

*“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”*

**The LCC Update**

September 2007

**LCC’s Orientation/Alumni Reception on September 5<sup>th</sup>:**

State Senator, Class of 1996 alum, and keynote speaker Craig Pridemore will welcome LCC’s Class of 2008 on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at Pearson Air Museum. Class members will attend a private orientation from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. and alumni and sponsors are invited to socialize from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) if you plan to attend. A special thanks to Columbia Credit Union for sponsoring the event.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Beginning in late September or October, volunteers are needed “to do lunch” with a student in grades 1-5 for Vancouver School District’s Elementary School Lunch Buddy Program. Adult volunteers typically spend about 40 minutes with a student; after lunch, they have time to read, play a board game ‘or just talk with their buddy.’ If you are interested or if you know of an organization, faith-based group or business that might benefit from a Lunch Buddy Program presentation, contact Barbara Nordstrom at 360-313-4725 or [Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org](mailto:Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org).
- Columbia River Mental Health Services will soon have several positions open on its Board of Trustees. The board meets once each month to provide direction, vision and planning. Committees also conduct business between meetings. Specific current needs for board member skills include those with legal, educational, and financial expertise. Contact Pam Stasiuk at 993-3036 or [pams@crmhs.org](mailto:pams@crmhs.org) for an application or more information.
- DBTAC Northwest: ADA Information Center is seeking a Vancouver representative for their steering committee. The Business and Disability Technical Assistance Center committee members must attend three meetings per year (one is in person and two via teleconference); the committee ‘will be essential in assisting the DBTAC Northwest to determine ADA training and technical assistance needs in Washington.’ Contact Jo Fleming at [jo.fleming@wwu.edu](mailto:jo.fleming@wwu.edu) 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:**

- InterACT invites you to attend a monthly one-hour public forum, ‘What Now in Iraq?’ on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 p.m. in the Board Hearing Room at the Clark County Administration Building. For more information, please visit [http://interactclarkcounty.org/modules.php?name=What\\_we\\_do](http://interactclarkcounty.org/modules.php?name=What_we_do).

- Did you know that Clark County residents throw away an estimated 5,000 tons (or 10 million pounds) of reusable products each year? If you want a great way to clean out your closets and donate to a variety of charities, the 2007 Community Share Fair will be held Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clark Public Utilities, 8600 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Tax-deduction receipts will be available. The fair is sponsored by Clark County, the City of Vancouver, Clark Public Utilities, the Nonprofit Network and Waste Connections. Contact [www.sharefair.clark.wa.gov](http://www.sharefair.clark.wa.gov) for more information.
- The Clark County Family YMCA will hold its Annual Strong Communities Luncheon on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton in downtown Vancouver from 12-1:30 p.m. The Spirit of Health Awards will be presented, which celebrates local efforts to improve the health of Clark County residents and strengthen our community. The keynote speaker is Nate McMillan, Portland Trailblazers coach and former player and coach of the Seattle Sonics. The cost ranges from \$35 per ticket to \$1000 for sponsored tables. Contact Sharon Pesut at 360-258-3837 or the YMCA at 360-885-9622 for more information.
- Bafá Bafá, a cultural learning experience, will be held at Clark College on September 27 from 8 am to noon. Originally developed as a cultural awareness training for the U.S. Navy, it is an experiential cultural simulation whereby participants come to understand the powerful effect that culture plays in every person's life. This simulation allows participants to rethink their own bias and how they perceive differences. BaFá BaFá will help you identify diversity issues, including how stereotypes are developed and barriers created within your own organization, and equip participants with new skills and strategies for effective interpersonal and intercultural relations. Fee \$95, including lunch; to register contact Registration at (360) 992-2939 or email at [jward@clark.edu](mailto:jward@clark.edu).
- YWCA Clark County's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Luncheon will take place on October 3, featuring Chris Hansen from Dateline NBC's "To Catch a Predator;" he will speak about "keeping our children safer." The YWCA specifically invites LCC alumni to attend, purchase a table, or sponsor the event. Pre-registration is required, call 360-906-4301.

### **Nominations Being Sought:**

- Community Mediation Services (CMS) is seeking nominations for the 2007 Better Together Annual Award (previously named the 'Creative Community Peacemakers Award'), co-sponsored by the City of Vancouver and Clark County. The award recognizes local individuals and/or groups 'who take the risk and reach out and interact with others in the face of adversity or conflict.' Submit nominations at [www.cityofvancouver.us/mediation](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/mediation) by October 1st; to become an award sponsor, contact Dana Greyson at [dana.greyson@gmail.com](mailto:dana.greyson@gmail.com) or call 360-448-8833.
- LINKS is now accepting Project Proposals for the 2007-2008 program year. LINKS is a part-time "Education Award Only" AmeriCorps program that serves Washington and Oregon and specializes in short terms of service - 300, 450, 675, and 900 hours. Proposals are accepted year round on a first-come, first-served basis. Project proposals are located under "Forms for Project Partners" at <http://www.esd112.org/links/resources.html>. Send submissions of proposals or renewals to [erika.johnson@esd112.org](mailto:erika.johnson@esd112.org). Call 360-750-7500 x114 with questions.
- Leadership Clark County is also accepting proposals for the Class of 2008 team projects. Proposals should be no more than one page in length and should be submitted by September 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Kathy Scott at

[director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com). The project teams will be able to choose whether to pursue a community proposal or a proposal of their own.

### **Do You Want to Spread Your Word in *The Update*?**

We're so pleased that more of you are sharing your news and we want to make sure others hear it! 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*.

### **Alumni, Where Art Thou?**

How has LCC helped you to pave your path to leadership? We would love to highlight your experience in future *Update* editions! Please contact Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) and provide the following feedback: 1) What were your goals when you decided to participate in the LCC program? 2) How have you used your news skills and LCC education? 3) Have you entered into any leadership roles? Thank you in advance for sharing!

This month, we catch up with **Jill Homme** from the Class of 2003:

'My goal when I began Leadership Clark County was to change my life, really. I had been in a leadership role as a Director of Ops for a corporation. I had traveled and relocated [with] a lot [of] climbing the corporate ladder, when I settled into Clark County with my partner. We built our home, planned to have some kids...and I decided to invest in the community, instead of the corporation. I really didn't know where to start - and that is where Leadership Clark County came in. I applied, was accepted, and began to learn more about the local government and the local institutions that made up the foundation of the area.

I joined a couple of boards, but eventually dedicated myself to just one - Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF). I felt such a strong commitment to use my skills from LCC and my business experience to work with this organization. EOCF has such an amazing talented staff, and does so much for underprivileged families. Just this month I was elected Chair of the Board after serving for a year as Vice Chair. I'm very proud of the work that EOCF does for birth to five age kids and their families in Clark County.

In addition to my work with EOCF, I have also served in a number of roles at WSU Vancouver, where I currently work and am completing my master's degree. I was asked to serve last year on the Diversity Council for the campus, and continue to work with one colleague from the council to launch the first mentorship program on the campus for underrepresented youth. We are currently detailing our proposal for the program and are beginning to locate our funding sources. In general, I find my greatest rewards by working in a number of ways to help the youth of Clark County. On a personal note, my partner and I have also made the commitment (and are about halfway through the process) of obtaining our foster license - with the goal of adopting. We both have seen the needs of children in the area who find themselves in foster care. Our son is now 4 years old (he was born while I was in LCC), and we think that this is a great way to grow our family.'

'I'm not sure what the future holds, but I definitely know that I chose the right place to start when I joined Leadership Clark County.  
Best wishes for a great next year of new leaders!'

Jill, thank you for sharing such an inspiring experience!—ALC

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

- Vickie Moreland (Class of 2007) was elected board chairwoman for Janus of Southwest Washington (this was also the Class of 2007 Social Services team project).
- Dick Matson (Class of 2004) was recently recognized as the 2007 Clark County Family YMCA 'Volunteer Star of the Year.'
- Deborah Hentz (Class of 2007 and current Board member) 'has left the world of early retirement after only two months to accept a part time position with the Humane Society of SW Washington.'

### **LCC Calendar:**

- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Orientation for the LCC Class of 2008 will be held Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to our sponsor Columbia Credit Union. Also a note of appreciation to session captains Amber Curtin, Cheri Martin, Doreen McKercher, Maija Mercer, Vickie Moreland, and Patti Romines.
- The two-night Fall Retreat at the Resort at the Mountain, Welches will begin Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and conclude Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Our gratitude to sponsor First Independent Bank.

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

"Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men."

--Lao Tzu