

*“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”*

**The LCC Update**

April 2008

**Please Send Your Nominations for the Class of 2009!**

Ah, the days of LCC. Remember the nervous excitement you felt when you attended Orientation and met your fellow classmates for the first time? And how that led to strong ties and ongoing friendships by Graduation, after hours of thoughtful dialogue inspired by fascinating session topics? Or how about that collective sigh of relief when you and your team finished the project, and how you felt like you wanted (and could) change the world? Who else do you know would benefit from the LCC experience? Send the names of your nominees and their contact information to Kathy at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com). Please encourage them to complete their applications now, because they are due on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>! All of LCC's program information, the 2008-2009 calendar and an application may be obtained at [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://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

**Inquiring Minds Want to Know:**

The Class of 2008 Government team is studying civic participation in Clark County and hopes to obtain as much data as possible via Survey Monkey. Responses will be collected through April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please take a few minutes to assist your fellow LCC participants by visiting [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=U2qFt\\_2fGP3F\\_2bax\\_2fcl6klHAA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=U2qFt_2fGP3F_2bax_2fcl6klHAA_3d_3d).

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Volunteer orientation and training for the 4-H Restorative Community Service Garden will be held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at CASEE Class Room 202, 11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Brush Prairie. Training time can be counted toward Master Garden continuing education as well as Watershed Steward volunteer hours. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Contact Jodee Nickel at [jodee.nickel@clark.wa.gov](mailto:jodee.nickel@clark.wa.gov) or 397-6060 ext. 7708 for more information.
- Individuals are being sought to serve on the Clark County Food System Council, 'where access to healthy food is a priority and planning for a sustainable food system is a routine part of community discussions.' Persons need to work or live in Clark County and have expertise in some area related to the community food system. Meetings will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Kristine Perry at 567-1089 or at [kristinep@vancouverusa.com](mailto:kristinep@vancouverusa.com) for an application, due April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The YWCA will host a volunteer training on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the agency's Community Room, 3609 Main Street. The 'Introduction to Volunteer

Service' is free and no reservation is needed; anyone interested to learn how volunteers contribute to the YWCA is invited to attend. Contact Al Flory at 696-0167 or [www.ywcaclarkcounty.org](http://www.ywcaclarkcounty.org) 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) or [www.volunteerwashington.org](http://www.volunteerwashington.org).

### **Community Events:**

- Presenter Dinesh D'Souza will explore "The Crisis at Home and Abroad: Is Religion the Problem?" for the 2008 WSU-Vancouver Annual Public Affairs Lecture Series on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 plus a service charge; visit [www.vancouver.wsu.edu/dsouza](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/dsouza) for more information.
- The Naturally Beautiful Backyards Program of Clark County is offering a free, public Spring Lecture Series during Saturdays in April, beginning April 12<sup>th</sup>. A variety of natural gardening techniques intended for urban use will be covered at multiple locations. Contact Kendra Pearce at 891-1992 or [kendra.pearce@columbiasprings.org](mailto:kendra.pearce@columbiasprings.org) for more information.
- Students from Mt. View High School are hosting a "Peace Jam Slam" one-day conference on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen High School, which will focus on erasing racism. The cost is \$35 per person; students are also seeking individuals, businesses and organizations who would like to help fund the event. Contact Leilani Russell at 604-1001 ext. 8878 for more information.
- One lucky finalist will receive \$25,000 from the Case Foundation's "Make it Your Own Awards Program," a new grants program that challenges persons to 'connect, innovate and activate their communities.' The foundation has chosen the Community Conversations Project as one of its top 20 projects from a nationwide pool of nearly 5,000 applicants. Support Vancouver/Clark County high school students and vote at [miyo.casefoundation.org/community-conversations](http://miyo.casefoundation.org/community-conversations). Polls close on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- "Our Times," Denny Heck's one-man show about state politics, will be performed at Columbia River High School on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$35 per person. All proceeds will be donated to the Vancouver School Foundation's Principal's Checkbook Program.
- Get ready to party like a rock star at the YWCA fundraiser on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hilton. The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.; tickets are \$75 per person and tables for 10 may also be purchased. Go to [www.ywcaclarkcounty.org/](http://www.ywcaclarkcounty.org/) for more information.
- The Cities of Ridgefield, Battle Ground, La Center and the Port of Ridgefield are hosting the 2008 Business Opportunity Expo on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Exhibition Hall A at the Clark County Fairgrounds Event Center. The focus will be on business development in north Clark County and the keynote presentation will be given by Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. If you have a business to showcase, are interested in starting or re-locating a business in the area or are interested in learning more about north Clark County, contact Dena Horton at 694-2300, [dhorton@normandeau.com](mailto:dhorton@normandeau.com) or register for the event at [www.2008bizoppexpo.com](http://www.2008bizoppexpo.com).

### **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](http://www.cfsww.org/page21706.cfm).

### **Applications Being Sought:**

Local applications are being accepted for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary World Peace Fellowships. Ambassadorial Scholarships valued up to \$24,000 are available to students who have completed two years of college and may be applied at more than 160 countries. Rotary World Peace Fellowships are available at the post-graduate level for study in one of seven leading universities. The programs are sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Clark County and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Susanne Cox at 737-0442 for more information.

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

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

- Jada Rupley (Class of 1995 and former LCC Board member) was recently honored with the Children’s Caring Heart Award, presented by Innovative Services NW.
- Dustin Klinger (Class of 2007) was made partner at Miller Nash.
- Darcy Reed (Class of 2007) is currently serving on the board of Arc of Clark County.
- Phillip Haberthur (Class of 2008) has been selected to fill a Battle Ground City Council position.
- Kelly Nolen (Class of 2008) has joined the YWCA board of directors.
- Stacey Sellers (Class of 2008) was recently discussed in *The Columbian*.

### **LCC Calendar:**

- The Education session will be held Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at ESD 112. A big thank you to sponsors iQ Credit Union, BERGER/ABAM Engineers, Nutter Corporation and ESD 112. Also, a sincere note of appreciation to session captains VaNessa Duplessie, Mick Hoffman, Doreen McKercher and Troy Thomas.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

“A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.” --Henrik Ibsen