

United Way of Delaware County

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

August 2011

YPN STEERING COMMITTEE

Meet your YPN Steering Committee:

Jennifer Copley, The Delaware County Bank & Trust
Dr. Lori Engler, Optimal Eye Care
Melissa Harvey, V & P Hydraulics
Leslie Lopes, www.PureMotionCreative.com
Andy Nicolosi, Huntington Bank
Dr. Luke Reinhart, Leaf Chiropractic
Ryan Rivers, Rivers Insurance Group

The group had a productive first meeting on July 20. It will alternate phone conferences and in-person meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, please contact [Ellen](#) if you would like to participate!

YPN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many YPN members have expressed interest in volunteerism. Over the next year, UWDC will look for ways we can give back to our community as a group working together. Here are two upcoming events:

August 16 & 17 (6-8:30 pm)

Thank You Phone-A-Thon – United Way of Delaware County is seeking eight young professionals to call and thank our generous leadership donors for their contributions. These calls will also serve as a reminder to attend the kick-off breakfast on September 1. Scripted conversations and voicemail messages are provided. **Volunteers will not be asking for money.** Takes place at the UWDC offices, pizza provided. Sign-up with [Ellen](#) by August 12.

October 22

Make a Difference Day – This opportunity to volunteer is on Saturday, October 22 and is coordinated by Connections, The Delaware County Volunteer Agency. Last year a group of YPN members raised a barn for Camp Lazarus (Boy Scouts of America facility in Southern Delaware County). Volunteers will meet at the Delaware County Fairgrounds at 8am for a light breakfast and to receive assignments. From there, workers will leave for job sites and work on projects from about 8:30 am – 12 noon. Register with [Ellen](#) by October 7 to volunteer!

YPN MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Randi Hopkins - Sports, Camp and Teen Director at the Liberty Township/Powell YMCA.

Ms. Randi Hopkins is the August 2011 YPN Spotlight Member. She is the Sports, Camp and Teen Director at the Liberty Township/Powell YMCA. YPN members can benefit from the Y because it has programs and activities for all ages and abilities. It offers a wide variety of health and wellness classes, sports leagues and swim lessons. At the beginning of October, a new branch is opening in Delaware making these great offerings accessible to even more county residents!

Randi says the opportunity to network with other young professionals in Delaware County initially brought her to YPN events, and the chance to meet new people keeps her coming back. Her favorite event so far has been participating in Connections' Make a Difference Day when, as a team, YPN members help build a barn for Camp Lazarus. When asked how she Lives United, Randi responded, "The Y provides scholarships toward memberships and child care for families in need. It's rewarding to provide parents with a fun and safe environment for their children during the summer so that they can go to work each day."

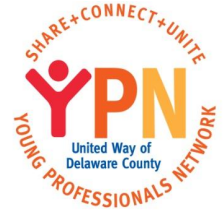
UWDC would like to recognize Ms. Hopkins' involvement with YPN by noting that she has attended four out of five social events (only missing the first one), as well as volunteered at Make a Difference Day as part of the YPN contingency. Thanks for "Living United," Randi and congratulations for being this month's Spotlight Member!

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UNITED WAY WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS



Thanks to companies and organizations around Delaware County, United Way raised nearly 3.4 million dollars during the 2010 Campaign to support local services. You have purchasing power, like bulk buying, where you get more for your money through United Way. If your passion is helping at-risk children; if you've always wanted to make a difference in the lives of senior citizens; if you want to help our community be prepared for a disaster and ensure it has the necessary resources and tools readily available to help those most in need ... **giving to United Way is the most efficient way to make a lasting impact on many lives.**

If you would like more information on how you and your workplace can get involved with making our community stronger together please call Susie Bibler at 614-436-UWAY (8929).

INTRODUCING ...

My name is Ellen Mrukowski, the new Campaign Associate and YPN Coordinator for the United Way of Delaware County. I started on June 30, and am very excited to be a part of such a great organization. It is my hope to meet each YPN member soon at an upcoming event. My previous work experience includes communications and marketing jobs at two

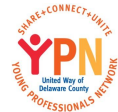


ELLEN MRUKOWSKI,
CAMPAIGN ASSOCIATE /
YPN COORDINATOR

different not-for-profits, as well as public relations positions at a publishing company and a Fortune 50 company. My passions include event planning, and making connections with and between people - so I'm up for the task of taking the YPN to the 'next level.' In my spare time I enjoy travelling, scrapbooking, cooking, reading and catching up on my DVR. Please feel free to give me a call or send me an email anytime! Your ideas are important in making the YPN a place people want to be. I can also help you start a workplace pledge campaign or enhance an existing effort. Just let me know if you're interested. Thanks!

Beginning in September my office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9am-3pm

Upcoming United Way Events



SEPTEMBER 2011

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Kickoff Breakfast – Our Annual Campaign Kickoff Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, September 1st. David Rife, Assistant Vice President and General Manager of White Castle will be the keynote speaker. David Rife, Delaware County resident was recently featured on "Undercover Boss". Mr. Rife will be sharing the important insights he learned during his experience while taping "Undercover Boss."



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Community Care Day – The annual Community Care Day will be held Tuesday, September 13th from 8:30- 4:00pm. Mark your calendar, gather your co-workers and plan on joining the 200 other Delaware County volunteers as we help local non-profit agencies with much needed work around their offices and facilities. If your company has never been involved with Community Care Day, and would like more information on how to get involved, call our office today at 614-436-UWAY (8929).



For more YPN information, contact Ellen Mrukowski at 614-436-UWAY (8929) or emrukowski@uwaydelaware.org