

Hello Supplier Network Members,

It's hard to believe but we have reached the midpoint of 2017. We can assure you that we have been hard at work and laser focused on fulfilling our promise to add value for each and every member. To that end we would like to update you on some of the highlights of activities and events that have taken place to date.

Drum roll, please!

- We were honored and thrilled to have the Supplier Network mentioned by Marion in the May edition of the [Supplier Brief](#). She has been supportive of the Network since it was first presented to her, Bob Stewart and Mike Butkus and proudly endorsed us for taking a kernel of an idea and making it **Big and Bold**.
- Our **Power Hour** events are the talk of the town and attendance has sky rocketed since McDonald's guests began joining us. Since January, we have had the pleasure of welcoming Todd Bacon, Marty Bauwens, Hope Bentley, Francois Blasini, Darcy Gilbert, Julie Harper, Chef Chad Schafer and Jerry Volkman. And many of you had the pleasure of conversing with Marion at our Power Hour in June.
- We partnered with **HAVI** for a **WRIN, WSI and Corrugate Seminar** and they will be hosting both a live (June 28th) and webinar (July 11th) presentation on **Promotions Management and Process Review**.
- North Side Foods sponsored a tour of the **Chicago High School for Agricultural Science**. There, the President of Future Farmers of America shared FFA's plans to assist this school and others like it in helping to prepare students for careers in food and related industries. Talk about elevating talent! More to come for the Supplier Network on this.
- A **Walking Tour of the West Loop** allowed attendees to become familiar with this historic area of the city and see McDonald's future home and surroundings.

Many exciting and informative events are already planned for the remainder of the year. Keep an eye on the Events page on the website and always read the Wednesday Weekly Update to stay in the know on Supplier Network happenings.

Enjoy the Summer,

Jeanne Gannon and Jan Perrino
Supplier Network Co-Presidents