Letter from the President

Dear AFP members,

2017 is going to be a banner year!

I am so excited and so proud to be leading the AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter. One of my favorite responsibilities is getting to share information with our members about AFP's impact in our community and all the great things we have planned for this year.

Those who know me well, know that I love to sing. In keeping with my love of music, I've declared 2017 the year to "Sing Your Song!" This is our year to shine, "sing", and celebrate the amazing group of fundraising professionals who make our chapter one of the very best in the country. We've achieved so much, and I can't wait to share and celebrate these accomplishments with you.

For example, our "New Faces of Fundraising" internship program has garnered national attention, and AFP International is working with us to roll out this innovative program nationwide! And let's not forget to celebrate our continued recognition as a Ten Star Gold Chapter! This recognition honors chapters for achieving strategic long-range goals and promoting a high-level of professionalism in our sector.

2017 is also going to be a time for lots of positive change for the chapter. Later this year, we will see a completely redesigned chapter website, and the venue for National Philanthropy Day will move to a newly and beautifully restored Music Hall. Wow! Last year's event was spectacular, and I hear this year will be even better in this new and beautiful space.

So this year my friends, turn up the music and "Sing Your Song!" Celebrate the unique talents you bring to our profession, and celebrate the strength of our AFP chapter. I am honored to be serving as your president and look forward to another great year.

Vanessa Mosley, MBA, CFRE
AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter
AFP Leadership Academy Coming to Cincinnati

Our AFP Chapter is thrilled to host the 2017 AFP Leadership Academy here in Cincinnati in October.

The AFP Leadership Academy is a two and a half day event featuring advanced leadership development opportunities for AFP chapter leaders and members. We’re thrilled to host this important event and excited to show off the Queen City.

Stay tuned for more information on this important professional development opportunity.

Save the Date:
"Partnering for Breakthrough Philanthropy" 1/2 day Conference

May 17, 2017

Mark your calendars for AFP's annual 1/2 day conference on May 17th at the Red Cross.

Lauri Lumm from Advancement Resources will dive into the importance of partnership in philanthropy efforts. A seasoned facilitator, Lauri has extensive experience working with participants of diverse backgrounds. She is passionate about helping development professionals and other associates broaden their perspectives and hone their skills in order to achieve breakthrough success in fundraising.

*This is a great opportunity for your organization's CEO, Development Director, and Board Chair to attend together.

Fee: (includes workshop and breakfast)
AFP or LC Member: $55
Non-Member: $75
Student: $25 (must present valid student i.d.)
Group of 3 or more (one person must be a member of AFP or LC): $50 per person
Register [here](#).

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**We're So Excited!**

Your AFP Chapter is hard at work revamping our chapter's website. The new website will increase functionality, ease in registering for events, looking up helpful information and resources, as well as connecting with other AFP members; we can't wait!

The new site is slated to launch later this Spring. Stay tuned for more details.

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**Sharpen Your Skill Set**

**Upcoming AFP's Scholarship Deadlines**

We recognize that financial restraints can limit educational opportunities for our members. This year we are proud to offer four types of scholarship awards.

**Chris Martin Scholarship (Deadline: March 6, 2017)**
The Chris Martin Presidential Membership Scholarship pays tribute to the excellent leadership Chris provided to the Greater Cincinnati Chapter during his 2016 presidency. This gift of appreciation is a meaningful expression of acknowledgement of a job well done and honors Chris' commitment to professional fundraising and the community. This scholarship award, a one-year AFP Professional Membership, can be awarded immediately.

In awarding this unique scholarship, the Scholarship Committee will look for candidates who have the potential to excel in the fundraising profession. It is a condition of the award of this one-year scholarship that the recipient contributes back to the Greater Cincinnati Chapter as a committee member.

**Fundamentals of Fundraising (Deadline: March 13, 2017)**
One full scholarship is offered to attend AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter's spring or fall session of Fundamentals of Fundraising. This course is a fundraising master class covering various aspects of development. It is designed for newcomers to the field and senior non-profit professionals who want to learn more about fundraising.

Click [here](#) for more information and to access the application.
**Important Changes to AFP Membership Dues**

AFP recently announced changes in the dues structure and membership categories, based on feedback from the Membership Services Division and chapters.

Beginning on March 1, 2017, Large Nonprofit Organization Membership, Small Nonprofit Organization Membership, and the Young Professional Membership will see an increase in dues. Increases are as follows:

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Changes in dues will be based on the members' or organizations' renewal dates. The following membership categories will NOT see an increase in dues: Professional, Associate, Retired, Business, Collegiate, and Global e-membership. For questions about your membership or the dues increase, contact our VP of Membership, Phillip James at jamespp@ucmail.uc.edu.

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**The More, the Merrier!**

**Welcome to our newest AFP Members**

**November:**


**December:**

- Angela Cowart

**January:**

- Vicky Bauerle, Denise Bowman, Denise Brodsky, Rhonda Curtis, Megan Fischer, Tom Gormley, Anna Kuertz, Kim Morris, Rachel Specht, Stephanie Taylor, Jessica Wabler
Hey YPs, We're Talking to You!

There are many opportunities to get involved with the AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter. We would love to use your fundraising experience and knowledge to add to the success of future chapter events! This is also a great way for you to get to know others in your profession.

If interested in volunteering on the YP committee, please contact our Director of Young Professionals, Matthew Gellin, at matthew.gellin@uwgc.org.
Let's Get Together!

Upcoming AFP Events

Audio Conference with Beth Ann Locke
Title: High Touch Philanthropy
*This webinar will be LIVE.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Talbert House
2600 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

12:30-1:00 pm Registration/Networking
1:00-2:00 pm Presentation

AFP Members - FREE; AFP Member + Lunch - $8.50
AFP Non-Members - $25; AFP Non-Members + Lunch - $33.50
Students (with valid student i.d.) - FREE; Student + Lunch - $8.50

Register Here

Networking & Knowledge
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Cincinnati Red Cross
2111 Dana Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45207

7:45-8:00 a.m. - Networking/Registration
8:00-9:30 a.m. - Presentation
Cost: AFP Members - Free, AFP Non-Members - $25.00,
Students (with valid student i.d.) - Free

Register Here
Webinar with Michael Greenberg and Greg Ware
The Future of Fundraising: How Digital Technologies and Strategies will Create Your Next Gen Development Operation
*Pre-recorded from 6/28/2016

Thursday, May 18, 2017
Talbert House
2600 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

12:30-1:00 pm Registration/Networking
1:00-2:00 pm Presentation

AFP Members - FREE; AFP Member + Lunch - $8.50
AFP Non-Members - $25; AFP Non-Members + Lunch - $33.50
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A Quote for Your Day.

Spring is nature's way of saying Let's Party!
—Robin Williams

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AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter, an association of professionals, advances philanthropy by enabling its members and nonprofit organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising that changes our community for the better.