



BREAKFAST CLUB

**Next Meeting: January 3, 2014
Program: Brenda Roe-Weaver**

ATTENDING...

Ernie Barnes
Wayne Bruns
Marv Fisher
Melissa Garrels

Jim Harrington
Dave Harrison
John Hunter
Kurt Johnson

Dan Kneeskern
Sam Kraus
Kyle Rohlk
Dave Smetzer

Phil Stanislav
Al Suckow
Steve Vaught
Jonathan Woods

WE MISSED...

Carroll Bennink
Bill Breckenridge

Jake Joseph
Karen Novak

Anita Messerschmidt*
Brenda Roe-Weaver*

Jeff Sharpe
Doug West

*excused

CLUB NEWS

 **Social Events...** A quick poll at the last meeting showed a fair amount of interest in the Living History Farms Historic Dinners. To be a bit different from our previous visits, it was decided to try the Dinner at the Flynn Mansion:

"Explore the culture of high Victorian dining with an evening meal in the Flynn Mansion. This is a unique opportunity to experience the serving culture and specialty courses which made up an elegant dinner party in the past.

Take a seat in the elegant Flynn dining room and allow yourself to be waited on by servants in proper 1870s period clothing. The dinner host will share stories of Des Moines society and Victorian entertaining as you enjoy nine food courses presented in 19th-century style. After dinner, explore the house and enjoy an intimate look at this historic Italianate home built in 1870."

The dinner lasts about three hours and the cost is \$75 per person. Let Wayne know if you are interested in attending this unique social event.

PROGRAM

John Hunter, an attorney at BrownWinick, gave us a general overview of the law firm with practice areas including agribusiness, construction, employee benefits, environment, health, government relations, litigation/trials, patent/trademarks, real estate, startups, and much more.

His speciality is general corporate law - setting up corporations and other business entities, mergers and acquisitions, facilitating the buying and selling of companies, banking, etc.

John presented an interesting case, Baur v. Baur Farms, Inc. that certainly created some lively discussion. It was basically a "business divorce" case between two cousins who's fathers had started the farming business and passed it on to their sons. One worked in the business and grew it significantly. The other had no part in working or growing the operation but contended he was oppressed for not receiving what he thought were reasonable returns as a minority owner. The moral of the story is to always have these expectations explicitly stated in the agreement from the beginning.

There was another case involving Sam, his luggage, an airline, and a sex toy but that discussion will not be committed to print.

Thanks, John, for an update on BrownWinick and spurring some great conversation with a couple of very interesting case studies.

REMINDER!! Future Programs

January 17 Dave Smetzer
February 7 Jake Joseph
February 21 Marv Fisher

