

“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”

The LCC Update

July 2007 Special Edition—The Year In Review

Big Bash at WSU-V Celebrates 2007 LCC Graduates:

Approximately 180 persons celebrated the Class of 2007 graduates at Washington State University-Vancouver on June 9th with food, music, wine, and great company. Keynote speaker Lt. Governor Brad Owen challenged this next group of leaders to stay involved with their community and to consider one cause close to his heart—childhood obesity. Class member John Bockmier both inspired and entertained his classmates and the audience as he outlined his experience with LCC. Jo England of sponsor New Phoenix Casino praised LCC and the impact it has in the community. The LCC Board recognized the fantastic service of departing Board members Tony Johnson, Rita Pakenen, Jada Rupley, Gail Spolar, and Mike Williams.

Many thanks to the graduation committee (Chair Shawna Burkholder, Sharon Crouch, VaNessa Duplessie, Scott Firstenburg and Kathy Scott) and our sponsor The New Phoenix Casino and WSU Vancouver for the success of this event!

So Let’s Hear it for the Class of 2007, the Latest Addition to the LCC family!

Katie Bell	Kathy Kniep
Rebecca Blaisdell	Gregory McGreevey
John Bockmier	Doreen McKercher
John Cameron	Michelle Missfeldt
Eva Cobb	Vickie Moreland
Susan Deen	Rod O’Hearn
Chad Dillard	Darcey Reed
Madeleine Dulemba	Patti Romines
Janell Ephraim	Dan Sockle
Diana Fitzpatrick	Sue Stepan
Gary Folkerts	Terry Toland
Travis Goddard	Kelly Walsh
Judy Green	Angela Watkins
Dana Greyson	Bradley Wood
Bart Hansen	Casey Wyckoff
Debra Hentz	Lori Wyrick
Sheri Johnson	Heidi Yewman
Dustin Klinger	

Congratulations to Debra Hentz, who will join the LCC Board as the 2007 Class Representative! We also welcome Leann Johnson, Director for Equity and Diversity at Clark College, as our newest Board member.

Let's Give a Big Round of Applause to Our Fantastic Sponsors!
(We would not have LCC if it weren't for them!)

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**Here is a Brief Description of the 2007 Class Projects
(And they were impressive):**

Education Team (Chad Dillard, Janell Ephraim, Diana Fitzpatrick, Gary Folkerts, Kathy Kniep, Sue Stepan)

They piloted a Math Buddies program at King Elementary School where community members mentor a student by playing fun math games with the student for 30 minutes a week. The program is designed to help address the growing concern that America's math skills aren't measuring up; the program will be introduced in all elementary schools in the Vancouver School District.

Environment Team (Katie Bell, Travis Goddard, Dana Greyson, Debra Hentz, Terry Toland, Casey Wyckoff)

They created a 12-month 2008 calendar in partnership with Clark County and the City of Vancouver to celebrate the beauty found in our area and to promote environmental issues and conservation efforts. They engaged community members by having a photo contest to select the photos.

Government Team (Rebecca Blaisdell, Eva Cobb, Madeleine Dulemba, Rod O'Hearn, Patti Romines, Dan Sockle)

To increase awareness of voter registration among 18 year-old high school students, the team designed and held a contest at Columbia River High School where high school students designed posters to encourage their peers to register to vote. They also worked with the school's National Honor Society and Greg Kimsey in the Auditor's office.

Social Services Team (John Cameron, Judy Green, Greg McGreevey, Michelle Missfeldt, Vickie Moreland, Heidi Yewman)

They helped to establish a Club House, a new organization that will be instrumental in serving those who suffer from mental illness in Clark County. Just a few of their accomplishments include:

- *Established the non-profit status of the organization*
- *Were a driving force to purchase the property to develop the facilities*
- *The entire team largely committed to be the founding board members of the organization—some of them with the commitment to serve well after their LCC year.*

Transportation Team (Susan Deen, Bart Hansen, Dustin Klinger, Doreen McKercher, Kelly Walsh)

Teen DUI Awareness Education. This team created a resource toolkit for local high schools to encourage DUI awareness education and to reduce teen driving under the influence. The kit provides access and information for programs that already exist (Every 15 Minutes and CRASH) and for a new program: the DUI Impact Panel, which the team created and piloted at Camas High School during an assembly for juniors right before prom.

Youth Team (John Bockmier, Sheri Johnson, Darcey Reed, Angela Watkins, Brad Wood, Lori Wyrick)

They partnered with the Fruit Valley Foundation, Vancouver School District, and Vancouver Parks & Recreation to provide a weeklong summer camp for fifth graders from Fruit Valley Elementary, Hough Elementary and Washington Elementary to help them make the transition from elementary into Discovery Middle School. STEP camp will be a fun and educational experience that will create opportunities to develop confidence and build relationships with fellow students and faculty. The curriculum is designed to dispel the concerns young people naturally have with regard to this change in their lives. They will be paired with an older student and an adult mentor for the entire week to build a core team and the basis for lasting relationships. The objective of the program is to provide an enhanced foundation for the students to build upon as they begin their middle school career.

Kudos to all on a job well done—your community thanks you for your contributions!

And Now, For Some Very Exciting News:

The LCC Board is pleased to announce that the 2008 class is filled! In the event that we have an opening and you know of someone who still wants to apply for 2008, please have him or her contact Kathy Scott at director@LeadershipClarkCounty.com to be placed on the waiting list.

Speaking of Kathy Scott, Here is a Personal Message:

I would like to thank all the volunteers – board members, alumni, sponsors, and community members – who contribute time, talent, and treasure to make the Leadership Clark County program a success. The benefit to the community continues to grow and it truly amazes me. I would especially like to thank four volunteers who contributed incredible amounts of time and energy this past year:

- Kyle Brown for revamping and continuing to update the website; for ongoing technical help, and for serving as session captain for Growth and Livability.
- Shawna Burkholder for chairing graduation and working tirelessly with all the graduation details; for serving as session captain for Healthcare; and for helping organize files and other materials in the office.
- Sharon Crouch for serving as session captain for Justice, serving on the Graduation committee, and modeling incredible organizational skills.
- VaNessa Duplessie for serving as session captain for History, for donating and overseeing Survey Monkey evaluations, and for serving on the Orientation, Graduation, AND Curriculum committees!

My deepest appreciation to each of you for all that you do.

And Finally,

The LCC Board would like to thank all of you who made 2007 such a huge success. It has truly been a pleasure to work with all of the session captains, the volunteers, the

speakers, the sponsors...many, many hours have been dedicated to our cause, and we couldn't do it without you. Your efforts will benefit the entire community for years to come!