

“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”

The LCC Update

October 2008

LCC Welcomes New Class and Alumni at Orientation:

A good time was had by all on September 9th at Marshall House. After a private Orientation program, Board Chair Jon Yamashita introduced the Class of 2009, the LCC Board of Directors and Parker Cann, President/CEO of sponsor Columbia Credit Union to those in attendance. Keynote Kathy Kniep recounted her LCC experience (referencing her childhood in India ☺) and provided a few inspiring words for the incoming class. The evening concluded after mingling, sipping on wine or beer and nibbling on appetizers. Special thanks to the Orientation committee (Amber Curtin, Kelley Dixon, Katie Foehl, Bart Hansen, Debra Hentz, Maija Mercer, Kathleen O’Neill and Kathy Scott) for the success of this event!

The Class of 2009, Part 2

Last month’s *Update* introduced the Class of 2009 but we’re pleased to announce we’ve added a few more participants! Welcome to LCC!

Darcy Altizer, Educational Opportunities for Children (EOCF) ~ Jeanie Ashe, Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) ~ Steven Bacon, Clark Regional Wastewater District ~ Richard Bailey, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt ~ Kate Benson, Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts ~ Mike Bomar, BIA of Clark County ~ Katy Brooks, Port of Vancouver ~ Sharif Burdzik, First Independent ~ **Lisa Costa**, Keller Williams Realty ~ Scott Deutsch, Evergreen Public Schools ~ Jaci Erickson, iQ Credit Union ~ Eric Golemo, Sturtevant, Golemo and Associates ~ Ryan Golze, Van Mall Retirement ~ Antonio Gomez, Hewlett Packard ~ **Ron Gompertz**, Hewlett Packard ~ Meridith Green, Iron Mountain ~ **Jeff Groff**, Clark PUD ~ Jennifer Halleck, Vancouver School District ~ Susan Hartman, First Independent ~ Steve Hogan, PTL Metals ~ **Rob Katsuno**, Ameriprise Financial ~ Steve Korn, RSV Construction Services, Inc. ~ Melissa Kreuder, ESD 112 ~ Temple Lentz, Vancouver Rotary Foundation ~ Cherylee Mircovich, Clark County Title ~ Ken Moody, Bank of Clark County ~ **Shyla Nelson**, Camas Police Department ~ Rob Palena, MacKay & Sposito, Inc. ~ Ahmad Qayoumi, City of Vancouver Transportation Services ~ Linda Reid, West Coast Bank ~ Travis Smith, Clark County Fire & Rescue ~ Jeff Taylor, Bank of Clark County ~ Travis Tormanen, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants ~ Pamela Weatherspoon, Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest ~ Paul Wienecke, Clark PUD

Time is Running Out for LCC Alumni Recognition:

To honor those who exemplify outstanding leadership and service to our community, LCC is seeking nominations to recognize an alum’s community, professional and/or LCC involvement within the last 12 months, which will be celebrated at an alumni reception later this year. Here are some criteria to get you thinking:

- 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
- 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 or go to www.leadershipclarkcounty.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Do You Know These LCC Alums?

Alums, please be sure to keep your information updated on our database—we want to keep you in the loop! And if you know these folks, please direct them or send their email address to Kathy Scott at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com.

- Lynn Rullman
- Lisa Cline
- Dave Hurt
- Sondra Dudley
- Steve Black
- PV Osiago
- Tony Barnes
- Scott Sawyer
- Cathy Sork
- Demetrius Diamond.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Volunteers are needed ‘to do lunch’ with a student in grades 1-5 for Vancouver School District’s Elementary School Lunch Buddy Program—which currently maintains 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.’ 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 313-4725 or Barbara.nordstrom@vansd.org.
- Consumer Voices Are Born (CVAB), a 13-year ‘consumer run’ organization in Vancouver that provides support and advocacy for mental health recovery, is seeking persons to serve on their governing board. The time commitment is 2-6 hours per month; the board meets every other month and various committees meet monthly. They are ‘especially interested in persons who have a passion for advancing the reality that people with mental illness can and do recover.’ Contact executive director Brad Berry at 397-805 or berryb@cvab.org, or visit www.cvabonline.com 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, www.volunteerwashington.org or www.seniorcorps.com.

Community Events:

- Linda E. Frischmeyer, LCC Class of 1999 and previous LCC Board member, is presenting a 'Fall Employment Law Seminar' for business owners, supervisors and human resource professionals on Thursday, October 2nd from 7 to 9 a.m. at Landerholm Law Firm, 805 Broadway Street (10th Floor). The employment law update will include information about two new leaves-of-absence that affect ALL Washington employers. Cost is \$40 per person and is limited to 25 people; early registration is requested. Contact Lana Chumov at 816-2475 or sac@landerholm.com.
- Vancouver Planning Commission will host a discussion/debate about 'Thinking Beyond the Bag: the use, the convenience, the waste, the cost, the tax and the ban' on Tuesday, October 7th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Vancouver City Hall Chambers, 210 E. 13th Street. 'First Tuesday Presentations' are open to the public and intended for informational purposes only (no policy decisions are made).
- YWCA Clark County will hold its 15th Annual Benefit Luncheon on Thursday, October 9th from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.; tickets are \$35 per person. Actress and keynote speaker Victoria Rowell, author of 'The Women Who Raised Me' will address the 'resilience of foster care children and the caring and generosity of adults.' Pre-registration is required; call 360-906-4301 or visit www.ywcaclarkcounty.org.
- The WSU Vancouver Chancellor's Seminar Series will be held Friday, October 10th from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and will explore 'Building Sustainable Fisheries: How Can We Manage Resources for Future Generations?' Cost per person is \$30 and includes lunch and event parking. Visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu/css or call 546-9580 for more information and to purchase tickets; registration deadline is October 3rd.
- The Mt. St. Helen's Institute is offering several opportunities for adults and children to explore the Mt. St. Helen's area, including a free guided hiking program. Visit www.mshinstitute.org or email or call 360-449-7883 for more information. Also, 'Volcano Views and Brews' is held on the third Tuesday of each month (the next one is October 21st) at the Lucky Labrador, 1945 NW Quimby in Portland. Tickets are \$3 and available at the door; food and beverages are available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:00. All ages are welcome but space is limited (an early arrival is recommended).
- Based on its 3rd annual 'Extreme Scarecrow Makeover Contest,' Clark County Historical Museum will host a scarecrow auction event on Thursday, October 23rd. Call 993-5679 or visit www.cchmuseum.org for more information.
- Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) invites you to their 'Heroes with Heart' dinner and auction on Thursday, October 30th at Embassy Suites at Portland Airport. Cocktails begin at 5:30, followed by the auction at 6:00 and the dinner/program at 7:00. TIP has been in Vancouver and Portland for 15 years, and 'is a really cool organization that provides volunteers who go with police and firefighters to help give "emotional first aid" at a trauma.' Go to www.tipnw.org/ for more information and to purchase tickets.
- 'Mount St. Helens: One Photographer's Exploration of Nature and its Capacity for Healing and Change,' a benefit presentation for the Mt. St. Helens Institute by photographer Gary Braasch, will be held Saturday, November 1st from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at

Ecotrust, 721 NW Ninth in Portland. Tickets are \$35 and available at www.mshinstitute.org.

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 to include it in the following *Update*.

People in the News:

- Dana Greyson (Class of 2007) is a pioneer member of the new Clark County Association of Mediators (CCAM), a Vancouver Family Magazine columnist and a presenter for the SW Washington Human Resource Management Association Conference.
- Kelly Walsh (Class of 2007) is a semi-regular columnist with Vancouver Business Journal.
- Heidi Yewman (Class of 2007) is on the board of directors for the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP).
- Congratulations to Kate Benson (Class of 2009), Cheryl Bledsoe (Class of 2008), Phillip Haberthur (Class of 2008), and Temple Lentz (Class of 2009), who were nominated for the George C. Marshall Award.
- Kate Cusack (Class of 2008) was seen on TV during the Obama speech at the Democratic Convention.
- Nelson Holmberg (Class of 2008) and his 1/10 scale radio-controlled, electric unlimited racing boat 'Red Man' will compete at national championship races at Klineline Pond in October.

LCC Calendar:

- The History & Leadership of Clark County will be discussed at the October 17th session at Pearson Air Museum. A big thank you to sponsors First Independent and Pearson. Also, a note of appreciation to our session captains: Nelson Holmberg, Marlia Jenkins, Chris Kesting, Anne McEnery-Ogle and Paul Montague.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7th.
- **LCC is planning an alumni mixer for October. Stay tuned for details—your invitation will be coming soon!**

And Now, Some Words to Ponder:

“In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now.”

—Dr. Wangari Maathai