

“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”

The LCC Update

March 2008

LCC Seeks Your Help To Fill The Class of 2009:

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 2008-2009 calendar and an application at www.leadershipclarkcounty.com.

"The greatest challenge for any leadership program in the long run is recruiting new participants, year after year. To successfully meet that challenge, a leadership program's alumni must remain active by seeking out and encouraging applicants to the program. There's no better way for those alumni to give back to the program that gave them so much."

--Attorney General Rob McKenna at the January Olympia trip

A We-Couldn't-Do-It-Without-You Message:

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Clark County and Artino's Bakery and Cafe for also sponsoring the February diversity session, and a HUGE thank you to Rekah Strong and Kory Murphy for volunteering their time to facilitate.

LCC Looks to Put its Best Face Forward:

Do you have a flair for creativity or an eye for design? We would greatly appreciate your expertise to help us revive the current LCC brochure. Please contact Kathy at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com if you are interested.

LCC Hosts Another Successful Adventure in Olympia:

Almost 35 LCC alumni and current class members took a chartered bus trip to Olympia in January, which included a meeting in the Governor's private conference room and with a representative from the Auditor's office, as well as local lobbyists. The day began by having breakfast with County Commissioner Steve Stuart and Former Legislator John McKibbin. From there, attendees enjoyed private meetings with Secretary of State Sam Reed, Attorney General Rob McKenna, and Justice Susan Owens of the Washington State Supreme Court (along with a tour of the chambers and her personal office). They also had lunch with 9 of 12 local legislators. To complete the package, Former State Senator Dean Sutherland and Jim Jacks provided a fascinating behind-the-scenes perspective of how Olympia works.

Thanks to bus emcee Jim Jacks, Governor Gregoire's SW Washington staffer, current LCC Board member and Class of 2002 alum. Special thanks to trip organizer Troy Van Dinter, LaCenter City Councilman, current LCC board member and Class of 2003 alum.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Do you want to volunteer but you're not sure where to start? Try these links to find your niche: www.volunteermatch.org or www.volunteerwashington.org.

Community Events:

- Clark County Historical Museum welcomes historian Diane Allen, who will discuss 'Abigail Scott Duniway & the NW Suffrage Movement' on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.cchmuseum.org or call 993-5679 for details or more information.
- Community Mediation Services will accept applications through March 7th for its Volunteer Mediation Practicum Program, which includes a 40-hour Basic Mediation Training course and intensive year-long mentored training. Admission is competitive and decisions are made on an ongoing basis through March 14th. Applicants who live or work in Clark County, individuals with cross-cultural experience and bilingual individuals are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/mediation>.
- Operation Fairy Godmother, a program for the Vancouver School District Foundation, ensures every girl has a chance to attend her high school prom by working with Clark County high schools and local businesses and accepting donations of new and used formal dresses and accessories. Monetary donations are also accepted and all donations are tax-deductible. Visit www.vsdfoundation.org for more information about this year's event.
- Learn more about the Native American culture at a Pow-Wow hosted by the Native American Education Program Title VII. Festivities begin at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8th at Covington Middle School, 11200 NE Rosewood Road. Admission and parking are free. Call 604-4000 ext. 1261 for more information.
- The public is invited to an open house at Vida's Ark on Saturday, March 15th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. As mentioned in the November 2007 *Update*, the newly-renovated house will serve homeless teen mothers and their children. Visit www.vidasark.org or call Julie Hanke at 904-4979 for more information.
- The Clark County Historical Museum will commemorate Women's History Month with a Tea & Luncheon on Monday, March 17th at 11:00 a.m. The featured speaker is Ann Vileisis; tickets are \$35 and seating is limited. Prepayment is required. Call 993-5679 for reservations.
- A YWCA Clark County half-day workshop aimed to eliminate individual, group and institutional racism will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18th. Registration is \$30 and the deadline is Tuesday, March 4th. Five scholarships are also available; applicants should explain why they want to attend the workshop in 50 words or less. Call Judy Kinsey at 906-9103 for more information.

Nominations Being Sought:

Do you know an outstanding Clark County citizen 'who has demonstrated volunteer leadership, community service and meritorious service both in the community and regionally?' Recognize

his or her contributions by submitting a nomination for the First Citizen Award at www.cfsww.org/page21706.cfm.

Alumni, Where Art Thou?

How has LCC helped you to pave your path to leadership? We would love to highlight your experience in future *Update* editions! Please contact Kathy Scott at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com and provide the following feedback: 1) What were your goals when you decided to participate in the LCC program? 2) How have you used your news skills and LCC education? 3) Have you entered into any leadership roles? Thank you in advance for sharing!

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 the current month. Providing your news by our deadline will help us to include it in the following *Update*.

People in the News:

- Karen Ciocia (Class of 1994) has been elected chair of the Columbia Non-Profit Housing board of directors.
- Kristina Aitchison (Class of 2002 and current Board member) has been hired as the new Executive Director for Evergreen Habitat for Humanity.
- Tanisha Harris (Class of 2004) recently left the Evergreen School District after nine years of service.
- Kathy Kneip (Class of 2007) is a new member of the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council board of directors.
- Anne McEnery-Ogle (Class of 2008) was recently elected to the Clark County Historical Society board of directors.
- Diane Toland (Class of 2008) is the new Senior Advisor at Lake Shore Athletic Club.

LCC Calendar:

- The Justice session will be held Saturday, March 15th at Clark County Public Services Building. A big thank you to sponsors Comcast and Clark County. Also, a sincere note of appreciation to session captains Dustin Klinger, Lisa Lowe and Kelly Walsh.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4th.

And Now, Some Words to Ponder:

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” --John Quincy Adams