

*“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”*

## **The LCC Update**

May 2009

### **Recruitment Continues for the Class of 2010:**

Mayday, Mayday! Your help is needed for LCC’s continued vitality! With current economic challenges and in light of last minute withdrawals of several 2009 class members, LCC will continue to accept nominations for the Class of 2010 so we can proceed with a full class—even if circumstances change for accepted class members this summer. In times of uncertainty, good leadership is more important than ever and we want to fulfill our mission of developing effective leaders to serve the community. We have found that personal contact from graduates is often the key to ensuring an application actually finds its way to our office, so please take the time to call those you know and encourage them to apply now. Send the names of your nominees and their contact information to Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com). All of LCC’s program information, the 2009-2010 calendar and an application may be obtained at [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com).

### **Online Networking: It’s Not Just for Kids**

Are you networking online? Have you experienced the power of being connected to hundreds of people online who can help you answer questions, locate experts and find information on any subject? LCC welcomes Kathy Condon on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at ESD112, 2500 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue (for directions, visit [www.esd112.org/about/contact.cfm](http://www.esd112.org/about/contact.cfm)). Ms. Condon, an executive coach and published author whose most recent book is titled, ‘It Doesn't Hurt to Ask: It's All About Communication,’ will discuss various online tools and share examples that demonstrate the value of online networking to business persons in private, public and non-profit sectors. Light snacks and social time is planned from 6:00 to 6:30, the presentation will run from 6:30 to 7:30 and an optional Q & A will be available until 8:00. RSVP with Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com).

Speaking of online connections...please join the Leadership Clark County Facebook group! Search for Leadership Clark County, find our logo and send a request to join. LCC Facebook is in addition to the LCC LinkedIn group and has some great photos – check out Doug Sessions (Class of 1994) and Ron Gompertz (Class of 2009)!

### **Mark Your Calendars for the Class of 2009 Graduation:**

The LCC Graduation Committee is busy planning a great (free!) evening to celebrate the Class of 2009. Graduation will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Washington State University, followed by a catered reception. Mark Matthias will be the keynote speaker. Your invitation will be coming soon, so please be sure to save the date!

## **Alumni Scholarship Challenge, from One Alum to Another:**

We all know talented leaders-to-be in Clark County who have been affected by the recession - some of us have experienced the impact of the economy first hand. But leaders look for opportunity, and there is a line of fine folks who want to join the LCC class of 2010 to take advantage of investing in themselves and in our community's future, but who find the tuition a real obstacle this year.

**This is a critical time** for LCC alumni to help sponsor those who may need some financial assistance but have currency to burn by way of brain power, leadership qualities and willingness to actively improve our community. If each LCC graduate donates \$25, we could raise nearly \$10,000 for LCC scholarships! The waiting list is long for folks who want to enroll but do not have the means to do so.

Three alumni have stepped up to pledge \$100 each. Lisa Lowe (2003), Todd Coleman (2005), and I (Katy Brooks 2009) challenge your class to beat, bait, or match these pledges. **Let's invest in our future leaders and in our community!**

Please send your pledges to Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) or through the LCC website at <http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com/donate.shtml>. We will track pledges by class and share the results of the campaign. Class with the most donations may get bragging rights to best class ever? **DEADLINE TO PLEDGE IS FRIDAY, MAY 8 at 5:00 P.M.**

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to Clark County! Katy Brooks, [kbrooks@portvanusa.com](mailto:kbrooks@portvanusa.com).

## **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](http://www.volunteermatch.org), [www.volunteerwashington.org](http://www.volunteerwashington.org) or [www.seniorcorps.com](http://www.seniorcorps.com).

## **Community Events:**

- Affordable Community Environments (ACE), a non-profit 'taking on' the Bethea Park Apartments remodel project in Washougal, is hosting a fundraiser on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Dress is 'construction site' attire and refreshments include hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, beer and wine. Visit [www.acecommunities.org](http://www.acecommunities.org) or call 597-0088 to purchase tickets.
- Join the Portland/Vancouver region's emerging and established business leaders at an 'Emerge' reception on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at the Gerding Theatre, 128 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland. Cost is \$10 plus several cans of food to support the Oregon Food Bank/Oregon Business Hunger Initiative. [Click here](#) to register.
- The Clark County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC) meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the Longshore (ILWU) Hall at 1205 Ingalls Street, downtown Vancouver.

- The Clark County Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) is offering sessions for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon (Introduction to EOC) and 1 to 3 p.m. (Agency Representation). Both classes will be held at CRESA, 710 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Vancouver; pre-requisites/additional requirements apply. Email your registration to [cindy.stanley@clark.wa.gov](mailto:cindy.stanley@clark.wa.gov).
- Be a 'Buddy for a Day' at the Lunch Buddy Year-end Celebration on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 to 1:00 p.m. at Fisher Quarry, off Highway 14 at 192<sup>nd</sup> and Brady Road. One adult is needed to supervise two children; both children and buddies will rotate together through activities. Contact Barbara Nordstrom at [Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org](mailto:Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org) or call 313-4725 to sign up (and dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes).
- Mt. St. Helens Institute presents 'It's a Blast: Volcano Science in Your Backyard!' with Bill Nye the Science Guy on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 per person for events from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or \$35 for the entire day, plus a special presentation by Bill Nye and a silent auction. Visit [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org) for more information or to purchase tickets.
- Benefitting the Parks Foundation, Dozer Day will be held Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at CEMEX-Fisher Quarry, off Highway 14 at the 192<sup>nd</sup> Street exit. Visit [www.nutterfoundation.org](http://www.nutterfoundation.org) for more information.
- Clark County Historical Museum is offering free admission to honor its 45<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. You can also enjoy birthday cake and 'Carnegie Caramel and M&M(useum)' ice cream from 1-4 p.m.
- Clark County Historical Museum invites you to a BBQ dinner & auction on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75 (\$65 for CCHS members) for the 21 or older event. 'Dress is casual; denim and boots are expected.' Call 993-5679 for ticket information.
- A wine tasting will be held Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10507 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Place, Vancouver beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and all proceeds benefit Vida's Ark, a home for teen mothers and their children. Cost is \$25 per person; visit [angie@vidasark.org](mailto:angie@vidasark.org) or call 695-3681 to RSVP.
- Senator Craig Pridemore (Class of 1996) will emcee the Jefferson Jackson Dinner & Auction on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the Event Center at Clark County Fairgrounds. Keynote is Governor Howard Dean. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, entertainment and parking. Tickets are expected to go fast; contact [chair@bluedonkeys.com](mailto:chair@bluedonkeys.com) or send check to CCDCC, PO Box 179, Vancouver WA, 98666.

### **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:**

- Dave Kammeyer (Class of 1995) and his wheelchair rugby team, 'The Portland Pounders,' played well (and lost by just one point) at the National Tournament in

Louisville, KY—despite several players battling food poisoning the night before the game!

- Tony Johnson (Class of 2000) recently joined Davidson Insurance as a commercial insurance agent.
- Joey Fuerstenberg (Class of 2002) has been elected Vice President of the Monument Builders of North America.
- Bart Hansen (Class of 2007) is running for Vancouver City Council Position #1.
- Stacey Sellers (Class of 2008) has been appointed to the Affordable Community Environments board of directors.
- Temple Lentz (Class of 2009) will serve as campaign manager for Tim Leavitt's (Class of 2000) mayoral campaign.
- Pamela Weatherspoon (Class of 2009) will receive Multnomah County's HILLTOP Award for outstanding service to low-income individuals and families living in Multnomah County. (HILLTOP stands for Heroes Inspiring Leadership, Learning, Teamwork, Opportunity and Pride—ALC)
- Thanks to partnerships formed by the LCC Class of 2009 Environment Team, 31 grocery stores promoted the 'Got Bag?' campaign, urging shoppers to use reusable bags.

### **LCC Calendar:**

- The Economic Development, Globalization & Growth session will be held Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Port of Vancouver. A big thank you to sponsors Cascade Dental, Comcast, MacKay and Sposito Inc. and Port of Vancouver USA. Also, a sincere note of appreciation to session captains Michelle Alan, Debby Bennett, Nelson Holmberg, Kathleen O'Neill and Paul Speer.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 'Online Networking: It's Not Just for Kids' is on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

"Leadership is the ability to establish standards and manage a creative climate where people are self-motivated toward the mastery of long term constructive goals, in a participatory environment of mutual respect, compatible with personal values."

—Mike Vance