

SUMMER 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever had one of those days? I think you all know what I am talking about where you should have just stayed in bed. Well, sometimes I think my whole week has gone that way. As leaders, we trudge forward; we brainstorm new approaches to the problems that confront us. We do get out of bed, and no matter how hard it may seem, we do achieve our goals.

I currently find myself in one of those spells. Each day, I persevere and know that I am working my way to other end. I may not come out unscathed, but indeed I will come through.

LEADERShip Alumni is also approaching the end of another term for your Board Members. We have worked hard, individually and collectively, and accomplished much. There are always those tasks though that seem to take twice as long and four times as much effort than anticipated. That hasn't stopped your Board we have persevered.

As we begin to plan for a new Board, there will be many opportunities to become involved. I hope you'll step forward. I have enjoyed my time as President and volunteering on the many events and programs of LEADERShip Alumni. I know we are all busy with our careers and many family and volunteer activities, but try to make room for LEADERShip Alumni.

In the meantime, I hope to see you all at one of our coming events especially the April 11 luncheon. I will look forward to seeing you there.

~Mark Mathes



A Word from Mom:

We Need Your Recommendations!

Class 19 applications are available and we are looking for some future leaders. If you would like to recommend someone please email or FAX "Mom" their NAME and BUSINESS. Make sure they know about the commitment and benefits of our program. Contact Nancy Sailer at jancy11@aol.com or fax 772-220-3437 (Chamber of Commerce fax).

CHARACTER COUNTS!

invites you to
Nominate YOUR Outstanding Employee
for the
2008 Employee Pillar of Character Award!

Employers and Employees - Do you have an employee or colleague in your organization that consistently represents one or more of the Six Pillars of Character?

**Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility,
Fairness, Caring or Citizenship**

If so, simply write, fax or e-mail a brief one page narrative describing how the employee demonstrates one or more of these qualities. Please include a contact name and phone number. The six winning employees will be highlighted in the media and recognized at their workplace with a prize-filled basket in May.

E-mail your entries to: hlaiben@unitedwaymartincounty.org

Fax to: (772) 220-7771 – Attn: Holly Laiben

Mail to: CHARACTER COUNTS!

P.O. Box 362, Stuart, FL 34995

Questions? Please call Holly Laiben at 283-4800 ext 234

Submission deadline is Friday, April 11, 2008

Prizes sponsored by David Golden, Attorney at Law



Martin Youth LEADERship

CLASS 11 FINDS A DIVERSE ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE IN WESTERN MARTIN COUNTY

The fourth session of Martin Youth LEADERship Class 11 introduced the 37 members to Martin County's Cultural Diversity and Economic structure. In December, local sophomores and juniors visited Hope Rural School to learn about economic challenges and life choices facing many who call Martin County home. In addition, they toured Bay State Milling flour plant and heard from Indiantown business leaders about the important role Indiantown businesses play in our community's tax structure.

Following a lunch of international foods they participated in a stimulating session of budgets, financial planning and life choice affirmations. Martin Youth LEADERship is an exciting, education program designed for sophomores and juniors from local high schools to learn about the diversity and complexities of our community, while developing their leadership skills. This is accomplished through participation in a nine-month, structured, experiential program that meets one day each month.



Spencer Knicely and Rylee Pirson learn about all aspects of Bay State Milling, including the dress code!

CLASS 11 Experiences Environmental Issues



Amanda Bowers (right) and Monica Meyer (left) learn the difference between a Crocodile and an Alligator from Education Director, Tim, Brown, of the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center.

The fifth session of Martin Youth LEADERship Class 11 introduced the 37 members to environmental issues affecting Martin County. In January, local sophomores and juniors experienced a variety of local environmental issues including a wildlife presentation by the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center; a tour of DuPuis Park and lectures from knowledgeable speakers concerning energy and water quality. The students ranked the wildlife presentation as the most enjoyable presentation and they identified the topic of local water quality as the most important issue of the day. Martin Youth LEADERship is an exciting, education program designed for sophomores and juniors from local high schools to learn about the diversity and complexities of our community, while developing their leadership skills. This is accomplished through participation in a nine-month, structured, experiential program that meets one day each month.

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

“TEE IT UP” FOR CHARACTER!

6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting CHARACTER COUNTS! in Martin County

Monarch Country Club, Palm City
Thursday, April 24, 2008 ♦ 1 p.m. shotgun start
4-person scramble ♦ \$125 per player *

** \$65 of your registration fee is considered a tax-deductible charitable donation*

Includes:

- ♦ Dinner buffet
- ♦ Goody bags
- ♦ Awards

PLUS, every player receives:

- ♦ A 2008 Enjoyment Book
- ♦ A complimentary return round of golf at Monarch Country Club

*Box lunches are available
for purchase day of tournament*



Registration forms
and sponsorship information
are available online at
www.charactercounts.net
or by contacting Holly Laiben
at (772)283-4800, ext. 234
hlaiben@unitedwaymartincounty.org

\$10,000 SHOOT-OUT PUTTING CONTEST!

\$20 gives you three
attempts to qualify
for the \$10,000 Shoot-Out
Putting Contest

Sponsored by



Shoot-Out Putting Contest
begins at noon

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES on every par-3 hole, including:

**A 2008 Toyota Prius and other prizes courtesy of Toyota of Stuart!
Resort package courtesy of Monarch Country Club!**

LIVE AUCTION: Bid on great items, including foursome packages at
**Jupiter Hills Club! McArthur Golf Club! Jupiter Ritz-Carlton Golf Club!
Frenchman's Creek Country Club! and The Tesoro Club!**

RAFFLE: Buy three raffle tickets for \$20 and receive
**a free Mulligan AND a chance to win
an array of fabulous items!**

Corporate Sponsor



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CHARACTER COUNTS! is a program
of United Way of Martin County



LEADERS on the Move in the News....

VIRGINIA LANE HILL (CLASS 8 IS GREAT)

President of Interior Solutions, Inc., is proud to announce the opening of three projects designed by the firm:

- The Law Offices of Frank DiGiacomo
- Seacoast National on Gatlin Boulevard in Pt. St. Lucie, which is the first of a new standards program put together by Interior Solutions, and
- A 9,000 square foot premier medical facility for Palm Beach Gardens Dermatology.

The firm was recently awarded contracts to design the new offices for Proctor Construction in Vero Beach, Trinity Christian Academy's new high school and gymnasium in Lake Worth, the Sebastian Medical Building for P & S Properties, and a \$3.5 million corporate retreat in Miami's Trump Towers for an international financial firm.

LINDA GEARY (CLASS ONE RED)

Linda will be leading "Camp Tuckahoe" presented at The Children's Museum this summer. The full day, fun and enriching, tribal "survivor" camp will explore the life & times of Treasure Coast Indians. Planned activities include educational programs, visiting Mount Elizabeth, team building & cooperation, digging for sharks teeth & bones, creating pottery, t-shirts and mouse pads using the camper's own artwork and even a family night cookout and overview of the week. Several age appropriate sessions will be offered for children 6-12. More information is available by calling Renee Booth, (Class 16 Yellow) at The Children's Museum, 772-225-7575.

Besides being a graduate of the 1st LEADERShip Martin County class, Linda holds the position of 2nd Vice President of SEFAS, the Southeast Florida Archaeology Society. She holds a degree in Photography and Anthropology and is currently continuing her education in Museum Studies in Gainesville.

SUSAN ELDRED (SELECT 16 – THE BEST)

Vice President Credit Administrator, Integrity Bank, recently earned the prestigious RMA Credit Risk Certified (RMA-CRC) designation from The Risk Management Association (RMA). Credit risk professionals with at least three years of experience who passed a five-hour, 126-question computer-based exam received the certification. The CRC is the only industry-wide certification available to credit risk professionals, including lenders, credit analysts, credit officers, and credit risk managers. Congratulations to Susan on a job well done!

JON MILTON (CLASS 14), owner and president of Milton Engineering Consultants, P.A., is currently a candidate for Martin County Sheriff. A 25 year resident of Martin County and a graduate of South Fork High School (Class of 1985), Jon attended Indian River Academy and obtained certification as an Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer after graduating from University of Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1991. As a Certified Law Enforcement Professional, Jon started volunteering as a Reserve Deputy with the Martin County Sheriff's Office, where he worked as a Reserve Deputy for 13½ years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. Jon currently is a Reserve Officer with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). To learn more about Jon's campaign, visit www.miltonengineering.com.

Where Are They Now?

A Focus on Current Alumni

CATCHING UP WITH STACY RANIERI (CLASS 10)

Stacy Ranieri will once again Co-Chair the "Gathering of Goddesses," a fabulous fundraiser to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County. On Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 6:00pm – 11:00pm, women of all ages and backgrounds will come together for an extraordinary evening of dinner, drinks, dancing and a delightful array of pampering and salon services at Willoughby Golf Club in Stuart. From manicures to mini massages, shopping, palm reading and belly dancing, the "Gathering of Goddesses" will be a night filled with fun, laughter and the camaraderie of women throughout the Treasure Coast. Stacy wanted to extend a special invitation to all female Leadership Alumni. She and co-chair Melissa Meeker are also looking for additional committee members.

Stacy's firm, The Firefly Group, has earned its Women & Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE) certification by the state of Florida. The WMBE designation enhances her firm's partnership opportunities for consultant teams to fulfill a minority component requirement while pursuing requests for proposals and qualifications.

Last but not least, Stacy is the new President of Sustainable Treasure Coast, Inc. the non profit spin-off of Senator Pruitt's Committee for a Sustainable Treasure Coast.

CONGRATULATIONS!

JOSH FOLDS (CLASS FAB 15) and his wife Deanna are expecting their third child in October. Baby joins siblings Tyler (age 6) and Damon (age 2). Josh was recently promoted to Vice President of Human Resources for Bank Atlantic and is responsible for hiring all sales positions in the back. WAY TO GO JOSH!

FROM JODY CLIFFORD (CLASS 11)...WOW! What a privilege to be profiled in LEADERlines! The best news is that after more than 25 years in Martin County, I'm still going strong and enjoying every day in our fabulous community! Professionally, I'm just beginning my fifth year with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, where I serve as Director of Development. It's such a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with an organization that has such a tremendously positive impact on our community's youth. It's also great fun to work with many members of our incredible LEADERship Alumni along the way! On the personal front, Chris & I are thrilled to have our daughter, Kendall (an alumni of Youth LEADERship), return home after graduating from college to work for yet another member of our LEADERship gang...Stacy Ranieri and The Firefly Group! Our son, Austin, is currently a junior at the University of Alabama, so life is great!

We're Live and Online



Here's What's on the Website

Home Page - Welcome

About

- About Us
- Our Board
- Previous Presidents
- News & Events
- Photo Gallery

Programs

- Youth Leadership
- LEADERSHIP Foundation
- Scholarships
- LEADERSHIP Martin County

LEADERSHIP Graduates

Member Login

(login = the email & password you used when you registered for the electronic directory)

- Edit My Information
- Member News & Events
- Membership Directory
- Member ByLaws
- LEADERlines

Contact

At last! Our website is up and running at www.leadershipmcalumni.com. We hope you've checked it out by now! If not, see the box accompanying this article to see how much we've managed to include.

When you go to the site, the only thing you won't be able to see is the Member Login section - that is unless you have actually registered for in the electronic Membership Directory! Right now, only about 65 members have done so. Therefore, our directory is very incomplete. Just so you know, *We Ain't Too Proud To Beg* you to take a few minutes to register. It's really easy and you can update your information anytime you want to online.

To register, all you have to do is go to:

http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/membership_directory_add.asp

Complete the form (making note of the email address and password you entered as that will be your login), browse to your photo (headshot only) file (150 w x 200 h pixels) which must be a jpg, and click Done at the bottom of the form. Your submission will be reviewed and activated no later than the following day. You will then be able to login and see the directory, LEADERlines, etc.

The only catch is you must be a member in good standing to appear in the directory. This means your dues must be paid. If you need the address to mail your dues or want to know who to contact, see the "Contact" page on the website.

Please remember, we will no longer print a directory (other than the Alumni Business Directory which is being revised right now) but you will be able to print individual pages from the electronic directory or print the directory as an Excel spreadsheet.

All address changes, email changes, etc. should be sent to Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Tadross at btadross@yahoo.com while directory changes will be available year round on the website.

We'll be adding news & events and photos all the time so even if you can't attend an event, you'll be able to get all your news online.

The website was a project of the Long Range Planning committee - Bonnie Tadross, Sharon Kinane, Cindy LaConte, Jon Milton and Craig Robinson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEADERSHIP Alumni Luncheon Meeting

April 11 at 12:00pm at FINZ

Featuring Leon Abood with an Update on the River
\$20, R.S.V.P. to Janice Norman at Lifestyle Realty Group,
772-781-9126 (office) or 772-485-9505 (cell)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kiwanis Club of Stuart is now accepting sponsors for their Third Annual Florida Football Roast. Last year's very successful event featured speakers in support of the University of Florida, University of Miami, Florida State and Florida Atlantic University. Frank Brogan led the jabs for FAU and Drew Pittman returned them for Florida State! The event is held each year in August at Martin Downs Country Club in Palm City and includes dinner, a silent auction and lots of laughs. The evening is directed by Master of Ceremonies, Lou Bensen, CEO of Treasure Coast Hospice. Proceeds from the event benefit various Kiwanis Children's Projects in Martin County including Kiwanis Park, Learning For Life swimming programs for underprivileged children, the K-Kids, Builders and Key Clubs of Martin County and Baby Steps programs for Helping People Succeed. Planning is under way under the direction of the Kiwanis Clubs' Special Teams Unit including past leadership alumni Greg Nuttal, Suzy Hutcheson, Virginia Hill, Jocelyn Lane, and Dave Derrenbacher. Please contact any of us about sponsorships.

Editor's Note: Visit the LEADERShip Alumni website for contact information! <http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/>

Join us for Class 18 Graduation

**You are invited to celebrate future alumni graduates at The Yacht & Country Club
Thursday, May 1, 2008**

Reception 6:00 p.m. • Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$33.00 per person Choice of Prime Rib or Mahi Mahi

RSVP to Nancy Sailer 772-287-6692 or jancy11@aol.com by April 28th

ATTENTION! You are on "THE LIST"

This year, your LEADERShip Board of Directors formed a new committee based on alumni recommendations. One of the clear messages in our recent survey is that each of us wants to have more opportunities to reconnect with people in our individual classes...you know, the people with whom you did "hard time."

The Membership & Retention Committee is committed to:

- updating and maintaining our files with the most current contact information
- organizing our individual classes by recruiting representatives from each class, and
- better informing our members on upcoming events and activities.

**E-mail us today and we will check our files to make sure your contact information is updated.
Steve Graff - sgraff@ci.stuart.fl.us • Lisa Teetor - lisat@arrowcom.com**

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Our website: <http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com>

✓ Mark Your Calendars Now! ✓

April 11, 2008 - Luncheon Meeting

June 13, 2008 - Luncheon Meeting and Board Elections

Board meeting dates:

April 11, 2008, 11 a.m. (Preceding Lunch)

May 9, 2008, 8 a.m. (Chamber Office)

June 13, 2008, 11 a.m. (Preceding Lunch)

LEADERLINES

MARTIN COUNTY

"Kathleen Lenk is a Research Fellow in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota..."

To RSVP and for questions contact:

Donna M. Hosang,
772-219-1200 extension 30476 or
hosangd@martin.k12.fl.us



WHAT:

TOWN HALL MEETING

"Environmental Factors Contributing to Underage Alcohol Use"

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

**LOCATION: WOLF HIGH TECHNOLOGY CENTER
IRCC CHASTAIN CAMPUS, 2400 SE SALERNO ROAD,
STUART, FLORIDA 34997**

WHO IS INVITED:

**COMMUNITY LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AGENCY PERSONNEL,
SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MARTIN COUNTY**

Refreshments will be served!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - KATHLEEN M. LENK, MPH

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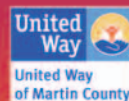
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Program has been approved for
3 Continuing Education Units for
Nursing, LCSW, LMFT, LMHC,
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