

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:



Ed Halleran '03
President

Dear Friends:

Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Joyous Yule, Merry Christmas - these are just a few of the greetings used this time of year to express wishes of "happiness and joy" to those we meet. A happiness and joy that is personal to all of us, because of our own personal beliefs and experiences, but a true expression of our happiness we want to share with others. Over the last 30 - 40 years it has become increasingly politically incorrect to share these greetings, greetings we share from the heart, because we fear it might be offensive. Happy Holidays or Seasons Greetings has replaced them so that we don't offend. When someone greets me with a Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukkah or Joyous Yule I don't take offense. I know their only intention is an expression of good cheer that comes from their heart. I respond with "Happy Kwanza", "Happy Hanukkah" or "Joyous Yule" "to you too". Sure it's personal, but it's intentions are all good.

On Saturday, December 4th, Stephen and I are opening up our home for the Dunedin Youth Guild's Holiday Home Tour. 1000 people are expected and they are hoping to raise over \$20,000. I have given one of our trees to this year's Leadership Pinellas class to raffle off. Class members will be at our home from 10 - 4 selling raffle tickets for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Dunedin Youth Guild.

Following the Holiday Home Tour we will be hosting the LEADERSHIP PINELLAS PRE-HOLIDAY HAPPENING party from 7:30 - 10:00. Please plan on attending and RSVP to Judy ASAP! I hope to see you all there.

Merry Christmas!

Ed Halleran
President



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Help Fill The "Members On The Move" Space. Please Send Any News On Our Membership

Please submit information on "Members on the Move" to judy@leadershippinellas.com by December 27, 2010 to be included in the next Issue of the Leader Reader. Photos are welcome. Include a .jpg or .pdf file of your photo for inclusion

Volunteer Organization Spotlight Of The Month

We would like to make this a monthly feature of our *Leader Reader* as space permits. So, if you have a suggestion for a future issue, please submit it to Judy Mullican, Executive Director, judy@leadershippinellas.com or mail it to Leadership Pinellas, P. O. Box 5986, Clearwater, FL 33758-5986. Deadline for the next issue is December 27, 2010.

A Special Thank You

A very special thank you to **Rob Bollenback '10, Bob Chiavacci '09, Kristie Denbo '09 and Sarah Miller '10** for all their hard work and efforts in making this year's Business & Technology Day a great success, and a special thank you to The Nielsen Company for sponsoring the breakfast and **Karen Skiratko '07, Wells Fargo Advisors** for sponsoring the lunch for Business & Technology Day.

Please keep checking the events on our Website: www.leadershippinellas.com
 For any updated info on our planned events.

PROGRAM DAY SCHEDULE

Aug 20-21, 2010	Retreat
September 08, 2010	Human Services
October 13, 2010	Education *
November 10, 2010	Business & Technology
December 08, 2010	Government & Media
January 12, 2011	Health *
February 09, 2011	Arts & Culture *
March 20-22, 2011	Tallahassee
April 13, 2011	Environment & Infrastructure *
May 11, 2011	Criminal Justice *
May 14, 2011 pm	Graduation/Annual Meeting

***NOTE DATE CHANGE**



Business & Technology Day, November 10, 2010

Submitted by **Tina Tenret '11**

The Leadership Pinellas Class of 2011 has voted to support the Heart Gallery as our signature project. The vote followed the class Selection Committee's whittling a list of 29 proposed charities to just three. Runners up for project beneficiaries were CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse) and Gulfcoast Legal Services. Below is part of the response from Kristin Brett, Heart Gallery president:

I'm still grinning from ear to ear, ever since I received your call to relay the great news. It's wonderful to know that the Heart Gallery was selected by Leadership Pinellas to be the recipient of their upcoming fundraising efforts!

We cannot thank the entire Leadership Pinellas class enough for demonstrating your support to our organization and ultimately to the 100's of foster children in Pinellas county who depend on us for support.

Our region has more children in care than any other in the state, including Miami. Our needs are great and so your financial gifts will be tremendously beneficial in helping us reach our goals for the coming year.

The Heart Gallery's traveling wall posts professional portraits of foster children waiting for adoption, especially older children, siblings and those with special needs, complete with photo cards and personal biographies. Of 200 children featured since inception four years ago, 108 have been either adopted or matched with a potential family, according to the organization.

Now, our Fundraising Committee is on fire brainstorming ways to raise money, so the Heart Gallery can:

- Create permanent galleries to increase visibility and reduce moving/storing costs
- Install five additional "mini galleries"
- Produce and distribute hundreds of awareness posters
- Add children and improvements to its website. This year alone, more than 100 children have been referred to the Heart Gallery.

Meantime, the Volunteerism Committee is identifying additional ways to contribute –selecting four Pinellas-based organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, who can use our group's muscle and manpower. Our goal is to give 1,000 hours in group and individual service prior to graduation in May.

At the same time, the Program Day Committee continues to guide our monthly donations. Before the bus even left Brighthouse Field for Business & Technology Program Day, we had collected \$700 for Youth Leadership Pinellas – enough for more than one child's scholarship. This follows \$540 and 1,084 pounds of food donated at Human Services Day, as well as \$989 of school supplies brought to Education Day.

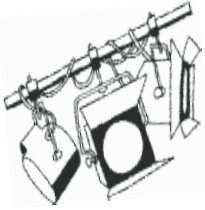
The plan for December's Program Day: adopting four families at Isaiah's Inn for Christmas. Below, a message from Dave Mott, Leadership Pinellas '11:

For most of us in any moment we can say "I've got it pretty good." For these families, that takes an exceptional attitude. The more I've learned, the more I realize the strong start I had was a gift which was not extended to all, and the kids I've met through Isaiah's - well, their hearts are just as good as mine. Working and striving to get off support and become independent, this is our chance to give them one day, one moment where they can say "I've got it pretty good."

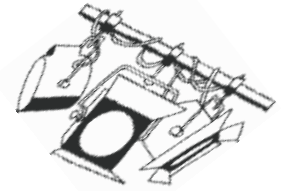
Leadership Pinellas Class of 2011 members "have it pretty good," able to give time and resources at this level, representing our alumni's collective passion for Pinellas. We look forward to seeing you at the holiday party, and as always, welcome your ideas.

Business & Technology Day, November 10, 2010





Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month



Someone Is Waiting Just For

NEW LIFE SOLUTIONS

New Life Solutions is celebrating 25 years of service to Pinellas County families. What began as the **Pregnancy Center of Pinellas County**, has blossomed into three centers in Pinellas Park, Largo and Countryside.



Since opening our first Center in 1985, we have been one of the most successful Christian Pregnancy Centers in the Nation. We have ministered to over 40,000 women, teens and families sharing the love of Christ, promoting alternatives to abortion, and serving as a positive resource of help throughout the Tampa Bay Area. For more about Pregnancy Center Services, click [Pregnancy Center Services](#).

In 1998 we established the **More2Life Youth Development Program** and have spoken to 65,000 teens on the benefits of Sexual Purity and Marriage to help prevent teen pregnancies and STDs. Click for [More 2 Life](#)



In 2008 the **Breath of Life Women's Health & Birth Center** was established and has become Tampa Bay's premiere Birth Center staffed by Certified Nurse-Midwives and is the only birth center in our nation run by a Pregnancy Center. It is a new, beautiful women's center designed to provide a safe place for women to achieve their goals and desires for a meaningful, natural childbirth experience and to receive well-woman care. Our attentive and sensitive Certified Nurse-Midwives are professionals who are experts in personalized care for normal pregnancy, birth and newborns. In December 2009, the center celebrated their 100th birth. <http://www.breathoflife.cc/>

The fourth component of New Life Solutions is **Passages**, a post-abortion support group that helps women cope with the memories and the deep spiritual wounding they've experienced long after the procedure is over.

For more information about how you can support **New Life Solutions**, visit us at <http://www.newlifesolutions.org/> or call us at 727-216-1414.

From the Desk of:



Judy Mullican,
Executive Director



Hello All,

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving.

Our last program day was on November 10th and was Business & Technology Day. The committee put together a very informative day and the Class of 2011 seemed to enjoy their day of learning about both small and large businesses and the wide variety of technology in our area.



Speaking of the Class of 2011, they've done it again!! They collected among themselves \$700 to be donated to Youth Leadership Pinellas in the form of one and one half scholarships. They never cease to amaze us with their energy and huge hearts in the way of donations to various charities since day one of their program days and they are planning for yet another donation for their next program day in December. Stay tuned. This Class is awesome!!

The Pre-Holiday Happening is Saturday, December 4th. I hope you are able to attend. As in the past, it should be a fun evening for everyone who attends.

Recruitment for the Leadership Pinellas Class of 2012 is just around the corner. It's not too early to be on the lookout for prospective applicants. The application information will be going out next month. You can mark your calendars for the two Recruitment Socials. The evening social will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, 2011 and the breakfast social will be held on Tuesday, April 26th, 2011. Both will be held at Ruth Eckerd Hall in the Margaret Heye Great Room in Clearwater.

Ed Hoffman '10 and his wife Barbara hosted a mini Class of 2010 reunion at their home on Lake Tarpon. About half of the class and spouses attended along with yours truly. Donations were accepted for the Shepard Center (a Tarpon Springs charity) for their Thanksgiving meals. Barbara outdid herself with a fantastic pasta dinner and all the trimmings. Classmates enjoyed themselves catching up on what everyone has been doing since graduation in May. I'm sure they will be doing this again. You may want to see if you can gather together your graduation class, too. ☺

Regardless of your faith, I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday Season!

*Thanks
Judy*

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L.E.A.D. & LEARN Day 2011

PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA ALLEN
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INFORMATION

Get ready for another amazing Leadership Education Alumni Day! We are also going to allow community leaders interested in seeing first hand what Leadership Pinellas has to offer the chance to join us this time around. The day will be focused around Tourism in the area. We are hard at work trying to provide our Alumni and invited guests a day they will not forget! More details to follow about the exact plans for the day.

This fantastic experience will be on February 9th. Please think about if you have anyone you would like to invite to join you. We will start at Brighthouse field and take a bus around town - to end up joining this years class after their day for a happy hour mixer. You should receive a e-mail soon with more details including the cost for this all day event. Please mark your calendar now! And send your RSVP in to reserve your spot. Once all the seats on one bus are full - the spots are all taken.

There will be one price for alumni - and another price for prospects. But..... any prospect to complete the day will have their application fee for next years class waived! This is a great chance to get your spouse and friends to experience a teaser of what you experienced while you went through this amazing program! And for you to re-live the time you were in the class. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the final planning of this day as well as a possible follow up LEAD day in the summer. If you are interested - please e-mail Melissa Allen at cobcourt@aol.com with your information and we will be sure to include you in our next planning meeting. This will truly be a day you will not want to miss!



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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S t o . . .

Alakai Defense Systems of Largo, **Ed Dottery '09 (President)**, was named emerging technology company of the year by the Tampa Bay Technology Forum, the principal advocacy group for area technology companies

Ruth Fanovich, RN '05 of RMF Care Management, Inc., received certification as a Dementia Care Specialist through Dementia care professionals of America

Nelly N. Khouzam '90 on being retained Second District Court of Appeal Judge

Keith Meyer '09 on being elected Judge, Pinellas-Pasco Sixth Circuit Court, Group 27

Charlie Robinson, Jr. '99 was recently elected chairman of the Goodwill-Suncoast Board of Directors

Please help fill this page by sending information to: judy@leadershipinellas.com

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Melissa Allen '01** as her mother recovers from a stroke



DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Margaret Bicz '07 has a new email address: mpbicz@gmail.com

Rebecca Jonson '01 has a new email address: becky.jonson@verizon.net

Gretchen Mitchell '11 has a new email address: gretchen.Mitchell@suntrust.com

Judy Siracusa '95 has a new email address: winnings@tampabay.rr.com

Stephanie Oddo '09 has moved to California. Her new contact information is: cell phone 949-309-9638, home phone 949-388-2522, home address, 26 Via Di Nola, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Her email is the same stephodd@gmail.com



IN MEMORIUM

Dr. H. Browning Spence '88 passed away On Friday, November 26, 2010