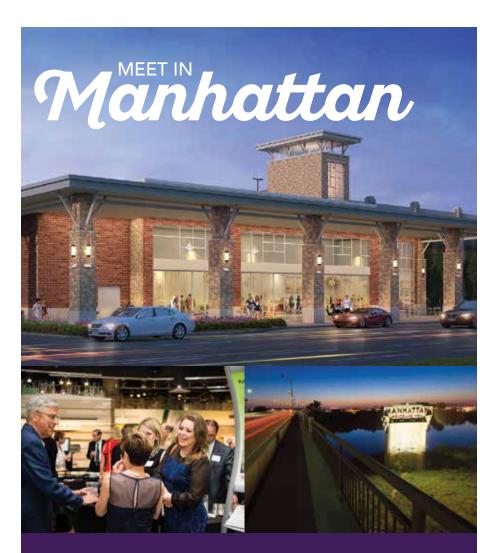


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From the Editor



It's an exciting time to be part of the meetings and convention industry! Many planners are expecting events

to meet or even exceed 2019 numbers in the coming year. According to a survey completed by American Express, small meetings are seeing the biggest increases, with numbers already surpassing prepandemic levels.

While the demand for meetings and events has returned, it doesn't mean planners do not have different types of challenges. Balancing rising costs and labor shortages with delivery of high-impact events that support corporate strategy will always be the key to a successful execution. This requires creativity on the part of the planner, so it's even more important that you look to trusted resources, like Midwest Meetings, to help provide insight and ideas to help you navigate the current climate.

In this special Guide Book issue of Midwest Meetings, we showcase each of the Midwest's 12 states, sharing their unique character and charm. Take time to peruse the pages of this annual edition and learn more about the dozens of communities that are ready and willing to help you conduct your meetings and events. Reach out to them directly to find out what they can do specifically to make your event one your guests won't soon forget!

Regards,

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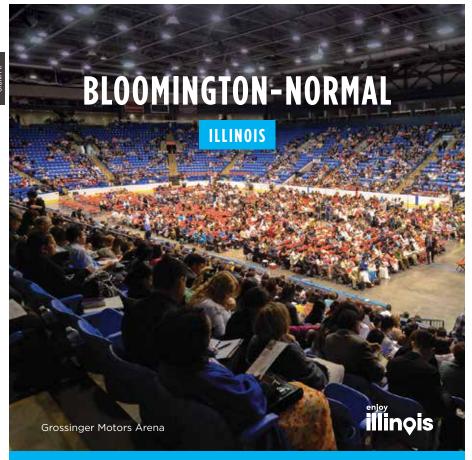
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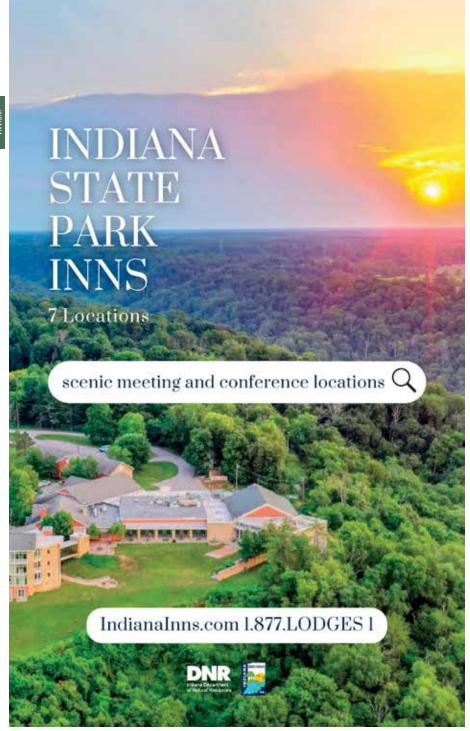
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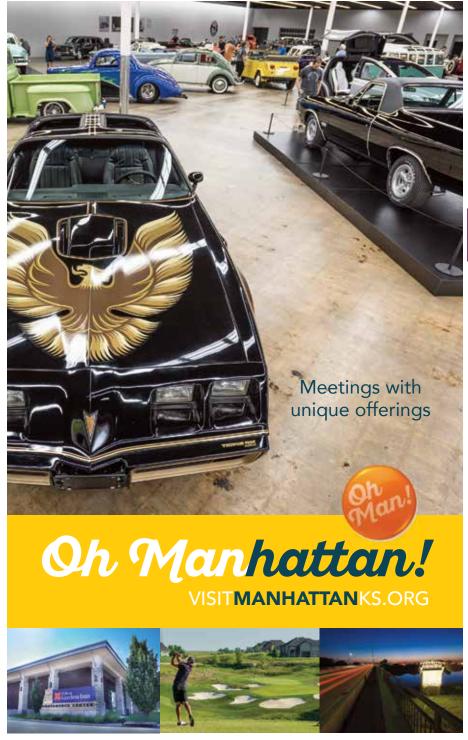
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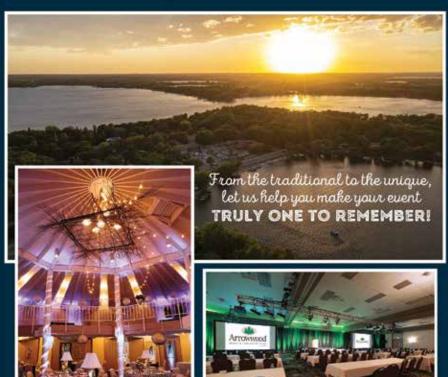
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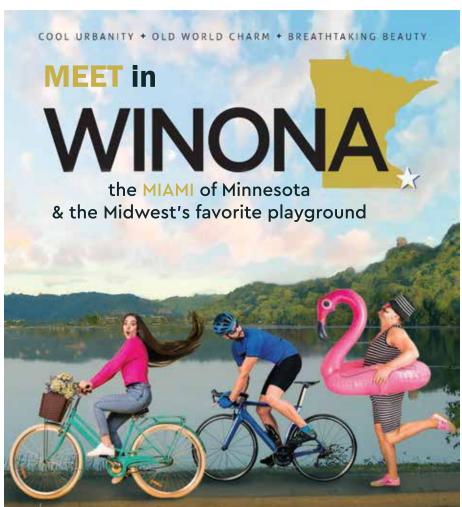
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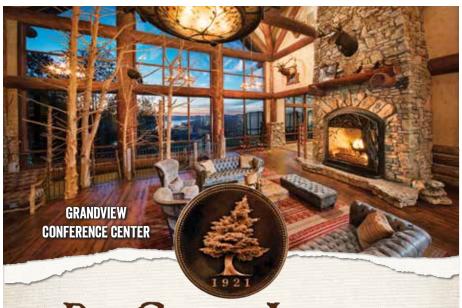
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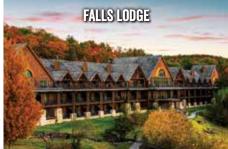
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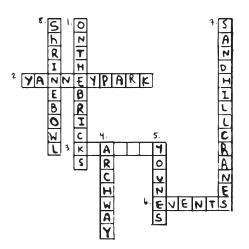
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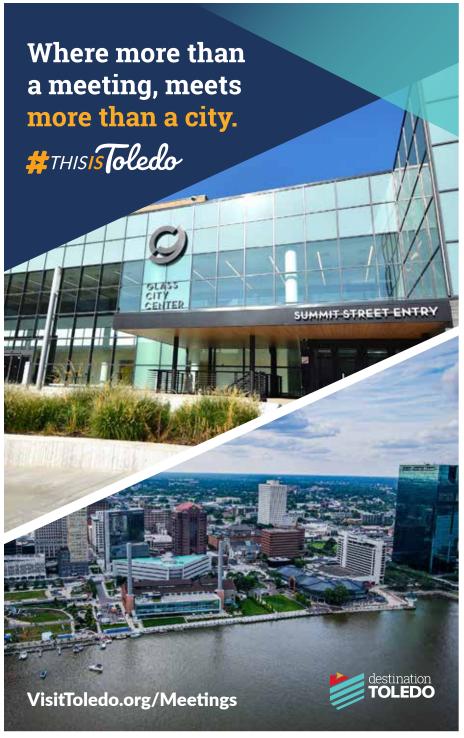
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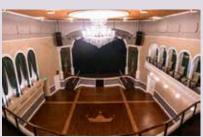
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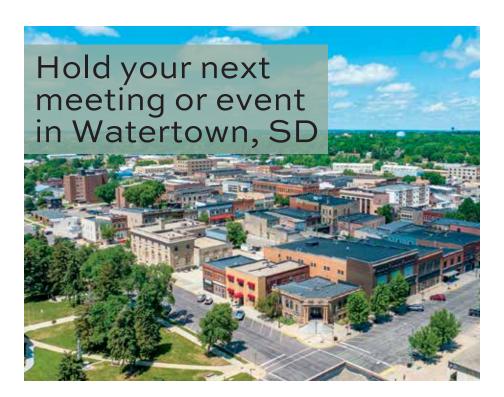
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thegossoperahouse.com





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HOTEL ROOMS: 829 NEAREST AIRPORT:

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GUEST ROOMS & SUITES: 16

OF MEETING ROOMS: 8 ROOMS PLUS OUTDOOR GATHERING SITES, A ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE. AND A CHURCH



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JOYRANCHOFSD.ORG



829 # OF MEETING ROOMS:





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100 E. KEMP AVE., WATERTOWN, SD 57201 605-753-0200

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THEGOSSOPERAHOUSE.COM





AT A GLANCE

MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.): 6,500
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 400
OF MEETING ROOMS: 6
OF HOTEL ROOMS: 150

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AT A GLANCE

LARGEST MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.): 12,920
OF AREA HOTEL ROOMS: 9,000
NEAREST AIRPORT: Pierre Regional Airport

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NEAREST AIRPORT:

Aberdeen Airport

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ABERDEEN, SD 57401

605-225-2414 | INFO@VISITABERDEENSD.COM

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For more ideas, go to meetinwisconsin.com or wisconsinmeetings.com

PLACES TO CHECK OUT



LAMBEAU FIELD TOUR, GREEN BAY

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SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, LA CROSSE

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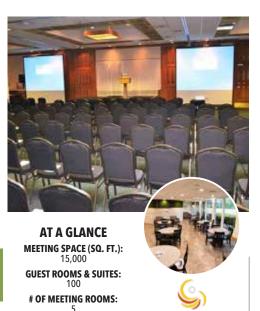


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LARGEST MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.): 13,700

AT A GLANCE

OF AREA HOTEL ROOMS: 2,335

NEAREST AIRPORT: Milwaukee, WI

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NEAREST AIRPORT: Middleton Municipal Airport Dane County Regional Airport

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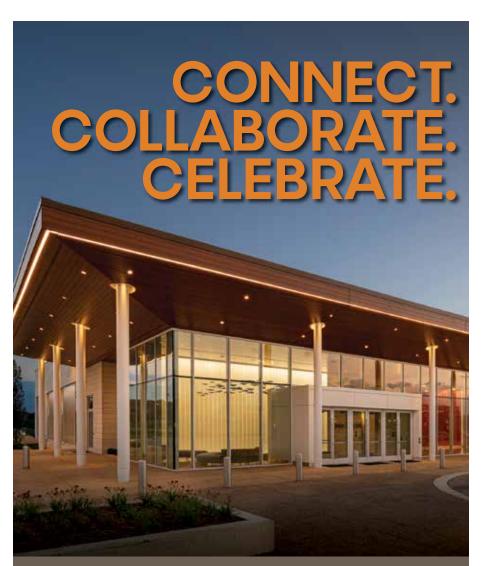
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Darcie L. Holte
- Director of Sales
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OF MEETING ROOMS:

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NEAREST AIRPORT:Duluth International Airport

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TRAVEL WISCONSIN: TravelWisconsin.com

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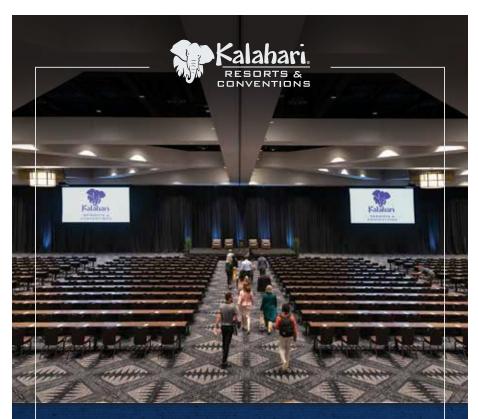
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