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Health Fair for Man-Tra-Con Customers

A health fair for Man-Tra-Con customers and their families was held on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Man-Tra-Con's Marion office. Free health screenings were made available, plus information about how to access medical care services that are free or discounted for those without insurance.

The screenings were provided by Franklin/Williamson Healthy Communities Coalition's Healthy Lifestyles Action Team, Southern Illinois Healthcare — Herrin Hospital, and Franklin/Williamson Bi-County Health Department. Flu and pneumonia shots were provided for attendees at a minimal cost by Addus Healthcare and the Addus Evergreen Club Adult Day Services.

This venue and the agencies that participated allowed the recipients of these important healthcare services to identify potential health concerns, confirming there really are



Kathy Sikora, (left) human resources outreach worker, Farm Resources Center and Illinois Health Connect, provides information to customers who attended the health fair in Marion.

options for those in southern Illinois without primary medical care.

The Future of Coal Mining

The Future of Coal Mining is the second in the *Connecting with the Future of Energy* series of energy symposia being offered by Connect SI and the SIU-C Coal Research Center. The symposium will be held on November 8, 2007, at Southeastern Illinois College in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. There is no cost, but advance registration is required. Registration for the meeting and refreshments begins at 5:30 p.m. with the formal presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Joe Angleton, director of the Office of Mines and

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Message from Our Chairman...



WILLIAM ARMSTRONG

I wish to congratulate our many local award winners and especially our State award recipients: Innovative Solutions award winners (Transition Team), our Individual Leadership award winner (Kathy Lively) and our Individual Achievement Award winner (Melanie Turner). Our State award winners will be recognized at the State Workforce Development Banquet on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. I also wish to offer a very special welcome to our newest member of the Youth Council, Ms. Linda Tilley (Read more in the Youth Council report on page 3).

Please mark your calendar to attend the National Association of Workforce Boards' Annual Conference in Washington DC, February 23-26, 2008. This conference

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SIWIB COMMITTEE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Business & Economic Development Committee

Chairman Roe surveyed the members to determine appropriate dates and times for future meetings. The committee decided to hold meetings one hour before the full board scheduled dates, otherwise the committee will continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month. Times and locations will be coordinated as needed. Ms. Roe felt one hour should be sufficient time to conduct committee business.

Rosie Robinson updated the committee on the Incumbent Worker Training projects contracted with Aisin Manufacturing. All three projects have been successfully completed. The cost

and outcome for each project is as follows: blue print reading at a cost of \$640 resulted in 10 trained; geometric dimensioning and tolerancing at a cost of \$640 resulted in 14 trained; and statistical process control at a cost of \$320 resulted in 10 trained.

Chairman Roe introduced Lianbin Cui to the committee. He presented the draft results and data from the demographic profiles he prepared for Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, and Williamson counties. The committee agreed that it would be helpful to combine all county data to showcase the entire region; the profiles are available on the Man-Tra-Con Web site within the Special Projects section.

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The Future of Coal Mining

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Minerals, Illinois Department of Natural Resources. A panel of energy experts will also be present to discuss industry, labor, government, and training topics.

Learn more about the future of coal mining! Register for this event by contacting Tammy Kirk at tammykirk@mantracon.org or at (618) 998-0970, extension 215.

H.O.P.E Committee Bocce Tournament

Man-Tra-Con and the H.O.P.E. Committee will be hosting the Third Annual Bocce Tournament on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Herrinfesta Bocce Courts in Herrin, Illinois. This was a major fundraising event last year that everyone enjoyed attending. Due to the mass-layoffs and the Whirlpool/Maytag and Technicolor Universal Media Services plant closures, the number of individuals to be served with this program has considerably increased. As a Man-Tra-Con Board Member, we hope you will choose to sponsor this event and assist our commitment to the workforce development of southern Illinois. There are several ways to sponsor this event including pavilion sponsorship for \$500, court sponsor for \$100, team sponsor for \$100 or a prize sponsor with a donated raffle item.

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The WIA Policy and Planning Committee also attended this session to review the county profiles presentation. The next meeting date for this committee has yet to be determined.

Youth Council

The Youth Council is pleased to announce their newest member — Linda Tilley. Ms. Tilley is filling a required position most difficult to fill: parent of an eligible youth. We are looking forward to having her serve on the Council.

In other Youth Council news, the BULLZI computers have arrived, and are up and running at each contractor's site and in each Resource Room. The BULLZIs are loaded with career and education exploration software that does not require any computer skills, training or supervision. They have over 350 career description videos, 1000 text career descriptions, interest and ability assessment games that include money, banking, real estate, auto, insurance, health and other life skills. While the BULLZIs are geared toward youth they are also available to interested adults.

At a meeting held on October 10, 2007, the Youth Council discussed a request from Illinois workNet Center for a Youth Focus Group. The focus group of 10-15 participants is scheduled to meet on December 6, 2007, and give feedback on what they would like to see on the Web site. The Youth Council asked attending service providers to give Gina Wallace a list of youth that will be attending. The Council also agreed to give participating youth \$25 gift cards and provide them with refreshments as an extra incentive. ■

Spotlight On...

BOARD MEMBER PAT DRAKE

Pat Drake's career with Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) began in 1977 working as a claims taker in the Murphysboro local office until she was promoted to the adjudicator position. She worked in this position for approximately six years prior to assuming the role of office supervisor in the Murphysboro office. Ms. Drake has not only been a subject matter expert for IDES, but an adjudication statewide trainer and an Employment Service Program trainer assisting with writing and editing training materials relevant to the Unemployment Insurance Act.



Pat Drake

Ms. Drake has been a member of the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board since 2003— having served as chair and co-chair of the One-Stop Committee. She also served on the Marketing Committee along with the Consortium of Operators. Ms. Drake was appointed acting manager of the Marion Illinois Employment and Training Center (IETC) in 2003. She was promoted to public service administrator in the Murphysboro local office in 2005. Ms. Drake is a member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Vice Chair of the Annual Dinner Committee of the Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Southern Illinois Personnel Managers Association (SIPMA).

Ms. Drake has been married for 36 years to Gary, the retired director of the Southern Illinois University Arena who provided 31 years of service to the university. She has one son who is a freshman at Southern Illinois University majoring in business. ■

H.O.P.E. Committee Bocce Tournament

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Sponsorship deadline is October 25, 2007, but an earlier response will allow us more opportunities to include your company's name in our mailings. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kristen Poshard, event coordinator at (618) 998-0970, ext. 265.

Special thanks to John Alongi and Phil Minnis for their early registration and sponsorships. ■



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can be found on our web site at www.siwib.org.*

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provides an excellent opportunity to hone your workforce development skills and network with representatives from nearly 600 WIBs. Please notify Secretary Hopkins immediately, if you wish to attend.

This may be the year for WIA Reauthorization. While the House Committee on Education and Labor's Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competencies has already received testimony concerning WIA Reauthorization, realistically, WIA Reauthorization may not happen until next calendar year. If it is true that a camel is a horse designed by committee, it will be very interesting to see what kind of creature Congress will design as they meet to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act.

Please also mark your calendar for our next SIWIB meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, in the Rend Lake Resort and Conference Center's Great Room. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 29, 2007

CLEO Meeting
11:00 a.m. at the
Marion One-Stop Business
& Employment Center

NOVEMBER 6, 2007

One-Stop Committee Meeting
8:00 a.m. at the
Marion One-Stop Business
& Employment Center

DECEMBER 13, 2007

SIWIB Board Meeting
at the
Rend Lake Resort and
Conference Center
Whittington, Illinois