

YGL- DENVER  
NOVEMBER 2013

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

NETWORKING

- **NOVEMBER  
6: HAPPY  
HOUR**
- **NOVEMBER  
14: YGL  
LUNCH**

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## News

### YGL Election Results!

Congratulations to the following new cabinet!

**President-** Michael Nestlehut, ONRR

**Vice-President-** Mike Guida, ONRR

**Membership Chair-** Justin Fazzari, EDA

**Networking Chair-** Christina Garcia, IBC

**Communications Chair-** Scott Layman,  
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**Professional Development-** Joe Coleman, ONRR



**The Next Generation of  
Government Leaders**

Feel free to welcome your new board members and approach them with questions and suggestions. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, contact the respective chair for details.

## Professional Development Events




**A personal message from 2013 PDC, Samantha McFarland:**

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for coming out to our Professional Development events this past year. Together, we made this one awesome year. For those who didn't join us, you missed out on from some great knowledge.

I leave you in great hands. Joe Coleman is as passionate about professional development as I am, if not more. I will still come to events as my time allows, so I look forward to seeing you all. I leave you with a quote:

*"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." ~Calvin Coolidge*

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## Schedule of Events

**Nov 6, YGL Happy and Networking Event.  
World of Beer in Belmar**

**Nov 11, Veterans Day**

**Nov 14, YGL Luncheon and Networking Event at Panera Bread Lakewood near Belmar**

**Nov 28, Thanksgiving**

## Social Events

**YGL Happy Hour @ World of Beer Belmar**

**5:00-7:00P.M.**

7260 W Alaska Dr, Belmar, CO 80226 <http://wobusa.com/Locations/Belmar>

**YGL Luncheon and Networking Event @ Panera Bread near Belmar**

**11:30-12:30**

650 S. Wadsworth Blvd  
Lakewood, CO 80226

**Mark your calendars!!**

It may seem early, but the holidays are approaching fast! YGL is currently planning a Holiday party on January 3, 2014. More details to come. Mark your calendars!





## Community Events

Urban Peak is a homeless shelter for teens. They are required to go to school or have a job. It's not just a place to sack out, as some would think. We are looking for more volunteers to help provide and serve food the 3rd Wednesday of the month. There are a group of federal employees that get there around 6 and are usually done by 7. There is no dishwashing or cleanup involved. The teens take care of that. They are always so appreciative of what the volunteers do. It's a wonderful way to feel like you are making a difference in a young persons life. The group volunteers at the S. Bannock location. If you are interested in helping please contact Michael Nestlehut @ Michael.Nestlehut@onrr.gov.

The Jeffco Action Center in Lakewood is a private, non-profit agency that continues to serve as the entry point for basic needs, stabilizing the family or individual through a continuum of emergency services to achieve self-sufficiency.

The Action Center is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Distribution on November 24<sup>th</sup> at Creighton Middle School. You can help support more than 2,700 Jefferson County households by donating holiday food (see suggested list below). More than 6,500 individuals enjoyed a holiday meal last year. The Thanksgiving Food Distribution eases the strain on fragile finances and prevents families from falling further into a crisis. YGL will drop off their donation on November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer for the Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution, which will include moderate lifting and/or traffic control, the available shifts are 8:00-11:30, 11:00-2:30 pm, and 2:00-5:30PM. Please contact Miranda Deters at [mdeters@usbr.gov](mailto:mdeters@usbr.gov) for coordinating food collection and/or volunteering for the Food Distribution.

Turkey Gravy, Instant Potatoes, Corn Bread, Canned Yams, Stuffing, Pie Filling, Cake/Frosting, Jello, Canned Cranberry Jelly, Beans, Pasta & Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese

<http://theactioncenterco.org>



## NOTICES

Want to join a committee? Have ideas that you want heard? Let us know!

Contact Michael Nestlehut at [Michael.Nestlehut@onrr.gov](mailto:Michael.Nestlehut@onrr.gov)

## Michael Nestlehut, President



Michael was born and raised in the Midwest. He attended the University of Evansville in southern Indiana, at first as an archaeology major and then more practically as Business Administration with a concentration in finance. After graduation he touched on many career fields: hotel management, casino accounting, and hearing aid sales; until he was given an opportunity with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue in 2009, right here in Colorado. In his spare time he likes to travel, hike, bike, camp, watch movies, play games, perform yoga and take long walks on the beach...of Bear Creek Lake. He volunteers with Denver Dumb Friends League, Urban Peak Homeless Teen Shelter, the City of Lakewood, and his agencies employee organization. As President, he hopes to continue the expansion of Denver YGL, provide a wide array of social and professional activities for the members, work on funding for the chapter, and improve communications with the National Chapter of YGL; as well as, local agencies within the metro area.

## Mike Guida, Vice President



Mike is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. He served his country as a soldier for 8 years as a Legal Specialist and as a member of various missions. Mike currently works for the Office of Natural Resources Revenue as a Supervisory Auditor.

After receiving his Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting in 2005, Mike and his family moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Denver, Colorado. He spends his free time doing various activities with his family: playing games and sports, bowling, going to parks, and coaching his daughter's soccer team.

## Joe Coleman, Professional Development



Joseph Coleman is a Program Analyst within the Department of the Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). He works in ONRR's Workforce Development Office, where he focuses on various organizational development and training initiatives. As Y.G.L.'s newest Professional Development Chair, Joseph brings 10 years of experience into this new opportunity. Prior to joining ONRR in late 2011, Joseph began his civil-service career with the Bureau of Land Management, where he worked as an educational curriculum designer and instructor from '09 – '11. Before that, Joseph proudly served in the

United States Air Force as a computer-networking technician from '03 – '09. In addition to his work experience, Joseph has extensive academic credentials. He is currently a J.D. candidate at the University of Denver's Sturm College of law. He has also earned two master's degrees as well as a bachelor's degree (M.A.S. in Info & Comm. Tech. from the University of Denver; M.A. in Org. Devel. & B.A. in Soc. Sci. from Louisiana Tech University). Joseph is a Denver native, who enjoys watching football and spending time with his wife and three children.



### Justin Fazzari, Membership Chair



Since August 2012, Justin has worked as an Economic Development Program Manager for the Economic Development Administration (EDA), an agency within the Department of Commerce. EDA’s mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Justin manages an array of grant programs focused on regional economic development in the mid-west region. Projects include public works, business incubation, local manufacturing initiatives, disaster recovery and economic development planning. Justin received his Ph.D. from George Mason University in Regional Economic Development. While in graduate school, he worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in a transformational housing program focused on providing the tools for housing residents to become self-sufficient. Justin received his Master’s degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia. He enjoys skiing, golf, volleyball and plays music.

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### Miranda Deters, Community Involvement Chair



Miranda Deters was raised in small town in southern Illinois. She double-majored in economics/finance and marketing with a minor in organizational communication at Mckendree University in Lebanon, IL. Her federal career began at Scott Air Force base as a contract specialist procuring services, hardware, and software for the Department of Defense. She was part of Defense Information System Agency’s Intern program from 2006-2009 which served as a platform for copious amounts of leadership training and allowed her to complete her Master’s in Business Administration. She moved to Denver in

2010 to accept a job as a procurement analyst at the Bureau of Reclamation where they are responsible for “Managing Water in the West”. In her spare time, Miranda enjoys taking advantage of Colorado’s beautiful outdoor playgrounds to hike, bike, swim, run, ski, and play flag football which is why she has no shame in belly busting in Denver’s progressive, diverse cuisine scene. She believes in the powers of positive energy and is always on the lookout for new friendships that bring more joy into her life. Miranda firmly believes that if you’re not moving forward, then you’re moving backwards which is one of the reasons she is excited to be part of the YGL cabinet.

### **Christina Garcia, Networking Chair**



Christina Garcia grew up in Lakewood, CO and currently resides in Denver. She has worked for the Interior Business Center since December 2009 in the Grants Management department. Her interests include playing sports, going to sporting events, snowboarding, kickboxing, running, and traveling. Her love of travel has taken her to Spain, Holland, Mexico, Honduras, Germany, Belize, France, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and all over the United States. She's volunteered for Feds Feed Families this past year and is currently involved with Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). As the Professional Networking Chair she plans to focus on bringing Feds together to share knowledge and experience, while building relationships across government agencies, in a fun, laid back environment.

### **Scott Layman, Communications Chair**



Scott Layman graduated from Metropolitan State University in 2004 with a degree in Speech Communications and a minor in Anthropology in. After college, Scott took his degree on the road, to Shanghai, China, where he taught English and business to university students. During holiday breaks he travelled all over China, exploring the different cultures and landscapes. In 2008, Scott returned to the US to start working on an International MBA at Regis University's College of Professional Studies. It was during his time at Regis that he was offered a STEP position in the marketing department of USGS where he developed and managed a successful social media campaign. He was converted to a SCEP shortly after hire, and moved into the bureau Office of Communications to develop and manage bureau level social media and web communications tools. After graduating in 2011 he was offered permanent employment with the US Geological Survey, where he is now Information Specialist, developing policy for social media, customer service and online communications.