

Chamber News and Notes

January 16, 2012

Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Wine & Cheese Membership Drive

Area Businesses are invited to a Membership Drive event on Monday, January 23rd at the Chamber offices, 223 East Main Street, from 5-7pm for a Business After Hours Wine & Cheese Function. Come prepared to promote your business, visit with other business owners, and enjoy a variety of wines and other refreshments. Save a stamp, and bring your membership dues with you that evening!

Not sure about joining the Chamber? Here is a great opportunity to visit with other businesses about the benefits of Chamber Membership. Come join us and see what the Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce has to offer!

2012 Chamber of Commerce Board of **Directors**:

Chris Cox, President—Fareway
Pam Wonsmos, Vice President—
PropertyLink

Al Mattison, Music Man Maintenance
& Klemme House B & B

Doug Roelofsen, Wright County Motors

Ron Allen, True Value Hardware

Mike Thompson, Belmond Klemme School
District

Rachel Johnson, Rehabilitation
Center of Belmond



2012—New Year, New Changes

Each new year presents opportunities for change and growth, and this year is no exception. My family has accepted the opportunity to move for my husband's new job, and as such, I am sad to say that I must leave this wonderful position as Chamber Secretary.

This rewarding position needs to be filled by someone with a positive attitude who has Belmond's best interests at heart, a desire to see Belmond grow and prosper, someone organized, outgoing, creative, and with great attention to detail. This person needs to have some strong computer skills, be self directed, and be able to work a fairly flexible schedule, as there are some meetings and events during non-business hours.

If you or someone you know would fit these criteria for the Chamber Secretary position, please have them send a resume to: Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce, 223 East Main Street, Belmond, Iowa 50421 or stop in at the Chamber offices to pick up an application.

Holiday Dollars Program

Belmond Chamber Members—please remember to bring in your Holiday Dollars and redeem them at the Chamber offices before January 23rd if possible, so that the program can be closed out. I hope that all of you had a prosperous Christmas season!



Breakfast with Santa

Thank you to the sponsors of the Breakfast with Santa Event:

First State Bank

Northwest Bank

Rehabilitation Center of Belmond

Thanks to their support, over 50 children were able to experience the wonder of meeting Santa personally, and sharing some great food and fun for the morning!

Also, thank you to the Old School Records Management Community Room volunteers: Anna Leonard, Terry Pressley, Tony Anderson and Dr. Kollasch, and thank you to Sharleen Sorum, Kali Lovgren and Lanie Haugen for volunteering to help as well.



Welcome!

Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes to Main Street—Westphal Legal Offices and Ms. Barbara Westphal. Her office is located at 206 East Main Street.



Chamber Valentine Date Night Event!

Looking for a great way to impress your date for Valentine's Day, but afraid to travel too far? (after all, it is Winter in North Iowa and you never know what the weather will hold.)

Look no further than Belmond for your best Valentine Date ever! Coming to the Belmond Country Club—sponsored by the Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce—for the low price of \$35 a ticket, you will enjoy a Prime Rib Dinner, free drink, a rose for your date, and a Comedy Show featuring Jeff Caudill, an Iowa native!

“Jeff Caudill has been featured in comedy clubs, theaters, nightclubs, casinos, resorts, corporation events, foundation events, competitions, and festivals across the Midwest for the past 7 plus years. His hybrid mix of small-town charm and pure-wit endear him to audiences of any demographic!

Constantly picking-up a microphone at every opportunity helped Jeff develop into one of the best comedians in the Midwest. Anyone lucky enough to be in the audience for one of Jeff's shows is sure to feel like he's a long-time friend, telling them stories he's never told anyone before. It's this friendly appeal, armed with edgy-but-silly observations and life stories, has made Jeff a staple throughout the Heartland. Jeff receives rave reviews for his performances throughout the Midwest! Welcoming Jeff into any venue is like having an old friend over to liven your party up... an old friend that your guests will want back again and again!

Jeff recently signed a Comedy Album deal with NEW WAVE DYNAMICS and it is now available on ITUNES and AMAZON!”

This event is to raise funds for renovation of an empty downtown storefront and make it ready for a new business to move in. If you are passionate about seeing Belmond's downtown revitalized, please plan to support this fun event and great opportunity to renew Belmond's growth.

GLASS OF MILK

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water.

She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."

He said..... "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Years later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

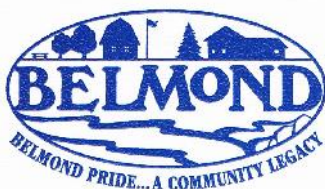
Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day forward he gave special attention to the case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval.

He looked at it and then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill.

She read these words....."Paid in full with one glass of milk", (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands."
- Author unknown



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Belmond Community Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 Belmond Community Awards—an opportunity to recognize individuals or teams who have helped make Belmond a better place to live in 2011.

Categories for nomination include: Outstanding Community Service Award, Up and Coming Junior Community Leader, Outstanding Team or Individual Effort Award, Sunshine Award, Outstanding Religious Leader or Minister Award, Individual Youth Award, and Guardian Angel Award.

The nomination forms are due back to the Chamber of Commerce offices by February 29th, and the Community Awards Banquet will be held at Cattleman's Steak and Provisions on March 26, 2012.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber offices or can be downloaded at www.belmond.com, Chamber of Commerce tab under the Bulletin Board.



WHAT I OWE MY MOTHER:

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
2. My mother taught me RELIGION: 'You better pray that this will come out of the carpet.'
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: 'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
4. My mother taught me LOGIC: 'Because I said so, that's why.'
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: 'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT: 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
7. My mother taught me IRONY: 'Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about.'

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 City Council	3	4 Promotions council Noon	5	6	7 IRP Annual Meeting 6pm—OSRM Community Room
8	9	10	11 BIDCO 7am	12	13	14
15	16 City Council MLK Day	17	18 Chamber BofD noon	19	20	21
22 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race	23 Chamber Membership Drive Wine & Cheese Event 5-7pm Chamber Offices	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>City Council</i>	7	8 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	9	10	11 <i>Valentine's Comedy Club Event—Belmond Country Club</i>
12	13	14	15 <i>Chamber BofD noon</i>	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Presidents Day City Council</i>	21 <i>Fat Tuesday</i>	22 <i>Ash Wednesday Chamber Gen Mtg noon—Belmond Country Club</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Deadline for Commu- nity Awards Nominations</i>			

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 City Council	6	7 Promotions council Noon	8	9	10 4H Fun Night Penny Carnival
11 Daylight Savings	12	13	14 BIDCO 7am	15	16	17 Irish Stew Dinner
18	19 City Council	20	21 Chamber BofD noon	22	23	24 Outdoor Classroom Dinner
25	26 Community Awards Banquet	27 Boy Scouts Potato Bar	28 Chamber Gen Mtg noon- Jerry's Place	29	30	31

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>City Council</i>	3	4 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	5	6	7 <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
8 <i>Easter</i>	9	10	11 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	12	13 Simon Estes Concert, 7pm Luick Auditorium	14
15	16 <i>City Council</i>	17	18 <i>Chamber BofD noon</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Chamber Gen Mtg noon-Corner Lounge</i>	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	3	4	5 <i>Thanks with Franks</i>
6	7 <i>City Council</i>	8 <i>Teacher's Day</i>	9 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16 <i>Chamber BofD noon</i>	17	18	19
20	21 <i>City Council</i>	22	23 <i>Chamber Gen Mtg noon-1st St Pizza</i>	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 <i>City Council</i>	5	6 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18 <i>City Council</i>	19	20 <i>Chamber EofD noon</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Chamber Gen Mtg noon-Casa Chame- leon</i>	28	29	30

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>City Council</i>	3	4 <i>July 4th Events</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	12	13	14
15	16 <i>City Council</i>	17	18 <i>Chamber BoFD noon</i>	19	20 <i>Golf Outing at Clarmond Country Club</i>	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Chamber Gen Mig noon-Jerry's PLace</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>City Council</i>	7	8 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Chamber BojD noon</i>	16	17 <i>Chamber Power Show Dinner</i>	18 <i>Power Show Weekend Dog Days Triathlon</i>
19	20 <i>City Council</i>	21	22 <i>Chamber Gen Mig noon-1st St Pizza</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 City Council Labor Day	4	5 Promotions council Noon	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 BIDCO 7am	13	14	15 Fall Festival
16 Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale, Sept 13- 16, Butler, Franklin & Wright Counties	17 City Council	18	19 Chamber EofD noon	20 Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale, Sept 13-16, Butler, Franklin & Wright Counties	21	22
23	24	25	26 Chamber Gen Mtg noon-Corner Lounge	27	28	29
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October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>City Council</i>	2	3 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	11	12	13
14	15 <i>City Council</i>	16 <i>Boss's day</i>	17 <i>Chamber BofD noon</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Chamber Annual Meeting-Belmond Country Club</i>	23	24	25 <i>Ladies' Night Out Pink Poker Run</i>	26	27
28 <i>Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast</i>	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>			

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	5 <i>City Council</i>	6 <i>Election Day Boy Scout Soup Supper Culture Study Soup Supper</i>	7 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Veterans day</i>	12	13	14 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>Omelet Breakfast</i>	19 <i>City Council</i>	20	21 <i>Chamber EofD noon</i>	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	23 <i>Parade of Lights</i>	24 <i>Small Business Saturday</i>
25	26	27	28 <i>Chamber Gen Mtg noon-Clarmond Country Club</i>	29	30	

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Hunters Breakfast</i>
2	3 <i>City Council</i>	4	5 <i>Promotions council Noon</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>BIDCO 7am</i>	13	14	15 <i>Breakfast with Santa</i>
16	17 <i>City Council</i>	18	19 <i>Chamber BofD noon</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 <i>Chamber Gen Mig noon-Jerry's Place</i>	27	28	29
30	31					