

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:



Art Shand '00
President

Dear LP friends,

I hope this finds all of you and your families well, safe and warm with sturdy shelter over your heads. Be thankful for your present position and also be thankful hurricanes Katrina and Rita did not change your status to this regard a year ago. If you are all well, safe and warm then you will not need the services of the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) located in Clearwater. Many less fortunate who are not well, safe and warm will benefit from the efforts of the HEP Project of the 2006 Leadership Pinellas Class. With this said, I am gratified to tell you this year's class is (as you know from past correspondence) involved in the Homeless Emergency Project with HEP Executive Director, Barbara Green '03.

The class has eclipsed all LP records for economic support of their project. They have managed to secure financial commitments of \$5000+ to fuel their endeavor and they are applying for a matching grant! Good luck class! Read about the details on page 3 in this edition of the *Leader Reader*.

Ok, let's get into the details! First, it is time to spread the word! Applications are ready, plans are in place and we need your assistance in identifying outstanding LP candidates for the Class of 2007! We have scheduled the following dates: Recruitment Social will be held at Ruth Eckerd Hall in the Margarete Heye Great Room on Tuesday, April 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This "After Hours" Social will offer a wonderful opportunity for you to meet candidates and rekindle past relationships. This has always been a terrific event which you will not want to miss! Next we have our Recruitment Breakfast on Tuesday, May 2nd to be held in the same location from 7:30am to 9:30am. "Wake Up and Smell the coffee!" Lets all get involved in bringing LP to those who can perpetuate this program in our community! Thank you in advance for your efforts!

The most recent Program day was Environment and Infrastructure Day on Wednesday, January 11th. It was a huge success! Many thanks to the program day coordinators: Jan Tracy '96, Chair; Liz Warren '05 and Pat Marzulli '05. Check out the review of Class Reporter, Colleen Flynn '06 on page 4. The next LP class day is Education Day on Wednesday, February 8th! Special thanks go out to Coordinators: Cynthia Joliff-Johnson '05, Chair; Dr. Martha Barker '02, Evelyn Finklea '04, Chris Ruppel '03, Adam Struckhoff '04 and Andrea Zahn '02. Thank you all for your efforts! This promises to be another excellent program day!

Finally, please plan to hear Sally Parks '82 and Bill Horne '01 at the next *Lunch at the Library Series* on Thursday, February 2nd at noon at the new Main Library in downtown Clearwater. See details on page 2 of this issue.

Go out there and make it a great LP month!

Yours in Service,
Art Shand



The Clearwater Main Library is the home of the Leadership Library, a collection of books and materials established in partnership with our own Leadership Pinellas. The public is invited to the

Special Collections Room on the 4th floor where they will find our collection.

Our "lunch series" invites you and your guests to join us on the first Thursday of every month from noon until 1:00 p.m. We meet in the first floor conference room at the Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Avenue in downtown Clearwater. Bring your lunch or buy one at Joffrey's Cafe.

Each month, members of the business community, local government and others will share books and authors who have inspired personal and professional growth and development.

Presenters, Thursday, February 2:

Sallie Parks '82 Past Chair PC Commission

Bill Horne II '02 Clearwater City Manager

Presenters, Thursday, March 2

Judge Morris Silberman '90

Judge Nelly Khouzam '90

Anyone interested in contributing donations to our Leadership Library Foundation, please call us at 727-480-3515.

2006 Class Program Days

Feb. 8 Education

Mar. 8 Health

Apr. 9-11 Tallahassee Trip

Apr. 19 Arts and Culture (date change)

May 10 Criminal Justice

May 13 a.m. Closing Retreat

May 13 p.m. Graduation

L.E.A.D. DAY

Our Leadership Educational Alumni Day is still planned for a half-day morning program in March at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. We just await confirmation of the date.

Please let us know if your schedule is flexible and would like to attend so we will know what size bus to reserve. Call 727-585-8889 or email harrietcoren@ij.net for your reservation.



This is not my desk

from the desk of
Harriet Coren
Dir. of Adm. Services

Thanks to members who have visited our newly revised website (www.leadershippinellas.com) and have taken the time to email me back with your comments. They have been encouraging, as well as much appreciated.

President, Art Shand '00 told the Board in January: "I think we have bought Harriet a new toy," for which I thank you. I'm having a fun time "playing" with it and hope you will be better informed.

Our **Leader Reader** can only publicize activities that are sponsored by Leadership Pinellas, but I now have the opportunity to keep you advised of volunteer events in which our members participate, sponsored by THEIR organizations, and are of added interest to us in our community. It will not be an avenue for a sales pitch, but another venue in which we can be of help.

Please let me know the details by email, and if appropriate, I will be happy to add it to the **What's New** link on our home page. I will try to have at least one new item each week, with dates to keep it current, so send me "What's New" with you.

This month, I will be able to add the application for the 2007 Class by using the **How To Apply** link and hope you will encourage your friends and co-workers to let me hear from them. Thx. H.

Current changes in the directory:

Alison Carmen '04 email:

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John Mangine '99 email:

jomangine@southernitc.com (w)

Jeff Tomeo '99 email:

jtomeo@knology.net (h)

We extend our deepest condolences to Keith Appenzeller '95 and his wife, Susan on the passing of their son, Dustin

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2006 Class Project



Task forces were established from within Pinellas County several months ago to determine through community outreach what residents considered to be the greatest challenges facing our community. Three key areas came to the forefront—homelessness, transportation and healthcare.

The 2006 Leadership Pinellas class, when identifying how to make a difference through its class project, considered many significant local nonprofits that addressed these concerns. In the end, the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) of Clearwater was identified as the organization the class would create a project around.

This spring, the 2006 class will introduce a year-round collection program of items that will benefit those served by HEP. HEP spends thousands of dollars on basic individual needs such as underwear, toothbrushes, paper towels, pantry items and cleaning supplies. Our intent is to involve the entire community by placing collection bins throughout the county asking for ‘item of the month’ donations, as well as educating how vital HEP is to our area.

By utilizing our community resources all residents can support HEP through basic need donations allowing HEP to direct limited funds on operating costs and programs and services.

Each class member is to approach high-traffic areas such as companies, schools and/or churches to ask if they would consider becoming a partner in collecting certain items for a one-month period. HEP will supply a collection bin and pick up the bin with the items at the end of the agreed upon time. The participating company/school/church will notify their employees/students/members in advance that, for instance, a “Drop Your Drawers” campaign for underwear collection will take place during a selected month. People should be encouraged to bring packaged underwear for women, men or children to support the drive. Another month may be “Brush Up” to collect toothbrushes and toothpaste for HEP’s dental program. There will be several clever campaigns through the year.

To: Leadership Pinellas Graduates

The 2006 Class is counting on your support by allowing us the opportunity to include your company/school/church in this project.

Please join us as we help others. After all, when everyone gives so much more is accomplished.

For more information, please contact
Teresa Hibbard at 727-544-4433 or thibbard@watsoncenter.org
or
Courtney Orr at 727-461-0011 or corr@clearwaterflorida.org

Environment and Infrastructure Program Day

January 11, 2006

by Colleen Flynn,

Class Reporter

The 2006 Leadership Pinellas Class had another great program day on January 11, 2006. After a 7:30 a.m. early morning start, we arrived at the Pinellas County Emergency Operation Center. Over the past two years we have all seen the Center on television and watched Gary Vickers and his staff warn us about hurricanes and assist us in evacuation, but to see it was something else! While on television it looks large, it is actually a small fortified area in the Clearwater Courthouse! It was fascinating to listen to Gary Vickers talk about all the planning and logistics that are involved in keeping Pinellas residents safe during emergency situations. While there, we also heard from Karen Seel '91 about everyone's least favorite thing in Pinellas County – the traffic. Through Karen and her fellow Commissioners' hard work, the traffic problem is being handled with the overpasses and extensions lessening the traffic on the main arteries.

Thereafter, we traveled to Fort De Soto Park- also known as the #1 beach in America. Many of us had not been there in some time and a few people (shockingly) had not ever been to Fort De Soto. Before we got there, we were entertained on the bus by Lori Buck of the Pinellas County Emergency Operations about 9-1-1 calls. While she made us laugh with some of the funnier 9-1-1 calls we were all amazed at how 9-1-1 works. Upon arriving at Ft. De Soto, we had a tour by bus of the entire park hosted by Bob Browning, the Park District Supervisor. We toured the Fort and had lunch outside on a beautiful and sunny January day.

As we traveled to Weedon Island Preserve, Jan Tracy '96 gave us information on the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility. We were all amazed at the steps taken by Pinellas County to reclaim the water. I also promised to stop putting salad dressing down the garbage disposal! At Weedon Island, we took a short tour to look at some of the vegetation and birds and were then treated to a presentation about environmental issues facing Pinellas County.

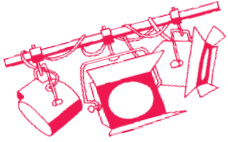
Our final stop in our whirlwind day of traveling was at the Solid Waste Facility, also lovingly referred to as the trash dump. I had heard that this was one of the best parts of Leadership Pinellas but did not actually believe it until we were there. It was incomprehensible the amount of trash that is converted into energy and that Solid Waste is so profitable doing so. You can also get paint, fire wood or mulch- for free! Deb Bush gave us a great tour and we actually rode in the bus to the top of the infamous hill.

We had a great day and in what other organization can you say that you have been to the #1 beach in America and the trash dump all within 10 hours? We had a great day and wish to thank not only the speakers at the sites but also the program day coordinators, Jan Tracy '96, Liz Warren '05, and Pat Marzulli '05. We also want to thank Colliers Arnold Clearwater for the delicious lunch and to Harriet for making everything run smoothly!

2007 Applications Are Ready

Please log onto our newly revised website: www.leadershippinellas.com and click on the link "How To Apply" Now is the time to share this opportunity with your friends and co-workers who you think will be good candidates for our 2007 Class. The Recruitment Social is Tuesday, April 18 from 5:30-7:30 pm and the Recruitment Breakfast will be Tuesday, May 2 from 7:30-9:30 am, both in the Margarete Heye Great Room at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. in Clearwater. No fee, but RSVP to 727-585-8889. Please contact harrietcoren@ij.net if you have any questions.

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



**Get “In the Zone” to
Help Runaway Youth**



FAMILY RESOURCES
Where Family Comes First

**Safe Place is a program of
Family Resources, Inc.
www.family-resources.org.**

Safe Place is a network of youth-friendly businesses — fire stations, libraries, community centers — and other appropriate public buildings — that display the distinctive yellow and black Safe Place sign. Once a child enters a site and says “I need a Safe Place,” employees at those sites immediately call the Safe Place program and inform us there is a troubled youth needing assistance. A volunteer is dispatched immediately to pick up the child and transport him/her to SafePlace2B. The child receives individual and family counseling, food, shelter, clothing and support. Family Resources maintains nearly 170 Safe Place Sites throughout Pinellas County and two SafePlace2B youth crisis shelters to meet the needs of youth in our communities.

Last year, nearly 5,000 children were reported as runaways or throwaways in Pinellas County. These youth are at high risk of school dropout, homelessness, serious illness, or engaging in criminal activities to survive. Safe Place offers a healthy alternative for children rather than turning to the streets or possibly staying in an unhealthy or unsafe situation—all it requires is a youth entering a designated Safe Place site. About 65% of runaways are “first time runners” and have a good chance of reuniting with family through the help of Safe Place and counseling services provided by Family Resources.

Volunteers are needed to “get in the zone” and assist with Safe Place site inspections within a local zone convenient to them. The inspection process at each site takes minutes to conduct and duties include: ensuring Safe Place signs are visible and in good condition; equipping sites with vital procedures manuals, posters and Family Resources’ contact information, and ensuring contact information from each site is updated.

For more information on this flexible volunteer opportunity, please contact Laura Onagan at 521-5206 or email lonagan@family-resources.org.

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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 Feb. 24, 2006.

