

“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”

The LCC Update

October 2007

LCC Welcomes New Class and Alumni at Orientation:

A good time was had by all on September 5th at Pearson Air Museum. After a private Orientation program, Board Chair Jon Yamashita introduced the Class of 2008 and the Board of Directors to alumni, followed by a few inspiring words from State Senator Craig Pridemore. The evening concluded after mingling, sipping on wine (or beer) and nibbling on appetizers. Special thanks to the Orientation committee (Amber Curtin, Cheri Martin, Doreen Mckercher, Maija Mercer, Vickie Moreland, Patti Romines and Kathy Scott) for the success of this event! We already thanked sponsor Columbia Credit Union, and we'd also like to thank Coors Distributing and Stein Distribution for the beverages.

Fall Retreat was a Fabulous Time:

The Class of 2008 spent a weekend at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches for their fall retreat and enjoyed learning about their true colors (via the Birkman). In addition to having a great time, the class also helped find a lost 3-year-old boy. That's leadership at its best! Thank you for sponsoring the retreat, First Independent and Davidson Insurance!

LCC to Hit the Open Road Once Again:

Back by popular demand, participants from the LCC Class of 2008 and alumni are invited to a trip to Olympia to meet with our state government representatives. The chartered bus leaves Vancouver at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29th, 2008 and will return during early evening. Tickets are \$50 per person and include breakfast and lunch, compliments of New Phoenix Casino. This trip received rave reviews last year and space is limited. Contact Kathy at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com to register for a fun-filled day chock-full of politics.

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.
- Do you want to volunteer but you’re not sure where to start? Try these links to find your niche: www.volunteermatch.org or www.volunteerwashington.org.

Community Events:

- YWCA Clark County will hold its 14th Annual Benefit Luncheon on Wednesday, October 3rd from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.; tickets are \$35 per person. Keynote speaker Chris Hansen from Dateline NBC's 'To Catch a Predator' will address this year's topic of 'keeping our children safer.' The YWCA sends a special invite to LCC alumni to attend or to purchase a table. Pre-registration is required; call 360-906-4301 or visit www.ywcaclarkcounty.org.
- Community Choices 2010 will host the forum, 'Walkable Communities: Can We Get There from Here?' on Tuesday, October 23rd from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Firstenburg Community Center. The program will include national pedestrian advocate, book author and host of PBS television's 'America's Walking' Mark Fenton as well as 'an engaging local panel.' Fenton will address the need for community and public-policy support for building and sustaining walkable communities. The fee is \$25. Registration is required; call 360-567-1067 or email cc2010admin@vancouverusa.com. The registration fee is \$30 after October 16th.
- YWCA Clark County is accepting registrations for a workshop titled "Eliminating Racism: Tools for Cultural Awareness and Personal Action" to be held Tuesday, November 13th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the agency's community room. Pre-registered participants are asked to arrive between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for sign-in and light refreshments. Participants should feel free to bring a brown bag dinner or snack. The fee is \$30; contact Judy Kinsey at 360-906-9103 or jkinsey@ywcaclarkcounty.org through November 6th. Five scholarships are also available; applicants should email Judy Kinsey to explain why they want to attend the workshop in 50 words or less by November 2nd. Applicants will be notified by November 6th.

Nominations Being Sought:

- The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is accepting applications until October 31st from young volunteers for the program's 13th annual competition. The awards honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 through 12 at the local, state and national level. Awards honor students' volunteer activities over the last twelve months; eligible forms of community service include helping the less fortunate, promoting health and safety, protecting the environment and helping to improve communities through other volunteer activities. Visit www.prudential.com/spirit/ or www.principals.org/prudential/ for complete program information.

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 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 **Mick Hoffman** from the Class of 2006:

‘My goals upon entering LCC included becoming better educated about the community I live in. I was amazed at the amount of things I didn't know about Clark County despite living here for over 20 years. I was also on a path to becoming a principal and wanted to expand my contacts beyond the school community. Both of these goals were more than exceeded.

I soon became principal of Alki MS and recently moved into the position of Director of Safety and Athletics for the Vancouver School District. I also recently was accepted as a board member of PAL, the Police Athletic League. I have been continually surprised at the number of people I interact with that have completed the LCC training. The knowledge I gained and skills I learned have greatly accelerated my leadership opportunities.’

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 by the 20th of the current month. Providing your news by our deadline will help us to include it in the following *Update*.

People in the News:

- Jeanne Bennett (Class of 2006) has left ESD112 to accept the position of Executive Director at the Mt. St. Helens Institute.
- Congratulations to Courtney Barker (Class of 2005), Deena Bisig (Class of 2008) and Jason Joner (Class of 2008), who have all been nominated for the General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award. Good luck to each of you—you make LCC proud!

LCC Calendar:

- The History & Leadership of Clark County will be discussed at the October 20th session at Pearson Air Museum. A big thank you to our sponsors: Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, Pearson Air Museum and the VNHRT. Also, a note of appreciation to our session captains: Gina Bacon, Rebecca Blaisdell, Kim Hash and Kathy Scott.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2nd.

And Now, Some Words to Ponder:

“Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it.”

--Marian Anderson