

Donna Gem, GEM SECURITY SOLUTIONS



Donna Gem has led the launch of the Wnet chapter in Tampa, Florida; a market that was sorely under-represented in Wnet, and a market full of fintech and payments companies. Donna worked alongside Lisl Dutterer and April Veilleux from Wnet to help bring this chapter into existence and celebrated its inaugural Tampa Linkup on June 20 with more than 40 other payment professionals joining in. Donna also brought on Tannon McCaleb of Fintech Executive Search Consultants as a Co-Chair and sponsor of Wnet. Donna has introduced dozens of colleagues to Wnet, including Julie Lambert, who submitted Donna's Member Spotlight nomination, and has jumped in to become active in Wnet as well.

Donna's leadership skills include collaboration and empowerment. Donna recruits, inspires and helps ensure that those who join with her on any project are successful. Advance planning, delegation, optimism and enthusiasm are core elements along with a genuine belief in the power of networking and attention to details.

Donna's passion for Wnet and its place in the fintech/payments ecosystem is central to how she helps further Wnet's mission. She not only promotes the Tampa Bay chapter and its events but is an evangelist for all things Wnet. She has incorporated Wnet messaging into her daily communications. She uses Wnet badges on her LinkedIn and signature lines, she promotes and supports other Wnet leaders and events by sharing information across her social media pages. She is active in Wnet's mentoring and is constantly encouraging other payments professionals to join Wnet while supporting them by providing materials and moral support.