September Connections Article

Non Profit and Business Partners Council
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Our council's mission is to strengthen collaboration between non-profit organizations and business partners to build capacity of non-profits resulting in a vibrant community. We spent our July meeting reviewing our goals (outlined in my article last month) to bring the mission to life. The council added an additional goal to promote and drive diversity on nonprofit boards, at our events and in general. We also reviewed a draft calendar of NPBP Council events and assigned chairs and committees.
We have some great events coming to you in the next 3 months:

1. **NPBP Collaboration Breakfast on September 13th 7:30am-9am at Coca Cola Park** – This will be the 4th year for this event and this year we will focus on how collaboration can overcome obstacles and train wrecks an organization may encounter . We will also be looking to recruit people at this event to be a part of affinity groups to foster collaboration in specific areas. Laurie Hackett from Air Products will once again chair this annual signature event.
2. **Everyone Leads: Building Leadership from the Community Up featuring Paul Schmitz on October 7th 7:30am-10:30am at Moravian College** – This is a new event jointly presented by the United Way and the NPBP Council. Marci Ronald, United Way GLV and a member of our council will chair the event. Check out keynote speaker Paul Schmitz here: www.leadinginsideout.org
3. **Department of Labor Overtime Regulations on Nov 1st 7:30am-9am at DeSales University** – Our council will team up with the Public Policy Committee to present the latest on the new Overtime Regulations. Nonprofits in particular will be hit the hardest when these regulations take effect. Former NPBP Council Chair Bill Vogler from Pinebrook Family Answers will be collaborating with the Public Policy Committee on this event.

Stay tuned for future events including Nonprofit Board Boot Camp and our Annual Collaboration Conference. Helen Keller put it best when she said "Alone we can do so little, together we can do a lot". Collectively we can do a lot to help make the Lehigh Valley as vibrant as it can be.