

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:

Dear Friends:

The highlight of every class year seems to be the trip to Tallahassee, and this year is no exception. As a matter of fact, this year's trip may very well be the exception.



Bud Elias '01
President

Thanks to the efforts of **Art Shand '00**, **Cyndie Goudeau '96**, and **Sallie Parks '82** this Tallahassee trip was quite remarkable. Not only did the class meet with members of our Pinellas County Legislative Delegation, the Agriculture Commissioner, Charles Bronson, Lt. Governor, Jeff Kottkamp, Chief Financial Officer, Alex Sink, Secretary of State, Ken Browning, but had a unique opportunity to meet with Governor Charlie Crist. He took time to engage the class in candid conversation and surprised them with a photo opportunity.

Needless to say, an experience not soon forgotten!

A quick look at the calendar will tell you that we have only two more program days for the class of 2006/2007. My, how time flies. To serve as a reminder to our membership, the class year ends with graduation ceremonies in combination with our annual /business meeting. This is always an exciting event and I encourage all of our LP members to RSVP. The event will take place at the Island Way Grill, Saturday evening, May 12th.

While we are on the subject of RSVPs, there are several events coming up that I want to bring to your attention. One is our Scavenger Hunt/Social event on Saturday, April 14th. Chairperson **Susan Benjamin '95**, and committee members **Jill Carbonelli '04**; **Rep DeLoach III '06**; **Bud Elias '01**; **Ed Halleran '03**; **Gary Hallas '06**; **Sean Jowell '04**; **Matt Novak '06**; **Carol Parks '99**; **Sarah Pickett '06**; **Carol Lynn Roman '06**; **Mark Simpson '04** and **Stephanie Zaragoza '00** have been very active in planning this event. The Scavenger Hunt will feature competition among our several graduating classes, and that event will end up at Ed Halleran's and Steve Sika's beautiful home that late afternoon and evening. This will be a fun time, whether you participate in the Scavenger Hunt or just attend the social event. In any event, we need your RSVP.

The other events are the MacDill Central Command Center visit on May 14, and the Washington D.C. trip scheduled for this fall. For those who attended the MacDill trip last year I am sure they would agree that it was an outstanding event. The Washington D.C. trip portends to be equally exciting inasmuch as **Karen Seel '91** is overseeing the details of both events. We need your RSVPs.

Finally, our recruiting socials will quickly be here and we need to be prepared. Our recruiting chairman, **Chris Ruppel '03**, has done an outstanding job upgrading our recruiting materials and our presentations.

Bud Elias

Leadership Pinellas Alumni Challenge and Social

April 21, 2007

12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2007

Time: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Party

Where: 1005 Victoria Drive, Dunedin

Home of Ed Halleran and Steve Sika

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Mail to: Leadership Pinellas, P.O. Box 5986,

Clearwater FL 33758-5986

or: Phone 727-784-8641 with MasterCard or VISA number

Number will be shredded when transaction is accepted

Deadline: Monday, April 16, 2007

Sponsorship Opportunities:

\$250 Gold Level

Recognition on E-vite

Recognition throughout Scavenger Hunt

Optional Scavenger Hunt stop (at business)

Sign and Recognition at Party

\$100 Silver Level

Recognition on E-vite

Sign and Recognition at Social

RULES

- Each team must have a digital camera for "evidence" that each team visited the location supplied by team
- Only one car per team with a minimum of 3 people on a team - cannot use 2 cars
- Majority of team must be in photo for points to be awarded
- Before the end of the 3-hour time limit, each team will need to print out their photographs prior to returning to the finish line
- Each photo must have the time and location placed on it
- Winning team will be awarded based upon the total number of points accumulated from each stop
- Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places
- Other prizes will be awarded for most creative, funniest and other categories
- Each team must provide their own map of Pinellas County
- The LP Challenge is a 3-hour event
- Points awarded at varying amounts based upon location and difficulty of stop

If you would like to provide a sponsorship or have your location a Scavenger Hunt stop, call Susan Benjamin at 727-725-1808.

Please make checks payable to Leadership Pinellas and mail to P.O. Box 5986, Clearwater, FL 33758-5986 or to use your VISA or MasterCard, call Harriet Coren @ 727-784-8641. As soon as the transaction is accepted, your card number will be shredded.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

"Big for a Day" Baseball Bash!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County
and the Leadership Pinellas Class of 2007
invite you to be a "Big for a Day"

There are more than 200 children in Pinellas
County waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister...
some for over a year!

Won't you help fill that role for a child for *just one day*?

As a "Big for a Day" volunteer, you'll be matched with a waiting child for
our day at the ballgame. Together you will enjoy an exciting afternoon of Clearwater
Threshers baseball, food, drinks, and lots of fun activities — all for free!

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and bring joy to a child.

To sign up, complete and return the form below, or call Stefanie
Barsema at 727-518-8860 ext. 229 before April 1.

Can't be a "Big for a Day" but still want to help out?



Buy an All-You-Can-Eat Ticket Package for \$15 and get a ticket to the game and an all-you-can-eat
wristband for the Hot Corner Café — includes food, snacks, ice cream, and soft drinks

Sponsor a child to attend the event for \$30

Be a "Pinch Hitter" — for your donation of \$250 or
more you will receive a pair of tickets to the exclusive
"Party Suite" for game day (includes food, soft drinks, and
beer) and a special thank you in the BBBS community
newsletter

For corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Tracey Birch at 727-641-8806

Date:

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Time:

10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

(Game begins at 1:00 PM)

Place:

Bright House Networks Field

601 N. Old Coachman Rd., Clearwater

West of U.S. 19, between Drew St. and NE Coachman
Rd. (SR 590)



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you are purchasing tickets or making a donation, make your
check payable to "BBBS PC" and please include "LP" on the
Memo line.

Mail this form (with your check if applicable) by April 1 to:

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Attn: Stefanie Barsema
918 West Bay Drive
Largo, FL 33770

To pay by credit card, call
Stefanie Barsema at
727-518-8860 ext.. 229

I/We will be a (check one):

Big Brother Big Sister Big Couple for the day

Age(s): _____ T-shirt size(s): _____

There is no charge to attend this event as a "Big for a Day", but a child will
depend on your presence for the entire duration of the event.

Other ways you can help:

All-You-Can-Eat Ticket Package _____ x \$15 = _____
(You will receive your game ticket and all-you-can-eat wristband by mail)

Sponsor A Child _____ x \$30 = _____
(Covers the cost of a child and his or her "Big for a Day" to attend the event)

"Pinch Hitter" (donations of \$250 and up) amount: _____
(Pinch Hitters will receive 2 tickets to the exclusive "Party Suite" for game day)

Total Enclosed: _____

BIG FOR A DAY: BASEBALL BASH
A PROJECT OF LEADERSHIP PINELLAS CLASS 2007
Benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters ~ serving Pinellas, Hernando and Citrus Counties
SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Corporate Sponsorships			Individual Donations	
A MAJOR LEAGUE SPONSOR	THE PERFECT GAME SPONSOR	GRAND SLAM SPONSOR	PINCH HITTER	SPONSOR A CHILD
\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$250 and up	\$30 per child sponsored
Limit 1 sponsor	Limit 6 sponsors	Limit 12 sponsors	Limited by Party Suite capacity	Unlimited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Exclusive logo placement on front of T-shirts € Premier logo placement on all event advertising and printed materials* € Opportunity for a company representative to throw the ceremonial first pitch of the game € Company banner display at the event* € Inclusion In All Event Press Releases € Logo with hotlink on BBBS Website € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter € Admittance for 8 to the Big for a Day activities and to the exclusive "Party Suite" for the game, including food and beverages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Premier logo placement on back of T-shirts € Name or logo placement on all event advertising and printed materials* € Company banner display at the event* € Inclusion In All Event Press Releases € Logo with hotlink on BBBS Website € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter € Admittance for 4 to the Big for a Day activities and to the exclusive "Party Suite" for the game, including food and beverages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Name on back of T-shirts € Company banner display at the event € Name with hotlink on BBBS Website € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter € Admittance for 2 to the Big for a Day activities and to the exclusive "Party Suite" for the game, including food and beverages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Admittance for 2 to the Big for a Day activities and the "Party Suites" for the game, including food and beverages. € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € This sponsorship covers the cost of one child to spend the day with an adult volunteer at this event. € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter
			<p>"Party Suite" includes comfortable indoor and outdoor seating, flat-screen cable TV, food, and beverages (bottled beer included)</p> <p>* Some limitations apply</p> <p>Contact Tracey Birch (727-641-8806 or tab@pobox.com) for more information about corporate sponsorship opportunities.</p>	

Class of 2007
Tallahassee Trip March 18-20, 2007

by *Allyn Childress, Class Reporter*

This could be a very short article:
Governor Charlie Crist.

'Nuff said. But in order to truly showcase the incredible agenda that was prepared by our Leadership alumni, a few more details need to be shared from our trip to Tallahassee that took place over a whirlwind two and a half days in March.

Monday morning, we were treated to presentations and conversations with a broad range of experts in Tallahassee. These included Pete Dunbar (lobbyist representing Pinellas County and the City of Clearwater), Bob Bullard (member of the Governor's Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida), Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp, Charles Bronson (Commissioner of Agriculture), Alex Sink (Chief Financial Officer), Kurt Browning (Secretary of State), and Steve Bousquet (Tallahassee Bureau Chief for the *St. Petersburg Times*).

An afternoon tour provided us with a view of the city (the 22nd floor), an appreciation of Florida's history (the old Capitol building), and an ability to wander the complex without getting hopelessly lost. We were also given time to visit our legislators' offices. We wound our way back to the Cabinet Room where we honored to have an audience with Governor Charlie Crist. The Governor was very generous with his time and comments, providing his insights on property taxes and insurance, environmental protection, and numerous other topics of discussion. After a class photo op with the Governor, we wrapped up at the Capitol and headed to the Governor's Club for dinner with several members of the Pinellas Legislative Delegation.

During the day and at dinner, we were able to meet and hear from many of our county's legislators. These included Senator Arthenia Joyner (District 18) and Representatives Bill Heller (District 52), James Frishe (District 54), Rick Kriseman (District 53), Ed Hooper (District 50), Peter Nehr (District 48), Tom Anderson (District 45), Frank Peterman, Jr. (District 55), and Janet Long (District 51).

Tuesday morning, we were provided time to visit our legislators and observe committee meetings until our session at the Supreme Court. There, Justice Quince provided an overview of the role of the Supreme Court and we were given a tour of the courthouse.

Our last day was also National Guard Day in Tallahassee. As some heroes entertained nicely in the Capitol plaza, complete with a band, fighting machines, and even hot dogs, we gathered our satchels, boarded the bus, and collapsed for the ride home.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the organizers of this trip: **Cyndie Goudeau '96, Frank Hibbard '00, Art Shand '00, and Sallie Parks '82.** Thanks also to **Odalys Lara '94** who braved the journey and joined us for a terrific experience in Tallahassee. Next up: Criminal Justice Day!

2006-2007 Program Days

4/11/07 Criminal Justice
5/9/07 Environment & Infrastructure
5/12/07 Graduation & Annual Meeting

Leadership Pinellas Upcoming Events

Washington, DC Trip probably Sept. 26-28, 2007

Airfare plus
Single Non-Shared Room
Cost: \$1200

More information next month

Send your RSVP to
harrietcoren@ij.net

Military Day - May 14, 2007

Mike Monahan '06, Chair

US Central Command plus more

Plans being completed
just reserve the date

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Reservations:
First-Come Basis
RSVP to harrietcoren@ij.net

2007 Class Graduation and Annual Meeting Saturday, May 12, 2007

Island Way Grill
20 Island Way in Island Estates
Clearwater Beach

6:00-7:00 pm Cocktails Hors' doeuvres
7:00-8:00 pm Dinner
8:30-9:30 pm Graduation/Annual Meeting

Cost: \$30.00 per person
2007 class members no charge
RSVP to harrietcoren@ij.net
checks: Leadership Pinellas, P.O.Box 5986
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OR
call Harriet Coren at 727-784-8641
for VISA or MasterCard number to charge.
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from the desk of
Harriet Coren,
Executive Director

This is again our annual "busiest 6 weeks of the year." I now have 6 RSVP pages awaiting your response to attend these events on our website: www.leadershoppinellas.com:

April 10 - Recruiting Social - no fee

April 15 - 2007 Class Project - "Big For a Day"

\$15.00 game & all you can eat

\$30.00 same & sponsor a child.

April 21 - Scavenger Hunt - \$15.00 each person

April 24 - Recruitment Breakfast - no fee

May 12 - Annual Meeting/Graduation - \$30.00 (2007: none)

May 14 - Military Day - fee

Directory changes:

Eva Eraclides '03 Circle of Caring Director, The Hospice Foundation of the FL Suncoast, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd. Clearwater 33760 phone: 523-4166; fax: 523-3396 email: evaeraclides@thehospice.org

Karen Fitzpatrick '07 2717 Seville Blvd. #11106

Clearwater 33764 (h) Email: eyesonzion@tampabay.rr.com

Amanda Gilroy '04 Email: agilroy@whitneybank.com

Nancy Ridenour '98 PDR Certified Public Accountants

Recruitment for 2008 Class

Margarete Heye Great Room
Ruth Eckerd Hall
1111 McMullen Booth Road
Clearwater

Tuesday, April 10 5:30-7:30 pm Social

Tuesday, April 24 7:30-9:00 am Breakfast

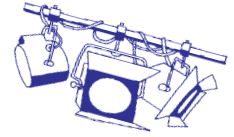
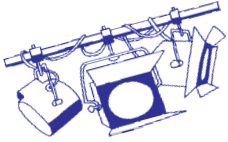
There is no charge for either of these events but RSVP is required 3 days prior for Catering.

Please remind your friends and co-workers about Leadership Pinellas and invite them to either or both of these functions.

Applications can be completed by computer at www.leadershoppinellas.com. Just link on to "How To Apply" and find out all about it.

Please keep checking the events on our website: www.leadershoppinellas.com for any updated info on our planned events.

Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month Someone Is Waiting Just For You



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CLEARWATER-DUNEDIN

Women building better communities

Think the Junior League is just a group of women who get together and talk about other women, their children and what to do with their time and talents?

Well, you're right.

For nearly 60 years more than 650 dynamic and diverse women have served the women and children of Upper Pinellas County through countless volunteer hours and more than 1 million dollars raised. In discussing the needs of women, children and how best to meet them, members of the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin have developed and implemented many projects throughout Pinellas County which positively impact the lives of all of its citizens. These projects include: the David L. Mason Children's Art Museum, Heritage Park, Gateway Children's Shelter, UPARC and the F.U.N. Bus.

If you are interested in serving the women and children of Upper Pinellas County by sharing your time and talents with the JLCD don't hesitate to contact us.

Join the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin

Call us at 727-738-5523 or visit www.jlcd.org

Applications Available Online

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 the Editorial Committee, Leadership Pinellas, P. O. Box 5986, Clearwater, FL 33758-5986. Deadline for the next issue is April 23, 2007.

