

# February & March Upcoming Events

- 2/20 - Business After Hours  
River Valley Power & Sport
- 2/21 - Women's Roundtable | RACC
- 3/6 - AM Espresso  
Ability Building Community
- 3/10 - EquityLogic™ for Growing Business 2.0  
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## *Community Matters*

# Creative Solutions to Hire, Retain, & Develop Employees

Featuring: Avra Hospitality, GEOTEK, McNeilus,  
Pace International, & Taco JED

February 19, 2020 | RCTC Heintz Center

# AGENDA

**Welcome and Lunch** 11:30 - 11:45am

**Workforce Development, Inc.** 11:45 - 12:00pm  
**Resources for Recruitment & Retention**

**Employer Panel and Q&A** 12:00 - 12:45pm

- Mollie Forstner, GEOTEK
- Amanda Mickelson, McNeilus
- Steve Dunn, Taco JED
- Kirstin Garner, Pace International
- Moderator: Jinny Rietmann, WDI

**Close** 12:45pm

# PANELISTS

**Jinny Rietmann | WDI | Moderator**

Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director of Workforce Development, Inc., has been in the workforce development field for 18 years. She also serves as the Executive Director for the Workforce Development Board of Southeast Minnesota, serving ten counties. Her organization is a leader in providing employment and training services with a 35-year history serving thousands of customers and employers. Ms. Rietmann is a Global Career Development Facilitator and holds an M.S. degree in Counseling Education.



**Mollie Forstner | GEOTEK**

Mollie Forstner holds a BS in Management-Human Resources from UW-La Crosse, a MBA from the UW Consortium program, and has over 15 years of Human Resources experience. She currently serves as the VP of HR at GEOTEK in Stewartville. In her seven years there, she has seen the employee headcount grow from under 100 to now over 400, leading her to focus organizational efforts on creative recruitment & retention strategies.



# PANELISTS CONTINUED

**Amanda Mickelson | McNeilus**

Amanda Mickelson is VP, Human Resources of Oshkosh Corporation's Commercial Group, which includes industry leaders McNeilus, Iowa Mold Tooling, and London Machinery. Amanda joined Oshkosh in 2018 and is responsible for leading the HR team which is responsible for all aspects of HR including talent acquisition, employee relations, talent management and culture, and HR compliance. Prior to joining Oshkosh, Amanda held the role of Senior Director of Human Resources for Global R&D, Finance and IT at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.



**Steve Dunn | Taco JED**

Steve Dunn, owner and CEO of Rochester's Taco JED, is a native of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Steve's professional background includes freight logistics, copier sales, insurance sales, commercial real estate, and is a Certified Financial Planner. Steve relocated to Rochester in 2018, specifically to open Taco JED. Rochester's appeal as the fastest growing city in Minnesota, the home of Mayo Clinic, and as a fine arts & cultural based community made Rochester the ideal location for Taco JED.



**Kirstin Garner | Pace International**

Kirstin received her Bachelors in Mass Communication from Winona State University and her Masters in Human Resource Management from Argosy University. She is currently an HR department of one at Pace International, handling full cycle recruiting and hiring, benefits, and everything in between. She has worked in Human Resources in several fields including higher education, manufacturing, and technology/telecommunications.



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