



[Click to view this email in a browser](#)



## Weekly Newsletter



September 5th, 2012

[About Us](#) | [Calendar](#) | [Sign-Up for E-Newsletter](#) | [Employer Opportunities](#) | [Join Now](#) | [Donate](#)

### In this newsletter:

*Candidates Forum*

*What Healthcare Reform Means for Illinois Small Business*

*Multicultural Speaker Series featuring Marisa Rivera, President of Mpowerment Works*

*Small Business Development and Finance: Opportunities in the Quad Cities*

*News You Can Use*

*Member Events*

*Public Service Announcements*

### Follow GQCHCC!



### Candidates Forum

Sunday, September 30, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Black Hawk College, QC Campus

Co-Sponsored by Black Hawk College & GQCHCC

Remember last day to register to vote is October 9, 2012. You can now register online from [GQCHCC's website](#).

Questions? [Contact us!](#)

**Your Bottom Line: What Healthcare Reform Means for Illinois Small Businesses**

### Member Events

#### This Week

Group O is currently recruiting for new [Spanish Bilingual Customer Service Representatives](#) for the call center. The next class starts September 17th but interviews start this week - so be sure to get your referrals to apply immediately!

Jumer's Casino and Hotel will be hosting a [Bags Tournament](#) on Saturday, September 8th beginning at 10 a.m. at Jumer's Casino and Hotel Outside patio. This tournament will occur rain or shine. Must be 21 to participate. There will be prizes, drink specials and cash prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Viva Quad Cities invites you to participate in Run for [Viva 5k](#) on Saturday, September 8th beginning at 8 a.m. at Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf. Cost is \$20.

This meeting will focus on what the healthcare law, the Affordable Care Act, means for Illinois small businesses. It will focus on both federal and state provisions to help local small businesses understand how the law will affect them. A question and answer period will follow.

Thursday, September 27th

7:30 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 am-9:30 am: Program

Featuring

- Joel Youngs, BHC Small Business Development Center
- Mary Timmel, Small Business Majority
- Jim Duffett, Campaign for Better Health Care

Location: Community Health Care, Rock Island, IL

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 future members

**RSVP**

Register by September 25th

Questions? [Contact us!](#)

---

### October Events

**Multicultural Speaker Series** Featuring Marisa Rivera, President of Mpowerment Works  
Friday, October 5, 2012

Location: Metro Link Centre Station Banquet Room, Moline

Presented by Eastern Iowa Community College District

Location & Host Sponsor: Metro Link

### **Small Business Development and Finance: Opportunities in the Quad Cities**

with the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank

Thursday, October 25th

Location: Radisson Hotel, 111 2nd Avenue, Davenport, Iowa

[View complete details on both events.](#)

---

Viva Quad Cities invites you to the [Annual Fiesta](#) on Saturday, September 8th beginning at 10 a.m. at Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf. Cost is \$5 to attend. There will be music, food, activities and a college fair.

Boys and Girls Club [Bags Classic](#) will be Saturday, September 8th from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Modern Woodmen Park. Cost is \$40 for a two person team. There will be \$1,000 in prize money.

### **Next Week**

QC Chamber invites you the biggest after-hours networking event of the year, [Schmoza Palooza](#) on Thursday, September 13th from 5-9 p.m. at The Stern Center, Rock Island, IL. Cost is \$35. There will be prizes, food, entertainment, wine and beer tastings.

QC United invites you to [Raise the Roof](#) on Thursday, September 13th from 6-8 p.m. at River Music Experience Community Stage, Davenport. This FREE event will reoccur every 2nd Thursday of the month and showcase the best QC talent.

American Cancer Society invites you to Trivia Night for Relay for Life on Friday, September 14th beginning at 6 p.m. at The Stern Center in Rock Island, IL.

First Midwest Bank invites you to [Financial Fitness for Your Business](#) on Tuesday, September 18th from 5:30-7 p.m. at First Midwest Bank, 2222 41st Street, Moline. This event is FREE but registration is required by September 14th.

Pregnancy Resources invites you to [Walk for Life 2012](#) on Saturday, September 15th beginning at 9 a.m. at Ben Butterworth Parkway in Moline and at Veterans Memorial Park in Bettendorf. The race will enable Pregnancy Resource to continue providing free services to the community.

St. Ambrose University invites you to the [Physical Therapy Open House](#) on Saturday, September 15th from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Rogalski Center. There will be advisors, physical therapy staff available. Parents, high school and college students are invited to attend. Cost: \$10 and includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

WQPT invites you to [Brew Ha Ha](#) on Saturday, September 15th from 1- 5 p.m. at LeClaire Park, Davenport. Advance tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the gate. Cost includes tasting glass and unlimited tastings.

LULAC Council 10 invites you to [Mexican Independence Day Fiesta](#) on Saturday, September 15th from 5-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes a dinner from El Mariachi

## News You Can Use

### USHCC Survey for Hispanic Business Owners

- Are you a Hispanic business owner? Do you want to learn what the real state of Hispanic business is today?
- Let us know where your business stands by answering a quick 5-question poll and be a part of the real time dialogue at the USHCC's 33rd Annual National Convention's "State of Hispanic Small Business" panel discussion sponsored by Wells Fargo.
- The results of the poll will be revealed at the event on September 17 in Los Angeles.
- [Take the survey.](#)

### [Hispanics Use Social Media More Frequently Than Other Ethnic Groups](#)-Hispanic Business

- Hispanics are logging more hours on social media sites than other groups. U.S. Hispanics are tweeting, retweeting, posting, liking and uploading more than any other ethnic group.
- Known to be a culture that has plenty to say and share, the new eMarketer study is right on the money when it comes to Hispanics.

### GQCHCC Benefactor



### Platinum Members

American Family Insurance  
Bush Construction Company, Inc. / McCarthy Improvement, Inc.  
Community Health Care  
Group O  
Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf  
Jumer's Casino and Hotel  
Results Marketing  
TerroStar  
Vista International Operations

### Gold Members

Alcoa, Inc.  
Ascentra Credit Union  
Ashford University  
AT&T  
Augustana College  
Black Hawk College - SBDC  
Brown Mackie College-Quad Cities  
City of Bettendorf  
City of Davenport  
DHCU Community Credit Union  
DuTrac Community Credit Union  
Eastern Iowa Community College District  
Enterprise Rent A Car

Restaurant, entertainment from Mariachi De Colores, Ballet Folklorico, and Los Mocambos.

## Public Service Announcements

[A Taco Fundraiser for Teresa Cordoba](#) will be held on Saturday, September 8th from 4-7 p.m. at Bethel Wesley Church, Moline.

The Office of Governor Quinn encourages all Illinois youth between K - 12 to participate in this [1st Annual 2012 Hispanic Heritage Month Art & Literary Work Contest](#). There is no entry fee and submissions are limited to one entry per person. Contest participation requires the creation of one original piece per person. Deadline for entry is September 10th.

United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce invites you to the [33rd Annual National Convention](#) from September 16-18 in Los Angeles.

Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is happy to sponsor and invite you to the [26th Annual WBDC Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference](#) on Thursday, September 20th at McCormick Place West-Chicago, IL. This year's conference offers women business owners solutions to the current problems they are facing and the opportunity to increase the profitability of their businesses by building relationships with corporate and government buyers, business experts, and other women business owners.

MillerCoors is now accepting applications for the [Urban Entrepreneurs Series Business Plan Competition](#). Applications are being accepted now until October 26th. MillerCoors has invested more than \$1.7 million in the dreams of entrepreneurs since 1999 through the MillerCoors Urban Entrepreneurs Series (MUES) Business Plan Competition.

[Iowa Youth Conference](#) is now accepting applications. All Iowa high schools are invited to participate in the Iowa Youth Congress. When you participate in the Iowa Youth Congress, you have the opportunity to lead and make your voice heard.

["One Day Only" Opportunities](#) to apply for ACC Entry-Level Intern Positions! Late August through early September, the Army Contracting Command (ACC) will be offering entry-level contract specialist opportunities for recent college graduates to apply for intern positions. We're looking for the brightest and most talented to join our team of world-class contracting professionals to help transform the way the Army buys its goods and services.

Financial District Properties  
First Midwest Bank  
Hola America Publications, Inc.  
Hotel Blackhawk  
i Wireless Center  
IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union  
Metro LINK  
Modern Woodmen Bank  
Sivyer Steel Corporation  
St. Ambrose University  
State Farm Insurance  
Stoney Creek Inn  
The Family Credit Union  
Trinity Regional Health System  
Tyson Foods Inc.  
United Health Care  
Wal-Mart  
Wells Fargo Bank  
West Gateway Partners L.L.C  
Western Illinois University Quad Cities

Don't forget to [register to vote](#)! You can do so conveniently online from [GQCHCC's website](#). Remember **October 9th** is the last day to register.

**Forward to a  
Friend**

**Resource  
Center**

**Employment  
Opportunities**

Tel: (309) 797-8650  
Fax: (309) 797-8655  
Email: [info@gqchcc.com](mailto:info@gqchcc.com)