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OED advances the business prosperity of Ozaukee County collaborating with community, regional and business partners ensuring a growing and diversified economy.



**You are invited to attend
Ozaukee Economic Development's
12th Annual Outreach Event
Wednesday, May 1st**

The Watermark at Shully's

Networking 4:30—5:30 Program 5:30—7:30

Featured Speaker

Mark Toth, ManpowerGroup

Chief Legal and Public Affairs Officer, North America

The Outreach event provides an excellent opportunity for business executives throughout Ozaukee County to connect with local and state government in an informal setting. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a great networking opportunity. The program will provide a brief update on OED activities, followed by our speaker Mark Toth.



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Please RSVP on or before Wednesday, April 24th—jhill@co.ozaukee.wi.us or 262.238.7730—Valet Parking Available

Here To Serve

In 1969 the Academy Award for, "Best Original Screenplay," went to the movie *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* which starred Paul Newman and Robert Redford. The movie was based loosely on the premise of two outlaws who couldn't shake the U.S. Posse that was hired to track them down. Throughout the movie Butch and Sundance are amazed at how relentless the posse is and comment numerous times in admiration, "Who are those guys?"

In some ways Ozaukee Economic Development (OED) is that U.S. Posse working relentlessly for the benefit of our community without a lot of fanfare. Thirty years ago members of our community felt there was a need to ensure the vitality of Ozaukee County's business environment so they decided to be doers and not just hearers. Thanks to their vision and a number of leaders in the county, OED was formed in July of 1989. Our mission is to work to advance the business prosperity of Ozaukee County, collaborating with community, regional, and business partners, ensuring a growing and diversified Ozaukee County economy.

So as OED celebrates thirty years it is our intent to be more visible while still serving the many needs of our county's business community. Since 2007, OED has been led by our Executive Director, Kathleen Cady Schilling. Over the years Kathleen has provided stability and credibility to the mission of OED. Who knows how many hours Kathleen has spent in planning meetings, council meetings, board rooms, and at area events helping find solutions and promoting our area's businesses all with incredible depth of knowledge and professionalism. Along with Kathleen, the staff of Liz Kohl and Jean Hill help champion the county's resources that allow businesses to thrive.

Today our volunteer board is made up of eighteen leaders from various constituencies and businesses from throughout the county bringing a wide variety of knowledge from backgrounds in business and government. As a board we are here to serve our community in an effort to continue to grow our businesses while maintaining the incredible quality of life that we have here in Ozaukee County.

So on behalf of the board and the staff I would like to thank Jim Winistorfer for his leadership for the past two years as President along with the other former Presidents who have given of their time and done such a tremendous job. Our board is an engaged board with some new faces that we know will have a powerful impact on our mission. I am honored to be the President of OED and we are here to serve!

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Dean Rennicke, President
Ozaukee Economic Development

Ozaukee Career Fest 2019

Wednesday, April 24th at Concordia's Fieldhouse
To be a participant promoting your career path
Contact: kschilling@co.ozaukee.wi.us

Nominations open for 2019 OED Business of the Year

Ozaukee Economic Development is accepting nominations for their Ozaukee County Business of the Year Awards. This program highlights growing area businesses. It focuses on the areas of:

Business Improvement

Employment Growth, Expansion and Profit Growth

Community Support

Participation in Community Events, Support of Local Civic Organizations and Support of Charitable Non-Profit Organizations

Businesses may self nominate or may be nominated by an outside party. The awards will be presented at the OED Fall Business of the Year and Economic Forecast Breakfast on Thursday, September 19th at the Pavilion.

Nomination form is on page 4

Applications are available now on our website and are due on or before **May 15, 2019**. Applications will be reviewed by OED's Business Recognition Committee.

**For more information or to get an application, contact
Kathleen Schilling at kschilling@co.ozaukee.wi.us or 262.238.7730**



Dianne Robertson



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Thank You, Dianne Robertson

At our February 14th Board of Directors meeting OED said goodbye to our long time member Dianne Robertson. Dianne retired from her role as Village of Thiensville Administrator on March 8th. She served on the OED Board since 1998. When Dianne started with us OED was known as the Ozaukee County Economic Development Corporation and we were a totally volunteer driven program. During our re-boot in 2007, Dianne agreed to take a leadership role and serve on the Executive Committee. She was a key member in the creation of OED as an entity and Thiensville was one of the first communities to commit to providing funding to help bring it off the ground. In 2010, when OED went through further changes, updating our strategic plan and board of directors, Dianne again provided a leadership voice assisting as we traversed these new waters. She has also served as a key member of the Ozaukee County Economic Development Foundation, a 501 c3 arm that works directly with OED. Although she is retiring from Thiensville and the OED Board, she has agreed to continue to be part of our foundation board. We again thank Dianne for her contributions over the years.