

## **RESOURCES IN NORTHEAST OHIO AVAILABLE TO JOB SEEKERS**

There are a number of self-help groups which typically hold meetings at local churches. In addition, there are several organizations that receive their funding to provide services from local, state or federal sources. There are also profession-specific and miscellaneous groups.

The church based groups do not typically have web sites and are contacted by phone or by e-mail to the individuals currently involved. Reasonable attempts are made to keep this listing current. Please let us know if there is incorrect information. Call Sue Frammartino at 216-901-6000 or e-mail John Vinson at [jvinson330@roadrunner.com](mailto:jvinson330@roadrunner.com) with any corrections. Thank you.

### **CHURCH-BASED GROUPS**

**BAY VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – BAY JOB SEEKERS' NETWORK** -- 29931 Lake Road Bay Village Ohio 44140 440-871-2082; [www.bayumc.org/Pages/JobSeekers2010.html](http://www.bayumc.org/Pages/JobSeekers2010.html). A faith-based group, we meet the first and third Mondays of each month from 8:30 am - 10:00 am. We provide encouragement & support for all job seekers and each meeting is focused on a different topic relevant to the jobseeker. For additional information, please contact Rev. Bill Buckeye at [revbill\\_bumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revbill_bumc@sbcglobal.net). Join our LinkedIn group "Bay Jobseekers Network".

**CHAGRIN VALLEY JOB SEEKERS** The Chagrin Valley Job Seekers (CVJS) is a volunteer organization in northeast Ohio with the sole purpose of providing professionals in career transition with networking contacts, job leads, keynote speakers, resources, and knowledge to enhance their job search. The group was started in April 2002 by the current 2 leaders. Since its inception, over 4,600 job seekers have been helped and there are 75-100 people at each meeting. Membership is open to any job seeker who attends our meetings and all materials and services are free. All members are connected through an email network, can participate in the CVJS Bio Program, and can access over 75 electronic documents that cover a wide variety of job search subjects from our web site. All services and materials are free. Meetings are held at the Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church, 35100 Solon Road, Solon, Ohio at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, unless it is a national holiday or the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in December. For additional information, contact Jim Grant at [JWGrant@AOL.com](mailto:JWGrant@AOL.com) or Greg Reynolds at [cvjsgreg@yahoo.com](mailto:cvjsgreg@yahoo.com).

**FEDERATED CHURCH EMPLOYMENT CONNECTIONS** A free networking and support group that started in the early 1980's and has continually met every Sunday at 9:45 AM, or between services during the summer hours at the Federated Church, 76 Bell Street in Chagrin Falls, Conference Room (next to the main sanctuary). Contact: Greg Polyak: Independent Financial Consultant at 866-444-1004, [gregory.polyak@ipl.com](mailto:gregory.polyak@ipl.com), Bob Varnon: Construction Safety/Risk Mgt/Safety Trainer (FAIC, CSP, CHST, CPC), 440-804-4422 (cell) [nonrav@gmail.com](mailto:nonrav@gmail.com), Dan Sommers: Six Sigma Consultant 330-562-8952 [SommersDan@msn.com](mailto:SommersDan@msn.com), or Ralph Lindeman: Professor (KSU) [lindoksu@aol.com](mailto:lindoksu@aol.com). Topics taught: Networking to improve your job search, resume writing, dealing with a negative job issues or asking for a raise. Get help with your emotions on job loss, financial difficulties, career change options, phone or face to face interviews. Build your confidence, quicken your job placement, job progression, and build a network of long term relationships to help you the rest of your life. Groups are usually very small so individual help is often a very strong point in attending E/C.

**Grace Job Seekers NetWORK**, Grace Church, 7392 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130. We have provided strategic coaching and networking resources to workers in transition in Northeast Ohio since 2004. Our Purpose is "To Provide Skills, Encouragement and Christ-centered Spiritual Support for the Job Seeker in Today's Market". We are a member of the Crossroads Career Network, a nationwide Christian job transition and career management program: [www.crossroadscareer.org](http://www.crossroadscareer.org). Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 PM. Led by Jim Jasko, 216-267-4300, [jjjasko@gmail.com](mailto:jjjasko@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**HUDSON JOB SEARCH**, ([www.hudsonjs.org](http://www.hudsonjs.org)) A volunteer organization offering free outplacement training to those in the community of Hudson. The one-on-one counseling is only for people living in or attending church or temple in **Hudson**. A Monday night meeting on networking and the job search process is open to anyone. The meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month from 7:15 PM – 9:00 PM at the Christ Church Episcopal of Hudson, 21 Aurora Street. For information contact Jim Ahern, Director, [HUDSONJS@windstream.net](mailto:HUDSONJS@windstream.net) or phone 330-653-5322.

**PARKSIDE CHURCH JOB SEARCH GROUP**, Parkside Church, 7100 Pettibone Road, **Bainbridge**. Group is facilitated by Ken Vaughan. They do periodic one-day workshops followed by 5-6 evening sessions and have a

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LinkedIn group. Ken Vaughan's phone is 440-248-9814 and he can be reached by e-mail at [kvaughan44@aol.com](mailto:kvaughan44@aol.com).

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH JOB SEEKERS**, 2747 Fairmount Blvd, **Cleveland Heights**. This is one of the longest serving informal support groups and meets 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Fridays. The group provides informal support for unemployed and underemployed job seekers. Discussions emphasize job search strategies, interviewing techniques, overcoming barriers to employment and networking. There are three rotating facilitators -- Bonnie Dick, Training and Employment Consultant, 216-283-9148 ([bonnie.dick1616@yahoo.com](mailto:bonnie.dick1616@yahoo.com)), James Hogg, 216-991-6799, and Dennis Kelly 216-382-2236 ([nanddkelly1854@yahoo.com](mailto:nanddkelly1854@yahoo.com)).

**LAKE COUNTY JOB SEEKERS**, Learning Loft, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor, OH 44060, Contact is Dan Moon, 440-552-0629, or Dave-440-357-8033. [Lcjobseekers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lcjobseekers@sbcglobal.net). Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Send mail to: Lake County Job Seekers, C/O Dan Moon, 6781 Melrdige Dr., Concord, OH 44077

**NORTH CANTON EXECUTIVE NETWORKING GROUP (NCENG)**, Church of the Lakes United Methodist Church Room 206, 5944 Fulton Drive NW Canton. A free networking and support group for professionals in the Northeast Ohio area to discuss best practices and share helpful tips for creating an effective personal marketing plan. Meets every other Tuesday at 8:30 AM. Contact Joyce Rodek at [jerodek@gmail.com](mailto:jerodek@gmail.com)

**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT (STANEO)** 6667 Wallings Rd. North Royalton, OH 44133. Contacts: Lorie Milano: 440-897-0636 [LMilano33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LMilano33@sbcglobal.net). Meetings are the second Wednesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM.

**ST. BASIL JOB SUPPORT GROUP** 8700 Brecksville Rd. Brecksville, OH 44141 Contacts: Gene Gilbert: 440-582-1770 [ecgilbert@americitech.net](mailto:ecgilbert@americitech.net) and Bob Kestranek: 216-701-7661 [rkestranek@hotmail.com](mailto:rkestranek@hotmail.com). Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER / HOLY MARTYRS** 606 E. Washington St. Medina, OH 44256. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Holy Martyrs, 3100 S. Weymouth Rd. Medina. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at The Knights of Columbus Hall, 131 N. East St. Medina. New members are required to attend a brief orientation at 6:30 PM. Contacts: Dan Cathcart [cathcartd@yahoo.com](mailto:cathcartd@yahoo.com) (job postings), Jim Mayiras [jmayiras@yahoo.com](mailto:jmayiras@yahoo.com) 330-721-9796 (general inquiries) and Joe Gainard [joeyg@zoominternet.net](mailto:joeyg@zoominternet.net) (job seekers) 330-725-8690

**ST. HILARY EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING GROUP (SHENG)** 2750 West Market St. Akron, OH 44333. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM. Contacts: Mike Costello or Steve Tomasko via the Parish Office at 330-867-1055 X300 or via e-mail at [sheng@neo.rr.com](mailto:sheng@neo.rr.com).

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING GROUP** 16271 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Contact: Joe Wollet 440-846-8080 [jwollet@gmail.com](mailto:jwollet@gmail.com).

**ST. PAUL JOB NETWORK**, St. Paul's Church, 221 South Main St. North Canton, OH 44720. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at **8:30am** in church lower level. Contact: Parish Office at 330-499-2201 or Don Pfiffner [pfiffner67@neo.rr.com](mailto:pfiffner67@neo.rr.com), Carl Jerzyk [cjerzyk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjerzyk@sbcglobal.net) or Mike Ziarko [mez@neo.rr.com](mailto:mez@neo.rr.com)

**St. Richard – North Olmsted Employment Ministry** St. Richard Parish, Korab Hall, 26855 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Donna Speagle, at (216) 696-6525 ext. 8760 [dspeagle@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:dspeagle@dioceseofcleveland.org) [www.srhoem.org](http://www.srhoem.org).

**STOW COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 1567 Pilgrim Drive, Stow, OH 44224, 330-687-4731 Meetings are held the second Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and the fourth Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Contact Diana Miller, [diana@communityjobclub.com](mailto:diana@communityjobclub.com).

**THE SAINTS EMPLOYMENT NETWORK**, St. Mary of the Falls, meets in School Hall, 8262 Columbia Rd. Olmsted Falls, OH. Meets third Thursday at 7:00 PM. New member registration at 6:30 PM. Contact Gabrielle Oelbracht at 440.488.0680 [goelbracht@yahoo.com](mailto:goelbracht@yahoo.com)

#### **ACADEMIC AND OTHER GROUPS SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

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## **SUMMIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES EXECUTIVE NETWORKING GROUP**

James Kroeger, Principal – Civic Advantage [kroeger1663@yahoo.com](mailto:kroeger1663@yahoo.com) 330-957-8613. This group meets every other Friday at The Summit County One Stop 1040 E. Tallmadge Avenue Akron, Ohio 44310 330- 633-1050 <http://www.iiakron.org/editor/assets/resource%20guide.pdf>

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY LIBRARY CAREER CENTER** is the number one resource of its kind in NE Ohio. It has been in business more than 25 years and has an experienced staff. It has counselors, an excellent research library, its own publications and runs workshops at several locations. They also offer Discover, a computerized self-guidance system. They are located in the Maple Heights Library at 5225 Library Lane in Maple Heights and are readily accessible. Their phone number is 216-475-2225. Call for an appointment. The Career Center offers several workshops at local branches. See website for details. Their web site is [www.cuyahogalibrary.org/careerexpert](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/careerexpert)

**THE JOB CENTER:** Comprehensive job center for Summit County. Go to [www.thejobcenter.biz](http://www.thejobcenter.biz) to view information about services. The Executive Networking Group meets bi weekly. Call 330-633-1050 for more information. Location information: 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, OH 44310 / Phone 330-633-1050.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION SERVICES** is part of Cuyahoga Community College and offers job search preparation at Western, Eastern, Metro and Westshore campuses. Please contact 1-866-933-5180 to contact a local office. Our web site [www.tri-c.edu/careerservices](http://www.tri-c.edu/careerservices) lists services offered and upcoming on campus recruiting events. Contacts: Ms. Treacy Crowley, Executive Director at 216-987-5578 or [treacy.crowley@tri-c.edu](mailto:treacy.crowley@tri-c.edu) and J.T. Neuffer, Director of Employer Relations & Career Services at 216-987-2893 or [jon.neuffer@tri-c.edu](mailto:jon.neuffer@tri-c.edu). Free job posting site for employers and job seekers at: <http://www.collegecentral.com/tri-c/>.

**EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION** provides complete office facilities and instruction in resume preparation, interviewing skills, etc. They have a web site describing their services [www.employmentconnection.us](http://www.employmentconnection.us)

West Side: 11699 Brookpark Road, Parma, OH 44130, 216-898-1366 Fax: 216-898-1497

Downtown: 1020 Bolivar Rd. Cleveland, OH 44114 216-664-4673

**MATURE SERVICES INC** (formerly known as SENIOR WORKERS PROGRAM). The Senior Community Service Employment Program provides paid work experience at non-profit and governmental agencies to low-income individuals age 55 plus. This program operates in 24 counties in northeast Ohio, western Pennsylvania and southwest Ohio. They have a web site [www.matureservices.org](http://www.matureservices.org). Phone: 330-253-4597. Located at: 415 S. Portage Path, Akron, OH 44320

**TRANSITIONS** Purpose to provide support for business professionals that are currently in transition, feel that they may be in transition soon, or are contemplating a career change. Participants need not be a resident of Lorain County. Lorain County Community College, 1005 North Abbe Rd., Elyria 44035. Bass Library/Community Resource. First Floor. RM :C-131 Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 7:00 -- 8:30 PM. Open to public. Free seminars, networking, contacts, job leads, and support. To register: call 440-366-4076 or by email at [www.lorainccc.edu/careers](http://www.lorainccc.edu/careers). Jobs may be posted at <https://lorain-csm.symplicity.com/> .

## **PROFESSION-SPECIFIC RESOURCES**

**HR NETWORK GROUP:** This is a networking group for human resource professionals. It was started by Rick Taylor of Ratliff & Taylor some years ago. The group no longer meets but communicates and distributes job posting information through a Yahoo group site. HR professionals may request to be invited to join the group by contacting Sue Frammartino at 216-901-6000 ([sframmartino@rtcpi.com](mailto:sframmartino@rtcpi.com))

**F.E.N.G.** (Financial Executives Network Group); This is a large networking group of senior financial executives. Membership is by invitation. There is a local Chapter that meets and shares information about job openings although this is only part of their networking activities. Lamar Ratcliffe 216-401-0739 [lratlcliffe@financialguide.com](mailto:lratlcliffe@financialguide.com)

**M.E.N.G.** (Marketing Executive Network Group) is a membership networking group for senior marketing executives. Operates in 11 major cities in US. There is no local Chapter as yet. M.E.N.G. has a web site ([www.mengonline.com](http://www.mengonline.com)).

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**CHEMPHARMA** is a fairly new group with a mission “to identify advancement, career development and growth opportunities in the chemical, pharmaceutical, life science and allied industries....”. Their web site is [www.chempharma.org](http://www.chempharma.org)

**EXECUNET** Networking Meetings – Rick Taylor (216-901-7400) facilitates these meetings for ExecuNet in Cleveland. The meetings are for executives making in excess of \$100,000 and meet the third Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporate Plaza I office building in Independence. To register go to [www.execunet.com](http://www.execunet.com)

**SENIOR EXECUNET** – Rick Taylor (216-901-7400) facilitates these meetings for ExecuNet in Cleveland. The meetings are for executives (CEO, CMO, CFO, COO, CIO, etc.) making in excess of \$200,000. The group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at Corporate Plaza I office building in Independence. To register go to [www.execunet.com](http://www.execunet.com).

### **MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS**

**BUSINESS VOLUNTEERS UNLIMITED:** This is an organization for encouraging business people to become involved in volunteer activities in the Cleveland area. Their web site is [www.businessvolunteers.org](http://www.businessvolunteers.org)