



# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL FEBRUARY '14 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 February 2014 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

### February 1 and 15, 2014

#### **Six Flags St. Louis Job Fairs**

Six Flags St. Louis will be filling more than 2,500 jobs for the 2014 season. Positions range from entry level to seasonal management

Six Flags HR Office (Eureka, MO)

10am – 4pm

For more information go to <http://www.sixflagsjobs.com/dynamicparkpage.php?park=stLouis&page=JobListings#9>

### February 4 and 18, and March 4, 2014

#### **Ballpark Village Open Call Recruitment Events**

The open call session will assist hiring managers of the Ballpark Village with identifying qualified candidates. Applicants are to complete an application, drop off their resume, and meet and greet hiring managers. Applicants will not be hired during these session, but hiring managers will identify applicants they want to interview later.

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

10am – 4pm

The steps before an Open Call Session:

1. All applicants must enroll at SLATE Missouri Career Center Downtown
2. Once enrolled candidates will be referred to meet with a member of the Skills Team
3. Applicants must have a resume and must register to take a customer service class before they attend an Open Call Session
4. Applicants must pre-register for one of the Open Call Session with a SLATE Skills Team ETA (500 applicants per event.)

### February 6, 2014

#### **Techli Job Fair – Tech Jobs Under the Big Top**

This event turns recruitment of talent on its head and allows the companies to pitch the applicants, not the other way around. Coming to St. Louis for the very first time and co-hosted by the team from IgnitionTank, Big Top STL will be the first of what will be a series of tech-oriented job fairs. Unlike anything you have ever been part of - the Tech Jobs Under the Big Top event unites jobseekers and employers in a fun, energetic and rewarding night.

Lumen (2201 Locust, St. Louis, MO 63103)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

For more information go to [www.techli.com](http://www.techli.com)

#### **East St. Louis Housing Authority Career Fair**

Roosevelt Homes Development (1328 North 44<sup>th</sup> St., East St. Louis, IL 62204)

10am - 1pm

Please be prepared with professional resumes. Job seekers should expect to meet with employers from various career fields. Educational, training, health and wellness agencies and opportunities will also be available.

For additional information contact DeLesia Washington at 618/646-7229 or [dWASHINGTON@eslha.org](mailto:dWASHINGTON@eslha.org)

### February 7, 2014

#### **St. John Knits Recruitment Event** (a fashion boutique located at St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall in Chesterfield)

(Store Key Holder, Wardrobe Specialist)

St. Charles County Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

10am – Noon

For more information call 636/255-6060

### February 9, 2014

#### **Bethesda Meadows Job Fair**

322 Old State Road, Ellisville, MO 63021

1pm – 3pm

For more information contact Charlotte at [cibusch@bethesdahealth.org](mailto:cibusch@bethesdahealth.org)

### February 11, 2014

#### **2014 Education Job Fair**

Representatives from multiple local school districts will be on hand

Missouri Baptist University, Main Campus, Petty Sports & Recreation Complex (One College Park Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141)

10am – 2pm

For more information or to register go to [www.mobap.edu/event/2014-education-job-fair/](http://www.mobap.edu/event/2014-education-job-fair/)

February 11, 2014

**St. Louis Bread Company Job Fair** (shift supervisors for local bakeries/cafes)

St. Louis Bread Co. (130 South County Center Way, St. Louis, MO)

9am – 7pm

For more information or to apply online go to <https://www.peopleanswers.com/pa/testPortalEntry.do?pc=695770&src=905248>

February 13, 2014

**Laclede Gas Career Information Session**

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

10am – 11am

To register or for more information contact Sharon at [sfowler@stlworks.com](mailto:sfowler@stlworks.com)

**Hospitality Career Fair**

(Drury, Levy Restaurants, Holiday Inn, Marriott, Crowne Plaza, Doubletree, and many others)

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

9am – Noon

Bring a copy of your current resume and 2 forms of ID.

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

February 18, 2014

**Randstad Recruitment Event**

(CSR, healthcare collector, band card collector, commercial collector mortgage settlement agent, Inside Sales Rep, Loan Services rep, Refinance Rep)

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

February 19, 2014

**Ameristar Casino Recruitment Event**

(Cashiers, EVS Attendants, Cooks/Prep Cooks, Security Officers, Valet Attendants)

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

9am – Noon

To be considered for a position you must register with the Missouri Career Center – North Oaks location, bring a copy of your current resume, complete an application, and screening prior to the event.

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

**St. Louis University Spring Career and Graduate School Fair**

Saint Louis University, Busch Student Center

Noon - 4pm

Cost: free for SLU students/alumni, \$10 for all others

For more information go to [www.slu.edu](http://www.slu.edu)

February 20, 2014

**Plasterers Local Union No. 3 Career Information Session**

SLATE Missouri Career Center, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sfowler@stlworks.com)

**RAPS Virtual Career Fair**

The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) is the largest global organization of and for those involved with the regulation of healthcare and related products, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biologics and nutritional products. Regulatory affairs professionals have the chance to directly connect with actively hiring companies. The RAPS Virtual Career Fair creates an interactive experience for you to engage in real time with employers looking to hire.

10am – 4:30pm

For more information or to register contact (301) 770-2920, ext. 200 or [raps@raps.org](mailto:raps@raps.org)

February 22, 2014

**Six Flags St. Louis Entertainment Summer Casting Auditions** (street characters, show characters, show hosts)

Six Flags HR Office (Eureka, MO)

8am – auditions are complete

Prior to the event candidates must complete an online application.

To apply or for more information go to [www.sixflagsjobs.com](http://www.sixflagsjobs.com)

February 25, 2014

**St. Louis Career Fair**

Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport (1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146)

11am – 2pm

For more information go to [www.nationalcareerairs.com](http://www.nationalcareerairs.com)

**Belleville News Democrat Career Expo**

Gateway Center (Collinsville, IL)

10am – 3pm

For more information go to [www.gatewaycenter.com](http://www.gatewaycenter.com)

February 26, 2014

**2014 Jobs and Business Fair**

Sheraton St. Louis City Center (400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

1pm – 5pm

To register as an attendee or for more information go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com)

February 27, 2014

**Iron Workers Local Union No. 396 Career Information Session**

SLATE Missouri Career Center, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sfowler@stlworks.com)

**Women for Hire Online Career Fair**

Women For Hire career expos are high-caliber recruiting events that enable talented women in all fields to meet directly with recruiters and hiring managers from top employers. Whether you're an experienced professional with several years of experience under your belt or a graduating college student, these one-day events are an ideal chance to launch or advance your career.

For more information go to <http://womenforhire.com/online-career-fairs/>

**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](http://www.FBIjobs.gov) to view information on job vacancy announcements as available.

March 1, 2014

**Six Flags St. Louis Entertainment Summer Casting Auditions** (performers – singers, dancers, actors)

Six Flags HR Office (Eureka, MO)

8am – auditions are complete

Prior to the event candidates must complete an online application.

To apply or for more information go to [www.sixflagsjobs.com](http://www.sixflagsjobs.com)

## **JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUPS**

February 3, 2014 (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](http://www.bbj.org) or call 636/928-0828

February 4, 2014 (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](mailto:jhild1208@yahoo.com)

February 5, 2014 (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](mailto:Vicki.Niederhofer@illinois.gov) or go to [www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov)

February 5, 2014

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://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 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org) or contact Jeanne at [jredtman@centurytel.net](mailto:jredtman@centurytel.net)

February 6, 2014

**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](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

February 6, 2014

**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](mailto:kathy.frick@mscwired.org)

February 6 and 20, 2014

**New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings**

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

7pm – 9pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend

For more information contact [kirk.burrus@att.net](mailto:kirk.burrus@att.net)

February 10, 2014

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cottleville, MO

7pm – 8:30pm (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

February 10 and 24, 2014

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

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

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

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

February 11, 2014

**CEN at St. Monica Job Search Support Group Meeting**

12136 Olive Blvd., Creve, Coeur, MO 63141

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

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

February 20, 2014

**Job Seeker Networking Happy Hour**

Black Finn American Grill (Galleria Mall, St. Louis, MO)

5pm - 8pm

For more information contact Gus Hoelscher at 314/72-5300

## **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103

For more information on these workshops go to [www.stlworks.com](http://www.stlworks.com) or call 314/589-8000

### **St. Louis County Missouri Career Center Job Search Workshops**

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 (26 North Oaks Plaza, 314/381-6700) 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/](http://www.stcharlesworks.com/)

### **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. Program offerings are based on demand and the availability of funding or industry partner participation. Call the accelerated job hotline at 314-539-5310 for more information.

Anyone interested either of these training programs should contact Rene Dulle at [rdulle4@stlcc.edu](mailto:rdulle4@stlcc.edu) or 314/539-5296.

Additional information for these trainings and all accelerated job trainings can be found at:

<http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/Accelerated-Job-Training/Index.html>

#### **St. Louis Aerospace Institute**

##### **Drinking Water Operator Training**

The primary goal of the training is to prepare people with the knowledge necessary to work in a drinking water distribution system. Upon successful completion of the training, students are able to take certification exams provided by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for water treatment (Level D) and water distribution (DS-1). Drinking water operator certification establishes a professional standard, and also provides the knowledge and understanding drinking water operators need to provide safe, adequate drinking water to the public. Students with some mechanical and / or electrical background preferred. Training is funded by a grant awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

##### **Environmental Remediation Training**

The primary goal of the Environmental Remediation Training Program is to prepare people with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely work in the abatement and remediation of asbestos, lead and other hazardous materials. The core curriculum focuses on the skills critical for entry-level work in the field. The training is broken into various modules, totaling 234 hours of training (6 weeks), and qualifies students for licenses and/or certification in Missouri and Illinois. Training funded by a grant awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **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)**

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program**

**Manufacturing Training Alliance (MTA)**

For more information call 314/746-0750 or go to [www.metcenterstl.com](http://www.metcenterstl.com)

#### **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](mailto: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@stlouiscountry.com](mailto:center@stlouiscountry.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://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/](http://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

#### **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/](http://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](http://www.stlcc.edu/MHW) and then schedule to attend an Information Session to hear program details.

#### February 4 and 6, 2014

##### **SLATE Professional Series Workshops**

Presented by Frank Alaniz

SLATE Missouri Career Center (1520 Market St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103)

2/4 Resume Review, Interviewing Prep 1pm – 4pm

2/6 Online Job Applications 1pm – 2:30pm

For more information call 314/589-8000

#### February 5, 2014 (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

2/5 Online/Manual Applications

2/12 Marketing Yourself/Dress for Success

2/19 Resume Writing/Coaching

2/26 No Meeting

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

#### February 6, 2014

##### **Career Innovation Partners Open House**

The Hive @44 CoWorking Space (1710 FenPark Dr., Fenton, MO 63026)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information go to [www.cipartnersstl.com](http://www.cipartnersstl.com) or contact Roni Chambers at 314/503-4556 or [roni@cipartnersstl.com](mailto:roni@cipartnersstl.com)

#### February 7, 2014 (weekly)

##### **Connections to Success Employment Workshops**

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

9am - 10:30am

For more information call 314/584-6858 or go to [www.connectionstosuccess.org](http://www.connectionstosuccess.org)

##### **Connections to Success Employment Workshops**

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

9am - 10:30am

For more information call 636/940-8027 or go to [www.connectionstosuccess.org](http://www.connectionstosuccess.org)

#### February 10 – 13, 2014

##### **Homeless Civilian Employment & Training Program (HEP)**

In this intensive employment program, civilians receive the support services they need, including referral for substance-abuse and mental health issues.

For veterans to be eligible for this program, they must have served in the US Armed Forces and be willing and able to work at least 20 hours per week.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

#### February 11 - 13, 2014

##### **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](http://www.caastlc.org)

#### February 12, 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 – 4:00pm (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, but call first as schedule may change)

Advance registration is required.

To register call 314/344-0050

#### February 12 and 26, 2014

##### **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

SLATE Missouri Career Center (1520 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 11am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)

For additional information contact Carol Johnson at [cjohnson@letc.com](mailto:cjohnson@letc.com) or Sally Sowards at [ssowards@letc.com](mailto:ssowards@letc.com)

#### February 19, 2014

##### **Job Fair 101 Workshop**

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (S. Grand, St. Louis, MO)

5pm – 7pm

This workshop is geared towards job seekers looking to better prepare themselves for our 2014 Job & Business Fair.

Attendees will get assistance on the following:

-Resumes

- Networking Skills
  - Interviewing Skills
  - Post Interview Best Practices
  - Tips for the 2014 Job & Business Fair
- \*All attendees should bring a copy of their resume.

No cost to attend

For more information or to register in advance contact Vianey Beltran at 314/664-4432 or [vbeltran@hccstl.com](mailto:vbeltran@hccstl.com)

#### February 24 – 27, 2014

##### **Homeless Civilian Employment & Training Program (HEP)**

In this intensive employment program, civilians receive the support services they need, including referral for substance-abuse and mental health issues. For veterans to be eligible for this program, they must have served in the US Armed Forces and be willing and able to work at least 20 hours per week.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

#### February 25 - 27, 2014

##### **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](http://www.caastlc.org)

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

### February 11 – 27, 2014 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

#### **Bootstrap Training Program**

Designed to assist participants who desire to complete a feasibility or business plan for a business venture. The program focuses on assessing one's self and ideas in order to help them better understand their readiness for starting a small business. During the class, participants will experience all the training needed to launch or expand a profitable business. They will learn the fundamentals of business operations, about financing a venture and more. The class also covers planning, the importance of financial decisions, and the sources of revenue and investments available for small businesses

Veterans Business Resource Center (315 Lemay Ferry Rd., Ste. 114, St. Louis, MO 63125)

6pm – 9pm

Cost: Free for military and prior service (Veterans, NG, Reserves, Active Duty); \$95 for non-military

For more information or to register go to <http://vetbiz.com/Training/BootstrapTraining.aspx>

### February 17 – 21, 2014

#### **Homeless Veterans Employment & Training Program (VET)**

In this intensive employment program, veterans receive the support services they need, including referral for substance-abuse and mental health issues. For veterans to be eligible for this program, they must have served in the US Armed Forces and be willing and able to work at least 20 hours per week.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

### February 13, 2014

#### **Student Veterans of St. Louis Monthly Meeting**

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley, Student Center, Private Dining Room A

6:30pm - 7:30pm

For more information contact Michael Bamber at [bamber.michael@att.net](mailto:bamber.michael@att.net) or 314/977-3425

## **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](http://www.mochamber.com)

### February 4 and 18, 2014

#### **Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch Networking Group Meeting**

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

11:30am – 12:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

Cost: \$12

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

### February 5, 2014

#### **Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon**

Andre's West (211 South Old Highway 141, Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 1pm

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

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.fentonmochamber.com](http://www.fentonmochamber.com) or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200

### February 6, 2013

#### **Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

St. Paul's Home and Apartments (901 West E Street, Belleville, IL 62220)

5pm – 7pm

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

For more information go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Event**

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

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event**

Mercy Hospital (615 South New Ballas Road, St. Louis, MO 63141 )

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)February 6, 2014 (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](http://www.northwestchamber.com)February 7, 2014**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Gala**

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac (1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

6pm – 10pm

Cost: \$65 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)February 11, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

O'Fallon Family Eyecare (4142 Keaton Crossing Blvd., Ste. 103, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)February 11, 2014**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

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

12:30pm – 2:15pm

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

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)February 11 and 25, 2014**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)February 12, 2014**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon**

Spazio's (12031 Lackland Road, St. Louis, MO 63146)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)February 13, 2014**Clayton Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet**

Ritz-Carlton Hotel (100 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105)

6pm – 9:30pm

Cost: \$125

For more information or to register contact the Clayton Chamber at 314/726-3033 or online at [www.claytoncommerce.com](http://www.claytoncommerce.com)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting**

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

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$25, walkins \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast Networking Event**

St. Luke's Hospital, North Medical Office Building (222 South Woods Mill Road, St. Louis, MO)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members \$15, guests \$20

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

**Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Genesis Banquet Center (2651 Telegraph, 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](http://www.afftonchamber.com)

February 19, 2014

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Nadoz Café, Taubman Prestige Outlet (17017 N. Outer 40, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$25

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

February 20, 2014

**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon**

Great Circle – Edgewood (330 N. Gore, Webster Groves, MO)

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$18 members, \$20 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.webstershrewsburychamber.com](http://www.webstershrewsburychamber.com)

February 20, 2014

**South County Chamber of Commerce “Red Carpet Event”: 2013 Awards Dinner**

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

5:15pm – 8pm

Cost: \$30 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.southcountychamber.net](http://www.southcountychamber.net)

**O’Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**

Lindenwood University - O’Fallon South Center (4701 Hwy. K, O’Fallon, MO 63368)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Event**

Hardee’s/Red Burrito (12004 Lackland Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)

February 25, 2014

**Clayton Chamber of Commerce Power Hour Networking Luncheon**

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

Speaker: Bill DeWitt, St. Louis Cardinals

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members (\$5 late fee is charged for registrations received after 1/24/14)

For more information or to register contact the Clayton Chamber at 314/726-3033 or online at [www.claytoncommerce.com](http://www.claytoncommerce.com)

**O’Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Trigg Banquet Center (300 O’Fallon Plaza, 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](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)

February 26, 2014

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Connecting Chamber Women Lunch & Learn Initiative**

St. Luke’s Hospital - Institute for Health Education (232 South Woods Mill Road, North Medical Building, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$15, non-members \$20

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

February 28, 2014

**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](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

**BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

February 3, 2014 (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/>

February 3 and 5 (weekly through April)**LaunchCode Study Group for Harvard's CS50x**

The class is available for free online (via cs50.net, the class is CS50x, or through edx.org). This will give you a great foundation for coding, and it's a free course from a world-class institution. LaunchCode will be offering a CS50x study group who watches lectures and studies together in conjunction with the class beginning in January. We believe that if you can successfully complete this class, we will be able to place you at a company. There will also be free resources including mentorship, exclusive access to the Library's Creative Experience room, and a chance to connect with the programming community.

Peabody Opera House (downtown St. Louis, MO)

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Free (Everyone is welcome. No experience required. Beginners are encouraged to come.)

For more information or to register for the free class go to [www.launchcodestl.com](http://www.launchcodestl.com)

February 4, 2014**O'Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8:30am - 9:30am (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

February 4, 2014**St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting**

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

11:30am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

No cost to attend

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

**Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Business Happy Hour Networking Event**

Schlafly Bottleworks (Maplewood, MO)

5:30pm – 7pm

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

February 4, 2014 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting**

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

6pm – 7:30pm (meets weekly on Tuesdays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-St-Charles/>

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Roundtable Discussion**

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 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](http://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](http://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 [Tmorrissim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorrissim@bnistl.com) for additional information.

February 4 and 18, 2014**Yellow Tie Networking Event – Breakfast Club**

Meeting location is in and around the St. Louis area

8am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.org](http://www.yellow-tie.org)

February 5, 2014 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

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**The Networking MOB of St. Louis Professional Networking Meetings**

The Networking MOB is a community of professionals who help each other grow and build their businesses by education, support, and referrals

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

8:45am – 10am

For more information go to [www.thenetworkingmob.com](http://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/>

February 6, 2014

**Belleville People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

Noon – 1pm (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**Business Seminar: Immigration Symposium**

Eckert's Restaurant (951 S. Greenmount Road, Belleville, IL 62220)

9am – 10:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)

**#STLSocialGood Conference**

For non-profit professionals looking to harness the power of social media in their marketing efforts. Learn how to mast social media with limited time and resources to build brand advocates, increase donations, and effectively share your story.

Donald Danforth Plan Science Center (975 North Warson Roadm St. Louis, MO 63132)

12:30pm – 5pm

Cost: \$41.79 per person

For more information or to register contact Erin Moloney at 314/640-7106 or [stlouis@socialmediacub.org](mailto:stlouis@socialmediacub.org)

February 6, 2014

**St. Louis Business Journal Book of Lists 101 Seminar**

The seminar will teach you how to maximize the potential of your Book of Lists

St. Louis Business Journal Office (815 Olive Street, Ste. 100, St. Louis, MO 63101)

8am – 9am

Cost: \$15 per person

To register call Kelly Rowland at 314/421-6200 or go to [stlevents@bizjournals.com](mailto:stlevents@bizjournals.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/>

February 6, 2014 (weekly)

**BNI Chapter Meetings**

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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](mailto:Tmorrisim@bnistl.com) for additional information.

**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

February 6 and 20, 2014

**Yellow Tie Networking Event - Breakfast Club Lead-Sharing Group**

Meeting location is in the St. Louis area

8am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.org](http://www.yellow-tie.org)

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

Meeting location is in the Sunset Hills area

8am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.org](http://www.yellow-tie.org)

February 7, 2014 (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/](http://www.meetup.com/coffee-and-contacts-ballwin/)

February 7 and 21, 2014

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

3pm – 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

For more information or to register contact Richard at [Richard@accoladekb.com](mailto:Richard@accoladekb.com) or 314/458-3397

**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

Villa Farotto (17417 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)

Cost: \$21 per event - lunch is included, \$25 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.wwcstlunch.com](http://www.wwcstlunch.com) or call 314/494-7187

February 8, 2014

**Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Monthly Member Meeting**

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

8am – 10am (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month)

Open to members and partners only

Cost: \$5 donation

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

February 10, 2014

**American Business Women's Association – Renaissance Chapter Monthly Meeting**

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

6pm – 7:30pm (Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

To RSVP call 314/388-1457

February 11, 2014

**Yellow Tie Drinks & Connections Business Before Hours Networking Event**

BMO Harris Bank (13205 Manchester Rd., St Louis, MO 63131)

7:30am – 9am

No cost to attend

For more information go to [www.yellow-tie.org](http://www.yellow-tie.org)

February 12, 2014

**St. Louis Professional Women's Alliance Women of Distinction Speaker Series**

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

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$38, non-members \$48

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.stlpwa.org](http://www.stlpwa.org)

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Lunch 'n Learn**

Topic: How to Have Your Best Sales Year.....EVER, by Leading Your Sales Team From The Top

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](http://www.hccstl.com) or 314/664-4432

**Networking on Steroids "The Post Bar & Grill" (for business owners)**

The Post Bar & Grill (7372 Manchester, St. Louis, 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/>

**Transportation Club & Young Supply Chain Professionals (YSCP) of St. Louis Networking Event**

Pietro's (3801 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$25 per person

For more information go to [www.transportationclubofstlouis.com](http://www.transportationclubofstlouis.com) or call 618/806-4411

#### February 13, 2014

##### **Business-Building Alliance (Patty Cook's Yellow-Tie referral network)**

Location TBA in the Westport area

11:30am – 1pm (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:patty@lifebydesign.biz) or 636/861-9100

For more information go to [www.yellow-tie.net](http://www.yellow-tie.net)

##### **St. Louis Agile LINC User Group Networking Event**

Savvis Headquarters

6pm – 8pm (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information contact Jim at [jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com](mailto:jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com) **Yellow Tie Networking Event - Executive Resource**

##### **St. Louis Business Journal Event: 40 Under 40 Awards Banquet**

Kemp Auto Museum (16955 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/)

##### **NAPCP Commercial Card and Payment Regional Forum**

The NAPCP is a professional association committed to advancing commercial payment practices worldwide. This forum is open to provides and end-user practitioners from corporate, government, and higher education.

Ameren Services, Meeting Room, Auditorium – rooms A-C (1901 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

8:30am – 3pm

Cost: \$69 NAPCP members, \$89 complimentary subscribers

For more information or to register go to [www.napcp.org/events/](http://www.napcp.org/events/) or call Jessica at 952/546-1880 x5

#### February 13 and 27, 2014

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

Meeting location is in the South County area

7:30am – 9am (typically 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.org](http://www.yellow-tie.org)

#### February 18, 2014

##### **Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$7 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

##### **River City Professionals Monthly Networking Event**

Location TBA

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

To RSVP or for more information call 314/655-5490 or go to [www.rivercityprofessionals.org](http://www.rivercityprofessionals.org)

##### **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; \$35 for late registration

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouistapestry.com](http://www.stlouistapestry.com)

#### February 19, 2014

##### **Meet the Area's Top Women Business Owners Luncheon**

Join us to honor the area's Top Women Business Owners. 60 of the area's top female business owners will attend and be honored. Our keynote panel will be made up of four of the area's top business owners. They will share their best practices, challenges and experiences with the audience and take your questions.

St. Louis Frontenac Hilton (Lindbergh and Clayton Rd., Frontenac, MO 63131)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.sbmon.com](http://www.sbmon.com)

**Monroe County People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8:30am – 10am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$4 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**West County People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**Take the Lead Challenge Launch Event**

Join us for the Take The Lead Challenge Launch Event, designed to inspire and propel women to step into their own power to close the pay and leadership gaps.

Mary Ann Lee Technology Center (4401 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63113)

6pm - 9pm

Cost of free but registration is required

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ranken.edu/about-ranken/events/campus-calendar>

February 20, 2014

**FREE Business Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**

10am – 11:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

In this webinar businesses will learn about:

[www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview

- Creating a business account
- Setting up worksites
- Writing a job order
- Getting immediate job matches
- Copying a job order
- Optimizing you job candidate search

For more information or to register for the webinar call 573/522-3017 or email [dwdtraining@ded.mo.gov](mailto:dwdtraining@ded.mo.gov)

February 20, 2014

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours: State of the Chamber**

HCC Centene Technology Center (3611 South Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

4pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or 314/664-4432

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis CSCMP & CSMS Supply Chain Seminar & Expo**

Crowne Plaza – Clayton (Clayton, MO 63105)

7:30am – 2pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouisroundtable.org](http://www.stlouisroundtable.org)

February 21, 2014

**Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) St. Louis Breakfast Seminar**

Topic: How to Use Other People's Money to Grow Your Business

Washington University Knight Center

7am – 9am

Cost: members free, non-members \$50

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

February 26, 2014

**Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Edison's Entertainment Center (2477 South State Road 157, Edwardsville, IL)

11:45am – 1pm (meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**St. Louis Business Journal Seminar: Excellence in Leadership and Corporate Health**

Missouri Botanical Garden (4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/)

February 27, 2014

**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](http://www.execunet.com) or call Chris Coleman at 636/228-4700

February 28, 2014

**2014 St. Louis Community College Partnership Workshop: “Connecting with Your Future Workforce”**

School-business partnerships are critical in strengthening the regional workforce, preparing students to be college and career ready and positively impact investments in our community. This workshop will continue the discussion and offer solutions to both businesses and educators in developing a pipeline for future workforce development.

St. Louis Community College Corporate College (3221 McKelvey Rd., Bridgeton, MO)

7:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlsbp.org](http://www.stlsbp.org) or contact Diana Wilhold at 314/286-0431

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.partnerup.com)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

February 6, 2014

**Business Marketing Association Monthly Meeting (NEXT MEETING MARCH 6TH)**

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

11:30am – 1:30pm (typically the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: members \$25, non-members \$35

To register or for more information go to [www.bma-stl.org](http://www.bma-stl.org)

February 11, 2014

**Computer Consultants of St. Louis Monthly Meeting**

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

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

For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to [www.ccsl.org](http://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](http://www.csprc.org)

February 12, 2014

**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**

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

6:30pm - 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.stlouispublishers.org)

February 19, 2014

**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Monthly Meeting**

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

7am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$35

To RSVP or for more information go [www.hrmastl.org](http://www.hrmastl.org)

**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Meeting**

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

5:30pm – 8:30pm (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

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

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)

February 20, 2014

**St. Louis Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) Roundtable Meeting**

Topic: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar & Supply Chain Exposition

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

7:30am – 3pm

Cost: \$120 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouisroundtable.org](http://www.stlouisroundtable.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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

For more information go to [www.inventorsconnection.org](http://www.inventorsconnection.org)

February 21, 2014

**American Marketing Association Monthly Meeting**

**Topic: 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Louis AMA Conference and Agency Crawl**

Missouri History Museum (Forest Park, St. Louis, MO)

7:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: members \$55, non-members \$65

For more information go to [www.ama-stl.org](http://www.ama-stl.org)

February 25, 2014

**St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting**

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

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

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

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.stlcoaches.org](http://www.stlcoaches.org)

February 27, 2014**Association of IT Professionals (AITP) Monthly Dinner Meeting**

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

7:30am – 3pm

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

For more information or to register go to [www.aitp.org](http://www.aitp.org)

February 28, 2014**Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Career Development Day**

Maryville University, Buder Commons (650 Maryville University Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141)

9am – 4:30pm

Cost: members \$35, non-members \$45

For more information go to [www.prsastlouis.org](http://www.prsastlouis.org)

**SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS**February – April, 2014**Free One on One Business Consultation**

This part of Electro Savings Credit Union's Community and Business Initiative and Mentoring Program, to assist business owners or future business owners

For more information or to schedule a FREE consultation contact Pat Pettey at [ppettey@escu.org](mailto:ppettey@escu.org) or 314/434-6470 x1406

January 31 – February 2, 2014**GlobalHack Hackathon 1.0**

The role of this hackathon is to have teams solve a real technology problem for a real customer. Teams will be comprised of developers, designers and entrepreneurs who know how to hack together a working prototype over the course of two days. The project specifications/scope will be revealed one hour before the clock start to run on January 31, 2014. GlobalHack isn't about getting products built before the event or bringing a half-baked idea to the hackathon. At GlobalHack, all teams work within the confines of the hackathon. We can tell you that the goal will be to design an application on top of the Salesforce1 platform. The title sponsor, who is secured, but will be revealed after January 1st, will make a \$50,000 cash acquisition offer to the winning team for the prototype they developed during the weekend-long event. In addition, a winning team from one of the quarterly hackathons will also automatically earn a spot as an Arch Grants finalist.

Union Station (1820 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

No cost to participate

For more information or to register go to [www.globalhack.org](http://www.globalhack.org)

February 1 – February 7, 2014**Registration for SixThirty FinTech Startup Mentorship Program**

SixThirty provides seed investment and mentorship for fintech startups that are in the early stages of funding and development. While we like to squeeze a good deal of information and networking into our four-month program, most of your time will be spent developing your product and your business.

The program culminates with a month-long pilot program, where each company will be able to present to a panel of IT and business development stakeholders at the top financial services companies in the country. Like most accelerators, joining our portfolio comes with a plethora of perks, including, but not limited to, free legal services, discounted software and web hosting, and office space.

For more information or to register go to <http://www.sixthirty.co/program/>

February 1 - February 14, 2014**Registration period for the SIUE 2014 Metro East Start-Up Challenge Business Plan Competition (BPC)**

Challenge competition invites entrepreneurs and start-up business with business ideas from the following three industries: information technology, manufacturing and health care. In order for an existing small business enterprise to be eligible, it must have been established after Jan. 1, 2011. Existing business enterprises must also be headquartered in the nine-county St. Louis Metro East region of Calhoun, Jersey, Madison, Bond, Clinton, St. Clair, Washington, Monroe and Randolph. For pre-venture entrepreneurs, proposed new business operations will need to be located within the same nine counties.

The first-place winner will receive a \$10,000 cash prize. The second-place winner will receive \$5,000. Both awards also include an array of in-kind professional services. In addition, the Challenge winner may be eligible for low-cost office accommodations in SIUE's University Park.

Metro East SBDC at SIUE (SIUE Alumni Hall, Rm. 2126, Edwardsville, L 62026)

8am – 5pm

For more information go to [www.siu.edu/metroeaststartup/](http://www.siu.edu/metroeaststartup/) or contact Patrick McKeehan at [pmckeeh@siue.edu](mailto:pmckeeh@siue.edu)

February 1 – February 21, 2014**Arch Grants Accepting Applications**

Arch Grants is a startup competition that awards \$50,000 grants to startups that are in St. Louis or that are willing to relocate to St. Louis. Each winner will receive \$50,000 in non-dilutive cash. We don't want a stake in your company; we just want you to stake your company in St. Louis. In addition, winners will receive pro bono services from top tier companies in the St. Louis region: accounting, marketing, legal, IT and more. Two winning companies will receive an additional \$100,000 in follow-on grants from Arch Grants.

For more information go to [www.archgrants.org](http://www.archgrants.org)

February 3, 2014**Business Seminar: Search Engine Optimization (SEO)**

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

11am – 1pm

No cost to attend

For more information call 636/405-3130 or email [thehive44@gmail.com](mailto:thehive44@gmail.com)

#### February 4, 2014

##### **BIRD Foundation Funding Informational Meeting and Reception**

CET is pleased to offer a special program on how you can obtain funding from the BIRD Foundation for R&D projects in partnership with a company in Israel. Eitan Yudilevich, Ph.D., Executive Director of the BIRD Foundation, will be in St. Louis on Tuesday February 4 and will explain about non-equity BIRD Foundation funding and how to apply. Founding for BIRD grants, which cover 50% of the cost of an R&D project, is provided jointly by the Office of the Chief Scientist in Israel and from NIST in the U.S. Department of Commerce. Numerous U.S. companies have taken advantage of this opportunity for R&D funding.

Center for Emerging Technologies (4041 Forest Park Avenue, Saint Louis, MO, 63108)

4pm – 5pm

For more information contact Nancy Morgan at 314/615-6900 or [nmorgan@emergingtech.org](mailto:nmorgan@emergingtech.org)

#### February 4 and 6, 2014 (every Tuesday and Thursday)

##### **HUBZone Eligibility Assistance Webinar**

The HUBZone office offers eligibility assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm - 2pm

This is an interactive conference call where HUBZone staff will present a specific eligibility topic followed by a general question session. Firms seeking specific status of its application or answers about the supporting documentation requested, need to E-mail the SBA HUBZone Business Opportunity Specialist working on the application because that person would be in the best position to provide individual assistance.

#### February 5, 2014 (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](http://www.itenstl.org)

##### **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Weekly 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>

#### February 6, 2014

##### **Missouri Networking Event**

Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield

11:30am – 1:30pm

For more information contact Joel Kirk at [joelkirk@ymail.com](mailto:joelkirk@ymail.com)

##### **Chameleon Club Networking Event: Creatives Night**

This is an opportunity for professionals in the St. Louis marketing, advertising, public relations, and creative marketplace to connect for a night of networking

Barnett On Washington (3207 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO)

5pm – 12am

For more information contact Jeff Kelley at 314/322-2101 or [barnettonwashington@gmail.com](mailto:barnettonwashington@gmail.com)

#### February 7, 2014

##### **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](http://www.missouriventureforum.org)

##### **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/>

#### February 8, 2014

##### **SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business**

Hispanic Chamber Tech Center (3611 South Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

8:15am - Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

#### February 11, 2014

**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, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor)

6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

February 12, 2014**Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting**

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

7pm – 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month)

Cost: free

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

**Advance St. Louis Business Seminar Series (NO MEETING IN JANUARY)**

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](http://www.emergingtech.org)

**Business Seminar: Funding Your Startup with SBIR/STTR Grants - USDA**

This session will cover the program's goals. Eligibility, award levels, topic areas, and procedures for company registration and proposal submission.

USDA SBIR funds R&D projects in the following areas: plant and animal production and protection, food science and nutrition, aquaculture, biofuels, forests and related resources, rural development, and small and mid-size farms

BRDG Park (1005 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

8:30am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.biostl.org](http://www.biostl.org) or contact Sarah Kogan at [skogan@biostl.org](mailto:skogan@biostl.org)

**Business Seminar: Funding Your Startup with SBIR/STTR Grants – National Science Foundation**

The NSF SBIR/STTR programs fund R&D in broad areas of technology, including the physical, chemical and biological sciences, engineering,

materials, instrumentation, information and educational technologies, and Smart Health and biomedical technologies. This session will cover the basic features of the programs and how NSF emphasizes commercialization in both Phase I and Phase II proposals.

BRDG Park (1005 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

1pm – 5pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.biostl.org](http://www.biostl.org) or contact Sarah Kogan at [skogan@biostl.org](mailto:skogan@biostl.org)

**Business Seminar: Fundamentals of Federal Government Contracting – The Bidding Process**

St. Charles Economic Development Center (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, SSM Room, St. Charles, MO 63304)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

February 13, 2014**Donald Danforth Plant Science Center: 2014 State of the Center**

975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO

7:30am – 9am

No cost to attend but reservation is required

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

**Business Seminar: Funding Your Startup with SBIR/STTR Grants – Department of Energy**

The DOE SBIR/STTR program awards approximately \$150 million annually for projects involving energy sciences and advanced energy technologies in the areas of energy efficiency and reliability, fossil and nuclear fuels, and renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, and geothermal. Phase I proposal submission deadlines occur twice annually, typically in October and February.

BRDG Park (1005 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

8:30am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.biostl.org](http://www.biostl.org) or contact Sarah Kogan at [skogan@biostl.org](mailto:skogan@biostl.org)

**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government – The First Steps**

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Monthly Networking Event**

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

4pm – 6pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information go to [www.itenstl.org](http://www.itenstl.org)

**Gen Gen In Action Networking Event**

Each meeting will focus on a discussion topic followed by breakout workgroups to focus on implementation and accountability to implement the

concepts of Michael Maher's The 7 Levels of Communication

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

10am – 11am

Free to participate

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

#### February 13, 2014

##### **Business Seminar: Early Stage R&D Funding: SBIR/STTR Grants Overview**

T-REX (615 Olive Street, 12th Floor Training Room, St. Louis, MO 63101)

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

##### **SBA Free Business Webinar: How Your Small Business Can Benefit from SBA's Federal Contracting Programs**

SBA St. Louis staff will present a government contracting program webinar. The program will address SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program, the HUBZone Program, the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contract Program and the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program. Program requirements, eligibility, benefits, and application procedures will be discussed.

9:30am – 11:30am

For more information contact Gary Alexander or Angie Wells at 314/539-6612 or 314/539-6613 or [gary.alexander@sba.gov](mailto:gary.alexander@sba.gov)

##### **Business Seminar: The Power of Email Marketing**

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

9:30am – 11:30am

Cost: Free

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

##### **NAWBO Speaker Series: (NO MEETING IN JANUARY)**

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

For more information or to register go to [www.nawbostl.org](http://www.nawbostl.org)

#### February 15, 2014

##### **SCORE Business Workshop: Expecting the Unexpected – Disaster & Succession Planning**

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

9:15am - Noon

Cost: \$30

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

#### February 16, 2014

##### **Business Workshop: WordPress for Business**

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

9am – 4pm

No cost to attend

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

#### February 17, 2014

##### **Business Seminar: Prevent Procrastination**

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

11am – 1pm

No cost to attend

For more information call 636/405-3130 or email [thehive44@gmail.com](mailto:thehive44@gmail.com)

#### February 18, 2014

##### **St. Louis Small Business Meetup Business Seminar**

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

Noon – 1:30pm

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

#### February 19, 2014

##### **Small Business Seminar: Starting a Business in Illinois**

Starting a Business in Illinois workshop will educate you about the process and requirements for starting a for-profit business in the state. The workshop is led by trained counselors of the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

SIUE, Morris University Center, International Room (6 Hairpin Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025)

3:30pm – 5pm

Cost: \$10

For more information go to [www.siu.edu/business/sbdc/](http://www.siu.edu/business/sbdc/)

#### February 20, 2014

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

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

7am – 9am (Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month)

Cost: \$14 per person

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at [andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com](mailto:andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com)

**Business Seminar: The Five C's of Business Financing**

Electro Savings Credit Union Community Room (1805 Craigshire Rd., Maryland Heights, MO)

10am – 11:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register contact Pat Pettey at [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@escu.org) or 314/434-6470 x1406

February 20, 2014**Skandalaris Skills Series: Marketing**

Washington University, Whitaker Hall (One Brookings Dr., St. Louis, MO 63130)

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/](http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/)

**IdeaBounce**

IdeaBounce is an opportunity for pre-selected bouncers to pitch their idea and win \$100. All are welcome to hear pitches, provide feedback, make connections, and pitch during the open mic portion of the evening.

Washington University, Whitaker Hall (One Brookings Dr., St. Louis, MO 63130)

5:30pm – 8pm

Cost: Free

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**Business Seminar: Issues in Elder Care**

Electro Savings Credit Union Community Room (1805 Craigshire Rd., Maryland Heights, MO)

1pm – 2:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register contact Pat Pettey at [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@escu.org) or 314/434-6470 x1406

**StLVentureWorks Growth Seminar Series: Home Based Business**

STLVentureWorks South County (315 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125)

1pm – 4pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**FREE Business Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**

10am – 11:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

In this webinar businesses will learn about:

[www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview

- Creating a business account
- Setting up worksites
- Writing a job order
- Getting immediate job matches
- Copying a job order
- Optimizing your job candidate search

For more information or to register for the webinar call 573/522-3017 or email [dwdtraining@ded.mo.gov](mailto:dwdtraining@ded.mo.gov)

February 22, 2014**SCORE Business Workshop: Starting and Growing an Online Business**

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

9:15am - Noon

Cost: \$30

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

February 25, 2014**StLVentureWorks Growth Seminar Series: Finance & Accounting for Your Business – What You Really Need to Know!**

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

3:30pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlventureworks.com](http://www.stlventureworks.com)

**Missouri Networking Event**

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

9:30am – 11am

Free to participate

For more information contact Joel Kirk at [joelkirk@ymail.com](mailto:joelkirk@ymail.com)  
**The Great Game of Business Seminar: Motivating Bonus Plans**  
 Location TBA  
 11:30am – 1:30pm  
 Cost: \$25 per person  
 For more information or to register go to [www.greatgame.com/stl/](http://www.greatgame.com/stl/)

February 26, 2014

**Business Seminar Series: First 100 Days of Your Startup**  
 Lab1500 (1500 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)  
 6:30pm – 8:30pm (held last Wednesday of each month)  
 Cost: Lab1500 members Free, nonmembers \$10  
 To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-100-days-of-your-startup-legal-workshop-beer-series-tickets-10150375045>

February 27, 2014

**St. Louis Entrepreneurs Monthly Meetup**  
 Racanelli's Pizza (111 N. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO)  
 7pm – 9pm  
 For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/stlouis-entrepreneurs/>

February 28, 2014

**Ameren Sustainability Speaker Series 2014**  
 St. Louis University, John Cook School of Business, Cook Hall  
 4pm – 6pm  
 Cost: Free  
 For more information or to register go to <http://business.slu.edu/news-and-events/events/>

## 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>

**St. Louis Small Business Administration** offers FREE online courses and webinars for small businesses and entrepreneurs, including "Affordable Care Act 101 webinars, 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>

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:center@stlouiscommunity.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://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](http://www.enterprisebank.com) and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to [enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com](mailto: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 [ppetty@escu.org](mailto:ppetty@escu.org) or 314/4343-6470 x1406