

DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

June 2019

Letter from the Executive Director - What are you celebrating?

Last month I attended SelectUSA, a business recruitment event put on by the US Department of Commerce each year in Washington DC. I was able to attend through a partnership with the lowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and the Clinton Regional Development Corporation (CRDC). I took full advantage of the opportunity to network, learn, and share why DeWitt is a great place to do business, in an effort to recruit additional employers to our community. That's



where I met a Hungarian company and their US trade ambassador, who then invited Erin Cole, the CRDC President, and I to attend a Ribbon Cutting celebrating the grand opening of their new Business Promotion & Development Campus, a startup center for Hungarian entrepreneurs looking to expand into the US.

As I listened to their comments about how this new center came to be and watched their enthusiasm in ceremonially cutting the ribbon, I couldn't help but note the similarities to the 13 Spotlights on Success and 8 First Dollar Certificates the DCDC Ambassadors presented to businesses in our community this past year. No matter the nationality, business owners are excited when their hard work results in success. It's is a celebration worthy occasion to be sure!

What is your business celebrating this year? Are you expanding, reinvesting in new technology, remodeling or marking a milestone anniversary? If you are, let me know. The DCDC staff and Ambassadors would love to help celebrate all the hard work that got you to that point! No milestone is too small, if it's important to your business, let us help you share the news with the rest of the DCDC membership!

Looking forward to celebrating with you!

Sincerely,

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Picured from Left: Mr. István Joó, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, H.E.László Szabó M.D., Ambassador of Hungary and Mr. László György, State Secretary of the Ministry of Innovation and Technology



Note These Dates

- July 13 Summer Family Movie Night SpaceJam
- July 18 <u>DCDC 101</u>
- August 1 DCDC Golf Bash
- August 10 Summer Family Movie Night Mary Poppins Returns
- **September 3** <u>eat "Lunch & Learn" something: Entrepreneurial</u> Equations: Small Business Retirement and Insurance Plans
- September 19 Revive After Five at Eden Chiropractic
- September 20 Autumn Fest
- September 21 Autumn Fest Family Movie in the Park The Incredibles 2

DCDC Year in Review - Annual Meeting

On June 27th the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company celebrate and reflected on the 2018-2019 year with 145 members. The evening program was held at TYCOGA and included dinner (catered by Matthiesen's), networking, a recap of the 2018-2019 accomplishments and a preview of what's in store for the coming year.



Click here to view the 2018-2019 DCDC Year in Review Annual Report.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating what a great year we had and all the exciting things to come!!











DCDC Member Choice Awards

The 6th Annual DCDC Member's Choice Awards are here!! Initiated to honor and bring awareness to DCDC members for their successes and overall support of our



community's vitality! The winners
were awarded in each category at
the DCDC Year In Review - Annual Meeting.
Thank you to all who voted!!
Congratulations to all of our Nominees!!

The Winners for the 2018-2019 Member Choice Awards are:

Excellence in Customer
Service:
Kwik Star

Non-Profit of the Year: LincolnWay Community Foundation Business of the Year:
DeWitt Operahouse
Theater

<u>Media:</u>
Murphy's Pub &
Bickering Brother's
Brewery

Most Promising New
Business:
Butt's Meat

Friend of the Year: Emmaus Road Church



Welcome New Members:

Expander Americas, Inc

223 E Industrial St., DeWitt (563) 659-3320

Happy Joe's Pizza

1407 11th St., DeWitt (563) 659-9173



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THANK YOU! 2018-2019 INVESTOR MEMBERS!































































The **Observer**









The DCDC office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. We wish you a safe and fun holiday filled with family and friends. We will reopen on Friday, July 5th at 9 am.



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!

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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.

DCDC GOLF BASH 2019: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE!

DCDC Golf Bash Fundraiser is back on Thursday, August 1st!

This year's theme is Welcome to the Jungle! Break out your favorite safari gear and brave the wildlife to golf with us at **Springbrook Country Club**.



Watch for emails with more info about the event!

Want to Sponsor?? CLICK HERE!!
Want to Play?? CLICK HERE!!

Check out photos from last years Golf Bash here!

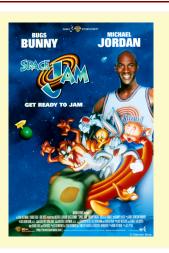
SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE SERIES!

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!

July 13th - SpaceJam

Chuckie's Tenderloins will be serving in the park!

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





Governor Kim Reynolds recently announced a new effort to encourage people from across the nation to visit, live and work in lowa.

Voted the #1 state to live in and the #5 state to raise a family in, lowa is attracting more and more people to work and play!

Check out this great **short video** showing the reactions of people from New York finding out just how affordable and stylish living in this great state can be!

Join us for an introduction to GrowthWheel® and begin to develop a 360° perspective on your business. The SBDC, DeWitt Chamber & Development Company, Jackson County Economic Alliance, and Maquoketa Chamber are hosting 90 minute workshops focusing on the four different areas of the business GrowthWheel®. All businesses are welcome. Come for one or come for all four sessions. Free for DCDC members, \$10 for non-members.

CLICK HERE for the schedule!

Must RSVP to attend.



Look Local First!



Our Look Local First Summer Promo started off with a bang!
Winners so far have been:

Maria Casad - Winner of <u>Urban Eats</u> gift certificate for a weekly lunch for a year!

Julie Oetzmann - Winner of Necker's Jewelers earrings!

Watch for us on Facebook Live for our Time Out on Tuesday at 2:00 to draw for our next winner!! Next stop will be at Meant to Be with Flowers!
Get your cards punched and turned in to Randy's Neighborhood Market, Store or the DCDC office and you will be entered to win \$50 in Chamber Bucks! Keep Looking Local First!





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