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LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, this election cycle is over and the country will be inaugurating a new president in January. I hope everyone took the time to educate themselves and vote in this past election. I can honestly say I am looking forward to getting away from all of the political commercials and getting back to everyday commercials for car insurance and pharmaceuticals.

Representatives of Class 19 are hard at work putting together the annual fundraiser. This year's theme is "Champagne on Ice" and will be held on January 29, 2008 at East Ocean Bistro. Please take the time to "save this date" on your calendar. Look for your classmates to be selling reverse raffle tickets and sponsorships in the next couple of months. Remember, all the money raised during this event goes directly to scholarships for selected Youth Leadership graduates.

On December 12th, we will be having our annual holiday gathering at Manero's in Palm City. This is a time for all Leadership Martin County Alumni to get together and reminisce over the happenings of the past year. It is also a time to get on Santa's good side (he will be there in person) by donating an unwrapped gift that Leadership will then donate to a local charity. I will also make sure that a laptop with an internet connection is available for those stubborn alumni who have not taken the time to enter their profile in the directory.

If I don't get a chance to see you in person or speak you on the phone before the end of the year, I wish each of you a safe holiday season and hopes for a happy and prosperous new year.

~Jon Milton



DECEMBER 12TH LUNCHEON

12:00 noon at Manero's in Palm City

(Board meeting at 10:45 am)

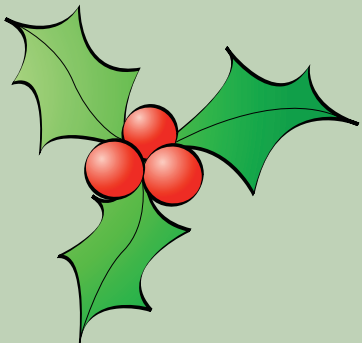
Please bring an unwrapped gift for White Dove

We will have 6 auction items made by the children from Big Brothers Big Sisters and BBBS will receive all the money raised for this great organization.

Santa will visit and his elves will deliver holiday fun.

RSVP to Lisa Marshall at lisa.marshall@nationalcity.com or 812-0101

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LEADERShip Class 19 shared lunch with the Martin County School Board, Principals and students at the Tiger's Den prepared by students of the MCHS Academy of Culinary Arts. Shown are Lorie Shekailo, School Board Member (13), Dr. Sara Wilcox (2), Superintendent of Schools and Laurie Gaylord (14), School Board Member. This was Dr. Wilcox's last Education Day with our LEADERShip program as she is retiring.

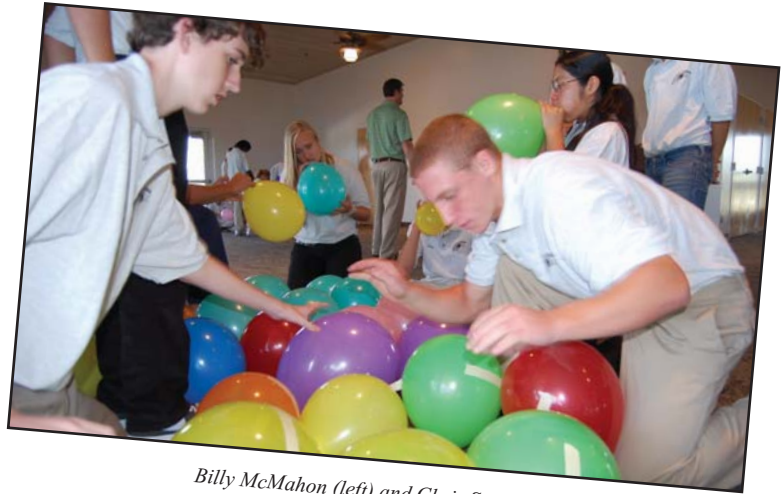
Alumni Leaders installed at Chamber's Annual Gala

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce held it's installation of 2008-2009 Board of Directors, October 4th at Mariner Sands. Michael Houston (class 7) as Chairman, Melissa Corbett (class 12) Vice President, Elliot Paul (class 6) Past Chairman, Directors: Michael Dadko (class 12) Rick Hartman (class 15) Robin Hicks-Connors (class 11) Peter Kemp (class 13) John O'Brien (class 19) Shaun Plymale (class 15) Kevin Powers (class 15) Stacy Ranieri (class 10) Tom Vokoun (class 7) John Yardley (class 10) Dan Hudson (class 12) Lorie Shekailo (class 13). LEADERShip Alumni John Yardley was also awarded the Business Person of the Year.

Martin Youth LEADERSHIP Sharpen Their Skills



Students from left to right: Tyler Tougas, Chris Stott, Billy McMahon, Tiffany Kuhlers, Marissa Volk and Mallory Gillespie.



Billy McMahon (left) and Chris Stott (right)

Leadership can be learned. That was the message presented to the thirty-six members of Martin Youth LEADERSHIP Class 12 who gathered on September 16th for "Leadership Day" at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach.

After their welcome to the scenic Frances Langford Dockside Pavilion, the students participated in an icebreaker that allowed them to exercise their public speaking skills and learn something about each other. The participants then completed an exercise that identified their individual leadership styles. They discussed the strengths and limitations of each interpersonal approach.

Facilitators from Gulf Stream Council Learning for Life engaged the class in a series of experiential challenges designed to allow participants to improve skills such as communications, goal setting, planning and teambuilding. These challenges, called initiative games, provided the group with active, inclusive and fun opportunities to see the results that come from exercising or failing to exercise appropriate leadership. With unusual names like Poison Peanut Butter Pit and Radioactive Isotopes, the games allowed participants to learn without realizing it.

Blindfolded students attempting to assemble the Giant Jigsaw Puzzle learned the importance of sharing a vision with project stakeholders. The Minefield gave participants a chance to appreciate the value of trust effective communications as they guided blindfolded team members around styrofoam "mines." Planning, delegating and managing time were critical to achieving

success in the Balloon Castles exercise as groups tried to construct the tallest freestanding structure using only party balloons and masking tape. The day finished off with a new twist on an old game. Team Rock, Paper, Scissors illustrated teamwork as participants found that by supporting lower performing groups, everyone can win.

Leadership Day gave Martin County's future leaders insight into the skills necessary for success. More importantly, many left hungry to learn more about developing their own abilities as leaders.

SAVE THE DATE

LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni Foundation For Youth
2008 - 2009 Fundraiser

Champagne on Ice

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009
PLACE: EAST OCEAN BISTRO
TIME: 6 TO 9 PM
COST: \$40 PER PERSON

★ REVERSE DRAWING ★
WIN \$2,500
GRAND PRIZE

Only 100 tickets will be sold. Get yours while they last!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

\$1,000 Ruinart Sponsor receives 2 complimentary tickets, 1 reverse raffle ticket (\$2,500 prize), and introduction during the evening, included in the advertising campaign for the event, name included in a special advertisement on the Stuart Chamber of Commerce website, name in LEADERlines newsletter, and name in evening program

\$500 Tattinger Sponsor receives 2 complimentary tickets, introduction during the evening, included in the advertising campaign for the event, name in LEADERlines newsletter, and name in evening program.

\$250 Moet Chandon Sponsor receives 1 complimentary ticket, introduction during the evening, included in the advertising campaign for the event, name in LEADERlines newsletter, and name in evening program.

\$100 Veuve Cliquot Sponsor receives introduction during the evening, included in ad in the local paper, name in LEADERlines newsletter, and name in evening program.

All Checks should be made payable to LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth (LMCAFFY). Questions regarding sponsorships should be directed to Lisa Graff by e-mail at lag2057@hotmail.com or phone 772-834-9350; cash donations should be directed to Judy Perkins at judyperkins@csmengineers.com; and reverse drawing tickets should be directed to Ritchie Martiniuk at rmartiniuk@plastridge.com.



Class Notes

Maria Wells (Class 14) of Lifestyle Realty Group was named 2008 Realtor of the Year recognizing her continued contribution to the Association, the real estate profession, fellow members, and the community at large. Maria's tremendous scope of work includes involvement on local, state, and national levels. She is the District III Vice President for the Florida Association of Realtors providing support and guidance for seven associations within five counties, holds many state committee positions, is the Vice President of the Realtor Association of St. Lucie and was the 2005 President of the Realtor Association of Martin County. Maria brings great passion to work and strives to create excellence around her, and her hard work and dedication to her profession are an inspiration to many.

Janice Norman (Class 14) announced that Soroptimist International of Stuart is looking for leaders to participate in mock interviews to prepare for the Pathfinder awards that are awarded to High School Seniors. The interviews will be held in Feb. and will require several hours of your time. For more information, email kvaina@comcast.net.

Mat Churchey (Class 18) extends his thanks to the Martin County Leadership classes for committing to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County branch boards that work to make a difference in the lives of our community's children. As an alumnus Mat is honored to be working with fellow members from the Class "Elite" 18, including Barbra Rockwell, Lisa Graff and Richie Martiniuk, Palm City board; Angie Metcalf, Hobe Sound board; and Forrest Yingling, Indiantown branch board, and Holly Laiben, Port Salerno Board. Capt. Lloyd Jones, (Class 9) continues to provide leadership on the Indiantown branch board. The trained youth development professionals at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County are thankful and appreciative of the alumni of Martin County Leadership who help keep kids on a safe, healthy path. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please feel free to call me at (772) 545-1255.

Francine Beckstead (Class 9) is a long time acting, directing, toilet cleaning, volunteer and Board Member at The Barn Theatre and wants to make sure that everyone (especially those that have also 'performed' on The Barn stage!) knows about the Barn Holiday Show. The Barn will be presenting "A Christmas Carol" from Thurs. Dec. 11th through Sat. Dec. 13th at 8:00pm, and Sun. Dec 14th at 2:00pm. This is the traditional story of Scrooge, with the untraditional addition of selected music & lyrics. Tickets are available through the box office, 287-4884, for \$15.00. Treat your family to the magic of live theatre for the Holidays, in an intimate and family friendly setting.

Edward Morley (Class 10) is proud to announce that the Stuart Police Department received its re-accreditation from the Commission for Florida Accreditation. Three assessors from across the state reviewed 254 different standards. After being in compliance with all applicable standards the agency received its certificate which is valid for 3 years.



Chaplain L. C. Campbell (Class 13) recently received from St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara a special award for his years of service to the Treasure Coast, including the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office as a friend and consultant to the Chaplaincy Department. The certificate stated, "in grateful acknowledgment of your commitment and compassion to assist those in need."

Nancy Turrell (Class 4) is proud to announce that Jeanette Mueller (Class 10) is the new Chairman of the Arts Council Board of Directors. Joining Jeanette on the executive committee is Donna Linton (Class 12). Jeanette is also co-chairing, with local artist Lisa Young, the annual Art is Everywhere Tour to be held on December 13, 2008 as the Council prepares for a great 2009 Season featuring upgraded gallery space to accommodate new, exciting exhibitions to the Court House Cultural Center. Plans for 2009 include Terry Thommes: A Life in Art (local sculptor passed away in 2007) which will include outdoor sculpture and works in progress, and an Eco-Art Show which will showcase an emerging art form that brings together art and the environment. For more information, visit martinarts.org or call Nancy.



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Ava Pennington (Class 12) will be the featured speaker for the Women With Purpose Luncheon at The Grace Place on Thursday, November 13 from 11:45 - 1:00. Her topic is "Time Management: If It's My Time, Why Can't I Find It?" Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from The Grace Place Community Church. Ava has also authored two more stories in two Chicken Soup for the Soul books: Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Middle School, coming out in November and Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Resolutions, due out in December. That makes stories in a total of 10 Chicken Soup for the Soul books in 3 years!

Just a reminder, Martin County Health and Human Services, located next to the Martin County Courthouse (in the former Public Defender's Office Building), provides pre-employment and drug free workplace drug testing services as well as drug testing education seminars to comply with Drug Free Workplace requirements for small businesses. Reasonable rates. Please contact **Dr. Anita Cocoves** (Class 15) at 419-6932 for more information, thanks!

Stacy Ranieri (Class 10) founder of the The Firefly Group is coordinating Keep Martin Beautiful's Environmental Stewardship Awards Ceremony to be held on January 29 at Stuart Yacht and Country Club. For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to nominate your business (nominations due Nov. 21) visit www.keepmartinbeautiful.org. Stacy was recently featured as an inspirational mom, or MomSpiration, on treasurecoastmoms.com. The profile highlighted her luminous career and her balance of work and family life.

Kendall Clifford (Class 19) is part of Stacy's Ranieri's Firefly team and is the first person to ever participate in both Youth Leadership and the Leadership Martin County program.

Janice Norman (Class 14) of Lifestyle Realty Group received the 2008 Community Service Award for her considerable work with local and national organizations such as Hibiscus Children's Center and the Children's Home Society. And, we might add, on LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni's Board of Directors. Congratulations, Janice!

Michael Dadko (Class 12) of the Stuart office of UBS Financial Services has achieved the company's wealth advisor designation, a title granted only to those who have undergone a rigorous accreditation program consisting of in-depth training on a range of financial topics. Mike, a vice president of investments at UBS, has been with the firm for 10 years. Way to go!

Suzanne Granfield (Class 7) has joined Seacoast National Bank as Senior Mortgage Loan Officer. With over 23 years experience in the financial services industry, she has established in-depth experience in loan processing, closing and underwriting, as well as expertise in acquisition and development, construction, quality control and compliance. Suzanne's been an active member for over 15 years with the Realtor Association of Martin County, Women's Council of Realtors (national and local affiliates), Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce, Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers and National Association of Mortgage Brokers; and an active member of Palm City Chamber of Commerce and LEADERSHIP Martin County Alumni. "Seacoast welcomes Suzanne to our staff of experienced mortgage lending professionals," commented Tom Wilkinson, Treasure Coast President of Seacoast National Bank. "Her expertise in mortgage lending coupled with her understanding of the local market will provide Seacoast's clients with the professionalism and service that they have come to expect from their local community bank."



Richard T. Creech, PE, PSM, (Class 2) was honored at an awards dinner by the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at Carnegie Mellon University as the recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Service Award for 2008. Creech has made sustained contributions to the engineering profession over the past 10 years at CMU by serving on the Civil Engineering Advisory Council, the CIT Dean's Leadership Council, currently serving as president of CMU Alumni Association Board, and as a member of the board of trustees. Richard is the president of Creech Engineers, Inc., specializing in large commercial, industrial, residential and subdivision development, stormwater development projects, as well as surveying, mapping and geodetic services.

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18th Annual
Art is Everywhere Tour
presented by
The Arts Council

December 13, 2008
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*featuring beautiful area homes and artists' studios
champagne reception at Harbour Bay Plaza
Artisan Market*

*Tickets available at
The Arts Council, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart
and other locations*

*\$25 (members) \$30 (non members)
For more information call 287-6676
or visit our website: martinarts.org*

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Martin County by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Sandra Smith, Director of Finance for **Marsha Ewing** (Class 8), Clerk of Courts as the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

Sue Kinane (Class 11), CEO of Kinane Corporation Commercial Printing, was nominated by the Historical Society of Martin County for National Philanthropy award in the category of Small Business. The nominating organization must validate their nominee by obtaining letters of recommendation from all segments of the community that have been associated with Sue Kinane and Kinane Corporation Commercial Printing. The package is then sent out of the County where the judges are not personally associated with or know the nominees. The Association of Fund Raising Professionals held their annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon at The Tesoro Club on Thursday November 13th where Sue won this category. CONGRATS SUE!

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.



WEBSITE NEWS

Congratulations to the 232 members who entered their profiles into the electronic directory on our website. That is almost 78% of our membership. Of course, we're hoping to achieve 100% sometime soon. You can help by either supplying email addresses of phone numbers where indicated in the list below or by just encouraging your friends (or spouses) on the list to add their profiles now. The link to do so is: http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/membership_directory_add.asp.

We did a recent update to the website which included adding Class 18 to the List of Graduates and updating the Board and Contact Us pages. In case you didn't know it, LEADERlines (current and back issues) are posted in the Members Login section. We're going to try to start adding photos from luncheons and Martin Youth Leadership (MYL) monthly session, too. The MYL information is posted under the public news and photo gallery tabs, while the luncheon and other information is available in the Member section of the site.

Lastly, we want to remind you that you should take a minute to update your profile when something has changed – like your employer, etc. Especially, we need you to update your email address if/when it changes!

Anyone who needs information can contact Bonnie Tadross @ info@leadershipmcalumni.com or at 221-1592.

Leaders NOT in the directory: * = Need email or phone contact

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Sister Teresa Auad
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Jennifer Ferrari
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