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Engaging and empowering current and future leaders in the Fond du Lac area through professional development, networking, and social opportunities.

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YP of the Month: Chris Zachar-Tirado

Congratulations to Chris Zachar-Tirado on being recognized as our October YP of the Month!

Chris is a Clinical Neuropsychologist with SSM Health. It's a specialist position that assesses for cognitive change and diagnosis of various health ailments like stroke, hypoxia, dementia, and moderate/severe traumatic brain injury.

He recently finished his residency and the opportunity opened for him and his wife to move to Wisconsin to be near family. They always wanted to stay in the Midwest and were lucky to find this great place.

He likes being part of YPF because it helped in making friendships and becoming comfortable with the community. Additionally, it helps in making him feel engaged. He enjoys being part of a smaller community, giving back, and creating change.

Learn more about Chris [here](#).

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for all they do for their community? Each month, a member of the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac is highlighted for their contributions. Take a moment to **[nominate](#)** someone you feel deserves this special acknowledgement.



Casino Night

Thank you to every single person who helped make Casino Night a big success!

Special thanks to our planning committee and sponsors (listed below):

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Morning Mingle

Grab a cup of delicious coffee at Urban Fuel and enjoy a morning of networking with your fellow YP's. Representatives of our Standing and Special Committees will be present to share details on some of the exciting events they have in the works, along with ways you can get involved. Learn more and register [here](#).



Halloweenie Street Party

This year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fond du Lac County is revamping their Halloween fundraiser. What was once the beloved "Halloweenie 0.5K" is now the "Halloweenie Street Party." Get ready to shake your bones at this 21+ nighttime extravaganza on Thursday, October 26th, 2023, from 5:30 PM-8:00PM on Main Street in Downtown Fond du Lac.

Learn more [here](#).



Breakfast with Champions

It won't be long before registration information is available for Breakfast with Champions. However, in the mean time, grab your calendars and mark this date down: November 14, South Hills Golf & Country Club.



Envision THIS!

You're hearing it here FIRST! Envision Greater Fond du Lac's Ignite Small Business and Startup Support with host a business pitch contest on Monday, November 13.

This event is actually TWO events: one pitch contest for high school students and one for those out of high school.

Why are we telling you this? Ignite wants our help!

Here's what we're looking for:

- **Timekeeper**---this needs to be someone who has a boisterous voice and isn't afraid to interrupt. We'll need one for the high school event, and one for the adult event.
- **Event Registration and Check-In**—These helpers will need to be at the event about 45 minutes ahead of start time to check in pitchers and communicate general housekeeping. Check in for general admission would be helpful too.
- **Social media and promotion**—This is something all of you can help with! Please help promote this event! It takes some serious guts to pitch and we would love for these courageous folks to feel the support from Fond du Lac and YPF. Please follow the IGNITE Facebook page for the time being.
- **Emcee**- Joe Venhuizen has tentatively accepted this position, but if YPF has a backup idea in case of Joe's kids get sick... we're open to suggestions!



Wanna help? Connect with [Raina](#).

Young Leaders Breakfast

Young Leaders Breakfast will bring young leaders in Fond du Lac County and high school students together to share ideas, impart wisdom, and develop relationships that will support the continued growth of the Fond du Lac county. This event is networking-based and will consist of round table discussions. Learn more [here](#).



Future 5

Before you know it, we will be planning the Future 5. If you would like to join this committee (and we would love that!), please contact [Anna](#). Please and thank you!



Upcoming Events

- [Coffee Connection at Pizza Ranch- Waupun](#), October 9
- [Economic Forecast Breakfast](#), October 11
- [Business Connection at Salchert Meats](#), October 17
- [Compensation Trends 2023 - Data Overload](#), October 19
- [Agri-Business Council Social](#), October 19

Our volunteers are the absolute best!

Without committees, YPF events would not be possible. Have you attended an event recently and felt you had some good ideas to help improve them? Join a committee! We also have our standing committees for Programming and Events, Member Engagement and Marketing. If any of these interest you or you have questions, reach out to [Anna](#) and she can help connect you with the right person

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