



# Gratiot Young Professionals Network

A Committee of the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce



## BUILDING THE FUTURE LEADERS OF GRATIOT COUNTY

The GYPN was formed in 2018 as a way for young leaders in Gratiot County to grow roots personally and professionally in our community. We currently have over 80 members and are always looking for more!

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The GYPN hosts lunch and learns throughout the year to aid our members in their personal and professional development. Prior sessions have included topics such as dinner etiquette, investing for young professionals, preventing burnout, building your brand, and many more. These are free to attend for GYPN members and are \$10 for non-members. GYPN members get priority registration for events with limited capacity.

GYPN also hosts a Leadership Development Workshop program where participants gain leadership skills through sessions based on personal and professional development. We will have graduated over 100 young professionals from this program in 2026. GYPN members receive priority registration for this opportunity.

### NETWORKING EVENTS

Connections Over Coffee is an opportunity for friendly conversations and low stress networking with other young professionals at a local coffee shop. Coffee events are held monthly do not require GYPN membership, as there is no cost to attend.

Off the Clock events are an after-hours opportunity to learn about area businesses and enjoy food and beverages in a professional networking setting. The GYPN meets at local restaurants such as The Blue Shamrock, Alma Brewing Company, Bravehearts Pub, Block House, or Pizza One. This is a great opportunity to unwind at the end of the work day! GYPN members receive free admission into OTC events.

GYPN also offers activity-based events. Such events are held in the evening and have included bowling, paint parties, trivia nights, game nights, yoga, and many others. We even had a GYPN softball team this year! GYPN members receive discounted attendance at activity events.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

GYPN believes that part of leadership is giving back to the community. That is why GYPN members team up to participate in many volunteer opportunities throughout the County. Examples of prior events include Food Distribution at MyMichigan Health, serving at Rural Urban Day, volunteering at Child Advocacy's Baby Pantry, wrapping presents for United Way, and bartending at various Chamber related events. We are always looking for ways to be more involved in the community!



### GYPN AT A GLANCE

GYPN Membership is \$35 for the 2026 year, which includes:

- Free/Discounted Networking Opportunities
- Free Admission Lunch and Learns
- Free Admission to Off the Clock Events
- Priority entry into LDW
- Promotion of your organization's events with other GYPN members
- Discounted access to group activity events
- An invite to join the GYPN Softball Team
- And many Volunteer Opportunities!



Interested in joining GYPN or learning more? Scan this QR code or email [info@gratiot.org](mailto:info@gratiot.org)



# GYPN 2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment: \$35.00

\_\_\_\_\_ My organization is a Chamber Member. Please send invoice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check or money order enclosed (payable to Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay by Credit Card by calling the Chamber (989) 463-5525

## Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce

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The membership fee is billed in November, and membership period runs from January to December. This does not cover cost of ALL GYPN events or food/drink purchased during meetings.

The GYPN Planning Committee meets monthly on the third Monday of the month at 2:00pm. Meetings will be held at Journey Federal Credit Union in Alma and are open to all members of the organization.