

Barrington Career Center Has Become...



## CareerPlace™ Newsletter

December, 2012

Greetings!

Our Annual Appeal is in full swing and we are pleased that donations are running ahead of last year. I am constantly amazed by the outpouring of generosity from alumni and friends that support the CareerPlace mission of Curriculum, Coaching and Connections. We continue to make improvements to CareerPlace and invite you to visit the facilities to see our new look, which was made possible by donors and the generous contributions of Todd and Libby Rieke of Rieke Office Interiors.



Below are several photos showing the new look of the office area and classroom. The office area has newly cleaned carpets and feels more like a Starbucks than an office, which makes it ideal for meetings and job search activities. Part of our goal was to make the office space more comfortable for candidates.

We also have all new tables for our coaching offices and classroom, as well as new stackable chairs. The tables all have wheels that allow for

maximum flexibility for different class configurations.

The improvements will continue both to facilities and programs.

One of our messages to clients is that the holiday period is one of the best times to reach people for informational interviews and to job search in general. December and January tend to be among the two best months for landings. Below is an article written by Marie Lazzara, a CP candidate that elaborates on



### November Jobs Report:

The November jobs report contained some encouraging news. The number of jobs created was well above expectations at 146,000. At first glance, the 7.7 percent unemployment rate reported seems like good news. However, dive a bit deeper and the data shows that it dropped due to people giving up on finding work and leaving the labor force.

**Note:** CareerPlace will be closed on December 24 and will reopen on January 7.

### Upcoming Events

Open to Members and Guests

**Career Corner Returns to the CareerPlace offices in Barrington for 2013.**

**Monday, January 14 at 1:00p**, Russ Riendeau, will talk about "Insider's View of the Job Search Process- A Headhunters Perspective". [Register Here](#)

**Monday, January 28 at**

this subject.

As many of you know, for the past 5 years, I've also headed the Executive Network Group of Greater Chicago, a 20 year old non-profit serving six figure individuals who are in job transition. ENG has 260 members and is heavily focused on networking activities. We are in the process of merging ENG and CareerPlace, which will have some exciting new possibilities for both organizations. We hope to provide more details after the holidays.

If you know of someone who is in job transition, please refer them to CareerPlace. They are welcome to take our introductory course without obligation and if they cannot pay the member fee, we have scholarships available.

On behalf of our 70 volunteers, board and staff. we wish you and your family the happiest of holidays and a great new year.



Best regards,

*Chris Campbell*

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Executive Director

## ***The Holidays are a HOT Time for Networking Opportunities!***

Marie Lazzara, a CareerPlace candidate and journalist extraordinaire, has written a short article about how the holidays are a great time to network. [Click Here](#)

**7:00p**, Steve Provenzano will talk on "Top Secret Resumes and Cover Letters"

**Attendees will have formal networking sessions following the guest speaker and are asked to bring 30 one-page handbills to the event with target companies identified.**

**This event is free for CareerPlace members, \$5 for non-members. Cash or check will be collected at check-in.**

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