



Omaha Business Hall of Fame Members

2013

Mogens C. Bay	Valmont Industries Inc.
Marshall Faith	The Scoular Company
Susan M. Jacques.....	Borsheims Fine Jewelry
William (Willy) M. Theisen	Business Ventures LLC
James R. Young	Union Pacific Corporation

2012

Michael G. Fahey.....	former Omaha mayor
Robert Gregg "Bob" Hoig.....	Founder, Midlands Business Journal
Paul and Lori Hogan.....	Founders, Home Instead Senior Care
Jun and Ree Kaneko	Founders, KANEKO
Linda Hoeppner Lovgren	President, Lovgren Marketing Group
D.J. Witherspoon (1912-2000).	Co-founder, Pamida, Inc.

2011

Richard R. Bell	Chairman and CEO, HDR
Dan Gordman (1912-1993).....	Founder, Richman Gordman Half Price Stores, Inc.
George F. Haddix	
John P. Schlegel, S.J.....	President, Creighton University
Wallace Roger Weitz	Founder and President, Weitz Funds
Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein	Executive Director, Peter Kiewit Foundation

2010

Erastus A. Benson (1854-1932)	Founder, E.A. Benson and Son Realtors
Pennie Z. Davis (1917-2002)	President, Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc.
Samuel D. Mercer.....	Founder, Mercer Management Company
Joseph H. Moglia	Chairman, TD Ameritrade
Theodore (Ted) M. Seldin.....	Chairman, The Seldin Company
Janice D. Stoney.....	Executive Vice President (retired), U S WEST

2009

Robert D. Bates	Former insurance executive, Lincoln Financial Group, Business advisor and community volunteer
Deryl F. Hamann	Senior Counsel, Baird Holm LLP
Frank L. Hayes	President/Managing Director, Hayes & Associates, LLC
Clarence L. Landen (1898-1980)	Executive Vice President and Founder of Securities Acceptance Corp. and CEO and Founder of Central National Insurance Company
Harold M. Maurer, M.D.	Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Michael Simmonds	Chairman, Simmonds Restaurant Management
Pamela Watanabe-Gerdes	Founder and former CEO, Tender Hearts Treasures, Ltd.

2008

Tal Anderson	Chairman, Performance Auto
Anne Stuart Batchelder	Community Volunteer and Philanthropist
Clifton B. Batchelder (1990-2001).....	Chairman of the Board, United States Checkbook Company
Edward H. Harriman (1848-1909).....	Chairman of the Board and President, Union Pacific Railroad
William McBain Kizer.....	Chairman Emeritus, Central States Indemnity
Edward Fred Owen (1916-1990).....	Chairman, Owen Industries
Arthur B. Pittman, D.V.M. (1915-1990).....	Veterinarian

2007

Chip Davis	President and CEO, American Gramaphone, and composer, Mannheim Steamroller
Kathleen C. Dodge.....	Chairman and President, NEI Global Relocation
N.P. Dodge, Jr.	President and Chairman of the Board, NP Dodge Co.
Henry Doorly (1879-1961).....	Publisher, Omaha World-Herald
Richard D. Holland	Advertising executive and philanthropist
A.F. Jacobson (1905-1990).....	President, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company

2006

Edward Creighton (1820-1874).....	Pioneer businessman and founder, Creighton University
Richard K. Davidson	Chairman, Union Pacific Corporation
William A. Fitzgerald.....	Chairman and CEO (retired), Commercial Federal Bank
Michael R. McCarthy	Chairman, McCarthy Group, Inc.
Alan D. Simon.....	Chairman of the Board, Omaha Steaks
Frederick J. Simon.....	Executive Vice President, Omaha Steaks
Stephen H. Simon (1939-2006)	Vice President and General Manager, Omaha Steaks
Gilbert C. Swanson (1906-1968)	Co-owner, C.A. Swanson & Sons
W. Clarke Swanson (1908-1961).....	Co-owner, C.A. Swanson & Sons

2005

Jack W. Baker	Chairman, President and CEO, PDM, Inc.
Charles F. Heider	President, Charles Heider Company
Gilbert Hitchcock (1859-1934)	Founder, Omaha World-Herald
Harry A. Koch, Jr.	Chairman (retired), The Harry A. Koch Co.
Robert J. Kutak (1932-1983)	Co-Founder, Kutak Rock LLP
John Nelson	Chairman, SilverStone Group, Inc.

2004

Hal Daub	Partner, Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP
Bruce R. Lauritzen	Chairman, First National Bank of Omaha
Lee G. Simmons D.V.M.....	Director, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo
David L. Sokol	Chairman and CEO, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company
Robert H. Storz (1899-1992)	Chairman of the Board and President, Storz Broadcasting Company

2003

C.R. "Bob" Bell	Former President, Greater Omaha Chamber
Fr. Edward Flanagan (1886-1948)	Founder, Boys Town
Stanley How	Designer and Chairman Emeritus, ASD Stanley J. How Architects, Inc.
Kenneth Stinson	Chairman and CEO, Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc.
J. Wendell Thomas (1900-1974).....	Founder, Thomas Funeral Home
Benjamin Wiesman	Chairman, Wiesman Development

2002

John D. Diesing	Vice President/Secretary, J.L. Brandeis and Sons, Inc., and Chairman, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.
Howard L. Hawks.....	Chairman and CEO, Tenaska, Inc.
Harlan J. Noddle	Chairman, Noddle Development
Joseph Kirshenbaum	President, Noddle Development
Amos T. Pearl (1909–1973).....	Founder, Frontier Bag Company, Inc.
Alberta F. Pearl (1913-1987).....	Founder, Frontier Bag Company, Inc.
John W. (Jack) Weekly.....	Chairman of the Board and CEO, Mutual of Omaha Companies

2001

Perry E. "Bill" Esping (1935–1998).....	Founder, First Data Resources
John Gottschalk	Chairman and President, Omaha World-Herald Company
Wayne L. Ryan, Ph.D.	Chairman and CEO, Streck Laboratories, Inc.
Maurice M. Udes	Founder, Builders Supply Co., Inc.
John A. Wiebe.....	Chairman of the Board, Wiebe Enterprises, Inc.

2000

Eugene C. Eppley (1884–1958).....	President, Eppley Hotels Company
John C. Kenefick	President and CEO, Union Pacific Railroad
Byron Reed (1829–1891)	Pioneer in real estate development
J. Joe Ricketts	Founder and Chairman, Ameritrade Holding Corporation
Phillip G. Schrager.....	Founder, Chairman and CEO, The Pacesetter Corporation
Harley D. Schrager	President, The Pacesetter Corporation

1999

Milton R. Abrahams.....	Founder, Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman
Dr. C.C. Criss (1879–1952)	Founder and Chairman of the Board, Mutual of Omaha
Mrs. Mabel L. Criss (1881-1978).....	First female officer and Director of Personnel and Planning, Mutual of Omaha
Fred H. Hawkins	Chairman, Hawkins Construction Company
William A. Paxton, Sr. (1837-1907).....	Early leader in banking, real estate, business development and stockyards
Charles D. Peebler, Jr.	President, True North Communications, Inc.
Michael B. Yanney	Chairman and CEO, America First Companies

1998

N.P. "Phil" Dodge	Chairman Emeritus, NP Dodge Company
Vinod Gupta	Chairman and CEO, American Business Information
George Joslyn (1848-1916)	Past President, Western Newspaper Union
Lester Simon (1907-1974)	Past President, Omaha Steaks International
Roy Smith	President, Old Mill Toyota

1997

Harold W. Andersen	CEO (retired), the World-Herald Company
George Brandeis (1896-1948)	President, J.L. Brandeis and Sons
William F. Fitzgerald	Chairman (retired), Commercial Federal Savings and Loan
Harry G. Watanabe (1904-1988)	Founder, The Oriental Trading Company
Clarence L. Werner.....	CEO, Werner Enterprises, Inc.

1996

Mildred Brown (1913-1989)	Founder, The Omaha Star
Ike Friedman (1924-1991)	President and CEO, Borsheims
John R. Lauritzen.....	Chairman Emeritus, First National Bank of Omaha
Joseph Cullen Root (1844-1913).....	Founder and President, Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society
Willis A. Strauss	Past President, CEO and Chairman, InterNorth, Inc.

1995

Abe Baker.....	Founder, Baker's Supermarkets
Leo A. Daly, Jr. (1917-1981)	Chairman and President, Leo A Daly Company
Joseph Hopkins Millard (1836-1922)	Pioneer banker and financier
John J. Mulhall	Founder, Mulhall's Nurseries
Walter Scott, Jr.	Chairman and President, Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc.

1994

Charles W. Durham	Chairman, Durham Resources, Inc.
Samuel M. Greenberg (1909-1988).....	Co-owner Philips Department Store
Charles M. "Mike" Harper	Chairman and CEO: RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., ConAgra Inc.
Herman Kountze (1833-1906)	Pioneer Omaha banker and financier
Allan G. Lozier	Chairman of the Board, Lozier Corporation

1993

Rose Blumkin.....	Founder, Nebraska Furniture Mart
Warren Buffett.....	Chairman, Berkshire Hathaway
John A. Creighton (1831-1907).....	Leading figure in banking, civic, and educational affairs
Robert Daugherty	Chairman of the Board, Valmont Industries
Peter Kiewit (1900-1979).....	Founder, Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc.
V.J. Skutt.....	Former Chairman of the Board, Mutual of Omaha Companies