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Blue Water Young Professionals

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BLUE WATER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

MARCH SOCIAL

Our March quarterly evening membership meeting took us back to St. Clair where we received updates from Mayor Bill Cedar and toured the War Water Brewery operations. Thanks to all who came out!

Welcome to your spring edition of YP News!

Enjoy all of the information contained in these pages to keep you up to date with group information and events.

**“ Catalysts of community enhancement
for the Blue Water Area ”**

YP Happenings

2017 Community Tour



Event aims to guide future YP actions and provide area leaders with answers

We've focused on downtown and nightlife enhancement and the arts – now it's time to review our priorities, and we're hitting the road for your input.

On four different Thursday evenings in June, YPs and the public are invited to participate in the "2017 Community Tour: Past, Present, Future." The events will begin at 5:30 p.m. in each city.

- June 1 - at Riverbank Theatre in Marine City
- June 8 - at War Water Brewery in St. Clair
- June 15 - at the Lexington Village Pub & Theatre
- June 29 - at Casey's Pizza in Port Huron – and our tour finale celebration!

"By hosting this event we not only want to celebrate everything we done as a group and what we love about our hometowns, but capture the conversations so many have about staying committed to our towns and the great future we all want here," said Jackie Hanton, vice president of the BWYP.

Back in 2011 the group hosted an *I Will Stay If...* party to share with our community leaders a new take on what our cities need in order to be successful. It's also how we determined our current focus areas.

Now we want to expand on that party to get new takes directly and unfiltered from the people who are living and working here every day.

Not only will local leaders be at each event to help us celebrate present successes, but YPs will look to the

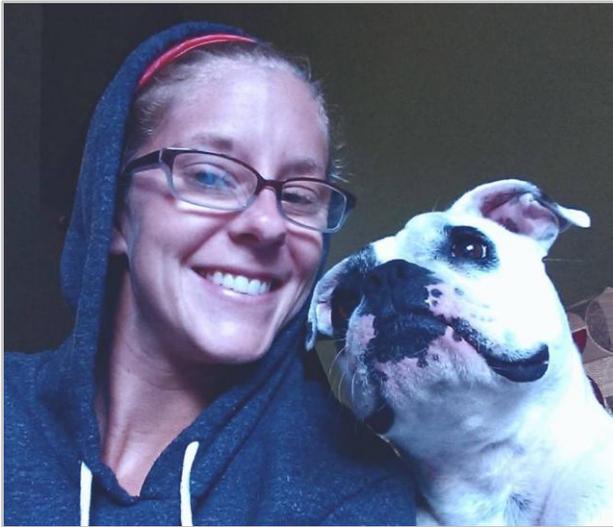
public to help guide us in our future endeavors.

"We know what great communities we have in the blue water area and we want to share some of the solutions we see making it stronger," said A.J. Armbruster, president of the BWYP. "We also want to hear from those attending the event on what will make them stay in – or come back to – the blue water area."

The 2017 Community Tour will aggregate and share our community's ideas for our cities. We will share what we've learned over the past few years, celebrate successes, but most importantly we'll look at each of the photos we collect on this celebratory evening as mini-stories. And we want your voice to play a role in shaping the larger stories of our cities.

Member Spotlight

Kendra Lake



Kendra has been in the BWYP for a number of years and has served on the board since November 2014.

She is the group's go-to and currently serves as part of the media team. She also helps with anything and everything, including Chilly Fest Bed Races, Volleygrass, Kegs N Ks, the YP Community Tour and in the past has worked on the Art Hop committee and volunteered at Gus Macker.

"Being a member means I get the chance to play a small part in many projects and events that I might not be exposed to otherwise," she said.

Kendra feels that the organization provides a collective voice in our community for the young professional.

She's also gotten to meet some wonderful people through the YPs. And she likes that while we are making a difference in our community, we have a lot of fun doing it!

"I want to advocate for, support and encourage area young adults to take pride in our community and make a positive impact," Kendra said.

She works as Director of Library Services at St. Clair County Community College, and earned her Bachelor of Science from Kendall College of Art & Design and a Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University.

In her free time Kendra likes to stay active by kayaking, running, biking, hiking, snowboarding and playing with her mutts. Her other hobbies include reading, ceramics, cooking, gardening and DIY house projects.

Mark Your Calendar

General Membership Meetings

April 25th

May 23rd

July 25th

Quarterly Socials

June 29th

Sept. 26th

Dec. 14th

YP Events

May

4th at 5:30 pm – Board Game Olympics at Studio 1219

June

1st at 5:30 pm – Marine City / Algonac Community Tour event

8th at 5:30 pm – Marysville / St. Clair Community Tour event

15th at 5:30 p.m. – Lexington / Croswell Community Tour event

29th at 5:30 p.m. – Port Huron Community Tour finale celebration

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Community Calendar

April 28th at 7:30 pm

Decades Rewind, at McMorran Place in Port Huron. This brand new theatrical concert features more than 60 songs blended into unique medleys from the 60's, 70's, and 80's. The most prominent decades in music history bring your memories to life with over 100 costume changes and videos that turn back time. Visit www.mcmorran.com for more details.

April 28th – 29th

St. Clair County Earth Fair, at Goodells County Park. The fair provides a wide variety of fun and informative activities from indoor and outdoor exhibits from leading local experts. Earth Fair is designed with adults, children and families in mind. For more information visit www.earthdayfair.com

May 12th at 6 pm

Art Hop, in downtown Port Huron. Originally starts by the BWYP and now hosting by Port Huron's Downtown Development Authority, the event gets downtown merchants to turn their storefronts into art galleries. Each Art Hop stop will feature one or more artists who have created unique pieces for viewing and purchase on this very special night.

May 21st at 1-5 pm

Thumbs Up Wine Trail 2017: Let Get Nauti, at the Seaway Terminal. The event is a casual, come-as-you-are, come-when-you-can festival for wine and food. Attendees will sample wines, meads and hard cider, enjoy tasty food and live music. Find more information at www.thumbsupmi.com

June 10th at 7:30 pm

St. Clair Beer & Wine Festival, in downtown St. Clair. This event is perfect for beer aficionados, wine lovers and the casual beer/wine drinker to sample the most popular and unique brands while meeting industry professionals and the brewers responsible for some of your favorite adult beverages. For more information, visit stclairbeerandwinefest.com