

Alumni  
Update

Leadership  
Clark County

September  
2009

## Welcome, Class of 2010!

Leadership Clark County is proud to introduce the next crop of community-leaders-in-training:

- **Ken Andrews**, Clark Regional Wastewater District
- **Matt Bisturis**, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
- **Noah Blanton**, Stewart Title Company
- **Carol Bua**, Tidewater Barge Lines
- **Naomi Camargo**, Umpqua Bank
- **Shelley Das**, Clark College
- **Amanda Dolley**, Wells Fargo Bank
- **Guy Drennan**, Prepaid Legal Services & Identity Theft Shield
- **Eric Erickson**, CDM Services
- **Shane Gardner**, Clark County Sheriff's Office
- **Alex Gordon**, Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- **Sean Guerrero**, Creative Computer Solutions, Inc.
- **Heidi Hiatt**, YWCA Clark County
- **Michele Holen**, Clark County Association of Realtors
- **Kathy Holthby**, Port of Vancouver
- **Lynn Krogseng**, Keller Williams Realty
- **Jason Mattos**, Sturtevant, Golemo & Associates
- **Kris Miller**, West Coast Bank
- **Cheree Nygard**
- **Lissa Pfandler**, Hewlett-Packard
- **Vicky Ridge-Cooney**, Ph.D. and Portland State University
- **Elizabeth Sato**, Rise to Excellence
- **Paul Scherwinski**, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
- **Kerry Shampine**, NW Natural
- **Ty Stober**, Founder, MyHomeDetails.com
- **Alexander Stone**, Vancouver Business Journal
- **Jami Todd**, Caley & Associates, CPAs
- **Han Tran**
- **Shannon Turk**, City of Vancouver
- **Steve Valenta**, Pinnacle Mortgage Planning
- **Peter Van Nortwick**, American Commercial & Residential Appraisal, LLC
- **Brandon Vick**, Vick Landscaping
- **Erik Weeks**, Wells Fargo Advisors
- **Jeremy Zegas**

## Calling All Alums

Join us at the Pearson Air Museum on **Thursday, September 17**, from 6 to 8 p.m. for LCC's annual Alumni Reception. The event will follow the orientation program for the class of



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2010. Members of the new class will join the reception at 6:30 p.m.

Our keynote speaker will be Cheryl Bledsoe, LCC class of 2008. Cheryl is CRESA EM Manager and the 2008 Marshall Public Leadership Award Recipient. Light refreshments will be provided, including wine, beer, and a chocolate fountain. We hope to see you there – in fact, call an LCC classmate or two and bring them along. RSVP to Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) by **September 10** if you plan to attend.

### Hot Volunteer Opportunities

Evergreen Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers needed in the areas of marketing/communications and family support. Habitat for Humanity builds decent and affordable housing in partnership with people who are living in inadequate housing. Contact Kristina Aitchison at (360) 737-1759 or [Kristina@ehfh.org](mailto:Kristina@ehfh.org).

Columbia River Mental Health Foundation: Seeking board members. Time commitment: Four board meetings per year, some additional follow-up/subcommittee meetings.

Focus: Raise awareness of mental health issues among the “working poor” of Clark County and raise funds to help individuals who are ineligible for subsidized health care but cannot afford the cost of treatment.

To learn more, call the Foundation office at 360-993-3051. To apply, send an email inquiry to Pat Stryker at [pats@crmhs.org](mailto:pats@crmhs.org).

Clark Public Utilities: Become a Stream Steward! Join this no-cost, learn-n-serve program by committing to 45 hours of hands-on, professional level workshops on the following topics:

· *Hydrology* · *Geology* · *Birds* · *Mammals*  
· *Water Quality* · *Native Plants* · *Macro Invertebrates* · *NatureScaping* · *Riparian Habitats* · *Salmon* · *Reptiles* · *Amphibians*  
· *Native Plant Restoration*

Stream Stewards come from all age groups and backgrounds. Stewards are interested in building their skill sets and putting their new knowledge into action! Check it out at [www.StreamTeam.net](http://www.StreamTeam.net).

Kids on the Block: Needs volunteer puppeteers; no experience necessary. Kids on the Block is an educational program that uses puppetry to help children accept differences in one another and learn skills to stay safe and healthy. Volunteer orientation meeting is September 8. Training starts on September 15. For more information, call Lynette Jelinek at 360-433-5675 or email [Lynette@powerfulpuppetry.org](mailto:Lynette@powerfulpuppetry.org).

City of Vancouver: Seeking applicants to represent the tourism industry on the Private For-Hire Transportation Commission. The new commissioner will fill one mid-term vacancy. Applications must be received in the City Manager's Office by 5 p.m. on September 18.



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For applications or further information, contact Myk Heidt in the City Manager's Office at City Hall at 360-487-8612. Email [myk.heidt@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:myk.heidt@ci.vancouver.wa.us). Fax 487-8625. To apply online, visit <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/boards>.

**YWCA Clark County:** Accepting applications for all volunteer positions. Adult volunteers are needed to advocate for adult and youth victims of sexual assault, facilitate a support group for the SafeChoice domestic violence program, provide resources and encouragement to women in the Clark County Jail and fill a variety of other roles. The YWCA offers training to all volunteers.

An Introduction to Volunteer Service program will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, in the agency's community room at 3609 Main Street, Vancouver. For more information, call Al Flory or Heidi Hiatt at 696-0167 or visit [ywcaclarkcounty.org](http://ywcaclarkcounty.org). To download a YWCA volunteer application and training schedule, visit [ywcaclarkcounty.org/volunteer.htm](http://ywcaclarkcounty.org/volunteer.htm).

**Vancouver School District:** Volunteers needed to "do lunch" with a student in grades 1-5. The Lunch Buddy program has a waiting list of over 100 students. 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." For more information, contact Barbara Nordstrom at 313-4725 or [Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org](mailto:Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org).

## LCC Movers & Shakers



**Katy Brooks**, LCC class of '09, is the author of a recent *Oregonian* editorial. [\*Getting Stimulated into Energy Efficiency\*](#) ran in the August 14 edition.

### Update from the Class of 2005: Slow Foods Project Team

Did we say 100 Eat-Ins? How about 216? When the Time for Lunch campaign launched in June, our goal was to organize 100 Eat-Ins for the National Day of Action on September 7. Within a month, Slow Food chapters nationwide had stepped up and surpassed that goal, so we doubled it to 200 Eat-Ins.

If you check the Eat-In map on our campaign web site, you'll see that enough new organizers and partner organizations have joined the campaign that we've now passed our 200 Eat-In goal and are still steamrolling forward. The people who are organizing their communities for this campaign represent a real movement for change. They deserve our thanks and your support.



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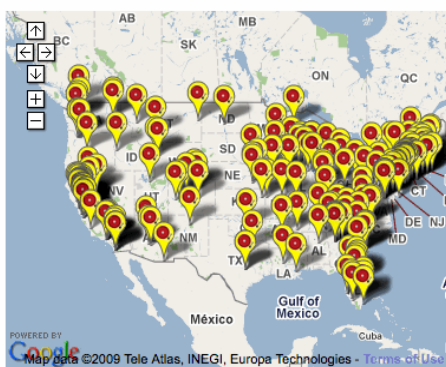
## What can you do to get involved?

**#1 Sign the petition** to give kids real food at school.

**#2 Spread the word**. Send friends an email about the campaign, share it on Facebook or Twitter, or write about it on your blog.

**#3 Organize an Eat-In**. Gather friends, family, neighbors and colleagues for a Labor Day potluck, take a photo (the more creative, the better) and send it to us on September 7 to show your support. Details at [www.slowfoodusa.org](http://www.slowfoodusa.org).

216 Eat-Ins Planned



Click on a marker to find Eat Ins near you

## Community Events

**WSU-Vancouver Chancellor's Seminar Series**: Gathers students, faculty, staff, business leaders, elected officials and community members for an in-depth conversation about a topic of current interest or concern. A guest speaker kicks off the conversation with a lunchtime presentation. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share ideas. Fall dates are September 25 and November 13; topics are health care



reform and Ebola outbreaks.

Winter/spring events are set for January 15 and March 5. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch and parking. Make reservations online through the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

**Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair**: Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Esther Short Park. The cost to have a table is \$35 for nonprofit groups and \$75 for businesses and for-profit groups. Nonprofit organizations are charged a nominal \$25 to exhibit, and full sponsorship is only \$100. For additional information about the Fair and registration forms, go to [www.VancouverPeaceAndJusticeFair.org](http://www.VancouverPeaceAndJusticeFair.org). If you have questions, please contact us at [vanpeaceandjusticefair@yahoo.com](mailto:vanpeaceandjusticefair@yahoo.com) or call Kay Ellison at 360-696-4840.

**First Friday Artwalk featuring Dancing in the Street**: Friday, September 4, from 5 to 9 p.m. Main Street will be closed from 7th to 11th for dancing in the street. Enjoy Swing, Cumbia, Zydeco, Ballroom and more. Shops will be open, and our local restaurants will be serving outside. It's Artwalk with a whole new twist! No need to RSVP – just show up!

**Community Choices Data Gathering**: Week of September 7. Local partners will count and survey bicyclists, pedestrians and trail users. Information gathered will be shared with the community and with our local policy makers to help further the conversation about access to bikeways, sidewalks and

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trails. Find all the details at [www.clarkcommunitychoices.org](http://www.clarkcommunitychoices.org).

Vida's Ark Golf Tournament: The home for pregnant and parenting teens and their children will host its second annual golf tournament on Saturday, September 26, at the Cedars Golf Course. Details:

- \$80 per golfer. Includes green fees, cart & lunch
- Registration & lunch 12-1 p.m.
- Shotgun start 1:30 p.m.
- Prizes for long putt, long drive, kp
- Team prizes & raffles
- For more information or to register by phone: 360-695-3681. By mail: 1311 E. Reserve St., Vancouver, WA 98661
- Call and ask about opportunities to become a hole sponsor!

Nonprofit research class: Learn to use the Foundation Directory Online and other electronic resources to research possible grantmakers for nonprofit organizations. Monday, September 14, 1-2:30 pm. Free. Call 360-695-1566 to register. All sessions in the Computer Training Lab, lower level at Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. in Vancouver.

Politics in the Park: A Great Debate Under the Trees: Thursday, September 10, 4:30 – 6 p.m. at Esther Short Park. See the two mayoral candidates go head to head, addressing issues important to Vancouver's citizens. Food and fun for the whole family. This free event is brought to you by the Greater Vancouver

Chamber of Commerce and Vancouver's Downtown Association.

Southwest Washington Humane Society dinner and auction: Saturday, October 3, 5 p.m. at the Hilton in downtown Vancouver. The event will raise funds for well-equipped facilities, medical supplies, high-quality food and well-trained staff for animals. For information, contact Eileen Reilly at 360-750-0847 or visit <http://www.southwesthumane.org>.

YWCA Garden Fundraiser: Umpqua Bank is sponsoring a grassroots fundraising effort for the Y to earn up to \$10,000 to build a community garden. Vote weekly for our project until September 2 at: [www.savehardspendsmart.com/Click4ACause/default.aspx](http://www.savehardspendsmart.com/Click4ACause/default.aspx). For every vote, Umpqua Bank donates \$1 to the cause. And an extra \$5,000 will go to the project that gets the most votes!

Sneak Peek of *The National Parks*: Fort Vancouver will offer a sneak peak of Ken Burns' PBS documentary *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* at Pearson Air Museum on Wednesday, September 2. Shows at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. are free and include museum admission. For more information, call the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center (360-816-6230) or Pearson Air Museum (360-694-7026).



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The Center for Leadership Excellence:  
Legacy of Leadership Workshop

On Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Clark College Center for Leadership Excellence will be conducting a pilot leadership workshop for approximately 25 members of the community. As a special opportunity five seats have been reserved for LCC alumni.

Modeled after the highly recognized program from Williamsburg, Virginia this interactive workshop is designed to leverage the rich history of our region using historical figures to teach timeless leadership skills. We are fortunate to have the workshop pilot presented by COL (Ret) Robert James from the [George C. Marshall Foundation](#) in Lexington, Virginia. The workshop will be held in the Tex Rankin Room at the Pearson Air Museum from 9:00 – 4:00 on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Tuition of \$75 to cover costs will be charged.

The pilot workshop will examine current day application of leadership skills from the life of George C. Marshall. It's undeniable that George C. Marshall was a leader. He led America's Army during World War II, was president of the American Red Cross, and held two Cabinet posts. Even so, positions of power do not make one a successful leader. In the Legacy of Leadership workshop we will examine key moments in George C. Marshall's life and career as they relate to the qualities of effective leadership: **Candor, Selflessness, Commitment, Integrity and Courage.** Future workshops being planned will

focus on a rich list of other diverse historic leaders from our region.

If you are an LCC alumni, interested in further developing your leadership skills, enjoy history, and are willing to actively participate in this important pilot, please contact Paul Speer [pbspeer@gmail.com](mailto:pbspeer@gmail.com) no later than Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Paul can provide more information and add your name to the interest list. Based on level of interest you will be contacted the following week with further information on registration and to confirm a seat.

**Take a Moment  
to Honor a Fellow Alum...**

...and save the date! On **Thursday, November 19**, LCC will recognize an outstanding alum at a reception at the Water Resources Education Center. Time is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The award honors those who exemplify outstanding leadership and service to our community. Here are some criteria to get you thinking about nominees:

- Enhancing personal and public effectiveness in the community
- Serving the community through public office, boards, commissions or voluntary leadership roles
- Commitment to personal growth and benefiting the community
- Outstanding achievement in volunteer roles



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- Improvement in leadership and communication skills
- Continued participation and support to the Leadership Clark County program

Do you have someone in mind? Send your nominations to Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) or go to [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

### **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 (in a Word doc or in the text of your email - no PDFs or custom formatting, please) 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 include it in the following *Update*.



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