

August 2007

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:

Dear Friends,

We have a tremendous amount of wonderful things happening at Leadership Pinellas. Our new Alumni Chair, **Melissa Allen '01**, has established a Happy Hour on the second Wednesday of every month commencing on August 8th! If these dates sound familiar don't be surprised! They coincide with our class program days! And what better place to go than the ballpark after a long and information packed program day to unwind and relax. That's right! We are going to meet at the Threshers Tiki Bar at Clw. Phillies stadium! This monthly event will offer a fantastic opportunity for the alumni to stay in touch with each other and get to know this years class members even better. Again, the first one is this **Wednesday, August 8th at 5:30pm.** **HAVE FUN!!!!** (See the announcement on Page 3 for where and when)



Odalys Lara '94
President

Isn't it amazing how time flies? Yes, it is time for the class retreat on **August 24th and our first Alumni social** for the new year. This will be our first opportunity to meet the new members and to see if we remember what the different colored dots stand for? How many of you remember what color you were, or if you were "Dora" or "Irene"? I know I don't. Of course, let's not forget our goal to socialize and try to get as many of those dots as possible! I look forward to seeing you all there and hearing about you're exciting and interesting summer vacations. Please RSVP to Judy our new Exec, which has kindly agreed to tell us all a little bit about herself in this issue, see page 5 for her message!

I would like to thank in advance all the LP Alumni, as well as the coordinators and Planning Chair working behind the scenes to make this another fun-tastic leadership year! Our planning chair, **Pat Perzel-Geller '93**, has been busy contacting our volunteer member/coordinators and as always, the enthusiasm involved with passing on this wonderful experience, surfaces! The co-chairs this year are **Teresa Hibbard '06, Jack Geller '05, John Kamkutis '03, and Georgetta Doyle '05.** They will be holding another meeting on **August 15th at the Hale Center** and would be happy to have you join them in the planning process. Please feel free to contact any of them if you are interested in participating or simply have a great idea about something special that you think might enhance any of the program days.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not mention our past Board Member and Planning Chair, **Garrison "Garry" Brumback '00**, a dear friend, who is moving to take charge of a city managers position in Baytown, Texas. Garry, you will be missed and we wish you all the success and happiness in the world!

See you all at the opening retreat!

Yours in the spirit of LP,

Odalys Lara

First Social of the 2007-2008 year



come meet the new class

and renew friendships with your class

Friday, August 24, 2007

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

At

The Radisson

12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg

Hors d'oeuvres

Cash Bar

NO FEE

but we do need your RSVP to

727-585-8889 or judy@pinellasleadership.com

by August 21st

so we can give an accurate number

to Catering

Leadership Pinellas Happy Hour
DON'T FORGET OUR FIRST HAPPY HOUR
Wednesday, August 8, 2007
See you at the ballpark!



Get together with some of your old friends from Leadership –

And make new ones!

Join us at the “Almost World Famous” Frenchy’s Tiki Pavilion at beautiful

Bright House Networks Field

on the second Wednesday of the month through November 14 for one of the largest networking

Happy Hour’s in the Bay area! Ladies drink free from 5-6 p.m. while you enjoy live entertainment and free food from Dogwater Restaurant. This is the Happy Hour you don’t want to miss! Sponsored and hosted by the **Clearwater Threshers**. Bright House Networks

Field is located off of US 19 and Drew Street in Clearwater.

A Huge Thank You To This Year's Sponsors

PLATINUM SPONSOR



GOLD SPONSOR



Perzel and Lara Forensic, CPA's
We are not your Typical CPA's!

SILVER SPONSOR



Chris & Christine Ruppel



Clearwater Gas

Stathopoulos Law Group, PA

ALUMNI BOOSTER



Linda S. Williams
State Farm Ins. Agency

Bruce Livingston

Sally Lindberg & Associates

Lauralee G. Westline

The Briggs Financial Planning Group
Of Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Jean R. Shapiro

Jonathan Wade

A Spiritual Change, Inc.



From the Desk of: Judy Mullican, Executive Director

I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself. My name is Judy Mullican and I am the new Executive Director of Leadership Pinellas. I was born in Richmond, Virginia, but have grown up right here in Pinellas County. I moved to St. Petersburg with my mom and dad in 1959. I have been married to the love of my life, Mike, for over 42 years. We have one daughter, Terri, two adorable grandchildren, Alicia, 12 and Austin who will be 10 in September, and a phenomenal son-in-law, Daniel, who is a West Point and Harvard graduate. They live in El Dorado Hills, California. Terri graduated from the University of Florida where she was president of her sorority, Kappa Delta, a member of Blue Key, Florida Cicerones and Gator Growl.

My husband, Mike, was a freelance court reporter here in Pinellas County for almost 30 years. During that time, I was his partner in business and did all of his transcription. I helped him with the transition from electric typewriters to computerized transcription. It was challenging at times, but also very interesting. He no longer reports but is still involved in the field of court reporting as office manager with Maxa Court Reporters.

My most recent job involved the handling of scheduling and the organization of seminars from setting up locations, catering, books and training materials to greeting the clientele upon arrival for the seminars. I was also involved in creating brochures, business cards, letterhead, web site information and calendaring.

My hobbies are crocheting and beading. I love to work with my hands creating unusual jewelry or crocheting shawls, afghans, or Christmas items. An occupational hazard of having been behind a keyboard for over 30 years has left me with carpal tunnel and slowed down my crafting a bit. But I still like to try it occasionally.

I am excited about my new position with Leadership Pinellas and the opportunity to work in such a great organization. I know a lot of you by name, especially the attorneys, from having contact with you through court reporting with my husband, but I look forward to meeting you all. Judy

In Other News: It's been a busy month getting ready for the Class of 2008 Retreat. You still have time to RSVP for the Social on August 24th. You can email me at judy@leadershippinellas.com with your RSVP. For those wanting to help with Program Days, don't forget our August 15 meeting at 8:00 AM at the William E. Hale Activity Center, 330 Douglas Ave., Dunedin.

Program Day Schedule

- August 24-25, 2007.....Opening Retreat
- September 12, 2007.....Human Services
- October 10, 2007.....Arts / Culture
- November 14, 2007.....Business /Technology
- December 12, 2007.....Government /Media
- January 9, 2008.....Education
- February 13, 2008.....Health
- March 16-18, 2008.....Tallahassee Trip
- April 9, 2008Criminal Justice
- May 14, 2008.....Environment / Infrastructure
- May 17, 2008.....Graduation

A Special Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the **Dr. William E. Hale Activity Center** in Dunedin for donating conference space for our Program Planning meetings.

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

Youth Leadership Pinellas Program

The Youth Leadership Pinellas Program is currently recruiting new members for the 2007 - 2008 class **AND** recruiting Leadership Pinellas Alumni that are interested in volunteering with the Youth Leadership Pinellas Program. Youth Leadership Pinellas is a program sponsored by Leadership Pinellas and the YMCA of the Suncoast. Similar to Leadership Pinellas, the program seeks to provide information on community resources and issues, develop an excellence in leadership, build teamwork skills, and foster involvement in community services for a diverse group of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students.

Youth Leadership Pinellas is a seven-month program, operating from November through May. Participants meet for five full day sessions, attend an orientation retreat and graduation event. The students will also be required to develop and execute a community based service project.

A wide range of topics exposes participants to the decisions facing our community today. Emphasis is on active, hands-on experience that makes the learning meaningful and interesting. Program topics include:

November	Retreat
December	Business/Media Day
January	Health and Human Services Day
February	Education Day
March	Government Day
April	Criminal Justice
May	Graduation

The program is run separate from any school-sponsored program. Students are responsible for making up any and all work missed during the school day and for excusing the absence.

An application must be completed and submitted by the deadline to be eligible for consideration. Applicants are formally interviewed by a Selection Committee and are evaluated on individual merits, as well as the basis of the overall class dynamics, ensuring that members reflect the community at large.

The student participant cost is \$85 for the year. Scholarships are available when need exists. Youth Leadership Pinellas is committed to being open to all qualified participants regardless of ability to pay.

Volunteers from Leadership Pinellas Alumni are needed for the program Selection Committee and to help with the organization of the program days.

For more information on the Youth Leadership Pinellas program, for a program application, or to volunteer for the program, please contact the Stephanie Zaragoza at the YMCA at 467-9622 or Leadership Pinellas at 585-8889.

Board of Directors 2007-2008

Board of Directors 2007-2008

President: Odalys Lara '94
 President-Elect: Christian "Chris" Ruppel '03
 Past President: Chester "Bud" Elias '01
 Treasurer: Suzanne Patrick '04
 Secretary: Cyndie Goudeau '96
 Board Member (2 yr.): Melissa Allen '01
 Board Member (2 yr.): Ed Halleran '03
 Board Member (2 yr.): Karen Seel '91
 Board Member: (1 yr.): Amy Hudock '02
 Board Member (1 yr.): Jeff Joyner '05
 Board Member (1 yr.): Judge Jack St. Arnold '91
 Alumni Development Chair: Melissa Allen '01
 Planning Chair: Patricia "Pat" Perzel-Geller '93
 PR/Marketing/FundRaising Chair: Matt Novak '06
 Youth Leadership Chair: Kim Briggs '00

In This Issue:

	Page
President's Message	1
August 24 th Social	2
Leadership Pinellas Happy Hour	3
Our Sponsors	4
From the Desk of	5
Program Day Schedule	5
Special Thank You	5
Youth Leadership Program	6
Board of Directors	7
In This Issue	7
Members on the Move	7



M - E - M - B - E - R - S O - N T - H - E M - O - V - E

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

Garrison "Garry" Brumback '00, No stranger to a challenge, Desert Storm Veteran, Lt. Colonel (Retired) City of Clearwater Assistant City Manager and past Leadership Pinellas Board Member and Planning Chair '04-'05, has set his sights on Baytown, Texas. Garry resigned on Tuesday to take over the top job for a great Texas city that is facing opportunities and challenges similar to Clearwater's. He is a highly successful eight year Clearwater veteran and will become City Manager for Baytown shortly after Labor Day. Leadership wishes you all things great! Excellent choice Baytown!

Tracey Birch '07, Welcomes a new addition to her family, James Russel & Kathryn Ann. Congratulations!!

