

# EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting:</b> 3:30 Heartland Payment Systems 17705 Pebble Circle
<b>SEPTEMBER 15-24</b>	Omaha Restaurant Week (See Ad on page 2 for details)
<b>OCTOBER 10</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting:</b> 3:30 Julios, 2820 S. 123rd Crt
<b>OCTOBER 15</b>	Omaha Hospitality HALL OF FAME-5:00 p.m.
<b>OCTOBER 30-31</b>	ServeSafe™ Management Training (See page 1 for details)
<b>NOVEMBER 14</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting:</b> 3:30 Lot 2, 6207 Maple St.
<b>DECEMBER 5</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting:</b> 3:30 Spencer's, 102 S 10th St
<b>JANUARY 2</b>	<b>Annual Dinner Meeting:</b> Founders One Nine-5:00 p.m.

\*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.

## ACCEPTING BOARD NOMINATIONS NOW FOR 2018-2019.

Please e-mail contact information and why that person would be an asset to the ORA Board to [dineoutoften@cox.net](mailto:dineoutoften@cox.net).

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## VALUABLE MEMBER OPPORTUNITY!

### Management ServeSafe™ Training

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ONE TIME OFFER!!! The Omaha Restaurant Association is offering to help pay for Management Food Safety Training through ServSafe and the UNL Extension Office. Their testing office is located at 8015 W Center Road. We will pay for the first 40 managers who sign up for the **October 30th and 31st** class. You will need to purchase a ServSafe Course-book 6th or 7th Edition from Amazon or ServSafe.com without the scantron sheet. We will supply the rest!

For questions or to sign up for a class, call or e-mail Executive Director, Jennie Warren at 402-493-4739 or [dineoutoften@cox.net](mailto:dineoutoften@cox.net).



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## From Your President

Hello Everyone,

I hated to miss out at the golf tournament but duty called that day! I heard nothing but great stories and comments and feel like I really missed out. I am really looking forward to the Hall of Fame Dinner on October 15th at the ICA at MCC. I have some great friends getting inducted and always look forward to seeing what the future chefs are learning and how they can execute a meal of this caliber. If you have never attended this event honoring industry leaders who make a real difference in our immediate community I encourage you to attend.

Until next time, Dine Out Often,

Your President, Glenn Wheeler

*Omaha Hospitality Hall of Fame Celebration*

A Benefit for Hospitality and Culinary Education

*Sunday, October 15, 2017*

5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvre Reception  
6 p.m. Dinner and Program  
Dessert Reception Follows Program

*2017 Inductees*

Hap Abraham Claude Hampton, Jr.  
Haukur "Jim" Olafsson Gary Rohwer  
Les and Jan Schneiderman

Food prepared by MCC's Institute for the Culinary Arts

*The Institute for the Culinary Arts*  
at Metropolitan Community College • Fort Omaha Campus  
32nd and Sorensen Parkway

\$76.75 per person (includes tax) | Invitation is open to the public  
Tickets available by calling 402.493.4739

**To Make your Reservations;  
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## A WINNING DAY AT CHAMPIONS RUN

### Another Sell Out for the ORA Golf Scramble

Blue skies and a slight warm breeze met the board members gathered at 8 a.m. to assist the club in getting ready for the big day. At 10 a.m. the golfers began to arrive, unloading clubs and bags, ready for a perfect day of golf at Champions Run. After checking in and buying their raffle/mulligan tickets, they were greeted with a Red Bull, Bloody Mary or Peach Tea. After grabbing a fresh Philly from Glenn Valley Foods they took a minute or two to check out their DJ's Dugout Grab Bag. The shotgun start began at 11 a.m. cart motors started to hum and the 2017 ORA golf tournament was off to an exciting start.

On nearly every hole there was either a flag prize or contest or a tasting. Jake's Cigars donated cigars to be sold and the ORA benefited by the \$150 profit. John Wade won half the pot at the Poker Hole with a 5 of a kind. He was awarded \$425 and so was the ORA!

Coke had a fun little contest where you drove your ball and tried to

pop a can. Chad King won a neon refrigerator and the ORA collected \$610!! Premier Midwest and Boulevard Brewing Company sponsored a chipping contest on hole #12. Trent Smith won an overnight stay in Kansas City and a tour for 20 at the Brewery. The ORA received \$240.

After golf, everyone gathered at the clubhouse and picked up the group photo images taken by Beverly Nelligan of the Profit Source Group.

An upscale BBQ menu was prepared by Champion's own Chef Rob and all the prizes were handed out. Third place went to the Sgt. Pepper's Millard group, Thompson, Thompson, Christiansen and Heenan. Second Place went to Cutchall, Wray, Walker and Griggs. The first place team was Smith and Alexander from Loffredo Fresh Produce Co. and Gentile from Acosta. They were awarded a 4 some with dinner afterwards for 8 at Champions Run.

Thank you all who donated beverage products: Chester-



### ANNUAL DINNER MEETING, Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at Founders One Nine.

Five Member Chefs will each prepare a course! We will be inducting the new board members and celebrating the accomplishments of the Restaurateur of the Year and the Purveyor of the Year.

man Coca Cola, Pepsi Co., Beam Suntory, Johnson Brothers, Republic National Distributing Co., Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Premier Midwest and Quality Brands.

Thank you all who donated food products: Con Agra Foods, Glenn Valley Foods, Loffredo Fresh Produce, Omaha Steaks, Reinhart, Rotella's, and Sysco Lincoln Inc.

And lastly, thank you all who donated prizes, sponsored, worked, and played!

Culinary Scholarships and Feeding the Hungry is our mission and proceeds from this event will be directed towards them.



## Board Member Bio

### NATALIE HANKINS

Executive Assistant  
DJ'S DUGOUT



Hi all, My name is Natalie Hankins, I am currently the Executive Assistant to Darwin Hanssen the owner of DJ's Dugout. I began in the restaurant industry as a busser at a local Golf Course when I was just 14. I have worked as a hostess, server and Bartender at a handful of places throughout my career. I began with DJ's Dugout in March of 2010 as a Bartender/Server then became the Assistant Manager at the DJ's Dugout in Bellevue. I love my current position, taking care of HR, finalizing Payroll, Benefits, assisting with Marketing and everyday operations to all 6 DJ's Dugout Locations.

I met my husband Justin 6 years ago, we met on match.com. We have been married for just over 4 years. We have a daughter Ansley who just turned 3, she is literally what makes our world go around. Justin is a Credit Analyst for the Swine team at Farm Credit Services of America.

I love being on the board and involved in the Omaha Restaurant Association because it allows me to meet so many great people in the restaurant industry. I love the events and the networking it has provided me.

Outside of work and the Omaha Restaurant association I really enjoy doing things with my family. Being a mom is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done in my life and look forward to what it has in store for me in the future. My family lives in Northern Iowa and my husband's lives in Western Nebraska so we try to travel there to visit as often as we can. I also enjoy creating memories for our daughter she is my little mini and we love shopping, golfing, going to the pool, and the park together. I enjoy wine and have a monthly neighborhood wine night that I really look forward to.

Looking forward to the future of my career with DJ's Dugout and staying involved in the Omaha Restaurant Association.

## SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

### Join Us In Celebrating

• 2017 HONOREES •

Hap Abraham Claude Hampton, Jr.

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Jan and Les Schneiderman

OMAHA RESTAURANT WEEK

PRESENTED BY VISIT OMAHA  
**SEPTEMBER 15-24**

THE 10 TASTIEST DAYS

ENJOY 3-COURSE MEALS AT DISCOUNTED PRICES

OmahaRestaurantWeek.com

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A portion of Omaha Restaurant Week proceeds will go to the



## Omaha Restaurant Association Golf Scramble Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**CHAMPIONS RUN GOLF COURSE**  
13800 Eagle Run Drive  
*Proceeds go towards culinary scholarships and education,  
as well as feeding the hungry*

Schedule of Events	
10:00 AM: Check-In & Lunch Driving Range w/ balls	\$160: Includes Lunch, Golf with Cart and Dinner
11:00 PM: Shotgun Start	\$750: Includes above with sponsorship
4:00 PM: Cocktails Followed by Dinner & Prizes	\$35: Dinner Only

Number of golfers is limited to 160 golfers!  
- SIGN UP EARLY -

Entry Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>  
This is a fun event, you don't need to  
be a serious golfer to play!  
We'll pair you up!





