

LEADERlines



May/June 2009

MARTIN COUNTY

LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start off my last LEADERlines President's message with some acknowledgements. I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your President for the past year. I would also like to thank the board members that I have recently served with for committing their time and efforts to our organization, as their involvement made my job a lot easier.

Our next luncheon will be on June 12th, 2009 at Manero's in Palm City, during which we will be electing our new board and presenting our scholarship to the most recent recipient. The following day, Saturday, June 13th, we will be holding our annual picnic at Flagler Park in downtown Stuart. By now you should have received an email or two and a postcard with all of the details on the picnic. If you cannot join us on Friday for lunch, I hope you will be able to join us for the picnic.

Believe it or not, this 2009 - 2010 Leadership class will be Class 20, marking 20 years of the LEADERSHIP Martin County Program. Steve Graff, our incoming President, has some ideas on how to celebrate this momentous occasion. I am looking forward to working with this incoming board on coming up with ways to commemorate two decades of the program. I hope you will involve yourself, as well.



~ Jon Milton

June Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Friday June 12 ... at ... Manero's (Palm City)

12 Noon (Board meeting at 11:00 am)

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

PROGRAM ~ This is the 'Annual Meeting' so join us as we

- ◆ Recognize this year's Martin Youth Leadership Scholarship recipient
 - ◆ Recognize outgoing Board Members
- ◆ Congratulate this year's LEADERSHIP Graduating Class Members
 - ◆ Elect new Officers and Board Members



Can't attend but still want to vote? If your dues are paid, you can vote by written proxy. Give it to a member who is attending or send your proxy via email to info@leadershipmcalumni.com.

RSVP by Tuesday, June 9 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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The LEADERSHIP Martin County Youth Scholarship was presented to Maria Valdez, a graduating Senior from Martin County High School at the 2009 Martin County High School Scholarship night. Jon Milton, President, LEADERSHIP Martin County presented the award. Maria has been an outstanding student as well a community volunteer. Maria wrote that her most positive contribution to MCHS has been her involvement in extracurricular activities. Maria has volunteered with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Habitat for Humanity, Keep Martin Beautiful and Martin Memorial Hospital. Maria is also a member of Tigerettes, Key Club and Health Occupation Students of America. Maria's goal is to study to become a Nurse Practitioner so that she can help those in need. Please join us to congratulate Maria at the LEADERSHIP luncheon on June 12.



LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni Slate for 2009-2010 Board of Directors

As announced by Mark Mathes, chair of the nominating committee, the following is the slate for officers and directors for the 2009 - 2010 Board of Directors to be voted on at the June 12 annual meeting at Manero's in Palm City.

OFFICERS

President-elect: Steve Graff (no election required per ByLaws)

Vice President (President-elect): Mike Ewing

Treasurer: Greg Nuttall

Recording Secretary: Cindy LaConte

Corresponding Secretary: Bonnie Tadross

NEW DIRECTORS for a 2 year term: (To be elected at Annual Meeting)

Sheila Kurtz	2011
Linda Weiksnar	2011
Dana Pistole	2011
Blake Capps	2011
Esther Brito	2011

NEW DIRECTORS for a 1 year term: (To be elected at Annual Meeting)

Janice Norman	2010
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DIRECTORS completing a 2 year term: (No election required)

Jayne Uteschill	2010
Lisa Marshall	2010
BJ Moffat	2010
Cindy Pingolt	2010

PLEASE NOTE:

All members in good standing (dues paid) may vote in person or by written proxy. To vote by proxy, give your written and signed proxy to a member attending the meeting or send your proxy via email to info@leadershipmcalumni.com.

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.



ClassNotes

Arts Council Chairman Jeanette Mueller (Class 10) and Arts Council ED Nancy Turrell (Class 4), are proud to announce the continued renovations scheduled for Summer 2009 at the Court House Cultural Center to include new lighting and upgrades to the entryway. The Spring EcoArt Treasure Coast project launched with a successful symposium and exhibition at the Cultural Center. One initiative from that gallery show has moved to the lobby of the County Administration Building, so be sure to see the mangrove reclamation project as it continues. EcoArt will also be added to the County's Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 16 - Arts & Culture Element, with support from Arts Council Board Member and Growth Management Director, Nicki Van Vonno (Class 14).

Our very own Shaun Plymale (Class 15) graduated from Leadership Florida, Class XXVIII on May 15, 2009. Congratulations, Shaun!



Who among us hasn't heard that Darren "Here comes da judge" Steele (Class Extreme Eleven) was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to fill the vacant Martin County judgeship? Class 11 will always think of him as ours! Hearty congratulations from all, Darren!

HPS, Helping People Succeed is recruiting board members for both our operating and fund raising boards of directors. Helping People Succeed is a comprehensive 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing programs and services in 12 counties. The populations we serve are people who have disabilities, mental health issues and behavioral concerns. The responsibilities of the operating board are to develop and review policy/procedure and budgets, monitor the quality of service and be ambassadors to the community. The responsibilities of the fund raising (foundation) board are to perpetuate the organization through long and short term planning, review and monitor policy/procedure, assist with the development, enhancement and funding for the organization's programs, solicit and accept gifts/donations and serves and acts as the funding raising/development and community awareness arm. Suzy Hutcheson (Class 1) asks that you contact her at 772-320-0777 or e-mail shutcheson@hpsfl.org for further information and to meet with a current member of one of the Helping People Succeed boards.



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Once again a Leadership Grad Steps Up. Joe Negron (Class 4) will seek the State Senate District 28 seat, recently vacated by 19yr veteran legislator Ken Pruitt. The primary had been set for June 30 and the General on Aug 4. This election will focus on jobs and the economy so Joe's prior experience in the House from 2000 to 2006 should serve us well. As appropriations chair he fought for a rainy day fund, and led the charge for repeal of the intangibles tax. Joe knows when government needs to help and when they should stay out of our business. Leadership Martin County Alumni is proud to have Joe willing to serve.

Vistage Florida has appointed Tim Kinane (Class 1) to lead a new Vistage CEO peer group on the Treasure Coast. Vistage is an invitation-only group open to successful CEOs and presidents. Vistage utilizes peer review and educational opportunities to increase effectiveness and enhance the lives of business leaders and their organizations. Eligibility is determined by company size, competitor/vendor relationships, and the specific wants and needs of the group and company. Tim has more than 30 years of business experience ranging from publicly traded electronic manufacturers to a start up commercial printing operation not to mention his very unique LEADERSHIP background. His expertise in operations, strategic planning and marketing led him to establish Real World Group, Inc. in 2000. He is currently in the process of hand-picking charter members to fill this group of area business leaders. The charter members will be made up of presidents and CEOs from top companies throughout the Treasure Coast. For more information about the Vistage organization, please contact Tim Kinane at timk@kinane.com.

Bonnie Tadross (Class 11) has joined CASTLE as Development Associate for Martin County. A big part of her job will be to increase awareness of CASTLE's mission and services in Martin County. CASTLE has been providing services to prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthening families in Martin St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties since 1981. Also involved with CASTLE as Foundation Board Treasurer is Shaun Plymale (Class 15). Bonnie and Shaun would like to invite you to attend a Stomp Out Child Abuse One Hour Tour to learn about CASTLE's vision and services at the CASTLE office at 3824 SE Dixie Hwy in Country Club Plaza. The tour is from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 11 *and* at 12 noon - 1 pm (lunch provided) on Thursday, August 13. Contact Bonnie at (772) 781-4510 or btadross@exchangecastle.org for more information or to sign up to attend. We hope you'll join us!



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The College for Financial Planning®, located in Denver, is pleased to announce that Susan McVeigh (Class 14) of Palm City, Florida, has successfully completed the CHARTERED RETIREMENT PLANNING COUNSELORSM or CRPC® Professional Designation Program. Individuals who complete the program, pass a final exam, and sign a code of ethics and disclosure form can earn the right to use the CRPC® mark. Susan is a Financial Advisor at Smith Barney in Stuart, Florida. Additionally, she is licensed by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and serves on the Board of Directors for several organizations, including Stuart-Sunrise Rotary Club, the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce, the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, and Caring Children, Clothing Children. McVeigh is also an active volunteer for the Martin County Library System, a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City and a member of the Financial Planning Association (FPA). Congratulations from all of us, Sue!



Class 10 Stacy Ranieri's The Firefly Group is buzzing with good news! Her public relations, marketing and community outreach firm was recently presented with four (4) ADDY awards from the Advertising Federation of the Treasure Coast and eight (8) Image Awards from the Florida Public Relations Association. Stacy Ranieri was also honored in April by Soroptimist International of Stuart as their 2009 Woman of Distinction in the business professional category. The Firefly Group is also glowing with pride for Sparkstarter Kendall Clifford who recently graduated from Leadership Class 19, making her the first person to complete both the Youth LEADERSHIP and LEADERSHIP Martin County programs.

Stacy, Kendall and the other "fireflies" don't have much time to revel over their accolades, as they are busy planning other events and activities, including the upcoming Gathering of the Goddesses to Benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County. Stacy is Co-Chair of the event, to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Willoughby Golf Club. Keep Martin Beautiful, one of Firefly's clients, also recently finished up an extremely successful Great American Cleanup Extreme Martin Makeover and wants everyone to Save the Date for Keep Martin Beautiful's International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

And best of all, Stacy and Kendall are working with Nancy "Mom" Sailer to increase awareness about one of her favorite non-profit organizations – Pink Tie Friends. Pink Tie Friends provides support to breast cancer patients and is busy at work on their 2010 Calendar and annual luncheon scheduled for August 15th.



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From Rep. Will Snyder (Class 7):

Fellow Alumni,

The 2009 Legislative Session was focused first and foremost on facing the challenges posed by unprecedented deficit of \$6 billion and an uncertain economic outlook. You may know that Florida's Constitution requires a balanced budget and, unlike the U.S. Congress, we cannot spend money that we do not have. We were forced to make difficult choices and set spending priorities with our state's limited dollars.

I'm pleased to share with you that first and foremost, we met our constitutional responsibility of passing a responsibly balanced budget. We did this just like Florida's families and small businesses handle their finances – by deciding to stop spending more than we can afford and making tough decisions that would be in the long-term best interest of our state's financial future.

Just like Florida's families and small businesses, our limited state dollars forced us to prioritize spending and focus on what was most important. For me, this meant focusing on the core missions of government – keeping our families safe, providing our children with the opportunity for a world-class education and providing critical health care for the most vulnerable among us.

This year was especially challenging because of the federal stimulus package. Just like every other state in the country, Florida chose to accept the federal stimulus funds. In spending the federal dollars, we had to be mindful of the strings that came attached with those dollars from Washington and the fact that starting next year those dollars begin to disappear. The federal stimulus funds were not an easy answer to the financial challenges facing Florida. We had to plan for the long-term while also trying to solve our immediate budget problems of today. This is a challenge in the business world, and it's a challenge in the political world as well.

I am proud to tell you that we took a responsible approach in our use of federal stimulus dollars as well as with new revenues. Unlike other states, here in Florida we did not use those dollars to grow the size of government or fund recurring program costs in future years. And we did not radically expand our tax system in a way that would discourage economic recovery and job creation. Our responsible decisions today should save Floridians billions of dollars over the next few years and place Florida in the best position possible for economic growth once the economy recovers.

Thank you again for the honor of representing you in the Florida Legislature.

Warmly,

William

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Congratulations to LEADERShip Martin County Class 19 Graduates

Front row left to right, Kendall Clifford, Darla Miloszewski, Charry Thacker, Bob Watts, Pierre Uteschill, Jamie Chapogas, Debi Kuiper, Esther Brito and Carla Brown Lucas.

Second row Mark Corson, Kelly Johnson, Bill Pecci, John O'Brien, Lisa Rhodes, Kelly Bond Pelletier, Susan Roark, Marian Schlow, Barbara Michael. Third row Scott Eckler, Ken Baker, Patty Oslager, Geoff Domergue, Joshua Harris, Raul Ocampo, Ryan Strom, Bob Kilbride, Danny Strauss, Jon Campion and Brad Love. Not shown Linda Morman.

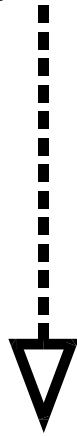
Class 19 Graduates!

Joe Catrambone with Mom Sailer, LEADERShip Program Director. As President of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce, Joe was honored at the Class 19 Graduation as Founder of the LEADERShip Program he established in 1989.

Congratulations to both of them for the success of this program for the past 20 years."



Don't forget the Picnic!
RSVP now....



LEADERShip Alumni Family Picnic
Flagler Park in Downtown Stuart
June 13, 2009 Noon - 4pm

Alumni DJ

Games

BOC (chairs) and BOCB

Food, Soda, Water and Ice Tea to be provided

Bounce house for the kids

\$5.00 per person

Children under 3 free

Cookout provided by
Mrs. Peter's Catering

RSVP by June 8, 2009

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