

Alumni  
Update

Leadership  
Clark County

July 2009

### Special Edition: The LCC Year in Review

*A message from LCC Executive Director Kathy Scott:* This was another amazing year for Leadership Clark County. We had fabulous participants who demonstrated their commitment to LCC and Clark County in many ways. We know they will take their learning out to the wider community in the coming days and years to make Clark County a place that works for all.

I would like to thank all of you who helped this year: our extremely hard-working and thoughtful board; the curriculum committee, who put in hundreds of hours to continue program improvements begun last year (special thanks to Chair Debra Hentz and committee members Scott Firstenburg, Dominique Merriweather, Sharon Pesut, and Paul Speer); the session captains who made session days come alive; orientation and graduation volunteers, who put on great events; speakers who generously shared their time and expertise; and of course our sponsors, whose generosity made it all possible

Despite the upheavals in the economy and individuals' lives, the LCC "family" pulled together this year.

We supported each other and the community in multiple ways. When several folks suffered layoffs, others were there with emotional support and job leads. The projects speak for themselves. LCC introduced a new scholarship (EiRES) for those doing diversity work in Clark County. And together you raised over \$5,000 to share with participants who could not otherwise afford the LCC experience. This is what community is all about.

#### LCC Grads in the Community

The LCC class of 2009 will join about 430 other grads who volunteer in over 100 community organizations. Take a look at our website to see where LCC folks contribute:

<http://leadershipclarkcounty.com/index.shtml>.

If your organization is not mentioned, please email [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) to have it added.



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Though we continue to face challenges now and in the future, LCC provides a wonderful network and opportunity to deal with and transform those challenges. We will continue to provide a gracious space to learn, embrace diversity, and hold deep and meaningful conversations that contribute to the common good. This is our leadership opportunity. As we said many times during the year – let's not waste a crisis!

My heartfelt thanks to all of you. Stay committed and involved!

### **Big Bash at WSU-V Celebrates 2009 LCC Graduates**

On June 12, nearly 200 Leadership Clark County class members, alumni and supporters celebrated the Class of 2009's graduation at Washington State University-Vancouver.

Keynote speaker Mark Matthias inspired folks by sharing his personal story. Mike Bomar spoke on behalf of the Class of 2009. Michael Holt of sponsor New Phoenix Casino graciously acknowledged LCC's work in the community. Food, wine, music and great company rounded out the evening.

Many thanks to the graduation committee (Co-Chairs Darcey Reed and Angela Simmons, along with Alexis Bond, Scott Firstenburg, Ernie Guerrero, Lihua Lennox, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Kathy Scott, and Brad Wood), our sponsor The New Phoenix Casino and WSU-V for the success of this event!



### **Let's Hear it for the Class of 2009, the Latest Addition to the LCC Alumni Family!**

- Darcy Altizer
- Jeanie Ashe
- Steve Bacon
- Rich Bailey
- Kate Benson
- Mike Bomar
- Katy Brooks
- Sharif Burdzik
- Lisa Costa
- Scott Deutsch
- Jaci Erickson
- Eric Golemo
- Ryan Golze
- Antonio Gomez
- Ron Gompertz
- Meredith Green
- Jeff Groff
- Jennifer Halleck
- Susan Hartman
- Steve Hogan
- Rob Katsuno
- Steve Korn
- Melissa Kreuder



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- Temple Lentz
- Cherylee Mircovich
- Ken Moody
- Shyla Nelson
- Rob Palena
- Ahmad Qayoumi
- Linda Reid
- Travis Smith
- Jeff Taylor
- Travis Tormanen
- Pamela Weatherspoon
- Paul Wienecke

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\$500 to \$999

Bank of Clark County--BERGER/ABAM-- Mitch Bower--Comcast--Davidson Insurance--LSW Architects, P.C.—The Management Group--PBS Engineering+

Environmental--Realvest Corporation--Vesta Hospitality

\$250 to \$499

VaNessa Duplessie--City of Washougal-- E.D. Hovee & Co., LLC--Alicia L. (Lisa) Lowe—TwinStar Credit Union

Up to \$249

Kristina Aitchison--Brett Blechs Schmidt--Scott Collier--Amber Curtin--Scott Firstenberg--Debra Hentz--Jim Jacks--Leann Johnson—Dominique Merriweather--Sharon Pesut--Beth Quartarolo--Kathryn Scott--Troy Van Dinter--Jon Yamashita

In Kind

Around the Table--Kyle Brown--Clark County—Clark County Skills Center--Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce--VaNessa Duplessie--Educational Service District 112--Hewlett Packard--Kory Murphy--Pearson Air Museum--Port of Vancouver USA--Smokey's Pizza, Inc.--Southwest Washington Medical Center--Rekah Strong--The Daily Insider--The Management Group--The New Phoenix Casino--Vancouver Business Journal--Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust--Washington State University Vancouver--YWCA Clark County

**Thank you all for your support!**



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- Beth Quartarolo
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- Kelly Sills
- Paul Speer
- Kelly Walsh

Session Captains

- Michelle Allan

**LCC Class of 2009  
Project Descriptions**



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Health Team

Kate Benson, Ryan Golze,  
Robert Katsuno, Melissa Kreuder,  
Travis Smith

The Health Team supported the marketing and recruitment efforts of the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington. They created a multifaceted campaign to boost the volunteerism of local medical providers and promote the Free Clinic throughout the community. Deliverables created for the “*We are*” campaign included a volunteer recruitment video, a brand messaging guide and an implementation plan. The Free Clinic plans to roll out the campaign as part of a larger marketing effort this fall.

Environmental Team

Darcy Altizer, Lisa Costa, Eric Golemo,  
Steve Korn, Rob Palena,  
Ahmad Qayoumi

The Environmental Team formed partnerships with Clark County, the City of Vancouver and 31 grocery stores represented by the Northwest Grocery Association. Together, they mounted a “Got Bag?” campaign. Albertsons, Fred Meyer, QFC, Safeway and WinCo stores held promotions on reusable bags. These events included giving away “Got Bag?” window clings, provided by the Clark County Solid Waste program. The stores also have a variety of in-store and parking lot signs reminding customers about reusable bags. The stores agreed to support this campaign for one year.

Education Team

Rich Bailey, Ron Gompertz,

Jennifer Halleck, Steve Hogan,  
Cherylee Mircovich, Ken Moody

The Education Team partnered with nConnect Northwest and professionals across Clark County to create a guest speaker program to educate high school students about careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (so called “STEM” careers). Their goal was to inspire some of these students to seek coursework and careers in these areas. Next year, this program will run in five high schools across the county, with the intention to scale up to all schools interested in participating and growing their STEM programs.

Social Services Team

Mike Bomar, Scott Deutsch,  
Meridith Green, Shyla Nelson,  
Paul Wienecke,  
Pamela Weatherspoon

The Social Services Team worked with Northwest Children’s Outreach (NCO) because it exemplifies selfless service, charitable giving and the true spirit of volunteerism. NCO helps fill the needs of families in Clark County by providing clothing, infant care products, diapers, formula and many of the other necessities parents need for their children. The team helped create a more sustainable base of contributions and volunteers for NCO and consistently increased the organization’s visibility within Clark County.

Arts Team

Jeanie Ashe, Steve Bacon,



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Jaci Erickson, Jeff Groff,  
Temple Lentz, Linda Reid

LCC's first-ever Arts Team worked with local schoolchildren to develop a mural that will be painted in downtown Vancouver's burgeoning arts and entertainment district. Partnering with fourth- and fifth-grade classes from two Vancouver elementary schools, the team asked the students to draw what they would put in a time capsule, so children of the future would know what was important to them. Then, working with a professional mural artist, the team interpreted these drawings into a piece of art that would enhance the downtown and also serve as an instructional piece for the students. A building is nearly confirmed, and the mural will be painted this summer.

*Changing Demographics Team*

Katy Brooks, Sharif Burdzik,  
Antonio Gomez, Susan Hartman,  
Jeff Taylor, Travis Tormanen

The Changing Demographics Team translated important public services information for Russian and Spanish communities. They partnered with the LCC team that created myClarkinfo.com, a website that provides information on many public services and agencies. Spanish, Russian and English public service information brochures were also produced for dissemination within the community.

Watch the project presentations on CVTV at:

[http://www.cityofvancouver.us/cvty/cvtyarchive2/Community\\_Events/2009\\_Events/Leadership\\_Clark\\_County\\_Graduation\\_6-12-09.wmv](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/cvty/cvtyarchive2/Community_Events/2009_Events/Leadership_Clark_County_Graduation_6-12-09.wmv).

Congratulations to all our project teams on a superb job!

**Now That You're an Alum...**

OK, class of 2009...and all LCC alums...it's time to help move our alumni programs forward. The LCC Alumni Committee is seeking new members. If you want to plan alumni events and outreach, please contact committee chair Kristina Aitchison at 360-737-1759 or [Kristina@nwphysicalmed.com](mailto:Kristina@nwphysicalmed.com). Thanks!

**The Last Word – Thanks!**

The LCC Board would like to thank all of you who made 2009 such a huge success. It has been a true pleasure to work with all of the session captains, volunteers, speakers, sponsors...many, many hours have been dedicated to our cause, and we literally could not do it without you. Your efforts will benefit the entire community for years to come!



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