

## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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## GROWTH MEETING

Detroit Association for Corporate Growth will present "How the Independent Buyer Thrives in an Overheated Acquisition Market Environment" with keynote speaker Selwyn Isakow, president of Oxford Investment Group in Bloomfield Hills. The monthly meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. For information, call (810) 643-9313.

## JOB SEARCH

Southeast Michigan Career Service in Southfield is offering two-hour job search seminars. Company founder Boyd Baughman will discuss the current and future job market and discuss why traditional job seeking techniques are obsolete. The free sessions are at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays

and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. Fridays at 2944 Northwestern Highway, Suite 500, Southfield. For reservations, call 1 (888) 4JOBOLOGY.

## BUSINESS OWNERS MEE

Oakland County Business Owners Association will meet to exchange business solutions at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Muskie's, across from the Palace of Auburn Hills. For reservations, call (810) 253-3711.

## USE CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Service Care of Retired Executives (SCORE) will present "Keeping Customers: Feedback Strategies To Take the Guesswork Out Of Customer Service" with guests Nancy Baron, retail training manager for Comerica Bank, and Linda Wasche, president of Marketworks Inc., a marketing and public relations firm in Troy. The seminar will run 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. There's no fee. To register, call SCORE at (313) 226-7947.

## NEW OFFICE

Bianchi Public Relations, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, has moved to larger offices at 2701 Troy Center Drive, Suite 226, Troy. The phone number is (810) 269-1122.

## EARNS ACCREDITATION

Southfield's U.S. Medical Equipment, a supplier of home medical equipment and supplies, was accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

U.S. Medical's CEO Jim Bogan said accreditation shows

"We make a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis from the top down." Bogan added that accreditation is "another step toward excellence."

## BIG WINNER

Southfield's Bozell Worldwide, Inc. picked up 49 awards at the International Automotive Advertising Awards show, more honors than any other advertising agency. Bozell earned four golds, 14 silver, nine bronze and 22 merit certificates at the second annual ceremony. Gold awards went to a 30-second national television

spot for Chrysler's Plymouth brand; a Jeep print ad; and two 30-second national television spots for Jeep.

## AUTO LEASING

Farmington Hills-based Leasecrete Inc. will present a seminar on "The A.B. C's of Auto Leasing" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10 per person. For reservations, call (810) 477-8404. Leasecrete emphasizes in educating consumers about the secrets of auto leasing.

## PREPARING SUCCESSORS

The next Oakland University Center for Family Business breakfast seminar will run from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Troy Marriott. The topic, "Preparing Successors for Leadership: Motivating and Training Successors," Gary Gabel and Mark Toth, of Great Lakes Strategies, a human resource and leadership training firm, will lead the discussion. The seminar is free to OUCFB

member families. The registration fee for nonmembers is \$35 per person. Call Patricia Kish at (810) 370-4513.

## EMPLOYMENT FEST

Plant seeds for new employees at the second annual Troy Spring Employment Festival from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel in Troy.

Produced by the Troy Chamber of Commerce Human Resource Council, the recruiting event drew 30 employers and 1,600 candidates last year.

The list of participating employers includes: EDS, Kelly Services; Huntington Banks, Standard Federal Bank and Entech Personnel Services. Prospective employees will discuss a variety of career opportunities in sales and marketing, administrative support, technical/engineering, information systems, hospitality, retailing, customer service and manufacturing.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON: TAX STRATEGIES

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

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## TAXING SITUATIONS

At tax time, it's important to know how much the federal government became entitled to collect our hard-earned money. The income tax originated at the time of the Civil War, when Abraham Lincoln came to Congress looking for a way to finance the war effort. The first tax act was thus enacted in 1862, and lasted until 1872. The second income tax law was struck down by the Supreme Court. Since then, the spirit of the constitution precluded today's basic law: the tax rate stood at just one percent for all corporations and individuals in 1913. Even so, few paid any tax at all because the tax was so low that it did not affect the individual and \$4,000 for married couples and hardly anyone earned that much. Only one out of every 271 Americans paid any income tax that first year.

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## Business Breakfast

Weds., Feb. 19th, 8-9:30 a.m.

Featured Speakers:

David Sowdy, Beacon Investment Company & David Brandon, Valusis Communications, Inc.

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