



WESTFIELD CHAPTER

M E E T I N G P R O F E S S I O N A L S I N T E R N A T I O N A L

Fueled by the success of our April 2011 BiddingForGood auction, we will hold two online fundraising auctions this season: one this Fall to be launched around Thanksgiving 2011 (think holiday gifts!) and the second one in the Spring 2012 (think graduation gifts or summer vacations!). Proceeds from these fundraisers will enable our chapter to continue to offer our members educational programs and scholarship funds, as well as our Membership Assistance Programs (for more on all we do to further the careers of our members, [click here!](#)). A portion of proceeds will also benefit the community-based charity we have committed to raising funds for this year.

The MPI WestField Chapter Charity Beneficiary for 2011-2012 is "*New York Says Thank You*", a non-profit foundation that commemorates the love and support given to New Yorkers by Americans from all across the country in the days, weeks, and months following 9/11, by sending volunteers from New York City each year on the 9/11 Anniversary to help rebuild communities around the United States affected by natural or man-made disasters. The foundation also supports the countrywide tour of The National 9/11 Flag. The purpose of the tour is to empower local service heroes in all 50 states with the privilege of stitching the flag back to its original 13-stripe format, and to deepen our sense of citizenship and national pride in the spirit of volunteerism on the 9/11 Anniversary and year-round. When completed, The National 9/11 Flag will become a part of the permanent collection of the National September 11 Memorial Museum being built at the World Trade Center. For more information on the organization please go to www.newyorksaysthankyou.org.

We are accepting an assortment of donations for the auction so we can offer something for everyone. Items from previous auctions have included electronics, weekend getaways, gift or restaurant certificates, theater or sporting event tickets, airline tickets, spa certificates, gift baskets (both adult and children), and hand-crafted items. Business services such as lighting/staging design, audio-visual or furniture rentals, corporate entertainment, graphic/web design, and venue discounts are much appreciated. If you or someone you know has a special talent or hobby, we welcome donations of these unique services as well.

Our BiddingforGood online auction will begin in November 2011. Your participation will provide an excellent opportunity for you to support your chapter and the community. We raised over \$10,000 at our Spring 2011 auction. We hope to exceed that goal in 2012!

Please say YES! MPI WestField is proud of the high-quality prizes we offer each year, thanks to the generosity of member businesses and individuals like you. Donations of goods or services from enterprises such as yours are the cornerstone of raising funds for our charities and chapter programs. **Please consider a commitment of any size (see page 2 for donation form).** It is fully deductible under the law (MPI is a 501(c)(3) organization). Feel free to send this letter to any of your contacts who might be interested in contributing as well.

Please send in your donation form ASAP so that we may begin building the website and promoting the auction. Should you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Cunningham at 203-461-9218 or cunninghambj@optonline.net.

Thank you for your consideration!

WestField Chapter
Fundraising/Special Events Committee



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MPI WestField Donation Form

Please complete all information below

Company or Individual _____

Street, City, State, Zip _____

Authorized Person _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail address _____

Name of MPI Member responsible for securing donation _____

Please be specific as you describe your donation item. If there are restrictions, they must be entered here and on your award letter.* All items must be transferable.

Retail Value US \$ _____ Expiration Date** _____

** Hotel, airline and other relevant contributors: In fairness to bidders, please itemize blackout dates.*

**** As our auction will extend into June of 2012 please extend expiration date to June 30, 2013.**

Please fax this completed form to Bonnie Cunningham at 203-724-0812 along with an award letter on your letterhead stating what the winning bidder receives (including restrictions), and whom to contact for final arrangements. Please include a poster, brochure or other promotional material representing your donation. Keep one copy of this form for you records. Please send all donation items to the following address:

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(PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED DONATION FORM WITH YOUR ITEM)