



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

March 2019

Letter from the Executive Director - Making New Connections:

An essential part of the DCDC's mission is to support our existing businesses. (see above) Those efforts require our staff to stay up to date on available resources for businesses and our community, allowing us to make the connections and referrals when needed.



Last month I attended the Scott County Economic Development Summit and heard Grant Menke, State Director of the US Department of Agriculture speak about some of their rural funding opportunities. Many I knew about, some I did not. Ironically, a week later Senator Cournoyer sent an email introduction to the contacts she met at the local USDA Rural Development office. An in person meeting seemed to be in the stars. Prior to the meeting, I thought I had a solid grasp of the services they provide to our community. I was wrong.

I was impressed with the diverse and creative ways they can utilize their Grant and Loan programs for Business Growth and Expansion, Housing, and Community Development. No surprise, I was most interested in their Business and Cooperative Programs that are available to help with existing business growth. If you are considering an expansion or capital reinvestment of any type, I encourage to contact me to discuss the possible resources available. Or you can reach out to Steve Lacina directly [here](#).

Additionally, there are a number of Direct Loan and Grant programs available for communities like DeWitt and smaller, that can be used for community improvement, public safety, and resource expansion. I had so many great ideas following the explanation of these programs! Call me to discuss, or contact Cindy Pelzer directly [here](#).

I was familiar with the Rural Home Loan program, but not the Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants that are available to very-low-income homeowners. Contact Glenda Schroeder [here](#) with questions about that program. I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about all that USDA provides and their concentrated efforts on Rural Development.

Happy Spring Everyone!

Angela Breinzay

Note These Dates

- **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](#)
- **June 27** - [DCDC Annual Meeting at TYCOGA](#)
- **August 1** - DCDC Golf Bash

WELCOME: New DCDC Members!

[Custom Wood Creations Inc.](#)

[Giraffe Photography](#)

[Little Bit Signs and Designs](#)

[My Vital Force, LLC](#)

[State Farm](#)



Revive After Five

A BIG thank you to [The Observer](#) for hosting our March Revive! What a FUN evening!!

Check out more photos [HERE!](#)

Join us on April 18th at



THANK YOU!
2018-2019 INVESTOR MEMBERS!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



JOIN OUR TEAM

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!

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 Deb Block!
Deb 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!

Success Round Table Events

The DCDC hosted the first 2019 Success Round Table Discussions at Calamus-Wheatland High School on March 14. Local business leaders came and spoke to the sophomore class about their own path to success. **Thank you** to our guest speakers that took time out of their schedules to meet with the students!

We will be at Central DeWitt High School on Tuesday, April 2 and at Northeast High School on Monday, April 8.



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, April 13th at 11 AM** at the DeWitt Community Center 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



Supporting DeWitt, Growing A Business

In the DeWitt community, Krieger's has been a longstanding community leader helping to raise tens of thousands of dollars for various projects in DeWitt. Currently, the dealership has raised nearly \$20,000 for the Frances Banta Waggoner Community Library... [<<READ MORE>>](#)



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