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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. We are excited about 2011. Please take advantage of all that your membership in the Chamber has to offer. Login to your ChamberMaster account and post hot deals, job openings, special events and more. Call us if you need your login user name and password, need a new plaque or membership year label, want to schedule a ribbon cutting, or schedule a Business After Hours. Also, if you have special news you'd like to share, send it to us and we'll get it in our newsletter and on the website. If there is anything we can do to help you, please call us at 699-6212.

## 31st Annual Chamber Dinner

The East Peoria Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, January 14th at the Par-A-Dice Hotel. There will be a cocktail reception from 6-7 p.m. and with dinner served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Tables of eight and ten are also available.

### Guest Speaker

Official from Bass Pro Shops Corporate Office

### Sponsors

South Side Bank  
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Heart Technologies, Inc  
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Oberlander Electric Company  
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### Awards

Citizen of the Year  
Business of the Year  
Green Company of the Year  
Ambassador of the Year

Register online at [www.chambermaster.com](http://www.chambermaster.com) or call us at 699-6212. Reservations MUST be made by Wednesday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m.

# MEMBER NEWS

**Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.** the largest locally-owned CPA firm in the Peoria area, is pleased to announce several staff promotions: Sami Sarraf, MCP has been promoted to IT Manager. Brent Sauder, CPA has been promoted to Senior Accountant in the consulting department. Craig Thompson, CAPA has been promoted to Senior Accountant in the audit department.

**Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.** is pleased to announce that the firm has successfully completed a peer review of its system of quality control for accounting and audit practice. It was concluded that Heinold-Banwart meets the accounting profession's high standards for quality control. The peer review was conducted by Davis Kinard & Co, PC in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the national professional organization of CPA's.

**Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.** is pleased to announce that several staff members in the audit services department has passed the CPA Exam: Matthew Berlinger, Lisa Martin, and Evgeny Samoylov.

**Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.** announces the recent addition of several staff members: Sherron Espinosa is the Executive Coordinator in the administrative department. Lisa Martin is a Staff Accountant in the audit services department. Phillip Schmidt, CPA is a Senior Accountant in the audit department.

**Heinold-Banwart, Ltd.** would like to congratulate Donna Cimino, CPA, who was elected President of the 2010-2011 National Board of Directors of the Association for Accounting Administration (AAA). As President of AAA, Donna will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors and ex-officio member of all committees as she leads the organization during the next year. Donna is the Firm Administrator of Heinold-Banwart and supervises the daily administrative functions including major purchasing decisions, project scheduling, financial accounting, facility management, and human resource management.

**Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois** announces the hiring of Sharon Kott as Director of Retail and Jim Lynch as Director of Development. Sharon has more than 20 years experience in retail management. Jim Lynch is a 10-year veteran in the development field, primarily in the areas of healthcare and education.

**CEFCU's Board of Directors** is pleased to announce that an extraordinary dividend of \$7 million has been distributed to CEFCU member/owners. This dividend was based on members' savings and loan activity during the year 2010, with \$3.5 million going to borrowers and \$3.5 million going to savers.

Dance Day 2011 will be held in the Performing Arts Center of **Illinois Central College**, East Peoria, on Sunday, February 6th from 1-4 p.m. This fun afternoon is free to those 14 years of age and older with or without previous dance experience. Register by calling Mary Dexter at 309.367.4644.

**Curves of East Peoria** is giving female participants in the Live Health Central Illinois program FREE workouts, three times a week at East Peoria Curves, 306 S. Main from 1/20/11-4/29/11. The participant needs to bring in her receipt of payment or any other form of participation verification. Call Linda at 694-3021 or email [curveseastpeoria@sbcglobal.net](mailto:curveseastpeoria@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area** has elected two new board members and its officers for 2011. Serving new two-year terms are David A. Gill, AIA, MRAIC, Executive Director Design and Construction Services at OSF Healthcare System; and Greg L. Woith, Executive Director of Habitat. Officers for 2011 are: Randall C. Blanton, President; Jim Manning, Vice President; Mike Brown, Treasurer, and David Nicoll, Secretary. Continuing to serve on the board are: Thomas Aguilar, Jim Beuster, Ronald Givens, Sr., Mari Halliday, Scott Lewis, and Rev. Eric Swanson.

# MEMBER NEWS

**Tazewell County Resource Centers, Inc.** completed its three-year accreditation process with CARF on December 15, 2010. Of the 932 standards on which it was judged, TCRC received a compliance rating of 99.3% – placing it within the top one percentile of the national and international organizations that also care for the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

**The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI)** announces the distribution of \$36,000 in year-end grants to help three local non-profit organizations provide food to needy children and families this holiday season. Three \$12,000 grants to benefit the Salvation Army, the Peoria Area Food Bank, and Midwest Food Bank was made by CFCI from the RLI Corporate Fund on December 21st.

The following is the schedule for the **Methodist Medical Center Mobile Mammography Van** for the month of January, 2011. Methodist features all digital mammography equipment providing improved, faster and more comfortable exams. There is no need for a doctor's order for a screening mammogram if you're 40 or over. If you are uninsured or underinsured, let them know when you call for an appointment. You may qualify for a free mammogram. Call for an appointment at 671-8282.

January 11-Cherry Tree Shopping Center-Washington  
January 12 Heartland Clinic-1701 W. Garden Ave.-Peoria  
January 13-Methodist Medical Group at Farmington-158 E. Fulton  
January 14-Methodist Medical Group at Chillicothe-525 Sweetbriar  
January 18-Methodist at Morton-1909 N. Morton  
January 19-Heartland at Carver Clinic-711 W. John Gwynn Jr. Ave.  
January 20-Methodist at Pekin-1800 Broadway-Pekin  
January 21-Lewistown County Market-518 S. Main Street  
January 26-Wal-mart-2071 N. Main-Canton  
January 27-Heartland Clinic-2321 Wisconsin Ave.-Peoria  
January 28-Mackinaw IGA-100 N. Main Street-Mackinaw

**Methodist Medical Center** has announced the December 2010 Employees of the Month. Their peers in areas of patient care, nursing, and non-nursing recognize three separate employees: Carol Cowser, RN, selected for the category of Nursing; Suzanne Wilson for non-nursing support; Lauriann Shepperd, selected for the category of Patient Care.

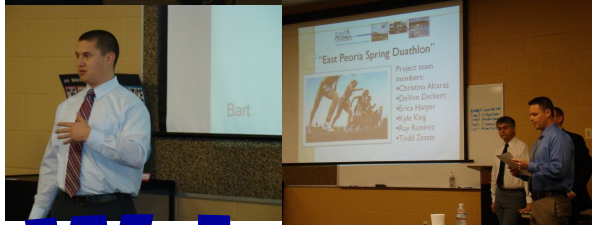
Executives with Internal Medicine Group of Peoria and **OSF Healthcare System** signed documents for Internal Medicine Group of Peoria to join OSF effective February 6, 2011. OSF has enjoyed an excellent relationship with Internal Medicine Group of Peoria for many years. Everyone currently with Internal Medicine Group of Peoria will continue in her/his position within the new structure which will be named OSF Medical Group – Internal Medicine at Pennsylvania Avenue. OSF Medical Group – Internal Medicine at Pennsylvania Avenue will remain at 200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 105, Peoria, Illinois 61603. Their phone number is 309-655-7888.

The **Methodist College of Nursing** announced its December graduating class for 2010. Graduates were honored in ceremonies Saturday, December 18, 2010 at the College of Nursing on St. Marks Court in Peoria. Graduating students receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing included:

Ashley Belbin of Peoria  
Brittanie Bond of Peoria- Dean's list  
Melissa Brown of San Jose, IL.  
Alaina Burd of Peoria  
Tayna Burwell-Gibbs of Lincoln, IL. - Honor Society  
Katelynn Davis of Peoria  
Melissa Earle of East Peoria, IL.  
Susan Esch of Peoria Heights, IL.  
Jessica Everett of Pekin- Dean's list/President's list  
Nicole Foreman of Bentendorf, Iowa  
Monica Foster of Peoria- Dean's list/President's list  
Heather Franklin of Creve Coeur, IL. - Dean's list  
Breanna Freschi of LaSalle, IL.  
Elizabeth Gangloff of Metamora -Honor Society  
Anitra Gary of Peoria-Honor Society  
Janel Green of Peoria  
Laura Hagen of Peoria- Dean's list  
Jenna Hakes of Minouk, IL.  
Jenna Hassler of Ladd, IL.  
Tasha Hiland of Carthage, IL.  
Erin Hinnen of Peoria  
Lyberti Hostetter of Washington, IL.  
Courtney Howelett of Peoria- Dean's list  
Amanda. Kamin of Peoria - Honor Society  
Jennifer Klaasen of Manito, IL. - Honor Society  
Samantha Klausegger of Chillicothe, IL.-Scholarship/ Honor Society/Dean's list  
Amber Kottwitz of Galesburg  
Melissa Lenhausen of Wenona, IL.  
Briana Major of Pekin, IL.  
Krysta Matson of Peoria  
Courtney Miller of Pekin, IL.  
Megan Nowlan of Toulon, IL.-President's list/Dean's list  
Jodi Nutter of Bartonville, IL. - Dean's list  
Courtney Oseland of Peoria- President's list  
Chelsea Parker of East Peoria, IL.-Honor Society/Dean's list  
Joann Penn of Peoria  
Andrew Pitts of Peoria  
Catlyn Roos of Havana, IL.  
Laura Sandoval-Wilburn of Bloomington, IL.  
Lori Schrader of Washington, IL.  
Kimberly Sewell of Peoria  
Leah Sullivan of Peoria-President's list  
Anthony Tiraboschi of Peoria  
Christina Trussen of Kewanee , IL.  
Rachel Underwood of East Peoria, IL.  
Elizabeth Wiechmann of Pontiac, IL.-Honor Society  
Matt Willis of Peoria-Honor Society



East Peoria Chamber of Commerce  
Community Leadership School :: 2010



Leadership East Peoria 2010 was a success. Twenty-seven participants took part in the program. Five minute presentations were made at the December Eggs & Issues on the 17th at the Par-A-Dice. Thanks to Patrice Hess, ICC for organizing the program and to Central Junior High School for providing the space. Thanks to the breakfast sponsors: Caterpillar, Inc., Century 21/Lincoln National Realty, Federal Warehouse, Heart Technologies, John Graham & Associates, South Side Bank, Methodist Medical Center, Moss Advertising, Oberlander Electric, Par-A-Dice Hotel, Theresa S. Falcon Executive MBA Program. Graduates received a certificate of completion. Congratulations to: Joe Gabbert (C.T. Gabbert Construction & Remodeling), Zach Oyler, Lisa Adams (Caterpillar, Inc.), Brandon Carlson, Courtney Shepperd (CEFCU), Morgan Cadwalader, Chris Alcaarez (City of East Peoria), Rick Tieken (City Link), Lori Laredo, Lisa Kendall (EPCHS), Jeremy Clardie (Federal Companies), Kyle King (Fondulac Banking Center), Terry Ballantini (Heart Technologies, Inc.), Chris Gray, DeVon Deckert (ICC), Dr. Ray Ramirez (Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, LLC), Carly Sams, Alex Davies, Joe Garrett, Alyson McKean (Par-A-Dice), Todd Zessin (Pearl Technology), and Bart Jenkins, Lori King (South Side Bank). Students from EPCHS also graduated. Congratulations to: Conrad Bray, Tiffany McCarthy, Shannon Mulhern, and Richard Smith.

# Welcome New Member...

We welcome Joos Realty to the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce.

Joos Realty Company  
115 S. Main St.  
Washington, IL 61571  
Phone: 309.444.3158  
Fax: 309.444.7325  
Website: [www.joosrealty.net](http://www.joosrealty.net)

Joos Realty is a family owned, real estate company that has been in business for nearly 60 years. Their service lines include traditional brokerage services, commercial and residential development, commercial and residential rental management, and real estate investment services. Additionally they are actively investing in single family homes, apartment buildings, retail and office buildings, mini-storage, and industrial properties throughout the tri-county area. Joos Realty Company provides traditional, hometown real estate services from experienced brokers and agents.

Act On Energy® helps reduce energy costs through financial incentives to assist with the purchase of newer, more energy-efficient equipment. Act On Energy is now offering a **FREE** webinar that will provide businesses with energy-savings facts and tips for their furnace or boiler. Rod Rhoades, an HVAC Specialist with over 20 years of HVAC experience, will discuss:

- How an oversized or undersized furnace or boiler wastes energy
- How a proper installation can help reduce energy usage and extend the life of new equipment
- Features that can be added to your furnace or boiler that will save energy
- How to properly program your thermostat to optimize energy savings
- Potential energy savings and paybacks
- How to take advantage of the Act On Energy incentive money to help with the up-front cost of upgrading your equipment

This free webinar will last one hour and will be offered on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.

For any questions, please contact Geoff Brigham at 309.677.7955 or gbrigham@ameren.com

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**SATURDAY, JAN 29 6-9 PM**  
**AT THE PARADICE HOTEL & CASINO**  
**\$85 INCLUDES DINNER BUFFET & ONE AUTOGRAPH FROM EACH PLAYER**  
**\$125 INCLUDES VIP MEET & GREET BEFORE EVENT STARTS (5:15-6:00 PM)**  
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**Business after Hours** Don't forget Business After Hours on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy, hosted by Fondulac Bank!

Consider hosting a Business After Hours in 2011. Heart Technologies, Inc. will host April. Call the chamber for more information.

There are opportunities to sponsor 2011 chamber events.

- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast  
June 3rd
- Terry Brewer Memorial Golf Outing  
June 23rd
- Oktoberfest Business Expo  
October 27th
- Socks for Santa  
December 2nd

Call the chamber for more information.