

Finding Your Next Job

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FREE Networking Groups

The following two groups offer an amazing opportunity to find the "perfect job" in a more efficient manner than traditional job search techniques. Each job seeker provides information about their skills and desired jobs which is placed in the group's database. The database is available to all members: other job seekers, members with jobs who act as a "gateway" to employers as well as job recruiters.

St. Francis Xavier Employment Networking Group

No Fee. A network of individuals from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Medina and the surrounding community who are dedicated to sharing their knowledge, skills and experience with those in career transition seeking employment opportunities, as well as providing prayerful support of their search. At each meeting, each job seeker talks about their skills, experiences and the type of job they're looking for. A lot of networking and job leads are shared and many contacts made leading to potential jobs. It usually meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Holy Martyrs Church in Medina and the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Medina. To verify location and times, contact Dan Cathcart at 216-210-5670 or Joe Gainard at 330-725-8690.

Chagrin Valley Job Seekers - No Fee.

A job search support group for professionals offering networking contacts, job leads, resources, and knowledge to enhance your career transition. It meets at 7:30 pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church at 35100 Solon Road in Solon. For more info, contact: Jim Grant - jwgrant@aol.com or Greg Reynolds - gmreyno@aol.com

Internet - FREE Job Search

www.USAjobs.gov

U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information provided by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

www.ohiomeansjobs.com/omj

Ohio's statewide job matching system that allows you to search all electronic job opportunities which include Ohio employers, national commercial job boards and niche industries. Let all Ohio employers find you today by taking the opportunity to post your resume for FREE.

www.employmentguide.com

Their focus is on hourly and skilled jobs, from entry-level to mid-management employment opportunities across the U.S.

Build Your Job Search Skills

Employment Connection (EC)

Three locations in Cleveland. My favorite one is on Brookpark Rd. The EC provides the tools and assistance needed to join the work force. All services are free to qualified applicants.

Just a few of their services:

- Workshops for writing or improving your resume; increasing your chances of getting a job with properly written applications and cover letters; preparation for job interview questions that may make the difference between you or another candidate getting the job.

- Meet with EC career counselors one-on-one to better guide your job search. They'll provide quality training, job placement assistance and career advice. www.employmentconnection.us

The Employment netWork

Located in Elyria - their services are similar to the Employment Connection and are free to qualified applicants. www.loraincountyworks.com

Medina Works

Located in Medina - their services are similar to the Employment Connection and are free to qualified applicants. www.medinacountyworks.com

The Job Center

Located in Akron - their services are similar to the Employment Connection and are free to qualified applicants. www.thejobcenter.biz

Lorain County Community College

Free services similar to Employment Connection plus:

- Career Boot Camp - includes a Myers-Briggs personality test to help you find a new career
- Search for employment opportunities and post your résumés for Northeast Ohio jobs.
- Transitions Networking Group offering free short seminars, networking contacts, job leads and support. The sessions can cover
 - The job search process and how to make the best use of your time
 - The latest tools and resources to enhance your job search
 - Strategies to differentiate yourself in the current job market
 - Maximizing your networking efforts and identify additional contacts.

Transitions Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm www.lorainccc.edu On their home page, look under "Quick Links", and click "Employment and Career Services".

Inspirational Stories

No matter how big our problems may seem, there's someone else with greater ones. The purpose of these stories is to bring hope to those who are down - showing how others have overcome their adversity. www.spectralight.com/inspire

Success in Your Life and Your Job Search is all about ATTITUDE!

No Gripping

Do all things without complaining and disputing. —Philippians 2:14

During my first week of Bible college, we had several days of orientation in which we were given a rule book to study. Several days later, during a meeting to discuss those rules, one student stood up and asked, "What is 'no gripping'?" And why is it against the rules?" He was referring to a statement in the rule book he had misread. Instead of "gripping," it read "griping" - complaining or grumbling.

A rule against griping is perfectly understandable. The cancer of a complaining spirit can undermine the spiritual and emotional health of an individual and can infect an entire group. This can result in discontent, frustration, and even rebellion.

Moses heard griping among God's people a mere 3 days after leading them from slavery into freedom (Ex. 15:24). Centuries later, Samuel felt the weight of griping as he sought to represent God to his generation (1 Sam. 8:4-9).

A complaining spirit can destroy the effectiveness of an individual seeking a new job, "Do all things without complaining and disputing" (Phil. 2:14).

Rejoice and thank God for all He has done! No griping allowed.
- Bill Crowder

When things go wrong, I would not be a grumbler,
Complaining, seeing everything as grim;
For when I think of how the Lord has blessed me,
I cannot help but give my praise to Him. - Hess

When you feel like griping, start counting your blessings.

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www.rbc.org/odb/odb.shtml

So What's the Big Deal About LinkedIn?

LinkedIn is a social networking website for professionals looking to make new connections that could lead to new job opportunities. "Head hunters" or executive recruiters search member profiles for candidates who might fit their client's needs.

Even if you aren't looking for a job - it is a good idea to have a profile on LinkedIn to connect with your own personal network of friends. Starting your profile now can help you find your next job more quickly - should you suddenly become unemployed. Studies have shown that networking with friends is far more effective in finding a new job than using newspaper want ads or job search web sites.

To really get a sense of the power of LinkedIn - use the search tool found towards the top of your LinkedIn profile page (see below). This tool can help you find past co-workers at companies you use to work for; old high school or college classmates, friends from long ago, members of your previous church, etc. that you've lost touch with. When you find them with your LinkedIn search - you will instantly know who they work for which could lead to your next job. Click their name and invite them to connect to you.



And still another benefit of LinkedIn is the ability to connect with people who share common interests with you. For example, if you're into bird watching, photography, cooking, hunting, sewing, etc. - you will find a LinkedIn group that matches your interest. There are hundreds of groups on LinkedIn that are free to join! Why join a group? Because you can post questions about anything to the group and receive plenty of answers from other members.

To see an example of how in-depth your profile can be, visit my LinkedIn profile: [Mark Madere](#). It can be found at: www.linkedin.com/in/markmadere

The cost to join LinkedIn is FREE! Your only investment is the time to create your profile. You can have a basic profile posted in minutes, however, the more you put on your profile - the more effective it will be for others to find you.

So why not log on now and get started? And while you're at it - invite me to be your first connection! Go to www.linkedin.com