

Good afternoon members,

Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (IACCE) is asking our members' assistance. Thomas Walstrum, who is an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, has created a survey on the impact of COVID-19. The goal of the Chicago Fed is to produce a report in the next few weeks that covers the five states in the Seventh Federal Reserve District (IL, IN, IA, MI, and WI). Since Illinois is at the heart of this region, they would very much appreciate your participation. If you could complete the survey by the end of the week. Please find the [SURVEY HERE](#).

Some new webinars were added to help you navigate through the red tape, including one for our non-profits to help with fundraising during this time. Hope to see many of you on our Chamber Chat tomorrow at 3 pm.

Sincerely,

Paula Schmidt
President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce

WEBINAR (free)

Understanding the CARES Act

Hosted by Kane and McHenry Area Chambers of Commerce and the Illinois SBDC at ECC
April 22 @ 1 pm

Join [HERE](#) (if calling in 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 851 4725 9919)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is meant to address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak sweeping across the United States by providing relief to businesses and individuals. Join us for a no-cost webinar to understand the CARES Act's potential impact on your business, including eligibility for specific government programs, tax credits, risks of not complying with the new legislation and more. Even though PPP and EIDL funds have been exhausted, Congress is working on additional stimulus bills this week that will likely result in more money coming through the SBA.

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)

Understanding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

Hosted by Kane and McHenry Area Chambers of Commerce and the Illinois SBDC at ECC

April 23 @ 1 pm

Join [HERE](#) (if calling in 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 847 3086 0409)

The CARES Act includes the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for small businesses and individuals. The PPP is designed to cover immediate payroll obligations to keep small businesses open. While applications are closed, Congress is likely to approve additional funds soon, and PPP is expected to open back up. A few of the points we will cover:

What the PPP can be used for; Where to apply; Who is eligible; Important documents to have; What to do after you've received funding

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.

WEBINAR (free)

Communication & Donor Engagement Strategies During COVID-19

Presented by OneCause

April 30 @ noon

Register [HERE](#)

In today's changing fundraising landscape, having the right communication strategy to engage donors and supporters is critical. Yet many fundraisers are unsure of what to say, how to say it, and when to communicate their mission needs.

This webinar covers practical tips and best practices every nonprofit should know. Learn the ins and outs of crisis communication strategy in today's COVID-19 world and beyond!

Join fundraising industry experts Taylor Shanklin and nonprofit consultant Rachel Muir, for a live panel Q&A session on the art of communication during uncertain times.

