

“*Developing Effective Leaders to Serve Our Community*”

The LCC Update

July 2009

LCC Bids Adieu to Retiring Board Members:

We say farewell and send our enduring gratitude for 20 years of collective volunteer service to retiring board members Mitch Bower (1997-2009); Amber Curtin (2005-2009); Lisa Lowe (2006-2009), and Paul Speer (2006-2009). They have added a tremendous amount to the LCC program and to the community. We will miss them.

Amber Curtin also retires as the *LCC Update* editor. She has done a fabulous job keeping us informed and keeping it short. Thanks from all of us, Amber!

And Welcomes Newest Board Members:

Katie Foehl (Class of 2008) accepted an invitation to join the board on June 2, and Temple Lentz joined the Board as the Class of 2009 designee at the annual board retreat held June 26, where the new 2009-10 Executive Board was also approved – Jon Yamashita, Chair; Scott Firstenburg, Vice Chair; Brett Blechschmidt, Treasurer; and Dominique Merriweather, Secretary.

And let’s recognize the rest of the LCC 2009-10 board: Kristina Aitchison, Scott Collier, Debra Hentz, Jim Jacks, Leann Johnson, Steve McDonagh, Sharon Pesut, Beth Quartarolo and Troy Van Dinter. Kathy Scott will begin her fifth year as executive director.

Thanks to all of them for sharing talent, time and treasure to keep the LCC program thriving!

Mark Your Calendars for LCC Orientation:

Back by popular demand, alumni are invited to attend Orientation for the Class of 2010 on Thursday, September 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

Alumni Scholarship Appeal Aids Five:

The final tally for funds pledged for scholarships for the Class of 2010 was \$5,249. Five people will be able to participate as a result of your generosity. Thank YOU, alumni!

First LCC Diversity Scholarships Awarded:

LCC’s first Excellence in Racial Equity Scholarships have been awarded to Ignacia Alex Gordon, Sea Mar Community Health Centers, and Elizabeth Sato, Rise to Excellence. The scholarships recognize contributions to the advancement of cultural, economic and social equity across races in Clark County. We are excited to present this new leadership award to honor those doing this valuable work in our community.

LCC Recruiting Continues:

In support of its ongoing recruiting effort, LCC will continue accepting applications for the Class of 2010. Although we have received more applications than spaces, changes in the economy have already prompted a few cancellations, and we want to ensure that we begin the fall class with a full complement of qualified leaders-to-be. Please continue to encourage candidates to apply for this program that benefits our community.

LCC Intern Position Available:

LCC is seeking an interested candidate to serve as an unpaid intern during the 2009-2010 program year to help with administrative projects and/or session day logistics. Interested parties may contact Kathy Scott at (360) 567-1085 or director@leadershipclarkcounty.com.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Do you want to volunteer but aren't sure where to start? Try these links to find your niche: www.volunteermatch.org, www.volunteerwashington.org or www.seniorcorps.com.

Community Events:

- Rotary is looking for team members to participate in a three-week vocational/cultural exchange to Norway in April 2010. It is open to businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 in the early stages of their careers in all vocations. Emphasis will be placed on people involved in environmental issues, climate change, renewable energy, marine and fisheries, and tourism. Team members will experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. For more information and an application, see <http://www.rotary5100.org/clubrunner/Foundation/GSE/GSE5100Overview.html#GSE>.
- Do you have talent? *Southwest Washington's Got Talent*, produced by the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise, invites anyone, regardless of age, residence or amateur status, to enter a performance competition with prizes of \$1,000 to \$3,000. Any performing art—singing, dancing, juggling, balancing a spoon on your nose—is welcome. Net proceeds will be used to support the Rotary Club's contribution to Santa's Posse and the Vancouver Police Activities League. To enter, submit a video to the contest web site, www.southwestwashingtonsgottalent.com. A small entry fee is required.
- iQ Credit Union and Fibre Federal Credit Union are pleased to announce the fourth annual 2009 Credit Union Charity Ride on August 15. The event will benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital. In its first three years, the ride raised \$93,000. The organizers hope to break the \$100,000 mark this year. The ride route runs through the Columbia River Gorge and around Mt. Hood, ending at Latus Harley Davidson in Gladstone, Oregon. Sponsors and participants are needed; sponsorship applications are due July 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.cu-charityride.org> or contact Brad Wood at 360-759-3048 (bradw@iqcu.com).

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 include it in the following *Update*.

People in the News:

- Gail Bauhs (Class of 1996) was elected chair of the city of Vancouver's Private for Hire Transportation Commission. She is the transportation brokerage manager for Tri-Met in Portland and serves on the comparable board there.
- Scott Firstenburg (LCC Board, Class of 1998) has been appointed to the board of managers of the YMCA of Clark County.
- Kristina Aitchison (LCC Board, Class of 2002) had a baby girl on May 24. Big brother A.J. is excited about his new little sister, Evangeline Victoria.
- Leonard Bauhs (Class of 2004) is president of the board of directors for a newly formed Clark County nonprofit known as Computer Reuse, Education and Marketing, or CREAM. Leonard, a network administrator for the state of Washington, also is president of his Neighborhood Association and a member of the Readers Advisory Council for the *Columbian*. He served last year on the Mayor of Vancouver's Green Ribbon Panel.
- Katherine Bell (Class of 2007) has been appointed projects committee chair for the Portland Professional Chapter of Engineers Without Borders and as the publicity committee chair for the Fourth Plain Corridor Revitalization Task Force.
- Debra Hentz (LCC Board, Class of 2007), is serving as interim executive director of Evergreen Habitat for Humanity while Kristina Aitchison is on maternity leave.
- Kelly Walsh (Class of 2007) received the Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division 2008 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in recognition of her role in the creation of the SafeChoice legal clinic.

LCC Calendar:

- Thanks to our graduation committee and volunteers for making graduation a success – Co-Chairs Angela Simmons and Darcey Reed and assistants Alexis Bond, Scott Firstenburg, Ernie Guerrero, Lihua Lennox, Anne McEnerny-Ogle and Brad Wood.
- There will be no LCC Board meeting in July.

And Now, Some Words to Ponder:

“Your opinion is nothing but your point of view. It is not necessarily true. Any point of view is too small for the truth.” ~ Miguel Ruiz, *The Four Agreements*