



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## General Membership

Northeastern Illinois Chapter, NECA

Summer Chapter Meeting

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

July 10 – 11, 2026

### FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>CHAPTER BREAKFAST</b> – <i>Brissago (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</i>
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Keynote Speaker begins at approx. 10:00 AM)	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> – <i>Evergreen 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</i> <i>Guest Speakers: Dr. Heather Moore &amp; Dr. Perry Daneshgari, MCA, Inc.</i> <i>“Re-electrification, AI, Data Centers &amp; Workforce Shortage”</i>  <i>Keynote Speaker: Nick Espinosa, Security Fanatics Inc.</i> <i>“Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence”</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Starting Tee Time: 12:00 PM	<b>GOLFER BOX LUNCH PICKUP</b> - <i>Pro Shop</i> <b>CHAPTER GOLF</b> – <i>The Highlands Course</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b> – <i>Brissago (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</i>
1:00 PM - Lunch 1:30 PM – Shotgun Start	<b>SPORTING CLAYS GROUP LUNCH &amp; OUTING</b> <i>McMiller Sports Center, 100 Walters Rd., Eagle, WI 53119</i>
	<b>DINNER</b> – <i>On your own</i>
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	<b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL &amp; COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b> <i>The Landing and Pool Deck (Entrance is through the Grand Café)</i>

### SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>CHAPTER BREAKFAST</b> – <i>Brissago (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</i>
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM (Speaker begins at approx. 10:00 AM)	<b>CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> – <i>Evergreen 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</i> <i>Keynote: Scott Tillema</i> <i>“Leading With Influence: Powerful Communication &amp; Navigating Difficult Conversations”</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Starting Tee Time: 12:00 PM	<b>GOLFER’S BOX LUNCH PICKUP</b> - <i>Pro Shop</i> <b>CHAPTER GOLF</b> – <i>The Brute Course</i>
	<b>LUNCH</b> – <i>On your own</i>
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM	<b>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b> <b>WESTERN THEME PARTY</b> – <i>Outdoor Pavilion</i> <i>(Beyond Building 7 &amp; Golf Pro Shop)</i>

**NOTE:** Scheduled times & locations are subject to change. Updated information will be provided at check-in.

**ATTIRE:** Attire for all functions at the Grand Geneva is Resort Casual.



# Resort Map

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa

7036 Grand Geneva Way at Highways 50 East and 12

Lake Geneva, WI 53147



THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER MEETINGS DESTINATION

[GrandGeneva.com](http://GrandGeneva.com)

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**2026 NECA SUMMER CHAPTER MEETING**  
**FRIDAY MORNING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Friday, July 10, 2026**

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**Nick Espinosa, Owner and Chief Security Fanatic**

Security Fanatics, Inc.



Nick Espinosa has been on a first-name basis with computers for more than 25 years. He's been passionately building computers and programming in multiple languages since he was 7 and secured his first IT job when he was 15. He went on to found Windy City Networks, Inc. when he was 19 and the company was later acquired in 2013. In 2015, Nick set up Security Fanatics, a cybersecurity and cyberwarfare consulting firm committed to relentlessly developing customized online defense strategies for clients all over the world.

A highly sought-after international expert in cybersecurity and network infrastructure, Nick has designed, developed, and implemented multinational networks, encryption systems, multi-tiered infrastructures, and small business environments for clients worldwide ranging from small business owners to Fortune 100 organizations for decades. He's also a regular columnist, a member of the Forbes Technology Council, and on the Board of Advisors for Roosevelt University's Center for Cyber and Information Security and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Nick is a thought leader in his industry and is widely sought after for his advice on future technological trends and how these will ultimately impact businesses and consumers. He is an accomplished presenter who speaks regularly about cybersecurity, technology, and business management to audiences around the world.

Find [Nick Espinosa](#) on [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#). Visit [Nick's website](#).

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**Scott Tillema**

Retired SWAT Negotiator



Scott Tillema is an FBI-trained hostage negotiator and professional speaker who teaches leaders how to communicate with calm, clarity, and emotional intelligence—especially under pressure.

With over two decades of law enforcement and negotiation experience, Scott served as a SWAT-trained crisis negotiator for one of the largest police departments in the country. He's known for bringing tactical, high stakes communication tools to everyday leadership challenges, helping executives, HR professionals, and teams build trust, defuse tension, and lead difficult conversations with confidence.

Scott's signature keynotes deliver powerful stories from the front lines of negotiation, backed by data from Harvard and Chicago Booth on emotional decision-making. His message resonates with audiences across industries—from corporate leadership and culture teams to education, healthcare, and law enforcement.

With a rare blend of real-world experience, humor, and practical wisdom, Scott equips leaders to listen better, ask smarter questions, and creates meaningful change through courageous communication.