



## JOB CLUBS & NETWORKING MEETINGS - Northwest Suburbs

The purpose of Job Clubs and Networking meetings is to help you be successful in your search for a new job position. Attending these groups supports your efforts by offering informative speakers and concrete information to enable you to identify and secure the right position in the shortest time possible. If one group does not fit you, try another.

These meetings are usually business casual dress. Bring 20 résumés with you to hand out, printed on copy paper and on both sides. You normally sit at tables and move from table to table, giving everyone an opportunity to have face-to-face conversations resulting in contacts and job leads. At this time you give your two-minute Elevator Speech, and describe what you are looking for. Most clubs have e-mail lists for additional information and Job Boards - sign up for these. Many companies and some recruiters list their job openings with these groups. We suggest you contact the group to verify dates and meeting times. Also, check [www.worknetncc.com](http://www.worknetncc.com) for additional job seeker assistance resources.

**St. Hubert's Job and Networking Group:** 729 Grand Canyon St., Hoffman Estates, IL. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 7pm to 9:15pm. Contact Bob Podgorski, 847.885.7700 or check the website, [www.sainthubert.org](http://www.sainthubert.org) . *No Fee*. This group also has seminars on weekends - check website for time and place. Be sure to sign up for the E-Mail Job Board when you sign in at St. Hubert's. Membership in accountability groups is also coordinated through this group. **\*\*On the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm, there is a "How to Network" Workshop for the First Timer\*\***

**Business Networking Chicago:** BNC hosts 7 special interest groups (SIGs) including Entrepreneurship, Health Care, Human Resources, International, Technology, Sales and Marketing, and Venture Capital. There is also a jobseekers group. To RSVP, sign up for any group, and/or find additional information, go to <http://www.bnchicago.org> .

**Career Place (formerly Barrington Career Center):** 600 Hart Rd, Suite 275, Barrington, IL 60010, 847.304.4157, [www.mycareerplace.com](http://www.mycareerplace.com) . Meetings every Tuesday 10 am to noon. *Note: this group charges a fee.*

**Career Resource Center:** 40 East Old Mill Road, Suite 105, Grove Cultural Campus, Lake Forest, IL 60045. The entrance is at the back of the Music School Building. Director - Jan Leahy 847.295.5626, [www.careerresourcecenter.org](http://www.careerresourcecenter.org) . Check calendar for networking meetings; many are open and free to the public. *Note: this group charges an annual fee for career services.*

**Career Stimulus Program:** Harper College, Wojcik Conference Center, 1200 Algonquin Rd, Palatine, IL. Monthly meeting 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Call 847. 925.6438 for dates, information, and program fees. *First meeting is free.*

**Chicago Training Network Midwest:** Meets at Panera Bread, 1191 E Ogden Ave., Naperville, IL 60563. Third Tuesday at 9:30am to 12pm. Contact Steve Gawron for information, 630.469.2771 or e-mail at [sgawron@core.com](mailto:sgawron@core.com).



**Elgin Community College:** Elizabeth Soderquist- Program Coordinator, 847.214.6947 or [esoderquist@elgin.edu](mailto:esoderquist@elgin.edu). WALK-IN SERVICE HOURS: Streamwood Village Hall, 301 E. Irving Park Rd, #102, Monday through Friday, 1:00-4:30 PM, and by appointment on Tuesdays. Job Club meets every Wednesday at 1:30 pm at the Streamwood Village Hall.

**Executive Network Group of Greater Chicago (ENG):** For Senior positions over \$100K. Meetings are at the Arlington Heights Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL and are usually the 2nd Thursday of the month, but there are exceptions. Check the website at [www.engchgo.org](http://www.engchgo.org) or check with the library at 847.392.0100. *Note: this group charges a fee.*

**FENG Financial Executive Networking Group:** Meets in Rosemont: Web site: [www.thefeng.org](http://www.thefeng.org) . For more info contact John Kirkeide at [jkirkeide@atgaudits.com](mailto:jkirkeide@atgaudits.com) or 847.615.8104.

**Gray Hair Management:** For Management and Senior positions over \$75,000. Networking Meetings in Chicago, Deerfield and Oak Brook - Call Scott Kane 847.940.2800 or go to [www.grayhairmanagement.com](http://www.grayhairmanagement.com) . They have an e-mail program with job leads and bulletin board for questions on company information and job seeking questions. *Note: this group charges a one-time lifetime fee and fees to attend the networking meetings.*

**Holy Family Catholic Church:** 2515 W. Palatine Rd, Inverness, IL 60067, 847.359.0042. Networking meeting every Saturday at 7:30am.

**Job Club held at Schaumburg Township Office:** One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL. Meetings held every other month on Tuesday, 1pm. For date and time, contact Val Profit at 847.884.0030, ext. 2016 and leave a message.

**LDS:** 4951 Indiana Ave., Suite 400.Lisle, IL. Contact Ms. Sally Morrison at 630.487.2181 for information about 2-Day Comprehensive Employment Workshop that covers resume writing, interviewing and networking. *No fee.*

**Lisle Township Job Club:** Lisle Library, 777 Front St, Lisle, IL, meets the last Friday of the month from 10am to 1pm. Community Career Center, 1815 Diehl Road, Suite 100, Naperville, IL meets every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:00am and 11:30am to 1pm. Contact Joy Maguire-Dooley at 630.968.1880, ext.13.

**MFG (Manufacturing Pros Networking Group):** Lombard Bible Church, 111 S. Park Ave, Lombard, IL 60148. Call Juan Chapa at 630.272.8023 or e-mail: [mfgpros@att.net](mailto:mfgpros@att.net) . Meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The group is composed of Mfg Mgt, QA, HR, Material Control, Procurement, Supply Chain, Distribution, Warehousing, Design, Industrial & Mfg, Production Planning, and Facilities & Maintenance.

**OLPH Career and Business Group:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help (McDonnell Hall), 1775 Grove, Glenview, IL 60025, 847.729.1525, [www.olphglenview.org](http://www.olphglenview.org) . Networking meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Additional meetings held between the networking meetings and individual assistance is available. Contact Executive Director, John Doherty at 847.564.1753.

**Operations and Supply Chain Networking:** Meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays from 10am to 12 noon, Drake Beam Morin Offices, 1901 Butterfield Rd. Suite 400, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (SW corner of I-355 and Butterfield



Road). If interested, people should attend a meeting. At that point, they will receive an invitation to join the group. Once becoming a member, they will receive all the privileges that go along with it. For information, contact Bill Konopacz, group leader, at [bkonopacz@comcast.net](mailto:bkonopacz@comcast.net) .

**S.H.A.R.E. (Self Help Action Referral for Employment):** a joint program of St. Edna's, St. James, St. Raymond's and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches. Meetings are held at St. Edna's, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, (North of Rand and south of Hintz Road, every other week on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm with a speaker followed by networking. One-on-one counseling is also available. For information, call 847.398.3362 or go to [www.parishemployment.com](http://www.parishemployment.com) . *No fees.*

**St. Francis de Sales Ministry Center:** 135 S. Buesching, Lake Zurich IL. Job Search Workshop. Call 847.438.6622 for information. *No fee.*

**St. Matthew's Job Search Ministry:** St Matthew's Parish (Hughes Center) 1005 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194. Three day workshops, 10am to 1pm are presented bi-monthly. For more information contact Greg Harnyak at [greg1408@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greg1408@sbcglobal.net) . *No fee*

**The Finance Leaders Association:** Meets monthly, peer-to-peer networking. For information, logon to [www.proformative.com](http://www.proformative.com) and look for the FLA Group. If your credentials fit the group, apply to join Proformative (it is free) and then to join FLA. Can also contact Len Green at [hollingconsult@aol.com](mailto:hollingconsult@aol.com) for dates and location.

**The Pay-It-FORWARD Networking Group:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, 200 N. Plum Grove, Palatine, IL. Meetings are the third Tuesday of every month from 7pm-9pm. For more information, contact David C. Krull, church phone is 847.359.1549. Check the website [www.pifnetworkinggroup.ning.com](http://www.pifnetworkinggroup.ning.com) for additional services.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELPFUL INFORMATION. IF YOU FIND OUT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION HAS CHANGED – PLEASE CONTACT US FOR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS:**

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