



DSC Participates in Central Iowa Heart Walk

On Saturday morning, May 6, friends, family, and colleagues of DSC gathered downtown Des Moines in memory of Don Snyder for the three mile American Heart Association's Central Iowa Heart Walk.

Wanting to continue Don's legacy of giving back to those around him and making the world a better place, a team formed to raise money and create awareness of heart disease, the #1 killer worldwide. The Heart Walk is a time of celebration, joy, and inspiration. It's also an event where people work together to support one single goal - to create a world free of heart disease and stroke.

Over \$10,000 was raised through efforts from DSC employees and Absolute Group, who also walked in memory of Don. The American Heart Association is the largest funder of cardiovascular research outside of the federal government. They advocate for laws to improve the quality of healthcare for patients, as well as educate the public on how to prevent and treat heart disease and its risk factors.



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Pictured above Don Snyder from early working days to recent.

Celebrating the Legacy of Don Snyder

With great sadness and disbelief, we announced the unexpected passing of Don Snyder this past February. Don and his two brothers, Dale and David, started working with their father Dean at a young age to help grow Dean Snyder Construction and took over ownership in the late 1970's/early 1980's. Just last year, Don celebrated a milestone of 50 years with DSC.

Throughout his career, Don was known for his hard work, honesty, and dedication. He helped expand DSC's central Iowa reach by opening the Ankeny office in 2001 and was a leader in our relationship with Fareway. He treated employees like family and was beloved by all who worked with him. Don had a magnetic personality, someone who forged deep friendships with people throughout his life and who had a great sense of humor and loved to make others laugh.

Don also cared about helping those around him and making the world a better place for future generations. He had been involved with many organizations over the years, but most recently, the Pinky Swear Foundation had stolen his heart. Once he heard their mission to help kids with cancer on WHO radio during their annual radiothon, he immediately felt moved to help in any way that he could and dedicated his time and efforts to the organization.

An Excerpt from "That Man" Written by Pinky Swear's Director of Marketing, MaryBeth Meyer (Read at Don's Funeral)

"Each year since I've been involved with Pinky Swear Foundation, we have helped a record number of families, raised a record number of dollars, and had a record number of requests. But it was never about the numbers for Don. It was about the people, the families, the children. Don understood the need greatly. He felt it in his soul. Even as we were smashing records together, he would say, "We've gotta do more, kiddo. We have to keep going." I would shake my head in disbelief at his generosity and simply say, 'That man.'



At the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of a new Fareway built by DSC in West Des Moines, Fareway's CEO Reynolds Cramer gave a special tribute to Don and his work with Fareway for the last 20 years. He presented Don's family with a clock and a scholarship named in honor of him. The Don and Jane Snyder Scholarship will be available to Fareway employees or their children starting in 2024.

Don taught me many life lessons in the short time I had with him. He taught me that all his business deals were sealed with a handshake and supported by his good word. He was faithful and could be trusted. Sometimes the simple, old-school, and not-so-fancy ways are the best ways to do business. And he always proved, promises are forever.

Since getting involved with Pinky Swear, Don helped radically expand and transform our organization. He helped thousands of families and changed countless lives forever.

'That man' kept his promise and has left an incredible legacy."

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New Hires at DSC



Jeff Keating has joined our Omaha office as a Project Manager. Jeff has over 30 years of experience in construction and enjoys golf and riding his Harley.

Dale Erickson has joined DSC as our new Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Manager. He comes to the position with over 16 years of safety experience. He is responsible for developing, organizing, and administering a comprehensive safety and health program.



Isaac Devereux, a Project Engineer, has joined our Clear Lake field. He is a recent graduate from University of Northern Iowa with a major in Construction Management.



Sophia Ridgway is the new administrative assistant in the Ankeny office. She previously worked as a Chargeback Analyst for Co-op Solutions.



Joining the Clear Lake office as a Project Manager is **Rusty Schipper**. Rusty has a degree in Construction Management from UNI and previously worked at Winnebago Industries.



Joining the Clear Lake office as the new receptionist is **Amy Jensen**. Amy has over ten years in administrative skills.



Kyle Tabbert has joined our Clear Lake office as our new residential-focused Project Manager. Kyle has 25 years of construction experience.



World's Freshest Salads Now Served in Ames, Iowa

Earlier this year, DSC remodeled a previous Italian fast-food restaurant into a grow room in just four weeks, allowing for Clayton Farms to open their very first salad and smoothie drive-thru. An Iowa farm boy, turned professional poker player, returned to his roots in farming a few years ago when online gambling started to diminish. Clayton Mooney is no typical farmer, however, as it's actually a tech company he created to grow his crops.

By inventing the software for an indoor hydroponic system, Clayton is able to grow fresh produce 365 days/year. His first indoor vertical farm started in Ames, Iowa, at the ISU Research Park. The plant racks with lights and water are all controlled by his computer program. The pandemic altered his original intention with the software, and he and his partners turned to selling the variety of leafy salad greens as a subscription service in the Ames/Des Moines areas.

His customer-base took off - his greens are delivered on the same day they are harvested, giving consumers the freshest salad possible. Knowing they had a good product that people wanted, they turned their attention to expanding in the Twin Cities area, and looked to DSC for help. DSC crews helped install their growing equipment in Edina, MN, and Clayton Farms was able to start growing their products within 8 weeks of buying the facility.

When it came time to expand their business plan, DSC was back onsite, but this time in Ames, Iowa, remodeling the entire dining area of a previous Fazoli's building so that plant racking could be installed. Each level of racks grows leafy greens and microgreens. When the greens are ready, staff harvests it and places them straight into the salads and smoothies they serve right there on site.



(Above) In early May, Clayton Farms Salads celebrated selling their 5,000th salad and smoothie.

Photos from Clayton Farms Facebook

(Below) Clayton Mooney stands outside his salad and smoothie drive-thru only restaurant remodeled by DSC in Ames, IA.



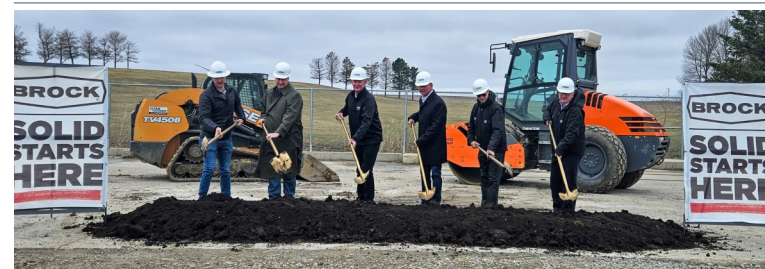
DSC Building New Mason City Airport Terminal



Construction is underway for a new \$14 million Mason City Municipal Airport (MCW) Passenger Replacement Terminal. The terminal currently in use was built in 1965 over an existing foundation of a previous farmhouse. It is 14,300 SF, with 10,700 SF on the ground level and 3,600 on the second level with minimal updates over the years.

The new terminal will be 23,000 SF and includes a more modern security checkpoint, more gate hold space for travelers, an expanded Aircraft Parking Apron, and additional spaces for the airline, bus line, Transportation Security Administration, and airport administration offices. The parking lot will also double in size.

The new terminal is being constructed directly west of the current one, leaving the current one still in operation and allowing for the airport to continue business as usual. The new terminal is scheduled to open in Summer 2024.



New Project Underway in Sheffield, Iowa

DSC joined Brock LeMar Manufacturing this spring for a ground-breaking ceremony commemorating the expansion of their manufacturing facility outside Sheffield, Iowa.

The expansion and workflow reorganization will help Brock meet the growing demand for the grain sweeps and transport conveyors produced at the plant. It will add nearly 20,000 sq. ft. of space to the facility, providing more room for equipment assembly and allowing drive-through access for shipping and receiving. With this expansion, Brock can increase sweep production from approximately 800 sweeps a year to more than 2,000.



Huff Earns Prestigious MBI Award

At the 2023 Master Builders of Iowa (MBI) Winter Conference, Ankeny's Director of Project Management Michael Huff was presented with the Master Builder Designation Award.

This designation is achieved after obtaining 150 credits from classes at MBI with focuses on leadership, project management, ecological stewardship, safety, and ethics. It also recognizes that these individuals believe in the importance of life-long learning and have demonstrated their desire for personal growth.

A Century of Architectural Brilliance: Celebrating ATURA architecture Turning 100

Founded in 1923 in Mason City, Iowa, our roots started under the name Hansen & Waggoner Architects and was owned by Harry Hansen and Karl Waggoner.

Karl's son, Tom Waggoner, joined in 1954, and led the firm through various partnerships until acquired by Dean Snyder Construction (DSC) in 2012. At that time, the firm was known as Waggoner & Wineinger Architects (WWA).

ATURA - Latin for the "Art of Construction"

In 2018, DSC's in-house design team and WWA officially merged to become ATURA architecture. And after 95 years in Mason City, the firm moved to Clear Lake.

Our Starting Place

The first project designed by Hansen & Waggoner Architects was an underground restroom facility known as the Comfort Station in Mason City's Central Park in 1923.



Hand drawn rendering of the Mason City Comfort Station from 1923

A more notable project included in our 100-year history is located in Clear Lake on Buddy Holly Avenue. Inducted into the National Register of Historic Places and the American Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, we are, of course, referring to the Surf Ballroom.

As official architects of not only the current Surf Ballroom, our firm also did the original Surf, which was located directly across the street to the south from the current one, next to the lake. The original Surf was open to the public in 1933 and unfortunately burned to the ground in 1947. However, within ten days of the fire, the Mason City Globe Gazette printed our firm's renderings of the new and improved Surf Ballroom, and it reopened in 1948.

Looking Towards the Future

Today our firm has grown to a full-service design staff of 12 employees with an array of experience and tenure within the company. We continue to work in both the private and public sectors alongside DSC and other contractors on design-build projects as well as maintaining our relationships with many north Iowa K-12 schools. We have become a go-to firm for design in childcare facilities, gymnasiums and other athletic facilities, and transportation storage. We anticipate 2023 to be a record year for square footage designed and includes some exciting projects that will transform the landscape of our local communities. One thing that has remained at the core of our culture through the last 100 years is the respect and relationships we build with our clients.



Recently completed design project: Clear Lake Athletics & Wellness Center

ATURA architecture is a subsidiary of DSC.