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MEMBER FEATURE

Peoria International Airport | Convenience & Connectivity

With daily nonstop flights to four of the five most connected airports in the country, the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport (PIA) has all the amenities of a metropolitan airport, but without the congestion and hassle. Nearly 700,000 people fly through PIA every year, taking advantage of daily nonstop flights to connect to the rest of the world.

"Central Illinois knows that we're big enough to get you everywhere you need to be, but small enough to care you get there," says Director of Airports Gene Olson. "Between our free parking and shuttles, our great airline partners and staff and our connections, I believe we strike that perfect balance of convenience combined with connectivity."

PIA offers travel to 11 nonstop destinations via four airlines: American, Delta, United and Allegiant. With daily flights to five hub airports—Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas/Fort Worth and Minneapolis—Peoria is better



connected than most downstate airports, and it continues to grow. PIA set a new passenger record in 2018, with 672,594 passengers traveling through the airport.

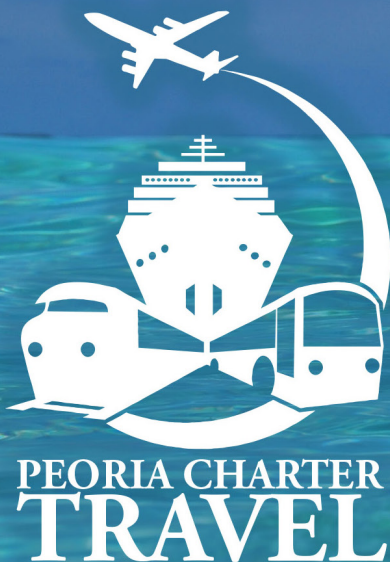
PIA offers both TSA PreCheck and its Premier Club private lounge, a rare amenity among small airports. Access to the lounge and secure parking just steps from the main terminal are available for an annual subscription. Otherwise, parking at PIA is free.

PIA also has a full-service U.S.

Customs and Border Protection facility, which handles about 200 international corporate, charter and general aviation flights each year.

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awards & recognition

Hanson Professional Services, Inc. ranked third out of 21 companies in the medium-employer category, on a list of 69 companies, was named the best place to work in Illinois. The American Public Works Association's (APWA) Illinois Chapter recognized Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for its work on three projects during the chapter's annual awards banquet on May 3 in Peoria.

Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC announced that Timothy D. Gronewold and Michael R. Lied have both been reappointed to committees within the Illinois State Bar Association for the 2019-2020 term.

i3 Broadband is pleased to be recognized with four residential awards and two business awards from Online Consumer-Based Internet Search Service.

John Graham & Associates' Financial Consultant Scott Fisher has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP Board) to use the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and CFP® certification marks, in accordance with CFP Board certification and renewal requirements.

First Mid Bank & Trust was named the Central/Southern Illinois Community Lender of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Illinois District Office for the sixth consecutive year.

Illinois American Water's Padma Paan is one of only 54 individuals accepted into the Water Environment Federation's (WEF) Water Leadership Institute (WLI). Lori Stenzel, senior water quality and environmental compliance specialist for Illinois American Water, was awarded the 2019 Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association (ISAWWA) Women in Water Outstanding Woman award (WiWOW).

Methodist College is pleased to announce that Dr. Deborah Garrison, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, is one of 20 senior college administrators selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in the year-long Presidential Vocation and

Institutional Mission program for prospective college and university presidents.

OSF HealthCare has been named for the second year in a row, one of the best employers in the country for 2019 by Forbes magazine, and the highest ranked Illinois-based health care system earning the distinction.

Peoria Charter Travel was recently honored for its sales achievement in 2018, among 220 travel agency members of the MAST Travel Network, at an awards ceremony held recently in Addison, Illinois. Peoria Charter Travel was a recipient of three MAST AWARDS for highest sales in 2018 with 45 nationally-known tour and cruise companies.

MercyMe played the **Peoria Civic Center Arena** on Sunday, March 24, becoming the highest grossing contemporary Christian music show in the venue's 37-year history.

University of Illinois College of Medicine's Dr. Amber M. D'Souza, a specialist in children's cancer, has been named to the Jim and Katie Owens – OSF Professorship in Pediatric Oncology.

business moves

A5 Power Solutions is proud to announce the addition of Wisconsin to their current ABB/Current Technology territory.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria Board of Directors Executive Committee is pleased to announce the Clubs' new Chief Professional Officer, Christian Lee. Christian is a native of Peoria and lives in the area with his wife, Tess, and their five children.

Bradley University President Gary Roberts announced his intent to retire when his contract expires at the end of May of 2020.

The Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) is pleased to welcome Kevin Nowlan to the position of Chief Operating Officer. Central Illinois Angels, a membership-based angel investment organization composed of business leaders and

professionals in Central Illinois, has invested in Peoria, IL based TADA Cognitive Solutions.

CIAN is proud to announce the addition of Sophos, Duo and Safepass to its already extensive Managed Security Services portfolio. Call 309-691-3000 for more information.

CityLink recently welcomed Angel Marinich to its management team as an Assistant General Manager. CLA is pleased to announce the following new hires to the Peoria office: Mackenzie McCall, Associate, Aaron Kurth, Associate, Keith Brooks, Client Engagement Leader – Enhanced Managed Services, Brandon Casey, Senior Consultant, Denny Nunez, Senior, Dan Hucal, Senior, Jason Bader, Senior, Cheryl Pritzker, Associate, Mark Streid, Senior.

CORE Construction and **POINTCORE Construction** are pleased to announce the opening of their new office at 601 SW Water Street in downtown Peoria.

FE Moran Security Solutions, headquartered in Illinois and a nationwide provider of electronic security, life safety, and monitoring systems, announces the acquisition of MidCo, Inc.

F&M Bank is pleased to announce that Cindy Greene has been hired as Vice President, Treasury Management.

Fortress Bank is pleased to announce that Nick Esser and Jenny Garlach have recently joined the bank as Vice President, Commercial Banking Officer and Treasury Management Specialist, respectively.

GPEDC is pleased to announce that Andrew Ngui has been hired to serve as our Director of Innovation and Startups. He comes to us with a tremendous amount of experience in the innovation world.

GrandStay Hospitality, LLC, the franchisor for GrandStay Hotels, announces the expansion of its brand into the great state of Illinois with the opening of a hotel & suite in Peoria.

Hanson Professional Services Inc.'s board of directors recently elected 10 employees to new officer positions.

Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth is pleased to announce David B. Wiest and William P. Streeter have become capital partners and Kevin D. Day and Kyle M. Tompkins have become partners of their law firm.

Heartland Bank and Trust Company has named Fred Blanchard as Retail Manager in Peoria.

Methodist College announced that Dr. Eileen Setti has been selected as the Dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Setti has worked in higher education for 10 years and has over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector.

The Northwestern Mutual Greater Peoria team welcomes: Financial Representative, Jeff Neavor, Financial Representative Anne Shutt, and Associate Financial Representative Samuel Kiesewetter.

The OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois Adult Congenital Heart Program earned accreditation as a Comprehensive Care Center from the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA), the highest level possible.

Peoria Innovation Alliance (Peoria Inno) launched May 1st. The mission of the Peoria Inno is to share and promote Greater Peoria's history, promote their progress and vision for the future, sponsor events and programming which foster collaboration, and support a seed fund and accelerator to enable and empower the next round of innovators and entrepreneurs that call Greater Peoria home.

The Wheels O' Time Museum Board of Directors, staff and volunteers recently welcomed Jim Baldwin as the new Board President of the organization, and Laura Evancho as its first Executive Director since it became a nonprofit organization in 2017.

WTVP is pleased to announce a new edition to their leadership team, Lesley Matuszak as Chief Executive Officer.

business news

Ameren Illinois and the **Peoria Civic Center** will be bringing Broadway to Peoria with five award-winning shows as part of the 2019-2020 Ameren Illinois Broadway Series.

Anytime Fitness North Peoria is pleased to announce a local partnership with **EPIC**.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria held their 5th Annual "Cookies with Cops" event where local law enforcement officials and BGC kids came together to support relationships uniting and bringing peace and fellowship to our community.

The Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA) now offers certified domestic violence training to all cosmetologists, cosmetology teachers, estheticians, esthetic teachers, hair braiders, hair braiding teachers, nail technicians, and nail technology teachers in Central Illinois seeking licensure renewals.

A local "Food for Health" project funded by a grant from the **Community Foundation of Central Illinois** hopes to encourage food pantry guests to choose healthier food options and boost availability of healthy food choices at Peoria food pantries.

F&M Bank celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding.

First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. ("First Mid") announced that the acquisition of SCB Bancorp, Inc. ("Soy Capital"), which includes Soy Capital Bank and Trust and its wholly owned subsidiary, J.L. Hubbard Insurance and Bonds, has been completed.

A record 64,649 passengers traveled through the **Gen. Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport** last month, up 3.3 percent from the previous March record of 62,645 passengers in 2018. At that time, the March 2018 record was the busiest month in airport history. Since then, PIA has had seven more record months, including a new all-time record in June 2018 of 64,784 passengers. flypia.com

Hanson Professional Services Inc. reported its 2018 gross revenue as \$82.8 million, which is an increase of \$4 million from 2017, during its

annual shareholder meeting April 8. Mat Fletcher, P.E., S.E., a vice president and project manager at Hanson Professional Services Inc.'s Peoria office, recently celebrated 20 years of service with the company.

Lutheran Hillside Village broke ground June 13th on a new 19,000 square foot, two-story Wellness Center that will promote healthy lifestyles and provide a wide range of convenient on-site services to enrich the quality of life for all residents.

"These Hands of Mine" was a meet & greet the author at I Know You Like a Book in Peoria Heights, Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 2 – 4 PM, with retired Apple's Bakery owner, **Mary Ardapple Dierker**, as she shared a lifelong philosophy for optimal health is much more than the food an individual consumes as outlined in her inaugural book, "These Hands of Mine ~ Reflections of a Retired Sugar Peddler on Life Fulfilled."

Northwestern Mutual Greater Peoria is excited to announce the release of our Managing Director Josh Waite's newest book "Up and Down the Mountain: Financial Planning for Medical and Dental Professionals." To obtain a copy of the book, please donate to the DAX Foundation at <https://thedaxfoundation.org/donate> and reach out to Melissa Malson at 309-306-7525 to receive your copy.

Peoria Brick Company is celebrating their 120th anniversary this year along with Kim Reece, the 5th generation of the family owned business, being named President.

The **Peoria Civic Center**, the **Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau** and **Illinois Music Education Association** are pleased to announce the All-State Music Conference will continue to be hosted in Peoria 2021 through 2025.

Peoria County is one of 15 communities selected to participate in Local Foods, Local Places (LFLP), a federal initiative that helps communities reinvest in existing neighborhoods and improve quality of life as they develop the local food economy.

Peoria County Board appointed Jennifer Groves Allison as the Member for District 17 at the April

11, 2019 Peoria County Board Meeting.

The **Peoria Riverfront Museum** installed a towering 25-foot-tall bronze "American Gothic" homage, replacing the now-familiar sculpture of giant Lincoln, "Return Visit." The Peoria Riverfront Museum will receive a \$1 million contribution from T. Bondurant "Bon" French, chairman of the board of the Chicago-based private equity firm Adams Street Partners, and his wife, Hollis "Holly" S. French.

A total of \$21,179.00 was raised to benefit **Ronald McDonald House Charities®** of Central Illinois as a result of their inaugural All-In Donation Day on Thursday, March 21, 2019. This exceeded the goal of \$20,000.

The **Rotary Club of Peoria North's** 50th Anniversary Committee worked hard to host a Golden Gala fundraiser to help celebrate this milestone, but to also raise funds to present the community with a gift in honor of this achievement. Thanks to a partnership with the **Peoria Park District** and **Illinois American Water**, the Rotary Club of Peoria North is excited to announce the dedication of a new public shelter on the Rock Island Trail.

The **South Side Office of Concern** held an event on Tuesday, April 30th to share their new name, **Phoenix Community Development Services** and new tagline, "Changing Perspectives, Providing Solutions," to more effectively communicate the current scope of the agency's work and its role as a leader and innovator.

Total Spectrum has moved into their new home in Central Illinois located at 4921 N Glen Park Place. The **Kim Group** is very grateful that they were able to assist with the new location. Please visit their website www.totalspectrumcare.com

Wheels O' Time Museum opened for their 37th season on May 1, 2019 with several new events during the season. The season ends on October 31. Also is participating in the Blue Star Program for the 10th season ending on Labor Day. July 21-25th host the Central Illinois

Heritage Tractor Club with a display outside. At 9 am on July 26th The Central Illinois Heritage Tractor Club will have a tractor Drive from our museum to Princeville Heritage Museum. On August 3rd, the Civil War Unit called the 108th Illinois Regimental Field Hospital will be at museum from noon to 3pm. Wheels O' Time Museum will be open on Labor Day, noon to 5pm

The University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria (UICOMP) was one of 15 sites nationwide selected as a pilot for a student preparation and faculty training initiative in family medicine.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria now offers free training to area groups and organizations to show citizens how to stop bleeding in emergency situations. The training, called "Stop the Bleed," is a nationwide initiative by the American College of Surgeons. The University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria has named Dr. Meenakshy Aiyer has been named Interim Regional Dean following the retirement of Dr. Sara Rusch.

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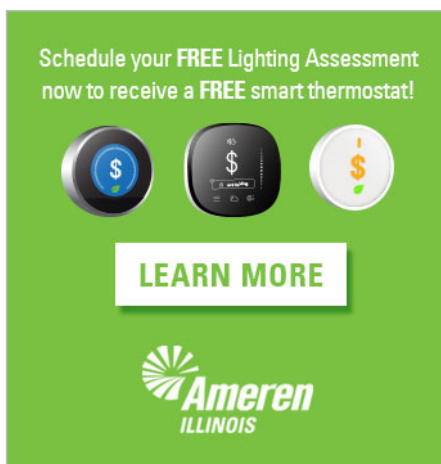
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AMEREN NEWS

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By Sharon Conlee, SBDI/Market Segment Coordinator, Ameren Illinois

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September 12th, 4:30pm–6:30pm

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Ameren Illinois Efficiency Program

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YPGP NEWS

Upcoming YPGP Events

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Check out our website for more information or to register for this event or contact Audrey Kamm at akamm@peoriachamber.org



November 1

Save the Date - Signature Event

Location to be determined

Event details to follow.

August 15

Secrets of My Success with Adam White

Location to be determined

Event details to follow.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Illinois General Assembly wrapped up their work for the state's legislative session.

This session resulted in the passing of many new bills that will directly and indirectly affect our members and their customers.

- Illinois passed a \$45 billion capital investment plan that includes a gas tax increase and vehicle registration fee increases.
- The General Assembly passed a law that would make Illinois the 11th state to legalize recreational cannabis.
- The state passed a \$40,000 per year minimum wage for teachers.
- Illinois lawmakers approved a \$40 billion budget.
- Illinois lawmakers passed a pay raise for themselves.
- In the event Illinois voters amend the constitution to allow for a graduated income tax, the General Assembly passed what the new rates would be.
- The state will now require online stores and warehouses to pay state sales tax.
- The State of Illinois will increase the cigarette tax and has opened the pathway for Chicago, Danville and downstate casinos.
- Illinois has legalized sports betting.
- Illinois passed an apprenticeship tax credit.
- The state extended the Research and Development Tax Credit.
- Illinois has eliminated the franchise tax.
- The state passed a law that will require corporate boards to file annual reports on their racial, gender and ethnic make-up.



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