

Grants Received for STEAM Launch Event

In addition to launching a two-year pilot STEAM program delivered by the Salvatori Center, we are pleased to announce that additional support we have received for the STEAM initiative will enable WIP to host a STEAM Launch Event in September 2016! **PPL Foundation** and **Gentex Corporation** have agreed to provide grants of \$7,000 each to make the STEAM Launch Event a reality! The STEAM Launch event will be held for the 7th grade students and educators from the Scranton and Riverside School Districts as a kick-off to the STEAM initiatives, including the Salvatori Center program, the STEAM after-school program at the Scranton middle schools, and the off-site field visits planned for the Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School. The event will feature a dynamic keynote speaker, demonstrations, and other exciting programming. We are so grateful for these generous contributions from PPL and Gentex Corporation, the major co-sponsors of this upcoming event.

Welcome to our Newest WIP Members!

Since the beginning of May, we have welcomed SEVEN new WIP Members. We are thrilled to introduce our new members:

Impact Members: **Amie Talarico** and **Mary Beth D'Andrea**

Emerging Members: **Desiree Voitek, Alison Woody, Lauren Perry,**
and **Jessica Meoni**

Contributor: **Kay Young**

Upcoming Financial Confidence Seminar

The first step of the WIP Micro-Loan process for women entrepreneurs is attendance at the Financial Confidence Seminar, designed by WIP members in conjunction with the Kania School of Management at the University of Scranton. This training seminar, which has had over 80 participants previously and has received rave reviews, will be delivered by WIP members **Ellen Burkey, Dr. Patricia Fox, and Katie Gilmartin**. It is designed to give participants the tools they need to take control of their personal finances, a critical step in starting a new business. Any women interested in participating in the WIP Micro-Loan process or interested in gaining insight into financial independence should attend this unique event!

Financial Confidence Seminar

Tuesday, July 12th, 2016

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The University of Scranton

Brennan Hall

Fifth Floor, Casey Conference Room

Register at: [University of Scranton SBDC](http://UniversityofScrantonSBDC.org)

Transportation: An On-Going Concern in NEPA

While transportation is not currently a main focus area of WIP, it has been identified as an issue in our area that affects nearly all of the WIP focus areas as well as many in our community, especially low to moderate income women. We are in the early stages of investigating how WIP can assist with this on-going issue. It has been brought to our attention that advocacy and convening partners to begin a dialogue on this critical issue are simple ways that WIP may be able to help.

The Scranton Area Community Foundation is looking to host an information gathering session at in late August. Any WIP members interested in exploring this topic further are encouraged to email Maggie Nasser at Maggie@safdn.org. We will then arrange a date that best suits all interested members.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please email Maggie Nasser at Maggie@safdn.org.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at Maggie@safdn.org or call (570) 347-6203 ext. 306



The WIP Quarterly Meeting, *Public-Private Partnerships: An American Idea Gone Global*, was held on May 27, 2016 at the Tripp House. From left: Elizabeth Brown, President & CEO of the Community Foundation Sonoma County, Sondra Myers, Laura Ducceschi, President & CEO of the Scranton Area Community Foundation, Senator John Blake.

Upcoming Dates

07/28/2016, 11am

at Scranton Area Foundation
Smoking Cessation Meeting
Sub-committee of Health & Well-
ness Advisory Circle

07/29/2016, 2pm

at Scranton Area Foundation
Dental Care Meeting
Sub-committee of Health & Well-
ness Advisory Circle

10/06/2016

Location TBD

WIP Quarterly Meeting
Members-Only Exclusive Event

Feedback Requested

Now Hiring!

STEAM Program Evaluator

Responsible for developing and implementing an evaluation strategy to assess the effectiveness of the STEAM initiatives.

Applications for or questions related to this contracted, two-year position can be sent to Maggie Nasser at Maggie@safdn.org by Friday, July 15th.

Keynote Speaker Needed! STEAM Launch Event

Seeking a dynamic Keynote Speaker for the STEAM Launch Event in September.

Suggestions for potential speakers with experience in the STEAM field can be emailed to Maggie Nasser at Maggie@safdn.org.