WHKS Engineers, Planners & Surveyors



## TREES FOR THE TOWN - FLOODING OUR COMMUNITY WITH FRUIT

The 2019-20 *YIELD* class planted fruit trees in Mason City's flood plain areas to help rejuvenate the land and provide fresh produce to community members. Their main focus was the area north of East Park and adjacent to Oak Park, which was badly impacted by the 2008 flood.

The *YIELD* group consulted with local nurseries, conservationists, city staff, and conducted research online to select fruit trees and other tree varieties that will work best in the flood plain areas. Students were responsible for securing all donations, and thanks to contributions from individuals and local businesses, they were able to purchase and plant more than 50 trees.



# CHAMBER FOUNDATION

The Chamber Foundation, a non-profit corporation classified by the Internal Revenue Service as 501c3, supports the long-term work of the Chamber of Commerce in its community and economic development efforts to benefit its members and the North Iowa region.



The foundation applies for grant funding for specific community development projects such as the Historic Egloff House, the *Vision North Iowa* strategic planning process, the "Building Our Brand" mural project, and most recently, the "That's A Wrap" project to beautify utility boxes in Mason City's downtown.

The following volunteers serve on the Chamber Foundation:

Kim Pang, President  
Ken Bales, Treasurer  
Robin Anderson, Secretary & Administrator  
Robert Klocke, Director  
Andrew Hubbard, Director

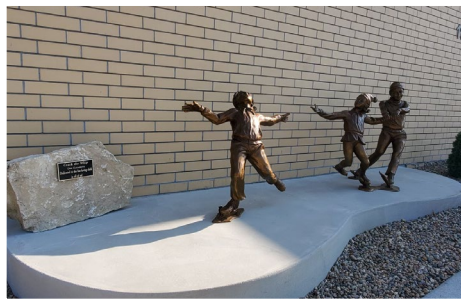
## SCULPTURES ON PARADE

The Chamber serves as the "home base" for the sculpture walk program. River City Sculptures on Parade, Inc. originated in 2012 as a non-profit charitable organization with a mission to bring a significant display of public art to Downtown Mason City.

Although the pandemic presented special challenges this year, the committee recently finished the installation of the 2020-21 exhibit which includes 60 sculptures. Four permanent sculptures were installed in September at the Mason City Arena as a new addition to the program.

The following volunteers serve on the Sculpture Committee:

Robin Anderson, President  
Susan Moorman, Vice President  
Linda Coddington  
Bruce McKee  
Dr. Ron Moeller  
Kelley O'Rourke  
Cheryl Schurtz  
Jim Zach



## THANK YOU

The pandemic hit North Iowa businesses hard...but even when the county unemployment rate spiked, many local employers continued to share a common problem: a need for qualified workers. As a region, it is critical to maintain a focus on growing and maintaining a quality workforce.

The Chamber is engaged in several strategic actions to address this important issue. Thanks to the voluntary dues contributed by Chamber members, this work continues (a full list of participating members is inserted).

# 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

*Thank you for your loyal support.*

## 1900s – 100+ Year Members

Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company (1908)  
United Sugars Corporation (1908)  
Wells Fargo Bank (1912)  
Locher Law Firm (1920)

## 1920s

1ST Insurance (1921)

## 1930s

Alliant Energy (1934)  
Globe Gazette (1934)  
Heiny, McManigal, Duffy, Stambaugh & Anderson  
PLC (1938)  
Arnold Motor Supply (1939)

## 1940s

McKiness Excavating, Inc. (1940)  
Mid-West Roofing/Custom SheetMetal Works  
(1940)  
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network (1940)  
US Bank (1941)  
Allied Purchasing (1942)  
RSM US LLP (1943)  
Cerro Gordo Abstract Company (1943)  
Henkel Construction Co. (1944)  
Floyd & Leonard (1944)

Hosmer Honda (1945)  
Masters Chiropractic (1945)  
Petroblend Corp. (1946)  
WHKS Engineers, Planners & Surveyors (1948)  
Mason City Municipal Airport Commission  
(1949)  
Fareway Stores, Inc. #491 (1949)

## 1950s

DeVries & Price (1950)  
Midland Concrete Products (1950)  
Culver-Hahn Electric Supply (1951)  
MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center (1951)  
Huber Supply Co. (1952)  
Graham Tire Co. (1952)  
KIMT-TV, MY3.2 TV (1954)  
Pepsi Beverages Company (1955)  
Plumb Supply Co. (1955)  
Lehigh Cement Company LLC (1955)  
Decker Sports (1956)  
Bergland + Cram Architects (1956)  
Cerro Gordo County Farm Bureau (1957)  
Blackmore Nursery, Inc. (1957)  
The Nettleton Dental Group, PC (1958)  
Winston & Byrne, PC (1958)  
Metalcraft, Inc. (1958)  
O'Brien Moving & Storage (1958)

Major Erickson Funeral Home & Crematory (1959)  
Mason City Family YMCA (1959)

## 1960s

McDonald's Restaurant (1960)  
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen P.C. (1960)  
Edwards-Brandt & Associates, Inc. (1960)  
Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel (1960)  
Holtz Realty (1960)  
Birdsall's Ice Cream (1961)  
Blazek Electric, Inc. (1965)  
Hy-Vee West (1965)  
Schukei Chevrolet (1965)  
House of Sports (1966)  
Home Lumber & Builders, Inc. (1967)  
North Iowa Area Community College (1967)  
Curries (1968)  
Builders FirstSource (1969)  
Hy-Vee Drugstore (1969)

## 1970s

Zilge's Appliance Center (1970)  
Budweiser of Mason City (1970)  
Good Shepherd, Inc (1970)  
Stifel (1970)

# PAST BOARD PRESIDENTS

1916: A.M. Schanke  
1917: B.C. Way  
1918: W.S. Wilcox  
1919-20: T.A. Potter  
1922-23: H.D. Reynolds  
1924-25: E.S. Selby  
1926: J.H. Marston  
1927-28: G.E. Breese  
1929-30: E.H. Wagner  
1931-32: B.A. Webster  
1933-37: W.G.C. Bagley  
1938: H.M. Knudson  
1938-40: F.G. Duffield  
1941-42: H.L. Campbell  
1944-46: M. C. Lawson  
1947: W.J. Walker  
1948-49: F.J. Olson  
1950-51: W.B. Rae  
1952-53: C.F. Weaver  
1954-55: J.D. Vance

1956: H.E. Van Essen  
1957: C.A. Henkel  
1958: Richard L. Currie  
1959: R.D. Casey  
1960-61: K.P. Johannsen  
1962: Jack MacNider  
1963-64: Dr. L.W. Swanson  
1965-66: Ray Rorick  
1966-67: L. Loers  
1968: Milton Raizes  
1969: Richard Bailey  
1970: Art Fischbeck  
1971-72: B. Palmer  
1972-73: W. Wilkins  
1973-74: E. McDaniel  
1974-75: Jack Carlson  
1975-76: Jack Mackin  
1976-77: Jack Nielsen  
1977-78: Dick Wagner  
1978-79: D. Low

1979-80: B. Girton  
1980-81: Jack King  
1981-82: Arlene Gilbert  
1982-83: Jack Knapp  
1983-84: Hal Haver  
1984-85: Jerry Bretey  
1985-86: Tom Schaefer  
1986-87: Catharine Ayers  
1987-88: James Locher  
1988-89: Charlie MacNider  
1989-90: Bob Westbee  
1990-91: Robert Layfield  
1991-92: David Buettner  
1992-93: Bob McClurg  
1993-94: Doug Rozendaal  
1994-95: Gary Lafrenz  
1995-96: Ken Bales  
1996-97: Scott Westermann  
1997-98: Kathy Loeckle  
1998-99: Dave Sorenson

1999-2000, 2001-02: Keith Sersland  
2000-02: Tom Douglas  
2002-03: Craig Olson  
2003-04: Mike Arens  
2004-05, 2010-11: John Michel  
2005-06: Marti Rodamaker  
2006-07: Dennis Reidel  
2007-08: Robin Edgar  
2008-09: Jim FitzPatrick  
2009-10: Andy Hubbard  
2011-12: Tom O'Neill  
2012-13: Dr. Debra Derr  
2013-14: Kim Pang  
2014-15: Robert J. Klocke  
2015-17: Steven M. Noto  
2017-18: Kelly Hansen  
2018-19: Rodney Huber  
2019-20: Tyler Kerr

# BOARD MEMBERS 2019-20

The Chamber is led by a diverse group of dedicated business and professional leaders representing business and industry throughout North Iowa. Thanks for their leadership in guiding the work of the Chamber.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



BOARD CHAIRMAN  
Tyler Kerr  
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