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Dear WCGN members,

The lazy days of summer are winding down, but WCGN's board has been hard at work organizing another round of fascinating educational programming for 2014-15. Tune in **Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. PST** for our first offering, Women in Philanthropy: Transforming Communities and Each Other. Check out all of WCGN's educational [topics by month below](#). And remember, you can always find them [online](#).

We're thrilled to announce we've spent the summer testing out our exciting new webinar service and it's working well. As promised, the switch from telephone conferencing to our new-simple-to-use webinar format begins with the first educational program of the season on Sept. 16. From now on all of our monthly educational programs will be delivered via webinar, so we encourage all members to get acquainted with this new format by joining live trainings starting Aug. 25 and running on selected dates through the first half of September. **Please sign up** now (particularly if new technology is outside of your comfort zone) and **we'll happily hold hold your hand in learning this new technology**. The expansion of our virtual organization depends on our members' ability to adopt these new tools. It's fun, it's easy, and training takes only 30 minutes! See [training dates below](#). **You must pre-register for all webinars, including trainings, in order to receive the logon instructions!**

Last month we announced that the [Women's Impact Fund](#) (Charlotte, NC) will host WCGN's 2015 conference! We could not be more appreciative of the leadership from our Women's Impact Fund friends in Charlotte. Now that the next conference host is in place, WCGN's Charlotte Conference Co-chair [Sonja Nichols](#) will take an ex-officio position on our board. We're delighted to have her. Dianne Chipps Bailey, who has served with distinction on our board since 2012, will co-chair the Charlotte conference

with Sonja. They truly are a dynamic duo. Stay tuned for more details about plans for Charlotte in the coming months!

We're always looking for ways to get to know our members better. At the beginning of every program year our board members make a special effort to talk with at least one leader from each of our member organizations. If you serve as board chair, president, or executive director of any of our member organizations, get ready to hear from a WCGN Board Member, who will invite you to join her for a 30-minute conversation (scheduled at your convenience) so that we can listen to your thoughts or answer questions about WCGN. Your feedback will be instrumental as the board gathers for our strategic planning retreat in October.

We also need one person per member organization (usually the 'bundle administrator' for your WCGN membership) to update your organization's profile. Instructions can be found [here](#). When you talk to your board contact, don't hesitate to ask her if you need help with the profile or have questions. These annual profiles are one of WCGN's most important tools for determining content for future program at conferences and for learning the full impact of your organization's work. Thank you in advance for updating your organization's profile!

I had the pleasure of catching up with several WCGN members who got in touch during their travels to Seattle this summer and I met with others when I visited their home towns. I hope this inspires you to connect with your WCGN friends when you travel for business or pleasure. WCGN is all about making connections, connections that enrich us and keep us on track as we continue the important work of improving lives in our own communities and beyond.

Wishing you a carefree last few weeks of summer.

Warmly,
Laura Midgley
WCGN Board Chair
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Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation's Marcia Liebich was featured in the Sun Valley Magazine for her outstanding community work. **Read about Marcia's commitment to innovative philanthropy and next generation giving.**



You will be inspired as you learn about her outstanding example of strengthening community through family

philanthropy. It's no wonder **Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation** has a 92% retention rate and fabulous recruitment results thanks to her 'quiet influence'.

Marcia also serves on WCGN's Nominating Committee. Thank you Marcia, for your support of collective giving and more.

We'd like to shine a spotlight on WCGN members or grantees with inspiring stories that illustrate the power of giving together. Please send WCGN Board Member and Communications Committee Chair **Alison Wilson an email** with your ideas for our next Leadership Spotlight.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Get trained on WCGN's new webinar service!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all trainings and programs in order to receive webinar login instructions. New to webinars? Find out more [here](#).

Register now for your 30-minute training on one of these dates: **Aug 25, Sept. 4, 9, and 11**

All times are 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Pacific time.

Can't make these dates? [Contact us](#) and we will arrange a personal training.

Have you subscribed to the Member-to-Member Discussions?

We've replaced Google Groups with member-to-member forums on our own website. It's yet another way for you to connect with your peers in philanthropy. Log on to the member portion of the website to view the topic forum summary on our home page. [Subscribe](#) to these great conversations so you can promptly respond with your expertise and share in your fellow member's success. Have no fear undefined you can unsubscribe at any time!

Here's a list of recent topics. [Click here](#) to join the conversation!

- Capacity Building Grants
- Advisory Committees/Boards
- Guidelines for Multi-Year Grants
- Member Database Software
- Looking for Email Service Providers with Minimal Deliveries to Spam/Promotions Folders
- Grants Software undefined What Do You Use?

- Scoring Grant Proposals

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Place WCGN's logo on your website. We're proud of the work we do and we know you are too. Let's get the word out! We ask that members add the WCGN logo to their website with a link to our home page. **Contact us** for the files.

Book offer: Dynamic speaker Sonja Nichols made us laugh and snap selfies when she spoke to our members at last April's St. Louis WCGN Conference Luncheon. Now she's offering a complimentary copy of her new book "Your Amazing Body, Your Amazing Organization" to any WCGN member who asks. [Click here](#) if you would like a copy. Thanks for your generous offer, Sonja!

2014-2015 Monthly Programs:

We'll begin our educational programs again on Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. PST with our very first webinar. You don't want to miss it!

As always, our programs will continue on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. PST.

Sept. 16 Women in Philanthropy: Transforming Communities and Each Other

Oct. 21 Tweet, Ping, and Post: Sharing Your Message through Social Media

Nov. 18 Board Governance: Developing Leadership for Your Organization's Future

Jan. 20 Beyond Grants: Influencing Public Policy through Advocacy

Feb. 17 Staying Afloat: Developing Diverse Revenue Streams

March 17 Imagination and Impact: Innovation in Grantmaking

April 21 Membership Retention: Engaging Your Members through the Ages

May 19 Fellowship, Fun, and Philanthropy: Celebrating Success and Tooting Our Own Horn!

Webinars will be recorded for easy playback.

**WCGN is thrilled to announce
our next conference will be
hosted by the Women's Impact Fund in Charlotte, NC in fall 2015!**

Plans are underway to ensure this will be a stand-out event!



Please stay tuned for **dates and more details**, coming soon.

Anyone interested in learning more about collective giving is welcome to attend!



Log on to [view materials](#) from the April 2014

**Women's Collective Giving
Leadership Forum**

[The WCGN Formula for Change](#)

Thank you again to our fabulous hosts,
the [Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund!](#)

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Click [here](#) to see the many benefits of membership.

WCGN, supporting the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving nationwide.

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