

Good afternoon members,

This week brings a nice selection of webinars to choose from. Offerings from members, ChamberMaster and first up this week on Wednesday is a Chamber Chat led by Chamber Board Chairman, Scott Lebin. One of our members, Waubensee Community College is offering choices that are informative for you mentally and physically. So many that a list is **attached** to the email.

As we know, the news changes daily, so we will continue to keep you all updated and current with these emails. If you need to refer back to any, they are available on <https://www.genevachamber.com/coronavirus2.php>.

Until tomorrow.....

Paula Schmidt  
President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce

### **WEBINAR (free)**

#### **Chamber Chat: How are you and your business coping during this Pandemic**

Hosted by Geneva Chamber of Commerce

April 22 @ 3 pm

Register [HERE](#)

Join a discussion led by Chairman of the Board Scott Lebin on how you and your business are coping during this pandemic. Share ideas, resources, updates, help or just vent with other Geneva Chamber members.

### **WEBINAR (free)**

#### **Strengthen Your Membership with Proactive Crisis Communication Strategies**

Presented by ChamberMaster

April 23 @ noon

Register [HERE](#)

During a crisis situation, communicating with your 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.

### **WEBINAR (free)**

#### **Caregiver Stress Relief, Self Compassion and Compression Fatigue – A Dementia Education Seminar**

Hosted by member Arden Courts

April 23 @ 3 pm

Register [HERE](#)

Featuring guest speaker Tam Cummings, Ph.D Gerontologist. How can I manage my caregiver stress? Techniques to relax.

**WEBINAR (free)**

**Fox Valley Grantmakers COVID-19 Response Fund Webinar (for NON-PROFITS)**

Presented by member Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

April 24 @ 9 am

Register [HERE](#)

Julie Christman, President & CEO of Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley and Vicki Morcos, President & CEO of Dunham Fund will present an overview of the Fox Valley Grantmakers COVID-19 Response Fund and the new COVID-19 Fox Valley Non-Profit Connect on Basecamp.

**WEBINAR (free)**

**Customer Service During This Crisis Time**

Presented by member Hank Ebeling, H4 Fitness

April 24 @ noon

Join [HERE](#)

It's the perfect time for business owners to grow and better their skills and systems with continued education. This call will be on how to stay engaged and deliver great service during this lockdown and how to build your business so it's ready to compete with amazing service once reopened.

**WEBINAR (free)**

**Technical Assistance Webinars to Support Businesses and Workers Across Illinois.**

Presented by Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Regional Economic Development Team, Office of Minority Economic Empowerment, and the Small Business Association

April 24 @ 2 pm

Register [HERE](#)

Panelist(s) Include: Matthew Simpson, African American Business Development Manager, Illinois Department of Commerce; Jonathan McGee, Acting Deputy Director, Regional Economic Development, Illinois Department of Commerce and Bo Steiner, Illinois District Director, Small Business Administration.

## **From U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

### **Updated U.S. Chamber 501(c) Sign-On Letter to Congress**

As we shared Friday, the U.S. Chamber is sending an updated letter asking members of congress to extend eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program to all nonprofit organizations when they consider the next COVID-19 emergency assistance legislation.

Please [click here](#) to read and sign the updated letter—and encourage your nonprofit members, other than 501(c)(3) organizations to do the same to help us get as many signatures as possible from the nonprofit community—before the deadline **next Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. ET**. Please note that only one signature from each organization is required.

### **U.S. Chamber Implementing a National Return to Work Plan Memorandum**

Here is a [memorandum](#) from U.S. Chamber President Suzanne Clark outlining the organization's initial thoughts on potential strategies for implementing a National Return to Work Plan detailed across three different sections:

1. **Essential Services and Resources**
2. **Resolution of Regulatory and Legal Liability Issues**
3. **Support for Businesses and Individuals**

The U.S. Chamber hopes that by exploring and cataloguing some of the major implications of returning to work in this environment, we can help business and government better anticipate the challenges we may face.

### **U.S. Chamber Summary on Guidance Issued by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)**

To help you and your members better understand the recent guidance issued by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Chamber has created a [summary](#) outlining what employers need to know about protecting their workers as they maintain or resume operations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The summary describes OSHA's comments and addresses three of the main questions:

1. How should employers protect their employees?
2. Do employers have to record cases of COVID-19 on their injury logs?
3. How will OSHA conduct enforcement related to Coronavirus?

## **From Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA)**

### **IRA Issues Relief Requests to Governor Pritzker for Restaurant Industry**

On Friday, the IRA issued a letter to Governor J.B. Pritzker outlining a list of urgent regulatory and legislative measures needed by the restaurant and hospitality industry of Illinois during the COVID-19 crisis.

The following requests are included:

- **Taxes and Fees**

- Delay sales tax remittance for all restaurants and bars
  - Assist businesses with regulatory relief regarding unemployment claims by freezing unemployment insurance rates in Illinois
  - Defer property, estimated income, corporate income, and franchise taxes
  - Quickly refund overpayment of estimated taxes
- **Direct Aid to Restaurants and Employees**
    - Create tax credits with expedited processing for retaining employees during the COVID-19 crisis
    - Assist with business interruption insurance
- **Commercial Payment Relief**
    - Prohibit landlords from evicting or foreclosing restaurants for non-payment of rent or mortgages during the COVID-19 crisis
- **Regulatory Relief**
    - Suspend the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) retailer delinquency list for non-payment of liquor invoices.
    - Remove any restrictions on state liquor license renewals for 90-120 days.
    - Allow restaurants with valid liquor licenses to sell cocktails/mixed drinks for off-premise consumption and for delivery to customers
    - Suspend the implementation of the state's next minimum wage increase until July 1, 2021
    - Quickly enact regulatory changes to enable restaurants to function as temporary grocery stores
- **Delivery Regulations**
    - Cap commission fees on restaurants from third party delivery services

These actions will not eliminate the impact of the crisis, but they will be important first steps on the road to recovery. The IRA will continue to work for all measures of relief for restaurants at the local, state, and federal levels.

[Click here](#) to read the letter. [Click here](#) to share the letter on your Facebook page.

### **From member ARF Financial**

#### **We're Still Lending to Restaurants**

While many banks and third-party lenders have stopped lending to restaurants, we're still providing up to \$150,000 to qualified restaurateurs. Ask me more about the restaurants we're able to lend to during this time. Contact Megan Pavone at 224-545-2044 or [mpavone@arffinancial.com](mailto:mpavone@arffinancial.com)