



Green County Area Entrepreneurs & Inventors Club

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In preparation for the December 7 E&I meeting, responses to a questionnaire will be used to create the 2009 Entrepreneurship Directory.

Currently we need entrepreneurs who would like to be included in that publication. Please contact GCDC at 608.328.9452 or email gcdc@tds.net and request a copy of the questionnaire. Responses are needed by the November 12.



Welcome to the Green County Area Entrepreneurs & Inventors newsletter. We want to highlight this month's meeting and share resources that you might be interested in looking into. Our goal at Green County Development Corporation is to open a dialogue with the entrepreneur and inventor—so that we can learn from each other and grow our businesses in Green County. If you have any suggestions for meeting topics or other resource opportunities, please let us know by emailing us at enews@greencountyedc.com.

November 2—TriDaves share stories, resources at E&I Meeting

MONROE, Wis. – What can new entrepreneurs learn from successful businessmen? At the November Green County Area Entrepreneurs and Inventors meeting attendees will get to meet the “TriDaves”—Dave Mosher of Dave Mosher & Associates, Dave Babler of Babler & Associates and Dave Smith of Compensation Systems and find out how these men were able to not only develop successful businesses but to also how they shared resources through the years for savings in their companies.

The meeting will be Monday, November 2, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Monroe Clinic

Hospital's New Glarus Room, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin. The event is free to the public and refreshments are served.

Dave Mosher is a successful business man and active community volunteer. In 1994 he became owner of Gordee Insurance Agency and in 2000 he merged Gordee Insurance Agency with BNG Insurance to form Dave Mosher & Associates, with locations in Monroe, Argyle, New Glarus and Evansville. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, he has received the Charter Life Under-

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Driftless Entrepreneurs meeting schedule

Green County Area E&I Meetings are part of the Driftless Region Entrepreneurs, a group of E&I Clubs that cover the Southwestern Wisconsin region from Prairie Du Chien to Green County. Meetings are set up so that people interested can attend a meeting a week, if they want. Upcoming events are listed on the website www.driftlessentrepreneurs.com. Lafayette and Vernon County will feature entrepreneurs on November 11 and Richland County will feature a food producers panel and networking opportunity on November 18. More information on these meetings is available on the website.

About GCDC

GCDC, a multi-jurisdictional economic development corporation, was formed to bring professional economic development expertise to its member communities to create a competitive advantage to spur job creation and new investments. The organization leverages the resources of the county and its municipalities to ensure economic health and success of Green County communities and businesses. Visit the GCDC web site at www.GreenCountyEDC.com

“I never perfected an invention that I did not think about in terms of the service it might give others ... I find out what the world needs, then I proceed to invent.”

Thomas Edison

Please join us on November 2 at 6:30 PM in the New Glarus meeting room at the Monroe Clinic hospital for a great time of learning and encouragement. If you need directions or other information, please don't hesitate to call us at 608.328.9452.

See you November 2!

Sincerely,

Susan Wetherington
Green County
Development Corporation

Financing Opportunities for Small Business

On Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 PM, Monroe Blackhawk Technical College Room 201 will be the site of a special "Financing Opportunities for Small Business" seminar.

Blackhawk Technical College--Monroe Campus is located at 210 4th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin.

The seminar will help businesses learn the truth and myths about small business loans, grants and other types of business financing.

The cost is \$10 for the evening. Register for the evening by calling 608.342.1038. T

The workshop is a partnership venture between Blackhawk Technical College, SCORE, SW Community Action program, Southwest Wisconsin Small Business Development, SW Technical College and Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. For more information, contact SW Small Business Development office at 608.342.1038.

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writer and Chartered Financial Consultant degrees from the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

David A. Babler, an insurance and financial professional, took over his father's insurance agency in September of 1971. Before taking over the agency Dave was a Peace Corp volunteer in Costa Rica, an assistant to the Dean of the School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corp.

And Dave Smith is the owner of Compensation Systems, a pension and profit sharing plan administrator for companies seeking these services. Compensation Systems has approximate annual revenue of over \$500,000, according to the Wisconsin Yellow Pages web site.

These three men are involved in the community and in their businesses. But

they also know the importance of a frugal mindset and were able to share resources, such as a building and a domain name. Come learn from their successes, mistakes and working relationship.

Networking among attendees will be encouraged in the evening's program. "Our hope is that business people will be able to network and strengthen our economic community," said Anna Schramke, CECD, executive director of GCDC.

The Green County Area Entrepreneurs and Inventors is an informational forum where entrepreneurs, inventors, new businesses and people thinking about starting their own businesses can come together to encourage each other and share challenges and encouragement. The group meets on a monthly basis, usually the first Monday of the month. More information about the group is available on the GCDC website at www.GreenCountyEDC.com or by emailing gcdc@tds.net or calling 608.328.9452.