

DMACC Pioneers 25th Anniversary Celebration!

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The DMACC Pioneers celebrated its 25th Anniversary at its annual Kick-off Dinner held at the FFA Building on the Ankeny campus on September 3, 2019. Sixty-one Pioneers attended along with several guests. The event was decorated with blue and silver balloons and table center pieces provided by Jodie Kinsey Evans, Floral Department Manager at Ankeny HyVee. Jodie is a graduate of the DMACC Graphic Design program. Verlyn Noring and John Crabb provided music with keyboard and drums. All Pioneers were photographed individually for the creation of a Pioneers 25th Anniversary Photo Directory.

Following a group photo taken by Dan Ivis, attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner featuring pulled pork and pulled chicken. DMACC Pioneers President, Sue Gibbons, welcomed the group. She recognized the original Pioneers Leadership Council members, current Leadership Council members, previous Pioneers presidents, previous Leadership Council members, and former recipients of the Outstanding Pioneers Award. To recognize the milestone of the oldest Pioneers member celebrating her 100th birthday, the group sang "Happy Birthday," to True Sherman. The song was recorded and was later sent to True.

Sue then introduced and thanked DMACC President Rob Denson for his continuing support of the Pioneers. President Denson addressed the group and gave an update on initiatives, accomplishments, and activities of the College. Tara Connolly, DMACC Foundation Executive Director, followed the president by thanking the Pioneers for their efforts in providing scholarships to students. She gave an overview of the activities of the DMACC Foundation. Tori Rogness, a student receiving a DMACC Pioneers Scholarship, expressed her appreciation for the funding and spoke of the impact receiving a scholarship had on her education.

Pioneers Volunteer Recognition and Awards were presented by Dana Zeiser, Volunteer Chair. Recipients included Marian Tonhouse, Mike Perry, Warren Pitcher, Larry Clauson, Lois Kiester, Buzz Hoffman, Judy Vogel, Sue Gibbons, Dana Zeiser, Verlyn Noring, Tom Maynard, Lyla Maynard, Barb Schmidt, Mary Jo Bennett, and Sharon Miles, Sharon Brown, Jim Dowis, Dennis Kellogg, Ruth Wagner, and Mark Schmidt.

The program concluded with the announcement of Warren Pitcher as the 2019 Outstanding Pioneer of the Year. Warren joined the Pioneers in 2004 and served as Treasurer from 2007-2017.

A social time with friends ended the evening.

Invitation to the DMACC Pioneers
25th Anniversary Fall Kick-off Event

*Fall
Kick Off*
2019
TUESDAY - SEPT 3
4:30 P.M.
FFA CENTER
ANKENY CAMPUS
ROOM 107



4:30 P.M.
REGISTRATION

5:00
GROUP PHOTO

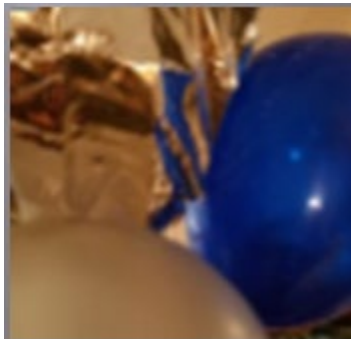
**CELEBRATING
25 YEARS**

DMACC Pioneers Planning Council Officers Martha Pestotnik: Member at large, Pauline Skarda: Vice President, Millie Kerr: Secretary, Dona Danaher: Member at large, Irv Steinberg: Member at large, Leonard Bengston, President and Curt Smith, Member at large.

**ORIGINAL
PIONEER
BOARD - 1994**

*I*t's been **25 YEARS** and we are ready to celebrate! Please join us at the **KICK-OFF** as we reminisce about the people and activities that got us to 2019. Sharing the latest DMACC news will be DMACC President, Rob Denson, and Executive Director Foundation, Tara Connolly, followed by the **2019 PIONEERS RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**RESERVATIONS: E-MAIL pioneers@dmacc.edu OR
CALL 515 964-6868 BY 4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28TH • GUESTS WELCOME •**
Please bring non-perishable snack items for Pamela's Pantry



Pioneers Leadership Council 2019 -2020

Photos by Dan Ivis



Front: Dee Johnson, Marian Tonhouse. 2nd Row: Bonnie McBee, Craig McEnany, Sue Gibbons, Patti Holms. Back Row: Judy Vogel, Barb Schmidt, Dana Zeiser, Lois Kiester.

Pioneers Attending 25th Anniversary



Pioneers 25th Anniversary Kick-off Program

All Following Photos by Steve Gibbons



Pioneers President Sue Gibbons



Outstanding Pioneer Warren Pitcher



Volunteer Coordinator Dana Zeiser



DMACC President Rob Denson



Pioneers Liaison Breck Danner



Pioneers Scholarship Recipient Tori Rogness

Pioneers Awards



Pioneers President Sue Gibbons presenting Outstanding Pioneer Award to Warren Pitcher.



DMACC President Rob Denson with Gold Medallion Volunteer Recipients: Lois Kiester, Dana Zeiser, and Sue Gibbons.



DMACC Pioneers Volunteer Recipients.

Mike Perry, Warren Pitcher, Larry Clauson, Lois Kiester, Buzz Hoffman, Judy Vogel, Sue Gibbons, Dana Zeiser, Verlyn Noring, Tom Maynard, Lyla Maynard, Barb Schmidt, Mary Jo Bennett, and Sharon Miles. (Not pictured: Marian Tonhouse, Sharon Brown, Jim Dowis, Dennis Kellogg, Ruth Wagner, and Mark Schmidt.)

Social Time with Pioneers Friends



Linda Clauson, Sandi Wurster, and Bev Baer Linda Miller, Lois Ziester, and Buzz Hoffman



Mary Jo Bennett, Al Wyckoff, and Emily Wyckoff



Mike Delaney and Warren Pitcher



Sandy Macklin and Sue LaZella



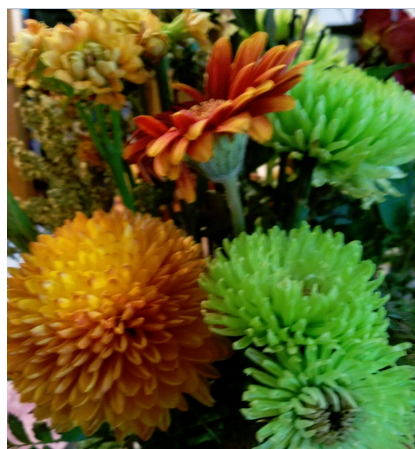
Ken Clark, April Arbuckle, and John Arbuckle



Mary Chapman and Pat Denson



Larry Clauson and Tom Maynard



Program for DMACC Pioneers

25th Anniversary Fall Kick-off Event

Fall Kickoff 2019



FRIENDS • FUN • SHARING • CARING

The purpose of the DMACC Pioneers is to:

- Provide financial support and services to Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) and DMACC students, administered through the DMACC Foundation.
- Provide opportunities for members to maintain contact with DMACC and to remain informed concerning its continued development.
- Promote continued friendship and fellowship among members.



PIONEER ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES


PIONEERS SUPPORT TO DMACC IN 2018-19

- Continued support for Pamela's Pantry with food and cash donations, now in TWO locations.
- Read, ranked and reviewed scholarship applications for the DMACC Foundation Scholarship Program.
- Provided volunteers for numerous DMACC activities to increase Pioneers visibility.
- Generated over \$12,500 to support the Pioneer Scholarship fund, allowing us to receive a \$10,000 matching gift from DMACC.
- Generated \$4,450 to sustain the Pioneer Endowment.
- Co-Hosted the annual DMACC Holiday Party with the DMACC Board of Directors.
- Renewed volunteer assistance during Welcome Week activities, January, 2019.

MAJOR PIONEER ACTIVITIES IN 2018-19

- Launched the Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Program increasing the number of volunteers over 100%.
- Monthly meeting attendance increased by 11%, our goal was 10%.
- Our scholarship and endowment contributions increased by almost 3%, our goal was 10%. We will continue to work on increasing both of these funds in the year ahead.
- The Pioneers awarded \$26,000 in scholarships for the fall and spring semesters.
- Fifteenth additions to the online Pioneers History Project.
- Dedicated one meeting to identifying DMACC employees in photos collected for the library's archive project.
- Partnered with the Sweden International Week Committee providing volunteers to sell t-shirts at various campus events. Proceeds of \$1,600 went to the Pioneers Scholarship Fund.

PIONEER GOALS FOR 2018-2019

- Increase attendance at monthly meetings by 10%.
 - Increase the number of Pioneers participating in volunteer opportunities by 20%.
 - Increase the number of member contributors by 3%.
 - Renew partnership with the International Week Committee.
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PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

4:30 PM

FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER - ROOM 107

4:30 Registration and Social Time

5:00 GROUP PHOTO Dan Ivis

5:15 DINNER

Music: Verlyn Noring, pianist and
John Crabb, drummer

5:45 WELCOME: Sue Gibbons

President, DMACC Pioneers

6:00 DMACC UPDATE: Rob Denson

President, DMACC

6:30 DMACC FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Tara Connolly

Executive Director, DMACC Foundation

**6:40 PIONEERS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
AND AWARDS
OUTSTANDING PIONEER OF THE YEAR
AWARD**

7:00 SOCIAL TIME

Special "Thanks" to Ankeny HyVee North & Jodie Kinsey Evans,
Floral Department Manager, (former DMACC Graphic Design
graduate) for the donation of the centerpieces.

PIONEER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2019-2020

Sue Gibbons	PRESIDENT
Dana Zeiser	VICE PRESIDENT
Barb Schmidt	SECRETARY
Patty Holmes	TREASURER
Dee Johnson	COMMUNICATIONS
Judy Vogel	HISTORY
Bonnie McBee	HOSPITALITY
Marian Tonhouse	MEMBERSHIP, VOLUNTEERS
Lois Kiester	STUDENT ASSISTANCE, VOLUNTEERS
Craig McEnany	PROGRAMS
Breck Danner	DMACC LIAISON

ADVANTAGES OF A PIONEER MEMBERSHIP

FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN

- Interesting monthly programs with updates, announcements, and an opportunity to maintain current and renew former friendships along with meeting new friends with a common connection.
- Three major special programs including the Pioneer Kick-off event, DMACC Holiday Party and Valentine's Day Lunch in the Bistro.
- Access to DMACC Daily email updates.
- Newsletters on Pioneer activities and special interest topics.
- Access to DMACC leaders, facilities and services including:
 - Reduced fees for course enrollments
 - Free DMACC Library access
 - Employee discounted rates at Trail Point Aquatics and Wellness Center, Ankeny Campus
- Ongoing reminders of your role in making DMACC the special place it is today!

DMACC *Pioneers* PROGRAMS - 2019 - 2020

We have planned a year of programs that should have wide appeal as to subject matter, informational education, and just plain fun.

OCTOBER 10: "Scam Slam" - Al Perales, State Investigator, Iowa Attorney General's Office

NOVEMBER 14: Veteran's Program and DMACC Service Member Recognition

DECEMBER 9: DMACC Holiday Party – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., ICI Building 7

JANUARY 2020: No scheduled activity

FEBRUARY 13: Valentine's Lunch, Bistro, ICI Building 7.

MARCH 12: DMACC History Review "Where we are and what we need!"

APRIL 9: "Update Your Health, Intelligent Aging"
Dr. Andrew Nish, Medical Director of John Stoddard Cancer Center

MAY 14: "Social Activity" Winestyles 4 - 6 p.m. - The District of Ankeny

JUNE 11: "Lustron Houses in Iowa" – Steve Stimmel, Retired Architect

JULY 9: "Barn Quilts and their connection to the Underground Railroad in the 19th Century" - Danny Steiber, Waverly, Iowa

AUGUST 13: "Pets & More" – DeeDee Schumacher, Professor, DMACC Veterinary Technology

NOTE: All regular meetings will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny Campus unless otherwise indicated.
