

Our St. Louis conference a smashing success! Thanks for coming.

We traded ideas, inspiration, and elected 2 new board members.

New! Our WCGN website launches April 15 at midnight.

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Dear WCGN members,

2014 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

A resounding thank you to the 132 women and one gentleman who gathered in St. Louis this week to share, learn, and innovate. Thirty-two of our 38 member organizations attended, 19 people presented or moderated, and everyone connected. Almost all of us traveled to St. Louis on our own dime: a powerful demonstration of how much we value face-to-face sharing and learning. And once again, kudos to the team at the Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund (SOS) who gave us such a welcoming and informative three days. Materials from the sessions, my remarks from the inaugural WCGN Annual Meeting, and the inspirational speech delivered by WCGN Founder Colleen Willoughby will be posted shortly.

As always, we want to hear from you. If you attended the conference please **complete this survey**. Your thoughts will be instrumental in shaping WCGN's future programs. We know we're fabulous, but we always want to do better! Your ideas and comments help make that happen.

It's not too soon to begin planning for the 2105 conference. Please let the WCGN Board know ASAP if your organization is interested in

the WCGN Board know that if your organization is interested in **hosting a future conference**. As we saw this week in St. Louis, hosting a WCGN conference magnifies the power and visibility of the collective giving movement and inspires and invigorates hometown members at the same time. Feel free to [contact me](#) for more information.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are delighted to announce the addition of two outstanding women just elected to the WCGN Board: **Jenny Berg** of Impact 100 in Cincinnati and **Tracy Johnson** of the San Diego Women's Foundation. See their bios and those of the rest of the WCGN Board [here](#).

NEW WEBSITE

Start your morning right April 16 by logging on to www.wcgn-network.org. You'll see a **brand new WCGN website** with many new members-only features like a searchable directory, more content and no more Google login! We've worked hard to make the site more user friendly. We wanted to make it easier for you to log on to members-only pages and to communicate with your WCGN sisters throughout the country. We're also thrilled to let you know that we've integrated our database with site services. If you can shop at Amazon you can log on to this new website. Check it out next Wednesday!

Now that I am home, I'm reflecting on the fascinating conversations had with many of you and eager to implement the powerful knowledge I gained over the last three days. Thank you for enhancing my life and the lives of so many in your communities. I encourage you to look up your new WCGN pals as you travel. I know I will. The delegation from Washington Women's Foundation -- Mary Stevens, Colleen Willoughby, Alison Wilson, and myself -- would be delighted to see you in Seattle.

Warmly,
Laura Midgley
WCGN Chair

The 2014-2015 Program Committee Needs YOU

WCGN is forming a virtual, **network-wide Monthly Program Committee** to plan the content and select speakers for our monthly discussions. Work with current committee members and WCGN Board leaders Sue Priester and Dianne Bailey to keep WCGN's vibrant monthly conversations going strong. Please [contact Sue Priester](#), chair of the Program Planning Committee if you are interested or just want to offer suggestions for topics you'd like to see covered or need a deeper dive. The group will meet by email and phone beginning in May and over the summer to plan the content and speakers for the 2014-2015 program year, which begins with our first fall program September 16.

May Conference Call

Tuesday, May 20

9-10 am PST / noon-1 pm EST

Teaming Up: How to Partner with Other Philanthropic and Public Groups for Maximum Community Impact

Agenda and presentation materials will be available one week before

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the call.

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