

Dear Valued Members,

As I have said before, our members are coming together, working together with great strength. Kane County Magazine wants to hear those stories. Below is information on the what and where. I encourage you to share what you have done for the next issue.

The Kane County Chronicle is proud to provide the most informative and current news to our local community and partners. We are also dedicated to helping revitalize local businesses during this challenging time. In this spirit, we have decided to focus KC Magazine's May issue on the impact COVID-19 has had on the community and how we can unite, support, and persevere in the months ahead. We welcome you to share with us the challenges your business has recently faced. Help us understand the rapid strategies you needed to implement and how you came together as a company in order to remain sustainable during this time. Perhaps an employee or patron has deeply touched you and impacted your business in a positive way; we'd love to share this good news with our readers! Please contact us at: Lshaw@shawmedia.com or 630-709-4497 by Friday 4/3 with your submissions. We look forward to sharing your voice with our great local community. We will remain strong, together.

Additionally, a few of our members have also added services which may be of interest to each of you that are listed below.

GENEVA SMALL BUSINESSES BEATING COVID

Thank you to Mike Anastasio, Fiora's for assembling ALL this great information into one place. [Attached is very helpful document with links.](#)

Coping with stress and anxiety for the business owner

In this virtual group meeting, Randall Bennett (MA LCPC, LMFT, Small Business Owner and Clinical Director at Intermission Therapies) will moderate a free meeting for business owners designed to discuss how the pandemic is emotionally affecting small business owners. The goal of the meeting is to support each other through open discussion and offer advice and techniques to help deal with the stress and cope with feelings of fear and anxiety. The meeting will be limited to 8 participants with additional meetings scheduled based on demand. Register for this free event at <https://members.genevachamber.com/events/details/coping-with-stress-and-anxiety-for-the-business-owner-43176>

Fox Valley Coronavirus Relief Fund

Fox Valley United Way has established a Fox Valley Coronavirus Relief Fund to help our nonprofit partners survive this unprecedented health crisis. We are combining our funds with donations from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, the Dunham Fund, the Inc. Board and the YWCA to ensure the broadest possible allocation of available funds to local social service organizations. In addition to this fundraising effort, we also offer information on Kane County 2-1-1 that connects individuals in Kane County with Social Service Agencies <https://www.foxvalleyunitedway.org/call-211-help> and FamilyWize, a prescription discount program <https://www.foxvalleyunitedway.org/familywize-prescription-discount-card>

Operational Task Force

SBDC at Waubonsee (<https://www.waubonsee.edu/community-offerings/illinois-small-business-development-center-waubonsee>) and the Fox Valley Entrepreneurship Center (<http://www.fvec.org/>) have partnered to create the Operational Task Force. They will provide no-cost consulting services to help small businesses withstand this evolving situation. [Flyer attached with more information.](#)

The SBA Disaster Loan application is now back to an online application form, and they have significantly streamlined the application. You can now also request an advance. If you haven't already submitted an application, you can do it here: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/> (paper version attached to this email as well)

SBA lenders are getting set up to handle applications for the Paycheck Protection Program. Check with your bank to see if they are taking applications.

Harriet Parker, SBDC sent me the following documents which may of interest to you 1) [Small Business Owners Guide to the CARES Act](#) 2) [SBA Disaster Loan Form 5 paper form business](#) 3) [Illinois SBDC COVID Resources](#) 4) [CARES Act Small Business FAQ](#). All are attached in this email.

Responsive Mailroom

Members in need of signs for any reason during this time, Responsive Mailroom will print 5 free signs (for hours, instructions on ordering items, specials etc) for each member 13x 19 if they would like. Email Scott at scott@rmailroom.com for more information or to request signs.

Gift Card Purchase Website

The Geneva Chamber is working with Jennifer Kaye from Jennifer Kaye Photography, who is developing a website (one stop shop) to sell gift certificates/cards to Geneva businesses. If you would like to participate in this website, please send Jennifer the following:

1. High resolution logo
2. Link to your ordering page where you would like your customers to land.
3. If you do not have a website and would still like to participate, please send the phone number of where gift certs/cards can be purchased over the phone.

Jennifer's email is 1000wordphoto@gmail.com. Please send your information to her ASAP so we can get the website up and running.

ADDITIONAL

1. Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA) Webinar on What the CARES Act/Phase 3 Means For Restaurants
Join the IRA, congressional champions U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and U.S. Representative Nydia Velázquez, Chairs of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committees in the Senate and House, respectively, along with representatives from the Small Business Administration, American Business Immigration Coalition, National Partnership for New Americans, National Restaurant Association, and Florida Restaurant

and Lodging Association **Tuesday, March 31 at 12:00 p.m. (Central) for a webinar** on what the CARES Act/Phase 3 stimulus package means for small businesses and nonprofits. [Click here](#) to review a formal assessment of the legislation for the restaurant industry. Please familiarize yourself with this overview and how the legislation may impact your business and your employees. [Click here](#) to register.

- Learn about the small business relief included in the latest coronavirus economic stimulus package passed by Congress this week, including:
 - Who qualifies for federal loans under the stimulus package
 - How to apply for a loan & what documents you need
 - Requirements to have your loan forgiven
 - What other assistance is included in the small business relief plan
2. Illinois Treasurer Frerich's Business Invest program was unveiled which offers an impact investment loan program to provide vital economic support to small businesses and non-profits throughout Illinois to help overcome the loss of revenue they are experiencing. Treasurer Frerich's office will make \$250 million in deposits available to financial institutions throughout the state, at near-zero rates, to assist Illinois small business and non-profits negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To find out more, visit [Illinois Small Business COVID-19 Relief Program](#).

To participate in the program, financial institutions must be or [apply to become an approved program depository](#) with the Illinois Treasurer's Office. Visit the [Community Development Linked Deposit](#) page to view the applicable impact investment deposit rates. You can also reach out to the Invest In Illinois team at (217) 558-6217, (217) 341-0255 or email: investinillinois@illinoistreasurer.gov.

3. Phase 3 relief package information
[Click here](#) to review a formal assessment of the bill. **Please familiarize yourself with this overview and how the legislation may impact your business and your employees.**
[Click here](#) to read the full legislation.
4. US Chamber of Commerce information
Financial Resources for 501(c)(6) Organizations
Although 501(c)(6) organizations were not included in the \$350 billion Paycheck Protection Act loan program, they are eligible to apply for a loan through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. To outline what is available to 501(c)(6) organizations through the EIDL program and the application process, the U.S. Chamber has created a [one-pager](#) that we hope will prove to be a useful resource for you and your members. For additional information on the EIDL program, we encourage you to visit the SBA's [webpage](#).

Financial Resources for Small Businesses

The CARES Act has approved \$350 billion in emergency loans for small businesses to help them keep workers employed. In fact, if small businesses maintain or later restore their payrolls, they may not have to repay some—or possibly any—of the loan. We encourage you and your members to utilize the U.S. Chamber's [Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist](#) to help answer common questions and navigate the process.

The U.S. Chamber is excited to now offer you the opportunity to host calls and webinars for your members with our experts on the financial resources and options available for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To make a speaker request for a call or webinar, please send a message to speakers@uschamber.com.

5. You will also find [attached a good explanation of the Stimulus package](#) that was shared with us.

Like you, we're closely monitoring the quickly developing effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are also trying to limit our communications in recognition of the many emails being sent out every day from various government agencies and officials, schools, trade associations, community groups, national retailers, and local Chamber members and organizations. Our goal is to continue to be a resource for you and your organization while not interfering with your efforts to serve your customers, clients and to operate your organization under remote or other modified working conditions. Please remember any previous communication and additional resources may also be found on <https://www.genevachamber.com/coronavirus2.php>.