



*The National Association of the Gentlemen's Interactive Network
...where professional men network with a purpose*

GIN NETWORKING GROUP GROWING IN PITTSBURGH

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In today's modern business world, the importance of Professional Networking Groups cannot be overstated. These groups successfully bring together professionals from a wide array of fields to exchange ideas and business cards. During these events, participants will often find new customers, job opportunities and sales leads. Moreover, the events feature interesting speakers. Sometimes at these events you can even develop new friendships.



This was the case when I met my new friend Dawn Pomaybo, who is the founder and CEO of The National Association of the Women's Interactive Network. This organization is commonly known as WIN and was established in 2006 to facilitate networking for professional women in the Pittsburgh area. The group has exponentially grown in popularity and now has added chapters in Washington and Indiana, Pennsylvania.

As WIN grew in membership, of course it attracted the interest of male business professionals who wanted to participate in the events. To respond to this request, Ms. Pomaybo created –in January 2022– the Gentlemen's Interactive Network (GIN) which is steadily growing in membership. I became a member myself last month.

One of the things that attracted me to this organization is their varied and multiple philanthropic initiatives. Members are asked to bring in professional dress clothes to donate at the monthly lunches. GIN has a rotation of Non Profit Organizations that they work with on this front. For example in June, the group donated to “Dress For Success” so that less privileged people can look their best in their job interviews.

“The women of WIN and now the gentlemen of GIN network network with a purpose. We are at a time in our lives where members are willing and able to give back to the community through volunteering, mentoring, education and service,” Dawn Pomaybo told La Mega Nota after a recent lunch.

“With the creation of this chapter, GIN is changing the face of networking in Pittsburgh with a unique purpose driven approach,” said Stephen Deal, ambassador for the organization.

“GIN is all about being inclusive and we invite Pittsburgh’s Hispanic business professionals to join us in our monthly luncheons at Fogo De Chao,” said Eric Emerson, another of the GIN Ambassadors.

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Dawn Pomaybo hopes to begin work with Casa San José soon by collecting professional clothing for recently arrived Central American immigrants.

One bonus about the lunch meetings is that a wide array of meats are brought directly to your table by Brazilian waiters so you can learn or practice Portuguese. The specialty of the house is Picanha steak.

The next GIN Luncheon will be August 11th. For more information or to register, call (412) 963-6311 or email info@GIN-Pittsburgh.org. If you need information or assistance in Spanish, please contact (724) 825-0696.

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