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### Miguel's Corner

Teamwork is the cornerstone of every great achievement which is why I want to recognize the remarkable efforts of the YGL and GovLoop teams for putting together an awesome conference! It was an honor to be surrounded by so many change makers. Let's keep the momentum going and see you all next year!



### NextGen, That's a Wrap!

What an awesome two days it has been! NextGen 2016 concluded this past Tuesday where it brought together over 800+ participants from around the country. Some of the highlights included an appearance by Second Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, speeches by Harvard Business School Senior Lecturer [Mitchell Weiss](#) and National Geospatial Agency Deputy Director [Susan Gordon](#) and the introduction of "[Ready Girl](#)", New York City's emergency management superhero. There were also sessions that introduced attendees to mindfulness and [Lego](#)

[Serious Play](#). YGL and GovLoop want to thank those who attended and helped organized the best conference in government. In case you missed it, check out some of the [photos](#) from this year's event. See you all back next year!



**Upcoming Chapter Events...**

**Atlanta Chapter**

[Feds Meets Feds Expo](#)  
on August 16, 2016 at  
Sam Nunn Atlanta  
Federal Center

**Denver Chapter**

[YGL Night at the Ball Game – Rockies/Cubs](#)  
on August 19, 2016

**Kansas City Chapter**

[Networking Social](#) on  
August 25, 2016 at Snow  
and Company

**Los Angeles/SoCal Chapter**

[Orientation for Holiday](#)  
Event on September 10,  
2016 at 8:45 a.m.



**MARINE CORPS MARATHON**

**10k Run Sign-up Now Open**

[Aetna Federal Plans](#) invites the members of YGL to participate in the [10K run at the 41st Marine Corps Marathon](#) on **Sunday, October 30, 2016**. Registration is free for a limited number of participants, who will receive a runner's bib, Team Aetna shirt, and a runner's shirt. Please contact [Elizabeth Fischer Laurie](#) by **August 10th** if you would like to participate.

Whether or not you decide to join Team Aetna, visit our booth at the Health and Fitness Expo. The Expo will be held at the [Gaylord National Harbor and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD](#), and is open to the public:

- Friday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, October 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**Coming Up on this Month's Blog...**

If you were one of the 800 awesome folks who made it to [NextGen 2016](#), then you know how important networking is. "Make Networking Work For You: Tips on Becoming a Networking Superstar" is the topic of this month's blog and will be penned by our own [Chapter Management and Expansion Director, Sofi Martinez](#). Stay tuned...

**Play a Little Pick-Up**

Calling all SoCal folks to join in this fall's basketball tournament to support the Feds Get Fit initiative

sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Federal Executive Board and YGL-LA. The fee is \$35 per team. [Register here.](#)



**Find Out How to Make Communities Safer**

Join us for a FREE Geographic Information System (GIS) MeetUp on **Thursday**,

**August 11 from 5 - 8 p.m. in Arlington, VA** for a free networking happy hour and presentations from:

- Mike Donnelly, Program Lead, HIFLD Program, Geospatial Management Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Denice Ross, Senior Advisor, Community Solutions at The White House Office of Management and Budget
- Jaclyn Tules, Sales Associate, Esri



**And the Winner Is...**

[YGL's Blog](#) was recently named one of the [Top 300 Leadership](#) blogs by [Feedspot](#) putting it in the same league as [MIT's Sloan Leadership Blog](#) and [THNK School of Creative Leadership](#) and Innovation. Kudos to those who've contributed content!



**What Do Millennials Working in Federal Government Really Think**

There are many known preconceived notions about Millennials so we surveyed some of them to find who they really are and what they think about the federal government. [Here's what they have to say...](#)



**YGL Member Spotlight:  
Jovanka Balac**

Jovanka has been amazing the last couple of months. Not only for supporting the events team and organizing the July leadership meeting, but also diving in and reaching out to as many members as possible to get their perspective for how to make YGL better. Thank you for



your enthusiasm and hard work!







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