# Winona SHRM Newsletter June 2014





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MN State SHRM website www.mn-shrm.org

#### Winona Area SHRM website.

http://winona.shrm.org
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## **President's Notes**

By Elizabeth Ruff

Finally we are able to indulge in warmth and sunshine! As many of you know, summer months are a bit slower for the Winona Area SHRM group. A few members have been working hard on potential summer networking opportunities – stay tuned for more information regarding this.

I have some exciting, but very bittersweet news to share with all of you. I have accepted a new job opportunity in Red Wing, MN. As a result, I will be resigning from my role as President with Winona Area SHRM. I am excited about this opportunity, but have bittersweet feelings as I transition away from Peerless, Winona Area SHRM & all that the Winona Community has to offer. At the last Board Meeting, it was decided that Rhonda Spece will step in as President for the remainder of 2014. As a result, a search for a new VP will commence earlier than planned. If interested in the VP vacancy, please contact Rhonda Spece.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of you. I hope you all enjoy your summer! ©

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## Summer Social Membership Event



Winona Area SHRM Members were invited to participate in taking a short survey to assist with the planning of the Winona Area SHRM Summer Social Membership Event/Professional Development seminar.

For this event, we are proposing something new! We are looking into the possibility of hosting the event at Elamro Winery, near Trempealeau, WI. The seminar would be held in the late afternoon/early evening, and to include a social and networking hour. This event would be open to Winona Area SHRM members and guest of Winona Area SHRM members.

If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, please take a moment and share your input.

More information regarding the date and venue of this seminar will be communicated in the near future.

## Workplace Wellness Collaborative

The *PartnerSHIP for a Healthy Winona County* is pleased to announce a no-cost *workplace wellness collaborative* in Winona County to help employers develop or improve upon an existing employee/workplace wellness initiative. Beginning July 2014 through September 2015 employers will learn how to better engage employees in their own health through a 'culture of health' that supports healthy behaviors. This project is funded by the Statewide Health Improvement Program.

Investing in the health of employees by creating a workplace wellness initiative is an important step an employer can take to increase productivity, improve morale and better manage health care costs. Plus, most of the best practice recommendations take little to no financial resources on the part of your organization – just staff time to plan and implement.

Participating employers will receive 15 months of free consultation along with tools and templates to ensure success.

Any *size* employer is welcome. For more information or to become part of the collaborative please contact Andrea Gierok at agierok@co.winona.mn.us (p) 507-457-6500.