



NEWS & VIEWS

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From Your President

Hello Everyone,

We have had a busy couple of months with a successful Golf Tournament, TMCK and back to monthly board meetings. Round of applause to the Chefs who seamlessly rocked Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen! Wow, the Chef auction has exceeded our donation goals. All of your hard work allows this organization to give back to the community in many ways!

It has been a couple of years so I am very happy to announce the Omaha Hospitality Hall of Fame dinner will be taking place this year!

Dine Out Often,
Your President, Jessica Keith

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE BOARD OF THE OMAHA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION?

All you need to do is nominate yourself or have a co-worker do it. We need: Name, company name, cell phone #, e-mail address and a few sentences on why you would be an asset to the board.

**NOMINATIONS DUE BY
OCTOBER 31TH
AND VOTED ON BY
NOVEMBER 30TH.**



2022 Inductees

Jim Partington • Joe Thallas • Michael R. Rhoades
Dave P. Dougherty • Senator Bob Kerrey

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Dinner and Awards begin *Promptly* at 5:00 pm

Inductee Dessert & Cocktail Reception
Immediately Following

Food prepared by MCC's Institute for the Culinary Arts

The Institute for the Culinary Arts

Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus
32nd and Sorenson Parkway

\$100 per person (tax included) • Invitation is open to the public

**This is a 501(c)(3) event and \$70 is tax deductible.*

For Reservations:

Online <https://dineoutomaha.com/hall-of-fame-guest-registration/>
or Email majwarren@dineoutoften.com

OMAHA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION GOLF SCRAMBLE 2022

A RAINY DAY ADVENTURE



1ST PLACE – Access Payment Processing

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Thank you to SG Roi and Havana Garage for donating cigars which generated \$200 for the ORA!

Thank you to Chesterman Coca Cola for generating \$285 through your game on Sandstone #4.

Thank you to Don Q. for sponsoring a putt-putt contest at the turn, bringing in \$125 split between the ORA and winner Amanda York.

The best hand at the Poker Hole, to split the pot, was a straight King High held by Jeff Bremmer, Jr. The ORA and Jeff each received 135 dollars!

We hope you all enjoyed your day of playing, sampling, eating and networking. I know we did!



2ND PLACE – WestEnd



3RD PLACE – Southern Glaziers/Bacardi

Join Us In Celebrating
~ THE INDUCTEES ~

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23RD

Make your reservations!
(LIMITED SEATING)



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Sysco Lincoln Inc.



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To all those who made our 2022 Golf Outing A Huge Success
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Stone Creek: GM-Connor Farrell, F & B Mgr- Rylan Cotton, Head Golf Pro-TJ Loudner and the entire staff who worked so hard all weekend to make our tournament far above par!

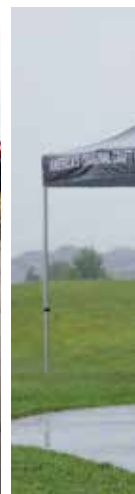
Board Members: For gathering prizes and helping to execute the day of!

Signage and Refrigerated Truck: Quality Brands for making it such a pleasure to work with and for SAVING THE DAY!

Food & Paper Products Throughout The Day: Loffredo Fresh Foods, Midstates Marketing, Smithfield Culinary, Omaha Steaks, Performance Foodgroup, Rotella's, Sysco Lincoln, Inc. and US Foods, Johnson Brothers, Red Bull and Republic National Distributing Co.

Beverage Donors Throughout Entire Tournament: Chesterman Coca-Cola, Premier Midwest, Quail Distributing, Quality Brands of Omaha, Johnson Brothers of NE, RNDC and Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits.

More Thank Yous: To the staff at the Food Bank of the Heartland and Project Harmony, to family and friends who came out to help behind the scenes today, thank you so very much!





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RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, August 15, 2022
 Stone Creek Golf Course | 6220 N 160th Avenue
 Proceeds go towards culinary scholarships and education, as well as feeding the hungry

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM: CheckIn & Breakfast
Driving Range w/balls

10:00 AM: Shotgun Start/Texas Scramble

11:30 - 1:30 PM: Lunch To Go at Clubhouse

3 - 4:00 PM: Cocktails, Appetizers & Prizes

EVENT COSTS

\$300: Sponsorship Only

\$750: Golf w/o Sponsorship
Includes: Lunch, Libations, Four-some w/2 Carts

\$800: Includes - Sponsorship, Breakfast & Lunch, Libations, Four-some w/2 Carts

Number of golfers is limited to 200 so sign up early! Entry Deadline is August 5th

A FUN EVENT! You don't need to be a serious golfer to play!
FUN & PRIZES! Contests • Poker Hole • Sampling & Flag Prizes
 Raffle Tickets: 5 for \$20 • Mulligans: \$20 each • Cigars: \$10 each
 Poker Hand: \$5 each

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 Omaha Restaurant Association | 4270 North 139th Street | Omaha, NE 68164 or visit www.dineomaha.com to pay credit card




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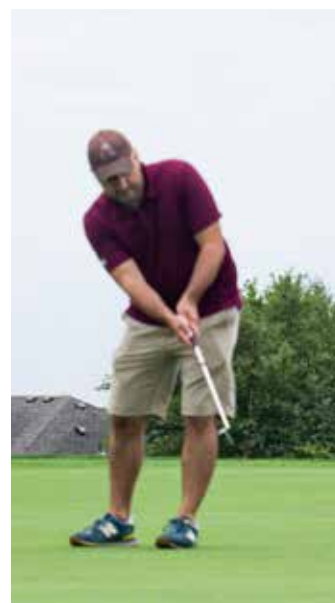
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EVENT PHOTOS Fall 2022





Board Member Bio

NATALIE HANKINS CFO & Director of Benefits DJ'S DUGOUT



My name is Natalie Hankins, and I am currently the CFO & Director of HR and Benefits for DJ's Dugout Sports Bar. I have worked for DJ's Dugout for 12 amazing years. I started as a server/ bartender, then worked up to assistant manager

and then to my current position. I have been working in the food and beverage industry since my first job in bussing tables as a teenager. I absolutely love the fast pace and ever-changing aspects of the industry. Working for Darwin Hansen and with the entire team at DJ's feels like being a part of a big family, we laugh a lot and work hard each day.

I have also been a part of the ORA board for 8 years. I love how much more connected I feel to the industry and what is happening or trending. Being a part of the board as well as the various committees is always enjoyable and provides value to our industry and community as a whole. I feel like this industry is a lot of hard work but so rewarding. The people are amazing and dedicated individuals who encourage me whenever we get together!

Outside of work I am a wife and mother. I have been married to my husband Justin for almost 10 years, and I am a mom to daughter Ansley who is 8 and son Hunter who is 3. They are my pride and joys. We keep busy with my Ansley's activities she is an equestrian rider and competes in local shows currently as well as soccer. I like to spend time at home and getting out as often as I can to enjoy food and beverage at many of our favorite Omaha restaurants.

On top of work and being a wife and mother, I enjoy fitness. As an active person, I love attending workout classes several days a week. This passion lead me to become a Rep for an Active wear line I promote keeping me up to date with both fitness and fashion.

—ATTENTION— Restaurant and Purveyor Owners and Managers

We have come across a very unique program to help those struggling with addiction and it is available on Zoom!

Please consider hanging a flyer next to your timeclock and help to save a life!



Ben's Friends is a community of chefs, bartenders, line cooks, servers, sommeliers, host and hostesses, GMs and owners who have found or are seeking sobriety. Our mission is to offer community, hope and a path forward for those struggling with substance abuse and addiction. At our core, we are hospitality workers who have found connection, and the tools to seek and maintain sobriety while managing our careers and lives in a sane and purposeful way.

PRINT THE FLYER ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR YOUR BUSINESS.



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Join Online:

<https://www.bensfriendshope.com/meetings>



The "Visual-Eyes Optical Vision Benefit Plan" - a FREE vision plan for small and large businesses

In today's competitive marketplace, it's important for an employer to offer health benefits to attract and retain quality staff members. However, these benefits are almost always an additional cost for both the employer and the employee, making it more difficult for the business to afford, and less attractive to prospective employees.

At Visual-Eyes Optical, we're pleased to offer a new no-cost, no-obligation health benefit that will enhance the visual health and overall health of your employees. It's known as our "Visual-Eyes Optical Vision Benefit Plan", and here's how it works:

- If your company participates in the Visual-Eye Optical Vision Benefit Plan, your employees and their dependents will receive a 40% savings on professional exam and procedure fees, AND a 25% savings on all spectacle frames and lenses (including sunglasses!) purchased in our newly expanded optical department. There are a few minor restrictions, but it's really that simple! Please see the attached "Benefits Guide" for more details.
- At the beginning of each calendar year, we will contact you. At that time, you may be asked to confirm the employment status of any staff members who are already enrolled or add new staff members to the plan.
- Lastly, this enrollment does not in any way restrict your options to visit other providers or nullify any existing vision care benefits you or any of your staff may already have. It simply gives you another option for your eye care and saves you money along the way!

It may sound too good to be true, but there are truly no catches. We understand the challenges of running a small business, as well as the increasing costs associated with doing so. The Visual-Eyes Optical Vision Benefit Plan is one way for you to expand your business benefit package without having to pay extra for those perks.

To help you become more familiar with our practice, our doctor, and our staff, you're welcome to come in for a tour of our clinic and optical. This will allow you to experience first-hand the thoroughness of our care, our new facilities, as well as the quality and selection of frame styles and brands in our optical department. Simply call our office at 402-955-2020 to schedule an appointment with one of our management team members, or if you have further questions about the Visual-Eyes Optical Vision Benefit Plan. If you would like to enroll, it's very quick and easy - simply fill out the business enrollment form in this packet and return it to our office (scan/email, or fax). Individual participants can fill out the employee enrollment form, as well. If you have further questions, give us a call and one of our management staff will assist you.

We look forward to meeting you and your staff. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kyle Niemann, OD Owner
Visual-Eyes Optical



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We offer an all-in-one solution that can cover everything from hiring to retiring and everything in between.

I'd love to learn more about you and your business goals! Feel free to call, text, or email me anytime.

Fun facts about me:



- Born & raised right here in Omaha, NE.
- Married to a hard-working Air Force Veteran, have a stepson that is going to school full time for Prototype Design (talk about smart) & have two little chihuahua mixes Max & Mia.
- I love Nebraska football, live music & enjoying local attractions.
- Been skydiving twice!



Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC)

- Clients have, on average, received ERTC credits totaling \$130,000

Most recent client success story

Helped an organization by:

- Streamlining **Hiring, Onboarding, Tax Credits, Scheduling & Payroll** into a single HRIS solution.
- Reduced from 5 systems to 2.
- Integrated with POS system & eliminated duplicate entry.
- Added mobile employee access.
- Created a single dashboard to manage multiple locations that can be accessed from anywhere.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

*Any ORA member is welcome to share in any meeting at any time. If you would like to speak at a meeting, please call Jennie Warren at 402-493-4739 and schedule a time.

SEPT 25th Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen
5:00 - Embassy Suites
10th & Howard Street

OCTOBER 11th Monthly Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Legends
6920 Pacific Street, Ste 100

OCTOBER 23rd Hospitality Hall of Fame
5:00 Institute for the
Culinary Arts
5300 North 30th Street

November 8th Monthly Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Embassy Suites
10th & Howard

December 5th Monthly Board Meeting
3:30 p.m. - Corkscrew
Blackstone - 3908 Farnam St.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH - CHAMPIONS RUN
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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