



News & Updates

— Happy New Year —

January Calendar:

This month our network will meet on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. [Get Directions](#)

Remember if St. Thomas More Church and School are closed due to poor weather, then so are we.



January 1st - **Closed** for the New Year holiday

January 8th - **Finding Your Personal Oz** with Joe Murphy

January 15th - **Closed** in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

January 22 - **The Hidden Job Market** with Jean Spahr

January 29 - **Financial concerns and successful money management techniques** with Britton Allison

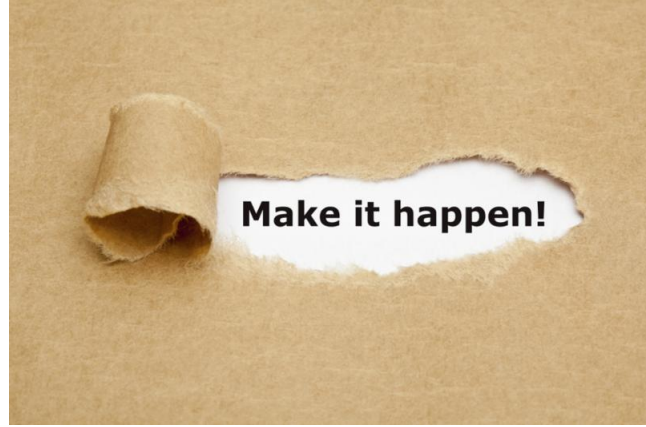
[Our Website Calendar with January Events](#)

Five Ways to Start 2018 Off Right by Krista Redlinger

1. Reflect on 2017 - What worked? What didn't?

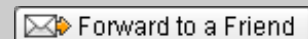
The majority of our job seekers struggle in the following areas: applying to appropriate jobs, creating a successful

targeted resume, organization/record keeping and follow-up, relationships and networking, interviewing, and staying motivated while experiencing rejection. Build on your successes from last year, work on your weaknesses.



2. **Set goals and objectives** - Make sure they are specific, realistic and achievable. Write them down. Break them into manageable tasks. Prioritize tasks and include due dates.
3. **Get help** - Make an appointment with a business librarian to learn research tools and techniques. Use resume review software to see how ATS read your resume. Get your resume reviewed by three or more coaches. Find tools (you will use) to keep organized such as a notebook/planner, a spreadsheet or cloud based software. Always be networking with new people personally and professionally. Build and maintain those relationships. Contact a career coach for interview and career coaching assistance.
4. **Monitor your progress, celebrate your successes** - Monitor the status of tasks weekly. Mark and keep completed tasks so you can see your progress, but move them to the end of the list. Track issues. Record required follow up actions.
5. **Stay positive and motivated** - Don't take the process personally. Let your family and friends be your cheerleaders. Each day do something that makes you proud. Take an occasional break to care for your physical and emotional needs. Join a job seeker support groups. Follow inspirational pages on social media like [What I learned from 100 days of Rejection](#). Pray, meditate.

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