



Nonprofit Development Partnership – Serving Flathead Valley and the Region

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Food for Thought:

To laugh often and to love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of oneself; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived - this is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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NpDP Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11 from 4 pm to 6 pm
Conrad Mansion Museum

Make time to have some free fun. Celebrate the Season and a successful fall with colleagues and friends at our annual Holiday Party. Relax, unwind and enjoy the party.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVPs are required: 755-1135 or rsvp@npdp.org.

NpDP News: RSVP Policy

As you've noticed, we have recently asked for RSVPs at our brown bag workshops and the holiday party. This change is a part of our efforts to better serve you. We understand how busy your life as a nonprofit leader is. How unexpected calls come in as you plan to walk out the door. And, how suddenly your schedule can open up to be able to attend at the last minute. However, by having an accurate count, we are able to provide enough handouts for each attendee of the brown bag workshops and enough refreshments for the parties. Will you help us as we serve you through quality training and networking opportunities? Will you make a good faith effort to RSVP to events? If you need to update your RSVP, we also check the rsvp@npdp.org e-mail and the voicemail at 755-1135 right before each event.

Charitable Practices and Motivations of Wealthy Individuals ***The Bank of America High Net-Worth Philanthropy Study***

In this study of wealthy philanthropists, Bank of America discovers insightful findings with bearings on our relationships and communication with major donors. One key finding is that "meeting critical needs" is the top motivator; whereas, "leaving a legacy" ranks among the lowest motivators. Also, the study found a positive correlation between the time a donor volunteers with an organization and increased donations. Major donors do not simply want to "write a check." The press release and initial report can be found in the links below:

Bank of America Press Release

http://newsroom.bankofamerica.com/index.php?s=press_releases&item=7580

Initial Report from the Center on Philanthropy

http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/Research/giving_fundraising_research.aspx#portraitsdonors

Nonprofit Technology Webinars ***brought to you by Montana Nonprofit Association and Idealware***

Over the next two months, the Montana Nonprofit Association is teaming up with Idealware to offer a series of webinars on technology ideal for your work. The topics range from online donations to social media to effective e-mail lists. There is also an option to purchase the recordings at half-price after the webinar is over.

<http://www.idealware.org/mna>

The Resource Corner: Nonprofit Podcasts

Podcasts provide a way to receive and listen to audio and video programs, much like an on-demand radio or TV show. As opposed to a "broadcast", podcasts often target more narrow audiences than "old-school" mass media. You can subscribe to podcasts through "podcatching" software like iTunes (www.apple.com/itunes) or Juice (juicereceiver.sourceforge.net) and then listen to the podcasts at your convenience, on your personal computer or on digital media players like an iPod, Sandisk, or Microsoft Zune.

Here are a few interesting podcasts related to the nonprofit world:

Stay on top of trends and changes in nonprofit law. *The Nonprofit Law Podcast is a weekly show highlighting legal issues facing nonprofits.*

<http://nplawcast.com>

In 20 minutes or less, Fundraising is Beautiful gives *inspiration and ammunition to fundraisers* through practical ideas in fundraising.

<http://www.fundraisingisbeautiful.org/>

Attend innovative conferences on your morning drive. The Center for Social Innovation of the Stanford Graduate School of Business brings conference recordings from thought leaders in the nonprofit world working to create models for *social and environmental change in the world.*

<http://sic.conversationsnetwork.org>

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