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EVENTS CALENDAR

PACC Events Calendar: www.PeoriaChamber.org/Events

Business Before Hours

4th Tuesday // Monthly // 7:30-9:00am

- **FEB 28** // Neighborhood House
- **MAR 28** // Princeville State Bank
- **APR 25** // Lincoln Office

Business After Hours

2nd Thursday // Monthly // 4:30-6:30pm

- **JAN 12** // ProSource Wholesale
- **FEB 09** // Peoria Symphony Orchestra
- **MAR 09** // FourPoints by Sheraton
- **APR 13** // Barrack's Hospitality Group | Peoria

Initiatives: Watch for Updates!

- Big Table: Greater Peoria
- Chamber All-In
- Greater Peoria 2030
- Shop Local 365

Upcoming PACC Events

- **Future Member Mixer // MAR 9 // 4:30-6:30pm**

This event will take place in conjunction with March BAH hosted by FourPoints by Sheraton! Two Events: One Location! Bring a Rep. from a prospective member to learn more about membership & win great prizes!

Annual Events - Coming Soon!

Sponsorships Available - Contact us!

- **State of the Schools**
- **Chamber Picture Day**
- **Annual Golf Outing**
- **State of the City**
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon**



MEMBER FEATURE

Local Benefit Options for Central Illinois Businesses

Did you know **Illinois Mutual** is a nationwide provider of worksite voluntary benefits – based right here in Central Illinois?

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As a business that was founded in Central Illinois over 100 years ago & is proud to be headquartered in Peoria today; Illinois Mutual knows the community. They want to serve more small businesses in Central Illinois!

Learn more about Illinois Mutual – and they can pair you up with a local agent!

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YPGP EVENTS:

Architecture Pub Crawl

March 11 | Begins at 1:00pm
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Monthly Socials

Mark your Calendars: 1st Thursday/Mo. from 5-7pm
Feb 02 | **March 03** | **April 01** | **May 04** | **June 01**



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello, Readers!

I am thrilled to announce that Jessica Linder Gallo officially joins the team in February as our new Vice President of Operations and has already begun her transition into the role! With over seven years experience with Chambers of Commerce, Jessica brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team. Her professional accolades include National Top 40 Chamber Executives under 40 from the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) in 2021 and her completion of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organizational Management (IOM) program in 2022.

As a native of Morton, Jessica and her Husband are excited to return home to Central Illinois. Jessica joins your Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce after 4 years as the President & CEO at the Aurora Area Chamber of Commerce (AACC) where she led a Chamber of over 600 members in Illinois' second-largest city. During her time in Aurora, Jessica helped secure AACC's Illinois State Chamber of the Year Award in 2020 and 5-star accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Prior to her work with AACC, Jessica led the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, as their Executive Director for 3 years.



Pictured Above: Jessica Linder Gallo, PACC VPO

In addition to the operational aspects of this role, Jessica is passionate about providing exceptional service to our members and making a positive impact on our regional business community.

Jessica has actively been contributing to the work of our Chamber; she helped write and submit our approved \$500k grant application to the State of Illinois for our Talent Attraction initiative. In addition to her role as VPO, Jessica will continue to play a lead role in managing this program for the Chamber.

We are also bidding farewell to Audrey Kamm, our previous VPO, as she begins a new chapter with Midwest Food Bank (MFB) - Peoria as their Executive Director. We are so proud of all she has accomplished during her time at PACC and wish her much success in this exciting career move. As a Current Chamber Member, MFB will remain a close community partner.

I hope all our members and the Greater Peoria community will help give a warm welcome to Jessica Linder Gallo and thank Audrey for the impactful work she did here at PACC!

We are excited to see what new heights we can reach in 2023 with Jessica joining the PACC team and how we can continue to provide resources and benefits to PACC members & grow our regional business community with some new energy & perspective.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gunn
President & CEO



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News:

In Illinois, many new laws take effect in 2023.

Business & Work:

The annual increases in the state's minimum wage continue, and on Jan. 1, 2023, the minimum wage for most workers increased to \$13 per hour. The minimum wage for those who receive tips for their work (i.e., restaurant servers) will raise to \$7.80 per hour, and the wage for those younger than the age of 18 who work fewer than 650 hours per year will increase to \$10.50 per hour. Annual increases continue until Jan. 1, 2025, when the minimum wage hits \$15 per hour.

SB 1698 Increases the taxable wage base by 2.4% annually beginning in 2023 until 2027 and targeted Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund solvency balance from \$1 billion to \$1.75 billion. Establishes terms for a \$450 million interest-free loan to the UI Trust Fund from the State Treasury.

SB 2984 Adds youth entrepreneurs to the list of individuals eligible for training and mentorship programs offered by entrepreneurship assistance centers.

SB 3120 The Family Bereavement Leave Act (FBLA) gives eligible employees the option of unpaid time off for certain situations. It allows time to grieve the death of a family member covered by the act. It also covers time off for certain pregnancy events, like miscarriage, or other diagnosis that impacts pregnancy. Lastly, it covers adoption related events. Eligible employees will be allowed to use a maximum of two weeks of unpaid bereavement leave.

SB 3127 Formally recognizes emergency medical dispatchers as first responders.

SB 3416 The One Day of Rest Act includes two important changes. First, employees must get one day of rest in "every consecutive seven-day period." And second, employees must get a 20-minute meal break for the first 7.5 hours worked. After that they must get another 20-minute break for each additional 4.5-hour period worked after.

SB 3616 CROWN (Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair) Act. The CROWN Act creates protections for Illinoisans discriminated against due to hairstyles historically associated with specific racial groups.

SB 3930 Expands the Illinois Home Grown Business Opportunity Act to include notices of funding opportunities to small businesses and municipalities along the border of Illinois. Requires the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to notify small businesses and municipalities

of new COVID-19 restrictions.

SB 3938 Removes the requirement for the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology to assist client agencies in identifying funding opportunities and ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms.

HB 5225 Requires the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop a program to award grants to organizations to distribute subsidies to individuals participating in an apprenticeship program, pre-apprenticeship program, or work-based learning program.

HB 5576 Provides that the state shall not regulate professions, occupations, industries, businesses, or trades in a way that adversely affects a competitive market of equitable access to job and economic opportunities.

School & Higher Education:

SB 3902 Students entering high school in the '23-'24 school year need to complete at least one year of computer science. This is a new graduation requirement. Additionally, all public high school students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. If they do not want to file it, they must waive it. This is a requirement in order to receive their high school diploma.

SB 3925 Creates the Human Service Professional Loan Repayment Program to recruit and retain qualified direct service professionals to work for community-based human service providers by providing loan repayment assistance to eligible direct service professionals.

SB 3972 Creates a program to provide high school students with experience relating to work in the intellectual and developmental disabilities field.

SB 4028 Creates a mental health council that works to figure out how to help children in school to find a mental health provider and how to access the mental health system. Puts into school curriculum lessons and teachings about mental health.

HB 3296 Requires school boards to establish a career and technical education pathway program for grades 6 through 12.

HB 4201 Requires each public university and community college's Board of Trustees to designate a benefits navigator who can assist students with benefit eligibility and how to apply.

HB 4343 Schools can establish wellness checks for students in the 7th grade through 12th grade. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services can also do this. The purpose of these wellness checks is to

identify and help students who are at risk of mental health conditions. Some examples of these conditions including depression or anxiety.

HB 4798 Addresses the shortage of substitute teachers throughout the state by allowing students enrolled in approved teacher training programs who have earned at least 90 credit hours to obtain a substitute teaching license.

HB 5265 Requires school districts to waive all school fees for students experiencing homelessness.

HB 5488 Middle school and high school students will be allowed to miss one day of school per year to attend a civic event.

HB 5506 Allows partnership agreements between Community College districts and School districts to allow high school students to enroll in a dual credit course for high school credit and collect demographic data.

Health & Benefits:

Several bills were passed and signed into law that expand insurance coverage for specific screenings and health conditions. Beginning in the New Year, insurance companies must provide coverage for:

- Prenatal vitamins when they are prescribed by a physician,
- Prostate cancer screenings with no co-pay required,
- Medically necessary Continuous Glucose Monitors for those diagnosed with Type I or Type II diabetes, and
- Genetic testing to detect an increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer if the tests are recommended by a health care provider.
- Additionally, "home health services" must now be covered for the duration of medically necessary care.

SB 3166 Requires hospitals, establishments, or facilities to ensure nurses are aware of the Illinois Professionals Health Program and also requires one hour of continuing education training on substance abuse and disorders.

HB 2382 Expands access to healthy foods in eligible areas throughout Illinois by providing assistance to grocery stores, corner stores, farmers markets and other small food retailers.

HB 2595 Access to mental healthcare Illinois insurance must cover medically necessary mental health care. This includes treatment for mental, emotional, nervous or substance use disorders.

HB 4645 Creates an Equity and Representation in Health Care Workforce Repayment Program to provide loan

repayments and scholarships for health care professionals who serve in Illinois medical facilities for a specified period of time. Prioritizes increasing diversity in medically underserved areas.

Money & Debt:

HB 2775 Aims to make it easier for low-income families to find housing by declaring that it is a civil rights violation for any person engaging in real estate transactions to discriminate based on source of income.

HB 4410 Creates the Real Estate Valuation Task Force to help resolve the history of discrimination in the housing industry.

HB 4682 Veterans emergency financial assistance Veterans' Cash grants for emergency financial assistance can be used to pay for past due utilities, housing, and transportation costs.

Vehicles:

SB 3609 Allows drivers to apply for a one-time \$25 rebate, "if the vehicle is manufactured in this state and the application for title is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured."

HB 3772 This law ensures people whose cars have been stolen will not be liable for violations, fees, fines or penalties when their vehicles are caught on red light or speed cameras.

HB 5304 Reduces the vehicle registration fee for senior citizens from \$24 to \$10.

Motor Fuel Tax: The same year Gov. Pritzker signed the minimum wage bill, he also signed a multi-year, \$45 billion transportation and capital improvements bill known as "Rebuild Illinois," which is funded in part with higher motor fuel taxes that are scheduled to increase with inflation each year. As a result, Jan. 1, the motor fuel tax people pay at the pump went up 3.1 cents per gallon, and it will increase again when the next regular adjustment date comes around on July 1, 2023.

Source: *Illinois General Assembly* - lga.gov

Holding Elected Officials Accountable



Peoria City Council Voting Record Score Card



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Advanced Innergy now has its Hyperbaric Room installed. Sit back and relax as you enjoy the latest in oxygen therapy. This is a low pressure, ambient air hyperbaric chamber.

The American Water Charitable Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant for a Peoria art project. **Artists ReEnvisioning Tomorrow (ART) Inc.** will repurpose 10 retired fire hydrants donated by **Illinois American Water** to create art. Young student artists of various ages and skill will paint the hydrants while also learning about fire protection and water service. A key partner in this project is the **Peoria Fire Department**, which will help provide programming and auction off the hydrants to donors to raise additional funding for ART Inc.

Rebekah Bourland is the 2022 recipient of the ArtsPartners of the Year Award from **ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc.** The award recognizes exemplary support of and service to the arts in central Illinois. ArtsPartners also presented the Arts Legacy Award to two honorees: the **Peoria Symphony Orchestra** in recognition of its 125th season, and the **Carver Center** in recognition of its 100th anniversary.

Libby Derry has been named executive director of communications and media relations at **Bradley University**. She most recently served as media relations coordinator for **OSF HealthCare**. Prior to that, she was a television journalist in multiple markets, including in Peoria at **WEEK-TV**.

Seeking to expand its autonomous fleet beyond mining, **Caterpillar Inc.** will collaborate with Luck Stone, the nation's largest family-owned-and-operated producer of crushed stone, sand and gravel.

A \$35 million Extraordinary Dividend was approved by **CEFCU's** Board of Directors and distributed to the Credit Union's member/owners. The amount each member received was determined by dividends earned and interest paid during the first 11 months of the year. On December 1, funds were deposited to members' Savings accounts. Over the last 22 years, CEFCU has returned \$415 million in Extraordinary Dividends to members.

The **Center for Prevention of Abuse (CFPA)** has been awarded a \$53,400 Safe Housing grant from RedRover to create a program designated to safely care for the pets of domestic violence survivors. CFPA is the only grant recipient in Illinois. With this grant CFPA created the Pet Peace program to help clients residing in its domestic violence shelters with the boarding, feeding, medical care and vaccination of their dogs and cats.

Central States Media has changed its name to **Central States Marketing**. Since its formation, Central States Marketing has grown from three to 25 employees and has offices in three states. Though its midwestern roots run deep, CSM serves national and international clients, running campaigns in five languages in 10 countries. The company is at 2006 W. Altorfer Drive, Peoria.

The **City of Peoria** has distributed \$1.4M to 118 area businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, the city's Economic Development Department launched the RISE (Recovery, Income, Startup, Expansion) program in May 2022. Of the businesses that received funding, 82% are minority-owned, woman-owned, minority-and-women-of-color-owned, and/or veteran-owned.

CityLink's 35th Annual Stuff-A-Bus food drive, created to help eliminate hunger in Peoria, benefitted the **Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service** and officially wrapped up donations in November 2022. The campaign began in October and concluded with a press conference at the Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service. The total weight of donations collected during this year's Stuff-A-Bus food drive totaled 24,942 pounds or 12.47 tons. This is a record collection for the Stuff-A-Bus food drive. The previous record was recorded in 2008 with 11.8 tons collected.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has announced principal and signing director advancements for professionals across the firm. In Peoria: Drew Foreman, principal, Manufacturing and Distribution; David White, principal, Agribusiness and Cooperatives; Jared Woiwode, signing director, Service Specialist. In Bloomington: Cory Hartke, signing director, Health Care. In Springfield: David Schahl, signing director, Agribusiness and Cooperatives.

The **Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI)** has welcomed Andrea Ingwersen as the new Director of Communications and recently awarded over \$290,000 through the Community Needs, Local Jobs Fund, and Women's Fund Success grants to local nonprofit organizations providing vital programs and services to the central Illinois community. Organizations funded include: **Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, EPIC, Hult Center for Healthy Living, Dream Center Peoria, Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters, Adult & Teen Challenge of the Greater Midwest, Center for Prevention of Abuse, Freedom House, ART Inc., Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank, Public Interest Law Initiative, LifeLine Pilots, Neighborhood House, Tazewell County Health Department, The Autism Collective, Peoria Friendship House, George Washington Carver Association, Minority Business Development Center, Prairie State Legal Services, FamilyCore, Peoria Public Schools Foundation, Easterseals Central Illinois, Camp Big Sky, Phoenix Community Development Services, Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, Girls on the Run of Central Illinois, The Christian Center, HVCD/CJobs Partnership, and Crittenton Centers.**

Mike Tchang has joined **Cullinan Properties** as senior vice president, director of real estate. He is based in Cullinan Properties' Chicago office and is responsible for leading all aspects of Cullinan's real estate holdings, including portfolio operations, strategy setting, budgeting, forecasting and reporting efforts.

Eureka College has received \$1.25 million lead gift for a \$2.5 million project that will create a new Student Success Center and modernize the college library. Inside Melick Library, the 27,000-square-foot center will house all student life and academic support services. Library resources also will be updated. The project is part of a larger initiative to strengthen the school's First-Generation program and other retention-oriented programs and services. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, was a first-generation college student. This fall, 54% of Eureka's 279 first-year and transfer students were first-generation students. The construction and renovations are planned to begin in spring 2023.

On Jan. 4, **Heartland Health Services** – Sheridan relocated adult care, counseling services and medication-assisted treatment services to the **Human Services Center**. HSC

is located at 228 NE Jefferson St., Peoria. Heartland Health Services – Sheridan is currently located in the Peoria City County Health Department Building at 2116 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, which is undergoing renovations. The clinic will move back to 2116 N. Sheridan Road when construction is complete in 2024.

Rebecca Losli has been named president of **Illinois American Water**. She joined American Water in 2021 as director of engineering for Missouri American Water. Kyle Smith has been named the senior operations manager for the company's Western Division. He will oversee operations in the Peoria, Pekin and Lincoln Districts.

Midwest Food Bank Peoria, IL, has hired Audrey Kamm as the new Executive Director. Audrey will assume the role effective February 1, 2023. She most recently served as the Vice President of Operations for the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. As Executive Director, Audrey will be responsible for ensuring MFB programs are executed with efficient use of facilities, employees, and volunteers. She will also manage budgeting, fundraising, community engagement, and other requirements for not-for-profit operations.

Lucas D. Myrna is the new executive manager of the **Central Illinois Chapter of the National Electrical Contractor's Association's (NECA)**, where he will advocate for and spread awareness of the electrical construction industry in central Illinois.

OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria has earned a distinguished three-star rating from The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) for its patient care and outcomes in isolated coronary artery bypass grafting procedures. The STS star rating is calculated using a combination of quality measures for specific procedures performed by an STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database participant. The three-star rating, which denotes the highest category of quality, places OSF Saint Francis among the elite for heart bypass surgery in the United States and Canada.

The Economic Impact of the 2022 **Peoria Art Guild Fine Art Fair** was \$300,420 according to calculations by the **Peoria Conventions and Visitors Bureau**. It is estimated that there were an estimated 1,088 overnight stays in Peoria and the average meal purchases in our community over the weekend were \$52,594. The average shopping in the community was estimated at \$41,835 with recreation purchases at \$34,482. The estimated local taxes generated were \$24,437. The Peoria Art Guild is thrilled to be able to offer this event to the community and make such a significant economic impact on our local economy. The Guild would like to thank the **Peoria Park District** and all the sponsors and planners who made 2022 a successful year. The Peoria Art Guild is looking forward to the 61st year in September of 2023!

Segun Babalola is the newly appointed president/CEO of **Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. (PCCOE)**. He previously served as city administrator for the City of Dellwood, Missouri.

The **Peoria County Board's Advisory Committee for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development** has launched StartABusinessGP.org, a free, online dashboard for entrepreneurs who are looking to start a business or are in the early stages of development.

The **Peoria County Sheriff's Office** has released a new smartphone app to give easier access to public information. The

free app will provide information such as active warrants and an inmate roster, along with an interactive map connected to sex-offender registries. Users can choose to receive message notifications like missing person alerts, suspect information, inclement weather warnings and traffic detours. Information can flow both ways as well, as the app also gives options for anonymous tips and patrol requests.

Roberta Koscielski, the recently retired deputy director of the **Peoria Public Library**, has been named to the honor roll of Illinois Library Luminaries by the Illinois Library Association. She also was honored as the 2020 Librarian of the Year.

PNC has recently promoted Nick DeMoss from a Business Banker to Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager. For the past 6 years, Nick has been a relationship manager in the Business Banking group providing financial advice to small business owners to aid in their success and growth. Nick sits on many internal committees including PNC's Diversity and Inclusion Council and has been nominated for multiple awards within the organization including being named a PNC Market All Star. Nick is a graduate of the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership School and a Peoria Magazine 40 Leaders Under Forty award recipient.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois announces Allison Paul will join Board of Directors.

Allison Paul, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, has been the Chief Nursing Officer at HSHS St. John's Hospital since September of 2015. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Illinois Wesleyan, a Master of Science in Nursing from St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Rush University College of Nursing.

The **Rotary Club of Peoria** has awarded a grant of \$2,747.80 to fund Sterling Middle School's Peaceful Playground updates. The Peaceful Playground is a space that allow students time to just be kids while providing a safe outdoor space to utilize for school and community events.

Savant Wealth Management, a nationally recognized, fee-only registered investment adviser (RIA), received numerous industry recognitions in 2022: Barron's ranked Savant No. 33 in its list of the Top RIA Firms of 2022, up three spots from Savant's No. 36 ranking in 2021. Savant ranked No. 13 in Financial Planning's RIA Leaders 2022, which ranks the top 20 RIAs providing fee-only financial planning services. For the 14th consecutive year, Financial Advisor, a leading financial trade publication, recognized Savant in its annual RIA rankings. Savant climbed two spots from No. 43 in 2021, to earn the No. 41 spot in the 2022 RIA Ranking. The list includes nearly 540 RIAs throughout the U.S. In addition, Financial Advisor also named Savant No. 35 in its list of the 50 Fastest Growing RIAs in 2022. InvestmentNews recognized Savant in its list of Top Fee-Only RIAs in 2022, earning the No. 22 spot, jumping from No. 26 in 2021. This is the 15th straight year the firm has made the list. For the 10th year in a row, Accounting Today recognized Savant in its annual Top Wealth Magnet list, which ranks by AUM 150 CPA financial planners throughout the nation. Savant earned the No. 2 spot and is part of the "\$1B-Plus Club. In 2021, the firm ranked No. 3.

Associate Judge Frank Ierulli has been appointed at-large circuit court judge in the **Tenth Judicial Circuit**, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael D. Risinger. The

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appointment took effect on Dec. 1, 2022 and will conclude Dec. 2, 2024, following the November 2024 general election.

UnityPoint Health Pekin has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in computed tomography (CT) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). CT scanning — sometimes called CAT scanning — is a noninvasive medical test that helps physicians diagnose and tailor treatments for various medical conditions.

UnityPoint Health Proctor and **Methodist** have both received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain- MI Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award for 2022. Proctor and Methodist are both two of 85 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. The award recognizes Proctor and Methodist's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that Proctor and Methodist have both reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

Carle Health (Carle) is poised to expand access to services, programs and resources and create new innovative opportunities for patients in the Peoria area through a strategic affiliation agreement with **UnityPoint Health® – Central Illinois** and **UnityPoint Health®**. With this agreement, Carle Health will replace UnityPoint Health as the parent organization of UnityPoint Health – Central Illinois, which includes Methodist, Proctor and Pekin Hospitals, affiliated clinics, UnityPlace and

Methodist College. Throughout the next several months, all three organizations will work to advance a shared commitment to providing the best care possible and a seamless experience for all patients, team members and community members. Both Carle Health and UnityPoint Health – Central Illinois are committed to providing a broader continuum of services by strengthening and expanding the services our patients rely on — including medical, behavioral health and addiction recovery services. Another goal is to bring additional specialty care services with experts working in the Central Illinois community to make it easier for people to get the care they need close to home.

Mark Linder Walk for the Mind has donated \$115,000 to the **University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria** to support brain tumor and brain cancer research. The donation includes proceeds from the group's 20th annual walk on Peoria's Riverfront as well as other fundraisers throughout the year.

W.D. Boyce Council Boy Scouts of America announces Priscilla Slaughter has joined its team as Director of Development. She previously worked in development with the **Peoria Symphony Orchestra**, Peoria Zoological Society, and Mental Health Association of Illinois Valley and served as Sponsorship Coordinator at Maui Jim, Inc. A Knox College alumna and past 40 Leaders Under Forty recipient, Priscilla is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals as well as the Emerging Philanthropists Fund with the **Community Foundation of Central Illinois**.

Business Briefs are the perfect opportunity to share business news, new hires, promotions, celebrate awards & more! Space is offered to Chamber Members at no cost. To share your news in the next issue, information must be submitted via email to editor@peoriachamber.org by March 1st.

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 Family
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 AG; Close/Private Held; Gov/Muni/Lobby/Admin; RE: Comm; Trust/Will/Estate
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 Gov/Muni/Lobby/Admin; Labor: Management; Pl Def: General; Workers' Comp Def
 Agriculture; Close/Private Held; Public Utilities; RE: Commercial; RE: Residential
 Family
 Agriculture; Commercial Litigation; Environmental
 Employment: Employee; Family; Military
 Real Estate: Commercial; Real Estate: Residential
 Criminal Defense: DUI; Criminal Defense: Felonies/Misdemeanors; Family
 Personal Injury: General; Workers' Compensation
 Close/Private Held; Elder; RE: Commercial; RE: Residential; Trust/Will/Estate
 Personal Injury Defense: General
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 Close/Private Held Business; Real Estate: Commercial; Real Estate: Finance
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 Real Estate: Residential
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 Association/Non-Profit; Close/Private Held; Creditor Rights/Commercial Collections
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 Commercial Litigation; Creditor Rights/Commercial Collections
 Commercial Litigation; Construction; Creditor Rights/Commercial Collections
 Personal Injury: General
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 Workers' Compensation
 Personal Injury: General
 Workers' Compensation
 Personal Injury: General
 Workers' Compensation
 Workers' Compensation
 Workers' Compensation Defense
 Construction; Insurance/Coverage/Reins; Pl Defense: General; Transportation Def
 Family
 Adoption/Reproductive Technology; Family; Nursing Home Negligence; Pl General
 Commercial Litigation; Employment: Management
 Medical Malpractice Defense; Personal Injury Defense: General
 Workers' Compensation Defense
 AG; Close/Private Held; Creditor Rights/Comm Collect; Land Use/Zoning; RE: Comm
 Family; Medical Malpractice Defense; Personal Injury Defense: General
 Civil Rights/Constitutional; Employment: Management; Pl Defense: General
 Workers' Compensation Defense
 Close/Private Held Business; Real Estate: Commercial; Real Estate: Residential
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 Medical Malpractice Defense
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Family; Gov/Muni/Lobby/Admin; Workers' Compensation Defense
Agriculture; Close/Private Held Business; RE: Residential; Trust/Will/Estate
Close/Private Held; Employment Mngmnt; Labor Mngmnt; Trust/Will/Estate
Medical Malpractice Defense
Workers' Compensation Defense
Civil Rts/Constitutional; Emp: Mngmnt; Gov/Muni/Lobby/Admin; Med Mal Def
Close/Private Held Bus; Commercial Litigation; Medical Malpractice Defense
Close/Private Held Business; Real Estate: Commercial; RE: Residential
Personal Injury: General
Employment: Management; PI Defense: General; Transportation Defense
Medical Malpractice Defense; Personal Injury Defense: General
Close/Private Held Bus; RE: Commercial; RE: Residential; Secured Transaction
Close/Private Held Business; Commercial Litigation; Real Estate: Commercial
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