



From the Managing Director.....

Welcome New Members!

- **Inspiring Consultant Services, LLC** - Gerard DiCola
- **Trusty Home Care** - James Ratke
- **Roam Travel** - Noah Wrodarczyk
- **HOOKED** - Sara Spaminato
- **Sage Bloom LLC dba SBH Labs** - David Lung
- **SOLUTIONLY** - Arham Khan

Female Founders Email

If you're a female founder at ID, please check your email for an important message from our Program Manager Charlotte regarding upcoming quarterly meetings. Your response will help us tailor these sessions to best meet your needs!

Design & Marketing Support for Woman-Owned Businesses: Ross Creative Works has launched their annual "Create for a Cause" event, offering \$10,000 worth of professional design and marketing services to one selected nonprofit or woman-owned business. Services include branding, landing page development, marketing materials, or campaign strategies.

The project will run from June 16-July 21, 2025, and the selected organization must be available during this period for meetings and check-ins. Applications close May 23, 2025, at 5 p.m. CST. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Coming up:

- **WGN Radio, Your Money Matters: Far + Switt, Local Glass Studio, 05.21:** Tune in to "Your Money Matters" with Jon Hansen on WGN Radio AM 720 on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. to hear from Innovation DuPage member companies [Farr + Swit](#) and [Local Glass Studio](#)! Adam Hodge of Farr + Swit and Brenda Bickett from Local Glass Studio, both Owner-2-CEO graduates, will join Dan Facchini to share their individual entrepreneurial journeys — Adam crafting premium timepieces with style and purpose, while Brenda fosters a creative community around the art of glassmaking!
- **ID Member Meetup, 05.28:** Mark your calendars for our next Member Meetup featuring Joe Barron as our Member Spotlight and Mike Knazur of Byline Bank as our Member Resource.
- **ID Workshop: Capital & Funding Strategies for Small Business, 06.25:** Join us for our next workshop on June 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. as David Lezondra, Director of the SBDC program at College of DuPage, explores funding options for businesses. Learn about debt financing, equity financing, crowdfunding, grants, and creative alternatives to help your business grow. David brings valuable expertise from his 15+ years as a Small Business Consultant at Bank of America and his work with DuPage County. [Register today!](#)

Much Appreciated

Thank you to Shazor Khan, Co-Founder of [Scaylor](#), and Lindsey Harmon, Business Librarian at [Naperville Public Library](#), for their presentations at our previous Member Meetup. Attendees heard about Scaylor's AI-powered platform that helps private equity firms streamline investment operations through connected financial data, due diligence tools, and secure communication. Lindsey shared insights about the various business resources available at the Naperville Library, including the NaperLaunch Academy program with specialized tracks for starting and growing businesses, and how our members can access these services.

ID Room Reservations Are Now Available!

You can now reserve a room through the ID Member Portal. Contact [Anushka Verma](#), ID's IT Project Manager, to guide you through the platform - whether it's to reserve an office, to log in for the first time, or to help you navigate specific features of the portal. She's here to help!

Connect with Cleantech Leaders on CTRL's New Slack Channel

The Cleantech Leaders Roundtable (CTRL) has launched an exclusive Slack channel that's already connecting over 50 industry leaders. If you work in the cleantech industry, this is your opportunity to join this growing professional community.

The platform offers a valuable space to network with peers, share insights, and stay updated on the latest industry developments. Take advantage of this new resource to expand your connections in the clean technology sector. Contact [Dan Facchini](#) to learn more.

LinkedIn Badges

Enhance your professional profile by adding Innovation DuPage to LinkedIn!

- Members can add "Innovation DuPage Member" under the "Experience" tab.
- Mentors can showcase their contributions under "Volunteering."
- Owner-2-CEO Program graduates can add their achievement under "Licenses & Certifications."

Updating your profile helps tell your unique entrepreneurship journey while connecting with our dynamic ID community.

Sign up to present at an upcoming Member Meetup

Showcase your business at a Member Meetup! We're looking for members to present as our Member Spotlight, ID Member Resource, or host a Problem Solving session. This is your chance to present your work, share your achievements, and connect with fellow entrepreneurs. Sign up [here](#).

Let us help you share your success with the ID community!

Share a win from this week – big or small. It could be featured in our next letter! Email your accomplishment to [Hannah Macey](#).

Reminder: Innovation DuPage is open for members as a coworking space 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Many thanks, and have a great week,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Dan Facchini'.

Dan Facchini,
Managing Director,
Innovation DuPage