

Alumni
Update

Leadership
Clark County

December
2009

And a Marvelous Time Was Had by All

More than 60 LCC alumni and friends celebrated on November 19 as **Paul Speer** was named LCC Outstanding Alum. A photo gallery from the event begins on page 5.

Volunteers Wanted

Nonprofit Network Southwest Washington (NNSW): Looking for volunteers to help in the creation of two new programs.

- Board Mentoring– Develop a program to help nonprofits identify, recruit and train board members. Both experienced board members and those with fresh perspectives are welcome. January – Spring project.
- Holiday Drive Campaign 2010 – Create a collective community marketing campaign for nonprofits, focusing on Holiday Drives 2010. Likely to be a Spring-Fall project, though we'll get together once in January/February.

If you are interested in either or both of these opportunities, email or call Jeanne Kojis at NNSW:
Jeanne@nonprofitnetworkwa.org or 360-735-7110.

NNSW is a nonprofit infrastructure of support, connecting local organizations to knowledge, resources and each other.

Clark County: Seeking applicants to fill two volunteer positions.

- Clark County Planning Commission - to fill an unexpired term through December 2010. Application deadline is December 1.

The Planning Commission is a seven-member group that makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on land-use planning, zoning and development, in rural areas and other areas outside of any city limits. Topics include growth management, roads, public facilities plans, development regulations and county ordinances.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume.

- Citizens' Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee. Application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, December 7.

The committee ensures that County facilities, programs and activities meet federal standards and are accessible to all.



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Committee members should be available to assist in program and service reviews during regular business hours. Members serve a two-year term, beginning January 2010. Meetings are at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Additional information and committee bylaws are available on the Clark County website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/ada/index.html>.

Applicants must submit a resume and/or letter describing why they are interested in serving, what unique perspectives they will bring to the committee, and any experiences or activities that will lend diversity to the panel.

If you are interested in either or both positions, send your information to Jennifer Clark, Board of Clark County Commissioners, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000. Fax 360-397-6058. Email jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov.

Washington State Department of Licensing: Recruiting for a vacancy on the Collection Agency Board. Seeking a member of the general public with no family or business connection with the collection agency industry. The board works closely with department staff on disciplinary actions and collection industry issues.

The five board members are appointed by the governor to four-year terms.



For information, visit <http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/default.asp>.

Walk & Knock: Volunteers needed in various roles. Walk & Knock is our community's one-day countywide food drive, powered by volunteers from more than 20 service clubs, Scout troops and the public.

Residents will be asked to place canned and packaged goods in a bag and put it on their doorsteps the morning of Saturday, December 5. Last year, we collected more than 140 tons of food. Let's bag hunger in Clark County!

Volunteer opportunities and more information at <http://www.walkandknock.org> or 877-99-KNOCK (877-995-6625).

LCC Movers & Shakers

As reported in *The Columbian*, State Representative **Jim Jacks** (LCC class of 2002) completed his pledge to meet with 50 Vancouver-area business owners in 50 days. Jim held the meetings to find out more about the challenges facing businesses and what might be done about them.



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VaNessa Duplessie (left; LCC class of 2005) and **Maija Mercer** (LCC 2006) have been named to the Leadership Clark County board of directors.

VaNessa is a general partner with Ridge Partners, LLC and a Marshall Public Leadership Award recipient.

Maija is a regional manager for Holland Residential. In 2005, she received an “Accomplished and Under 40” Award from the *Vancouver Business Journal*.

Ron Gompertz, LCC class of 2009, is pleased to announce the publication of his first “good” novel. *No Roads Lead to Rome* is a quixotic tale that could be interpreted as a study of how an individual’s principles are often pitted against an organization’s imperatives. Explore www.noroadsleadtorome.com for ways your purchase of Ron’s book can help non-profit organizations.

Debra Hentz, LCC class of 2007, has been named student affairs generalist for Clark College. Debra is based at the Columbia Tech Center campus.

Pamela Weatherspoon, LCC class of 2009, is now working in community relations for Legacy Emanuel. Pamela also was featured in *The Oregonian* in her role as a board member of Young Professionals of Portland:

http://www.oregonlive.com/business/index.ssf/2009/11/portlands_young_professionals.html.

Community Events

Second Annual Vida's Ark Holiday Open House: **December 5**, 3 – 6 p.m. Vida's Ark is a home for homeless pregnant and parenting teens and their children. We will unveil the new "Lighthouse Community Center" resources for teen parents. For information, call Julie Hanke at 360-313-4436.

Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (GVCC) Ambassador Holiday Charitable Giving Breakfast: **December 4**, 7:30 - 9 a.m., Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver. The GVCC Ambassadors invite you to celebrate the holidays, support all GVCC nonprofits, network, chat, get your photo taken, say hello to Santa Claus (our own Kim Capeloto!), hear Dan Russell, enjoy a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items, and much more. Cost for members: \$30 pre-registered; \$35 at the door. Non-members: \$40 pre-registered; \$45 at the door.

Festival of Nativities: **December 3 - 6**, 12 - 9 p.m. 600 nativities from around the world on display. Musical performances, a live nativity, children's



room with arts & crafts and touchable nativities. Details at <http://www.festivalofnativities.org>.

LCC Calendar

LCC Board of Directors meets on **Tuesday, December 1.**

The December LCC session on Government will be held **Friday, December 11** at the County Public Services Center. Thanks to our session sponsors – Clark County, Hilton Vancouver, and City of Vancouver Session captains are Kelly Sills, Mike Bomar and Katie Foehl.

The annual **Leadership Clark County bus trip to Olympia** to see state government up close is back on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**. We are still working on the details, but the day will include roundtrip bus transportation from Vancouver to Olympia, breakfast and lunch, and an opportunity to meet your local legislators and state officials. Cost is \$50. RSVP to Kathy Scott at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com and send your non-refundable check for \$50 payable to Leadership Clark County, 400 E. Evergreen Blvd. suite 113, Vancouver, WA 98660.

Calling All Alums

Moving, changing email addresses or switching jobs? Remember to update your profile in the LCC database. Log in at: <http://www.lccdatabase.org/>. For log-in help, email Kathy Scott at: director@leadershipclarkcounty.com.



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

Leadership Thought of the Month

“In the end it is important to remember that we cannot become who we need to be by remaining who we are.”

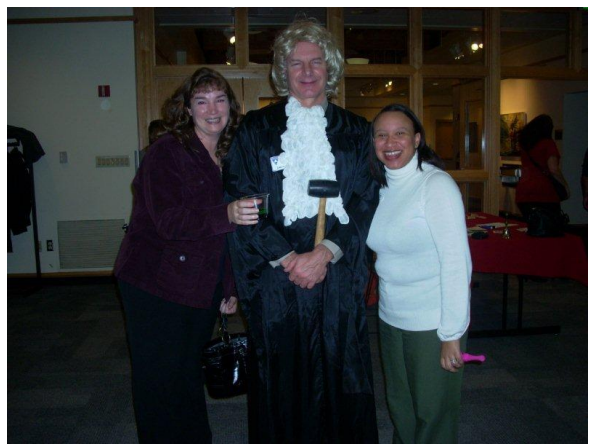
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Photo Gallery
LCC Outstanding Alumni Event
November 19
Paul Speer, Honoree



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**Congratulations
to Paul...**

**...and thanks to
all LCC Alumni
Attendees!**



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