



## 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 Iowa 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 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,

Pictured 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 - [DCDC 101](#)
- August 1 - [DCDC Golf Bash](#)
- August 10 - [Summer Family Movie Night - Mary Poppins Returns](#)
- September 3 - [eat "Lunch & Learn" something: Entrepreneurial 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**

**Business of the Year:**  
**DeWitt Operahouse Theater**

**Most Promising New Business:**  
**Butt's Meat**

**Non-Profit of the Year:**  
**LincolnWay Community Foundation**

**Excellence in Social Media:**  
**Murphy's Pub & Bickering Brother's Brewery**

**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



**OFFICE CLOSED**





## 2018-2019 INVESTOR MEMBERS!



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.

## Things everyone needs to know...

## 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 Iowa.

Voted the #1 state to live in and the #5 state to raise a family in, Iowa 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!

[SBDC Summer Workshops](#)

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.](#)

Attention Business Owners  
Would you like to improve your business success in any of the following areas?

- Developing or evolving a business concept?
- Establishing & building strong customer relationships?
- Recruiting, training, or retaining quality employees?
- Earning more money?
- Are there other business issues holding you back?

Join us for an introduction to GrowthWheel® and begin to develop a 360° perspective on your business.



The Small Business Development Center, DeWitt Chamber & Development Company (DCDC), 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. FREE for any Chamber member, \$10/workshop for non-members. Come for one or come for all four sessions. Space is limited, **RSVP REQUIRED**, email/call to reserve your spot. Can't make a date or time? We're flexible, feel free to attend sessions at either location to fit your availability!

Maquoketa Chamber	DeWitt Chamber & Development Company
124 South Main, Maquoketa	1010 6th Avenue, DeWitt
8:00 - 9:30 am on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	8:00 - 9:30 am on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays
director@maquoketachamber.com (563) 552-4802	admin@dwittowa.org (563) 559-8500
July 9 - Yellow (Business Concepts)	July 27 - Yellow (Business Concepts)
July 23 - Green (Marketing & Sales)	July 31 - Green (Marketing & Sales)
August 6 - Red (Employees)	August 14 - Red (Employees)
August 20 - Blue (Operations)	August 28 - Blue (Operations)

1:1 appointments to discuss your business' individual needs can be scheduled immediately following each session by calling (563) 336-3401 or emailing sbdc@eicc.edu.



## Look Local First!



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

Maria Casad - Winner of [Urban Eats](#) 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](#), [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!



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