



The Hospitality HOTSPOT

WEEKLY MEMBER NEWSLETTER



NATIONAL UPDATE

SENATE BLOCKS WEIL NOMINATION TO LABOR DEPT.

In a huge win for CHARR members, the U.S. Senate voted not to advance David Weil's nomination to head up the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division. Our partners at the National Restaurant Association actively campaigned against his nomination in light of Weil's [track record](#), which is counter to members' interests.

EWEA CAN BROADEN HOSPITALITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act, introduced in the House this week, creates a pathway for workers to come to the U.S. on market-driven, non-immigrant, 3-year visas. The program is intended for small businesses in industries with comparatively low sales per employee and would be available for non-agricultural jobs with lower education thresholds that have been unfilled for extended periods of time. Read [more](#).

PODCAST: FUTURE RESTAURANT LEGISLATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sean Kennedy, EVP for Public Affairs, and Mike Whatley, VP of State Affairs, deliver the lowdown on the legislation that impacts hospitality in 2022. Listen [here](#).

HOSPITALITY EMPLOYMENT STILL 800K BELOW PRE-PANDEMIC

February represented the [14th consecutive month of job gains](#), but still left the industry more than 800,000 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment peak. 45 states added restaurant jobs between January and February; 4 states and D.C. saw declines.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Alaska CHARR and advocates for the restaurant industry are set to head to Capitol Hill in D.C., for the National Restaurant Association's [Public Affairs Conference](#), April 25-27. PAFC, the restaurant industry's largest grassroots lobbying event, welcomes former U.S. Speaker of the House [John Boehner](#), Sen. [Joe Manchin](#) (D-W.VA), and Punchbowl News Founder & CEO [Anna Palmer](#), who will address the current political state of play in the U.S. Read [more](#) and [register](#).

ALASKA CHARR: ERTC UPDATE

Alaska CHARR Member Services Manager Corrine Law will be reaching out to members regarding the latest updates going on with the Employee Retention Tax Credit!

ALASKA CHARR MEMBERS

ALASKA CHARR AFFILIATE CALL

On March 31, Alaska CHARR President/CEO Sarah Oates held the first CHARR Affiliates Call. On the call, representatives from some affiliates and CHARR Dream Team members discussed ideas to improve members' experience while brainstorming ways to maximize the benefits awarded to our members. Members can expect a survey from their respective affiliates. This survey will serve as a powerful tool to help implement change!

SENATE BILL 9 UPDATES

This past Wednesday, Alaska CHARR President & CEO, Sarah Oates, spoke before the House Finance Committee regarding the significance of SB 9 - the 125-page alcohol reform bill - for the hospitality industry in its path toward recovery, stabilization, and continued growth. She passionately reminded legislators that our industry has suffered immeasurably throughout the pandemic and needs support from lawmakers in the form of this legislation.

To hear her full testimony, click [here!](#)

We also want to say THANK YOU to the many CHARR members who called in to voice their support for this important bill! Your testimony is essential, as lawmakers are far more likely to act on legislation when they hear directly from the businesses that would be impacted.

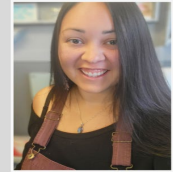


We want to highlight YOU!

Alaska CHARR Members! As we continue to improve on our communication efforts, we want to highlight your businesses! Please send pictures of your popular dishes & drinks, venues, events, or anything that makes YOU, YOU! Also, send over facts about your business and staff! We know how amazing you are as members, and we want to share YOU with everyone!

All submissions can be sent to our Marketing & Communications Specialist Brandon Hayes. Bhayes@alaskacharr.com

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



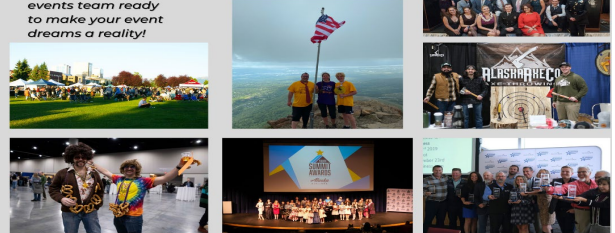
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UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

- June 23rd - Alaska CHARR Ed Fund Raffle
2 P.M. The Blue Fox
3461 E Tudor Rd. Anchorage, AK 99507
Proceeds go directly towards scholarships for the future leaders within the hospitality industry

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It's not too early to get involved!

Selman Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, June 17th, 2022

