

*“Developing Effective Leaders To Serve Our Community”*

**The LCC Update**

December 2008

**And the Award Goes To...**

...Greg McGreevey, the 2008 Leadership Clark County Outstanding Alumni Award recipient!

Greg, LCC Class of 2007, was recognized for his many contributions to the Clark County community, including his work as founder and volunteer executive director of The Fruit Valley Foundation, an organization that helps feed and clothe children and families in Fruit Valley and creates opportunities for them to learn skills that can better their own lives. (See [www.fruitvalley.org](http://www.fruitvalley.org).) He also helped to found an ICCD modeled clubhouse organization in Clark County that works to rehabilitate people with mental illness, is an elder of his church, and is a board member of the non-profit, low-income housing development corporation Affordable Community Environments. Greg gave an impassioned call to action to the many LCC grads present that night, noting that the need for compassionate and active leadership is more important than ever in the current economy.

Thanks to all for coming to celebrate Greg’s recognition; everyone had a great time, and we hope to see you at the next event.

**There’s Still Time to Catch the Bus:**

Back by popular demand, participants from the LCC Class of 2009 and alumni are invited to a trip to Olympia to meet with our state government representatives. Meetings are confirmed with Secretary of State Sam Reed, Attorney General Rob McKenna, State Auditor Brian Sonntag, a member of the Washington State Supreme Court and most local legislators from the 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Districts. The trip moderators are former state senator Dean Sutherland and Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey. The chartered bus leaves Vancouver at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will return early evening. Tickets are \$50 per person and include breakfast and lunch, compliments of New Phoenix Casino. Trips from years past received rave reviews and space is limited. Contact Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) to register.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants for the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) board of commissioners. Members serve for five year terms and establish operation policies for programs that assist low-income rental housing and home ownership. Contact Myk Heidt at [myk.heidt@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:myk.heidt@ci.vancouver.wa.us) or call 696-8181 for more information. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Share is seeking ‘committed, compassionate community leaders’ to serve on its board of directors to advocate for the hungry and the homeless in our community—which includes more than 10,000 men, women and children each year. Contact Diane Christie at

[ExecDir@sharevancouver.org](mailto:ExecDir@sharevancouver.org), call 695-7658 ext. 311, or download an application at [www.sharevancouver.org](http://www.sharevancouver.org).

- Loaves & Fishes, an agency that provides weekday meals for senior citizens, welcomes both volunteers and monetary donations—Clark County's seven sites have seen a 15% increase in meals served since November 2007. Go to [www.loavesandfishesonline.org](http://www.loavesandfishesonline.org) or call 503-736-6325 for more information.
- Vancouver Fire Department firefighters are collecting clean, usable coats in all sizes for those in need. The drop-off site is at Station 86, 400 E. 37th St. (adjacent to the Safeway on Main) every day of the week, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. through January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Camas School District is seeking eight individuals to serve on the district's Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to advise school administrators and board members on a variety of health and fitness issues. Meetings are held once a month during the school year. Interested citizens are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume to Kathy Tomei at 1919 NE Ione Street, Camas, WA 98607, or [kathy.tomei@camas.wednet.edu](mailto:kathy.tomei@camas.wednet.edu) by December 5, 2008.
- 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), [www.volunteerwashington.org](http://www.volunteerwashington.org) or [www.seniorcorps.com](http://www.seniorcorps.com).

### **Community Events:**

- Returning for an encore performance, a panel of WSU Vancouver business faculty will discuss the significance of the current U.S. financial crisis for the Southwest Washington community at WSU Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave., in the Multimedia Classroom Building, Room 22, on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12-1 p.m.
- The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will perform at its annual fundraiser "Fashion to a Tea" on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton. Tickets for the event, which includes tea, a sit-down lunch, holiday decorations, a silent auction, and a runway fashion show, are \$50 and can be purchased by calling the Symphony office at 360-735-7278. For more information, contact Kalani Davis at 360-600-2542 or [kalanidavis@comcast.net](mailto:kalanidavis@comcast.net).
- Get ready to be inspired, enjoy live holiday music and sip wine at the Divine Holiday Home Tour, which will take place on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Felida Neighborhood from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door for persons 21 and older. All proceeds benefit the Clark County Walk & Knock program; visit [www.divineconsignfuture.org](http://www.divineconsignfuture.org) or call 695-6443 for more information.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest invites you to be a guest at their annual Breakfast on Wednesday morning December 10th from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Downtown Portland Hilton. At this free, hour-long fundraising breakfast you will find out more about their local efforts and success over the last 7 years. If you are interested in attending please R.S.V.P. to Pamela Weatherspoon at [pamela.weatherspoon@bbbs.org](mailto:pamela.weatherspoon@bbbs.org) or 360-907-9699.
- The Greater Clark County Rotary Foundation will host the "2009 Rotary Ring-In," its second annual New Year's Eve fundraiser at the Hilton starting at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. The Ring-In is \$100 per person and includes a full "swing" dance band, food, piano bar, casino lounge, champagne, martini bar, balloon drop, and Arthur

Murray dancers providing dance lessons. A \$1,000 donation will get you listed as a sponsor and get you six complimentary tickets! Go to [www.RotaryRing-In.com](http://www.RotaryRing-In.com) for details or email Lynn Rullman, [lrullman@aha.edu](mailto:lrullman@aha.edu).

### **Pay it Forward:**

As a recipient of the *LCC Update* you are kept aware of ways to support your community and LCC. We greatly appreciate all that you do.

Another way to support the community while at the same time supporting LCC is through our new scholarship funds. LCC has two scholarship funds: one is directed to applicants meeting specific financial needs requirements, and a second is directed to applicants demonstrating significant community leadership in the area of racial equity. Both of the scholarship funds accept ongoing contributions from individuals or organizations wishing to make a positive impact in our community. The two scholarships are great ways to directly make a difference in people's lives who may not otherwise be able to participate in the program.

If providing support for either of LCC's scholarship funds fits within your personal priorities it is another way for you to help pass on the legacy of your participation in LCC to another generation of future leaders in our community. Thank you in advance for giving thoughtful consideration to this opportunity.

Contributions can be made by check payable to "Leadership Clark County," 400 East Evergreen Suite 113, Vancouver WA, 98660. Please specify whether donations are intended for the "Financial Needs Scholarship" or "Diversity Scholarship." Non-directed donations to LCC's general operating fund can also be made by PayPal at [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com). Leadership Clark County is a registered 501(c)3, which may help with any year-end tax planning underway. Finally, a number of local employers offer matching funds for donations to qualified not-for-profit organizations—so please let them know of your donations as a way to further leverage your generosity.

For more information, please visit [www.leadershipclarkcounty.com](http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com), contact Kathy Scott at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) or call 567-1085.

### **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](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of any month. Providing your news by our deadline will help us to include it in the following *Update*.

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

- Congratulations to re-elected Senator Craig Pridemore (Class of 1996) and newly-elected State Representative Jim Jacks (Class of 2002 and current Board member)!

- Keith Cupp (Class of 2003) has been named president of Gazelles International, which provides executive education and coaching for firm leaders with up to 2000 employees.
- Barbara Brace (Class of 2006) is now Vice President/Commercial Relationship Manager for SW Washington Commercial Banking at Umpqua Bank.
- Nelson Holmberg (Class of 2008) was appointed to a three-year term on the Clark College Alumni Association board.
- Jason Joner (Class of 2008) is serving a three-year term as a Clark College Foundation board of director.
- Alexis Bond (Class of 2008) and husband Travis were blessed with the arrival of their baby girl Ava on Friday, November 14.

### **LCC Calendar:**

- The Government Overview session will be held Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Clark County Public Services Building. The Legislative Breakfast will kick off the session from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at The Hilton.. A big thank you to sponsors Hilton Vancouver, Clark County, Bank of Clark County, and the City of Washougal. Also, a note of appreciation to our session captains: Katie Foehl, Stacey Sellers and Kelly Sills.
- The LCC Board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Happy Holidays to You and Yours!**

From all of us at LCC, we wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season. We'd also like to thank you for your support and friendship in 2008—and we hope to see you in 2009!

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

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.”  
—Mother Teresa