



ST. LOUIS REGIONAL DECEMBER '13 CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS

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This document is a listing of networking events scheduled throughout the greater St. Louis region, including Missouri (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County) and Illinois (St. Clair County, Madison County, and Monroe County).

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The following is a list of networking events in December 2013 that may be utilized by businesses, career center staff and partners, community organizations, and job seekers interested in participating in an On-the-Job Training (OJT) program in the greater St. Louis region. Many of the events are free to attend (plus the cost of your meal and beverages) unless indicated otherwise. The information provided in this calendar is as accurate as possible as of the date of this calendar. It is possible that changes in the scheduled events may occur prior to the date of the scheduled event. Therefore, it is advisable to verify the date, time, and location of the event prior to attending.

JOB FAIRS, RECRUITMENT EVENTS, AND OPEN HOUSES

Throughout December

Ballpark Village Recruitment (all open positions at Ballpark Village)

To be considered for a position at Ballpark Village you must visit SLATE and register with Missouri Career Center SLATE Downtown (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 3:30pm

For more information call the Hot Line at 314/657-3519 or go to www.stlworks.com

December 4, 2013

Fields Foods Recruitment & Hiring Event (new grocery store opening in the Lafayette area in January)

SLATE Missouri Career Center, 1st Flr. Conference Room (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 4pm

Onsite registration with SLATE required between 8am – 10am. Bring a valid ID, dress appropriately.

For more information contact sfowler@stlworks.com

December 5, 2013

Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP) Job Fair

National Guard Armory (2229 Iowa Ave., Bldg. 986, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO)

11am – 2pm

For more information call 5753/596-0175

Military and Veteran Career Expo

Wells Fargo Advisors Learning Center Courtyard (2701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

5pm – 7:30pm

For more information or to RSVP go to www.wellsfargoadvisors.com/joinourteam/

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 562 Career Information Session

SLATE Missouri Career Center, 1st Flr. Conference Room (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 2pm

Bring your resume, dress appropriately, registration (onsite between 8am – 10am) required

To register or for more information contact Sharon at sfowler@stlworks.com

December 6, 2013

East St. Louis Housing Authority Job Fair

John DeShields Development (1235 McCasland Avenue, East St. Louis, IL 62201)

10am-1pm.

On-the-spot interviews will be conducted too. Computer assistance will be available for the residents of the ESLHA only.

For additional information contact DeLesia Washington at 618.646.7229

December 17, 2013

Randstad Recruitment Event

North Oaks Missouri Career Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

9am – Noon

For more information contact David Hancock at 314/679-3371

December 26, 2013 (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

FBI Employment Information Session (Special Agent and Professional Support Staff career opportunities)

Harris-Stowe State University Library (3026 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

2:30pm – 3:30pm (last Thursday of each month)

Note: An FBI employee will discuss Special Agent and Professional Support Staff processing in general at this event.

Note: This event is for informational purposes only, NO hiring will take place, or more information call 314/589-2700

Visit www.FBIjobs.gov to view information on job vacancy announcements as available.

JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUPS

December 2, 2013 (weekly)

BBJ General Membership Meetings (West County area)

St. Mark Presbyterian Church (601 E. Claymont, Ballwin, MO 63011)

9am – 11am (meets weekly on Monday)

Cost to attend: free after \$25 initial one-time membership fee

For more information go to www.bbj.org or call 636/928-0828

December 3, 2013 (weekly)

Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)

Salem United Methodist Church (1200 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)

9am – 11am (meets weekly on Tuesday)

No cost to attend

For more information contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or jhild1208@yahoo.com

December 4, 2013

CEN at St. Clare of Assisi Job Search Support Group (West County area)

St. Clare of Assisi School Library (15700 Clayton Rd., Ellisville, MO 63011 between Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Rd.)

7pm - 9pm (meets 1st Wednesday of month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

CEN at Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne Job Search Support Group Meeting

Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne (7701 Hwy. N, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368)

7pm – 8:30pm (1st Wednesday of month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org or contact Jeanne at jredtman@centurytel.net

December 4, 2013 (weekly)

Illinois WorkNet Job Club

Illinois Work Net Center (4519 West Main St., Belleville, IL 62223)

9am – 11am (meets weekly on Wednesday)

For more information contact Vicki at 618/277/8491 or Vicki.Niederhofer@illinois.gov or go to www.ides.illinois.gov

December 5, 2013

CEN at Incarnate Word Job Search Support Group (West County area)

Incarnate Word Catholic Church (13416 Olive Rd., Chesterfield, MO east of Hwy. 141 and Olive)

7:30pm–9pm (meets 1st Thursday of every month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

Morning Star Church Job Connection Group (O'Fallon, MO area)

Morning Star Church (1600 Feise Rd., O'Fallon, MO 63368)

7pm - 8:30pm (meets on the first Thursday of every month)

For more information contact Kathy Frick at 636-561-5680 or kathy.frick@mscwired.org

December 5 and 19, 2013

New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings

New Hope Presbyterian Church (1580 Kisker Road, St. Charles, MO)

7pm – 9pm (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend

For more information contact kirk.burrus@att.net

December 9, 2013

CEN at St. Joseph Job Search Support Group (Cottleville area)

St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cottleville, MO

7pm – 8:30pm (meets 2nd Monday of each month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

December 9 and 23, 2013

CEN at Ascension Parish Job Search Support Group (Chesterfield area)

Ascension Parish (Chesterfield, MO), basement of little church

7pm – 9pm (typically meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

December 10, 2013

CEN at St. Monica Job Search Support Group Meeting

12136 Olive Blvd., Creve, Coeur, MO 63141

7pm – 8:30pm (usually meets 2nd Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

CEN at St. Cletus Job Search Support Group Meeting (St. Charles area)

St. Cletus Parish Hall (2705 Zumbahl Rd., St. Charles, MO 63301)

7pm – 9pm (usually meets 2nd Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS, AND CLASSES

SLATE Missouri Career Center Job Search Workshops

SLATE Missouri Career Centers offers several free job search workshops throughout the month at 1520 Market Street, 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103
For more information on these workshops call 314/589-8000

St. Louis County Missouri Career Center Job Search Workshops

North Oaks Missouri Career Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, 314/381-6700)

St. Louis County Missouri Career Center offers an intensive Job Readiness Training (JRT) course that covers all aspects of the job search over a three week period. The course is presented at the North Oaks Missouri Career Center and is offered at no cost to registered job seeker customers of Missouri Career Center. To register for the course meet with a staff member at Missouri Career Center.

St. Charles County Missouri Career Center Job Search Workshops

St. Charles County Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO)

Hosts free job search workshops throughout the month on several topics

For more information on these workshops call 636/278-1360 or go to www.stcharlesworks.com/

MET Center offers FREE career training to qualified candidates in the following areas:

BFL – Bridge to a Career in Life Science

Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)

Construction Prep Center (CPC)

For more information call 314/746-0750 or go to www.metcenterstl.com

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program

Manufacturing Training Alliance (MTA)

Electro Savings Credit Union Financial Seminars

Electro Savings Credit Union offers several free one-hour Financial Seminars of topics such as Building a Basic Budget, Identity Theft, building a Strong Credit History, and Checking Account Management. To learn more contact Pat Pettey at 314/434-6470 x1406 or ppettey@escu.org

St. Louis Community Credit Union Financial Literacy Workshops

FREE financial literacy workshops offered through **CU Excel Center** (95 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121). To get more information about the workshops or to register contact center@stlouiscommunity.com or go to www.cuexcelcenter.com

St. Louis County Library offers FREE Computer Classes and Job Search Workshops

Free computer classes are offered at many branches throughout the St. Louis County Library system. Participants are required to register up to 28 days in advance for a class prior to attending. To register contact your local St. Louis County Library branch. For more information about upcoming computer classes call 314/994-3300 or go to www.slcl.org/events/.

Urban League of Metro St. Louis, Inc. offers FREE Financial Education Training

8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136

Three session series of classes are offered every other week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as follows:

Monday	1 - 4 pm	Budgeting
Wednesday	1 – 4pm	Making Your Money Work for You
Friday	1 – 4pm	Financial Recovery

For more information or to register contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337

St. Louis Community College Accelerated Job Training

The Workforce Solutions Group has developed industry-specific training in partnership with the college's campuses and local employers to help adults retrain for in-demand occupations in shorter duration formats. This is a comprehensive list of the variety of accelerated job training programs that have been developed by the Workforce Solutions Group. Program offerings are based on demand and the availability of funding or industry partner participation. Call the accelerated job hotline at 314-539-5310 to leave your contact information and the program(s) that you are interested in to receive a call back.

Entrepreneur Training Program	Solar PV Installation Fundamentals
Environmental Job Training Program	St. Louis Aerospace Institute

MoManufacturingWINS

Through MoManufacturingWINS, students will earn skill certificates that are recognized and endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers. These certificates show employers that workers have demonstrated skills in specific areas of manufacturing. This program will serve a target population which includes Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) eligible participants, unemployed participants, underemployed participants and low skilled participants. There is flexibility to include a broad spectrum of individuals (as participants) from varied socioeconomic backgrounds for training purposes. To learn more and complete an online application visit www.stlcc.edu/MMW/ or call 314/513-4612.

Certified Logistics Associate (CLA)

Certified Production Technician (CPT)

Precision Machining Technician (PMT)

MoHealthWINS

MoHealthWINS is a state-wide grant program, available through St. Louis Community College, providing innovative healthcare training programs that lead to career pathways in growing healthcare occupations. This grant serves Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program participants, veterans, and job seekers by helping them gain healthcare job skills through innovative educational approaches – such as accelerated, contextualized and technology-enabled courses. Two career pathways are available in this program: Medical Therapeutics and Health Informatics/IT in Healthcare.

Medical Therapeutics

Certified Nurse Assistant

Patient Care Technician

Medical Assistant

Health Informatics/IT in Healthcare

Medical Assistant

IT Help Desk/End-User Support Specialist

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certificate Program

To learn more and complete an online application visit www.stlcc.edu/MHW and then schedule to attend an Information Session to hear program details.

Weekly Radio Show: “You’re Hired!”

If your job search is stuck in a recession or your career has stalled out, tune in to "You're Hired!," the hottest, most informative job search radio show in the land, every Sunday at 4:00pm on W-GNU 920AM or www.wgnu920am.com. Get the career advice you need for the career your want!

For more information go to www.wgnu920am.com

December 4, 2013 (weekly)

Weekly Job Search Workshops/Presentations

Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (8960 Jennings Station Road, 63136)

11am – 1pm (weekly workshops held on Wednesdays)

No cost to attend

12/4 Online/Manual Applications
 12/11 Marketing Yourself/Dress for Success
 12/18 Resume Writing/Coaching
 12/25 No Meeting

For more information contact Hollis Whiting at 314/388-9840

MO Manufacturing WINS Advanced Manufacturing Accelerated Training Sessions

St. Louis Community College has developed an accelerated program preparing participants for 3 entry-level positions in advanced manufacturing and related careers – Certified Logistics Associate/Tech, Certified Production Tech, and Precision Machining Tech. The program will serve over 500 adults, 18 years old or older who are eligible under the Trade Adjustment Act, unemployed, underemployed or low skilled. A HS degree or equivalent is required. US military personnel and eligible family members receive priority of service

1st and 3rd Wednesdays: SLATE Missouri Career Center (4811 Delmar, St. Louis, MO 63108)
 10am – 11am

2nd and 4th Wednesdays: SLATE Missouri Career Center (1520 Market Street, 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103)
 10am – 11am

For additional information contact Carol Johnson at cjohnson@letc.com or Sally Sowards at ssowards@letc.com

December 6, 2013 (weekly)

Connections to Success Employment Workshops

Grace Hill Water Tower Hub (2125 Bissell St. 63107)

9am - 11:30am

For more information call 314/584-6858

Connections to Success Employment Workshops

3000 Little Hills Expressway, Ste. 102, St. Charles, MO 63301(new location!)

9am - 11:30am

For more information call 636/940-8027

December 10 - 12, 2013

CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

- Successful job search strategies
- Acing online applications
- Resume preparation
- Interviewing skills and coaching

Noon – 5pm

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to www.caastlc.org

December 11, 2013

Career Workshop

LDS Employment Center (12843 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

This Career Workshop is an interactive workshop designed to help participants develop skills needed to be successful in their job search.

Explore your skills, talents, and accomplishments. Develop a Me in 30 Seconds and Power Statements. Learn the skill of networking and preparing impressive written materials. Learn and practice interviewing

10am – 3:00pm (usually 2nd Wednesday of each month, but call first as schedule may change)

Advance registration is required.

To register call 314/344-0050

VETERANS SUPPORT EVENTS AND RESOURCES

This is a list of support events and resources available to our military veterans and their spouses/families

Missouri Career Center

www.jobs.mo.gov

Dedicated Veterans Outreach staff are stationed at most of the Missouri Career Centers located throughout the state. *Local Veterans Employment Representatives* provide assistance in job placement and accessing needed services and *Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists* provide case management and develop career and job training opportunities for veterans, with special emphasis on veterans with service-connected disabilities.

US Dept. of Veterans Affairs

<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

Provides patient care and other veterans' benefits.

Vet Centers

<http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members for military related issues.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

www.esgr.mil

ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists in the civilian workforce.

Show Me Heroes/Show Me Heroes OJT Program

www.showmeheroes.mo.gov

In January 2010, Governor Nixon launched the 'Show-Me Heroes' initiative to help Missouri's Veterans and members of the National Guard & Reserve reconnect with meaningful careers, and to showcase Missouri employers who have pledged to do so. The SMH On-the-Job Training Program offers financial to help your business save training costs while preparing new hires for your vital jobs.

Return with Purpose

www.returnwithpurpose.org

Return With Purpose assists those Veterans returning to civilian life by providing a facilitated change workshop, Return With Purpose! to successfully transition back to work, family and the community.

St. Patrick Center Veteran Support Services

www.stpatrickcenter.org

St. Patrick Center provides services to veterans to get help with housing, employment and health. Agency programs include Independent Living Skills and Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, Job Experience Training, Project HERO, and Veterans Go! Green, Supportive services for Veteran Families.

Webster U. Returning Military Services

www.webster.edu

The **SERVICE** program is designed to help returning veterans adjust and succeed during their college experience. For any returning veterans who would like more information about utilizing the program or classroom accommodations, contact Shelley Stevens at 314-246-8284 or shelleystevens@webster.edu.

UMSL Veterans Affairs Office

<http://www.umsl.edu/veterans/>

The Veteran Affairs Office serves as liaison to government offices to provide information on educational benefits, privileges, and responsibilities relating to Veteran Administration benefits. A certifying official is available to answer questions and process official paperwork.

St. Louis U. Military Outreach

www.slu.edu/military-student-resources-home/veterans-benefits-and-resources

Saint Louis University is proud to help veterans succeed in their educational goals.

St. Louis Community College Veterans Services

www.stlcc.edu/veterans

St. Louis Community College Veterans Affairs is here to facilitate a more seamless transition from boots to bookbag. We are devoted to assisting our veterans in applying for benefits, registering for courses and facilitating successful program completion.

St. Charles Community College Veteran Services

www.stchas.edu/veterans

If you or your family members are eligible for VA education benefits, the VA School Certifying Official will certify your enrollment at SCC and provide financial and academic counseling. SCC's military "one-stop-shop" is a place you can come for comprehensive services from admission to graduation.

Hiring Our Heroes

www.hiringourheroes.org

Hiring Our Heroes was launched in March 2011 as a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment.

The Mission Continues

www.missioncontinues.org

The Mission Continues awards community service fellowships to post-9/11 veterans, empowering them to transform their own lives by serving others and directly impacting their communities. Each Fellow works to achieve a post-fellowship goal of full time employment and/or pursuit of higher education, while maintaining a permanent role of public service.

Veterans for Peace

www.veteransforpeace.org

Veterans For Peace is a global organization of Military Veterans and allies whose collective efforts are to build a culture of peace..

Dept. of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS)

VETS serves America's veterans and separating service members by preparing them for meaningful careers, providing employment resources and expertise, and protecting their employment rights.

The American Legion

www.legion.org

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization

Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center

www.scottafr.com

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is a Commander's tool to assist in development and execution of services, activities, and processes which enhance individual, family, and community readiness, quality of life, and motivation to service.

Veterans Business Resource Center

www.vetbiz.com

Our mission is to assist veterans and former service members that want to launch, grow, or sell their businesses. We provide counseling, mentoring, resources, and education for those seeking the next level of achievement.

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5pm – 7:30pm

For more information or to RSVP go to www.wellsfargoadvisors.com/joinourteam/

December 6, 2013

Veterans Business Resource Center (VBRC) Holiday Party Networking Lunch

Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132)

11:30am - 2:00pm

Please RSVP to admin@vetbiz.com for proper headcount for lunch. Bring cards and a holiday spirit.

December 13-14, 2013

Return with Purpose Workshop

Free 2 day workshop to help St. Louis area veterans, and active duty service members, and their spouses transition to civilian life
Southwestern Illinois College Liberal Arts Building Room 3311 (2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221)

8am – 4pm

Interested individuals must RSVP to Elaine Queathem at Elaine.Queathem@returnwithpurpose.org or 314/283-0006

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING EVENTS & SEMINARS

This is a list of informational and networking opportunities with some of the larger local cities and Chambers of Commerce in the St. Louis area. For a list of other Chambers in the St. Louis area go to www.mochamber.com

December 3, 2013

Clayton Chamber of Commerce Power Hour Networking Luncheon

Crowne Plaza Hotel Clayton (7750 Carondelet, Clayton, MO 63105)

Mr. McClure will discuss the CityArchRiver's upcoming plans to unite the region's and one of the world's most recognizable icons, the Gateway Arch, with another of the area's greatest assets – the Mississippi River.

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members (\$5 late fee is charged for registrations received after 11/29/13)

For more information or to register contact the Clayton Chamber at 314/726-3033 or online at www.claytoncommerce.com

December 3 and 17, 2013

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch Networking Group Meeting

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 12:30pm (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Cost: \$12

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

December 4, 2013

Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce 9th Annual FACC Awards Luncheon & Holiday Bazaar

Maritz (1400 South Highway Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$18 for members; \$20 for non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.fentonmochamber.com or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200

December 5, 2013

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

City of Belleville (Belleville, IL 62220)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: members \$5, non-members \$10

For more information go to www.bellevillechamber.org

December 5, 2013 (weekly)

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour

Rooks Gameday (12322 Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights MO 63043)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

No cost

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

December 5 and 19, 2013

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting

12/5 Residence Inn Westport (1881 Craigshire Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

12/19 Wingate By Wyndham (13615 Riverport Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 for Non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

December 6, 2013

Kirkwood-Des Peres First Friday Coffee Networking Event

Busy Bee Embroidery (541 E. Monroe, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

December 6, 2013

West County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Coffee Networking Event

Adventure Learning Center (850 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin, MO 63021)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.westcountychamber.com or call 636/227-5030

December 7, 2013

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Holiday Extravaganza & Appreciation Party

This FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Event features having a great time hearing successful stories from each other while enjoying samples and doing some Christmas shopping from local vendors!

Pain Relief Associates (2682 Babble Creek Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63368)

9:30am – 3:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

December 10, 2013

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Coffee Cup Connections

Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce Boardroom (216 East A St., Belleville, IL)

8:15am – 9:15am

For more information go to www.bellevillechamber.org

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1:15pm

Cost: \$20 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

December 10 and 24, 2013

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting

Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport Hotel (4505 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

7:30am – 8:30am (usually meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

December 11, 2013

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Holiday Gala

Hollywood Casino & Hotel (777 Casino Center Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 for Non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

December 12, 2013

West County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event

Taubman Prestige Outlets (17017 N. Outer 40, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: Free

To RSVP or for more information go to www.westcountychamber.com or call 636/227-5030

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event

First Community Credit Union (17151 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

Northwest Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Crowne Plaza Hotel-St. Louis Airport (11228 Lone Eagle Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

11am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Royale Orleans Banquet Center (2801 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63125)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.afftonchamber.com

December 17, 2013

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Christy Banquet Center (9000 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

December 18, 2013

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$25 Members, \$30 for Non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

December 19, 2013

Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon

Orlando Gardens (8352 Watson Rd, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$20

To RSVP or for more information go to www.webstershrewsburychamber.com

West County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$21 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.westcountychamber.com or call 636/227-5030

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Lunch n Learn Business Seminar

SWIC-Information Sciences Building, 2nd Floor - Room 2014 (2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221)

Topic: Grow Your Business with Email & Social Media Marketing

11:45am – 1pm

For more information go to www.bellevillechamber.org

December 20, 2013

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Lunch n Learn Meeting

Topic: Affordable Health Care Act

St. John's Municipal Bldg. (NWCC Office), 8944 2nd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63114

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Legislative Brown Bag Lunch Meeting

Chamber Boardroom (108 West Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

Noon – 1pm

Cost: free for Chamber members; \$20 for non-members

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

December 27, 2013

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Networking Lunch Meeting

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm (usually last Friday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS

December 2, 2013 (weekly)

Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts Kirkwood Weekly Meeting

Hacienda (9748 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO)

6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Mondays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Kirkwood/>

December 3, 2013

O'Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting

Holiday Inn Express (Dierberg Plaza, Greenmount Rd., Shiloh, IL)

8:30am - 9:30am (meets 1st Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting

Duffy's Bar & Restaurant (124 West Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm (1st Tuesday of each month)

No cost to attend

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Networking-Geniuses/>

December 3, 2013 (weekly)

Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting

Rib City (3891 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Saint Peters, MO)

6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Tuesdays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Chesterfield-MO/>

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Roundtable Discussion

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Centene Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com or 314/664-4432

BNI Chapter Meetings

BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting every Tuesday. Visitors are welcome, refer to

www.bnistl.com, contact the listed chapter president to confirm your visit.

For additional information see the note for BNI at the end of this section or contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030

or Tmorrisim@bnistl.com for additional information.

December 3 and 17, 2013

Yellow Tie Networking Event – Breakfast Club

Meeting location is in and around the St. Louis area

8am – 9:30am (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

For more information go to www.yellow-tie.net

December 4, 2013

Justine Petersen Holiday Party Networking Event

1023 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106

5pm – 7pm

To RSVP contact Galen at [ggondolfi@justinepetersen.org](mailto:gondolfi@justinepetersen.org) or 314/533-2411 x132

Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) St. Louis Annual Holiday Social

Moonrise Hotel (6177 Delmar in the Loop, St. Louis, MO 63112)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: ACG St. Louis Member Free, ACG Member in Another Chapter \$50, Guest \$50

For more information or to register go to <http://www.acg.org/stlouis/events/default.aspx>

December 4, 2013, (weekly)

BNI Chapter Meetings

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The Networking MOB of St. Louis Professional Networking Meetings

Summit Upper Cervical Center (11693 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131)

8:45am – 10am

For more information go to www.thenetworkingmob.com

Business Frontline of St. Louis Business Networking Group

Chris' Pancake House (5980 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139)

8am – 9am (Meet weekly on Wednesday)

No cost to attend

For more information go to <http://www.bflstl.com/>

December 5, 2013

The Max Starkloff Speaker Series: Strengthen Your Workforce: The Disability Advantage

Centene Corporation Headquarters (7700 Forsyth Av., Clayton, MO 63105)

4pm – 5:30pm

Free

To register contact events@starkloff.org or 314/588-7090

Belleville People in Business Networking Meeting

Fischer's Restaurant (2100 West Main, Belleville, IL)

Noon – 1pm (meets 1st Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

Networking on Steroids “St. Peters” (for business owners)

Fratelli's Ristorante (2061 Zumbahl, St. Charles, MO)

12:15pm – 2pm

No cost to attend

To RSVP or for more information call Al Cochran at 314/962-9222 or go to

<http://www.meetup.com/Networking-on-steroids/>

December 5, 2013

Networking Happy Hour

Syberg's (2430 Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

5pm – 8pm

For more information contact Gus Hoelscher at 636/391-8490

December 5, 2013 (weekly)

BNI Chapter Meetings

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Christian Business Connectors Networking Meeting

Chameleon's Catering

11:30am – 1pm (meets every Thursday)

Cost: \$12 per person

To RSVP contact Dennis Wagner at 314/481-7337 x102

December 5 and 19, 2013

Yellow Tie Networking Event - Breakfast Club Lead-Sharing Group

Meeting location is in the St. Louis area

8am – 9:30am (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

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For more information go to www.yellow-tie.net

Yellow Tie Networking Event – St. Louis Connectors Lead-Sharing Group

Meeting location is in the Sunset Hills area

8am – 9:30am (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

For more information go to www.yellow-tie.net

December 6, 2013

St. Louis Business Journal Event: Circle of Champions

St. Louis University, Busch Center (20 N. Grand Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/

Wise Women Connect St. Louis Luncheon

We are a professional organization of women with the established purpose of support and encouragement of women in business

Naploi2 (1054 Town and Country Crossing, Town and Country, MO 63017)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$21 per person

For more information or to register go to www.wwcstlunch.com or call 314/494-7187

December 6, 2013 (weekly)

Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Fenton Weekly Meeting

The Hive @ 44 (1710 Fenpark Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)

10:30am – Noon (meets every Friday)

For more information go to www.meetup.com/coffee-and-contacts-ballwin/

December 6 and 20, 2013

FORE Business Lunch and Learn Networking Event

The Highlands Golf and Tennis Center at Forest Park (5163 Clayton Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110)

11:30am – 2pm (1st Friday)

3pm – 5pm (3rd Friday)

For more information or to register contact Richard at Richard@accoladekb.com or 314/458-3397

December 9, 2013

American Business Women's Association – Renaissance Chapter Monthly Meeting

Natural Bridge Library (7606 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO)

6pm – 7:30pm (Meets 2nd Monday of each month)

To RSVP call 314/388-1457

December 11, 2013

St. Louis Professional Women's Alliance Holiday Party Networking Event

Ritz-Carlton Hotel (1000 Carondelet, St. Louis, MO 63105, Clayton, MO 63105)

5pm – 8pm

Cost: members \$20, non-members \$40

To RSVP or for more information go to www.stlpwa.org

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Lunch 'n Learn

Topic: Financial Markets Overview and Outlook

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Centene Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: Lunch and drinks included

For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com or 314/664-4432

2nd Annual Holiday Mini-Bash Networking Event

Join the Hive@44 and area networking groups to celebrate the Holidays with networking , entertainment and holiday cheer!

The Hive@44 Business Co-Working Center (1710 Fenpark Dr., Fenton, MO 63026)

4pm – 8pm

Bring in a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more or a \$10 donation

For more information or to register go to MiniBash2013.eventbrite.com

December 12, 2013

Yellow Tie Networking Event - Executive Resource Business-Building Alliance (Patty Cook's Yellow-Tie referral network)

Location TBA in the Westport area

11:30am – 1pm (meet 2nd Thursday of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list. To become a member

of the group contact Patty Cook at patty@lifebydesign.biz or 636/861-9100

For more information go to www.yellow-tie.net

Yellow Tie Networking Event – South County Business Neighbors Business-Building Alliance

Meeting location is in the South County area

7:30am – 9am (typically 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

For more information go to www.yellow-tie.net

St. Louis Agile LINC User Group Networking Event

Savvis Headquarters

6pm – 8pm (meet 2nd Thursday of each month)

For more information contact Jim at jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com

December 13, 2013

ExecuNet Monthly Meeting

Westport Plaza Gold Tower (111 Westport Plaza Dr., Suite 1005, St. Louis, MO 63033)

9am – 11am

Cost: \$10 per person

For more information or to register go to www.execunet.com or call Chris Coleman at 636/228-4700

December 14, 2013

Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Monthly Member Meeting

UHY Advisors Office (15 Sunnen Drive, Suite 100, Maplewood, MO 63143)

8am – 10am (usually the 2nd Saturday of month)

Open to members and partners only

Cost: \$5 donation

For more information go to <http://thefengstl.org/>

December 17, 2013

River City Professionals Monthly Networking Event

Location TBA

5:30pm - 9pm (Usually meets every 3rd Tues. of month at various locations)

To RSVP or for more information call 314/655-5490 or go to www.rivercityprofessionals.org

Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting

Oatman House (501 E. Main St., Collinsville, IL 62234)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3rd Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$7 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

December 17, 2013

Tapestry Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting

Have you ever wanted to ask other business women how they handled a situation in their business? Do you work alone and need some friendly advice that works? This month's event is all about you and getting you the help you need. The entire event will be spent networking and masterminding so that you leave equipped to face the challenges you may be experiencing in your business. As Christian businesswomen, we need to work together and support one another in life and in business.

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

9am - 11:30am

Cost: \$25 for guests until 10/12; \$35 for guests starts on 10/13

For more information or to register go to www.stlouistapestry.com

December 18, 2013

Monroe County People in Business Networking Meeting

Waterloo City Hall (100 W 4th St., Waterloo, IL)

8:30am – 10am (meets 3rd Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$4 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

West County People in Business Networking Meeting

The Wolf Restaurant (15480 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3rd Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

December 19, 2013

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event

Location TBD

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com or 314/664-4432

Missouri Regional Certification Workshop

Harris-Stowe State University, Library - Telecommunity Room (3026 Laclede Av., St. Louis, MO)

4pm – 5:30pm

For more information go to www.mwdbe.org or contact Joleen Foster at 314/982-1400 x1352

December 24, 2013 (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting

Joe's Pizza (4 Club Centre Ct., Edwardsville, IL)

11:45am – 1pm (meets 4th Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

St. Louis Business Club is an online business community devoted to providing business development resources and innovative training for our members. For more information or to register go to www.stlouisbusinessclub.com

BNI (Business Network International) is the world's largest professional networking organization with over 120,000 members in 40 countries. Regionally, BNI has over 75 groups in Missouri and 15 in Illinois whose 2000 members helped each other generate over \$320,000,000 in business for each other in 2009 through the exchange of qualified business referrals. BNI Chapters welcome visitors to participate in their meetings, offering the opportunity to network with 15-75 business people. Please refer to WWW.BNISTL.COM to locate a chapter near you; contact the President of the Chapter to confirm your visit and "See how missing breakfast or lunch one day a week may be hazardous to your wealth!" For additional information contact Teresa Morris-Simon 314/822-1030 or Tmorrisim@bnistl.com.

PartnerUp is an online networking community of small business owners and entrepreneurs. By establishing mutually-beneficial relationships with other small business owners and entrepreneurs online, you can exchange information, ideas and support, and also potentially gain new clients on your own schedule. The PartnerUp network has members from all over the country and in every industry imaginable. For more information go to www.partnerup.com

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

December 3, 2013

APICS/CSCMP/Transportation Club/YSCP/ISM Joint Networking and Educational Event

Schlaflly Bottleworks in Maplewood

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$25 per person

For more information or to register go to www.transportationclubofstlouis.com

December 4, 2013

St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) After-Hours Networking Event

Jefferson Grill – Kirkwood (127 W. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 7:30pm

Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$15

For more information or to register go to www.stlpmi.org

American Marketing Association/Business Marketing Association Networking Event

Topic: Networking & A Movie

Wehrenberg Des Peres 14 Cine (12701 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO 63131)

5:30pm – 9pm

Cost: AMA and BMA members \$20, guests \$25

For more information go to www.ama-stl.org or www.bma-stl.org

December 5, 2013

American Marketing Association – St. Charles SIG Networking Event

Quintessential Dining & Nightlife (149 North Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301)

5:30pm – 8pm

Cost: Free

For more information go to www.ama-stl.org

Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Monthly Networking Meeting (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Mercy Conference Center (14528 S. Outer 40 Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

Cost: members

For more information go to www.prsastlouis.org

December 10, 2013

Computer Consultants of St. Louis Monthly Meeting

St. Louis Bread Company (6630 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130)

5:30pm - 8pm (Meets 2nd Tues. of each month)

For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to www.ccsl.org

Community Service and Public Relations Council (CSPR) Monthly Meeting

Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel (7730 Bonhomme Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)

11:30am – 1:15pm

Cost: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40

For more information or to register go to www.csprc.org

December 11, 2013

St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting

Brentwood Community Center (2505 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, MO 63144)

6:30pm - 9pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)

Cost: No cost for members, \$10 for nonmembers

For more information call 314/256-1800 or go to www.stlouispublishers.org

December 13, 2013

St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Meeting

Topic: Membership and Volunteers Recognition Night

Crowne Plaza Hotel (7750 Carondelet Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 8:30pm (usually 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Cost: Members \$25, Non-members \$30

For more information or to register go to www.stlpmi.org

December 15, 2013

American Marketing Association Monthly Meeting (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Maggiano's Little Italy (#2 The Blvd., St. Louis, Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members \$35; non-members and walkins \$45

For more information go to www.ama-stl.org

December 18, 2013

Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Monthly Meeting (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel (9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

7:30am – 9:15am

Cost: members free, guests \$35

To RSVP or for more information go <http://www.hrmastl.org/content/conference>

December 19, 2013

Association of IT Professionals (AITP) Monthly Dinner Meeting

Crowne Plaza St. Louis – Clayton (7750 Carondelet, Clayton, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: Presentation & Dinner \$30, Presentation only \$15

For more information or to register go to www.aitp.org

Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting

St. Louis County's Library Headquarters (1640 South Lindbergh Blvd., Frontenac, MO), Library Auditorium

6pm - 9pm (usually 3rd Thursday of the month)

For more information go to www.inventorsconnection.org

December 24, 2013

St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting

The Heights (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

5:30pm – 7:30pm (usually the 4th Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 members, \$15 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.stlcoaches.org

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS

December 3, 2013

YCC Technology Transfer: Career Management

Denton's Law Firm (One Metropolitan Square, 211 N. Broadway, Ste. 3000, St. Louis, MO 63102)

6:30pm – 9pm

Cost: Free

To register or for more information contact yccl@stlacs.org

December 4, 2013

SBA Small Business Workshop: What Every Small Business Owner Should Know about the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

SBA staff and the Small Business Majority will present information specifically for small business owners. Topics will include which companies must offer insurance in 2015, individual insurance requirements, healthcare.gov site walkthrough, Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Marketplace, potential tax credits, and other pertinent information. Small business owners will be able to see insurance plans which are available locally and discover some of ACA's benefits.

SBA St. Louis District Office, Robert A. Young Federal Building (1222 Spruce St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 11am

Cost: Free

To register go to <http://www.sba.gov/events>

Career Management Seminar: Immigration and Your Science Career

A workshop on immigration, entrepreneurship, and employment in the U.S.

The visa environment and its implications on long-term employment opportunities in the U.S. can be difficult to navigate for international citizens at the end of their academic training. The BioEntrepreneurship Core, in partnership with BENNU Legal Services, presents a workshop to address immigration concerns relevant to starting a small business, seeking continuing employment opportunities after graduate or post-doctoral training, and, from the employer's perspective, how to employ international citizens.

Andrew Sagartz, Executive Director of BENNU, will provide a general overview addressing key questions for international trainees as they near the end of their training. Following this general information session, several experienced practitioners will lead the following focused 30-minute breakout sessions:

- **Creative Visa Alternatives in an H-1B Drought** - Explore STEM extensions of OPT, advanced degrees & cap-exempt H-1Bs, J-1s, and more.
- **Entrepreneurs & Investors: You Don't Have to Be a Millionaire to Get a Visa to Start a US Business** - Discuss alternatives for international students and others to change to E-2 treaty investor or L-1 multinational company transferee visa status.
- **Green Cards: Removing the Mystery, Fear & Expense of Applying for Permanent Residency** - Demystifying sponsorship of a proven international student or promising job applicant from abroad for permanent residency based on a job offer.
- **Been There, Done That: The Visa Petition Process from an Employer's Perspective** - Discover tips from management and HR on how to smooth interactions with job candidates and lawyers throughout the process of preparing to file for visas and green cards.

Attendees are encouraged to attend up to two of the 30-minute discussion sessions. This event is open to all Washington University students, faculty, and staff and all members of the St. Louis academic and entrepreneurial community.

For more information or to register go to gradpages.wustl.edu/bec/rsvp.

December 4, 2013 (weekly)

ITEN One Million Cups

Every week, two entrepreneurs present their ventures and ask advice and assistance from the community. All are welcome to come see some of the newest ventures getting started around town, and join in the lively discussions and networking to follow.

KETC Nine Network (3655 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63108)

9am – 10am

No cost to attend

For more information go to www.itenstl.org

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Seminar Series

975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO

3:45pm – 6pm

No cost to attend but reservation is required

For more information or to register go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/scientific-seminars>

December 5, 2013

TEDx Gateway Arch Women Networking Event

By design, TED Talks are 18-minute energy-filled presentations featuring thought-provoking ideas, artistic expressions, and emerging concepts. You'll also enjoy all manner of beautiful things to enlighten and inspire your tastebuds, your creativity and compassion.

Plush (3224 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

4:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$35 per person

For more information or to register go to www.tedxgatewayarch.com

Institute for Private Business at Saint Louis University 2013 Speaker Series: Curt Jones (Dippin' Dots)

Saint Louis University - John Cook School of Business, AB Auditorium (3674 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

7:30am – 9:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/institute-for-private-business-speaker-series-event-curt-jones-dippin-dots-registration-8876589117?aff=eac2>

Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps

St. Louis County Extension Office (10650 Gateway Blvd., Creve Couer, MO 63131)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to www.Missouribusiness.net

December 6, 2013

St. Louis Minority Development Council Alliance for Minority Procurement (AMP) Awards Gala

308 North 21st Street, 7th floor, St. Louis, MO 63103

6pm – 10pm

For more information go to www.slmhc.org

Small Business Expo and Library Open House

Stop by the St. Louis County Library Headquarters between 1:30 and 4 on December 6th. Whether you are already a small business owner or are thinking about starting a business, this event will open your eyes to the organizations and resources available to help you.

St. Louis County Library Headquarters (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63131)

1:30pm – 4pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register contact Christina Pryor at 314/994-3300 or cpryor@slcl.org

Missouri Venture Forum Breakfast Meeting

Moto Museum/Triumph Grill (3441 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

7:15am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$49

For more information or to register go to www.missouriventureforum.org

Helix Center Brown Bag (ITEN, BioGen, and Nidus)

Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132)

11am – 1pm (generally 1st Friday of each month)

Cost: FREE

For more information or to register contact Beth at 314/615-3958

Self-Employed St. Louis (SESTL) Monthly Meetup Networking Event

Kirkwood Station Brewing Company (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Self-Employed-St-Louis/>

December 6, 2013

SBA Small Business Workshop: Protecting Your Business - Insurance & Risk Management

PNC Bank Building (333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

9:15am – 11:45am

Cost: \$30

For more information or to register go to <http://www.sba.gov/events>

December 7, 2013

SCORE Business Seminar: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business

Saint Louis Community College – Meramec (Social Science Bldg., Rm. 109, 11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

8:15am – 3pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to www.stlouis.score.org or call 314/539-6600 x242

December 7 - 8, 2013

St. Louis Entrepreneurs Meetup Workshop: Become a Certified Coach and Generate Revenue

Hampton Inn St. Louis Downtown at the Arch (333 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO)

9am – 5pm

Cost: members \$879 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/stlouis-entrepreneurs/>

December 10, 2013

StartLouis Monthly Meetup Event

Our mission is to bring St. Louis entrepreneurs together for learning and collaboration. Each monthly meetup event features a presentation and Q&A session with an accomplished St. Louis CEO.

The T-Rex – Downtown Tech Incubator (611 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63101, 12th Floor)

6:30pm – 8:30pm

For more information go to <http://meetup.com/StartLouis/>

Minority Contractors Initiative (MCI) Monthly Meeting

8am – 11am

Harris-Stowe State University, Library – Telecommunity Room

To register or for more information contact Sal Martinez at 314/289-9900

Business Seminar: Grow Your Business with Email and Social Media Marketing

Richmond Heights Community Center (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

8:30am – 10:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

Business Seminar: Entrepreneurship: Planning, Financing and Starting Your Business

T-Rex (615 Olive, Suite 1300, St. Louis, MO 63120)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to www.Missouribusiness.net

December 11, 2013

Advance St. Louis Business Seminar Series: Corporate Partnering

Center for Emerging Technologies (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)

2pm – 6pm followed by a networking happy hour

Cost: members \$30 per person

To register or for more information contact Heather Beaven at 314/615-6915 or go to www.emergingtech.org

STLVentureWorks Growth Seminar Series: Your Startup is Growing ... Now What? Real Estate & Incentives

STLVentureWorks West County (743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

3:30pm – 5pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.stlventureworks.com

Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting

Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)

7pm – 9pm (2nd Wednesday each month)

Cost: free

For more information go to <http://ilinventor.tripod.com>

December 12, 2013

Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2nd Thursdays Monthly Networking Event

Tavern of Fine Arts (313 Belt Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63112)

4pm – 6pm (2nd Thursday of each month)

For more information go to www.itenstl.org

December 16, 2013

Start30 Networking Event (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

This group is a networking opportunity for anyone that is interested in startups, entrepreneurship, new technology, business development, social enterprise, art, culture or any other topic the group decides to talk about

Three Kings Public House (6307 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO)

5:30pm – 8pm

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/start30/>

December 17, 2013

St. Louis Minority Development Council Alliance for Minority Procurement (AMP) Annual Meeting & Holiday Reception

308 North 21st Street, 7th floor, St. Louis, MO 63103

5:30pm – 7pm

For more information go to www.slmhc.org

St. Louis Small Business Meetup Business Seminar (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Kirkwood Brewing Station (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO)

Noon – 1:30pm

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/SLSBMG/events/calendar/>

December 18, 2013

NAWBO Speaker Series: (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Old Warson Country Club (9941 Old Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124)

4pm – 7pm

Cost: \$80 per person

For more information or to register go to www.nawbostl.org

December 19, 2013

Gateway Business Networking (formerly St. Louis Business Networking) Breakfast

Missouri Athletic Club (405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)

7am – 9am (Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month)

Cost: \$14 per person

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com

Business Seminar: WordPress Workshop

FREE seminar will walk you through setting up a WordPress website, help you get your business listed in major directory listings and setup tracking help you monitor your website traffic. Learn how to build, and manage an easy-to-update website with WordPress. This seminar is aimed at beginners who wish to build their first website for both personal and business uses with WordPress.

9am – 4pm

The Hive44 Business Co-working Center (1710 Fenpark Dr. Fenton, MO 63026)

Cost: Free

Bring a thumb drive with your logo some images of your business and a credit card to reserve a hosting account and domain name.

For more information or to register go to <https://rositanogroupwordpressworkshop.eventbrite.com/>

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Kauffman Founders School

The Founders School is an online educational resource dedicated to entrepreneurship. Through lectures and a rich curriculum, we'll give you the skills and tools to build your idea into something big. For more information go to <http://www.entrepreneurship.org/en/founders-school.aspx>

SCORE offers many small business webinars and online workshops. To learn more about the programs go to <http://stlouis.score.org/onlineworkshops/tab-a>

University of Missouri Extension offers multiple business development workshops and seminars at multiple locations for nominal fees. For more information about the programs and how to register go to <http://www.missouribusiness.net/>

St. Louis Community College's Center for Business, Industry and Labor (CBIL) is offering a weekly series of FREE podcasts on professional development topics. This series of free podcasts addresses important, relevant and timely workplace topics that will give listeners a clearer understanding of the information, skills and resources needed to successfully navigate today's complex business environment. The first set of 21st Century Professional Development podcasts explores leadership and team development topics, and is presented by Barry Schapiro, CBIL's practice leader for management and team development. For more information: <http://www.stlcc.edu/podcasts/business-training/>

Minority Business Council (SLMBC) provides ongoing growth opportunities, financial support, and training and education for its corporate members and for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). For more information go to www.slmhc.org

AAIM provides small business training courses, seminars, roundtable discussions, and webinars on a variety of topics including computer skills, negotiating skills, customer service, interpersonal communication, PowerPoint presentations, and more. For a complete schedule of upcoming programs or to register for any of the programs go to www.aaima.org or call 314/968-5360

St. Louis Community Credit Union offers FREE small business training workshops through **CU Excel Center**. To get more information about the workshops or to register contact center@stlouiscommunity.com or go to www.cuexcelcenter.com

Enterprise Bank & Trust offers FREE small business training workshops through **Enterprise University**. To get more information about these workshop or to register online go to www.enterprisebank.com and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com or call 314/512-7203

Electro Savings Credit Union "Ask the Experts" Business Seminar Series presented at no cost and held at Electro's Maryland Heights Community Room (1805 Craigshire Rd., Maryland Heights, MO). RSVP to Pat at ppetey@escu.org or 314/4343-6470 x1406

St. Louis Small Business Administration offers FREE online courses for small businesses and entrepreneurs, including starting a small business, managing a small business, financing a business, and contracting. For more information about these online courses go to <http://www.sba.gov/content/st-louis-district-office>