



ACTION NEEDED

Late last month, the call by Governor Edward G. Rendell to the legislature to approve the economic stimulus package did not bring about total package approval. The Governor said that Pennsylvania's economy has been growing stronger for the past five years, but the February job statistics are the first sign that the national economic slow down might affect Pennsylvania.

"Until now, our economy has been in great shape," Governor Rendell said. "As recently as January we had more jobs than any time in history. But, February's job count dropped and the unemployment rate rose slightly, indicating immediate action is needed to lessen the effects of a sagging national economy."

Over the past month, the number of jobs declined by 8,000 for a total of 5,803,700 in February, and the state's unemployment rate increased to 4.9 percent.

"This is the first indicator that the weakening national economy is beginning to take a toll in Pennsylvania" Governor Rendell said. "We cannot continue a wait-and-see approach. If we don't act now to stimulate Pennsylvania's economy, our workers, businesses and communities could be dragged down by the national economy."

"Today's U.S. Labor Department report that the number of newly laid off workers filing for unemployment benefits nationally rose last week to the highest level in nearly two months. This is more evidence that the nation's weak economy is having an adverse impact on workers."

"We have an opportunity to act now to avoid economic disaster in Pennsylvania by stopping the business-as-usual approach that too often pushes important final legislative action into the summer," Governor Rendell said. "There is no reason to delay."

"The General Assembly must act on our economic stimulus initiatives to protect the prosperity we have enjoyed for more than five years. Pennsylvania needs an immediate job creation strategy," the Governor said.

What's going on This Week.....

"How to Work a Job Fair!"

Presented by Sharone G.

April 14th 9-11:00 am

"Create Your Public Service Announcement"

Presented by Sharone G.

April 14th 11 am-12:00 noon

"Five Secrets of Successful Job Hunting"

Presented by Sharone G.

April 14th 1-2 pm

"Career Exploration"

Presented by Sharone Glasco

Wed, April 16th, 9:00-2:30pm

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Sharone Glasco

Thur, April 17th, 10:00-11:00 am

"Employer Website Assistance"

Presented by Ken O.

Fri, April 18th 3-4 pm

READY... SET... GO!

CAREER Quest, Monroe County's largest Job Fair, will be held at Fernwood Hotel & Resort on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 10 AM to 4PM. The PA CareerLink in Monroe County will once again partner with the Pocono Mountains Media Group (Pocono Record) to sponsor the 6th Annual CAREER Quest. This year there are over eighty (80) registered local businesses with available job openings. Many of the employers will be taking applications and possibly doing interviews right at their booth. In addition to local employers a variety of educational providers will be on-site to showcase many of their programs that can assist job seekers in upgrading their existing skills in order to find their perfect career opportunity right here in the Pocono region. This community event gives our local citizens the opportunity to obtain quality employment opportunities locally without having to commute too far from home.

Our theme once again this year is "Partnering for Success". With the assistance of Fernwood Hotel & Resort staff, our county's educational providers and employers, the Monroe County Transportation Authority, and of course the staff of both the PA CareerLink and the Pocono Record we expect another great turnout.

The Monroe County Transportation Authority will provide free transportation to individuals interested in attending CAREER Quest every hour on the hour.

The PA CareerLink staff has offered informational seminars prior to CAREER Quest to prepare job seekers for the event. "How to Work a Job Fair!", "Create Your Public Service Announcement", and "Five Secrets of Successful Job Hunting" are a sample of what is offered.

CAREER Quest provides employers and educational providers with one of the best marketing tools to advertise their job openings, programs and company exposure. The simple equation is having the job seekers and the employers at one event to meet and greet.

Careerlink TEAM Meeting Schedule

Administration Team: Monday, April 21st at 8:30 am.

Career Guidance Team: Thursday, April 17th at 9:00 am.

Customer Information & Resource Team: Tuesday, May 6th at 2:00 pm.

Business Services Team: Tuesday, April 22nd at 9:00 am.



Happy April Birthday to

Donna Gerrity

Jay Shumaker

Suzanne Murray-Smith

Barbara Sypiec





TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.



Administration TEAM



PA CareerLink Monroe County and Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau are partnering to sponsor our first combined Hospitality Scholarship Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be held at beautiful Skytop Lodge on Monday, June 30, 2008. This special fundraiser will benefit local students who will be entering post-secondary education in the field of Hospitality and Tourism.

The tournaments format will be a four person scramble at a cost of \$150.00 per person. Dinner only is also available for non-golfers wishing to join us at \$40.00 per person.

Looking for Golfers and Sponsors! Please see **John Casella** or **Nancy Henry** for registration and sponsor packets!

Business Services TEAM



Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus will be holding their annual Job Fair on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in the Community Room of the campus in Tannersville, PA from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Also on April 17th, WYNDHAM VACATION RESORTS will be holding a "Career Night" at Alaska Pete's Roadhouse Grill, located on Route 209 in Marshalls Creek. They are looking for individuals with experience in vacation ownership, automotive, real estate, mortgage or insurance sales.

Customer Information & Resource TEAM



As preparation for the 6th Annual CAREER Quest winds down, we are pleased to report that record numbers of job seekers took part in the seminars and workshops designed to get them ready for the Job Fair!

Number of Job Seekers attending:	
"How to Work a Job Fair!"	57
"Create Your Public Service Announcement"	45
"Five Secrets of Successful Job Hunting"	46

Over all the Customer Information & Resource Team did 17 "Resume Critique's" and 8 "One on One Resume Writing Assistance Workshops" in the first 2 weeks of April. Whew!



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau

—Maintenance
-web 556733

Loving Care Agency Inc

—LPN
-web 557456
—Registered Nurse
-web 557458

Herbert Rowland & Grubic Inc

—Survey Project Designer
-web 557771

Vigon International Inc

—Process Engineer
-web 557542

Womens Resources of Monroe County

—Development Assistant
-web 552700
—Executive Assistant
-web 552682



Goodwill Industries

—Employment Specialist I/Job Coach
-web 556111

Writing on The Wall....

**If you hear a voice within you say
"you cannot paint,"
then by all means paint,
and that voice will be silenced.**

~Vincent Van Gogh

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