

# *Albia Area Chamber of Commerce*

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*Beverly J. Graves, Office Secretary*

## **Annual Dinner Meeting**

**January 23, 2007 - White Buffalo Banquet Room**

**Social Time at 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with  
Awards and Board Meeting following  
at approximately 7:00 pm**

## *Agenda*

1. Welcome by Chamber Executive Director, Denice A. Gradeless
2. Introduction of 2006 Board of Directors
3. Invocation – Hjalmer Lindberg
4. Dinner
5. Goals for 2007 by Denice A. Gradeless, Executive Director
6. Outgoing President's Comments – Joe Starcevic
7. Announcement of 4 Elected Board Members for 2007-2009
8. Presentation of Awards:

Chamber Merit Service Award	Presented by Joe Starcevic
Citizen of the Year Award	Presented by Joe Starcevic
Community Service Award	Presented by Jim Keller
Business of the Year Award	Presented by Quiktron
9. Presentation of Presidential Gavel – Brian Fitzpatrick
10. Closing Comments
11. 2007 Board of Directors Meeting

## **Albia Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

### **Retiring in Dec 2006**

Todd Culley  
Dave Paxton  
Peter Greiner  
John Dvorak

### **Retiring in Dec 2007**

Richard Coltrain  
Kevin Heffron  
Joe Starcevic  
Mike Duea

### **Retiring in Dec 2008**

Brian Fitzpatrick  
Alan Ammons  
Jason Summers  
Brent Huguen

## **2006 Committee Members of the Sub Committees of the Albia Area Chamber of Commerce**

### **Membership/Mission & Vision Committees combined in 2003**

Joe Starcevic  
Brian Fitzpatrick  
Kevin Heffron  
Mike Duea  
Denice Gradeless

### **Budget and Tax Committee**

Joe Starcevic  
Denice Gradeless  
Mike Duea  
Brian Fitzpatrick  
Kevin Heffron  
Todd Culley  
Allan Ammons

### **Fundraising/Promotion and Events Committee**

Todd Culley  
Joe Starcevic  
Brian Fitzpatrick  
Jason Summers  
Dave Paxton  
John Dvorak  
Mike Duea  
Brent Huguen

### **Retail Promotion Group**

Dawn Maughn  
Beth Hunter  
Kay Stewart  
Lila Turnball  
Dave Mick  
Debbie Judge  
White Oak Gallery  
Hunter Technologies  
Family Shoe & Sporting Goods  
Benton Avenue Antiques & Gifts  
Mick Furniture & Appliance  
Flower Depot

### **Ambassadors/Welcoming Committees Combined in 2003**

Annie Gardner	Peoples State Bank
Nellie Coltrain	First Iowa State Bank
Rudy Riley	First Iowa State Bank
Dan Stocker	Albia Community Betterment
Beth Hunter	Hunter Technologies
Colleen Putnam	
Shelley Bear	Monroe Care Center
Denice Gradeless	Albia Area Chamber of Commerce
Josephine Lindberg	
Kate Brock	Albia Realty
Richard Clark	Mayor, City of Albia
Alan Ammons	Hawkeye Farm Management
Brian Fitzpatrick	Edward Jones
Joe Starcevic	Starcevic Law Office
Theo Boman	Gilbert Boman Funeral Home

### **Remodeling Committee**

Shelley Bear	Dave Johnson
Peter Greiner	Denice Gradeless
John Dvorak	Dan Tometich
Richard Coltrain	Theo Boman
Alan Ammons	Mike Duea
Kevin Heffron	Joe Starcevic
Brian Fitzpatrick	Jason Summers

### **Hall of Fame Committee**

John Scieszinski  
Joe Starcevic  
Brian Fitzpatrick  
Nellie Coltrain  
Dan Stocker

### **Annual Awards Committee**

Nellie Coltrain  
John Hughes  
Alan Ammons  
Brian Fitzpatrick  
Dan Stocker  
Jim Keller  
Joe Starcevic  
Richard Coltrain  
Mike Duea  
Mike Maddison

## **2006 Annual Committee Reports**

### **Ambassadors**

The Ambassadors called upon the following businesses this year:

#### JANUARY

The Fountain – New Business  
CD Accounting – New Business

#### FEBRUARY

None

#### MARCH

None

#### APRIL

None

#### MAY

Just Teasin' – New Business  
Quilts-n-More – New Business

#### JUNE

Gilbert Boman Funeral Home – New Office Assistant  
Accent Floral & Gifts – New Member

#### JULY

The Highway Restaurant – New Business

#### AUGUST

Wirtjes Construction – New Member

#### SEPTEMBER

None

#### OCTOBER

Farm Bureau – New Marketing Assistant  
Photogenics – New Business

#### NOVEMBER

Ultra Industries – New Business  
Smith Fertilizer & Grain – New Business

#### DECEMBER

Memory Lane Bed & Breakfast – New Business  
Brick Street Pub – New Owner

If there are new businesses or owners that the Ambassadors need to call on, please contact the Chamber office at 932-5108 or via e-mail at [albiachamber@albiachamber.org](mailto:albiachamber@albiachamber.org).

## **Monroe County Tourism**

Submitted by Denice A. Gradeless, Executive Director

### **Albia Area Chamber of Commerce Director's Report**

Denice Gradeless, Executive Director  
Albia Area Chamber of Commerce

### **Albia Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards**

Following is the criteria, which helps in the selection of some of the awards given this evening. A special committee established the criteria for all these awards in 1995.

#### **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

This award was previously called the 'Civic' award. It was changed to "Citizen of the Year" because the committee felt that this more closely exemplified the meaning of the award.

The Citizen of the Year Award honors a person from the community who has substantially contributed to community life, through a certain project, special service, or other out-of-the-ordinary contribution. The award recognizes immediacy of the service (soon after the service was performed) and inspires people to excel in specific projects, programs, or activities in the community. (This is not a longevity award). Contributions should be outside the realm of Chamber activities and responsibilities, but could include Chamber-related functions. Specific criteria include:

- Remarkable service performed recently; and
- Leadership undertaken and exercised well; and
- Completion of a successful project or other good results obtained for the community and;
- May be a previous Civic/Citizen of the Year Award winner.

#### **PREVIOUS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS:**

1994	Tom & Camilla Williamson & Norm Braun
1995	Dave Johnson
1996	Dean Lathrop
1997	Brenda Wynn
1998	Jason Summers
1999	Guy & Pam Poe
2000	Bob & Colleen Putnam
2001	The Dancin' Grannies/Nancy Henderson
2002	Doris Mellick
2003	Josephine Lindberg
2004	Kristy Haas
2005	After Prom Comm (Charlie & John Hughes)
2006	Catherine Burkman

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

The Community Service Award recognizes a member of the Chamber who has demonstrated over a substantial period of time, a commitment to betterment of the community through diverse community activities and leadership. Service may include chamber activities but also should embrace non-chamber related service such as work in other civic organizations, the schools, etc. Specific criteria include:

- Chamber member; and
- Several years of service in the community; and
- A variety of service performed; and
- Outstanding contributions made and/or results obtained from the service; and
- Leadership undertaken and exercised well; and
- Not a previous Community Service Award winner.

### **PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS:**

1995	Dayton Kendall
1996	John Johnson
1997	Kevin Kness
1998	Dan Stocker
1999	Sharon Knapp
1999	Monroe County Hospital
2000	Rudy Riley
2001	Deb Zaputil
2002	John Dvorak
2003	Colleen Putnam
2004	Dave Paxton
2005	Jim Keller
2006	Kevin Halbmaier

## **MERIT SERVICE AWARD**

The Merit Service Award is presented to a Chamber member who has demonstrated long-term commitment to the purposes of the Chamber, through actions, which support the Chamber and its missions. This is an award to recognize service above-and-beyond the call of normal Chamber duty. Specific criteria include:

- Chamber member; and
- Several years of service to the Chamber and to the community at large; and
- A variety of service performed; and
- Leadership undertaken and exercised well; and

### **PREVIOUS MERIT SERVICE AWARD WINNERS:**

1964	Don Orelup, Henry Kolling
1965	Robert Larson
1967	J. Logan Cain, Ralph Goode
1968	Lowell Williams
1969	Robert Bates, J.E. King, O.J. Duea
1970	W.K. Cash
1973	John Judge
1978	Robert Kaldenberg, Robert Larson
1979	Robert Bates
1980	Henry Kolling
1981	Sylvia Rosenthal
1982	Allen Wilkin
1983	Bernard Carr
1984	Mike Lawrence
1985	Norm Braun, Bob Reed
1987	Dave Johnson
1988	Raymond Vance, Estal Lathrop
1989	Jim Keller
1990	Richard Coltrain, Nellie Coltrain
1991	Gloria Mick, Ray Davis
1992	Joanna Albers
1993	Kathy Welsh
1994	Paula Nordstrom
1995	David Paxton
1996	Greg Morehead
1997	Dayton Kendall
1998	Kim Howie
1999	Harold Mick
2000	Jeanne Howie
2001	Kevin Kness
2002	Dan Tometich
2003	John Scieszinski
2004	Nellie Coltrain
2005	Mike Duea
2006	Sharon Knapp

## **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

The Business of the Year recognition is given to a business that has shown an investment in the community's future. Specific criteria include:

- The business is a member of the Albia Area Chamber of Commerce;
- The business demonstrates long-term vision for the community;
- The business is a good neighbor in the community; and
- The business engages in team work to achieve community goals; and
- The business is successful in identifying and meeting needs of the community

### **PAST RECIPIENTS OF BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:**

1978	Western Auto
1979	G.B. Equipment
1980	Johnson & Johnson
1981	Coast to Coast
1982	A&W Restaurant
1983	Gambles
1984	Ewers
1985	Barbary Coast Opera House
1986	Albia Newspapers
1987	Holiday Motel
1988	People's State Bank
1989	Shelter Insurance
1990	Cindy's Beauty Hut
1991	Duea Motor Company
1992	Mick Furniture & Appliance
1993	First Iowa State Bank
1994	Reed Construction Company
1995	Coltrain Implement
1996	White Oak Gallery
1997	Skean Block Restaurant
1998	Kness Manufacturing
1999	Falvey Lumber Company
2000	Chariton Valley REC
2001	Jim & Charlie's Affiliated Foods
2002	Winfield Funeral Home
2003	Monroe County Hospital
2004	Hy-Vee
2005	Quiktron
2006	Albia Golf

**ALBIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**

<b>Chamber General Checking</b>	<b>\$ 328.23</b>
*Gift Account (Chamber Bucks)	\$ 3,203.87
*Glass Negative Light Fund	\$ 240.85
*Remodeling Savings Account	\$ 3,402.23

\*THESE ACCOUNTS ARE NOT PART OF THE CHAMBER'S OPERATING FUNDS