

E-Newsletter - October 2009

******Please note, we will not be holding an October Brown Bag. Instead, we are partnering with the Montana Nonprofit Association to host a Special Seminar, Board Governance and the New 990 Tax Forms.******

Food for Thought

"The sky isn't falling, but the cavalry isn't coming either. Some of us were hoping that the hugely wealthy would step up and give a lot more. Well that didn't happen, and now we're all starting to get used to the new normal."

--Anne Camp, Nonprofit Association of the Midlands

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[Manager's Forum](#)

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Basement Conference Room
Main Library, Flathead County Library System
247 First Avenue East, Kalispell
Free

Managing your Media Relationships - Part I

We will be hosting Kristen Hamilton, Business Manager, and Dan Testa, Senior Writer, from the Flathead Beacon to discuss how to effectively work with the media and create media campaigns.

Please read the following article before the Manager's Forum to enhance the discussion:

http://www.flatheadbeacon.com/main/page/about_us/

Please RSVP to rsvp@npdp.org to ensure enough seating if you plan to attend.

The purpose of the Manager's Forum is to promote peer learning, information sharing, and discussion of topics of interest to nonprofit managers and leaders.

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Special Seminar: Save the Date

Thursday, October 22, 2009

12:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Board Room

Room 140, Blake Hall

Flathead Valley Community College

777 Grandview Drive

Kalispell, Montana

Cost: \$45 for MNA members; \$55 for non-members

\$10 discount for each additional individual from the same organization

Save the date for this special seminar. The Montana Nonprofit Association will be handling the registration, and the registration will open soon.

Board Governance and the New 990 Tax Form

brought to you by the Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)

hosted by NpDP

Nonprofit Boards of Directors and key management staff are now responsible for several new parts of the New 990. This 4-hour course will take you through the entire Form 990 tax return and highlights the new changes and requirements; and will discuss how Boards of Directors need to be more cognizant of the tax return. Specifically, this course will review each Part and Section of the new 990 form including Governing Body and Management, Policies, Disclosure, Compensation, Independent Contractors, and all of the financial statements. A discussion of the new policies and procedures required of Boards of Directors will include conflict of interest, code of ethics, whistle blower, compensation, document retention and destruction, and transparency. This course will help you understand the big picture of what the IRS is requiring of nonprofit organizations and is designed to inform and educate, while keeping you entertained and engaged.

As an additional resource, the Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center at the Main Library in Kalispell has a number of useful books, including *the New Form 990* and *Good Governance for Nonprofits*, to help you come to the seminar better prepared with questions related to the new 990.

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Save the Date: [Manager's Forum](#)

Thursday, November 5, 2009, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Basement Conference Room
Main Library, Flathead County Library System
247 First Avenue East, Kalispell
Free

Managing your Media Relationships - Part 2

We will be continuing the discussion on how to effectively work with the media and create media campaigns.

[Flathead Community Foundation Releases Updated Grant Application](#)

The Flathead Community Foundation is soliciting proposals from local non-profit charitable organizations with service areas in Flathead County. Grants awarded will be in the range from \$100 to \$1,000. The **updated** application can be found online at <http://flatheadcommunityfoundation.org/grant-process.html>. Applications should be mailed to the FCF at P.O. Box 1422, Kalispell, MT 59903. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2009.

Community Event

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 6 pm to 9 pm
Hilton Garden Inn
Kalispell
Cost: \$40

Annual Meeting and Dinner

hosted by Montana West Economic Development

Economic development innovator Jay Garner of Garner Economics will address the 2009 Annual Meeting and Dinner for Montana West Economic Development. The subject is "what communities must do to successfully compete for jobs creation and capital investment." All community members are invited to attend.

To purchase tickets: Contact Carol Oberndorfer of Montana West Economic Development at 257-7711 or Carol@DoBusinessInMontana.com.

Volunteer Opening: Mission Pawsible

Flathead Shelter Friends, Spay Neuter Task Force, Humane Society and the Whitefish Theatre Company are all working to do a fundraiser called MISSION PAWSIBLE. This position is a volunteer position. This person would help oversee and keep our 9 subcommittees organized and on track, to make it all come together. We have Advertising/PR, Auction, Artist Coordinator, Education Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Transportation Coordinator, Merchandising, Events and Website coordinators/committees. All committees have a volunteer from the four non-profits heading up these committees, what we need now is for someone to make it all come together and make it flow. The "manager" would or could put as many hours as they want into our project, but could delegate and keep hours to a minimum, depending how involved the person wanted to be. Anyone who can commit to a year long project and would like to help our organizations with the oversight and management of a great fundraiser, contact Carmen O'Brien at 250-6510.

The Resource Corner: Federal and State Grant Announcements

Recently, there has been a controversy over federal grant guidelines. While we won't dive into that controversy, here is where you can find federal and state grant announcements:

http://grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp

Montana Infrastructure Grants and Loans:

<http://mt.gov/business/grantsloans.asp>

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