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LEADERS on the Move and in the News...

Drew Pittman, Class 16, will be serving as President of Kiwanis of Stuart this coming year.

Dave Heaton, Class 10, has been selected to serve as the Executive Director of the Children's Services Council of Martin County; he is the past Operations Director.



Dave Heaton

Sue McVeigh, Class 14, has been elected to serve on the Board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County and as Membership Chairman of the Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club.

Melissa Corbett, Class 12, vice president and one of the partners at Engineering and Water Resources, Inc. (EWR), is pleased to announce that EWR was one of six Martin County firms recognized as 2007 Best Places to Work in Martin County by the Human Resource Management Association of Martin County and the Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast. EWR boasted zero turnover this past year and enjoyed a 66 percent growth. The firm pays 100% family care medical coverage - which probably helps the zero turnover!

Denny Newnam, Class 14, has moved to Tennessee. New contact information: Denny Newnam, P.O. Box 475, Copperhill TN 37317. E-mail: snooksnatcher@bellsouth.net.

Vicki Davis, Supervisor of Elections, Class 4, received her national Certified Elections / Registration Administrator (CERA) certification at a graduation ceremony held during the Election Center's annual conference in New Orleans. In addition, the Martin County Elections Office recently received a Best Practices award from the national Election Center for implementing a series of staff development courses in partnership with IRCC's Corporate & Community Training Institute and the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Staff completed classes in CPR, First Aid, Customer Service Plus, Team Building and Time & Stress Management. The prestigious Best Practices "Award of Excellence" was one of only six awarded among the nation.



Vicki Davis & Doug Lewis

Melissa Corbett (Class 12) and Jon Milton (Class 14) have both been elected to the Board of Directors for the newly formed Martin County Futures Group. For more information on this group or to be added to their email list, visit www.mcfuturegroup.org.

Dave Derrenbacher, Class 16, new President of Realtors Association of Martin County

The American Red Cross Martin County Chapter Board of Directors has elected **Jocelyn Lane, Senior Vice President, Gulfstream Business Bank, Class 5**, as its new Board Chairman. According to Mary Sawyer, Executive Director, American Red Cross

Martin County Chapter, "We are very pleased to have Jocelyn serve as our new Chairman of the Board. Her leadership will be instrumental to the continued success of our local Red Cross operations."

Ms. Lane has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Martin County Chapter for a total of eight years. "I am proud to be associated with the Red Cross in Martin County," said Lane. "Every day the American Red Cross touches lives in Martin County. It is very rewarding to see the impact our organization makes in disasters, large and small, locally, nationally, and around the world," added Lane.



Jocelyn Lane

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Programs

Please mark your calendars for LEADERShip Holiday Lunch to be held on December 14, 2008. Location to be announced. Be prepared for lots of holiday cheer with Santa. Please bring an unwrapped toy.

SAVE THE DATES FOR LUNCH:

Feb. 8, 2008 and April 11, 2008

Are you interested in a LEADERShip Alumni Family Picnic? Please email and let us know if you would attend and any ideas for a fun filled family day. Email me at Janice@lifestylealtygroup.com.

2007-08 LEADERShip Alumni Board of Directors

President	Mark Mathes, Lucido & Associates
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Lisa Marshall, National City Bank

Sue McVeigh, Smith Barney

Janice Norman, Lifestyle Realty Group

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Lisa Teetor, Arrow Communications

Joanne Towner, Easter Seals Florida

Linda Weiksnar, Crary Buchanan, et al

Immediate Past President Jeanette Mueller, Martin Memorial Wellness Center

LEADERShip Planning Chair Melissa Corbett, Engineering and Water Resources, Inc.

LEADERShip Coordinator Nancy "Mom" Sailor, Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce

Our website: www.leadershipmcalumni.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW (Location to be determined):

December 14, 2007	Luncheon Meeting and Visit from Santa
February 8, 2008	Luncheon Meeting
April 11, 2008	Luncheon Meeting
June 13, 2008	Luncheon Meeting and Board Elections

Board meeting dates:

8 a.m. Chamber of Commerce	11 a.m. Preceding Luncheon
November 9, 2007	December 14, 2007
January 11, 2—8	February 8, 2008
March 14, 2008	April 11, 2008
May 9, 2008	June 13, 2008

Back to School

As the parent of two young girls, I can finally breathe a sigh of relief as our family has made it back to school with no major difficulties. I hope all of you in similar situations can say the same. We at LEADERship Alumni have also, in a sense, gone back to school. Over the course of the past couple months, we completed our Board retreat and conducted a survey of fellow Alumni. Thank you to all who participated in the survey. We have certainly learned a lot.

The biggest theme carried throughout the survey was your desire to stay more involved with your fellow classmates. We also learned that, as leaders, we all have a strong desire to stay abreast of current local events. Our members were mixed on whether we, as an Alumni group, should take on more civic projects. Many indicated that again, as leaders, we are already deeply involved in civic affairs outside of LEADERship Alumni. Nevertheless, members showed support for our two flagship programs - Youth LEADERship and the Youth Scholarship program.

Our Board retreat was held to discuss new ways to reach Alumni and further our mission - to support the LEADERship Martin County program; to provide educational and networking opportunities for our members; and to enhance community awareness of members by providing opportunities to evaluate and act on issues affecting Martin County. As part of the retreat, the Board confirmed its mission and brainstormed means to refine its aim. Many great ideas were put on the table and plans are in the works. As we continue to move forward, there are opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact any of the Officers or Board Members.

Let me also encourage every Alumni to log onto our website (leadershipmcalumni.org) and enter your current contact data. It only takes a moment. At this point, we have only 25% of LEADERship Alumni who have done so.

We have a great Board with plenty of energy and excitement. I look forward to what lies ahead. Hope to see you there!

Stay Tuned...

Mark Mathes
President



P.S. Mark your calendars for November 9th and join us at Tim and Sharon Kinane's house for a NIGHT IN MARGARITAVILLE – a fun filled evening in support of our Youth Scholarship Program. Details are found in this edition of LEADERlines.

Where Are They Now? A Focus on Current Alumni

Sarah Gosney, Class 3

After serving as Executive Director for the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition for 13 years, I've been serving as Director of the Healthy Beginnings Division of the Children's Services Council in Palm Beach County for 2 years. I help to ensure that the Martin County babies born in Palm Beach receive the care they need and connect with services back home. I do miss my Martin County buddies and tell them all that Palm Beach has much to learn from Martin County.

I have twin sons, 31, both building their homes and working in the catering business in Fairbanks, Alaska. Daughter Merit, 22, just graduated from the University of Florida....go Gators!....and enters nursing school for her ARNP in May. Liz, 16, is a junior in high school and spends her spare moments with friends, preferably at the beach. I continue to enjoy living in Martin County with my husband Tim, a massage therapist with a very busy practice. He puts us all back together and is the rock of the family. I am blessed.

Lucy Corley, Class 5

Dear Leadership Friends,

Jeff and I downsized from the family home in Stuart a few years ago and I am enjoying a maintenance free lifestyle on the 13th fairway of Eagle Marsh golf course in Jensen Beach. I feel like I'm on vacation whenever I get to stay home. Life continues to be busy working full time at United Way and spending time with my family and friends. I'm thrilled to report that with the assistance of the Children's Home Society I have been reunited with a daughter that I surrendered for adoption when I was 17 years old. What a blessing - no miracle, for me and my entire family! Penny and her family live in Jacksonville. This past July my youngest daughter, Melissa, was married and we had a wonderful celebration with all of the children - Penny, Melissa, Monica and Matthew. (picture attached). I love my life in Stuart and enjoy the "good nature" that our community provides.



Toby Overdorf, Class 9

I graduated August 10, 2007 from FAU with my second masters; this one was a specialized Environmental MBA. I am a grandfather as of February 2007. I was accepted into this year's Leadership Florida class and have my second session coming up in November over in Naples. I am currently the President of the Palm City Chamber and the Treasure Coast Wildlife Foundation. I am also the county appointee for the Martin County MPO - CAB and a member of the Martin County Economic Council, the Martin County Business Development Board, the St. Lucie River Coalition Board and the St. Lucie County Economic Development Council, and serve on the Hibiscus Children's Center Operating Board and the National City Regional Advisory Board.

Ginger Featherstone, Class 10

Ginger Featherstone: The Perfect Class 10

I am currently serving my fourth year as Principal of Jensen Beach High School where we are proud to have been recognized as one of Florida's top 50 High Schools earning an "A" every year we have been open. We continue to strive to educate our students for the global workforce and look forward to educating our students through the academics, arts and athletics. School certainly keeps me busy as our athletic teams keep me out almost every night. My life at home is as busy as ever with my husband Ken coaching golf at SFHS and our twin boys, Logan and Austin, currently in 7th grade at SMS. Our family spare time is spent with travel baseball and basketball. We love Saturday football watching our team, the FLORIDA GATORS! I look forward to seeing Leadership Alum at JBHS! GO FALCONS!!!

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Rosalind Hall Neilan, Class 11

Harbour Bay Plaza in Sewall's Point is home to Rosalind's 2nd location Rosalind's uptown FITNESS not to be confused with Rosalind's other fitness studio Rosalind's downtown FITNESS located in downtown Stuart. Opening November 2007, this full-service studio features personal training, group training and its innovative athletic conditioning program – iTrainPerformance – in a personal friendly environment. With no membership fees, clients can also enjoy other services such as Pilates, Spinning, Well Coaching and massage therapy and much more at this intimate, boutique-style facility. For more information, call 772-219-0222 or email Rosalind at downtownfitness@msn.com.

Ray Parrish, Class "No Name" 13 (Go Steve Graff!)

I am doing fine, and Spectrum Jr./Sr. High School is running smoothly. I look forward to retiring June 30, 2008. 39 years is enough! I am going to play golf, ride my Harley, resurrect my train set and be a house husband. Son Damon is 35, lives outside Baltimore and is a Ph.D. scientist for the Department of Naval Defense Research. He is married to a chemist, also a PhD, who works at Washington College; they presented us with our first grandson in March 2006. Son Dylan is a senior English major at UCF. Daughter Morgan is a sophomore at MCHS, SGA Class officer, Yearbook editor, and current member of Martin County Youth LEADERShip. Steph, my adorable wife of 27 years, is still teaching 1st grade at Palm City Elementary and still loving her job.

Priscilla Sawicki, Class 14

Chuck and I are loving center city living in Charlotte, NC, although we miss all of our Martin County friends! Within six blocks, we have theaters, museums, professional sports, parks and a zillion restaurants. The icing on the cake is that our son and his family (read two grandsons!) are only half an hour away.

Please come see us! Psawicki@bellsouth.net or 704-334-8202.)

Dressing for Your Future (DYF): As you know, this was my baby and hard to give up. The Soroptimists initiated the program as an outgrowth of the Pathfinder mock interviews at the high schools in Martin County. We had the support of the Sunrise Rotary Club and 4Cs. We collected gently used business type clothes for financially disadvantaged high school juniors and seniors for job and/or college interviews as well as for other business type activities such as the debate teams. 4Cs has now expanded the program! They have just opened a Teen Room with casual (jeans) as well as business type outfits for all grades. I hope that you all will pass the word and support them in their effort to help our financially disadvantaged students—from grades Kindergarten to 12! For additional information, call the 4Cs office at 772-221-8777.

Michelle Golden, Class 14

After making a 2 year pit stop in Gainesville I have moved even further north to Frederick, MD. My husband Chip Allen and I both work at Bechtel Corporation, a global engineering, construction and project management company with more than a century of experience on complex projects in challenging locations. I am currently the Project Environmental Lead for the Prairie State Energy Campus located in Lively Grove IL. One of the best things about going to work for Bechtel is the opportunity to expand my experience outside of the power sector through projects in Bechtel's varied global business such as Civil, Oil Gas and Chemicals and Mining and Metals.

Most people we meet think we are crazy for leaving Florida but the opportunity to live close to family was a primary driver in the decision to go north. I love the view of the mountains out the front windows of my new home, especially now with the fall color blazing forth; however, I am sure that when the winter winds blow down the hill we'll be thinking fondly and longingly of the warm weather back in Martin County.

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Donna Hosang, Feb 15 (LEADERship Class 15)

This school year is proving to be exciting and yet somewhat overwhelming. I have had the opportunity to assist in the development of a new grant called SARG (Substance Abuse Response Guide). This grant is a joint venture between the State Department of Children and Families and Florida State University. The purpose of the grant is to analyze state and local data having to do with substance use and abuse and to develop a community plan for Martin County that will be recognized by the Governor's Office of Drug Control. This initiative is in collaboration with Shared Services Network and all of its community partners. Other counties around the state are developing similar plans and together there will be a uniform emphasis to reduce drug use among the children and adults in our state. Additionally, as the Parent Liaison of the Exceptional Student Education Department of Martin County School District I have been working with parents to assist them in understanding how to make systematic change to improve programs for their children both through the Department of Education and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

On a more personal note, our daughter Karin, age 39, passed away on April 22, 2007. John and I are working hard at re-defining ourselves after being caregivers for thirty-nine years. A special word of thanks to all of my LEADERship friends for the love and compassion they showed during a very difficult year and for the support and understanding they continue to show now.

Peter Avonda, Class 16

I haven't had a dull moment since I saved the Red Room from certain demise during SimSoc. I married the love of my life, Jennifer, in the British Virgin Islands on 06/09/06 and moved to Weston. I still work in Stuart at Smith Barney; the 90 mile each way commute is not as bad as I thought it would be. Last fall I added a new business partner at Smith Barney, Susan McVeigh from Class 14. Jennifer and I had a daughter, Grace, on 05/30/07. As if I don't have enough going on, I am currently completing the study program for the Certified Financial Planner designation and will be sitting for the final exam in November.

AUER-LAVIANO WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Beverly J. Auer and Joseph J. Laviano exchanged vows of marriage in a private ceremony at their home on Sunday, March 11, 2007. Friends and family gathered to share in their celebration of love with Judge Larry Schack officiating.

Beverly is the Executive Assistant to Sheriff Robert L. Crowder and has been employed with the Martin County Sheriff's Office for twenty-two (22) years.

Joe is a retired Albany, New York Police Detective and is also employed with the Sheriff's Office for eleven (11) years as the E-911 Communications Manager/E-911 County Coordinator.



Beverly's matron of honor was her daughter, Heather J. Doran of Port St. Lucie, Florida and Joe's best man was his son, Joe Warfield of Coral Gables, Florida.

Friends and family gathered at La Borgata Ristorante in Palm City following the ceremony to share in their celebration.

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Class 17 is working hard to prepare the most enjoyable LEADERShip fundraiser yet...A NIGHT IN MARGARITAVILLE!

PURPOSE:

To fund the Youth Leadership Program and the scholarship fund

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

Treasure Chest, where eager participants will vie for a chance to pick a treasure box containing a REAL gemstone. The treasure chests are currently limited to 50, at a cost of \$25 each. 25 luckywinners will find a gemstone, and the other lucky 25 winners will find delicious chocolates! There will also be a chance to win, in one fashion or another, a significant piece of jewelry that will be modeled throughout the evening by a lovely member of the alumni association. Margaritas, beer, wine and soft drinks along with outstanding food.

MUSIC: Jimmy Buffett (no, not the man himself--) and other "relax, we're on island time" tunes (sorry, no Metallica in the line up).

LOCATION:

Tim and Sharon's Kinane's charming showplace on the beautiful St. Lucie River, known for fun and excitement.

COST:

Tickets \$50 per person

Reverse auction tickets \$50 each (\$2500 prize, winner responsible for any taxes associated with winning)

Treasure chest \$25 each.

Don't be shy about selling reverse auction tickets to non-alumni!

Send in your response cards PRONTO.

For more information contact

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Reed Hartmon, www.ransomreed@hotmail.com



The Arts Council received a wonderful pledge from an anonymous donor for a dollar-to-dollar match **up to \$15,000.**

That means that a \$50 contribution becomes a \$100 donation for the Arts Council.

As a Board Member of the Arts Council, I encourage each of you to become a member of the Arts Council!

I hope that you will make an investment in YOURSELF and YOUR COMMUNITY to further enhance the arts.

Sincerely, Melissa Corbett, Class 12

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