

Good afternoon members,

Going forward, I will be sending out this email two days a week. Look for it in your Inbox on Tuesday and Thursday.

Our member, Geneva Eye Clinic passed on this [LINK](#) from CDC for guidelines for staff once businesses are authorized to re-open. Additionally, please see **attached** two flyers from member Image Awards Engraving & Creative Keepsakes, Inc. regarding signs and plexiglass shield options that may be needed as well.

News this week is about the PPP Loan Forgiveness Application. Detailed information, including the application link, is below and **attached** in the email.

Hope to see some of you on one or all of the three webinars this week.

Sincerely,

Paula Schmidt
President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce

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WEBINAR (free)

Calling Employees Back

Hosted by Fox Valley Chambers

May 20 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#) (Registration Required)

Topics include: How to handle calling employees back. Reporting and what's your responsibility. How to address employees who don't want to return. What if you receive a decline due to childcare or medical issues. Presented by Terri Greeno, Express Employment Professionals.

WEBINAR (free)

Learning Zoom-PART 2

Hosted by Fox Valley Chambers

May 20 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#)

Join Fellow Chamber Member, Wendi Barlow, in a four-part series on using Zoom. Part 2 (May 20-Setting Up Zoom); Part 3 (May 27-Hosting Meetings); Part 4 (June 3-Your Home Office Setup). Registration for next week will open after this class has ran.

WEBINAR (free)

Managing Personal Finances in a Crisis

Hosted by Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Batavia Chamber of Commerce & St. Charles Chamber of Commerce

May 21 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#) (Registration Required)

What should I do if I've lost my job? Should I apply for unemployment benefits? Should I tap into my emergency savings? Should I access my retirement accounts? What about my mortgage? What about student loans? Ways to cut back, advice on payday loans and how to handle utilities and service providers. Presented by Becki Drake & Dan Homan, Geneva Bank & Trust.

VIRTUAL NETWORKING (\$10)

Tables of Interest is Going Virtual

Hosted by Fox Valley Chambers

May 27 @ 11:30 am

Register [HERE](#) (Registration Required)

Social Media Tips & Tricks, Recycling, Wine & more. Please be logged on by 11:30 am. At 11:35 am directions on how Tables of Interest works will be given. There will be three rounds of networking, ending at 1 pm. \$10 fee for this virtual networking.

From U.S. Small Business Administration

Friday, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application. See Attached news Release for details. Click here for [Loan Forgiveness Application](#). **Attached** is the full press release.

From The Association for Leadership

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, which would provide over \$3 trillion for various COVID-19 relief measures, among other provisions. As detailed in ASAE's May 12 communication, the HEROES Act **expands the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to all associations and nonprofits**. The legislation would make several other important changes to the PPP:

- At least 25-percent of PPP funds would go to nonprofits, and at least half of that 25-percent would be reserved for nonprofits under 500 employees.
- The covered period for PPP loans would be extended to December 31, 2020.
- The covered period for PPP loan forgiveness would expand from the current eight weeks to 24 weeks.
- Clarifies that organizations receiving PPP loans can also take advantage of the Employee Retention Payroll Tax Credit.
- Eliminates the 75/25 rule on the use of loan proceeds.

Importantly, the legislation passed Friday night also [includes new language](#) that would prohibit loan calculations from including salaries paid to federally registered lobbyists. Further, the HEROES Act would prohibit loans to any Section 501(c)(4) organization that participates in federal, state or local campaign activities through the 2020 general election.

On May 11, prior to introduction of the HEROES Act, [ASAE sent Congress an updated cover letter](#), along with its original sign-on letter with 4,300 organizations, to reiterate the need to include associations in the PPP.

We are moving in the right direction, but our effort is far from over. As the Senate ramps up its own efforts on the next phase of COVID-19 relief, we have more opportunity to demonstrate the positive impact associations and nonprofits make. Not simply during this time of crisis, but to the economy and society at large.

For more information, visit [ASAE's Coronavirus Advocacy and Resources page](#)

From our Representative Lauren Underwood

The Heroes Act includes many of our community priorities—things that you have asked for, and I have fought for. This includes investments in coronavirus testing, tracing, and treatment, protections for essential workers, additional relief payments for individuals and small businesses, direct local funding to support services like schools and first responders, support for the U.S. Postal Service, and tax relief for families impacted by the State and Local Tax (SALT) cap.

Here is how the bill directly helps our community:

- **Protecting Public Health**— Provides \$75 billion in resources to expand coronavirus testing, treatments, and build a contract tracing workforce so we can safely reopen our nation's economy.
- **Supporting Our Veterans**— Includes my [provision](#) to ensure veterans will not have copays for coronavirus preventive services, including a vaccine, once available.
- **Tax Relief for Illinois families**— Eliminates the limitation on the deduction for SALT for tax years 2020 and 2021.
- **Protecting Workers**— Expands emergency paid sick and family leave for coronavirus-related sickness and provides resources to provide hazard pay to essential workers.
- **Expanded financial support**— Provides a second round of direct payments to families, including college-aged dependents previously excluded from direct payments.
- **Support for Illinois Small Businesses**— Strengthens the Paycheck Protection Program to include chambers of commerce, farm bureaus, and other community organizations that play an essential role in Illinois's economy.
- **Keeping Illinoisans Connected**— Provides resources to support the U.S. Postal Service, supports remote learning for students, and ensures seniors can remain connected to loved ones and health care providers.

SEND PICTURES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

Since we had to cancel Swedish Days, our social media manager, Kristen Cornelio is working on a special Swedish Days Social Media Post and would love for our members to share with us a photo of you or your team that we can include. Photos can be of you enjoying a past Swedish Days or just a nice photo of you & your business. Please email Kristen your photo submissions by May 22 to kristenhollyevents@gmail.com.