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Quote of the Day

"If you want things to be different, perhaps the answer is to become different yourself."

-- Norman Vincent Peale

Who is Hiring?

Total Job Openings by direct advertisers based on surveys of the top job board aggregators (Recruiters & Staffing Companies not included):

1. Pizza Hut
2. IBM
3. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

You Need More than Muscle

for a warehouse or logistics job

If you are interested in a job in warehousing or logistics, you may need more than muscle.

Today these jobs require skills related to math, reading and computers. We are offering a refresher course specifically designed for warehouse jobs.



Not only will you gain new skills, but you will earn a certificate recognized by local business. **Next class begins February 8, 2010.** Reserve your seat *today* by contacting **Mary Galati** at **630-906-4126**.

Odds & Ends

Volunteering may be just the thing you need to boost your self-esteem and your job search. Spend some time networking while your volunteer. Looking for some opportunities? Find them at [VolunteerMatch.org](#) or [chicagocares.org](#) or [feedingamerica.org](#). You can also check with your local United Way office to get a listing of local agencies who may need volunteers.

Job search engine [SimplyHired.com](#) is going social and making it easy to connect. Job seekers can now connect directly from a SimplyHired.com job listing to their [LinkedIn](#) network to find out if they have contacts a company.

Do you need a Networking or Job Club?

[Link Here](#) Look in the right hand column. If you know of other job clubs that may be added to our list email us.

Gas prices are on the rise because it is the winter heating

4. Kmart
5. JPMorgan Chase
6. U.S. Army
7. UnitedHealth Group
8. AT&T
9. Raytheon
10. HCR ManorCare
11. General Dynamics
12. Amedisys Home Health Services
13. T-Mobile
14. Blockbuster
15. Gentiva Health Services
16. Deloitte
17. Verizon Wireless
18. Fresenius Medical Care
19. Accenture
20. Genesis Healthcare
21. Wells Fargo
22. Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC)
23. Snap-on Tools
24. DaVita
25. PNC Financial Services Group

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All of our previous articles are posted on our website.

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Do you know someone who may benefit from this e-news?



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Job Descriptions

Job Title: **Tea Taster**
\$14.05 ph

Classified as "Production Inspectors, Checkers and Examiners," these individuals taste samples of tea to determine the

season. Oil futures are trading at over \$80 dollars a barrel. Check out fuel prices at stations in your area - [Gas Prices](#)

LinkedIn

Are You?

KCDEE recently started a new LinkedIn group called KCDEE-Job Search Challenges. If you have a linkedIn profile, you may request to become a member of the group. Just search Groups - KCDEE.



Speaking of LinkedIn - are you curious about setting up a profile and learning more about how you can maximize to help your job search? Watch for details on an upcoming workshop.

Job Satisfaction

Conference Board research says it is LOW.

Americans who are lucky enough to have work in this economy are becoming more unhappy with their jobs, according to a new survey that found only 45 percent of Americans are satisfied with their work. That was the lowest level ever recorded by the Conference Board research group in more than 22 years of studying the issue.

The drop in workers' happiness can be partly blamed on the worst recession since the 1930s, which made it difficult for some people to find challenging and suitable jobs. Workers have grown steadily more unhappy for a variety of reasons:

- Fewer workers consider their jobs to be interesting.
- Incomes have not kept up with inflation.
- The soaring cost of health insurance has eaten into workers' take-home pay.

If the job satisfaction trend is not reversed, economists say, it could stifle innovation and hurt America's competitiveness and productivity. And it could make unhappy older workers less inclined to take the time to share their knowledge and skills with younger workers.

64 percent of workers under 25 say they were unhappy in their jobs. The recession has been especially hard on young workers, who face fewer opportunities now and lower wages, some analysts say.

The most satisfied were those ages 25 to 34, who may see some opportunities for upward mobility as baby boomers retire.

palatability of the product or to prepare blending formulas. They may cook or brew small lots of tea and taste it to determine grade, approximate market value, or acceptability to consumer tastes. (Not quite as appealing of a job title to your editor as Beer Taster, but still quite appealing!)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (June 2005 data)
*National Average Salary

Stay in Touch!

Your Employment and Training Rep wants to stay in touch. [Give them a call to touch base!](#) They would like to hear from you once a month

Workshops

Job Club - DeKalb
Mondays 9AM

Moving Forward - Reintegration

Elgin
Jan 12 & 26
1:30PM
N. Aurora
Jan 4
1:30PM

Sorting It Out

Elgin
Jan 21
1:30PM
N. Aurora
Jan 14 & 28
9AM

Presentation of Services

Elgin
Mon & Thur
1:30PM
N. Aurora
Mon - 1:30PM
Thurs - 10AM

Watch for three new workshops on How to Use Illinois workNet, Entrepreneurship and Using LinkedIn to find a Job

Some other key findings of the survey:

- 43 percent of workers feel secure in their jobs.
- 56 percent say they like their co-workers,
- 56 percent say they are satisfied with their commute to work even as commute times have grown longer over the years.
- 51 percent say they are satisfied with their boss.

Excerpted from recent research reported by the Conference Board © 2010. For their full report [click here](#).

Census Jobs Available

Help your Community Census Applicant Testing

The US Census Bureau is looking for thousands of people to work in temporary jobs across Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The jobs involve going door-to-door to interview residents. Job applicants are required to take a skills test and undergo a background check. Most jobs require U.S.

citizenship, a driver's license and use of a vehicle. The Census Bureau is also looking for people who are bilingual. Local testing is currently scheduled at the Boys & Girls Club at 355 Dundee Ave. at 10 a.m. and noon. If you wish to fill out an application in advance to bring with you to the testing site, go to 2010censusjobs.gov to print it out. Also, be sure to bring two forms of federal identification with you including a photo I.D. Testing will take 2 to 3 hours. If you cannot make this test but wish to know about other test locations, call 1-800-861-2010.



What is the census? The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted - people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When is the census? The 10-question 2010 census form will be mailed to households in March of 2010 and should be mailed back by April 1, 2010.

Why is there a census? The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every ten years. The first U.S. census was conducted in 1790.

Why is the census important in this community? Every year the federal government allocates more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on population. The Medical Assistance Program, Highway Planning and Construction, Federal Transit Formula Grants, Title I Grants to Educational Agencies, State Children's Insurance Program, Head Start and Unemployment Insurance are just a few of the programs that

rely in whole or in part on population data. Cities, libraries and schools also receive funding based on the population count.

According to data from the federal assistance programs, one resident filling in and returning the form is an annual gift of **\$1,200** to the community in which they live. The census helps determine democratic representation. An accurate count of residents also generates jobs as businesses choose location sites.

Is your census information safe? By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including federal, state and local agencies. By law, the census information cannot be shared with immigration agencies.

The 2010 Census theme is "It's in our hands" and it truly is. Please help this community by talking to your neighbors about the census or joining the Complete Count Committee by calling or emailing Liz Clemmons at (847) 429-4698 and lclemmons@gailborden.info.

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About KCDEE

The Kane County Department of Employment & Education (KCDEE) administers Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B/Trade Adjustment Assistance Act services for local Workforce Investment Area 5, and provides the tools that enhance your ability to find a new career for adults, dislocated workers and youth in Kane, DeKalb, and Kendall counties in Illinois.

Net Work

The Networking Wisdom of Dale Carnegie in Five Easy Bullet Points.

Smile: This is such a simple, basic rule, yet people just don't think about it.

Ask a question: Joining a group engaged in conversation can be awkward. The best way to do so is to pose a question to the group after getting the gist of the conversation.

Listen: If you can get people to discuss their experiences and opinions-and listen with sincere interest-you can have a great conversation with someone without having to say much at all.

Business cards: Always have them handy. They're an effective way for you to leave your name behind so that people remember who you are.

Say the person's name: People like to hear their own name. Doing so makes the other person feel more comfortable, like you really know him and he knows you.

The value of networking is immeasurable.

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