



From the Managing Director.....

Congratulations to Wholey Granoly!

Congratulations to Innovation DuPage members Chris and Natalie Ciezak of [Wholey Granoly](#) on their recent feature on NBC's Chicago Today! The owners discussed their Bolingbrook restaurant's approach to quality ingredients and clean eating. Great to see our members getting recognized for their dedication to exceptional food. [Check out the segment here.](#)

Coming up:

- **ID Member Meetup, 06.11:** Mark your calendars for our next Member Meetup featuring Maureen Longoria and Lisa Burns of LivNow Relocation as our Member Spotlight, and Melissa Villanueva, our Entrepreneur in Residence and CEO of Brewpoint Coffee, as our Member Resource.
- **WGN Radio, Your Money Matters: Natural Science, 06.18:** Tune in to "Your Money Matters" with Jon Hansen on WGN Radio AM 720 on Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. to hear Innovation DuPage member company Natural Science LLC join Dan Facchini for a discussion on their oil spill remediation technology.
- **ID Fundraising Roundtable: Inputs & Components for a Winning Pitch Deck, 06.24:** Join Innovation DuPage's Strategic Advisor, Mike Varon, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a focused roundtable tailored for a business owner getting ready to raise capital for expanding and growing their business. The discussion will focus on the inputs, components, do's and don'ts of pitch decks, and the requirements that need to be met of Individual Investors & Angel Investors when determining if and what dollars to invest. Please bring your Pitch Decks and your own lunch. Register today through the Member Portal.
- **ID Workshop: Capital & Funding Strategies for Small Business, 06.25:** Join us for our next workshop on June 25 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. as David Lezondra, Director/Program Manager 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 Joe Barron of [Gray Matter Games](#) for his Member Spotlight presentation and to [Mike Knazur](#) of Byline Bank for serving as our Member Resource at our previous Member Meetup. Joe shared his journey as Innovation DuPage's first member company and gave away copies of his newest game, "Rhymes with Duck," joined by graphic designer Sophia Ricciardi who started through ID's Intern+ program. Attendees learned about Gray Matter Games' worldwide reach and community impact. Mike discussed SBA loans and other financing options, bringing 25+ years of commercial lending experience in the Chicago area.

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!

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,

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