



# The Hospitality HOTSPOT

WEEKLY MEMBER NEWSLETTER



## NATIONAL UPDATE

### **KEEP THE BEAT GOING: ASK THE SENATE TO REPLENISH RRF**

The House voted to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund with an additional \$42B, now it's up to the Senate to make it happen. Please join our grassroots campaign to ask the Senate to approve this new round of funding. To have your voice be heard, click [here](#).

### **HOSPITALITY BUSINESS SALES INCREASED IN MARCH**

Hospitality businesses registered total sales of \$75.4B in March, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Census Bureau. That's a full 3.0% stronger than January's sales. The upward sales trajectory in 2022 is a much-needed break from prior months of stagnation. Read [analysis](#).

### **PROSTART INVITATIONAL IS ON IN MAY**

The country's premier secondary school competition in restaurant management and culinary arts skills returns in person May 6-8, at the Washington Hilton in Washington D.C. Nearly 400 student competitors put their talents to the test in front of industry leaders, NRAEF Trustees, state restaurant associations, and family and friends. Meet these talented students, and [register](#) to attend. [ProStart 2022](#).

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE 2 WEEKS AWAY**

Restaurant industry advocates head to D.C. for the Association's [Public Affairs Conference](#), April 25-27 in Washington D.C. PAFC focuses on 3 labor-related challenges currently affecting the industry:

1. Passing the Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act
2. Reinstating the Employee Retention Tax Credit
3. Preserving the tip credit

Speakers include House Republican Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA), former U.S. Speaker of the House John Boehner, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.VA), and Punchbowl News Founder & CEO Anna Palmer. [Register](#) to attend!

## **SIGN UP FOR SERVSUCCESS**

Join us at the National Restaurant Show on Sun., May 22, for an innovative [Restaurant Leadership Workshop](#) from ServSuccess, the Association's new career development solution. The first hour helps managers build leadership skills to retain talented employees, the second covers how to manage costs. Participation includes discounts on ServSafe and ServSuccess Manager courses and exams.

## **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TAX CREDITS**

ERTC, WOTC, FICA, and the alphabet soup of tax credits can be confusing, especially when the rules for some, such as the ERTC, have changed over the past 2 years. Nonetheless, Heartland says it's worth verifying that you're claiming all the credits you qualify to receive. [Read](#) article.

## **ALASKA CHARR UPDATES**

### **ALASKA CHARR AFFILIATES SURVEY**

Alaska CHARR members, on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, you will be receiving an email from your respective Affiliate. As an association, we are constantly exploring methods to improve what we do. Please take the time to provide your insight, so that we may improve for you!

### **KODIAK RESTAURANT & BAR FOR SALE**

Alaska CHARR members! Henry's Great Alaskan Restaurant, a long-time fixture in downtown Kodiak, is now for sale! If you are interested in learning more about how to purchase, please click [here](#) to be taken to the MLS data page.



## ProStart Educator Conference

Each year, ProStart educators from across the state come together and have a 2-day conference to discuss the ProStart Program in each of their schools. This year educators from the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Mat-Su School Districts were able to come together and network with each other. They were able to enjoy a fine dining experience at Jens' restaurant, toured the Sweet Caribou kitchens, and had a Zoom meeting with one of the owners from Foraged & Found.

There is an opportunity for the Alaska hospitality industry to connect with these educators each year during the conference. If you are interested in hosting a demonstration, tour, or being a guest speaker at the next Alaska ProStart Educator Conference, please reach out to Alaska ProStart Coordinator BreeAnna Erickson.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

- April 28<sup>th</sup> - Alaska CHARR Monthly Membership Call (with special guests Adrian Federico and Mark Stone 10 A.M)
- May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - [National ProStart Invitational](#) Washington, D.C
- May 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - [National Restaurant Association Show](#) Chicago, IL

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### Selman Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

