

# Membership Cafe

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Is this how you and your board feel about increasing membership?





# **Topics for Today are:**

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Reward



When thinking about increasing PCC membership, always remember:

"Any business is a potential mailer as mail is the #1 tool to help grow your business. It has a higher retention rate than email and other just visual offers."



## Recruitment: Who

- National/Regional companies with a presence in your area:
  - Manufacturers, Mailing Equipment Dealers, Envelope and Paper Suppliers, Software Companies, Direct Mail Companies, Temporary Personnel Agencies, Advertising Agencies
- Locally owned companies
- Utilities
- Government Agencies
  - Board of Elections, DMV
- Non-profits and associations
- Universities
- Companies who use mail (you will need the PO help with this)



## Recruitment: Where

- Other PCCs check their websites for ideas and if needed ask for referrals Examples: Greater Dallas, Greater Boston, Greater Portland, Greater Baltimore, Northeast Florida, Central Missouri, and Heart of Illinois (each website has contact information)
- Chamber of Commerce
- Your local Non-Profit Associations
- Other business groups: Small Business Association, Rotary, Kiwanis, Toastmasters
- Your local business newspaper
- LinkedIn
- PO managers and large mailers for leads and introductions



## Recruitment: How

- Face to Face Meetings (including presentations to business & non-profit groups)
- Direct Mail Solicitation
- Marketing Materials at the BMEU
- Marketing Materials for Postal Sales and Marketing employees
- Create incentives for board members and regular attendees to bring a guest. EX: Bring a Buddy Campaign
- Targeted marketing based on your topics and speakers



### Greater Portland's Membership **Brochure** Side 1

#### PPCC MISSION STATEMENT

ir mission is to create a network between siness mailers, the U.S. Postal Service and ndors to enhance and improve mail operations d services in the Portland metropolitan area.

coming a member of the Greater Portland stal Customer Council has privileges and nefits. Our organization strives to:

Foster and maintain a close working relationship between mailers and the United States Postal Service.

Share information about new and existing Postal Service products, programs, regulations and procedures.

Facilitate the interchange of ideas among mailers and Postal Service officials.

Help members and their organizations grow and develop professionally through focused educational programs.

Promote cooperation and support between members and others who are dedicated to quality and efficiency in the mailing industry.

Provide an enjoyable and rewarding opportunity to learn, network and grow.

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

General membership meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

> Scan to discover the value of membership at www.gppcc.com





### 2018 **MEMBERSHIP** INFORMATION & BENEFITS

Strengthening our Mailing Community through Education, Networking and Industry Enrichment!

### 2014 PCC of the Year 2009 PCC of the Year

National award winning PCC achieving Education, Communication and PCC Excellence!

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### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

#### **PCC EDUCATION**

Behind the Scenes Tours Opportunity to tour other mailers and Postal Service operations and facilities.

Lunch and Learn Presentations about Postal products and services to help build your business.

Get Connected Webinars Providing educational enrichment right from your desk.

Professional Certification Program Customized programs providing a certificate of completion.

#### MAIL SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM

Find a Mail Service Provider through the Greater Portland PCC Prepare and send your mail with the help of a mail service provider.

Enroll as a Mail Service Provider

Help connect customers mail-related services by enrolling in the PCC mail service provider program.

### **IOIN US!**

Become part of the GPPCC mailing community. Take advantage of the benefits of membership. Give your business the advantage of knowledge, ideas and connections.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AND BEST PRACTICES

PCC Recognition Programs Adding value and recognition to continuing education through nomination guidelines and forms.

Industry Enrichment Presented at monthly meetings offering real world experience and practical applications from those in the mailing industry.

PCC Best Practice Find out what other PCCs are doing to be successful. Share your best practices with others.

### **POSTAL NEWS** AND COMMUNICATIONS

PCC Insider National electronic newsletter providing the latest in products, services and technology.

MailPro Free bimonthly publication for mail professionals.

Mailers' Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Advice and recommendations from mailers on mail-related products and services.

USPS National News Easily access national news and announcements on gppcc.com.

For questions regarding the GPPCC or membership, contact Lori Southwick at 503-294-5730 or email at lori.a.southwick@usps.gov.

> The PCC is your gateway to **Education and Experience**







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### **Heart of Illinois Mailing Campaign to Increase Membership**

The Postal Service and the Mailing Industry definitely know the impact of direct mail so we felt our best option was to use the mail to reach potential new members. Through much discussion with our Heart of Illinois Executive Board, we came up with the idea of a "Pass It On" invitation.

- A workshop was selected that would benefit all types of businesses, using the EDDM Workshop-In-A-Box presentation.
- In keeping with our standard and recognizable invitation design, we mailed two copies of the invitation in one envelope to our membership, which outlined the details of our workshop.
- The mailing panel section of the first invitation simply had instructions to the current HOIPCC member to manually address the second invitation to a non-member and drop it in the mail.
- The mailing panel of the second invitation was left blank to be filled in by that member.
- The G-10 permit was used to simplify the process of passing it on simply fill out the address section of the name and address of the new invitee and drop it in the mail stream.

The following four slides are the mail piece described above.



### **Mark Your Calendar**



# PASS IT ON

Enclosed you will find a second invitation to our April workshop. This is your opportunity to invite someone new to experience the benefits of our PCC. Please address the second invitation and be sure to include your name under the calendar so they know who sent it.

The postage is prepaid, so drop it in the mail today!



www.hoipcc.org

### **Mark Your Calendar**

Thursday, April 20th, 2017 8:00 am Peoria Post Office 95 State St Peoria IL





# **Heart of Illinois Postal Customer Council**

April 2017 Workshop

### FIND THE CUSTOMERS THAT MATTER MOST.

Join us for a discussion on Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) where we will discuss a cost-effective way to saturate a localized area and get your marketing messages directly into the hands of consumers. Use this service to promote sales and events, announce grand openings, send coupons or special offers and so much more.

### Please register at your first convenience

website: http://www.hoipcc.org

phone: 309.671.8857

email: boardmembers@hoipcc.org



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# Retention: Add Value

- Create membership levels
  - General membership is always free.
- Corporate Membership\* can have a cost which includes perks.
  - Cost could range from \$250.00 to \$1000.00 depending on your market.
  - Examples: Give 2 free tickets to major events, gift, discounted tickets to all events.
- Individual Membership is less expensive with less costly perks.
  - Cost could range from \$100.00 to \$200.00 depending on your market.

\*Bragging Rights: Your company is on display.



### THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The GDPCC offers <u>four</u> membership levels. Each level offers specific advantages. Regardless of each level, all members receive the following BASE BENEFITS:

- Company-wide membership plan, not per employee
- Luncheon discounts per attendee (can be applied to multiple employees from a member company)
- Receive all newsletter and postcard mailings
- Receive "urgent" industry news email alerts
- Discount to Annual National Postal Forum
- Direct link to USPS managers
- Direct link to other mailers and industry peers



### THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Networking opportunities at social events like annual golf tournaments
- Access to USPS training facility
- Education seminars, luncheons, round table discussions
- Mail Center Management Training Course
- Customer service and leadership training
- Learn "new" mailing, shipping, sorting and logistic practices
- Learn about emergency and disaster planning

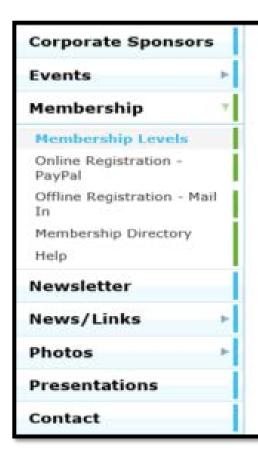


Recognition at ALL Luncheons
 Engraved membership plaque

Membership Home About Us Leadership Contact Us Calendar Platinum Level: \$500 Gold Level: \$250 Silver Level: \$100 Bronze Level: \$50 Luncheon Sponsor: \$150 Along with the BASE BENEFITS, Platinum Level Members receive: · Advertisement in ONE Highlight Newsletter during the year. Your company will be featured in each newsletter · Member Listing in ALL Highlight Newsletters · Special recognition at ONE Luncheon during the year & "Booth" at ONE luncheon near registration table · Seat at head table at ONE Luncheon · VIP at GDPCC National PCC Day conference · First choice of booth space · First choice of sponsorship options · VIP recognition at GDPCC Golf Tournament

- Listed on GDPCC website (home page and on Platinum Level page with hyperlink to company website)





PREMIERE Membership: \$40 annual fee, individual member. Receives reduced cost on educational sessions and industry events, will receive both print and electronic version of newsletter, invitations to events and networking opportunities with industry experts and postal officials, and earns points for professional certification. Will also receive membership certificate, name listed on website, and priority registration to all event. Additionally Premiere members will receive invitations to "member only events".

CORPORATE Membership: \$150 annual fee, unlimited members. Receives reduced cost on educational sessions and industry events, print and electronic version of newsletter, invitations to events, networking opportunities with industry experts and postal officials, and earns points for professional certification. Will also receive membership certificates, names (unlimited) listed on website, and priority registration to all events. Additionally, Corporate members will receive invitations to "member only events".

CORPORATE Sponsorship: \$250 annual fee, unlimited members. Corporate sponsors will be recognized at all events, and their company logo will be on Greater Boston PCC website with a link. Receives reduced cost on educational sessions and industry events, print and electronic version of newsletter, invitations to events, networking opportunities with industry experts and postal officials, and earns points for professional certification. Will also receive membership certificates, names (unlimited) listed on website, and priority registration to all events. Additionally, Corporate Sponsors will receive invitations to "member only events".



## **Retention: Communication**

- Calendar of events
- Direct Mail of each event
- Email reminder one week prior to the event
- Include a RSVP and payment vehicle on your website



**EX:** Calendar of Events



#### **GREATER BALTIMORE POSTAL CUSTOMER COUNCIL**

The Greater Baltimore Postal Customer Council (GBPCC) is a postal-sponsored organization that promotes a business partnership between mailers and the U.S. Postal Service. To find out more about the GBPCC and member and sponsor opportunities please visit greaterbaltimorepcc.org!

Join the GBPCC at these events so you can become a mailing expert too! The GBPCC helps members stay up-to-date on the latest changes and developments at the USPS and offers tips and guidance on how to mail smarter. Reserve your seat at these exciting events today!

### 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MARCH

Mon. 3/5 • 11<sup>AM</sup>-12<sup>PM</sup>
Seamless Acceptance & the
Mailers Scorcard & Plant Tour
of Baltimore's Processing &
Distribution Facility

#### **APRIL**

Thurs. 4/5 • 11<sup>AM</sup>
Webinar - Mail Piece Design
presented by Stanfod Gibbs,
USPS Mail Piece Design Analyst

Wed. 4/18 • 9:30<sup>AM</sup>
Plant Tour of H.G. Roebuck &
Son Printing to see Heat-Set
Web Presses and how FlatsMail
is printed!

JULY

#### MAY

May 6-9
National Postal Forum, San
Antonio, TX
Thurs, 5/15 • 11<sup>AM</sup>
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the Mail - Tracking Response
& Reply Mail with Informed
Visability presented by Dave
Lewis, President of SnailWorks

#### JUNE

Fri. 6/1
Annual Spring Mambership
Meeting at Conrad Ruth Villa
Fri. 5/15 - 7:05<sup>pM</sup>
Networking Night at the
Boltimore Ortoles vs. Maint 2:22
Marlins, Camden Yards

Breakfast with the Postmaster, Sponsor Appreciation. Please visit our website for details as they become available.

July 17-18
PCCAC Bootcomp, Baltimore, MI

AUGUST

Summer break, no events scheduled

#### SEPTEMBER

September 25-28 National PCC Week Event, Johns Hopkins

### OCTOBER

Networking Event Please visif ur website for details as they ecome available

#### NOVEMBER

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Breakfast with the Postmaster.
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available

### DECEMBER

Friday 12/7 Annual Fall Membership Meeting at Martin's East

For additional information or to register for these events, please visit our website at www.GreaterBaltimorePCC.org or contact
Lisa Sparrow at lisa.x.sparrow@usps.gov or call (410) 347-4493



COST: \$75 PER PLAYER

This includes range balls and

and cart fees; and full use of

who don't wish to play golf can

enjoy lunch at \$20 per person.)

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the door.

practice area; lunch; green

the club's facilities. (Those

**EX:** Postcard

### 13TH ANNUAL Richard J. McKillop MEMORIAL **GOLF TOURNAMENT** TEE OFF: 8 AM SHOTGUN START ST. JOHN'S GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB 205 St. Johns Golf Drive St. Augustine, Florida 32092 Phone: 904-940-3200 Take Exit 329 off I-95, onto County Road 210 and head west turn left at the second light, approximately 1 mile. CONTACT: Dan Lawlor, Proforma at 904-759-2165 or dplawlorsr@gmail.com,

for more information on how to become a sponsor. Make checks payable to

NEFLPCC, 1100 Kings Road, Room 309, Jacksonville, Florida 32203-9000 or

We are very excited about this event! Your support and participation is

PayPal is available on our NEFLPCC website.

greatly needed and appreciated.

\$100 HOLE SPONSOR SLOTS! GET YOUR NAME ON HOLE SIGNS AND ALL PRINTED MATERIAL

#### SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Door prizes: Everyone attending will be given a ticket and be eligible for drawings. Your company will be recognized as the donor of the prize or prizes.
- Goody bags: Provide items such as pens, golf tees, golf balls, memo pads, candy, gum, etc. (Products with your name and logo are welcome.)
- Longest drive: Two winners, one for men and one for women.
- Closest to the pin: Two winners, one for men and one for women.
- Dixon Golf special challenges; win golf balls; drivers; discount coupons; & more!



## EX: Follow-up email reminder.



Join us at St. John's Golf & Country Club for a fantastic day of golf, networking, great food, and prizes galore! For those whose "swinging" days (clubs, that is) are over – then still join the group for lunch – but don't just show up for lunch. Come early and enjoy the grounds, relax and network. Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for all payments and registrations. You definitely want to attend this premier event. More info below including Event Coordinator Dan Lawlor's contact info. See you there! <a href="http://www.northeastflpcc.com/event/13th-annual-mckillop-memorial-golf-tournament/">http://www.northeastflpcc.com/event/13th-annual-mckillop-memorial-golf-tournament/</a>



## **Retention: Events**

- Provide: Postal Knowledge, Professional Development and Personal Growth
- Interesting speakers and topics
- Education
- Networking and appreciation events
- Variety: your membership is varied so must be your topics
- Location and time should be consistent and convenient
- Create excitement



# Retention: Follow-up

- First time guests should be recognized.
- First time guests should leave with a calendar of events and a marketing piece and a small gift.
- A designated board member should be responsible for sending a quick thank-you note after a guest's visit.
- Be sure to capture their contact information so that they are included in your mail list and email list.
- If a member has missed two meetings, find out why.



# Reward: Recognize

- Board members, Postal employees and first time guests should be recognized at every meeting.
- Board members, corporate members and sponsors should be recognized in print and on your website.
- Personal and professional achievements should be highlighted at events.
- Spotlight a member/company at your meeting.



# Reward: Appreciation

- You need members who will donate goods and services so show them appreciation with recognition in marketing and awards.
- Create awards for years of service as well as above and beyond (Companies like to put their awards on display).
- Remember that thank-you cards, get well cards and/or flowers, congratulations cards, and sympathy cards and/or flowers are always appreciated (and remembered).



## Valuable Resources

- PCCAC Committee Members
- Other PCCs both around your area and throughout the country
- <a href="http://postalpro.usps.com/">http://postalpro.usps.com/</a> Here you will find:
  - Previous Cafes
  - Membership Toolkit
  - Generic PCC marketing materials
  - Workshops-in-a-Box
  - PCC best practices

Remember you do not have to reinvent the wheel. We are here to help!



### **PANELISTS**

- PCC Industry Member of the Year, Co-Chair Cheryl Oltman, Heart of Illinois PCC
- Large Market PCC of the Year, Vice-Chair Glen Sawyers, Greater Charlotte PCC
- Large Market PCC of the Year, Industry Co-Chair Scott Brenton, Greater Portland PCC
- Large Market PCC of the Year, Judy Antisdel Industry Vice Chair PCCAC and Industry Co-Chair Greater Baltimore PCC
- Jean C Lovejoy, District Manager, Western New York USPS