

“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”

The LCC Update

March 2009

LCC Seeks Your Help to Fill the Class of 2010:

Calling all alums! 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.

Please Join Us for a Social Mixer:

Calling all alums! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 5th to meet your LCC friends at Big Al's (Sports Bar), 16615 SE 18th Street in Vancouver, starting at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

LCC Hosts Another Successful Adventure in Olympia:

Approximately 35 current LCC class members, alumni and Board members enjoyed LCC's annual trip to Olympia in January. The day began by having breakfast with County Commissioner Steve Stuart and Former Legislator John McKibbin, compliments of The New Phoenix Casino. The group then toured the Capitol Building with behind-the-scenes access and stories, provided by Clark PUD Governmental Affairs Director and former State Senator and Representative Dean Sutherland. They also met with several state officials, including State Auditor Brian Sonntag, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen and Washington Supreme Court Justice Jim Johnson. Legislators from throughout Southwest Washington shared a box lunch with the LCC group, giving a brief update on the issues they are currently working on as well as answering questions.

Special thanks to trip organizer Troy Van Dinter, LaCenter City Councilman, current LCC board member and Class of 2003 alum.

LCC Participants Examine Social Business Model:

Julie Jensen, MBA, Hewlett Packard and Washington State University Adjunct Business Professor, welcomed 30+ persons at the alumni event on February 18th—ranging from the first LCC class to the most recent! After mingling and snacking on Baja Fresh, attendees explored the micro-credit system of Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. If you weren't able to join us, learn how Yunus challenged conventional banking wisdom by focusing on women borrowers, waiving the requirement for collateral and extending loans to the very poor in his book, 'Banker to the Poor.'

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Affordable Community Environments (ACE) is still seeking board members. As you may recall, ACE is a Clark County non-profit organization that develops, owns and operates affordable rental housing for low income and special needs residents in our community—ACE also provides assistance for youth programs. Val Ogden has personally asked LCC folks to step forward. Contact Leah Greenwood at Leah@ACECommunities.org or call 597-0088 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, www.volunteerwashington.org or www.seniorcorps.com.

Community Events:

- 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.
- Speaking of Operation Fairy Godmother, the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce invites you to a 'NO' Business After Hours 'to celebrate community and prom night' on Thursday, March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Westfield Vancouver (former Mervyn's space). The cost for members is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door; the cost for non-members is \$20 in advance and \$25, respectively. Call 694-2588 or [click here](#) to RSVP.

People Helping People:

- Did you know that over 4,000 Southwest Washington residents don't have health insurance, yet their income level disqualifies them from receiving subsidized health care? Consider supporting the Columbia River Mental Health Services Foundation, a separate non-profit organization dedicated to using its funds to support the work of Columbia River Mental Health Services. Visit foundation@crmhs.org, call 993-3051 or go to <http://www.crmhs.org/foundation.html> for more information.

Nominations Being Sought:

Do you know an outstanding Clark County citizen 'who models exemplary citizenship through their actions and service to the community?' Recognize his or her contributions by submitting a nomination for the First Citizen Award at www.cfsww.org/events/firstcitizenaward/index.html.

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:

- Kristin Atkinson (Class of 1996) and her husband just opened their own chocolate truffle-making business, 'Cocoa Velvet.' (www.cocoavelvet.us.)
- Dave and Kate Cusack (Class of 2008) will be moving to Washington D.C. in April as Dave is now a Special Assistant to the President. (How awesome is this? Way to go Dave!—ALC)
- Jason Joner (Class of 2008) and wife Jessica are proud to announce the arrival of 8 month old Jalene Joner from Ethiopia.
- Jeff Taylor (Class of 2009) accepted a Vice President/Commercial Banking Officer position with Pacific Continental Bank.

LCC Calendar:

- The Justice session will be held Saturday, March 14th at Clark County Public Services Building. A big thank you to sponsors Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, TwinStar Credit Union and Clark County. Also, a sincere note of appreciation to session captains Phil Haberthur, Maija Mercer, Dominique Merriweather and Kelly Walsh.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3rd.
- Alumni mixer on Thursday, March 5th at Big Al's.

And Now, Some Words to Ponder:

"Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

—Harry Truman