



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

February 2019

Letter from the Executive Director,

As part of the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executive's (ICCE) Winter Conference last week, I participated in meetings with state leadership regarding business growth in Iowa. Conversations were focused on economic development, specifically with a rural perspective; funding for Future Ready Iowa as a Workforce Development tool; and how to better support our smaller communities and businesses.



It was great to hear the [Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses](#) Director site our local business, [Sandry Fire](#), as a leading success story for their nationwide small business development program. Check out Mary Sandry's testimonial of the program she wrote for our Dewitt Delivers! blog [here](#). The program is currently taking applications for the next class in Iowa.

There was also a great break out session on Turning "To Do" into "Done". I have to say, I've done a pretty good job of managing the to do list this week! One of the biggest (and oldest) things on that list is the Community Profile & Member Directory. I've been the hold up on that publication for the last few months. There always seems something else that takes priority or a meeting that is more immediate. That's stopping now. Well, more specifically this week. The final draft of the content will be sent to our amazing and patient publication partner this week. The final editing will be done in the coming few weeks and then printed and mailed to all of you. It's going to be a great publication! I have to be honest, I can't wait to say "DONE!" on that item on the to do list!

Think Spring Everyone. We know it's coming!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Angela Rheingans".



Note These Dates

- **March 9** - Legislative Coffee at 11 am @ the Clinton County Satellite Office
- **March 20** - Clinton County Day at the Capitol
- **March 21** - [Revive After Five at The Observer](#)
- **March 26** - Workplace Sustainability Training @ Clinton Chamber Office
- **April 13** - Legislative Coffee at 11 am @ the DeWitt Community Center
- **April 18** - [Revive After Five at Necker's Jewelers](#)
- **April 25** - [DCDC 101](#) @ DCDC Office
- **May 14** - ["eat Lunch and Learn something" Communication Skills](#)
- **May 16** - [Revive After Five at IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union](#)

WELCOME KENZIE ROSENBOOM!

In her position as our new intern, Mackenzie (Kenzie), will provide us with an fresh and outside perspective on all we do, give us key details and feedback on everything going on in and outside the community, and help us with everyday tasks that go on within the DCDC. Kenzie is a Senior at Central DeWitt High School. After high school, she plans to attend Iowa Central Community College to get her Associates of Arts in Business.

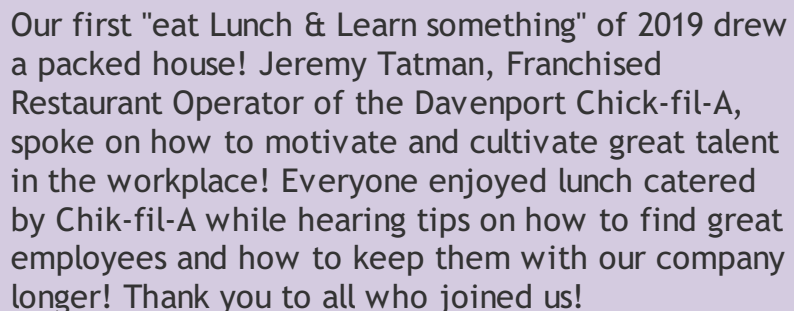
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Revive After Five

Join us on March 21st at
The Observer!
REGISTER HERE!



NEW! Visitor's Guide

Still to come is the Community Profile and Member Directory which will include much more of what DeWitt has to offer and a complete list of DCDC Member Businesses! This publication will be mailed to all businesses and

residents in the Central DeWitt School District and be available to those visiting DeWitt as well as those who are looking to relocate to DeWitt! Our goal is to continue to illustrate how DeWitt Delivers!



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!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

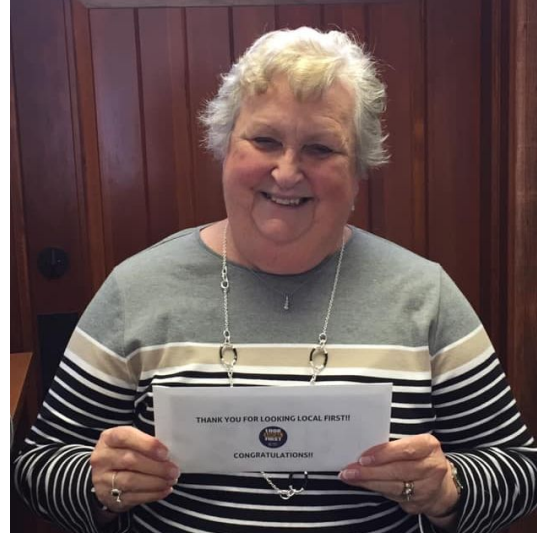
Join one of our committees today!

[Email Angela](#) or call 659-8500 for more information.

LOOK LOCAL FIRST

Our first Look Local First winner of 2019 was Patty Grant! Patty was the winner of \$50 in Chamber Bucks!

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!



Things You Need to Know!

JOIN US for Clinton County Day at the Capitol!

Clinton County Day at the Capitol has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 20th. The group will be heading to Des Moines the evening of the 19th and will be meeting with Capital Leadership on the 20th. Cost to attend is \$200 ; includes hotel, dinner on the 19th a lunch on the 20th.

If you are interested in attending this event, please Email [Angela](#) or call the office at 659-8500.



Young Professionals Night

Thank you [Murphy's Pub & Bickering Brother's Brewery](#) for letting the DCDC and the [RYPA: Riverview Young Professional Association](#) host our first Young Professionals event in your event space! Great conversation was had and great connections were made, while getting an extra bonus of seeing how the new craft beers get brewed!

Watch for details for the next YP event!

THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our volunteers that helped {finally} take down Christmas Lights! We couldn't get Mother Nature to cooperate, so we showed her and took them down

in the snow! Special thank you to: Gary and Troy Paarmann with Garey's Electric, Jason Holst with Holst Construction & Rental, Matt Proctor with the City of DeWitt, Darwin Andresen with the DeWitt Nite Lions, and Rodney Bratthauer, Mike Hofer & the 4-H Hustlers.



Legislative Coffee Events

Each year the DCDC hosts Legislative Coffee events to provide our business and community members access to our state elected officials.

Please join us **Saturday, March 9th at 11 AM** at the Clinton County Satellite Office to hear directly

from: **Senator Chris Cournoyer,**
Representative Norlin Mommsen, and
Representative Mary Wolfe.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP's are not required.

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DeWitt Delivers Blog



A Sunny Outlook for Business!

In January of 2018, my husband Larry and I purchased [Sun Central Tanning Salon](#) in DeWitt. At that time we really didn't know much about the tanning industry but we were excited to be a part of a small business venture in DeWitt...

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