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January 25, 2013

Second Annual of **Neighbors-helping-Neighbors USA, Inc**

Group meeting and Seminar

10:00am — 2:00pm

Networking Break at 12:00

Hilton Hasbrouck Heights

New Jersey, USA



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Opening Greetings

John R. Fugazzie MBA (needs a job)

Founder, President and Group Leader

Neighbors-helping-Neighbors USA, Inc

Introduce NhN Board of Directors

**Jacque Weiss, Doug Brooks, Susan DeBaun, Stewart Linder, Maura DeNicola
Deborah Richardt, George Johnson-Orban**

Have all NhN volunteer facilitators and co-facilitators and advisors stand up for acknowledgment

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(1.27.11—1.27.13)

26 library programs and counting

233 success stories and counting

1175 members and counting

70 leaders and counting

9 counties and counting

2 states and counting



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Success # 233 on the eve of our annual meeting Two Years and Counting....

Hello John, Sckeech, Sckeech, thats the sound of landing.

I waited until tonight to write you, because I was on the "landing approach" yesterday. Now the paper work is completed, I've actually "landed".

I'm employed as a contract engineer with my original employer. It was great meeting many people I know, and it appeared to uplift their spirits to see someone return after last years lay-offs, nearly 15% of the company (about three dozen people laid off).

I would have to attribute the job to networking, by keeping in contact with my former colleagues, having lunch almost every Monday with them. During one of these lunches early last fall one of my former colleague mentioned a proposal for the new job, so I submitted my resume. Unfortunately the start of the project was delayed many months in negotiation with the customer. The negotiations were finalized the first week of January and the same colleague suggested that I resubmit my resume. This was about two weeks ago. I received a call for an interview a few days later, had the interview on Tuesday morning with my former manager and received a call that afternoon. Wednesday filled out the paperwork with the contracting agency and Thursday reported to work.

The delay of the project did have a silver lining however, I have been working toward an associates degree in business to add to my other degrees. Being out of work actually allowed me to almost complete the degree. How would I describe Neighbors-helping-Neighbors? A place of hope. Meeting other people in the same situation with the same problems needing a boost to their spirits. Either through the formal structure of the meeting, the elevator speech practice during the introductions, the discussion of what we did during the previous week or sharing our concerns and observations about the job market in a free and open discussion and of course hearing of others finding jobs. The last meeting I moderated, Jan. 17, was the best and most open exchange of information I had witnessed.

The Jan 17th meeting was also the first meeting where Oakland adopted the idea of having the new people speak first, after a brief explanation of the meeting format, followed by the repeat membership doing their introductions and then the work search discussion. The suggestion of having multiple moderators was also placed before the group as suggested by the facilitator meeting on Jan. 12th. This idea builds confidence in its members. The only issue is who keeps the minutes of the meeting?

Before I close this letter I would like Neighbors-helping-Neighbors to give a note of praise to Pierre Rosen of the Oakland Library, he is very helpful and supportive.

Sincerely,

Paul Schmidt



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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, we are pleased to extend greetings to everyone attending the second anniversary meeting of Neighbors-helping-Neighbors USA.

The Garden State has no shortage of compassionate and generous residents who put the needs of others before their own. This fact is demonstrated by the many individuals who have volunteered their time and energy to Neighbors-helping-Neighbors, a network of support for those who are actively seeking employment. We understand that in the two years since its founding, the organization has attracted 1100 members in eight counties and has helped many people find jobs and stability for themselves and their families. We commend everyone affiliated with this cause for embodying the concept of "paying it forward" and making a positive impact on their communities.

Congratulations on all you have accomplished thus far and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Chris Christie
Governor

Kim Guadagno
Lt. Governor



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Distinguished Guest Speakers

Meeting Opening at 10:00 - John R Fugazzie



**10:30 - Ben Seigel - Deputy Director,
Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
at U.S. Department of Labor Washington DC.**



**11:00 - Jeana Wirtenberg, Ph.D.,
President and CEO of Transition to Green**

12- 1pm Networking Break



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1:00 - Tom Toronto

President of Bergen County United Way



1:15 - Cynthia Clark

President of Career Quest Inc.



1:35 - Abby Kohut - { Absolutely Abby }

President of Staffing Symphony, LLC

1:55 - Closing John R. Fugazzie MBA

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member meeting privacy policies

NhN group functions as a support group.

Our meetings are private and personal and provide extreme value to our out of work members, It is not a source for Career Professionals and other types of product and service business people to find clients!

Anyone with the intent to prospecting or selling their services at our meetings is strictly prohibited and non members are not welcome to attend our weekly meetings.

In addition, conducting business is prohibited at all the local libraries, where we conduct our weekly meetings. This includes any type of financial services, multi-level-marketing of any kind, energy sales or any product or service that is commission-based sales.

We are a support group and want to be able to continue the wonderful nurturing meeting environment that we have delivered from the first meetings held and the limited time the members have (90 minutes) to conduct our weekly meetings is too valuable to have any non-agenda conversation or time taken away from the meeting format. This includes any form of discussion or solicitation even by other networking group members.

Our local facilitators are not authorized to allow anyone who is not a qualifying member (categories spelled out on flyer) to attend our meetings.



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NhN Partnership with Libraries

We held our very first weekly meeting in the River Edge, New Jersey Public Library on January 27, 2011. Since then we have opened up all of our meeting locations exclusively in Public libraries.

NhN is very grateful to have such a great place to hold our weekly support and networking group meetings and we are a very big supporter of our Public Library system.

This system has been under major pressure from many cuts to their local, county and state financial budgets.

We need all our town and government officials to know how important our libraries are to our job search efforts



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NhN Privacy Policies and Procedures

We hold our privacy policies very serious and tightly controlled

Email addresses of members are collected only for NhN business not to be shared with anyone outside group

Some members are underemployed or have temp jobs they do not want their employers to know they are part of our group.

We have our success stories only listed by first name and we have them write their own success story blurb we use so they can share what they want.

We have established a media contact policy as the meetings are support groups and only for attendance by the categories listed in the flyer.

There is absolutely no form of solicitation of any kind by outsiders or by other members, we ban all financial planers, coaches, and all forms of Multi-level-Marketing sales efforts.

While we allow small business owners we ask that they don't solicit their business at meetings, but have no issue when members on their own choice contact them to support them.

NhN is very grateful to have the Local Public Libraries as our meeting facilities, we enforce their no conducting of business policies.



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nhnusa.org

Weekly Meetings Cost : Free

Meeting Locations

River Edge	Thu 7pm
Bergenfield	Tue 7pm
Hawthorne	Tue 7pm
Westwood	Mon 7pm
Ridgewood	Thu 7pm
Waldwick	Mon 7pm
Mendham Twp.	Mon 6:30pm
Cedar Grove	Thu 6:30pm
Fair Lawn	Mon 7pm
Oakland	Thu 10:30am
Emerson	Tue 7pm
Oradell	Tue 1pm
Cranford	Wed 6:30pm
Hasbrouck Heights	Mon 12:15pm
Lake Hiawatha-Parsippany	Tue 7:15pm
Monmouth Co Eastern Branch	Wed 10 am
Warren Co Library NE Branch	Thu 6:30pm
<i>(not weekly see site)</i>	
Middletown Twp.	Thu 10am
Starting 1-9-13	Wed 7pm
Bloomfield Library	Wed 6:30pm
Maywood Library	Thu 1pm
Wayne Library	Thu 7pm
Colts Neck <i>(not weekly see site)</i>	Tue 10am
Monroe Twp. <i>(not weekly see site)</i>	Sat 2pm
Boston MA	Wed 7pm
Howell NJ <i>(not weekly see site)</i>	Tue 7pm

See web site for most up to date information
nhnusa.org

Neighbors-*helping*-Neighbors USA, Inc. is a cost-free, highly successful Peer-led volunteer job search support and networking group. Targeted to individuals who are actively looking for work and interested in reinvigorate their job search. Membership is open to anyone in *career transition*, including *unemployed* or *underemployed* individuals and *recent college graduates* in the fields of business, non-profit and education, as well as people *re entering the job market*, struggling *small business owners* and anyone looking for *part time or volunteer* work.

Group members assist each other in techniques and suggestions to improve job search, offer support, and help with personal and professional networking to find a position. Resources are available at the various libraries to assist with computer job searches. and other useful research materials.

Founded in River Edge, New Jersey on January 27 2011, NhN has fostered a "pay it forward", weekly accountability meeting model. We are nationally recognized by *The White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships*, The U.S. Department of Labor. *Ambassador of jobs4jersey* for the State of New Jersey Department of labor. Recognized by Bergen County Freeholders. Soon to be a 501 C 3 non profit organization.



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NhN Logo Evolution and Collaboration

Gail Kearney 1.21.13



Tyler Fugazzie - 1.2.13



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Matt Fugazzie - 1.20.11



John Fugazzie 6.11.12



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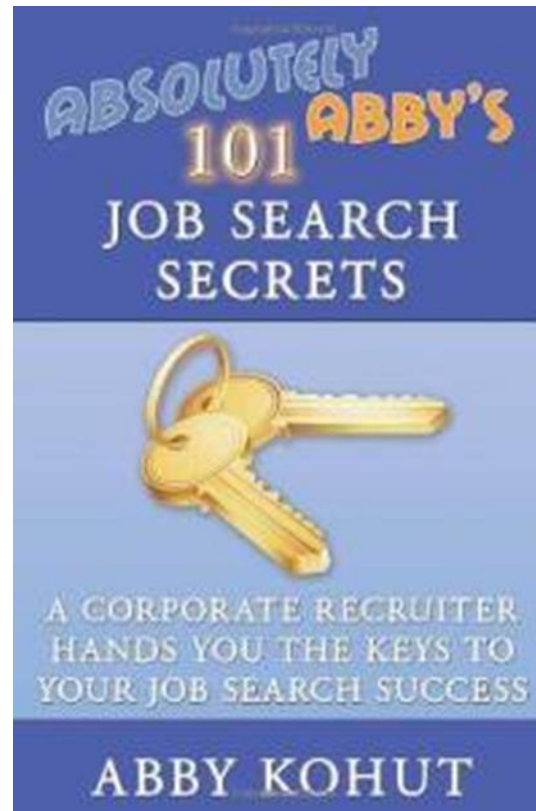
Neighbors-helping-Neighbors (NhN) - Career Transition Support and Networking Group

02/03/11 River Edge Library		
Week 2		
First Name	Town	Success #
John	River Edge	# 3 back out after 17mos
Melissa	River Edge	# 24 after year of temp
George	River Edge	# 9
Susan	New Milford	# 7
John	River Edge	Facilitator RE
Eric	River Edge	few meetings
Anne	River Edge	one meeting/not ready
Bob	Midland Park	# 100
Lucien	River Edge	one meeting/fixing world
Jodi	River Edge	advisor to org
Leslie	Bergenfield	# 32 & back out
Juliet	River Edge	#46 & #159
Craig	Warwick	#10 & #189



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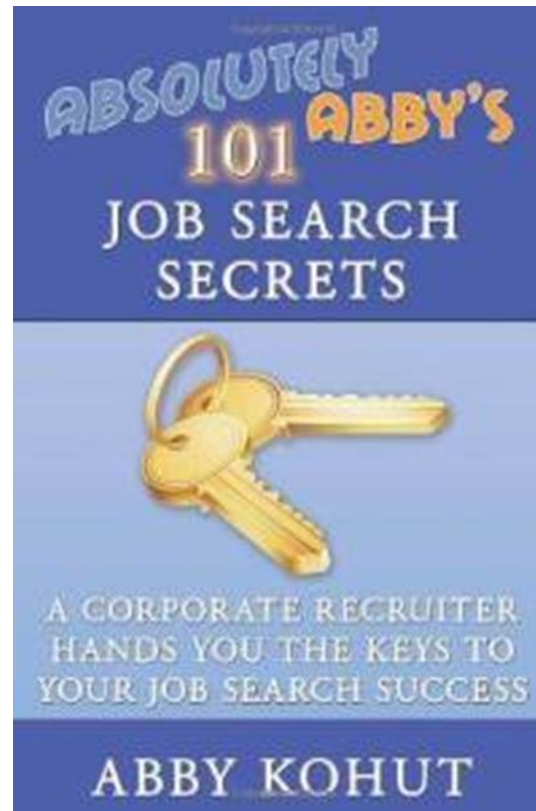


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Thanks to our sponsors and all our guest speakers and everyone who helped make

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A very special day for

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Thank You all for Coming

Drive Safe

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