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Anything “newsworthy” you want to share with your fellow SIM Philadelphia members?

Please contact any member of the Communications Committee. We would love to share any accomplishments, published articles, or simply good news with our members!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome

From the President – SIM Philadelphia

As we continue to build momentum in 2026, I'm reminded just how special this community is and the energy we create when we come together.

Our PHISIM Casino Night was an absolute blast—truly a fantastic evening filled with connection, laughter, and great memories. Events like this don't happen without the incredible support of our sponsors, whose generosity and partnership made the night such a success. We are deeply grateful for their continued commitment to SIM Philadelphia.

Looking ahead, I'm especially excited for the return of the Philadelphia Tech Summit this May. Bringing back this signature event is a big moment for SIM Philly, and it reflects our commitment to delivering meaningful, high-impact experiences for our members and the broader technology community.

As we grow, we remain focused on what matters most—our value proposition and the experience we create for each of you.

Our Purpose

SIM Philadelphia connects, empowers, develops, and elevates technology leaders across the Greater Philadelphia region. We bring together professionals who are passionate about innovation, collaboration, and giving back to the community.

Our Promise: Learn. Connect. Give.

Our Member Experience

SIM Philadelphia members gain access to:

- A trusted network of senior technology and business leaders in a solicitation-free environment
- Professional development through local and national leadership programs
- Exclusive forums for open discussion on relevant topics
- Opportunities to give back and shape the future of leaders

There is so much more ahead. Stay tuned for exciting initiatives and opportunities coming your way in 2026 and 2027 as we continue to bring our promise to life, learning together, strengthening connections, and giving back in meaningful ways.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of this journey and for the role each of you plays in making SIM Philadelphia such a powerful and impactful community.

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PHILLY IT SYMPOSIUM



May 5, 2026 ~ Join Us from 8:30am - 5:00pm ~ Sheraton Valley Forge



With tracks for senior leaders and their teams, you don't want to miss the Philly IT Symposium!

SIM Philadelphia's premier annual event, the Philly IT Symposium brings together the region's most influential technology leaders for a day focused on what matters most—real conversations, practical insights, and meaningful connections.

From engaging keynote speakers to interactive breakout sessions, the Symposium is designed to move beyond theory and into real-world application. You'll hear how peers are tackling challenges like AI adoption, cybersecurity, and leading through change—while building relationships that extend well beyond the event.

If you attend one SIM Philadelphia event this year, make it the Philly IT Symposium.

Visit philadelphiaitsymposium.com to register.

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GROW SIM PHILADELPHIA

Network and share knowledge with a valuable cohort of industry peers at both a regional and a national level. SIM Philadelphia welcomes senior level professionals, managers, academics, consultants and other leaders in IT and business

GROW OUR COMMUNITY. STRENGTHEN YOUR NETWORK.

At SIM Philadelphia, our strength comes from the collective experience, insight, and leadership of our members. Every new member brings fresh perspective—and every current member plays a vital role in shaping the future of our community.

Why Membership Matters

SIM Philadelphia isn't just a professional association—it's a trusted network of technology leaders committed to learning, collaboration, and impact. Through your membership, you gain access to:

- Peer-to-peer connections with senior IT and business leaders
- Exclusive events and roundtables designed for meaningful dialogue
- Professional development opportunities tailored to today's challenges
- Thought leadership and insights from industry experts
- Mentorship and leadership programs that give back to the next generation

Help Us Grow—Invite a Colleague

The most valuable members of SIM Philadelphia come from referrals. If you know a colleague, peer, or rising leader who would benefit from this community, we encourage you to invite them to join us.

By bringing in new members, you help:

- Expand the diversity of perspectives within our network
- Strengthen the value of every discussion and event
- Build a more connected and impactful IT leadership community



PHISIM CASINO NIGHT

On Tuesday, March 24, the 2nd Annual PHISIM Casino Night was held at RiverCrest Golf Club in Phoenixville, PA. The evening brought together members of the Philadelphia technology community for a great night of networking, entertainment, and, most importantly, giving back.

Thanks to the generosity and participation of our members, sponsors, and guests, the event successfully raised over \$11,000 to support several impactful initiatives, including:

- College scholarships for aspiring technology students
- Funding for a Teen Tech Camp to inspire early interest in IT careers
- Software and hardware purchases for Philadelphia-area schools
- Internship opportunities through Tech Impact
- Mentorship programs connecting professionals with students

Events like Casino Night reflect the broader mission of PHISIM—to invest in the future of technology by supporting education, access, and opportunity across our region.

We appreciate everyone who contributed to making this event such a success and look forward to continuing to grow our impact in the years ahead.



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NEW YEAR,
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The FIRST PHILADELPHIA SIM WOMEN event of the year was an intimate event that allowed Philadelphia SIM WOMEN and guests to reconnect, spend time focusing on our goals the upcoming year!

Topic: You've worked hard, broken barriers, and earned your seat at the table. As women leaders in tech—still underrepresented and often underestimated—you don't need to reinvent yourself; you are the reason you're here. But the next level of leadership requires more than just competence—it demands clarity, presence, and strategic influence. In this session, you'll learn how to evolve your leadership brand and communication style to meet next-level goals with next-level impact. It's not about creating a new you—it's about unlocking the power of the next-level you, amplified.

About our Speaker: Laura Sicola is a leadership communication and influence expert, executive coach, speaker, and author of Speaking to Influence: Mastering Your Leadership Voice. Her mission is to transform executives into confident, inspiring leaders. A cognitive linguist by background, she has trained and coached executives at Fortune 500 companies and non-profit organizations around the world. Laura's TEDx talk, "Want to Sound Like a Leader? Start by Saying Your Name Right," has over 7 million views.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click Here to REGISTER for SIM Philadelphia Events!](#)

<u>Description of Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Rising Leader Forum Happy Hour - City Works, King of Prussia	4/16/26	5:30pm
SIM Philadelphia ELIT Lunch (ELIT Members Only) Cafe Also Lamberi, Cherry Hill NJ	4/17/26	11:30am
Princeton Happy Hour - Joint networking with SIM New Jersey	4/22/26	6:00pm
SIM Women Webinar - Zoom	4/29/26	3:00pm
SIM Philadelphia ELIT Lunch (ELIT Members Only) Captial Grill, King of Prussia	5/15/26	11:30am
King of Prussia Happy Hour	5/20/26	5:30am
Professional Development Series - Building Out the A Team - Zoom	5/28/26	12:00pm

** Our Members In Transition hold meetings every Monday from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

National Special Interest Groups have regularly scheduled webinars and events. Head to the [SIM National Programs Page](#) and sign in to your profile, you will see all the National SIGs under the Programs tab!

There are a ton of Special Interest Groups that you can participate in - from Enterprise Architecture, DigiRisk, ReThink Everything!, Work 4.0, SIM Women, IT Procurement, and Members in Transition. You'll also see the programs offered by the SIM Leadership Institute.

Many of these programs are included with your SIM Philadelphia membership, so check them out and get the most value from your SIM membership!



SIM PHILLY 2026 DINNER MEETINGS:

- Tuesday June 2, 2026
- Tuesday October 6, 2026
- Tuesday December 1, 2026

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SIM PHILLY COMMITTEES

get involved.
join a committee.

**Want to be more engaged in the activities and running of SIM Philadelphia?
Come join a committee.**

We are looking for additional committee members for:

- Ally Program
- Communications
- DEI Council
- Marketing
- Membership
- Partnership
- PHISIM Foundation
- Programs
- SIM Leadership Institute
- Sponsorship

We welcome you to get more engaged in SIM Philadelphia! Joining a committee will enhance your SIM experience, broaden your network and provide ways to give back. Please contact admin@simphila.org or the Committee Chair for more info!



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Each of these trusted partners have generously given of their time, talents, and treasure to support our chapter!

If you are aware of organizations that would benefit from visibility across SIM Philadelphia, please encourage them to contact:

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