



United Way of Delaware County

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

October 2011

COMMUNITY CARE DAY 2011

Thank you to all YPN members who participated in United Way's Community Care Day!



Melissa Harvey, V&P Hydraulics, had fun at the Heritage Day Fair. Thanks for making a great day for senior citizens at this UWDC partner agency!

YPN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 22

Make a Difference Day – We already have five YPN volunteers signed up. Please join us! Meet at the Delaware County Fairgrounds at 8am for a light breakfast and to receive assignments. Then workers will leave for job sites and work on projects from 8:30 am – 12 noon. Register with [Ellen](#) by October 7 to volunteer!

Lunchbox Learners

Woodward Elementary, Delaware City Schools – WE NEED YOU! Commit one day a week to visit Woodward Elementary during lunch (11:45-12:30) to work with students on reading development. You will read to them and listen to them read. Please email Matt Keller, Principal, at kellerma@delawarecityschools.net or call at (740) 833-1600 to volunteer.

Sunday, December 11

People In Need Holiday Clearinghouse – YPN members will escort families through Toyland at the Delaware County fairgrounds. For many PIN clients, these are the only gifts and food that come into their homes during this season. *Times pending; most likely several 2-hour afternoon shifts to choose from. More details and sign-up in an upcoming eNewsletter.*

YPN MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Newlyweds Tiffany (Gribble) and Dan Vroegop on their wedding day, September 3, 2011

This month's Spotlight features two YPN members and their unique story. Meet Tiffany (Gribble) and Dan Vroegop. Tiffany is a 4th grade intervention specialist at Carlisle Elementary in Delaware. Dan works for Goodwill as the retail director for Marion, Crawford and Delaware Counties.

"United Way Young Professionals has provided powerful networking opportunities for me this past year. While I am a teacher and not looking for a new career, I have met other business professionals and found new services to utilize in the Delaware County area (i.e. Leaf Chiropractic)," says Tiffany.

Among the business connections, she made new friends, and – as it turns out – met her future husband at one YPN Event.

"Last April, I contacted a church friend, United Way employee Susie Bibler, in search of Tiffany's phone number since they are good friends," reflects Dan. "I had seen Tiffany at church several times but had never spoken with her. After Susie gave me her number, I called Tiffany and we agreed to have our first 'date/meeting' at that Thursday's YPN event at The Pub. We met that evening, talked for quite awhile and had our first dinner date three days later. That was almost six months ago."

The couple is now happily married and living in Delaware.

"It's funny how life works out. Neither Dan nor I were looking to meet anyone last spring, yet after a phone call and a couple of dates, we clicked instantly," comments Tiffany. "It's hard to believe that just six months ago we were only strangers having our first conversation at a United Way Young Professionals Network event."

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AMs FOR YPN UWDC TO START BEFORE-HOURS SPEAKER SERIES

Our new morning speaker series will kick off on Thursday, November 17 at the UWDC office. Network during coffee and bagels from 7 – 7:30 am, after which Meghan Lann from SC Search Consultants will present on the topics of starting your job search, networking, working with a recruiter and interviewing.

We are scheduling quarterly before hours presentations for 2012. If you are interested in being a speaker and/or hosting at your place of business, please submit your topic with an outline to Ellen at emrukowski@uwaydelaware.org

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YPN SOCIAL EVENT



Wine Tasting & Networking Happy Hour

Wednesday, October 12

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Barley Hopsters

43 N. Sandusky St. (NW corner @ Winter St.)
Delaware, OH 43015

RSVP to Ellen at emrukowski@uwaydelaware.org or (614) 436-8929

Join us for a fun after-hours event during which attendees will hear from Barley Hopsters' owners and try several types of wine. This event and wine samples are FREE; in addition there will be wine by the glass available for purchase. Light appetizers will be served.

Upcoming United Way Events



SPRING/SUMMER 2012

5K FUNDRAISER

The YPN Steering Committee is in the beginning stages of coordinating a 5K event, with proceeds benefitting United Way of Delaware County. It will take place spring or summer of 2012. If you would like to be on the planning committee or receive sponsorship information, please contact Ryan Rivers, Rivers Insurance Group, at ryan@riversinsgroup.com or (614) 515-5236.

TBD



NOVEMBER 18

NON-PROFIT INSTITUTE

8:30am – 3pm

Columbus State Community College
Delaware Campus

A variety of workshops will be offered geared towards non-profit leadership, board members and those advising non-profit organizations. Topics will include governance, management and fundraising. Contact Barb Lyon for more information at blyon@uwaydelaware.org or (614) 436-8929.

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