

ON THE HORIZON

November 16, 2009 **Winnebago County Diversity Meeting** (Classroom/Green Vue) 4:00 p.m.

November 16, 2009 **CHIP Alumni Meeting** (LWCR) 5:30 p.m.

November 18, 2009 **OSHA Breakfast Series-**



OSHA Safety Committees in Action (Green Vue) 7:30 a.m.

Every company can benefit from an effective from an effective safety committee. Unfortunately, most safety committees do not understand their purpose or the role they play in assisting management to provide a safe and healthful workplace. A successful safety committee facilitates effective hazard recognition, accurate safety recommendations, focused communications and a good relationship between employees and management. The goal is clear but the mechanism is not. Attendees will learn the benefits of the committee approach, how to develop and implement a successful safety committee, road blocks to success, how to reward a committee and how to challenge the team. To register, please contact Kelli Elliott at kelliott@eigerlab.org or (815) 965-3522 for registration information.

November 18, 2009 **Make More Money In Your Business** (Tee Vue) 6:00 p.m.



The Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rock Valley College where "helping you to grow your business is our business" will be hosting a series of interactive forums for small businesses at the EIGERlab located at 605 Fulton Avenue in Rockford. Regional experts have been selected to speak on topics regarding employee relationship building; public relations; understanding the lending process; and pro-active tax planning.

Location: EIGERlab

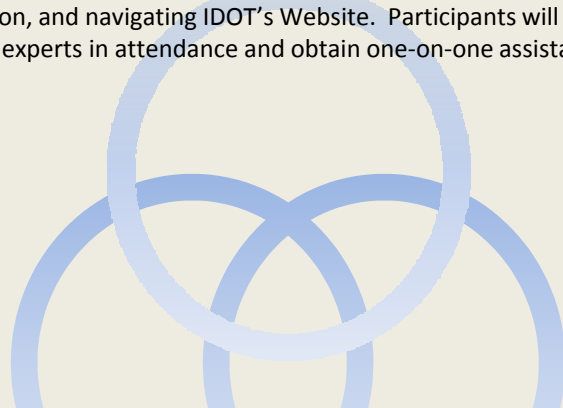
Date & Time: Wednesday, November 18, 2009
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Jim Tures, a CPA with over thirty years of experience, will be discussing why businesses should view taxes as a controllable expense.

The cost of the series is \$40. Please call (815) 921-2081 for more information or register online at <http://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com>

November 18, 2009 **How to Do Business with IDOT** (Tee Vue) 10:00 a.m.

RGMA, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation Office of Business and Workforce Diversity invites you to the **How to Do Business with IDOT**. This workshop will provide participants with information on: IDOT requirements for DBE Certification, IDOT requirements for Prequalification, and navigating IDOT's Website. Participants will be able to ask questions to the various experts in attendance and obtain one-on-one assistance after the networking session.



IN THE FUTURE

November 24, 2009 **Spectrum Board Meeting** (Tee Vue) 6:00 p.m.

November 25, 2009 **Patent Workshop** (Classroom) 5:30 p.m.



Come and find out answers to these questions:

- Do I need a patent?
- What good is a patent?
- How do I obtain a patent?
- How do I identify inventor scams?
- What are the different types of patents?
- Why is it important to keep records?
 - How much does it cost?

**This is a free workshop and space is limited.
Please reserve by calling 815-921-2081.**

November 25, 2009 **Starting a Small Business in Illinois** (Tee Vue) 6:00 p.m.



“Starting a Business?” will give you the right information and answer all of your questions if you have thought about being your own boss. Before you commit 100% of your time and money, let the Small Business Development Center at Rock Valley College inform you how to plan a safer path to your success in owning your own business. For more information or to make a reservation for this free class, please call the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rock Valley College at (815) 921-2081.

November 25, 2009 **Venture Club** (Green Vue) 7:00 p.m.

2009 Entrepreneurs and Inventors Club

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Rockford, IL – Rockford Area Ventures (RAV) E & I Venture Club will be held on November 25, 2009, at the *EIGERlab* at 7:00 p.m.

This month’s Venture Club will highlight Larry Cunningham, creator of the Corepole, a fitness/strength machine patented by Larry in 2003 and 2004 and launched to the commercial market in 2005.

Larry created the brand and market identity from scratch. The Corepole is now in facilities around the world through direct and distributor sales. The product has been featured in such magazines as *Health, Fitness, Shape, Elle, Marie Claire*, and many others. The product, patent, trademark and brand have been licensed by Sportime (Atlanta, GA). Sportime is the largest US provider of PE and fitness equipment to the school market and have a strong license presence internationally.

Prior to Corepole, Larry was involved with several plant operational turnarounds as GM and Plant Manager and worked in Tier 1 Automotive in Operations Management and engineering.

Also, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is sponsoring a Patent Workshop at 5:30 as a precursor to the Venture Club. Space is limited so be sure to register ahead of time.

Inventors make our Venture Club a success. We appreciate your participation and dedication to our monthly meetings. Please contact Craig Cox at ispmail@isp.com, Venture Club Coordinator, with any questions or comments about the Venture Club. Photos and updates are posted on the RAV website under www.rockfordareaventures.com/events.htm.

To reserve a spot at the next monthly meeting, call (815) 965-3522 or e-mail vclub@eigerlab.org to register today!

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- *WiFi and Internet*
- *Use of Common Areas*
- *Use of Deluxe Copier*
- *Use of Fax Machine*
- *Opportunity to work in a Collaborative Environment*



Please contact Mike Cobert at (815) 298-0136 for more information.

