

# #15 - Becoming an Expert Professional Associations and Unions



Every successful worker needs to ensure two personal goals:

1. Continually update your knowledge of your industry and trade.
2. Continually make contacts within your industry that may be used in the future for job advancement and career changes.

To accomplish the above you must seek out, join and become an active member of industry, trade and professional associations. Every career field has several groups that you can belong to. These groups will assist you in certification of skills, lobby for special interests and provide you with newsletters, magazines and meetings to attend. For example:

In Smithtown you can join groups such as: Smithtown Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Hauppauge Industrial Association, Long Island Association for Commerce and Industry, Smithtown Business and Professional Women's Network, and Advancement for Commerce and Industry.

There are specific career associations such as:

- NYS Society of CPA's - Accountants
- Advertising Club of Long Island
- Air Conditioning Contractors of America
- Suffolk County Electrical Contractors Association
- LI Florists Association
- LI Graphic Arts Association.

Using directories, phone books and the Internet, complete the chart below.  
<http://www.yahoo.com/Economy/Organizations/Professional/>



Association/Union	Address	Phone	Web Page	When Do They Meet?