**Ask the Expert, Words of Wisdom from a Seasoned Professional**

**Wednesday, December 11th · Lutheran Hillside Village, Peoria**

Registration & lunch begins at 11:15am · Program will begin promptly at 12:00pm

This is your chance to learn from a local legend! Dennis Steele will share the knowledge and expertise gained from over 35 years in not-for-profit development, fundraising and communications, including:

- Ethical dilemmas he encountered and how he handled them
- Words of wisdom for today’s fundraising professionals
- Insight into staff turnover, professional development, and co-workers that “just don’t get” what we do
- Public relations nightmares and fundraising horrors

Don’t miss this opportunity to pick the brain of someone who has truly done it all!

**About Dennis Steele**

Dennis has worked for the Children’s Home Association of Illinois, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, Spoon River College and Foundation, plus many others. He also had his own limited-client, part-time fundraising consulting firm from 1993 to mid-2018. Dennis was very active with AFP as a member from 1981 to 2010, serving on the board in various capacities for about 20 years. He has served as a member, board member or pro bono advisor to some two dozen nonprofit organizations in central Illinois over the past 30-plus years.

In 1988, Dennis received the Ian T Sturrock Outstanding Professional Fundraiser award. In 2010 the Chapter named its Outstanding Philanthropic Organization award in recognition of Dennis’s service to the Chapter. Dennis held the CFRE credential from 1986 until his semi-retirement in 2007. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University and a Master’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He taught a graduate-level course on development and nonprofit administration at Bradley University.

$15 for Members / $25 for Guests

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Congratulations NPD Winners!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 National Philanthropy Day lunch. It was an honor to award the deserving recipients of this year’s awards.

**Outstanding Philanthropist**
Sharon and John Amdall

**Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation**
Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino

**Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation**
Barton Family Foundation

**Lewis J. Burger Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser**
Kathy Schaeffer

**Dennis A. Steele Outstanding Philanthropic Organization**
Volunteers of Midwest Food Bank

**Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy (Ages 5-17)**
Students of St. Philomena School

**Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy (Ages 18-23)**
Shruti Pattekar

**Ian T. Sturrock Outstanding Fundraising Executive**
Kimberly Scheirer, CFRE

**Giving Heart**
Corey Campbell

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Save the Date:
Be sure to save the date for these upcoming Central Illinois AFP meetings.

Webinar:
The State of Online Fundraising
Wednesday, January 8th
Clock Tower Place, East Peoria
Presenter: Mike Snusz

Networking
for Maximum Effectiveness
Wednesday, February 12th
Peoria Riverfront Museum
Presenter: John Morris & Anne Marie Miller from the Museum

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Joining a committee is a great way to get to know others in the fundraising profession, while contributing to a great professional organization.

Committees include: Professional Development, Membership, National Philanthropy Day and Audit. For more information on these committees and how to join, contact the AFP Board of Directors by email at info@afpcentralillinois.org

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our C. Wilson Schroeder Membership Scholarship Recipients!

The late C. Wilson Schroeder was a devoted fundraiser and one of the founding members of the National Society of Fundraising Executives, now called the Association of Fundraising Professionals. To honor his memory, the Central Illinois AFP Chapter awards membership scholarships through the C. Wilson Schroeder Membership Scholarship program. The Chapter considers applications from fundraisers and/or executive directors whose organizations budgets are constrained but who would benefit from AFP membership.

This Fall, the Board was happy to award a total of four membership scholarships!

Congratulations to:

Brooke Mathis, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria
Brent Oest, Neighborhood House, Peoria
Jay Riven, Peoria Academy, Peoria
Heather Sexton, Junior Achievement of Central Illinois, Peoria

The next deadline to apply for the C. Wilson Schroeder Membership Scholarship is April 15, 2020. For more information, and to see a list of other scholarships our Chapter has to offer, please visit afpcentralil.org or contact Danielle Easton, Past President, at danielle.easton@scouting.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

AFP Scholarship for International Conference
Up to three scholarships will be awarded each calendar year for the following spring’s AFP International Conference on Fundraising. Deadline: This deadline has passed for the 2020 conference. Considerations for 2021 will be made in September 2020.

AFP Membership Scholarships
Up to four membership scholarships will be awarded each calendar year. Deadline: April 15, 2020

Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) Scholarship
Up to two scholarships of $450 each will be awarded each calendar year. Deadline: Scholarships are on-going & reviewed monthly.

More Information
Contact Danielle Easton, danielle.easton@scouting.org
JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Post an opening:
Job openings are posted at no cost to AFP members and their non-profit organizations. The cost of a job posting for non-members is $50.

Postings will remain on the website for two consecutive months, unless you tell us otherwise. Job postings will be included in the subsequent PhilanTopics newsletter.

Susan G. Koman Memorial, Development Director

Nancy G. Brinker promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen® for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures.

The Komen Memorial in Peoria, Illinois is responsible for achieving Komen’s mission in 36 counties across Central Illinois through signature events such as Susan G. Komen® MORE THAN PINK Walk. Recent growth in Komen Memorial's reach brings excitement and new challenges to the work environment. Komen Memorial staff create an environment that is dedicated and results-oriented while also caring and compassionate. We are currently seeking a passionate and energetic team member to fill the part-time (flexible 25-30 hours/week) position of Development Director.

The Development Director is responsible for organizing, planning and leading corporate fundraising activities in support of Affiliate signature events. The position is responsible for diversifying and expanding current fundraising strategies with emphasis on corporate annual giving, annual giving, major gifts, national programs and special events, including MORE THAN PINK Walk Series (held in Peoria, Springfield and Bloomington/Normal), and the 35th Anniversary Gala (2020).

This position requires an ability to build strong relationships with individual and corporate donors, Board of Directors, volunteers, sponsors and colleagues. The ideal candidate is committed to the Komen mission and will be charged with identifying creative donor development programs which will enable the Affiliate to move beyond events-based fundraising toward a focus on major gift cultivation and solicitation.

Click here for additional information.