



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

January 2020

Letter from the Executive Director - Workforce Development, while building a home.

Workforce is the leading issue facing businesses across the country. The availability of a qualified workforce drives both existing business growth and new business attraction. With record unemployment across the state, it is harder to find qualified employees in all industries.



Governor Reynolds has placed Workforce Development & Attraction as top priorities. There is no single magic strategy to accomplish these goals. Instead, it will be a combination of partnerships that create results for each community, region, and state. Check out her Future Ready Iowa initiatives [here](#).

The DCDC was excited to take a call from Governor Reynolds' office last month. They had heard about the Manufacturing Day & STEM Fest events and Success Roundtables we've been hosting for Central DeWitt, Northeast and Calamus-Wheatland school districts. These events have been impactful career exposure opportunities for area students and businesses. The conversation lead to additional examples of hands on learning in our community, primarily the Building & Trades Program at Central DeWitt.

And that's how we found ourselves hosing Lt. Governor Adam Gregg this

Thursday morning at the nearly finished home that nine Central DeWitt Building & Trades students (& their instructor Lonnie Truelsen) have been working on. This program is just one example of how some of our students are learning while doing, outside the traditional classroom. It is providing skills for a lifetime, while also letting these students get a taste for the construction industry. Lt Governor Gregg lead a lively conversation about workforce development, apprenticeships, post secondary education, and giving all students opportunities to explore careers before graduation.

It was an honor to host this legislative visit. We hope to welcome Governor Reynolds and Lt. Governor Gregg again soon!



Note These Dates

- February 15 - [Legislative Coffee](#)
- February 20 - [Revive After Five with P&K Midwest and Murphy's Pub!](#)
- February 25 - [Eat "Lunch & Learn" Something: Staying Healthy in the Workplace](#)
- March 7 - [Legislative Coffee](#)
- March 19 - [Revive After Five at Black Cat Wear Parts](#)
- April 4 - [Legislative Coffee](#)
- April 16 - [Revive After Five at Sashollie](#)

Membership News

Welcome New Members!

[L&Q Armoire Boutique](#)



Our boutique serves women of all body sizes, from XS to 3XL. If you have a fun, funky or bold style, L&Q is for you!

910 6th Ave, DeWitt

[Check us out on Facebook!](#)

[CC's Supper Club](#)

CC's Supper Club is open to the public and features top of the line Certified Angus Beef, seafood, chicken, pork, pasta, sandwiches and homemade soups and salads with generous portions and all of the fixings.



2122 17th Ave, DeWitt
(563) 659-1109



The Summit Cafe

New Coffee Shop! Not a coffee drinker?
We have something for you too!
Stop in and check out all of our options!

719 11th St, DeWitt
(563) 209-6685

Member Events:

Eat Lunch & Learn Something: Keeping Healthy in the Workplace


Join us for our first "Eat Lunch & Learn Something of 2020!

Kenneth Asta, Director of Employee Health Services at Rock Valley Physical Therapy will be joining us with tips on how to keep healthy in the workplace! Lunch will be at the Clinton County Satellite Office on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 11:30.
Catering by Urban Eats!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

[Check out our full 2020 Lunch & Learn Schedule!](#)

This month's Lunch & Learn is sponsored by:



2020 "EAT LUNCH & LEARN SOMETHING"
A QUARTERLY LUNCH EVENT TO EDUCATE, ENGAGE AND CONNECT CDC MEMBERS.

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	SPONSOR
FEBRUARY 25TH	KEEPING HEALTHY AT WORK!	Kenneth Asta, Director of Employee Health Services-Rock Valley Physical Therapy	STATE FARM DAVID LINDER
MAY 13TH	KEEPING YOUR MONEY FROM SCAMMERS!	Sandra Reuter, Director of Community Relations for the Greater DeWitt-Better Business Bureau	BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
JULY 21ST	HIRE THE BEST, DOCUMENT THE BEST, AND STAY OUT OF COURT	Annette Snyder, HR, Owner of The Employment Source	IST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION
SEPTEMBER 23RD	LEAD WITH EXCELLENCE!	Dustin Jensen, Expert in Motivation, Sales & Leadership-Moments Leadership	FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES-BARB COLLINS
NOVEMBER 17TH	TECH ESSENTIALS TO KNOW AND RUN YOUR BUSINESS	Micha Meyer, Client & Business Development Manager-Twin State Technical Services	DEWITT BANK & TRUST

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EACH EVENT WILL HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIP FOR \$200 THAT INCLUDES:

- 4 Free admissions to the program (\$48 value)
- Opportunity to speak at the beginning of the program to showcase your product/service or to give an update on your business
- Your business logo will appear on all marketing materials, on the CDC online event registration page, social media pages and notes in three monthly CDC newsletters
- Average of 50 to 60 people in attendance

Sponsorships are given on a first come, first serve basis. Contact, Molly Gottschalk at eventscoordinator@de Wittchamber.org, to claim your sponsorship by February 14th.



David Linder



Come Revive With Us!

We kicked off the 2020 New Year with a **Revive After Five** at [Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors!](#) Thank you for hosting us with delicious snacks and cold beverages!

Join us on **Thursday, Feb. 20th** from 5-7 pm at **Murphy's Pub** with hosts **P&K Midwest** for an open-house style networking event. Enjoy food and drink while catching up with other members, meeting new members and learning about our host!

[RSVP TODAY!](#)

[Complete 2020 Revive After Five schedule is here!!](#)

Ambassador Events



The DeWitt Ambassadors presented a **First Dollar** to [David Linder - State Farm](#). Contact David and his team to get a quote today!

1133 11th St, DeWitt
(563) 659-3116



The DeWitt Ambassadors presented a **First Dollar** to [CC's Supper Club](#). CC's is open to the public:
Fridays & Saturdays 5-9:30 pm
Sundays 11 am to 3 pm

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The DeWitt Ambassadors presented a **First Dollar** to [The Summit Cafe](#). Stop in or run thru the drive-thru for a hot coffee or a cold smoothie!

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Things everyone needs to know...



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.

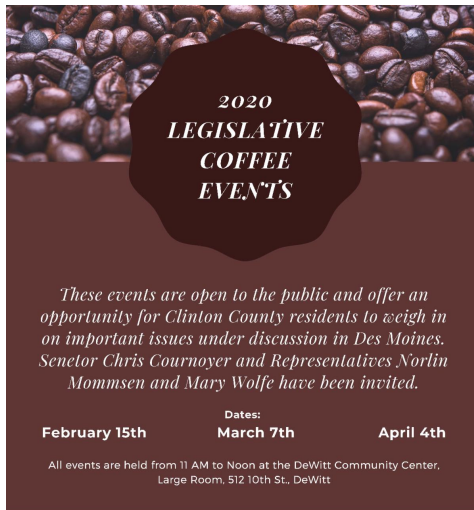
Look Local First

Our first Look Local First winner of 2020 was drawn today!

Be sure to keep getting your cards punched and turned in at [Randy's Neighborhood Market](#), [Scott's Thrifty White Drug Store](#) or the DCDC office and you could win \$50 in



Legislative Coffee Events



The 2020 Legislative Coffee Program is sponsored by Clinton County Farm Bureau, Central DeWitt Community School District, and DeWitt Chamber & Development Co.



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

Please join us 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.

<<Click [here](#) for a printable version of the flyer>>

DeWitt Delivers Blog



Looking to Live in DeWitt

My name is Jane Mason and I have been with Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors for 25 plus years, servicing both DeWitt and the Quad Cities market, entirely with Ruhl & Ruhl. My company, like my community, stands strong and continually progresses to serve the public... <<<[Read More](#)>>>



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