Springfield Lobby Day
Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Springfield Lobby Day is an important opportunity to learn about important legislation facing the industry and meet face-to-face with your elected officials. Think of Springfield Lobby Day as a 1-day investment in your business, where you get to have a say on issues that affect your bottom line such as the minimum wage, tip credit, happy hour laws, tourism funding, taxes, and many others.

Please complete the registration form today and plan on attending Springfield Lobby Day 2015. It is important that we have a large delegation of IRA members to educate elected officials about the importance of our industry. Lobby Day is one of the most important things we do as an Association.

Lobby Day Timeline

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.: Registration, Hilton Springfield, 700 E. Adams St.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Welcome
John Cullerton, Senate President
Jim Durkin, House Republican Leader
Cory Jobe, Director of Illinois Office of Tourism

12:00 to 12:45 p.m.: Luncheon

12:45 to 1:15 p.m.: Issue Briefing/Lobbying Tips

1:30 to 4:45 p.m.: Afternoon Appointments with members of General Assembly

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.: Legislative Reception, The Sangamo Club, 227 E. Adams St.

Fees
There is a $75 Lobby Day registration fee. This payment is used for the conference room rental, lunch buffet, and cocktail reception.

Register today at www.illinoisrestaurants.org or by filling out this form and returning to Matt Quinn at 312-380-3122 or mquinn@illinoisrestaurants.org.

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Frequently Asked Questions

When should I arrive to and depart from Lobby Day?
Lobby Day officially starts on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. and finishes at the reception at 7:00 p.m. Many attendees from outside of Springfield spend the night before or after at a hotel, although no official programming exists. The IRA has a room block at the Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel for Tuesday, March 10. There is limited availability, so please call to make your reservation today.

Will I be talking to lawmakers face to face?
Yes. The IRA tries to schedule a meeting for every attendee with their legislators. You will also meet with key legislators for the industry. Your meetings will generally only last a few minutes.

What legislation will we be discussing?
We will be discussing bills important to the industry, including minimum wage, tip credit, happy hour, tourism funding, and taxes. All key issues will be discussed at the morning informational session.

Will I be given instructions and talking points?
Yes. All key issues are explained at the morning informational session and fact sheets and talking points are handed out. A "how to lobby" lesson is also provided.

Will I be escorted or alone?
Attendees are grouped according to their districts and are escorted by IRA staff.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield on March 11! If you have any questions or need more information, contact Matt Quinn at (312) 380-4122 or mquinn@illinoisrestaurants.org.