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We are now located at the Festival Building, 2200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL 61611. Many thanks to Rick Dokey and his crew from Federal Companies for their assistance with the move. Thanks also to Robert & Darrin for helping us get everything in its place!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### March

17-(Thursday) Business After Hours at EP's Timeout, 5-7 p.m.

18-(Friday) Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel) - Candidates Forum for East Peoria City Council

### April

14-(Thursday) Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel)

21-(Thursday) Business After Hours at Heart Technologies, Inc., 5-7 p.m.

### May

6-(Friday), Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel) Michael Bryant, CEO, Methodist Medical Center—Healthcare Update

19-(Thursday) Business After Hours at Barrack's Cater Inn (East Port), 5-7 p.m.

### June

3- (Friday) Mayor's Prayer Breakfast (Embassy Suites)

16-(Thursday) Business After Hours

23-(Thursday Afternoon) Annual Golf Outing (Quail Meadows)

### July

21-(Thursday) Business After Hours

### August

18-(Thursday) Business After Hours

26-(Friday) Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel)

27-(Saturday) Kid's Day (Riverfront Park)

### September

6-Ad Space in Festival of Lights Guide for Sale (September 6-October 28)

14-Leadership School (September 14-December 14)

15-(Thursday) Business After Hours

23-(Friday) Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel)

### October

27-(Thursday) Oktoberfest Business Expo (Par-A-Dice Hotel)

### November

4-(Friday) Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel)

17-(Thursday) Business After Hours

### December

2-(Friday) Socks for Santa (Embassy Suites)

16-(Friday) Eggs & Issues (Par-A-Dice Hotel)

# MEMBER NEWS



**Legacy Insurance Agency of Illinois** has been awarded the Pinnacle Award by the Columbia Insurance Group for 2010. The Pinnacle Agency Program has been designed for those elite agencies that have demonstrated a commitment of sustained profitable growth and customer satisfaction. Legacy Insurance Agency of Illinois is a locally owned Independent Insurance Agency serving all of Central Illinois.

**Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.**, the largest locally-owned CPA firm in the Peoria area, is pleased to announce the recent addition of several staff members. John Losby is working part-time in the tax department and will join the Firm fulltime as a Staff Accountant after graduating from Bradley University. He is expected to graduate in May 2011 with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Accounting. Andi Meister is working part-time in the business services department and will join the Firm full-time as a Staff Accountant after graduating from Bradley University. She is expected to graduate in May 2011 with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Accounting. Landon Roemersberger is a Staff Accountant in the tax department. He prepares tax returns for individuals, partnerships, and corporations. Landon graduated from Bradley University in December 2010 with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Accounting. He is currently studying for the CPA exam. Heinold-Banwart provides traditional audit, accounting and tax services as well as non-traditional advisory services. These include controllership services, employee benefit plan administration, and valuation and litigation support services. The Firm builds long-lasting, value-driven relationships and holds itself to the highest industry and professional standards.

**Heart Technologies, Inc.** announces The Great Heart Give 2011 is again granting a \$10,000 technology package for local charitable organizations. The winner will be announced on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The winner will be chosen via a web based vote. Voting begins on March 31, 2011.

Nominate your favorite charity today! All 501(c)3 organizations which provide services to residents of Peoria, East Peoria, Decatur and/or Springfield are qualified to participate. Nominations are being gathered at [www.thegreatHEARTgive.com](http://www.thegreatHEARTgive.com). The top organizations nominated will go on to be voted on the finals. Nominations will be gathered through March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Peoria's South Side Mission was the recipient of the first Great HEART Give in 2010.

South Side Mission's Director, Phil Newton stated "Winning the inaugural Great Heart Give in 2010 allowed South Side Mission to receive a vital piece of our Connections Database project and helped us in our transition into the digital age. Heart not only is a great descriptor for the contest, it equally describes their generous company." Heart Technologies, Inc., is a leading technology provider for businesses in Central Illinois. Heart Technologies, Inc. was founded in 1987 and is based in East Peoria, with presence in Champaign, Decatur, and Springfield, IL. Heart Technologies, Inc. was honored by the Peoria Better Business Bureau as a Torch Award winner in 2006 and as a Torch Award Finalist for Business Integrity nominee in 2009. East Peoria Chamber of Commerce named Heart as their Distinguished Company of the Year in 2009. For questions or clarification, contact Amy Lambert at 427-7293.

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The **Illinois Central College Educational Foundation** will establish the “PNC Honors Scholarship” for ICC students who are enrolled in the Honors Program. The PNC Honors Scholarship will provide \$5,000 per year to be applied toward tuition of the selected ICC student. To be eligible for consideration, students must have a 3.35 grade point average, be enrolled full time and have an ACT score of 27 or higher. This scholarship will first be awarded during the 2011-2012 academic year. Deadline to apply is April 1st.

Tammy Finch, owner of **Web Tech Services** in East Peoria, IL was invited to speak at the International Congress of Esthetics and Spa in Miami Beach Florida April 3rd and 4th. Her presentation is Attracting Clients and Sales with Facebook and Social Networking. Tammy Finch, owner of **Web Tech Services** in East Peoria will be presenting a free workshop on April 6th for Money Smart Week called Attracting Clients and Sales with Facebook and Social Networking. Call her office to register at 309-699-9327.

**Barrack’s Hospitality Group** received the Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association’s “Best in the Midwest” Business & Industry Award for 2010. The award was presented at the HOI Hospitality Association’s annual Winterfest banquet on Monday, January 31st. Over 300 guests were in attendance. This award recognizes a company who has demonstrated hospitality industry leadership and noteworthy achievement and has made a lasting contribution to the advancement of the industry.

The **Community Foundation of Central Illinois** received a \$3,000 charitable donation from the Peoria Branch office of Erie Insurance. The donation was part of a \$75,000 collective donation presented by Erie Insurance President and CEO Terry Cavanaugh to 24 Community Foundations across eleven states throughout the company’s service footprint.

**Pearl Companies** has promoted Sharon Harman to Assistant Vice President of Marketing. “Sharon has made sustained contributions to both our brand and marketing initiatives over the last several years and enhanced our image and reputation in the local community and industry nationwide,” notes Executive Vice President & Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, Mike Murphy.

**Illinois Central College** released the names of students honored for academic achievement during the Fall 2010 semester. Honors are based on a 4.00 grade point system. To request these lists be sent via email, contact Linda at 694-5596 or email [lbarth@icc.edu](mailto:lbarth@icc.edu).

Jeff Sacco is welcomed as Account Representative for **Widmer Interiors**. With almost 20 years of sales experience. Jeff joins the Widmer team at their Peoria headquarters located at 8415 N. Allen Road. Widmer Interiors creates great places to work, heal and learn. Founded in 1964, Widmer is based in Peoria and operates out of three additional locations in Illinois: Rockford, Champaign, and Normal. In 2006, Win Stoller and Frank Gutwein purchased the company and continue the stewardship of this family business. More information on Widmer Interiors can be found at their website, [www.widmerinteriors.com](http://www.widmerinteriors.com).

Congratulations to **Granite City** for winning the Best Upscale Dining Award and to **Embassy Suites** for Best Full Service Hotel at the Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association’s “Best in the Midwest” Business & Industry Award for 2010.

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**Proctor Hospital** is pleased to announce that it has received a Silver Addy Award from the Peoria Ad Club at the organization's annual Showcase and Awards event held February 25 in Peoria. Proctor Hospital won the silver award for the Women's Services Campaign that featured both print and outdoor advertising. The winning work was submitted by Central States Media creators of the We Care. We Heal. We Provide. campaign, on behalf of Linda Beckman, Director of Business Development at Proctor Hospital. The Campaign focused attention on specialized services for women including digital mammography, gynecological surgical services, and the Family Maternity Center.

Congratulations to Chris Goodwin, Health Informatics and Technology Department at **Proctor Hospital**. Goodwin is the recipient of the February 2011 PEP Award. The Proctor Employee Personified (PEP) Award is presented monthly to employees that demonstrate outstanding efforts in quality and leadership. President and CEO of Proctor Hospital Paul Macek, and Chairman of the Board Tom Spurgeon, presented the award to Goodwin. Here are just a few of the nomination comments Masterson received: "Chris has a terrific attitude; one that sets him apart. He's always helpful, prompt and enjoys new challenges. He consistently looks for ways to improve processes and to educate." Goodwin resides in Germantown Hills.

**Proctor Hospital**, in association with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois' *Services in the Neighborhood* program, offers a free Medicare Help Desk the fourth Wednesday of every month, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Lobby at Proctor Hospital. The next scheduled Medicare Help Desk will be Wednesday, March 23rd. For more information call 691-1070.

The Hult Center for Health Education and **Proctor Hospital** are pleased to present the 2011 Seniors on the Go Health Fair, Thursday, March 17th from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hult Center for Health Education at 5215 N. Knoxville Ave., on the campus of Proctor Hospital. Admission is free. Call Hult Health Center for Health Education at 692-9595 or Proctor Forward 55 at 689-8334 or visit [www.proctor.org](http://www.proctor.org) for more information.

**Methodist Medical Center** is offering a unique opportunity for women to get their annual mammograms during "Girls Night Out." Except for the mammogram itself, the evening is free to participants and will include an evening that offers appetizers, dessert, Yoga and beauty makeovers. "Girls Night Out" will be held at Methodist at North Allen road, Route 6 and Allen Road, on March 28th and again on April 4th from 5:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. To reserve your place call 672-4600.

The **Methodist Inpatient Rehabilitation Center** has been awarded a three-year accreditation from CARF International for its Adult Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs for its Adult Hospital Stroke Specialty Program. The accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows Methodist's substantial conformance to the CARF standards.

In another of its regular "Coffee with the Doctors", **Methodist Medical Group** physician, Dr. Jill Wirth will discuss "Exercise for Mature Adults: Get Back your Energy." The special program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Methodist at North Allen Road Conference Center, 2338 W. Sud parkway. To reserve a seat call 636-9500. Dead-

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**Methodist Medical Center** has announced the February Employees of the Month. The three selected are Carrie Cash for Nursing Services, Dawn Hubbard for Orthopedics for Patient Care, and Teresa Humphreys for Non-Nursing Support. All three were honored at a hospital reception on February 16th.

**Methodist Medical Center** has announced their Mobile Mammography Schedule for March. Visit [www.mymethodist.net](http://www.mymethodist.net) or call 671-8282 for the date in your community.

**Curves of East Peoria** is rolling out the red carpet to members of the award-winning Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness Program. SilverSneakers members are now eligible to join Curves of East Peoria at no cost. "We are so pleased to welcome local SilverSneakers members to Curves of East Peoria," said club owner Linda Robertson. There are 6,500 Curves locations and more than 2.5 million women in the U.S. who are eligible for the SilverSneakers program. For more information about Curves of East Peoria, contact Linda Robertson at 309-694-2301.

## WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Janitorial Training Seminar—March 24th—Call Marybeth at (815) 993-7800 or email Marybeth@cheerful.com for more information.

2011 Technology Seminar Series sponsored by Clifton Gunderson Technology Solutions. March 9th—Top Technologies for 2011; May 18th—Cloud Computing; July 20th—Communication and Mobility; October 19th—Protect Your Data. Register today at [www.cliftoncpa.com/resources/2011technologyseries](http://www.cliftoncpa.com/resources/2011technologyseries)

Learn how to grow your business on the Web in just two hours with Mike Blinder's "The ABC's of Interactive Marketing" on March 8th or 9th at the Par-A-Dice Hotel. Free parking. Beverages & snacks provided. RSVP to Helen Packard 686-3029 or [hpackard@pjstar.com](mailto:hpackard@pjstar.com)

## March Madness

March is a busy and exciting time in the Peoria Area. It's filled with amazing events including IHSA State Basketball Finals, the March Madness Experience and NJCAA Women's Division II Basketball Championship!

We are looking for volunteers for our information booth during the following events:

March Madness Class 1A & 2A- March 10-12, 2011

March Madness Class 3A & 4A- March 17-19, 2011

NJCAA Women's Basketball National Championship- March 14-19, 2011

The booth will include visitors guides, area brochures, coupons and other informational items. If you have Peoria Area knowledge to share, a friendly face for our visitors or just want to be among all the excitement, then you are perfect for our information booth.

Contact Rick at 699-6212 to volunteer or for more information.

# Welcome New Members

Midwest Engineering  
100 N. Main St.  
East Peoria, IL 61611  
Telephone: 689-8085  
Website: [www.mweainc.com](http://www.mweainc.com)

Monkey Joe's  
8901 N. Knoxville Ave., Suite B  
Peoria, IL 61615  
Telephone: 692-5637  
Website: [www.monkeyjoes.com/peoria](http://www.monkeyjoes.com/peoria)

Pekin Country Club  
310 Country Club Drive  
Pekin, IL 61554  
Telephone: 347-3144

Act On Energy® is offering a "sweet deal" our customers will love! For all new applications submitted from February 14th through March 31st that include electric measures, an additional **15%** cash bonus will be added on top of the incentive! This could increase your incentives for: VFDs, Highbay lighting replacements and other non-T12 replacements, Refrigeration, Air conditioners, and Custom projects. Because of the T12 lighting phase-out program, T12 measures are NOT eligible for the 15% bonus, on top of the 10% bonus already being offered. The current 10% bonus for T12 lighting upgrades offers the best incentives for T12 replacements that will be offered for the duration of this program. In order to receive the 15% incentive bonus, projects must be completed no later than May 31, 2011 and final paperwork must be received within 30 days of project completion. This special offer cannot be combined with any other promotions or bonuses. For more information call 1.866.800.0747.

A good time was had by all in attendance at the February Business After Hours held at Firehouse Pizza.



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**SATURDAY MARCHS**  
 3:00 until.....

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# You Can Help!



Help the Sophomore Class raise money for prom, graduation and homecoming. Purchase high quality, Illinois made, brooms and dusters. The brooms are available in several colors and are the soft sweep magnetic variety. These sell for \$6.00 each. The dusters are extendable and sell for \$8.00. Additional types of brooms may also be ordered- see pictures and pricing information. Contact any sophomore or call the high school (698-7540 or 694-8300) to place an order. Leave a message and someone will return your call!



Art Auction And Tipperary Treasures  
 Friday, April 8, 2011

The Cornerstone Building  
 321 NE Madison Ave., Peoria, IL 61603  
 Art Preview: 5:30 pm—Art Auction: 7:00 pm

Live Art Auction! Silent Auction!  
 Wine & cheese tasting!

Affordable artwork for your home or office  
 All styles of art – classics, contemporary, religious, wildlife, sports, impressionism, and more  
 Almost 200 paintings by well-known artists such as Renoir, Wyeth, Chagall, Picasso, and more  
 Etchings, originals, mixed media, some hand-signed and numbered

Fun evening with family, friends, and elegant (but affordable) artwork!

Ticket Price: Only \$15 per person  
 (includes complimentary wine & cheese)

For ticket information contact:

Eileen O'Connell 309-682-3513

Karen McClelland 309-694-2500

Or any Friends of Clonmel Board Member

All Proceeds benefit the Peoria Friends of Clonmel  
[www.friendsofclonmel.org](http://www.friendsofclonmel.org)

Join LifeLine Pilots for an  
 Evening of Celebration on  
 April 2, 2011 in Peoria for the  
 LifeLine Pilots'

3rd Annual "Hope In A Hangar"!

For dinner tickets and sponsorship  
 information, please contact Shelly

@800-822-7972 or  
[missions@lifelinepilots.org](mailto:missions@lifelinepilots.org)

## Multi-Chamber Speed Networking Exchange

### Highlights

- Enrollment limited to the first eight (8) from each Chamber (first come first serve)
- Limited to one participant per business category per Chamber

To Register, please call your Chamber



This Speed Networking Exchange will allow participation from East Peoria, Pekin, and Morton Chamber members. Speed Networking allows participants to meet with other professionals one-on-one, and is designed for those whose business success depends on word-of-mouth referrals & marketing. Participants walk away with more new contacts in one morning than some make in six months! Limited to one participant per business category.



Morton Chamber of Commerce  
Contact: Kim Uhlig  
Office: 309-263-2491  
[kuhlig@mortonillinois.org](mailto:kuhlig@mortonillinois.org)

**Location: East Peoria Festival Building**  
2200 E. Washington Street, East Peoria, IL  
**Date: Friday, March 11, 2011**  
**Time: 7:30am to 9:00am**  
**Cost: \$10 per person**



Pekin Chamber of Commerce  
Contact: Bill Fleming  
Office: 309-346-2106  
[bfleming@pekin.net](mailto:bfleming@pekin.net)



Washington Chamber of  
Commerce  
Contact: Candy Liggin  
Office: 309-444-9921  
[candysdesk@gmail.com](mailto:candysdesk@gmail.com)



East Peoria  
Chamber of Commerce  
Contact: Rick Swan  
Office: 309-699-6212  
[rick@epcc.org](mailto:rick@epcc.org)

Only 1 spot remains!

# Join the Chambers at the Capitol

CIRCLE (Central Illinois Regional Chambers Legislative Effort) is going to Springfield on March 29, 2011 and we need you to join us! The Chambers in Canton, Champaign County, Chillicothe, Decatur, East Peoria, Jacksonville, Lincoln/Logan, Manito, McLean County, Morton, Pekin, Peoria, Peoria Heights, Springfield, and Washington are working together to advocate for a common agenda with the Illinois General Assembly. We have surveyed our members to identify issues of importance across the region and now we need to share those issues with key members of the General Assembly.

These will be issues that impact your business and our region so please join us for an all day session on March 29th.

We will arrange meetings with legislators and/or key committee staff members that relate to each of our identified issues. The following issues will be discussed: Structural Deficit and Slow Payment Cycle, Workers Compensation, Public Pension Reform/Unfunded Mandate and Education Funding and Outcomes. You will play an active role in the discussions with the policy makers so sign up now.

- when  Tuesday, March 29, 2011; 8:30-2:30
- where  Illinois State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois
- what  CIRCLE includes delegate breakfast, luncheon, issue briefings, and delegate materials. Bus transportation will be arranged by each Chamber.
- cost  \$62 per person for CIRCLE - includes transportation (Bus pick up time and location TBA)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I'd like to attend CIRCLE with transportation.

Payment must accompany form.

My check is enclosed for the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We accept:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail, fax or e-mail reservation form with payment to:

CIRCLE  
 Rick Swan  
 East Peoria Chamber of Commerce  
 111 W. Washington St. Suite 290  
 East Peoria, IL 61611  
 Phone 309-699-6212  
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