



Thursday Thoughts

Mentorship Program – Apply Today!

The AFP Mentorship Program is a 6-month program for those looking for a professional mentor to help develop skills, grow their career and expand their professional network. The program will begin in April and run through September, offering the opportunity for professional development, connection and scholarships for future educational events.

To learn more or apply to be paired with a mentor OR serve as a mentor, visit [AFP Mentorship Program](#) page.



[Apply To Be A Mentee](#)

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Job Postings

Want to check out current job opportunities in fundraising?

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Philanthropy and Democracy



The US has become an increasingly polarized nation, with debate on what a democratic society is, should be and can be. Philanthropy and philanthropists have a role to play in defining and rehabilitating our democracy. Read [How Can](#)

Democracy, a new piece by *Mohit Mookim, Rob Reich, Nadia Roumani & Ayushi Vig*. This article, published by the Stanford Social Innovation Review, is part of a collection of writings on navigating complex social issues and addressing how to strengthen the social sector. You can find the full collection [here](#).

Share Your Ideas!

One of the great benefits of your AFP membership is access to high-quality, relevant education sessions and Coffee Chats. We are seeking feedback from our members on topics that they would like to see shared this year to sharpen your knowledge of a specific topic? Is there new information about our field that you would like to discuss? Or, would you like to be considered as a speaker for one of our sessions? We want to be sure we are covering topics that are important to you, so please reach out to Carson at carson.maczuzak@gmail.com with your ideas or suggestions. We are looking forward to seeing you at our education sessions or coffee chats this year!



Thursday, February 11th
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Do We Really Need A New CRM?

Is your organization thinking about moving to a new CRM (customer relationship management) tool, or its first CRM? What internal questions should you answer before starting your search? How do you set your organization up for as successful and smooth transition? Even if you are not switching, Lidi will share some tips for maximizing your CRM that you might not be using.

Presenter:

Lidiane Mocko, Small Business CRM Coach

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Anyone with fundraising duties in their job description is welcome to attend. Coffee Chats are free to everyone and there is no need to register

Member Spotlight

KUDOS! Celebrating the accomplishments of our members.

Kudos to new board member and dog lover, **Savanna Hanson** for joining the board and taking on the role of RMPI Co-Chair! We asked Savanna what she likes about AFP:



“That you can help influence the professional development programming that is offered, connect more deeply with other fundraisers, and practice new skills. Shameless plug: As someone helping to plan our annual conference, Rocky Mountain Philanthropy Institute (RMPI), we are continuing to push for programming that is more relevant, welcoming, and accessible to those who have been historically excluded in fundraising spaces, and to inspire those with privilege to recognize and disrupt harmful practices in our sector. If you are passionate about fundraising and making change, please consider joining RMPI. You can contribute to the planning committee, or even apply to lead a session at RMPI. Send me an email if you’d like to learn more: savannah@bgcmd.org”.

If you have some great news to share, like a promotion, a new job, or an award received, email us at AFPkudos@gmail.com. Please note this is specifically to celebrate our Members, so no need to send the results of your latest campaign or event

Upcoming AFP Events

February 11th

Coffee Chat - Do We Really Need A New CRM?

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March 5th

Deadline to apply for the AFP Mentorship Program
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