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Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Supporters of The Society of Professional Women



On February 10th, IBM Diversity & Inclusion Learning Sr. Offering Manager Calvin Purnell, Jr. provided a keynote presentation and moderated a panel discussion regarding the benefits of mentorship for individuals and companies alike.

“I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day, and I believe in miracles.” ~ Audrey Hepburn

Hepburn



As the largest program at The Main Line Chamber of Commerce for over a decade, the Society of Professional Women (SPW), has continued to advance our mission to accelerate the advancement and expand the influence of women leaders of all professions and generations, strengthen our business community, and support the region’s non-profit organizations.

SPW’s transformational programming brings people together for conversations and connections that turn into outcomes with lasting impact. The program’s evolution goes beyond its early gender-focused orientation to create a safe meeting space for meaningful dialogue relating to race, sexual orientation and learning differences. Those who invest time and money into SPW value talent and seek to nurture inclusive environments.

The past two years have been particularly challenging for many. Mental health has been at the forefront of conversation, in addition to the physical toll from a worldwide pandemic. Throughout the strenuous day to day, there have been communities coming together to achieve a more fulfilling life not just for themselves, but for one another. We know our community is stronger when we work together. The strength of SPW is deeply rooted in its ability to provide extensive knowledge and resources while at the same time bringing together people that support a common mission and connecting them with one another. SPW is bringing high-demand speakers from all over the country and locally

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that include survivors, advocates, bestselling authors, educators and experts to inspire each person in attendance to reach their greatest potential and help others to do the same. There is a resounding theme of resiliency and inspiration for SPW this year. It all started with our first event, "Rise and Thrive! How to Take Action and Move from a Setback to a Comeback" and additional talks each month will include topics surrounding "Mentorship", "Agility and Adaptability", "Limitless Living", "Being Empowered to Prosper", "The Power of Prehab", "Collaboration Code" and more.

There are still sponsorships available to support this important work and share it with your team. Please reach out to me personally at nstephenson@mlcc.org if you are interested in learning more.

I hope to see you at our next event on Thursday, March 10th, "The Power of Agility and Adaptability: An Interview with Dr. Marisa Porges."

Sincerely,



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Recent EVENTS

Live Virtual Conversation

How Mentoring Builds Employee Leaders And Company Success

Thursday, February 10, 2022



Panelists included (L-R) Main Line Smiles Dr. Tara Sexton, Brinker Simpson Partner Donna Stilwell, Firsttrust Bank Sr. VP and Director of Community Banking Laura Azzalina and PECO SVP & Chief Customer Officer Funmi Williamson.



Main Line Health Event Specialist Karen Ann Rawlings discussed Main Line Health's Women's Heart Initiative in honor of February's American Heart Month and welcomed the guest speakers.



Following the presentation, each participant has the opportunity to network and discuss key learnings from the event.

[View this event recording](#) 

Live Virtual Conversation

Rise and Thrive! How to Take Action and Move from a Setback to a Comeback

Thursday, January 13, 2022



TEDx Speakers, Best-Selling Authors and Co-Founders of Brilliantly Resilient Kristin Smedley and Mary Fran Bontempo provided strategies to help attendees reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed, build confidence and increase proficiency.



Fidelity Investments Assistant Branch Manager Susan Spangenberg spoke of the business's commitment to the SPW program.

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Fun FACTS

Women at the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 – All you need to know

[Olympics.com](https://olympics.com)

- Beijing 2022 is the most gender-balanced Olympic Winter Games to date, with women accounting for a record 45 percent of the athletes.
- 53 percent of the events at Beijing feature female athletes.
- Full gender balance was achieved for the first time at the Olympic Winter games in skeleton, individual luge, speed skating, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, freestyle skiing and snowboarding after changes to the athlete quotas in those respective disciplines.
- Four new mixed-gender events were added to the programme, further increasing the total number of female athletes at the Games.
- For Beijing 2022, two women's events were moved to the final Saturday to increase the number of hours of women's sport on the penultimate day of competition.
- In total, the final Saturday of Beijing 2022, on February 19, featured nine hours of women's events.

[Learn more](#) 

New, Federally Funded Utility Assistance Program Available for Pennsylvania Homeowners

Many PECO customers facing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic have a new resource to help pay the balance of their utility bills.

The Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund (PAHAF), helps to support Pennsylvania homeowners due to financial hardships caused by the pandemic. The grant funding can be applied to a customer's electric and natural gas bill to pay outstanding balances incurred during the pandemic. The maximum utility assistance is capped at 24 months or \$3,000. The PAHAF program will also provide help with mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, homeowner association fees and condominium fees. This is a state administered program and applications are now open to eligible Pennsylvania Homeowners.

"We understand the financial hardships our customers are faced with at this time," said Funmi Williamson, PECO senior vice president and Chief Customer Officer. "The Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund will be a very valuable resource for homeowners. We are committed to our customers and the communities we serve and will continue to provide them with necessary support to help them through this difficult time."

While PAHAF provides grants to customers who are homeowners, PECO offers a variety of bill relief options and assistance programs to help customers make ends meet. Residential customers should act now and can find out more about options online at www.peco.com/help.

Additional customer assistance programs include:

Customer Assistance Program (CAP): An annual credit based on household income and energy use.

Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): A federal grant program to help low-income customers manage their energy costs and ensure service during the heating season.

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UGI and Global Clean Energy Announce Partnership to Distribute Renewable LPG

UGI Corporation (NYSE: UGI) announced today that its subsidiary, AmeriGas Propane ("AmeriGas"), the nation's largest retail propane marketer, has entered into an agreement with Global Clean Energy Holdings, Inc. (OTCQX: GCEH) to purchase and distribute renewable LPG. AmeriGas will leverage its supply and logistics infrastructure and sales and marketing teams to market and distribute renewable LPG to new and existing customers primarily in the state of California.

As part of a multi-year agreement, GCEH's Bakersfield biorefinery will process up to 15,000 barrels of renewable feedstock per day, including their proprietary energy crop - camelina, to produce renewable fuels including bioLPG. This biorefinery, which is expected to begin operations in the first half of calendar 2022, is projected to produce approximately 13 million gallons of renewable LPG in its first year, making it the largest commercially available renewable propane production facility to date in the United States. Under the distribution partnership, AmeriGas will be the long-term exclusive buyer of renewable LPG from GCEH's Bakersfield biorefinery.

"We are thrilled to partner with GCEH to bring renewable LPG to customers in a rapidly developing market where there is strong demand for biofuels and a focus on environmentally sustainable energy solutions," said Roger Perreault, President and CEO - UGI Corporation. "This long-term agreement demonstrates continued progress on our environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives and strategy to invest in renewables. It is another great example of our ongoing efforts to provide innovative, low-carbon, sustainable energy solutions to customers."

Renewable LPG, also known as renewable-propane or bioLPG, is chemically identical to today's fossil LPG (C3H8) and therefore can be used with existing infrastructure. It has up to 80% lower carbon footprint than that of conventional LPG and a much lower carbon intensity than conventional diesel or gasoline fuels.

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THE POWER OF AGILITY AND ADAPTABILITY: AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. MARISA PORGES

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Marissa Porges PhD, Head of School, The Baldwin School

Known for her work on leadership, education, and national security, Dr. Porges combines lessons she learned throughout her career with the practices she is developing at The Baldwin School, to help today's girls cultivate the skills they need to become tomorrow's leading women. She is currently the eighth head of The Baldwin School, a 130-year-old all-girls school outside of Philadelphia renowned for academic excellence and for preparing girls to be leaders and changemakers. The ways we define leadership are changing, and the women now stepping into leadership roles are mapping new paths to inhabiting traits such as grit, resilience, audacity, and self-confidence. This interview will explore experiences that lead Dr. Porges through all the changes and challenges of these last few years, and how the power of agility and adaptability impacts the future of success.

11am - 12:30pm | Zoom Video Conferencing | Featured Nonprofit: Brandywine YMCA



LIMITLESS LIVING - TAPPING INTO OUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Egypt Sherrod, HGTV Star and Real Estate Broker

A powerhouse speaker and certified life coach, Egypt has hosted the stage at Essence Magazine's Wellness Festival, Oprah's "The Life You Want Tour," and countless empowerment, wellness, and business conferences. During this keynote, Egypt talks about why your highest potential requires one to keep your thoughts, your mind, and your feelings vibrating at their highest level. It often requires one to adopt a new mindset, a new approach to the way we look at things. To reach our extreme, one has to **THINK EVEN BIGGER.**

11am - 1:30pm | Drexelbrook Catering and Events Center | Featured Nonprofit: To Be Announced



EMPOWERED TO PROSPER: ACTIVATE YOUR GREATER PURPOSE SYSTEM™

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Natalie Fikes, Leadership Coach and Best-Selling Author

In the aftermath of a global pandemic, your employees are more concerned with their wants than needs. Natalie takes the theory of human motivation to the next level with the Greater Purpose Hierarchy of Wants™; a performance improvement system she uses to transform lives around the world. Natalie Fikes, named one of John Maxwell's Top 100 Leaders, has been studying personal development for over 18 years. In 2020, she developed The Greater Purpose System (GPS)™ to help companies navigate "The Great Resignation" with a simple process that bridges the gap between productivity and profits.

11am - 1:30pm | To Be Determined | Featured Nonprofit: To Be Announced

Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young

Stradley Ronon Continues Growth in New York, Adds Experienced Tax Attorney Ken Wang

Stradley Ronon announced that Ken Wang has joined the firm as a partner in its New York office. Wang was most recently senior tax counsel at Siemens Corporation, a global leader in engineering and technology innovation.

[Link to full article here](#)



WSFS Bank

Stephanie Saint-Cyr Joins Bryn Mawr Trust Wealth Management as Senior Vice President, Director of Wealth Advisory Services in Princeton, New Jersey

WSFS Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: WSFS), the parent company of Bryn Mawr Trust Wealth Management, today announced Stephanie Saint-Cyr as its Senior Vice President, Director of Wealth Advisory Services in Princeton, N.J.

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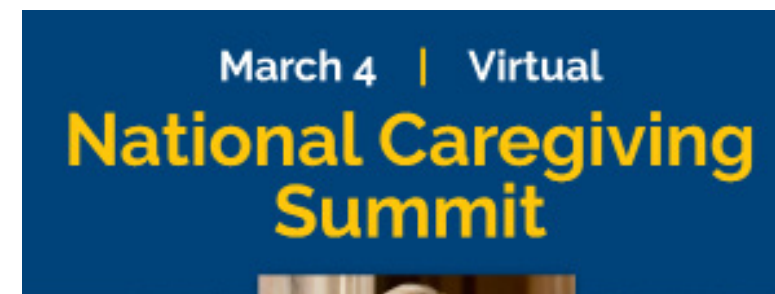


Vertex, Inc.

Vertex Strengthens Partnership with Alfa for Indirect Tax Compliance

Alfa Start, built exclusively for auto leasing operations of all sizes, is the preconfigured edition of the cloud-based Alfa Systems, the market leader in asset finance software worldwide. This extends Vertex's partnership with Alfa, a best-in-class technology provider that powers some of the world's biggest names in automotive finance.

[Link to full article here](#)



Featuring a Keynote Address by U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

ALLY EVENT

Join VisionForward for their first National Caregiving Summit on March 4, 1-3:30pm ET. The fully virtual summit will feature national experts and thought leaders in an interactive panel discussion, a keynote address by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, and opportunities for audience participation. Free and open to all!

Register at the link: <https://bit.ly/NationalCaregivingSummit>

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