

## 2009 Calendar - Breakthrough Forum

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan 14	12-1	Lunch	Annual trend-spotting discussion - What shifts will affect how's/why's/what's of NPD?	U-Garden**
Jan 23	7:30-10	Monthly*	Motivation, shmotivation – What leaders really need to do to inspire employees	UEL***
Feb 11	12-1	Lunch	Member Challenges	U-Garden
Feb 27	7:30-10	Monthly	Member Site Visit – Tour and Presentation	Member Site
Mar 11	12-1	Lunch	Creating an “innovative environment” - How to ignite and fan innovation	U-Garden
March 27	7:30-10	Monthly	Product failure vs. success – Early warning signs & indicators	UEL
April 8	12-1	Lunch	Market Assessment – Needs, sizing, valuation, positioning, pricing and 1,000 other things	U-Garden
April 24	7:30-10	Monthly	Member Site Visit – Horton Worldwide	Member Site
May 13	12-1	Lunch	Member Challenges/Happiness Update	U-Garden
May 22	7:30-10	Monthly	Portfolio Decisions – Prioritization strategies, tactics and metrics	UEL
June 10	12-1	Lunch	Book Club Discussion – Members summarize key business (or other) book	U-Garden
June 26	7:30-10	Monthly	Planning the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half – What do you want from the rest of your career and life?	UEL
July 8	12-1	Lunch	APQP – Advanced Product Quality Process	U-Garden
July 24	7:30-10	Monthly	Member Site Visit – Tour and Presentation	Member Site
Aug 12	12-1	Lunch	NPD process – Formal vs. Informal, does company size matter?	U-Garden
Aug 28	7:30-10	Monthly	Member Challenges	UEL
Sept 9	12-1	Lunch	Mitigating risk with disruptive innovation	U-Garden
Sept 25	7:30-10	Monthly	Technology Transfer – How do concepts get advanced, accelerated and adopted?	UEL



Oct 14	12-1	Lunch	Member Challenges/Happiness Update	U-Garden
Oct 23	7:30-10	Monthly	Member Site Visit – Tour and Presentation	Member Site
Nov 11	12-1	Lunch	Technology Forecasting & Road-mapping	U-Garden
Nov 20	7:30-10	Monthly	Special Site Visit – TBD	Off Site
Dec 9	12-1	Lunch	2009 Connect-the-dots Recap	U-Garden
Dec 18	6:00-9	Monthly	Member & Significant Other Social Event	TBD

**Workshop Series**

June 18	9-5	Training	Becoming a Breakthrough Innovator-Day 1	UEL
June 25	9-5	Training	Becoming a Breakthrough Innovator-Day 2	UEL
July 9	9-5	Training	Becoming a Breakthrough Innovator-Day 3	UEL

\* A discussion of member issues is a focus (and highlight) of every monthly meeting.

\*\* TBD, Plan B is U-Garden, 2725 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis. 11:30 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.

\*\*\* UEL, Dorsey-Ewald Conf. Center, 1000 Westgate Drive, St Paul. 7:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.



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