

Symphony Snapshot

October Recap

Scaling Businesses Forum

Last week's **Symphony Six Forum** was nothing short of exceptional! Hosted in the beautiful and inspiring event space at Harbor + Union in The Factory at Franklin, the afternoon brought together an incredible group of leaders for an engaging and candid discussion on the realities of scaling a business.

Our featured panelists — **Mark Bourgeois, Brandon Jones, and Jerry Carleton** — shared powerful insights on navigating growth capital, managing legal complexities, and building the right teams and systems to support rapid expansion. Their perspectives gave attendees tangible tools to approach growth with intention and clarity.

A heartfelt thank-you to our panelists, our hosts at **Harbor + Union**, and to all who joined us for this dynamic Forum. Here's to continuing to help leaders grow smarter, faster, and relentlessly.



November's Forum

Join Symphony Six on **Tuesday, November 11** from **11:30am - 1pm** at **AllianceBernstein** for an exclusive conversation on **Beyond the Check: How Smart Philanthropy Shapes the Future** — we'll explore how philanthropy is evolving in an age of transparency, technology, and strategic partnerships. Panelists **Jennifer Stolo, Marisa Swystun, and Lance Villio** will share firsthand insights from their experiences leading and advising top nonprofit and corporate giving initiatives. Discover innovative strategies that inspire generosity, strengthen donor engagement, and build lasting impact between mission-driven organizations and their supporters.

New Member Spotlight



Stephen Sleigh

Stephen Sleigh is a co-Founder and Managing Partner of Peakstone Group, an investment bank focused on providing merger & acquisition and capital raising advisory services to entrepreneur-owned and multi-generation family-owned businesses. Peakstone has 50 professionals focused on “team entrepreneur” – helping business owners that have built great businesses, navigate through complex sale and capital raising transactions.

Stephen co-founded Peakstone after Lehman Brothers bankruptcy in 2008. Stephen worked at Lehman Brothers in London, New York and Chicago financing leveraged buyout transactions for many of the largest US and European private equity firms, as well as telecom and cable TV network build-outs, and corporate acquisitions.

Having lived in Europe and the US, I have great appreciation for the entrepreneurial spirit of the US – there is no country in the world that can match the unique entrepreneurial culture. I’m often in awe of what my clients have created out of a single idea, hard work and dedication to building a successful business.

Stephen started his career as a CPA at Price Waterhouse. He earned his MBA from Duke University School of Business and his BA from Grove City College.

Stephen moved to Nashville in 2020 and then to Franklin in 2022, leading a great migration of family members to the Franklin area. His wife, Kathleen, and him have two of their three daughters here along with two grandchildren and his in-laws.

Featured Member

Colin Griffin

Colin Griffin is the Strategic Accounts Manager at HowToRobot, leading strategic growth initiatives and managing key relationships across North America. Working directly with the CEO, he drives expansion through business development and partnerships with corporations, consulting firms, and public-sector organizations.

Born in Franklin, Tennessee, and raised in Chicago, Colin returned to his hometown to help lead operations at HowToRobot’s North American headquarters. Founded in Denmark, HowToRobot has grown into a global platform connecting manufacturers and automation suppliers worldwide.

Colin plays a key role in strengthening the company’s presence within the industrial automation ecosystem, supporting manufacturers from Fortune 100 enterprises to innovative startups. Through its platform and advisory services, HowToRobot enables clients to gain visibility, expand vendor reach, and accelerate execution through structured scoping, sourcing, and benchmarking.



UPCOMING EVENTS



HAPPY HOUR

Join us for our monthly Happy Hour on November 6th at The Harpeth Hotel from 5:30-7:30pm



SYMPHONY FORUM

Join us on for lunch on Nov. 11th at AllianceBernstein from 11:30-1:00pm for an exclusive conversation on what is ahead in the non-profit world.



LUNCHEON

Join us for lunch on Nov. 14th at Lockton Companies from 11:30-1:00pm



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Join us for lunch on Nov. 19th at Vaco by Highspring from 11:30-1:00pm



CIGAR NIGHT

Join us on for a Cigar & Bourbon on Nov. 20th at the Leiper's Fork Distillery from 5:00-7:00pm



HAPPY HOUR

Join us for our monthly Happy Hour on December 4th at The Harpeth Hotel from 5:30-7:30pm

MEMBERSHIP JOURNEY

STEP 1

ENTER.

Attend a Symphony Six Happy Hour, where you'll connect with our members in a fun and lively social setting.

STEP 2

EXPLORE.

Join a Symphony Six lunch and meet members in a more intimate environment where you're likely to emerge inspired.

STEP 3

EVALUATE.

Meet with a Symphony Six team member to discuss your goals, learn more about our unique philosophy & ask any questions.

STEP 4

EMPOWER.

Sit down with our founder, Jason Weiss, to start making intentional connections and determine key growth areas.

STEP 5

EXECUTE.

Move forward with your Symphony Six membership and take your first step to a more well- connected, abundant life.



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Our Commitment to Our Members



BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS:

Connect with like-minded business leaders who value genuine connections. Our community is built on trust and mutual support.



RESOURCE- RICH ENVIRONMENT:

Access a curated list of resources to elevate your business. From industry insights to expert advice, Symphony Six. is your go-to hub for valuable information.



GROW YOUR BUSINESS NETWORK

Focused lunches, happy hours, and micro groups each month provide the perfect backdrop to expand your professional circle. Share insights, explore collaborations, and discover new opportunities.



TRANSACTIONS:

Experience meaningful relationships beyond the boardroom. Symphony Six is a place where professional connections evolve into lasting relationships.

