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SPRING EDIT

Uncover a space where learning ignites action, connections bloom in laughter, and every step leads to our goals. Step in and let the magic of 'Learn Act Inspire' take you on a journey worth sharing!



LEARNING EVENT

Strategies, Successes and Everything In Between Equity Intelligence

Chair: Nupur Goenka | Co-Chair: Aditya Tulsian, Rahul Bahl

January 09, 2024

ith new year and new insights, imagine grabbing coffee with a buddy, except this buddy happens to be a whiz at all things M&A and Equity.

Been around the block, with over two decades of experience, our finance guru, **Suraj Malik**, knows how to play the equity game like a pro. No jargons, no fluff- just straight-up advice on navigating the tricky waters in the world of finance.

As entrepreneurs are shifting lanes from debt to equity, Suraj's insights were timely. As the managing partner of Legacy Growth, Suraj illuminated the path for family-owners businesses and startups alike, focusing on how to structure equity not just smartly, but in a way that maximizes returns.

Oh, and, Suraj didn't stop at 'what'; he dived deeper into the 'how', sharing strategic nuggets on negotiating equity deals that could leave even the savviest of business owners taking notes. Ever heard of a no-deal clause that actually benefits founders if negotiations fall through? That was just one of the many eye-openers Suraj shared, underscoring that when it comes to contracts, there's no such thing as 'non-negotiable.'

Our key takeaway? In business, knowledge truly is power. Thanks to Suraj Malik, EO members started the year empowered, and ready to negotiate their way to success. Afterall, this wasn't just an annual kickoff, it was a declaration that 2024 is the year EO members don't just play the game, but change it.



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MYEO EVENT

Fore Through the Fog, The Stonex Cup Stands Tall

Chair: Mikey Todd | Co-Chair: Prashant Sagar

January 14, 2024



he fog-engulfed twist to the 5th Stonex Cup turned the day into a scene straight out of a mystery novel. But did our valiant golfers falter? Not a chance!!



EO members teed off across various locations, their spirits undimmed and scores tallied. Let's raise the glasses (or golf clubs) to the players, the challenges, and the unforgettable moments that define the grand tournaments. Here's the swings, misses, and those glorious hits- until the next tee-off!

MENTORSHIP EVENT

All About Checkmate Charms and legal Lifelines in White-Collar Waters

Chair: Raghav Khosla | Co-Chair: Viknesh Jain

January 20, 2024

Can you imagine what it feels like getting a heads-up on a storm before it hits? That's the kind of inside info we're talking about at EO Gurgaon's closed-door session with our very own **Sherbir Panag**, not just any legal eagle but the go-to defense counsel for India's high-profile white-collar crime cases.

The man of the hour walked us through the minefield of white-collar crimes, giving us a blueprint for times when things get real-real fast, Sherbir didn't just talk theory, he's lived every word of it.

You know what? Here's a scoop for you, too:



- Dawn raids? Sherbir broke down how to handle them with the finesse of a chess grandmaster making a checkmate move.
- When crisis hit, it's about standing strong. From the in's and out's of leading through the storm to dealing with courts and enforcement bodies, you name it and it was all covered.
- Oh, lets not forget reputation management. Handed over by Sherbir, we have our playbook on keeping our names clean even when the mud's flying.

We won't be exaggerating, but it was the kind of session that makes you wish time machines were a thing. We just getting started with 2024, and this session was a powerful reminder that in world of business, being prepared isn't just an options; it's a necessity.

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LEARNING EVENT

Stress Or Serenity? What's The Balance In See-Saw Of Your Life?

Chair: Nupur Goenka | Co-Chair: Aditya Tulsian, Rahul Bahl

January 23, 2024

elcome to the stress-free zone!

A dream land we all see from outside, but never quite seem to reach.

Well, guess what? We found our guide- **Ritesh Bawri**. A guy who went from carrying around the weight of the world at 81kg to strutting his stuff at a cool 59kg in just four months! And no, this isn't some fairy tale; it's the real deal.







But hey, don't worry. He didn't just preach from the mountaintop. No siree! Ritesh was all about keeping it real and showing us how to navigate the stormy seas of stress with a wink and a smile. Spoiler alert! You always thought stress is a mind game. But, nope, it's all physical.

Defining stress to guiding us on a journey from chaos to calm, Ritesh got all the tricks up his sleeve. And, let's not forget the golden rule of stress-free living: fix your food habits, get moving with some daily exercise and meditation, and maybe even throw in a little detox for good measure. After all, who doesn't love a good cleanse, right?

And just when we though it couldn't get any better, ___Neurophony_ took the stage for a mind-blowing demonstration on how stress can be measured and, more importantly how to kick it to the curb.

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SLP EVENT

Link Up, And Leap Up with Nitin Raghani's Insider Strategies

Chair: Ruchika Jain, Mahamaya Navlakha, Radhapriya S Bansal

January 24, 2024

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rom a maze to a map, **Nitin Raghani** transformed LinkedIn into a stage of endless possibilities for us.

Each strategy that he unveiled was like discovering a new constellation, brightening our path to professional online journey. Learning the nooks and crannies of LinkedIn, it felt like decoding an ancient script to building connections and seizing opportunities.



As Nitin took us by the hand and led us through the LinkedIn labyrinth, each turn revealed a fresh perspective on how to engage and thrive in our professional networks.

Following our exploration of LinkedIn's depth, we created and optimized our profile as per the standards and had hands-on learning experience with Raghani.

Oh, and not to forget, we gathered for a delicious dinner right after, continuing our discussions and networking. It was a fantastic way to end the event, reflecting on what we absorbed and connecting with fellow professionals.



After a weekend of gaining all the insights from the master of LinkedIn himself, we feel not just better networked, but transformed.

Network to net worth, let's LinkedIn!

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FAMILY EVENT

It Was An UNO (Uniting, Nourishing Outdoor) Retreat!

Chair: Arjun Nijhawan

January 26-28, 2024

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acked to the brim with adventure and laughter, the two-day EO family retreat at the Tree House Jaipur was a good balance between adventure, relaxation and cultural experiences.

From laser tag battles, endless rounds of UNO, well-organized family games to Rajasthani picnic feasts, night safaris and off-road driving, each moment catered to all age groups, and was a brushstroke painting memories on the canvas of our hearts.



With safety and comfort on priority, experienced hikers guided us through uphill hike and tent-pitching lessons transformed us into modernday explorers, while kids reveled in tree-climbing antics and "The Amazing Race", fostering teamwork and friendly competition.

As dusk draped its golden cloak over the horizon, we gathered around cracking bonfires, trading stories over gooey s'mores and soul-warming hot chocolate. And with a live singer serenading the night, out spirits soared higher than the stars right above us.

We didn't want to, but as we did bid adieu to Tree House, we carried with us not just memories, but a treasure trove of connections and bonds that will last a lifetime. Until next time, may our hearts remain forever entwined in the magic of this retreat.





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MENTORSHIP EVENT

Generational Insights with Deep Dives and High Fives

Chair: Raghav Khosla | Co-Chair: Viknesh Jain

February 03, 2024



ith **Mikey Todd** and his father leading the charge, it felt like a live podcast, full of hacks and business wisdom!

In a display of teamwork, the father-son duo walked us through the essence of building a high-performance team. It was all about getting the right mix of people- those with the hunger, not just the ones who've already had their fill. They talked about creating a culture where the product knowledge isn't just deep, it's Marianas Trench deep:D



And let's not forget the golden nugget about listening. Not just hearing, but really listening to our teams, to our clients, feeling the rhythm of the market like it's our favorite song. They shared secrets sauce of sales success, peppered with anecdotes that had us nodding and laughing, recognizing our own experiences mirrored in theirs.



But what hit home the most? It was the part about bouncing back. About facing challenges head-on and using them as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks. From showing us how to turn perseverance and effective habits into an art form to uncovering the path to success paved with resilience, it was more than just some strategies in theory.

Between wit and wow moments, kudos to the dynamic duo and the mentorship team for pulling off what felt like a TED Talk on steroids.

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MYEO EVENT

Clear Skies. Clearer Shots. Marking All the Winning Spots

Chair: Mikey Todd | Co-Chair: Prashant Sagar

February 04, 2024



emember how we squinted through the fog at the 5th Stonex Cup?

Let's fast forward to the finale at the DLF Club at Gary Player course. With clear skies above us, the course stretching out, it really was a skill against skill kind of a day.



Participants from EO Gurgaon and EO Noida tested their skills on the challenging course. It was a day full of suspense, skillful shots, and a nail-biting finish!

LEARNING EVENT

Dunes of Time, Dunes of Trial with Stephen McGown

Chair: Nupur Goenka | Co-Chair: Aditya Tulsian, Rahul Bahl

February 09, 2024



ife can take an unexpected turn, throwing you off the balance when you least expect it.

Now, imagine being thrown into a curveball that lasts six years! Sounds intense, right?

That's **Stephen McGown**'s story, and trust us, it's nothing short of jaw-dropping. It wasn't about just surviving; but about thriving against all the odds.



The scorching heat of the Sahara desert, the gritty feel of sand beneath, the constant buzzing of insects, the feeling of insects crawling over the body, no news of the outside world, and the fear of death every second of the day. Those six years of captivity could have crushed any human, but not our speaker, whose story of heroism and resilience not only inspired us, but also left us spell bound with indominable spirit of mankind.

Ever heard the saying, "The only thing we have to fear is the fear itself?" Stephen didn't just hear those words; he lived them. From sharing how he steered through his struggle in captivity to how being at pleasant terms with Al Qaeda became a pathway to his release, his story was testament to the power of resilience and human connection.

Stephen McGown. A man who did not just face tough time, but was thick of it, reminded us that we are way stronger than we think.

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MEC EVENT

Alexa, Play 'So This Is Love'

Chair: Gautam Baid | Co-Chair: Kshitij Rohatgi

February 14, 2024



You know the day when everything is usually drowning in pink and red, and you can't escape the sight of flowers, chocolates, and those teddy bears that seem to be everywhere?

Well, our cupids, **Karishma and Deepika** decided to shake things up a bit, this Valentine's Day. Behold the glory of their creativity

Instead of the same old, they brought us into a world where Valentine's was more about fun, connection, and yes, a bit of nostalgia. They kicked off with some really cool games that weren't just about winning but about getting us all to open up and share a bit more with our significant others. From taking shots with your partner to being with them at the kissing booth, imagine writing down your dream goals with your partner on a wall for everyone to see – kind of puts things into perspective, right?

This wasn't any typical Valentine's vibe with just romantic love in the air. Nope. It was about getting that happy buzz, dancing to songs that took us back, and creating memories that stick. And the setting was just perfect – the food from Tonino hit the spot every time, making sure our taste buds were as happy as our hearts.

Oh, and you know what? This wasn't just about couples. This Valentine's, we also celebrated friendships, reminding us that love isn't just about romance. It's about those people who are there for you, day in and day out.

It was a day to feel special, to connect, and to remember that at the end of the day, it's all about making each other happy.

Catch y'all at the next one!





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MYEO EVENT

Raat-E-Ruhaani At Hazrat Nizamuddin

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February 20, 2024

In Delhi's heart, the Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah, dedicated to the 13th-century mystic Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, offered us a first spiritual encounter. Guided through lanes of vibrant stalls, we assembled in the courtyard.

Ruchika Baid led the Club Flambe team in a meticulously planned event, highlighted by a chadar offering from EO men, symbolizing faith and devotion. The evening was by the soul-stirring Oawwali performance by the Nizami Brothers, the soulful voices behind 'Kun Faya' from Rockstar.



A first-time buffet in the dargah featured mutton biryani and exclusively Jain-prepared vegetarian dishes, adding a delightful twist. This event at Nizamuddin Dargah is a standout in Club Flambe's distinguished history.

SLP EVENT

'Tapas'-try of Flavors with Chef Oberoi

Chair: Ruchika Jain, Mahamaya Navlakha, Radhapriya S Bansal

February 21, 2024

t's not every day that you walk into The Good Earth Store and find it transformed into a living, breathing tableau of Mediterranean wonders, thanks to the culinary wizardry of **Dhruv Oberoi**, chef of Olive Bar and Kitchen.

The Good Earth Store, with its collection of artisanal wonders, was more than just a venue; it was an experience with each piece telling its story amidst the unfolding culinary saga.

was a superlative fusion of aromatic herbs, succulent olives, and sultry charm of Spanish sun-soaked shores of the Mediterranean. Tapas. Dhruy, with his signature flair and a And the sinfully delicious chocolate dessert, sprinkle of quirk, unveiled the secrets of paired with croissants, was a masterclass in crafting tapas that had us craving for more.

The third season of The Living Room series From Kombucha Sangria to the zesty kick of pepper dip every dish was a passport to the indulgence.



As we give huge shoutout to everyone for such infectious bringing energy and laughter, we can't wait to see the masterpieces everyone cooked up after!

Special thanks to Ruchika, Mahamaya and Radhapriya for orchestrating yet another fantastic event. Your dedication to creating hands-on workshops is unmatched.

Cheers to more afternoons in The Living Room. Until then, keep experimenting and bringing those incredible flavors to life!

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LEARNING EVENT

Lights. Camera. Conversation.

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February 24, 2024



Are '3 Idiots', 'PK', and 'Munna Bhai MBBS' among your favorite movies?

Then you're already a fan of Bollywood's 10 Billion Man, **Rajkumar Hirani**. With a box office legacy that began with 'Munnabhai MBBS' two decades ago, Hirani's journey, in partnership with the brilliant writer **Abhijat Joshi**, has been nothing short of cinematic gold. Their collaboration has not only entertained millions but also sparked conversations with its depth, wit, and unique take on societal issues.

Recently, EO GGN had the privilege of sitting down with the legends themselves. Just as Rome was not built in a day, we learn that creating a masterpiece requires more than just talent; it demands hard work, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to honesty and humility. Hirani and Joshi shared pearls of wisdom on creativity and perseverance that extend far beyond the silver screen, offering valuable lessons for the business world and beyond.

And as if that wasn't enough, **Thomas Friedman**, the three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist, made us tete-a-tete with the reality of life and world around us. Referring to his books and extensive coverage of global issues like the Beirut-Jerusalem conflict, Friedman opened our eyes to the nuances of globalization and the importance of connectivity in today's political climate.

From Gandhigiri to Globalization, BJP in India to Trump in the US, this gathering was a reminder that, in the end, we rise together, we fall together. Whatever we do, we do it together.







A big thank you to the entire board and leadership for making the past couple of months so exciting.

Thanks to Bomjum, Sheetal and Siddhi for all the support.

With the wrap-up of our fourth newsletter, we're reminded of all the enjoyable moments we've shared together. We look forward to bringing you the next one.

Meenu Jain (Newsletter Editor)