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Thursday, October 27th, 4-7 p.m. at the Par-A-Dice Hotel

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Do you want to get your business name & logo in print **20,000 + times and on several websites?** Do you want to accomplish it at an affordable price? If you answered yes, we have the solution! Place an ad in the 2011 Festival of Lights Guide. We've kept the prices the same as 2010. Place your ad: 1/8 page—\$275; 1/4 page—\$425; 1/2 page—\$700; \$Full page—\$1075. Call the chamber at 699-6212 for a form or for more information.

WELCOME

We welcome four new people to the Chamber's Ambassador Club. They are: Joe Gabbert, C.T. Gabbert Remodeling & Construction; Marybeth VanBuren, Sunrise Supply, Alex Davies, Par-A-Dice; & Amber Bigelow, Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center.

Thanks

Thanks to Dave Bozeman, Vice President of (IMOD) Integrated Manufacturing Operations Division at Caterpillar for being the guest speaker at September's Eggs & Issues. Dave gave us a very interesting insight into the manufacturing world.



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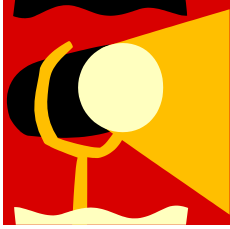
Andrea Rymer
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To support the children of our friend and colleague, Andrea Rymer, the Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association will be holding a Silent Auction fundraising event on Sunday, October 9, 2011. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria from 2pm – 6pm. A local favorite band, Jammsammich will be performing throughout the event. Andrea was a single mother who died suddenly and very unexpectedly on July 28 leaving her children without life insurance or any savings. All of the funds raised from this event will be used to create a trust fund for her children. They are in the process of collecting merchandise for the event, and I'm writing to request your assistance in making the Andrea Rymer FUNdraiser event a success. By donating an item, you'll be making a direct impact on the lives of Andrea's children. Please be aware that because they are simply a group of people who love Andrea and her children, and not a 501c3 organization, your gift is not tax deductible. Please consider donating an item to support Bradin and Makenzie Rymer. You may reach Tori Michaels, Silent Auction Coordinator at 314-791-4229, or tori@savvysolutionsinc.net if you have any questions or suggestions.

Tori



Spotlight Member of the Month



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While there are boatloads of coffee and smoothie shops around the country, there is absolutely nothing like Maui Wowi Hawaiian Coffees and Smoothies. No one has our exclusive line of Hawaiian blend coffee, Kona espresso drinks or our signature fresh fruit smoothies - it's a cool gathering place to experience Hawaiian flavor and island attitude.

Maui Wowi Hawaiian Coffee and Smoothies is a mini vacation from all things hectic or boring – depending upon your perspective. Our business is built on the Hawaiian tradition of family, called ‘Ohana, and that’s how every one of us at Maui Wowi Hawaiian treats every single person we serve. We promise to not only provide you with an exceptional product, but an exceptional experience as well. We will greet you with an “Aloha”, provide outstanding service, and thank you with a warm “Mahalo” as you depart.

It's a mini vacation from all things mundane - and all things corporate. We have built a franchise organization focused on the Hawaiian tradition of family called 'Ohana. And that's how every single one of us treats every single person who comes into Maui Wowi Hawaiian.

The “Aloha Spirit” isn’t just our attitude; it’s our way of life. We are as passionate about people as we are about making waves and believing in the essence of this attitude. That’s why we look forward to sharing this Spirit of Aloha with you at your next event, fundraiser, meeting, party – or wherever you want to bring a little Hawaiian flavor and island attitude!

Welcome to another smoothie day in paradise.

Did you attend September's Business After Hours Fiesta at Pearl Technology? If not, you missed out on a great event!

Pearl Technology



Member News

PSA-Dewberry welcomes Joseph Palkovic and Kyle Wallenfang to their electrical engineering group.

PSA-Dewberry recently exhibited at the Central Illinois Green Expo at Illinois Central College. In addition, PSAD's Interior Designer, Tracy Herrmann, LEED AP, served as a panelist at the 8th Annual Green Symposium for Central Illinois in Springfield, IL. Visit Dewberry's website at www.dewberry.com.

Pearl Insurance recently announced that it introduced a new and improved, high-performance Errors and Omissions policy for real estate professionals-the next generation of Real Estate E &O coverage. An industry leader for over three decades, Pearl Insurance has continued to innovate its Errors and Omissions coverage to make it the most comprehensive professional liability coverage in the industry.

The **Methodist College of Nursing** cut the ribbon on its second Nursing Simulation Center. The simulation Center is an extension of the Learning Resource Center offering students more opportunity to study and train with the latest in simulation technology. Housed within Methodist Medical Center, the Simulation Center offers a number of rooms equipped with high fidelity simulation mannequins, low fidelity mannequins and a virtual IV training unit.

Proctor Hospital, in association with Blue-Cross 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, October 26. If you, or someone you know, have questions regarding Medicare, please stop by. No appointment is needed. For more information please call (309) 691-1070.

The Counseling Center at **Proctor Hospital** is pleased to introduce a new wellness workshop series called Coffee Connections. The first in this series will be held Friday, October 21st from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and is titled: "Music: A Tool for Good Health." The featured presenter is Kristiana Miner, MT-BC. The program will be held in Proctor Professional Building Classrooms 1 and 2 on the campus of Proctor Hospital. Research has shown that music has a profound effect on your mind, body and soul. You can use music to help you effectively cope with death, disease, emotional issues, behavior and psychological problems. Come and discover the health benefits of music therapy and learn how you can use music therapy to improve the quality of your life. Come say hi, grab a coffee or snack and enjoy our wellness workshop, it's free. Call (309) 689-6001 to register.

Join **Proctor Hospital** on Facebook. With a growing fan-base, Proctor Hospital on Facebook provides fans and friends with up-to-date information on free community health classes, screenings, health services, as well as information for healthy living and links to a variety of free health and medical information. You'll get to know Proctor People, too. Along the way we'll introduce you to some of our volunteers and staff that help make your Proctor experience ... an unmatched healthcare experience. If you're on Facebook, join Proctor on Facebook today.

The Hult Health Education Center and **Proctor Hospital** will present Seniors on the Go on Thursday, October 20th at the Hult Center for Health Education. The educational program is free to seniors. Seniors on the Go includes a morning and afternoon educational session. The morning program begins at 10:30 and the afternoon program begins at 12:30. Lunch is provided from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For information about program topics and to register please call the Hult Center for Health Education at (309) 692-6650. The Center is located at 5215 N. Knoxville Ave. on the campus of Proctor Hospital.

Member News

Savant Capital Management, a nationally recognized fee-only wealth management firm with offices in Peoria, announced that it has been recognized by two of the leading financial trade publications as one of the top investment firms in the country. Savant has been named by *Barron's* magazine as one of the 100 best independent financial advisors in the United States. It is Savant's fifth year on the closely watched list of the best in the investment advisory industry. Savant Capital Management is ranked 55 out of the top 100 in the country, and was one of just five Illinois financial advisors to make the *Barron's* list. Additionally, Savant was named in *Financial Advisor* magazine's 2011 Top RIA Rankings list. This year, Savant is ranked 43 out of 454 firms. This is the third year Savant has been recognized by the publication.

A community open house and memorial service will be featured during the **East Peoria Fire Department's** 25th Annual Firefighter Memorial Service on October 9th, at the Festival Building, 2200 E. Washington St. The fire department will host an open house starting at 2 p.m. The memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. The service will honor the memory of the four East Peoria firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Open house activities will feature the Fire Safety House for children, a slideshow of East Peoria Fire Department history, and pork chop sandwiches, brats, hot dogs and popcorn prepared by the East Peoria Kiwanis. The memorial service will include the fire department color guard, music, a bell-ringing ceremony and department awards. The event occurs in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. For more information, call 698-4700 or visit www.cityofeastpeoria.com.

Mark Your Calendar



October 27, 4-7 p.m., Oktoberfest 2011: East Peoria's Premiere Business Expo & Mini-Taste of East Peoria—sponsored by Heritage Bank

December 2nd, 7:30—9:00 a.m., Socks for Santa at the Embassy Suites

December 3rd, 9:00 a.m.—Noon, FOLEPI Cancellation stamp at the East Peoria Post Office

December 16th, 7:30 a.m., Eggs & Issues—Leadership School Graduation—at the Par-A-Dice



Please join us and collect items for Socks for Santa on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites. Mittens, hats, and socks are being collected to provide to children in need in our community. Thanks to the Embassy Suites for providing a room and refreshments for the event. If you need additional information, please call the Chamber at 699.6212.

ActOnEnergy®

Just as your car needs tune-ups to keep it in good running order, your furnace or boiler needs periodic tune-ups to keep it in tip-top running shape. A furnace tune-up can reduce your natural gas costs, extend the life of your system and make sure you're not left "in the cold" when temperatures drop.

Proper heating and ventilation are key to maintaining a comfortable office and work environment. Your heating system can account for up to 40% of the energy used in your facility. The Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy program covers up to 50% of the cost of a furnace tune-up* for your gas heating system!

Turn up the heat on energy savings – call 1.866.800.0747 or visit ActOnEnergy.com today!

Energy Advisors Can Help You Save More

If you are looking for more ways to improve energy efficiency, an ActOnEnergy Advisor can help. We'll do a walk-through of your facility at no charge to show you more ways to use less energy and, spend less on your energy bills and also tell you how ActOnEnergy can help pay for a portion of the energy-efficient upgrade. Call ActOnEnergy at 1.866.800.0747 today to schedule an appointment with an Energy Advisor!

**Does not include replacement part costs. To qualify, business cannot be in a current maintenance agreement or have had a tune-up in the past 12 months.*



FREE OFFER

Over the next three months the Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy® program will be offering six FREE online training courses that you can access from the comfort of your desk.

Will you please communicate the upcoming events to your members by including them in your newsletter and on your calendar of events?

These training events are designed to help businesses become more knowledgeable about energy efficiency. For more information on all ActOnEnergy training events, go to the Education and Training page at ActOnEnergy.com.



Multi-Chamber Speed Networking Exchange

To register, please call or email your Chamber contact

The event is designed to be all-inclusive to all industries. Be prepared to encounter others in your occupation/profession.
—Unlimited seating available—

- Five Points-Washington
360 N. Wilmor
Washington, IL
 - Thursday, October 13, 2011
 - 11:00am to 12:30pm
 - \$20 per person
includes a box lunch & beverage
- RSVP needed by Monday, October 10th

Benefits received by attending:

- Allows participants to interact with other professionals one-on-one in a structured & fast paced setting
- Meet & exchange business cards with a large number of business people quickly, easily, and in low pressure setting
- Establish initial contacts—which can lead to mutually beneficial business relationships
- Allows entrepreneurs & small business owners the opportunity to present their products, services, company, themselves to fellow networkers looking to gain similar exposure
- Broadens horizons & develops new business connections
- Meeting people face to face can be a very positive networking experience
- Designed for those whose business success depends on word-of-mouth referrals & marketing
- **Walk away with more new contacts in less than two hours than some make in six months**



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5 Tips for Speed Networking:

1. Come Prepared: practice a one-minute elevator speech — bring plenty of business cards and a stack of business fliers
2. Keep the Result in Mind: to connect with each and every person — meet other local people — get the word out about your business
3. Speed Networking is Like a Mini Interview: a better conversation will be accomplished — ask questions that will clarify where and how you can best help your new referral source
4. Take Notes: write down any useful information that you discover
5. Follow Up: one of the most important aspects of speed networking — key to a event successful



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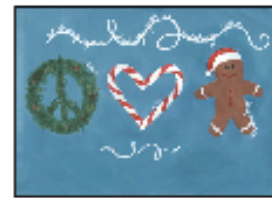
Message:
May the splendor of this season remind you of Him, who is worthy of our praise.

Artist: Angie Koch, Age 15



Message:
Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Artist: Ashley LaFayette, Age 14



Message:
The gift of Peace. The gift of Love. The gift of Happiness.
May all of these be yours at Christmas, and always.
Merry Christmas!

Artist: Taylor Beccue, Age 17

In memory of 2010 winner Celine Estes



Dual Pack

May the happiness of the present become the treasured memories of tomorrow.
Wishing you Love, Joy, & Happiness.

Artist: Celine Estes, 1993-2011



Message:
Have yourself a merry little Christmas!

Artist: Jessica Laughlin, Age 9

100% of Proceeds Benefit
Children's Hospital of Illinois

In central Illinois cards are available at all CEFUCU Member Centers beginning October 15.



20 Cards \$10
(some designs)

