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The 2011 East Peoria Chamber of Commerce Leadership School will begin September 21st and end December 17th. Breakfast is available at 6:30 a.m., the program begins at 7:00 a.m., and concludes by 9:00 a.m. Leadership East Peoria is held at East Peoria District 86 Professional Development Facility at Central Junior High. Cost is \$299 for members and \$499 for non-members. Leadership school will be held on Wednesday mornings except for Tuesday, November 8th when the class will meet following the East Peoria City Council meeting and Friday, December 16th when leadership school graduation will be combined with the Chamber's Eggs & Issues. Leadership School 2011 applications are available in the Chamber office or online at epcc.org. See the next page for the schedule and list of speakers. Submit the completed application to or as a scanned email attachment to maureen@epcc.org or mail to the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce, 2200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL 61611.



Thursday, October 27, 2011 4-7 p.m. at the Par-A-Dice Hotel

The 12th Annual Oktoberfest Business Expo is perfect for your business to get great exposure, find business leads, network, and get the best return on your marketing dollar. We've invited restaurants and caterers to participate and enjoy a "Mini Taste of East Peoria" so make your reservation now! Business card for entrance.

- Greg Batton, Emcee
- Delicious food
- Exhibitors
- Prize for best decorated booth
- Drawing at Chamber booth



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East Peoria Chamber of Commerce Leadership School

2011 Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Facilitators and Speakers
Wednesday, September 21	Welcome, Introductions & Orientation	Leadership School Committee Members
Wednesday, September 28	Personal & Professional Branding: Selling Yourself & Your Company	Cindy Byrd, Image Potential and Robert Morris College
Wednesday, October 5 MEET AT FESTIVAL BUILDING INSTEAD OF JR. HIGH	Business Plan Development, Leadership in Small Business Group Assignments	Ann Mitzelfelt, Tremont Gallery, ICC
Wednesday, October 12	Leadership and Employee Engagement	Lisa Plantamura, Employers' Association
Wednesday, October 19	Leadership and a World Class Business Model	Mark Hanback, Caterpillar
Wednesday, October 26	Leadership in Healthcare	Dr. Rick Anderson, Methodist
Wednesday, November 2	Ethics in Leadership	Steve Mattern, OSF
TUESDAY, November 8	East Peoria City Council Meeting	City Council
Wednesday, November 9	Leadership and Community Service	Dave Mingus, Mayor of East Peoria
Wednesday, November 16	Leadership in Our State & Nation	Invited Legislators
Wednesday, November 23	<i>NO MEETING</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Week</i>
Wednesday, November 30	Leadership in Technology	Dave Walty, Heart Technologies
Wednesday, December 7	Leadership and Communication	Rusty Dunn, Caterpillar
Wednesday, December 14	Group Presentations	Leadership Class
FRIDAY, December 17	Eggs & Issues, Graduation	Graduates and Guests



City officials are planning on a traditional Festival of Lights for 2011, including the Parade of Lights and Winter Wonderland lighted drive-through display. Volunteers are needed now to ensure the best event possible. The **Parade of Lights** is set for November 26th and **Winter Wonderland** will open December 2nd. Volunteers can be utilized immediately. Volunteers with specific skills are also needed. Groups and individuals interested in volunteering should call Christie at 427-7775.

It's September and that means we are gearing up to put together the **2011 Festival Guide**. Please remember, we do not use an outside soliciting ads for the guide. We contact you ourselves. We know there will be increased traffic in town this year so don't miss out on your chance to increase your business! Give Rick a call at the Chamber at 699-6212 if you are ready to place your ad NOW!

This year's Festival of Lights **cancellation stamp** will be held at the East Peoria Post Office. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until Noon on December 3rd.



Vicky Jones, Licensed Electrologist/CMA and owner of **Affordable Electrolysis** held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 10th. Several members were in attendance.

Socks for Santa



We will once have Socks for Santa. The date is Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 a.m. We are grateful to the **Embassy Suites** for providing a room for the event. We hope your business will collect mittens and hats and other warm items for children in need in the community. Call the

Chamber if you need additional information.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can login to your ChamberMaster account and post job openings, events, promotions, hot deals and more.
- The Chamber's address is 2200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL 61611.
- There is no charge to host a Business After Hours.
- Having booth at Oktoberfest is a fantastic way to promote your business at a very affordable price!
- If you have moved, your information has changed, or you want to showcase something with your business, please let us know.
- Some businesses receive a discount for being a Chamber member. Have you checked with your insurance company?



Are you getting the most out of your membership? Are you getting value for your membership? If you answered no, we have the answer!

YOU can make the most out of your membership. YOU can get value for your membership. YOU can post hot deals, special promotions, coupons etc. but YOU need to log in to ChamberMaster. We have the tools for YOU!

We want your business to grow and succeed but we can only help you if you take the second step...the first step was joining the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce!

Save The Date

September

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

21-Leadership School (September 21-December 16)

15-Business After Hours—Pearl Technology

23-Eggs & Issues—Speaker from Caterpillar

October

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

November

4-Eggs & Issues

17-Business After Hours

December

2-Socks for Santa (Embassy Suites)

16-Eggs & Issues (Leadership School Graduation)

Eggs & Issues are held at the Par-A-Dice. Doors open at 7:00 a.m., breakfast at 7:30 a.m., program at 8:00 a.m. Concludes by 9:00 a.m.

MEMBER NEWS

Pamela Shuck-Hoehne, MA, NCC, LCPC, RDDP, Therapist, Counseling Center at **Proctor Hospital**, will conduct an 8 week session of the Anger Management Group on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., September 28-November 15. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 689-6008. The Center is located at 5409 N. Knoxville Avenue.

The **Proctor Hospital** Service Auxiliary will host a Book Fair Thursday, September 8th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Friday, September 9, from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Lobby of Proctor Hospital.

On Wednesday, September 14, explore "Women and Depression: What It Is and Why It Is Different." The free workshop will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Classroom 2 of the **Proctor Professional Building** and feature presenter Pamela Shuck-Hoehne, MA, NCC, LCPC, RDDP. To register or for more information please call 689-6008.

The Counseling Center at **Proctor Hospital** is sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Wellness Series program for Older Adults on Thursday, September 22, 2011, from 11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m., Presenter is: Pamela Shuck-Hoehne, MA, NCC, LCPC, RDDP. The session is free and will be held in the Classroom I of the Proctor Professional Building. Seating is limited and registration is required. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Call 689-6001 to register.

The Hult Health Education Center & **Proctor Hospital** present Seniors on the Go on Thursday, September 22nd at the Hult Center. Topics include 10:30 a.m. "Elder Law Update" with Timothy Kirk, Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen PC. And at 12:30 p.m. "Vision Care" with Tim Cundiff, OD, Vision Care Center. Lunch is provided from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call 692-6650. The Center is located at 5215 N. Knoxville Ave. on the campus of Proctor Hospital.

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, September 28th. No appointment is needed. For more information please call 691-1070.

The Proctor Health Care Foundation and the **Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery** at **Proctor Hospital** are pleased to announce Recovery Walks! 2011 Saturday, September 24th. The Walk, to benefit the Ameel Rashid Scholarship for Addiction Recovery, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the campus of Proctor Hospital. The scholarship helps individuals who are appropriate for treatment services at the IAR but are unable to meet the financial requirements. Registration \$20.00 per person and \$15.00 for children 12 & under. Families may register for \$50.00. Information is available at www.addictionrecov.org or contact Laura Schoon at 693-0414.

Proctor Hospital announces it has been approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health as an EMS Resource Hospital for the Proctor Hospital EMS Region II System. The Proctor Hospital EMS Region II System is a combination of the Resource Hospital, provider agencies that are members of the EMS Region II System, and all of the individual providers that participate in the EMS Region II System by their relationship to provider agencies and/or the hospital. A resource hospital provides medical direction, education, and licensing to first responders, EMTs, and paramedics responsible for transporting patients to local hospitals. For information visit www.proctor.org and access the EMS tab.

MEMBER NEWS

Two nurses from **Methodist Medical Group** Cardiovascular Services are among the first nurses in the nation to successfully pass the Heart Failure Nurse Certification Examination from the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses. Debra Myers, NP of Galesburg and Crystal Klopfenstein, RN, BC, BSN of Peoria were among the first 200 nurses and nurse practitioners from around the country to take the exam. The American Association of Heart Failure Nurses (AAHFN - www.aahfn.org) is a specialty organization dedicated to advancing nursing education, clinical practice and research, to improve heart failure patient outcomes.

As part of the ongoing "Coffee with the Doctor" series, Dr. Ravi Kashyap Medical Director for the C. Duane Morgan Sleep Center at **Methodist Medical Center** will be offering guidance on getting a more restful sleep. Dr. Kashyap is a sleep disorders expert and is board-certified in Sleep Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. Coffee with the Doctor will be held Thursday, September 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Methodist North at Allen Road, 2338 W. Sud Parkway at the intersection of Route 6 and North Allen Road. This event is free but seating is limited. Call to reserve your seat at 636-9500.

Methodist Medical Center announced the August, 2011 Employees of the Month. Their peers in the areas of patient care, nursing, and non-nursing support recognize three separate employees. The three selected were Deann Day, RN of Peoria. She was selected for the category of Nursing and works for the Methodist Medical Group in East Peoria. Also selected was Norma Schauble of Peoria for non-nursing support. She works in Environmental Services. And for the category of Patient Care, Barbara Weber of Edwards, IL was selected. She works in Surgical Pre-op. All three were honored at a hospital reception on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

On August 16th, the application for a Certificate of Exemption was approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, allowing a proposed affiliation between **Methodist Health Services Corporation** (MHSC) and Iowa Health System (IHS) to go forward. With Board approval, MHSC will be allowed to operate as the eighth senior affiliate of IHS upon the closing of the transaction. The two organizations are currently scheduled to formally affiliate on October 1, 2011, and plan to begin joint operations on that date.

Methodist Medical Center is accepting camp registrations for children age 5 to 18 who are working through issues of grief following the death of a loved one. "Kourage Kids" is a free one-day outing for young people who have experienced a loss in their life. For additional information and registration, contact Methodist Medical Center Hospice Office at 672-5746. Deadline for registrations is September 15th.

5K Run/Walk at **Advanced Technology Services (ATS)**, 8201 N. University, Peoria, IL. Race will be timed by Illinois Valley Striders (IVS) chip timing system. Packet Pick-up: Friday, October 7, 2011 @ ATS from 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM or race day from 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM, Registration: www.GetMeRegistered.com/ATSUnitedWay on or before Thursday, October 6th; \$25.00 for adults; \$15.00 for children 12 and under Late Registration: During packet pick up or on race day \$30.00 for adults; \$20.00 for children 12 and under. Awards will be presented following the race to:

- 1st place overall male and female
- Top 3 in each age division

For more information, contact Jud Swan at 693.6322 or jswan@advancedtech.com All proceeds will be donated to the United Way.

MEMBER NEWS

Pastor Randy from **Teen Challenge Peoria** invites everyone to attend the Annual Fall Banquet Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Peoria Civic Center Ballroom. Cost is \$35 per person. Call 673-3716 or visit www.teenchallengepeoria.org for more information.

Pearl Technology will be giving a PDI Eat, Learn, Grow presentation titled "Know Your Role-Internet Vaccine" on computer threats and virus protection, Thursday, September 22nd from 11:45—12:45 p.m. in Hickory Hall Room 126 at ICC's North Campus. For more information, call 888.750.4731.

Pearl Insurance assumed responsibility for existing customers of Lynn C. Miles Insurance Real Estate Errors and Omissions Insurance, effective August 15th, due to the retirement of Lynn C. Miles.

AJ at **Granite City Food & Brewery** wants everyone to know they are now offering their Sunday Brunch from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. every Sunday!

Radio Peoria/Townsquare Media has announced the unveiling of comprehensive High School football coverage with the River Red Zone on River 97.3 First kickoff was Friday, August 26th where River 97.3 provided play-by-play coverage of a "Game of the Week" and additional River Red Zone coverage from 3 to 5 additional games every Friday night. Teaming with Townsquare Media stations in Bloomington, River 97.3 will connect Central Illinois with the most complete high school game night coverage in the state. The games will be available not only on River 97.3 but iPhone and Droid users can listen to the action anywhere by simply downloading

the Radio Pup app. Veteran Peoria personality and sports broadcaster, Doc Watson, will lead the River Red Zone team, handle play-by-play for the featured game and a staff of sports reporters will be filing reports from other games throughout the evening. In addition to adding High School football coverage, Pitcher announced that University of Illinois football and basketball games will now be aired on 95.5 WGLO. The first Illinois football game on WGLO will air Saturday, September 3rd. "The Illini are the state's team."



From left: Leviton's Chip McGill, Ampower Group's Mike Wiedasack and Graybar's Bob Gibson and Scott Kennedy unveiled a Leviton Evr-Green electric vehicle charging station at IEEE's Operations Center in Piscataway, N.J. The charging station was donated by Graybar and Leviton.

Graybar, a leading distributor of electrical, communications and data networking products and provider of related supply chain management and logistics services donated an electric vehicle (EV) charging station to the IEEE Operations Center in Piscataway, N.J. The charging station, supplied by Leviton, will provide IEEE employees a place to charge their electric vehicles while at work. IEEE is the world's largest technical professional association advancing technology for humanity, with more than 400,000 members worldwide.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce is offering a free webinar "Business Succession The Closely-Held Company" taught by attorney John S. Worthen on Thursday, September 8th from 1:30—3:00 p.m. Contact Julie Brennan at webinars@ilchamber.org or call 217-522-5512 ext. 226.

Pearl Technology

East Peoria Chamber of Commerce

Business After Hours Fiesta



Thursday September 15



5-7 PM at the Pearl Companies
main office, 1200 E. Glen Ave.
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Refreshments · Hors d'oeuvres · Door Prizes

Please join us for this casual networking opportunity—it is FREE to East Peoria Chamber members and first-time attendees! Hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and prizes will be provided by Pearl Technology.

If you have any questions or need directions, please call Emily Burke at 309.679.0241 or email emily.burke@pearltechnology.com. For more information about Pearl Technology, visit pearltechnology.com.

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September On-Line Training Events

Topic: The Profits of Energy Management

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The free, one-hour training events will cover the following topics:

- Justifying the Costs of an energy-efficiency project
- Using Resources Effectively
- Developing an Energy Management Program
- Efficiency Result
- Companies that are "justifying the costs"

Topic: Saving Energy in Process Steam Systems

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The free, one-hour training events will cover the following topics:

- Steps to monitor your steam systems
- Opportunities to reduce fuel consumption in steam systems
- Opportunities for heat recovery in steam system
- Coordinating system upgrades with the Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy program

For more information contact Mary Bentsen, Education and Training Coordinator at 677.5703 or| email at: mbent-sen@ameren.com



Business and Financial Resources Workshop

Business & Financial Resources available in Central Illinois

This free event will take place on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us! Free Event!



Get the facts regarding local, regional, state and federal resources including loans, grants and direct assistance to learn about all of the relevant programs and opportunities available to Central Illinois companies.

Special Guest Speakers



City of Peoria

County of Peoria

Economic Development Council for Central Illinois

Illinois Business Financial Services (IBFS)

Illinois Finance Authority (IFA)

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center (IMEC)

Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

State of Illinois CMS Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

International Trade Center at Bradley University

Small Business Development Center – Bradley University

NAFTA Opportunity Center – Bradley University

Bradley Technology Commercialization Center

Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce

SCORE: Counselors to America's Small Business

Small Business Administration (SBA), Springfield

US Dept. of Commerce, Peoria US Export Assistance Center

USDA Rural Development



Event Information

September 28, 2011, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, 801 W. Main Street, Peoria, Illinois

This is a FREE event, but pre-registration is requested to accommodate materials.

To register, click on this link:

<https://store.heartlandpartnership.org/catalog/edc/business-and-financial-resources-workshop>

Questions? Contact Linda Krendick at PTAC, 309-495-5907, lkrendick@h-p.org

