

# Newsletter

March 2023



# Happy Spring

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! As we look out the window and see plenty of white stuff and hear the forecast, its hard to get excited for the changing of the season. Its beginning to feel like winter will never end. However, we know it will and there are a few glimpses of the upcoming season. Daylight is longer and the temps will continue to get warmer. Snow will melt and we know that will bring a new set of challenges. The more we prepare the easier it will be to work through those challenges.

This is the same within our businesses. We know there are changes happening and the more we prepare, the more successful our business will be. With that being said, you will not want to miss our April Program, South Dakota Legislative Update that will be held on April 11, 2023 at 2nd Street Station. SoDak SHRM teamed up with Southeast SHRM to host the 2023 state conference in Yankton May 3-5, 2023, early bird deadline is fast approaching – register for both today and prepare for your next season.

Our chapter has lots going on this year! We are hosting the Watertown Banquet, Paching for the PACH program, compensation survey – to name a few. If you'd like to stay in the know please make sure you like and follow our Facebook page. From now until April 7, if you like our Facebook page, share our April Program and Tag who someone you know who should attend you could receive \$50 chamber bucks and complementary program(If you are a plus member already you can bring a guest).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Chelsea Hodenfield Prairie Lakes Healthcare System
- Denise Ragels - Beacon Center
- Marisa Sobeski -Miller Electric
- Tim Cossette-Macksteel
- Audra Hunt -Tech Ord - A Division of AMTEC
- Mercede Dempsey- Student
- Emma Woehl-Lake Area Tech
- Macie Brown -Student
- Elizabeth Strand -Student
- Alanna Hood -Crenlo Engineered Cabs
- Anjelica Uthe-Watertown Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Laycee Gamber-County Fair Foods
- Jacob Gapp- Terex



# Upcoming Events



## April Program

Back by popular demand! Here's your chance to join an interactive panel discussion with our local State legislators Hugh Bartels, Lee Schoenbeck, and Byron Callis. Having just finished the 2023 S.D. Legislative session, hear their updates on the following issues:

- SB41 – Housing infrastructure loans and grants
- HB1011 – Revise the employer contribution rate on unemployment insurance
- SB1- Modify debilitating medical conditions for medical cannabis use
- SB27- Place certain substances on the controlled substances schedule
- HB1092 – Revise the definition of marriage
- And more! Bring your questions!

**Brochure Attached**

## SoDak SHRM Conference

Riverfront Event Center  
Yankton, SD  
May 3-5, 2023

**\*\*EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 31\*\***

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## Watertown Upcoming Events

- Chamber Leadership Watertown
  - If you are a Leader in the Watertown area you are encouraged to participate in this.
- April 18 - Codrington Connects Day
  - SD DOL hosts Walk in Watertown opportunity for recruiting. Great way to recruit new employees and they have great marketing around this.
- Mount Marty University is enrolling for a conflict resolution class, this will be worth 1 graduate credit and cost is \$75.

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*Watertown*

# WELCOME 2023 INTERNS

**WEDNESDAY May 24<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30 PM · LIONS PARK**

OPENING REMARKS GIVEN BY  
MAYOR RIED HOLIEN & CITY MANAGER  
AMANDA MACK

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

**RSVP BY FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

CONTACT MOLLY AT 605-884-0340 OR  
MOLLY@WATERTOWNWORKS.COM.

## **LOCAL EMPLOYERS**

If you have students gaining professional experience at your business for the summer that are not part of a formal internship program, we'd love to have them and your company leadership attend this event too!