

## **DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter**

April 2019

Letter from the Executive Director - Wages and Renewals

After a winter full of snow and a rainy kick off to Spring, I am definitely ready for some sunshine! I believe much of DeWitt feels the same way as there is a noticeable increase in visitors to the park, most in search of some outdoor activity and possibly even a Hausbarn tour!



Spring is a time for lots of activity at the DCDC too!

Last week I sent a Wage & Benefit Survey to the main contact at every DeWitt area business I had an email address for. All businesses are invited to participate. Survey responses will be compiled into two separate reports; one for all employers and one for area manufacturers. Individual answers will be kept confidential. The summary reports will be shared with the participating businesses and made available when appropriate to verified prospective businesses considering expansion into our area. If you did not see (or notice) that survey in your email, contact me and I'll let you know who at your business received it. Please spread the word and encourage all area businesses to participate by Tuesday, May 7th.

As we work to wrap up our 2018-2019 fiscal year, we are also looking forward to next year and all that we hope to accomplish for our members and community. However, we cannot do it alone! In the coming weeks the primary contact for each member will receive an email <u>inviting you to renew your DCDC membership</u>, continuing your investment in all we do to support existing business, attract new business and enhance the quality of life for our community.

The email will include a list of member benefits, a renewal form and a membership invoice based on last year's dues. If you have a question about the value of membership, please let me know now. I'd welcome the opportunity for a one-on-one conversation with you.

Thank you for your support of the survey and DCDC membership!

P.S. Watch for an email next week about the Member Choice Award Nominating & Voting timeline!



### **Note These Dates**

- May 14 "eat Lunch and Learn something" Communication Skills
- May 16 Revive After Five at IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union
- June 8 Summer Family Movie Night
- June 27 DCDC Year in Review Annual Meeting at TYCOGA
- July 13 Summer Family Movie Night
- July 25 <u>DCDC 101</u>
- August 1 DCDC Golf Bash
- August 10 Summer Family Movie Night

## Sign up today! Eat Lunch & Learn Something

# **Good Leadership and Effective Communication in the Workplace**

Presented by
Dave Harris & Dennis Schnoor of Eastern Iowa
Community College

When: Tuesday, May 14th, 11:30 AM to 1 PM Where: Murphy's Pub & Bickering Brother's

Brewery, 613 10th St., DeWitt



## **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

## **DCDC Membership Celebrations!**



The DeWitt Ambassadors presented a First Dollar to My Vital Force Wellness Center. Welcome to DeWitt!



The DeWitt Ambassadors presented

<u>Classy Creations</u> a Spotlight on

Success at their NEW location!

818 6th Ave, DeWitt

816 6th Ave, DeWitt (563) 659-6111



The DeWitt Ambassadors presented a First Dollar to **Butt's Meat**, and Spotlighted their building repairs being VERY close to complete!

911 11th St, DeWitt (563) 659-7675

DeWitt Ambassadors presented a Spotlight on Success at Sun Central Tanning & Wellness at their new location! Stop in to check out their new location and all they have to offer!



606 9th St, DeWitt (563) 659-8000



## **Welcome New Member:**

## Relevant Ideas

Assisting companies in making decisions and taking action.

(434) 242-7002



## **Revive After Five**

A BIG thank you to Necker's Jewelers for hosting our April Revive! What a FUN evening!!

Check out more photos HERE!



THANK YOU! 2018-2019 INVESTOR MEMBERS!













































































Join us May 16 at IH Mississippi **Valley Credit Union!** 

## **REGISTER HERE!**



## Are you hiring?

Post your available positions on the DCDC website for free. They'll be shared on our social media pages, in our weekly "What's Happening" e-newsletter and in this monthly newsletter.

> View current employment opportunities here!



Click here to check out "Read About It" articles posted by members!

Do you have exciting news about your company you would like to share? Have you hired a new staff member, been recognized in your industry, or expanded your products & services? Login to the Member

**Information Center (MIC)** and add your news in News Release section!

## VOLNTEER all that's missing is U!

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you like to have fun? Are you interested in sharing your ideas to make the DCDC even better?

> Join one of our committees today!

**Email Angela** or call 659-8500 for more information.



The DCDC hosted the Success

Round Table Discussions at Central
DeWitt High School and Northeast
High School. Local business leaders
came and spoke to the sophomores
about their own path to success.

Thank you to our guest speakers that
took time out of their schedules to
meet with the students!



Did you know the Department of Labor requires all businesses to post this Labor Law notice in a place easily seen by their employees?

Many businesses pay to have these notices printed, but you do not have to! The DCDC is partnering with lowaWORKS to provide these free of charge! Stop by the DCDC office and pick yours up today.



Last month, the library was set-up with a new resource called **BrainFuse JobNow & VetNow.** It's an online database that provides academic and career resources including live resume and interviewing skills coaching, online practice tests and self-study lessons, live tutoring, and access to Veteran resources— and that just barely scratches the surface of what they have to offer!

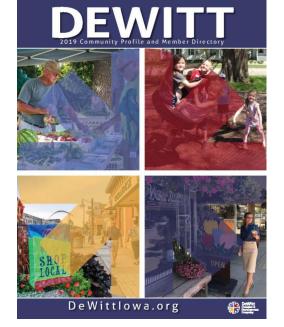
It's completely free, and unlike other library databases, a library card is not required to access the site. Anyone from the public can access it from the <u>library website</u>.

This workforce development resource is available and the library will start advertising it next month. If you or your organization feel that you could benefit from this, please contact <u>Jillian!</u>



The DCDC is excited to team up with the DeWitt Parks & Recreation Department again this summer to put on the 2nd annual, Family Movie

Night in the Park Series!



The 2019 Community Profile and Member Directory has been sent to the printer! We will be distributing them throughout the month of May!

#### Schedule:

June 8th - How to Train Your

Dragon: The Hidden World

July 13th - Space Jam

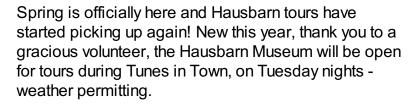
August 10th -Mary Poppins

Returns

<u>September 21st - Incredibles 2</u>

Plan to bring your family and friends, its going to be a great way to enjoy a free night out in DeWitt!

#### **Hausbarn Tours**





As always, tours are available 9 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday. Have a group that would like to tour after hours?! Call the office at (563) 659-8500 and we can get an appointment scheduled!

## **Look Local First!**



Our Look Local First for March was Donna Meyer! Donna was the winner of \$50 in Chamber Bucks!

Summer promotion details coming soon!

Keep getting your cards punched and turned in to

Randy's Neighborhood Market, Scott's Thrifty

White Drug Store or the DCDC office and you will

be entered to win \$50 in Chamber Bucks! Keep

Looking Local First!

## What's a DCDC 101?

The April DCDC 101 was packed!

Each quarter we host a DCDC 101 event, intended to further share the benefits of DCDC membership with prospective and new members and new contacts at existing member businesses.

We know that each member values different DCDC benefits and activities, so we try to give an overview of all areas of our work plan; from how to utilize the



marketing tools on our website, to how to volunteer in meaningful ways, to how the DCDC works to keep DeWitt vibrant and thriving. April's event was standing room only! We had a great time talking with such a diverse group of business owners, non-profits, manufacturers, and business representatives.

## Have you been to a DCDC 101?

If not, plan to attend our next event,

When: Thursday, July 25 from 8:30 - 9:30 AM Where: DCDC office in the Hausbarn, 1010 6th Ave, DeWitt

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## **DeWitt Delivers Blog**





## Frances Banta Waggoner Library - Growing in Size and Resources!

If you've stopped by the library over the last few years and have seen a tall woman typing away at a very disorganized desk behind the circulation counter, that would be me—my name is Jillian Aschliman, and I am your local librarian. I'll be celebrating my third anniversary of working for the <a href="Frances Banta Waggoner Community Library">Frances Banta Waggoner Community Library</a> this coming July, and I've truly enjoyed the time I've spent here in <a href="DeWitt">DeWitt</a> over the last few years... <<a href="READ MORE">READ MORE</a>>



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