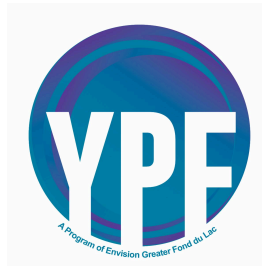


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...and now, a message from our chair...

There are some great things coming up in November for Young Professionals! The nomination deadline for Future Five has passed and this month our panel of judges will review materials and score nominees. In December, the five winners will be announced at our Holiday party...more details to come on that shortly. We are excited to recognize changemakers in the Fond du Lac area who we know are committed to their growth and the growth of the community.

We have our Monday Mixer coming up as well on November 11. Join us at Fondy Axe Company to see their expanded space and visit with other YPs in the area. These events are always some of my favorites; they're a great opportunity to meet new people and collaborate. I hope to see some of you there!

~ Jackie Runge

Congratulations to Kendra Ruenger on being recognized as the November Young Professional of the Month!

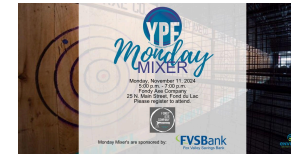
Kendra is the Operations Manager with National Exchange Bank & Trust. She is inspired by her family (they are her #1 supporter!) as they push her to try new things. When asked "What is your favorite part about being in YPF and how has it benefited you?", she said "My favorite part of YPF is getting to network with the community and developing connections. YPF has benefited me as a leader with professional development events and becoming more outgoing. Having those familiar faces at community events."



Learn more about Kendra [here](#).

The November **Monday Mixer** is at Fondy Axe Company...Ready to axe-perience something new?

Fondy Axe Company welcomes all for an exclusive **Monday Mixer** with special rates to try your hand at axe-throwing. YPF will offer pizza for attendees and the first five registered YPs to attend will receive one free hour of axe throwing. Beverages will be available for purchase. Join us for a fun evening in downtown Fond du Lac. This event is FREE to attend!



This event brings established business leaders and young professionals together to get to know each other, share ideas, and develop relationships. **Breakfast with Champions 2024** will feature keynote speakers Adam and Amanda Kroener, founders of Carbliss (hand-crafted, premium cocktails). The event this year will highlight a couple of small changes, and we are excited to share those with you! In addition to shifting the start time to slightly later than in years past, we are implementing a Speed Networking format. There will be four rounds of 10 minutes each, and the YPFs will move between their assigned Champions for each of the sessions. This will help facilitate robust conversation and allow the YPFs facetime with more Champions! **Register today!**



Get your party pants on...it is time to celebrate!

Join your fellow young professionals to ring in the holiday season at the annual **YPF Holiday Party** on Monday, December 9th at the beautiful Hotel Retlaw. This year's celebration will be especially exciting as we will announce the winners of the Future 5 Award LIVE at the event! Bring a guest and your friends to celebrate the season and cheer on our Future 5 winners & nominees in the Lake Terrace Room in Hotel Retlaw from 6:00-8:00pm



with delicious appetizers being served while you network and wait for the big announcement. Early Registration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. Get your [tickets](#) now!



Future 5 Save the Date!!!

Mark your calendars for January 16, 2025, at South Hills Golf & Country Club.

Thanks to everyone who submitted nominations. We look forward to sharing more event details with you soon!



Focus Forward: Navigating the Next Chapter (formerly known as Young Leaders Breakfast) is an opportunity for high school students to explore local careers and make connections with young professionals who recently walked in their shoes. Young professionals will answer questions, share personal stories, life lessons, information about schooling or training completed and

career paths, successes, and failures in round table discussions with students. More information on this event is available [here](#).

PS If you are a young professional volunteer, event details will be communicated to you directly via email. Young Professionals do not need to register.



YPF was recently featured in one of Envision's Mission Moments videos. Check out the superstars in this [video](#).

Upcoming events that might interest you (pre-registration required):

- [Coffee Connection](#) - The November Coffee Connection will take place on Wednesday, November 7 at AMC Countertops, starting at 7:30 a.m.
- [Business Connection](#) - The November Business Connection will take place on Tuesday, November 12 at Ledgevest Financial, starting at 4:00 p.m.
- [Envision THIS! Pitch Event](#) - Join us at Envision THIS! business pitch event on November 18 at 5:00 p.m., where local entrepreneurs will present their ideas and business solutions. Whether you're an investor, business professional, or just curious about new ventures, this event offers a chance to see fresh business concepts in action. The event is open to the public.

All new members are encouraged to attend any of below meetings. Be sure to email info@envisiongreaterfdl.com to confirm meeting date, time, or location hasn't been adjusted or cancelled for the month.

Marketing – Meets the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Envision Greater Fond du Lac

Membership Engagement – Meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at Envision Greater Fond du Lac

Programming and Events (P & E) – Meets the last Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Envision Greater Fond du Lac

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