



# Member Update

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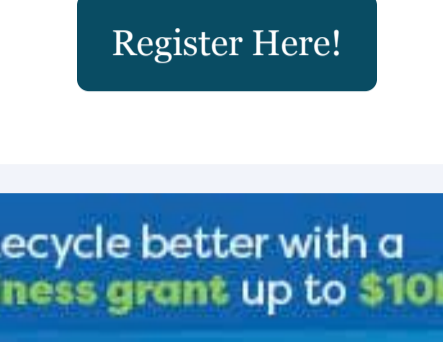
## In today's June 1, 2026 Update:

- **Next Tuesday - USI Insurance Webinar:** [Managing Employee Leaves](#)
- **Hospitality Unplugged - June 25:** [Join Whitebox Marketing in Saint Cloud](#)
- **Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament - September 14:** [Join Hospitality Leaders at Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake](#)
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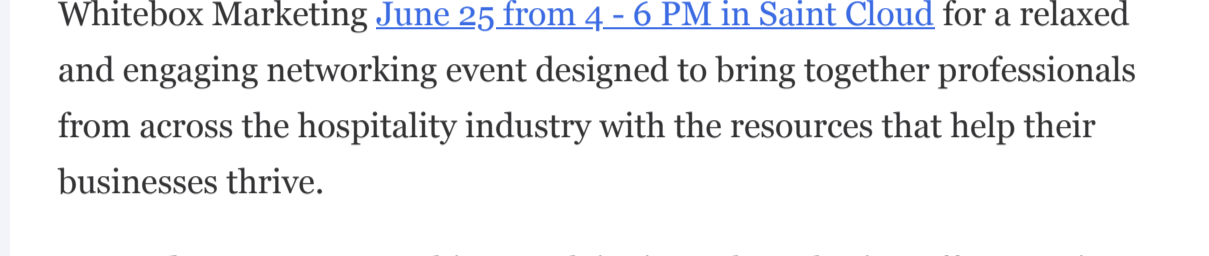
## June 9 - USI Webinar on Managing Employee Leave



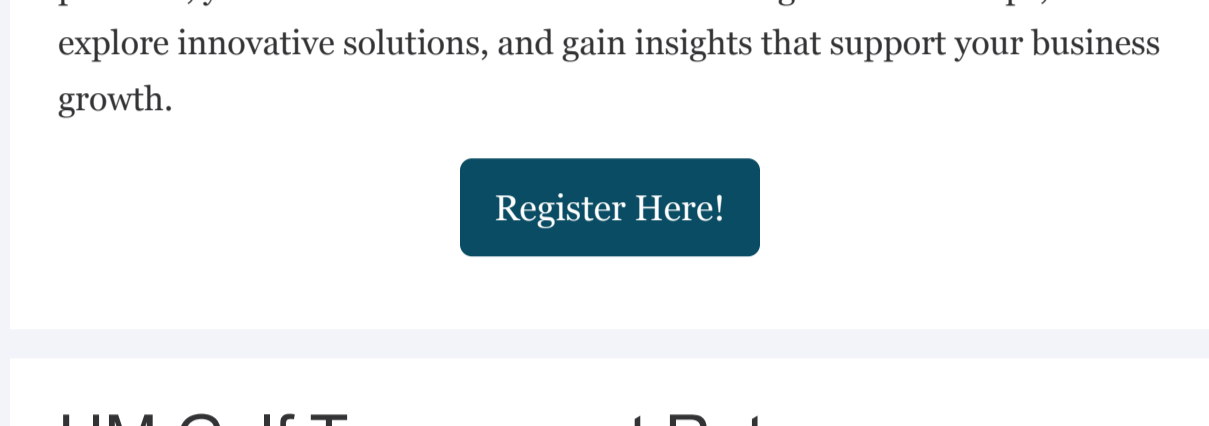
**June USI Employer Solution Webinar:** [Managing Employee Leaves - Legal and Practical Considerations](#)

- **Why it matters:** Every employer, regardless of size, industry, or profit/nonprofit status, has one thing in common, which is that at some point, every single one of their employees will be absent from work.

[Register Here!](#)



## Network with Industry Professionals at Hospitality Unplugged



**Calling all hospitality operators:** Join Hospitality Minnesota and Whitebox Marketing [June 25 from 4 - 6 PM in Saint Cloud](#) for a relaxed and engaging networking event designed to bring together professionals from across the hospitality industry with the resources that help their businesses thrive.

- **What to expect:** This casual, invite-only gathering offers a unique opportunity to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and discover valuable partners who understand the challenges and opportunities within hospitality.

**The bottom line:** Whether you're an operator, supplier, or service provider, you'll have the chance to build meaningful relationships, explore innovative solutions, and gain insights that support your business growth.

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## HM Golf Tournament Returns September 14, Now At Legends Golf Club



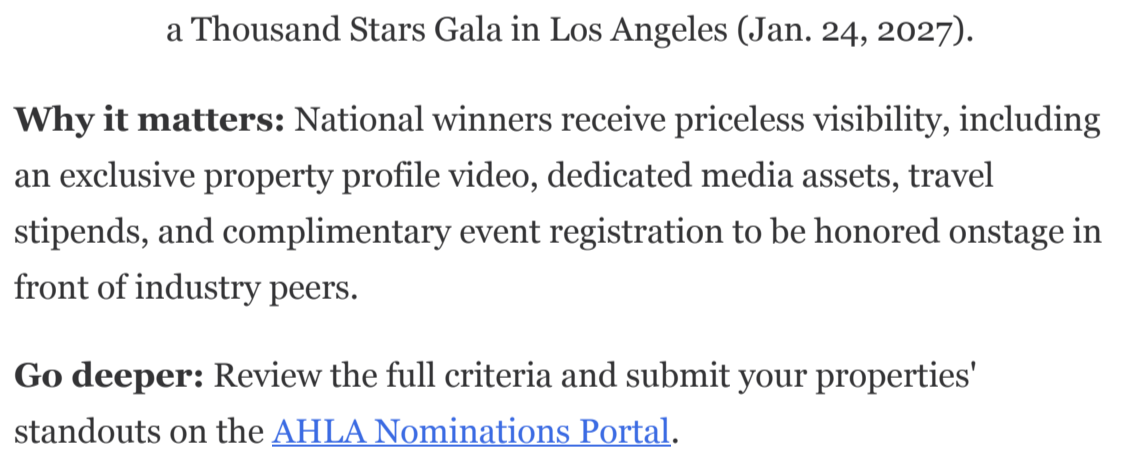
**Secure your spot today:** Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) on September 14 at the [Legends Golf Club](#) in Prior Lake.

- **Why it matters:** The [Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) is all about connection, collaboration, and community. It's a chance to strengthen relationships, meet new peers, and enjoy a day of relaxed networking with fellow hospitality professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting.

**How to participate:** [Register your foursome](#) or individual slot early—spots fill quickly. Consider sponsoring a hole, beverage cart, or a Bloody Mary bar to showcase your company and engage with members of Minnesota's vibrant hospitality industry.

[Register Today!](#)

## 2026 Hospitality Conference Registration Coming Soon

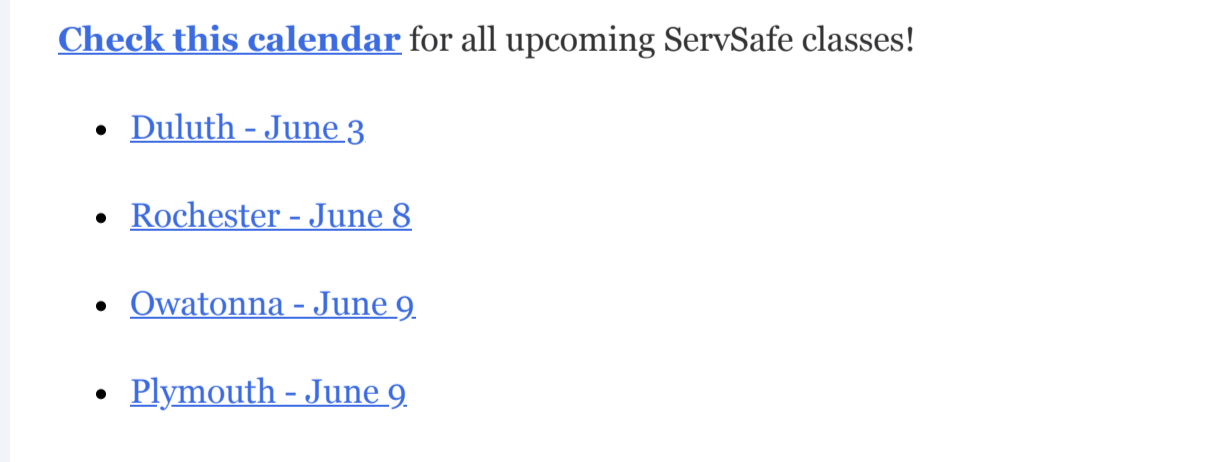


**Mark your calendars!** The [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) is coming to the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown September 27-29, and you and your team cannot afford to miss this professional development opportunity.

- **The bottom line:** Registration will be opening up soon. Our team is hard at work to provide innovation across hospitality marketing, leadership, and more. Learn more about this year's conference [here](#).

[Learn More!](#)

## AHLA Award Nominations Open - Nominate Your Hospitality Stars!



**Time to recognize industry trailblazers!** The hotel industry is powered by exceptional leaders. Now through July 17, [hoteliers can nominate top talent for national recognition](#) across two prestigious programs:

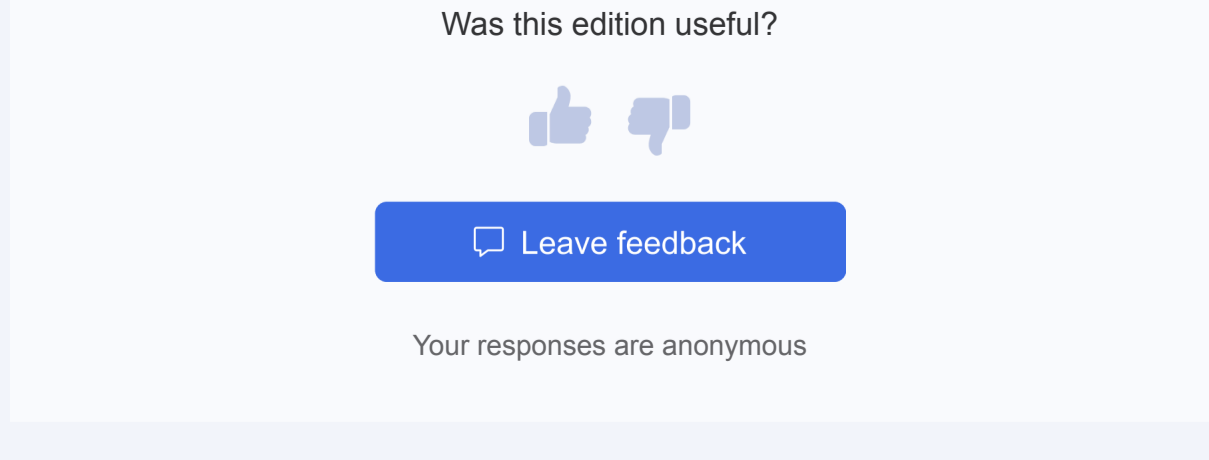
- **The GM Awards (Powered by AHLA):** Exclusively honors General Managers.
  - **Categories include:** *GM of the Year* (across five property types), *Lifetime Achievement*, and two new categories: *Rising Star* and *Community Ambassador*. Winners will be celebrated at The Hospitality Show in Miami Beach (Nov. 2-4).
- **Stars of the Industry Awards (Powered by AHLA Foundation):** Recognizes outstanding staff and students.
  - Categories include: *North Star Award* (Lodging Employee of the Year), *Emerging Leader Under 30*, *Hotel Hero*, and *Scholar of the Year*. Winners will be celebrated at the Night of a Thousand Stars Gala in Los Angeles (Jan. 24, 2027).

**Why it matters:** National winners receive priceless visibility, including an exclusive property profile video, dedicated media assets, travel stipends, and complimentary event registration to be honored onstage in front of industry peers.

**Go deeper:** Review the full criteria and submit your properties' standouts on the [AHLA Nominations Portal](#).

[Nominate Your Peers!](#)

## ServSafe Classes Near You



**Did you know:** Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Duluth - June 3](#)
- [Rochester - June 8](#)
- [Owatonna - June 9](#)
- [Plymouth - June 9](#)
- [Roseville - June 11](#)
- [Worthington - June 12](#)
- [Winona - June 15](#)
- [Bloomington - June 16](#)

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## In the News

- [Restaurant operators reported mixed sales and traffic readings in April](#) | National Restaurant Association
- [Business Litigation Attorney J. Matthew Berner Joins Monroe Moxness Berg](#) | Monroe Moxness Berg
- [New Cash Incentive Program Accelerates Dairy Queen Franchise Growth](#) | PR Newswire
- [St. Joseph's House Food and Tap announces restaurant change](#) | St. Cloud Live
- [Asia Village in Blaine to open with food hall and playground](#) | Star Tribune
- [Spanish restaurant and bakery to open in former home of Handsome Hog](#) | Bring Me The News
- [JOB OPENING: Fairfield Inn & Suites - Monticello Director of Sales \(Opening August\)](#) | Hospitality Minnesota
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## Oh yeah, and don't forget...

- **Enroll/opt out today:** [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

## See you back here next week!

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