

## WEST YP 2026

# EVENTS & EXPERIENCES

**January 20:** New Year, New Network: Speed Networking

*Skip the awkward hovering and painful small talk. It's time to make some real connections for the new year!*

**\*February 18:** Courtside Connections: A Night with the Bulldogs

*Networking meets game night as we cheer on the Drake Men's basketball team at the Knapp Center.*

**March 24:** Your Own Narrative: Building a Brand People Actually Remember

*Create a reputation that sticks without becoming a walking LinkedIn post.*

**April 21:** Putt & Pair: A Mini-Golf Mixer

*Tee off for fun, laughs, and new connections with friends and mini-golf!*

**May 19:** Budget Breakthrough: Keep Your Wallet Happy Without Feeling Deprived

*Learn how to make your paycheck work harder than you do!*

**June 16:** Paws for a Cause: Compassion in Action

*Give back to your community by helping animals in need at the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.*

**June 30:** New Member Meetup: Welcome to WDM!

**July 21:** Next Step Strategy: Positioning Yourself for Real Growth

*Figure out what you want in your career and how to achieve it instead of waiting for someone to notice.*

**August 18:** Sip, Stroll, and Socialize: East Village After Hours

*Celebrate the end of summer by exploring some great local spots in the Historic East Village.*

**September 15:** Message Match: Reading the Room Without Guessing

*Learn how to spot communication patterns and adapt before things get messy.*

**October 20:** Pumpkin Masters: West YP's Inaugural Pumpkin Painting Contest

*Paint, mingle, and enjoy all the fall vibes at this hands-on workshop at the Botanical Garden.*

**November 17:** Clear the Air: Handling Tension Before It Turns Awkward

*Strengthen your ability to resolve disagreements and work through challenges with clarity & purpose.*

**December 15:** Jingle & Mingle: West YP Holiday Bash

*Toast the season by celebrating the meaningful connections made this year and those yet to come.*

\*Events are subject to changes if needed