

“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”

The LCC Update

February 2009

Want to Help Improve the Economy?

The LCC Board, alumni, current class members and sponsors are invited to attend ‘Critical Thinking for Our 21st Century Economy,’ presented by Julie Jenson, MBA and Washington State University Adjunct Business Professor. Techniques will be explored for those who want to collectively, purposefully steer the development of their community’s economy in a positive, healthy direction beyond traditional business methodology. Our event will be held Wednesday, February 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at ESD 112, 2500 NE 65th Avenue (for directions, visit www.esd112.org/about/contact.cfm). A light dinner and social time is planned from 6:00 to 6:30 and the presentation will run from 6:30 to 7:30. The cost is \$10; please RSVP to Kathy Scott by **February 13th** at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com. For catering purposes, please send your check to:

Leadership Clark County
400 E Evergreen Blvd Suite 113
Vancouver WA 98660
We hope to see you there!

LCC Seeks Your Help to Fill the Class of 2010:

Calling all Alumni! You are our best source for new candidates, so please talk to your friends, send the names of your nominees and their contact information to Kathy at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com and encourage them to complete their applications now! Those interested may obtain LCC’s program information, the 2009-2010 calendar and an application at www.leadershipclarkcounty.com.

LCC Bids ‘Farewell’ to Board Member:

We say goodbye to Tom Hunt—and we thank him for all of his contributions during his tenure.
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Volunteer Opportunities:

- Affordable Community Environments (ACE), a Clark County non-profit organization that develops, owns and operates affordable rental housing for low income and special needs residents in our community, is seeking persons to serve on its board. Board members meet monthly and various committee members meet monthly or quarterly; depending on focus; specific areas of interest include persons with public relations/events expertise, real estate finance, fundraising/donor development or services to low income residents. Contact Leah Greenwood at Leah@ACECommunities.org or call 597-0088 for more information.

- Dream Big Community Center is seeking board members who have an interest and passion for programs and services designed for the betterment of young adolescents. Members are expected to be active, engaged and involved by providing direction and resources for Dream Big programs. Contact nathan.webster@dreambigcc.org for more details.
- Do you want to volunteer but you're not sure where to start? Try these links to find your niche: www.volunteermatch.org, www.volunteerwashington.org or www.seniorcorps.com.

Community Events:

- Does this winter weather already have you thinking about spring cleaning? Consider taking your gently-used treasures to Divine Consign, 904 Main Street. Visit www.divineconsignfurniture.org to learn more about how the sales of these goods benefit our community.
- Mount St. Helens Institute is offering free snowshoeing trips in February and March, ranging from moderate to difficult and covering four to seven miles round-trip. Space is limited and a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Call 449-7883 to make a reservation; visit www.mshinstitute.org for more information.
- Do you know what hiring managers are looking for in resumes and cover letters, or what they hope to gain from interviews with potential staff? How about job search sites, effective networking techniques, government jobs, self employment options or family health care? These topics will be covered at the Job Seekers Conference, to be held Tuesday, February 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Water Resource Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way. Call 909-6048 or contact Ralph Stevens (Class of 2004) at www.creatingleadersllc.com for more information.
- The WSU Vancouver Chancellor's Seminar Series begins on Friday, February 13th from 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. and will explore 'Gut Feelings: How the Gut Tries to Tell the Brain to Stop.' Other seminars will be held in March ('Coastal Nutrient Over-Enrichment: A Pressing 21st Century Problem') and April ('Moving Beyond a Shareholder Focus: Using Corporate Social Responsibility to Create Long-Term Competitive Advantage'). Ticket prices for each are \$25 per person or \$65 for the entire series if purchased prior to February 6th; prices include lunch and event parking. Visit www.vancouverusa.com or call 694-2588 for more information and to purchase tickets.
- The Fruit Valley Foundation is hosting 'An Evening Together' on Friday, February 27th at Pearson Air Museum, beginning at 7 p.m. Attendees will enjoy 'fabulous desserts,' local band Three Together (with Grammy-winning guitarist Doug Smith), Jackie McGreevey with her band JEM, and wine for tasting and/or purchase from Lange Winery. Tickets are \$20 each and 'advanced purchase is appreciated.' All proceeds will benefit programs for Fruit Valley children and families; visit www.fruitvalley.org for additional details.

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 11th or 12th-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 11th or 12th grade level. The award will be presented in March 2009. For more information, please visit www.historicreserve.org or call 360-992-1804. The submission deadline is Friday, February 13th at 5 p.m.

Help Is On the Way:

Got conflict and looking for help or inspiration? The newly updated Second Edition of the SW Washington ‘Conflict Resolution Guide’ is now available upon request. The 32-page booklet is loaded with practical tips, articles and a directory of conflict resolution professionals, including ‘15 Ways to Get Along with Anyone,’ ‘Conflict Options,’ ‘Choosing a Mediator,’ ‘Want to Make Your Workplace Better?’ and more. If you’d like a copy, contact Kathy Scott at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com or Dana Greyson (Class of 2007) at 448-8833. The guide is a project jointly sponsored by Community Mediation Services (CMS), Clark County Association of Mediators (CCAM) and Washington Mediation Association. It will later be posted on the CMS website (www.CityofVancouver.us/mediation) and the CCAM website (www.ClarkCountyMediators.com).

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 by the 20th of any month. Providing your news by our deadline will help us to include it in the following *Update*.

People in the News:

- Tim Leavitt (Class of 2000) is running for Mayor of Vancouver.
- Nelson Holmberg (Class of 2008) intends to run for a board of director position for Vancouver Public Schools.

LCC Calendar:

- The Diversity and Leadership two-day session will be held Friday, February 6th and Saturday, February 7th at Hewlett Packard. A big thank you to sponsors West Coast Bank, Hewlett Packard, Rekah Strong, Kory Murphy, Clark County; and Starbucks; also, a note of appreciation to session captains Leann Johnson, Kathy Scott and Paul Speer.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3rd.
- ‘Critical Thinking for Our 21st Century Economy’ is on Wednesday, February 18th.

And Now, Some Words to Ponder:

"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson