

JOB SEARCH & JOB CLUBS

How do job clubs help you?



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Guest Speakers



Jim Klink

- Professionally, Jim Klink is a demonstrated leader and team builder who bridges the worlds of sales and engineering to deliver profitable products by the most efficient means to expand market share. He has learned to be adaptive through his Sales, Product Management and Engineering/Quality leadership roles in the automotive, agriculture and industrial products industries at Bosch, Delco Remy and TRW.
- As a true believer in giving back, Jim has been involved with TUG Career Services since 2002. In his capacity as Executive Director, he is passionate about supporting individuals during their career search process. Encouraging, facilitating networking, mutual support, and maintaining a positive attitude are some of the characteristics he brings to TUG.



Jan Leahy

- Under Leahy's leadership, CRC moved from a religious-affiliated, limited-hours outreach mission to an incorporated, nonprofit organization offering comprehensive employment resources. Today, Leahy continues to mold CRC to respond to the ever-changing economy, technical advances, and the needs of job candidates.
- A graduate of Northwestern University School of Business, her professional background includes 22 years experience in career and operations management and 6 years in HR. Project management, property management, relocation consultation, and numerous volunteer positions as an officer, fundraiser, and volunteer coordinator add to Ms. Leahy's diverse background.

What is a job club?

A job club provides people with:

- Energized Enthusiasm
- Support
- Networking
- Job Leads
- Sounding Board
- Assessment of Skills
- Training Opportunities

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Why attend?

- Networking, Support, Job Leads
- Potential Employers
- Gather information to help you gain a competitive edge.
- Help you focus your search.
- Learn how to brand/market yourself.

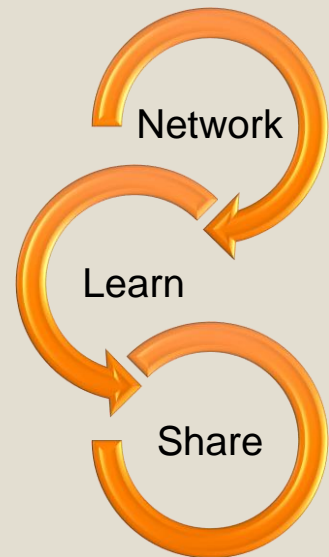
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What happens?

Parts of a job club may vary, but overall, they include:

- Informal networking prior to and/or after meeting.
- Subject matter expert presenting a Topic.
- Formal networking:
 - *Engages individuals - how can you help each other*
 - *Practice elevator speeches*
 - *Review job search components*
 - *Exchange contact information*
- Share branding materials.



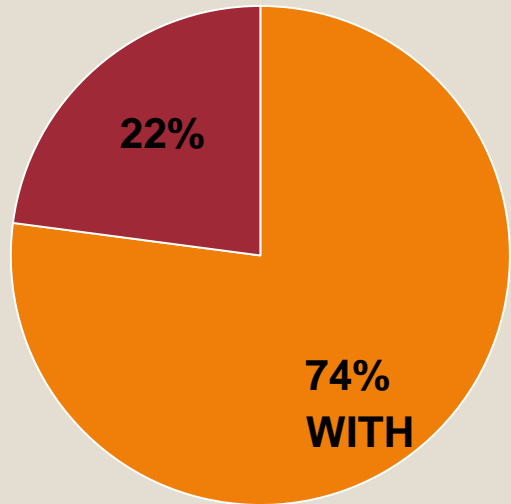
Benefits

- Comradery
- Collaboration
- Access to Experts
- Supportive Practice/Feedback
- Accountability
- Knowing You Are Not Alone
- Willing to Share
- Boost Confidence
- Motivation

Success rate with vs. without

- Land in a new career faster
- 80% of jobs are found through networking
- New opportunities

Job Club Participation



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<http://www.workcoachcafe.com/2014/09/16/join-a-job-club/>



It's tough to choose

- Proximity
- Variety
- Size
- Cost
- Mix of Members
- Take-Away

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How many or how often?

- At least weekly
- No more than 2-3
- Association networking (in lieu of)

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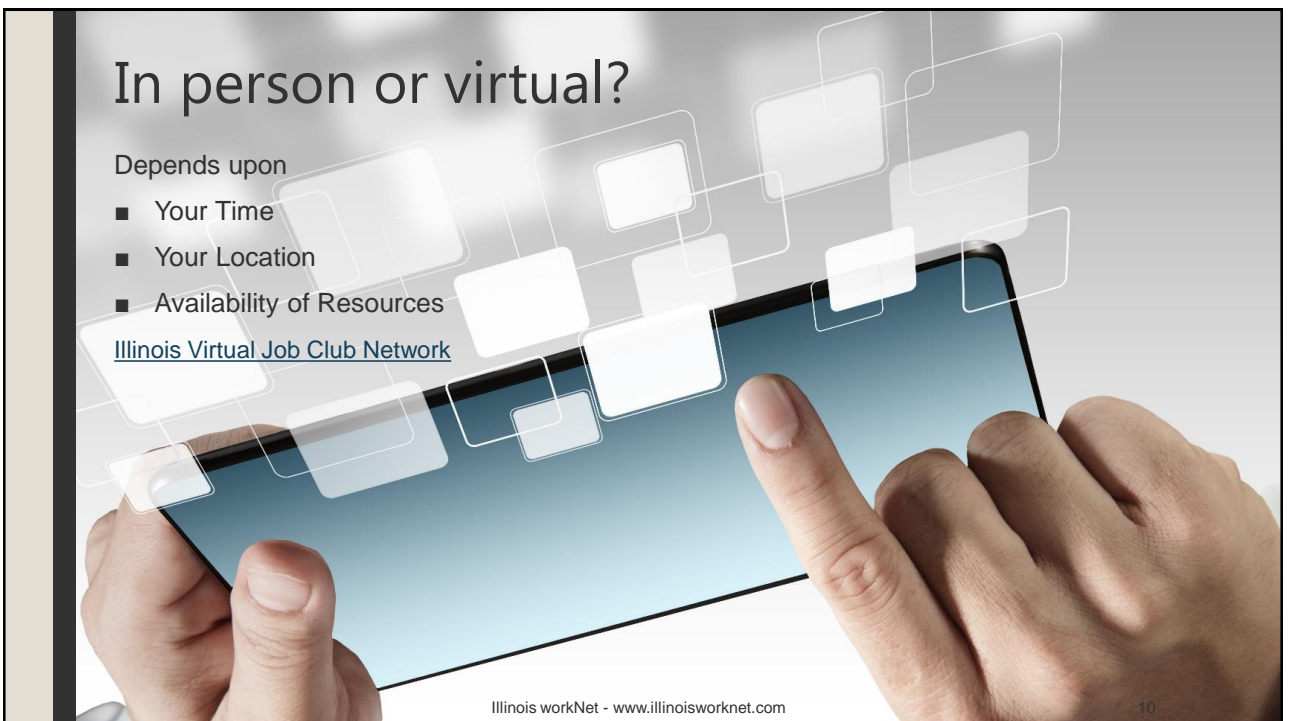
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In person or virtual?

Depends upon

- Your Time
- Your Location
- Availability of Resources

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Resources

Chambers of Commerce

Alumni Associations

Trade Associations

Colleges/Universities

Business Seminars

Meet-Up Groups



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Recap



- Job connection clubs are small groups of people across America who meet regularly to talk candidly about job searching and career advancement with the goal of supporting the success of all members.
 - <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/JobClub/story?id=6121035&page=1>
- Power among peers.
- Give back if you are working.

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