Network Event Ideas

**Social Events**
- Open planning meeting/dinner for volunteer recruitment and input
- Happy Hour
- Family Picnic/Potluck
- Trivia Night/Quizizz
- Bridge Club/Board Game Night

**Arts/Culture Events**
- Theatre Events
  - These events frequently feature an add-on in the form of a talkback or backstage tour.
- Symphony/Orchestra Concert
  - These events frequently feature an add-on in the form of a tour or a musician “meet and greet.”
- Gallery/Museum Tour
  - If alumni are associated with the exhibit or have special expertise in the area, they frequently lead the tour.
- Holiday Event
  - Concert
  - *The Nutcracker*

**Outdoor Events**
- City Walking/Biking Tour
  - If alumni have knowledge of a particular part of the city and/or are a local tour guide, they frequently lead the tour.
- Boat Tour/Cruise
- Architecture Tours – walking or boat
- Hike or Nature Walk
- Whitewater Rafting

**Community Service Events**
- Food Bank
- Habitat for Humanity
- Ronald McDonald House

**Education Events**
- Faculty Lectures
  - Networks should discuss faculty availability and funding with their staff partner.
- Book Club
Brewery Tour/Tasting

- Alternatives include the following:
  - Whiskey Tasting
  - Scotch Tasting
  - Wine Tour/Tasting
  - Coffee/Tea Tasting

Sporting Events

- Carnegie Mellon’s athletic league includes Brandeis University, Case Western Reserve University, Emory University, New York University, University of Chicago, University of Rochester, and Washington University in St. Louis.
- Baseball games are the most popular professional sports events.

Watch Events

- Pittsburgh professional sports
- Chapters can stream Buggy Races if they are interested in hosting a Buggy-watching event.

“Foodie” Events

- Baking/Cooking classes
- Restaurant Week Event
- “Meet the Chef” Event
- Tasting or other themed food event

Career Events

- Professional development lecture/workshop
- Career-focused panel, panel debate, or roundtable discussion
- Networking happy hour or speed networking event

Other Potential Events

- Bowling
- Go-Karting
- Federal Reserve Tour
- Ballroom Dancing Class
- “Amazing Race” City Scavenger Hunt

Interested in planning an event? Contact Mara Barker, Directory of Campus & Global Networks: mkbarker@cmu.edu or 412-268-1288

Prior to planning an event/program, check to see if there are other conflicting events already taking place:
View the academic calendar at http://www.cmu.edu/hub/calendar.html
View the dates of all national & religious holidays at http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/2013

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