



# Table Talk

## **Consultants Roundtable Monthly Newsletter – Jeff Freers, Editor**

### **APRIL 7 MEETING**

Tom Dobson led the Round Table in a continuation of the discussion on home based consulting businesses, and specifically the tools and requirements needed to be productive. Specific questions as to time utilization and increasing billable hours were discussed as well as the options of outsourcing clerical type of work.

### **APRIL 21 MEETING**

Professor Grant Black of IUSB, a specialist in labor economics and emerging technologies and patents, provided both a National and Michiana perspective on the current recession. It is his view that signs of a local recovery will come when we see improvements on a national level including a stable Credit Market; increased Consumer Confidence, a bounce-back in housing, and increased sales of durable goods. He concluded that our local economy has suffered – and will continue to suffer – worse than the national economy because of it's concentration in manufacturing and specifically the RV and automotive sectors.

### **COMING MEETINGS**

**MAY 5 MEETING** - Tom Dobson will lead the roundtable in a discussion topic pertinent and timely to the Consulting business.

**MAY 19 MEETING** - Don Kyle, Executive Vice President of Mutual Bank will be the speaker.

**JUNE MEETING** - State Senator John Broden will speak.

**JULY MEETING** - Dr. David Hagen of AcrossTech will speak on Alternative Fuels for Peaking Oil.

**TABLETALK FORMAT CHANGE COMING** - Your TABLETALK Editor is working on a change in the format that will be in a "template" form with masthead and other enhancements. It was not ready to go "live" this month, Look for it in June!

"Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day" ~W. Earl Hall

"You can't see Canada across lake Erie, but you know it's there. It's the same with spring. You have to have faith, especially in Cleveland" ~Paul Fleischman

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