



**DeWitt
Chamber &
Development
Company**

Our Mission

The DeWitt Chamber & Development Company's mission is to lead, inform, advocate and advance business interests and promote community growth. Our core focus is to support existing businesses, attract new businesses, and assist in enhancing the quality of life for our community.



lead. inform. advocate. advance.

DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

Save the Date!

[5.15.18 Eat "Lunch and Learn" Something](#)

[5.17.18 Revive After Five - Thiel Motors](#)

[6.28.18 Year In Review - Annual Meeting](#)

[8.2.18 Golf Bash Fundraiser](#)

NEW! Summer Family Movie Nights in the Park



The DCDC is excited to team up with the DeWitt Parks & Recreation Department this summer to put on the first annual, Family Movie Night in the Park Series! We will be showing a family-friendly movie in Lincoln Park the second Saturday of the month on [June 9th](#), [July 14th](#) and [August 11th](#).

April 2018

Letter from the Executive Director: Spring Renewal



Spring is FINALLY here and it's time to celebrate! The grass is growing, trees are budding and the park is filling up with families. There is definitely a feeling of excitement (and relief) in the air.

Spring is a time for growth and renewal for the DCDC too. As we work to wrap up our fiscal year, we are also looking forward to next year and all that we plan to accomplish for our members and community.

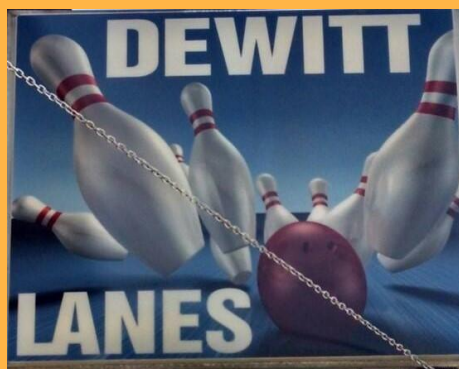
However, we cannot do it alone. In the coming weeks the main contact for each member will receive an email inviting you to renew your DCDC membership, continuing your investment in all we do to support existing business, attract new business and enhance the quality of life for our community. The email will include a list of member benefits, a renewal form, and a membership invoice based on your dues from last year.

The current list of benefits can be found [here](#). If you have a question about the value of your membership, please let me know now, I'd welcome the opportunity for

We'll be selecting the movies for each month soon, and will post them to the community calendar as soon as they are confirmed.

So add the dates to the calendar and plan to bring your family and friends, its going to be a great way to enjoy a free night out in DeWitt!

Member Spotlight



[DeWitt Lanes](#)

Bowling center that provides leagues for men, women, youth, and senior bowlers...

[READ MORE](#)

DeWitt Ambassadors: First Dollar Presentations



The DeWitt Ambassadors recently presented a First Dollar to [Dot's Groom and Board](#) at their Grand Opening celebration! Dot's offers grooming, boarding, daycare, in-home care and transport services for your furry family members.

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Read About It!
News from our Members

a one-on-one conversation.

Thank you for your continued support of the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Angela Breitzinger".

P.S. Be sure to save the date and plan to attend the Year in Review, June 23rd. There's lots to celebrate from 2017-2018, including the Member Choice Award Winners! Watch for an email about those mid next week.

Join us for "eat Lunch & Learn something"

Creating Opportunities, Community Wins & Lasting Impacts through Volunteering



May 15, 2018

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Springbrook County Club & Brook's Bistro
2122 17th Ave. DeWitt IA**

Are your authentic skills and joys making a real difference for the community? Is there a gap you would just love to fill? How do you measure up as a volunteer? This program will be presented by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, in partnership with the LincolnWay Community Foundation. They will address best practices in volunteer recruitment and retention, as well as help you identify ways to make every minute of your volunteer time count for the community good.

Thank you to our program sponsor

If you have news about your business you'd like to share with the rest of the DCDC membership, [submit it here.](#)

Revive After Five



Thank you to [DeWitt Lanes](#) for hosting the April Revive After Five!!



All employees of a DCDC member are welcome and encouraged to attend these worthwhile and relaxing networking events! Join us and bring along your co-workers!

[RSVP here to attend the May 17th Revive at Thiel Motors](#)

[View more 2018 Revive photos here!](#)

Check out the 2018 Revive schedule here.



[RSVP and learn more about the program here!](#)

I Will Always HEART DeWitt!

What can I say DeWitt, I will always "Heart" you, along with your residents and the business community! When we move to Dubuque later this spring, I will be sure to continue to wear my I "Heart" DeWitt t-shirt and use my DeWitt koozie proudly!!

I have so enjoyed my 5 going on 6 years with the DCDC! The wonderful community events, DCDC programs, and marketing efforts that I have been able to be a part of have brought me so much fulfillment in my position! I have been so lucky to get to know many of you throughout the community as volunteers, business people and friends!



What a blessing it has been to have found this great community 11 years ago when we moved here from Dubuque. Living and working in a community that has so much self-pride and comradery has been amazing! It has been wonderful to watch the progress that the community has had over the years and I look forward to watching DeWitt continue to grow. It is a very exciting time for DeWitt! Thank you so much for being exceptional to partner and work with throughout my years at the DCDC!

I wish you all the very best and DeWitt will always remain in my heart! - Emily Schmitt

Advocating for our members in DC!

The DCDC joined Clinton and Quad City business leaders and elected officials on a trip to Washington



2018 Revive After Five Schedule

Revive anytime between 5-7PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month and join other professionals for these "open house" style networking events! Enjoy a variety of great food, beverages and prizes in a laidback setting while getting to know other DCDC members and learning about the hosting business.

All DCDC member employees are welcome and encouraged to attend!

January 18th – Urban Eats

February 15th - Urbanity Boutique & Urbanity Coffee and Wine

March 15th – Holst Construction LLC/Holst Rental

April 19th – DeWitt Lanes

May 17th – Thiel Motors

June, July, August - Summer Break

September 20th - Country Acres Dog Boarding and Grooming

October 18th - Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors

November 15th - IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union

December - Holiday Break



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Thank You!

2017-18 DCDC Investor Members!



**Commit Early & Save
5%!!**

Extended to April 30th!

***The DCDC is excited to offer a
yearly sponsorship
opportunity for the upcoming***

DC, March 21st-23rd. Together we advocated for the priorities of our Eastern Iowa Region, meeting with elected officials from Iowa & Illinois, representatives from the White House, Departments of Commerce and Transportation, and the Economic Development Administration.

Trips like this are important in order to be competitive in our economic development efforts as well as proactive in advocacy for our businesses and region.

Relationships were established and strengthened with our elected officials, congressional aides, and department staff; as well as with our partners in the Clinton and Quad City Region.



Local attendees from left to right included Jenelle Wolber (Business Development Manager for the CRDC), Angela Rheingans (Executive Director of the DCDC), DeWitt Mayor Don Thiltgen, Maureen Miller (President & CEO of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce), and Clinton County Supervisor Tom Determann.



**Last call to update
your DCDC Member Directory listing!**

The time has come to insert the membership list into the new Community Profile & Member Directory. This publication is about YOUR community and YOUR business. It is going to be the primary printed marketing piece for DeWitt for the next 2-3 years.

Make sure your business' membership listing is correct in our current online [member directory](#). This includes your business' name, address, phone number, website and category. If you need to make changes, you'll have to log into the Member Information Center (MIC), found on the top right of every page on our website. If you

2018 programs and events.

Based on member feedback regarding what is most convenient for their budgeting process, we have decided to push out this yearly sponsorship opportunity. The attached document will give you the ability to commit to sponsorship for DCDC events and programs for the entire year in one form. When you utilize this one time sponsorship form **you receive a 5% discount for each sponsorship you commit to.**

[Click here for the sponsorship form.](#) The completed form must be returned to the DCDC by 4/30/18 and payment received by 5/31/18 to receive the discount.

Trip Advisor

Recently it was brought to our attention that on the popular vacation planning website, [Trip Advisor](#), the "Things To Do" for DeWitt is a little lacking. (Shout out to [TYCOGA](#) for their listing!) Please take a minute and submit your business if you have not already done so! To add your attraction or restaurant is quick, easy and FREE! Click [HERE](#) to start the process!



Each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration honors a small businesses from each state. This year's Iowa Small Business Person of the Year is from Clinton

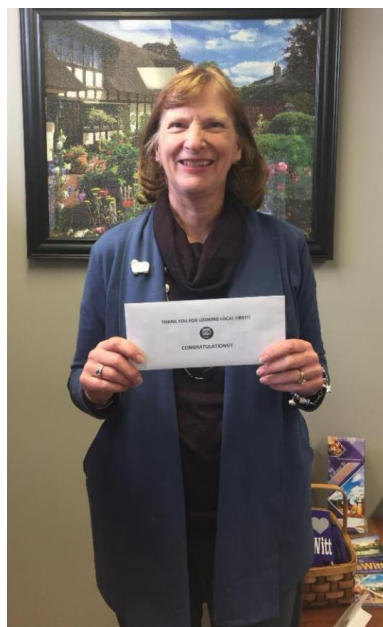
need your password reset, email [April](#).

If you would like to advertise in this piece, and haven't yet reserved your space with Hank, our Town Square Publications advertising contact, [email](#) or call him at (515) 371-1713.

We will be MAILING this publication to every business and resident in DeWitt, Grand Mound, Low Moor, and Welton in this summer. Let [Angela](#) know if you have questions.

Look Local First Update

Thank you to all that Look Local First (LLF) & congratulations to our April winner!



Debra Stofer kept her spending local and it paid off; she won \$50 in Chamber Bucks!

The LLF program will continue throughout 2018 with MONTHLY DRAWINGS of \$50 in Chamber Bucks, held on the last business day of each month.

Keep getting your cards punched at [participating businesses](#), once completed, drop them off at [Randy's Neighborhood Market](#), [Scott Drug Store](#) or the [DCDC Office](#).



Keep Looking Local First DeWitt!
[#LLFDeWitt](#)

Volunteers Needed!

County! Congratulations to Bob Simpson, President of [Big River Packaging](#) in Clinton. Simpson will be presented his award at the IEDA SMART Conference May 2nd. Read more about the award [here](#).

Small business is the backbone of our rural economy, providing jobs, services, innovation and investment into our community.

THANK YOU to all our DCDC small businesses! Whether you are a business of 1, 20 or 300; you make an impact on our town. Thank you for taking the risk, putting in the work and making DeWitt better for your efforts!



Are you hiring? Post your job openings on the DCDC website. They'll be posted on our social media pages, included in this newsletter and NOW WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED in our weekly "What's Happening in DeWitt" email that is sent to 1,700+ community members.

[View current employment opportunities here](#)

(Includes positions with Central DeWitt Schools, Skyline Center, and City of DeWitt.)

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

We are looking for a few NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Do you want to make DeWitt a better place to own a business, live or work?

We are looking for a few NEW VOLUNTEERS, specifically for our DCDC Committees.

Do you have thoughts on how to improve a current member benefit or an idea of what would make a great new member benefit?

If so, NOW is the time to contact Angela to learn more.
Call her at 659-8500 or email
director@dewittiowa.org

[DeWitt is More Than a Place to Live, It's Home](#)



Florida girls really seems to "have it all." Flawless tan skin, 24/7 access to the beach, and a countless number of things to do. This "have it all" Florida girl was me-until about three years ago. Today, I live in DeWitt, Iowa. Moving to DeWitt was initially a culture shock, everything was completely different from [...][...»](#)

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✱ DCDC Member Challenge: How will you lead, inform or advocate to advance DeWitt?

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