

*“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”*

**The LCC Update**

January 2009

**The Bus Has Not Left the Station (Yet):**

There's still time to register for a trip to Olympia and meet with our state government representatives! Chat with Secretary of State Sam Reed, Attorney General Rob McKenna, State Auditor Brian Sonntag, a member of the Washington State Supreme Court and most local legislators from the 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Districts. Former state senator Dean Sutherland and Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey are trip moderators. The chartered bus leaves Vancouver at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and will return early evening. Tickets are \$50 per person and include breakfast and lunch, compliments of New Phoenix Casino. Contact Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) to register.

**Alumni Fun:**

Please keep LCC on your radar and plan to attend the following events!

January—Olympia trip on January 28<sup>th</sup>

February—an educational-themed mixer on either Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

March—a social mixer on either Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

April—a social mixer on either Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

May—an educational-themed mixer, date TBD.

June—Graduation on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Locations, times and educational subjects will be provided closer to event dates. Stay tuned for more information!

**LCC Seeks Graduation Chair:**

Do you like to plan parties? We want to talk with you! A volunteer is needed to oversee Graduation for the Class of 2009, scheduled for Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are now humming 'Pomp and Circumstance' and are interested in chairing this momentous event, please contact Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com).

**LCC Bids 'Farewell' to Board Member:**

We say goodbye to Nancy Simmons—and we thank her for all of her contributions during her tenure. ☺

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Clark County Mentoring Round Table, a coalition with 18 different mentoring programs that train and support mentors for at-risk and disadvantaged youth in our community, is seeking men who are interested in giving presentations to help recruit more male

mentors. Presentations will be made at men's groups, clubs and other organizations; also, civic leaders interested in starting mentoring programs specific to their community or cultural group are always needed. Visit [www.clarkcountymentoring.com](http://www.clarkcountymentoring.com), [skallenbach@wamentors.org](mailto:skallenbach@wamentors.org) or call 891-8382 for more information.

- Do you want to volunteer but you're not sure where to start? Try these links to find your niche: [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org), [www.volunteerwashington.org](http://www.volunteerwashington.org) or [www.seniorcorps.com](http://www.seniorcorps.com).

### **Community Events:**

- The Forum at the Library presents 'Manmade Global Warming and the Washington Climate Action Team: The Science, Controversy, Benefits and Cost' on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Clark Public Utilities Community Room.

### **Nominations Being Sought:**

The Marshall Youth Leadership Award Selection Committee is seeking nominations for the George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award, which will be presented to an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>-grade Clark County student who 'demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, serves as a role model, shows initiative and motivates others to become involved' (this sounds like a future LCC candidate!). To qualify, nominees must be Clark County residents and must be enrolled in high school (or home schooled) at the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade level. The award will be presented in March 2009. For more information, please visit [www.historicreserve.org](http://www.historicreserve.org) or call 360-992-1804. The submission deadline is Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

### **Do You Want to Spread Your Word in *The Update*?**

We want to make sure others hear your news! Please forward information about yourselves, fellow graduates, board or volunteer opportunities and community events in a brief, publishable form to Kathy at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of any month. Providing your news by our deadline will help us to include it in the following *Update*.

### **People in the News:**

- The Board of County Commissioners appointed Tony Johnson (Class of 2000 and previous LCC Board member and Chair) to serve a three-year term with the Clark County Developmental Disabilities Board. The Johnson family also welcomed a new puppy.
- Dana Greyson (Class of 2007) is joining the board of the Vancouver Food Co-op. Dana also reports that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the SW Washington Conflict Resolution Resource Guide will be released soon.
- Stacey Sellers (Class of 2008) saw an upgrade of Washougal's general obligation bond rating, which the mayor exclaimed as 'a great accomplishment for our city.'
- Vancouver Rotary Foundation's (numerous LCC alums, sponsors, supporters) 'Festival of Trees' not only displayed beautiful trees—but 17 local non-profit organizations were also able to promote and further their mission. Visit [www.festivaloftrees.net](http://www.festivaloftrees.net) or call 750-0409 for more information.

**LCC Calendar:**

- The Social Services session will be held Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at the YWCA. A big thank you to sponsors Davidson Insurance, LSW Architects Inc., Realvest Corporation and YWCA Clark County. Also, a note of appreciation to our session captains: Sherri Bennett, Dominique Merriweather, Sharon Pesut and Karmel Shields.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**And Now, Some Words to Ponder:**

"If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity."  
—John F. Kennedy