



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe almost a year has passed since I took the office of President for Leadership Martin County Alumni. What a year it has been! From a whirlwind Presidential election to a bust of the housing market to an unpredictable job market.

I'd like to mention what we have planned for the next lunch meeting on April 17th. We hope to have someone speak about the current status of the River's Coalition, where they are and where they intend on going. In addition, we are looking to get someone from county government to come and talk with us to get an "insider's perspective" of what recently transpired with Martin County's County Administrator position. If YOU are interested in what happened, make sure you are at the next lunch meeting.



Your board has also decided to hold another picnic, and we have chosen the date of June 13th. Please mark your calendars and look for additional information in the near future.

Believe it or not, the graduation for Class 19 is less than 2 months away. The graduation is slated for May 7th and all alumni are invited. The next class will mark the 20th year of the Leadership Martin County program. If you know someone that would be a good candidate for the Leadership Martin County program, please contact Nancy Sailer.

Finally, the nominating committee for the Leadership Martin County Alumni is soliciting suggestions for next year's board. If you have an interest or know an alumni that would like to serve on the board, please contact me at jon@miltonengineering.com or Mark Mathes at mmathes@lucidodesign.com.

~ Jon Milton

April Luncheon

PROGRAM:
It's All About the River

April 17

at

12 Noon
(Board meeting
at 10:45 am)



\$20 per person
(sorry, no shows
will be billed)

RECONNECT - JOIN US - WE HAVE MISSED YOU

Reconnect with old friends, establish new contacts, find a job, fill a position. Tell us what's new!

RSVP by Apr 15 to Lisa Marshall ~ lisa.marshall@nationalcity.com or 812-0101

Pay at the door or pay online at www.leadershipmcalumni.com



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PLEASE NOTE OUR POLICY REGARDING SUBMISSIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Articles submitted by members can include volunteer projects, professional projects and personal news (weddings, awards, etc.). Because many LEADERSHIP Active Alumni are affiliated with nonprofit organizations, there is potential for high volume of fundraising information other than the LEADERSHIP fundraisers. Active Alumni are welcomed and encouraged to share information about events in which they are involved in the Class Notes section of LEADERlines. In addition, if Active Alumni would like to submit .pdf file announcing a fundraiser they may do so at an advertising rate of \$100 for a full page; \$50 for a half page or \$25 for a quarter page ad made payable to LEADERSHIP MC Alumni. If Inactive Alumni would like to submit a .pdf file they may do so at an advertising rate that will also activate their membership: \$140 for a full page; \$90 for a half page, or \$65 for a quarter page ad made payable to LEADERSHIP MC Alumni.

Alumni Board Openings

As terms for the current board come to an end in June, opportunities are available for leaders to step forward and continue the traditions of LEADERSHIP Alumni. The LEADERSHIP Alumni Board is comprised of ten members serving alternating two year terms. Five Board Members will see their terms expire, and as past President and chair of this year's nominating committee, I want to thank all these wonderful leaders for their time and dedication to LEADERSHIP Alumni. I hope they will continue their relationship with the Board and the Alumni organization in general. All Alumni members in good standing are eligible to serve on the Board. Next year, under the direction of Steve Graff, President-elect, the Board has exciting plans to celebrate the 20th year of LEADERSHIP Martin County. The Board meets once per month. If interested in serving on the Board, please contact Mark Mathes, Nominating Committee Chair at mmathes@lucidodesign.com or call 220-2100.



Martin Youth Leadership

Explores Art & Culture in Our Community

March 3rd, the MYL students started their artful journey at the Elliott Museum to get a dose of our American heritage and culture! Our 35 MYL students explored their creative side crafting a "hands on" clay project under the guidance and skill of Megan Winter, local artist/teacher. Working in teams of 4, they combined their individual and group creativity putting



together a series of tiles with an underlying theme of "metamorphosis". They were also given a guided tour of the museum by Heidi May, Visitors Services Manager. Kudos to Robin Hicks-Connors (Class 11), Executive Director of the *Elliott Museum* and the efficient and talented staff for doing a wonderful job presenting a jammed packed morning of art and culture!

On to the bus to their next stop....the newly renovated Court House Cultural Center, home of the Arts Council, to see the Terry Thommes exhibit. Thanks to Nancy Turrell (Class 3), Executive Director of the Arts Council, who enlightened them about the many services, programs and events provided by the Arts Council, including the recent Art is Everywhere Tour, Artsfest, the upcoming "mARTies" awards, EcoArt Treasure Coast, the High School Juried Art Show, and much more.

A brisk walk took them to StarStruck Productions where local performers/owners, Peter and Jennifer Jones led a tour of their

Studio. They worked with this youthful song and dance group, rehearsing their unknowing but upcoming performance at the Lyric Theatre.

After rehearsal they walked to the Lyric Theatre, through historic downtown Stuart. Peter Jones spoke about the history of the Lyric and conducted a Q&A segment along with staff members. A tour of the theater, set them up for "Stardom" as Jennifer Jones, directed them in their very own production of "Doe, A Deer" from the recent StarStruck production of "Sound of Music". They all turned into a bunch of hams and what a performance! A Big thanks to the Lyric Theatre and staff and to the dynamic StarStruck Productions' Jones duo, Peter and Jennifer.

This year, the students were prepped with an incredible homework assignment! A special thanks goes out to the Arts Foundation's *Women Supporting the Arts*. Through their community-granting program, a free ticket was given to each student to see "Sound of Music" at the Lyric. What an opportunity for them to see the show live!



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Martin Youth Leadership *continued*

Culturally inspired and hungry, the day ended with a lunch including some final down time in the rec room at the Stuart Recreation Center. Thanks to the staff for accommodating the group, especially last minute due to the weather! They feasted on a healthy lunch of pizza, soda and cookies while sharing a variety of cultural info.

The winner of an all day, ongoing "Artistic" Scavenger Hunt was awarded their prize. The Scavenger hunt challenged the students to really pay attention and look for special artistic clues provided throughout the day's activities. All said and done, the students' overwhelming shared comment was that they were quite surprised at the cultural and artistic opportunities in our community and will be more likely to be open to other similar experiences in the future! One resounding quote "Art is Everywhere in Martin County!" Congrats to MYL Art and Culture planning committee members, Lead Coordinators Barbara Scharlau (Class 4) and Jeanette Mueller (Class 10), on an incredible artistic endeavor and a job well done!



*Jeanette Mueller, Barbara Scharlau and Nancy Turrell
at the Courthouse Cultural Center*



*For more information or to get involved, please
contact Erica Kinane ~ erica@kinaneprinting.com*

Website Info...

We just wanted to remind you that the main reason we created a website was so that we could have an up to date online directory...so this is a reminder that if you change jobs, get new email address, move, or have any other change in your info, you should take a minute to log on to the member section and click on the "Update My Information" button so you can do just that. If you have forgotten your password, when you go to log in without it, you'll get an option to have one sent to your email address. The other thing we'd like you to do is add your photo to your profile. Take a picture with your digital camera and if you don't know how to resize, send it to info@leadershipmcalumni.com and we'll do it for you.

Here are the folks we've been getting returned email from. If you have updated addresses, please let us know...Sonia Snyder, Erica Kubia, and Kathleen Breland.

Bonnie Tadross



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ClassNotes

Jody Clifford (Class 11) has recently joined Habitat for Humanity of Martin County as Director of Development. As the newest member of the organization's professional team, Jody will be responsible for coordinating all fund raising efforts to support Habitat's mission to provide affordable homes for deserving families in Martin County. As a non-profit organization, Habitat for Humanity of Martin County depends upon the generous financial and volunteer support of the community to enhance sustainable community development. Any LEADERSHIP Alumni who would like to get involved may contact Jody at 772-263-2889.



For the fourth year, L. C. Campbell (Class 13) is serving as the Chairman of the Heroes Campaign of the American Red Cross Martin County Chapter. Last year, over \$70,000 was raised, and this year that is the goal – \$70,000. The business community, as well as many individual citizens, recognize the significant contribution the Red Cross provides to the fabric of Martin County. If you would like to let others know you truly care, go to www.firstgiving.com/lccampbell and make a contribution that will stay in Martin County and meet a need right here at home.

Ava Pennington (Class 12) will be the featured guest speaker at the April 16 meeting of the Christian Business Fellowship of Martin County. She will be speaking on Time Management and her presentation is entitled, "If It's My Time, Why Can't I Find It?" The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn on U.S. 1 in Stuart from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Luncheon cost is \$16. For more information or for reservations, please contact John Demaree at jdemaree@ftak.com or 772-286-6972.

Jeanette Mueller (Class 10) and Nancy Turrell (Class 4) are proud to announce a new initiative for the Arts Council, *Ecoart Treasure Coast*. Followers of art and friends of the environment will learn about a cutting-edge art practice April 2-5 at Eco-Art Treasure Coast. Through seminars and films, the symposium will demonstrate how public interaction with art can solve environmental problems. The symposium and exhibition launch a two-year project that will result in the creation of an ecoart project and newly trained local ecoartists. The Arts Council in collaboration with the South Florida Environmental Art Project for this program, funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and [Women Supporting the Arts](#), which emphasizes direct interaction between artist and audience. "People are used to artists working alone to produce paintings of nature, but Ecoart is so much more," said Nancy K. Turrell, executive director of the Arts Council. "Our program will educate the community about a new form of art that improves our environment."



ClassNotes

Vicki Davis (Class 4), Martin County Supervisor of Elections, invited businesses, churches, non-profits, and PTA's to partner with them on Election Day and show civic pride by "adopting" a precinct.

Adopt-a-Precinct is a partnership in which a participating organization adopts a specific precinct for an election cycle and provides the necessary personnel needed to work that precinct. At the same time, the organization is raising unrestricted funds for a worthy cause and taking an active role in the democratic process. In turn, the Supervisor of Elections writes a check to the entity specified by the organization rather than paying each individual worker. The program is a win-win for both the elections office and the partnering business. By forming a partnership with the Supervisor of Elections office, fundraising efforts are directed to deserving causes and the voters of Martin County are served with additional quality workers at the polling precincts.

During the 2008 elections cycle, the following non-profit organizations adopted a precinct raising a grand total of \$37,050.00: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Florida Atlantic University Martin County Alumni Chapter, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kiwanis Club of Jensen Beach, Kiwanis Club of Stuart, Martin County American Red Cross, New Monrovia Community Development, PEO Sisterhood Chapter P, St. Johns Chrysostom Greek Orthodox Church, Stuart Sunrise Rotary Club.

For more information on this program, contact Kherri Anderson, Deputy of Elections Outreach at (772) 288-5637.



Martin County American Red Cross receive their Adopt-a-Precinct funds from Supervisor of Elections Vicki Davis

Just a reminder: Those with small businesses who choose to become drug-free workplaces can receive a discount on their liability insurance. Martin County Health and Human Services can assist your business in creating your drug-free workplace policy; train staff and perform drug testing with a 24-hour turnaround time for results. Please call Dr. Anita Cocoves (Class 15) at (772) 419-6932, or visit 435 S.E. Flagler Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994. All results are confidential. Thanks!



ClassNotes

Francine Beckstead (Class 9) is excited to announce a cooperative venture between The Barn Theatre and The ARC of Martin County. Francine is directing the poignant comedy "The Boys Next Door" about a group home for mentally challenged men. It's heartwarming, insightful, and great fun. It runs from April 17th to May 3rd. On April 16th The Barn is doing a special performance as a fundraiser for ARC. Tickets are available through The Barn box office at 287-4884.

Tara Biek (Class 16), owner of Tara Biek Creative, LLC since 2000, and her talented crew at 214 SW Ocean Blvd, waltzed away from the American Advertising Federation's awards gala with an astounding 8 Gold ADDYS and 5 Silver ADDYS on Saturday, March 14, 2009! Some of their award winning projects included The Lyric Magazine, the City of Palm Beach Garden's 50th Anniversary Signature City Catalog and the Martin Memorial Foundation's 2008 Chrysanthemum Ball marketing pieces as well as their Goombay Bash marketing collateral. In addition, this innovative and inviting cast of creativity dreamed up and delivered eye-catching self-promotion projects that had the whole ADDY Gala gabbing. From their Lyric Magazine ad 'Now in Technicolor' where the girls are featured in 60's attire to their 'How you feeling?' mood cups which were used to serve Goombay Smashes at last year's Goombay Bash event, the girls came with projects that were chock full of personality and pizzazz and walked out winners thirteen times over.



From Rep. Will Snyder (Class 7): I write to you from Tallahassee where we are in Week 3 of the 2009 Legislative Session. We continue to work through the committee process to hear proposed legislation. I have had the opportunity to present several of my sponsored bills -- HB 123 Human Smuggling, 733 Mortgage Fraud, 1151 DNA Database -- before committees with favorable results to continue through the process. As Chairman of the Criminal and Civil Justice Policy Council, important legislative initiatives will come before me for consideration. I have heard from constituents regarding their views on proposed legislation, and I assure you I will keep all of your comments uppermost in my mind should these issues come before me for a vote.

I would like to share with you some points of focus for the House of Representatives:

- The Legislature's top priority and focus is revitalizing Florida's economy and helping create jobs for Floridians.
- We will meet our constitutional obligation to balance the budget responsibly. We have reviewed every line in the state budget and are prioritizing state spending on the core missions of government.
- We are focusing on reducing spending and eliminating inefficiency and red tape in state government. Elected officials have an obligation to clean up government's house before they ask for more from any Floridian's house.

I ask you to contact my office if I may be of any assistance to you. And if you are in Tallahassee during this Session, I invite you to stop by my office.



Save the Date

Saturday June 13
12 pm to 4 pm

Fun in the Sun,
Games & Prizes

Tell a classmate.

Tell a friend.

Flagler Park
201 Flagler Ave
Stuart



Save the Date

A WORD FROM THE RETENTION COMMITTEE

Please do us a favor; next time you attend a luncheon or social event sponsored by Leadership Alumni, call a few old classmates and see if they will meet you there.

This year, our goal is to bring inactive alumni members back into the fold and retain the members we have today. Networking, education, camaraderie and support of our Scholarship Foundation are four pillars of Leadership Alumni. The Board decided last year we needed a retention committee and we kicked off the idea with an Alumni Picnic. We were pleased to see a great turn out – over 95 people attended, which told us Alumni is an important association for many. Maybe it is time everyone re-connects. Times are challenging for the masses and reuniting with your class might just help someone out, facilitate a new client or just create some plain fun with folks you got to know very well during your year in Martin County Leadership. Where can you find 350 + individuals in a town as small as ours that have 9 months in common with you? No ice breakers needed there!

Lisa Teetor

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Thank You...

Class 18 !

