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## Weekly Newsletter



May 9th, 2012

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### Join us - Tomorrow!

#### Entrepreneur to Growing Business: Managing the Transition

Facilitated by Dr. Emeric Solymossy, Ph. D

Move from just a business to a growing business. Learn about key factors to successfully take your business to the next level.

Thursday, May 10th

9 a.m.-noon

Western Illinois Riverfront Campus  
3300 River Drive, Room 103 Moline, IL

Cost: \$25 Members, \$35 Future Members,  
Students Free

Includes continental breakfast

### Member Events

#### This Week

Quad Cities Military Week is May 8-15th. The city of Davenport and the city's park and recreation department will provide veterans and active duty service personnel with free admission to the golf courses. In addition, Citibus will provide free fares to veterans and active duty personnel.

City of Rock Island invites you to [Youth Summer Job Fair](#) on Thursday, May 10th from 2-6 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. This event is Free.

Women's Connection invite you to [Celebrate a Special Women Event](#) on Thursday, May 10th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Jumer's.

#### Next Week

Moline Public Library invites you to [Arsenal Military Appreciation](#) on Thursday, May 17th from 6-8 p.m. at 3210 41 Street. There will be special displays, refreshments, oral history interviews, and information from partners.

Moline Public Library invites you to [Gizmos](#)

## RSVP

Can't attend? [View our calendar of events for upcoming opportunities!](#)

### News You Can Use

#### [The Latino Labor Force At Glance](#)

*U.S. Department of Labor, April 2012 Report*

- At nearly 23 million, people of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity represented 15 percent of the U.S. labor force in 2011. By 2018, Hispanics are expected to comprise 18 percent of the labor force.
- In 2011, 58.9 percent of Latinos aged 16 and over were employed and just under 1 in 5 of those employed was working part-time.

#### [View Full Report](#)

#### [Illinois Hardest Hit Fund](#)

- The Illinois Housing Development Authority is administering the Illinois Hardest Hit Fund® (HHF), a foreclosure prevention program that aims to assist at-risk homeowners.
- Eligible Illinois residents may receive as much as \$25,000 in mortgage assistance.

#### [Know Your Rights Educational Video](#)

- American Bar Association Commission on Immigration has produced an updated version of "Know Your Rights," an educational video for the more than 400,000 men and women held in immigration detention facilities across the country each year.
- Available in [Spanish](#) & [French](#)

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[and Gadgets](#) on Saturday, May 19th beginning at 10 a.m. at 3210 41 Street. A fun exploration of simple machines: Pulleys, inclined planes, gears, screws and more will be demonstrated using the amazing "Tennis Ball Bowling Gizmo".

University of Illinois Extension invites you to [Fiesta Celebration](#) on Saturday, May 19th beginning at 11 a.m. List to keynote from Zobeida Laufenberg, on "What it means to be Hispanic/Latin American". Lunch catered by El Mariachi. Cost \$15.

#### This Month

[2012 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium](#) is May 22-24th at the i wireless center. Register today for the matchmaking appointments with Defense contractors and Government agencies. There are only a few open spots left for this opportunity.

City of Silvis invites you to [Annual Memorial Day Services](#) at Hero Street Memorial Park on Saturday, May 26th beginning at noon. Invited to speak: Illinois Secretary of State Jessie White, State Senator Mike Jacobs, State Representative Rich Morthland and Brigadier General Kendall W. Penn from the Rock Island Arsenal

Registration is now open for Women's Connection 2012 Women's Leadership Conference-[Daring to Live and Lead with Purpose](#). The conference will be Thursday, October 4th at the QC Waterfront Convention Center.

#### [NEW! Scholarship Opportunities](#)

### Public Service Announcements

#### [National Small Business Video Contest](#)

Share your business' success story by entering our video contest. Three winning videos will be featured during National Small Business Week and shown during a Google+ Hangout hosted by SBA and the White House on May 23. The deadline for video submissions is May 11.

#### [Leading & Serving in Diverse Communities](#)

will be presented by Greg Aguilar on Monday, May 14th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center 1105 8 Street, Moline. This event is FREE or \$8 for dinner salad, snacks and dessert.

Rock Island-Milan School District #41 is proud to welcome back [Christina's Smile](#) in July, a non-profit mobile dental care facility that provides free dental care to children in need. Children ages 6-15 who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible. You must register by May 15th.

Ascentra Credit Union  
Ashford University  
Augustana College  
Black Hawk College - SBDC  
Brown Mackie College-Quad Cities  
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i Wireless Center  
IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union  
Metro LINK  
Modern Woodmen Bank  
Quad City Eagles Football Club  
Sivyer Steel Corporation  
St. Ambrose University  
State Farm Insurance  
Stoney Creek Inn  
The Family Credit Union  
Trinity Regional Health System  
Tyson Foods Inc.  
United Health Care  
Wal-Mart  
West Gateway Partners L.L.C  
Western Illinois University Quad Cities  
Worldwide Transportation Logistics, Inc.

The [Eileen Fisher grant program](#) seeks applicants from wholly women-owned businesses that combine the principles of social consciousness, sustainability, and innovation to create new businesses or invigorate existing ones. Deadline to apply is May 15th.

[National Latino Congreso](#) will be May 16-19th in Chicago, IL. The objective of the National Latino Congreso (NLC) is to create an open and inclusive space to explore the policy and political agenda of Latino communities in the USA, including the international/Latin American perspective.

[Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs + Expo](#) will be May 23-26th in Chicago, IL.

[The National Small Business Week Conference](#), hosted by the Small Business Administration, has been recognizing the special impact made by outstanding American entrepreneurs and small business owners since 1963. The Conference is May 20-26, 2012 in Washington, DC.

The [Targeted Small Business \(TSB\) Assistance Program](#) supports the creation and expansion of small businesses that are certified as a "targeted small business". Learn how our Iowa based business can benefit from certification. The next deadline is May 29th.

Sam's Club is offering a [special benefit](#) to all GQCHCC members!

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