



Small Business Mentoring Business Training Workshops

The Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and SCORE are pleased to announce SCORE's business counseling resources are now available to members of the Chamber.

SCORE is a national organization founded in 1964 and has 37,000 mentors throughout the United States. The Detroit chapter, with offices at 477 Michigan Ave, Rm. 515 Detroit, MI 48226, has 82 mentors with an accumulated 3,000 years of business experience. This hands-on knowledge is now available to Chamber members at its office in Farmington Hills.

SCORE is the "Counselor to America's Small Business." SCORE mentors offer real world experience gained from owning their own business or serving in management positions in world renowned multimillion dollar companies as well as medium or small businesses. Counselors may be retired or working business owners, business executives or operations managers. Their experience is highly relevant to second-stage businesses. All SCORE counselors are volunteers who receive specialized training by the SCORE association.

SCORE is partially funded by the Small Business Administration and its counseling services are provided at NO CHARGE on an individual basis, in face to face one hour sessions, via telephone or on line. If a SCORE volunteer does not know the answer to a question or does not have direct experience in a specific field, he or she knows where to find the information or obtain the assistance of a qualified counselor.

SCORE counselors provide business advice on everything from how to plan your new business, to cash flow management, or growing your existing business. SCORE also offers business training workshops on a range of topics such as Business Plan writing, Small Business Loans and Basic Marketing. The group also offers a CEO Roundtable. These workshops are held in various locations in Metro Detroit with a nominal charge.

SCORE provides award winning business resources for entrepreneurs at www.score.org with over 2,000 pages of content covering practical solutions and suggestions on a wide variety of business issues.

Mr. Leo Operti, a ten year member of SCORE, acting as a mentor as well as organizer and presenter of workshops has been assigned as your on-site SCORE counselor and liaison for the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce. Operti is a 42-year veteran in the automotive business having held position in Materials Management, Purchasing, Logistics and Market Analysis and has broad knowledge of import and export trade. This experience has been gained in the U.S. as well as five overseas locations.

Contact with Mr. Operti as well as meetings at the Chamber will be coordinated through Shawn Ayar at the Chamber; he can be reached at (248) 996-8340 or via email at sayar@chaldeanchamber.com.