



Dear Members of Innovation DuPage,

The ID Member Meetup is your pipeline for all information about Innovation DuPage!

We hope you are having a meaningful Memorial Day. Innovation DuPage staff are not in the office today in observance of the holiday.

Please join us this Wednesday (May 28th, 2025) in the Innovation DuPage Event Space - 535 Duane St. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 at 9:30 a.m. We will be featuring:

Member Spotlight: Joe Barron, Founder of Gray Matters Games, will present his new game launch and discuss navigating current tariff challenges. Gray Matters Games is a family-owned business that designs and publishes party games sold in over 5,000 stores worldwide. Beyond gaming, the company actively gives back by donating a portion of profits to Alzheimer's research and celebrating underserved children's birthdays through their Give Em Joy initiative.

Member Resource: Mike Knazur, Senior Vice President and SBA Sales Manager at Byline Bank, will present as our Member Resource. With over 25 years of commercial lending experience, Mike specializes in SBA lending and counseling to small businesses in the Chicago area and Northwest Indiana, with particular expertise in manufacturing and distribution. Byline Bank is a proud sponsor of our Owner-2-CEO program.

Local Business Resources Panel: From Idea to Impact, 05.27:

The Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce invites you to a panel discussion on Tuesday, May 27 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the West Chicago Community Center (306 Main St.). Our Operations Manager Jim Bell will join panelists from local organizations to discuss municipal grants, our Owner-2-CEO program, and SCORE Fox Valley's free business workshops, and more. This free, open-to-all event is perfect for entrepreneurs seeking local support resources. [Register here.](#)

Parking Reminder for ID Members

Please remember to use the 3rd and 4th floors of the Civic Center parking garage when using your ID member parking passes. Thank you for your cooperation!

As always, bagels and coffee will be served.

If you can't make it in person, attend virtually through our [Zoom Link](#)

See you then!

Dan Facchini
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- **Find previous presentations & resources in the** [Member Portal](#)