

Good afternoon members,

The first round of approved grants from the COVID-19 Grantmaking Program have been released. I am **attaching** the press release. The fund was launched last month and is the collaborative work of Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation (AWEF), Dunham Fund (DF), INC Board. and members Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley (CFFRV) and Fox Valley United Way (FVUW). These rapid-response grants made from the fund will aid eligible nonprofits who have demonstrated significant need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants are being awarded on a rolling basis, so if your non-profit has not applied, visit [THIS LINK](#) for all the information about it.

Please continue to send us updated hours and descriptions from your businesses so we can update our spreadsheets that are available for the public to easily view on our website, social media an email blasts.

Additionally, Geneva Patch reached out to us and they have also developed a portal where you can put your open/close/hours information. See below.

Explanation of directory [LINK](#)
Directory to enter information [LINK](#)

We are all in this together and will continue to support each of you.

WEBINAR (free)

Informational Meeting on FanFood App

Presented by Chris Brown, of FanFood App

April 16 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#)

During this difficult time, the Geneva Chamber is trying to provide as much assistance to our members as possible. This is an opportunity for our restaurant members. We have been contacted by Chris Brown, of FanFood App, a food pick-up and delivery app. During this time, they want to help our restaurants with a 60-day free trial period and other incentives seen below. Watch this video for more information <https://youtu.be/b6xVzxJLHXA>

WEBINAR (free)

Contingency Plan Response

Presented by Elgin, Geneva and Huntley Chambers of Commerce

April 16 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#)

The Chambers of Elgin, Geneva, and Huntley are pleased to sponsor this webinar with the goal of helping our members and community business to engage, learn, and adapt in these challenging times. Ryan Weiss will share a framework for enabling teams and organizations to adapt and thrive in uncertain times. The 4 step model is based on personal experience in Business Continuity Planning, Execution, and Observation of Human Behavior. Dr. Dave NieKamp will also attend as a panelist to support in answering your questions!

WEBINAR (free)

Keeping Your Business Going

Presented by SCORE

April 16 @ 8:30 am

Register [HERE](#)

Larry Jones, who is a SCORE advisor, will be sharing info we can use to keep business going during our time at home. Again, Brian Basilico of B2b Interactive Marketing is our online host. Many thanks to Brian for sharing his expertise and zoom!

WEBINAR (free)

Strengthen Your Membership with Proactive Crisis Communication Strategies

Presented by ChamberMaster

April 23 @ noon

Register [HERE](#)

During a crisis situation, communicating with you membership is critical. Providing information that is relevant and doesn't waste their time is an opportunity to share key messaging, gain trust, and demonstrate value.

Sincerely,

Paula Schmidt

President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce