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What You Will Learn

- -Strategies that you can start to use now to keep your employees informed
- -Financial modeling tool to help you estimate the impact of the required changes will have on your organization.
- -Compliance timelines and the required structure of benefit plans.
- -Answers to your specific questions from our experts.

LOOK: 2 Strategic Credits Pending

Wednesday, March 5th

7:30-10:00 a.m.

Holiday Inn - 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

HRLA Members \$20 Guests \$30

Register: www.hrlact.org

Breakfast, Door Prizes

Who Should Attend HR Professionals

Business Leaders ~ Executives ~ Managers



For BOARD & CHAIR Members: The SHRM Tri-State Leadership Conference



HRLA Board and Chair Members Only!

oin Us... for the 2014 SHRM Tri-State Leadership Conference

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa 625 North Road, Route 117, Groton, CT

Tri-State Councils:



You are invited to spend an informative and energizing day with your fellow SHRM volunteer chapter and state council leaders from the Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island!

This free event is hosted by CTSHRM and is a great way to network, and share ideas and best practices. It will feature a special presentation from renown keynote and motivational speaker Joy Baldridge, CPC, CSP... "Volunteering Joy!"

Volunteering joy is the satisfaction you get from offering your time and talent to an important cause. In this dynamic, interactive session, Joy will teach you how to:



- Find the time to devote to volunteering
- Help accomplish great things
- Focus on activities that bring positive change
- Network with other volunteers
- Be energized by volunteerism
- Make a difference to the lives of others
- Create new connections to help you reach your goals
- Hone skills to make you more successful in your career



EVENT AGENDA

7:30-8:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast 8:30-8:45 am Introductions

8:45-9:30 am

9:30-10:15 am Susan Post, Phyllis Shurn-Hannah and

other SHRM National guests

10:15-10:30 am Break

10:30-12:00 pm Roundtables - World Café best practice

sharing on membership, and attracting

and retaining SHRM Members Lunch, Sponsors, Drawings

12:00-1:00 pm 1:00-2:00 pm Keynote Speaker - Joy Baldridge

REGISTER HERE

Questions? Email Andy Thiede at CTHRSHRM@aol.com





Our Generous Sponsors:









JOIN US....





You are invited to join us for our New Members' Breakfast!



Learn more about HRLA

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The HRLA
Membership Committee is
looking forward to meeting you
at the New Members' Breakfast
Meeting! Join us for some great
information and for a delicious
breakfast.



- · How HRLA is beneficial to you
- Who is listed on the Board of Directors
- · What we currently are working on
- The benefits of joining SHRM
- How to volunteer
- · Networking Activities
- · Tour the website

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2014

Time: 7:30 to 9:00 AM

Location: Hilton, 20 Coogan Blvd., Mystic Cost: Free for New & Interested Members

RSVP: by February 1, 2014 by

registering online at www.hrlact.org





Save-the-Date

The SHRM 2014 Annual Conference and Expo



January 1 through April 18, 2014. from exhibitors and sporsors.



Preferred Method-Online:

For immediate

Pax: 703.535.6490 Reaso allow 5-7 business days for processing.

Mail: SHRM P.O. Box 79482 Baltimore, MD 21279-0492

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HRLA is looking to line up Sponsors for 2014



- * Do **YOU** have a fantastic vendor that is just awesome to work with?
- * Why not let your colleagues at HRLA know by having them sign up as a 2014 HRLA Meeting Sponsor? If your vendor signs up as a Sponsor, you will receive a <u>\$25 Gift Certificate Visa Card</u>!

How This Works:

- Ask your vendor if she/he would like to be a Sponsor.
- Have your vendor e-mail Janet Welch at president@hrlact.org
- If your vendor <u>signs up</u> as a Sponsor for one of our 2014 HRLA Meetings, you will receive a **\$25** *Visa Card!*
- Make sure your vendor states your name when e-mailing Janet.
- First come, first served so send out those e-mails now. Only one HRLA Member per Vendor

Some *examples* of vendors HRLA is looking for:

- o HR Consultants or Trainers
- o Various Employee Benefits
- o Worker's Compensation Insurance
- o Recognitions and Incentive Programs
- o Background Checks Services

If you are the FIRST PERSON to e-mail president@hrlact.org stating you have read the HR Connections Newsletter, you will receive a \$10 Gift Certificate to *Dunkin Donuts*!

Key words:

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