

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:

Dear Friends:

Every year at this time Leadership Pinellas begins the renewal process. Renewal in terms of leadership changes with new faces, familiar faces, and the continued acceptance of responsibility.



Bud Elias '01
President

Much like the cocoon that produces the beautiful butterfly, our yearlong process is, in some ways, similar. Our new classmates are required to spend time with others who, otherwise, they would never meet. They are required to go places they would not normally go. They meet with corporate decision makers, and community leaders who would not usually be available to them. Our Leadership “butterfly” is the emergence, year after year, of a cadre of strong leaders who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the continued success of Leadership Pinellas.

Just recently we sent our Interest Indicators to our membership. To date we have many responses, all reflecting a desire to participate in an outstanding organization and, in one-way or another, to leave a legacy. That legacy is translated into active participation in Leadership Pinellas. Many lend their skills and talents to a particular Program Day, while others desire to participate on the Board level or to serve as an officer. Whatever the area of participation or level of responsibility, that leadership assures future graduates that they will participate in our area’s finest leadership program.

In keeping with the topic of responsibility, it is time to direct out thoughts and efforts to recruiting. We all accept the fact that recruiting is the “life blood” of Leadership Pinellas. Our recruiting “socials” are already scheduled. Our recruiting chairman, **Chris Ruppel '03** is poised to orchestrate another outstanding recruiting effort. All he needs is your support. We all have opportunities to meet and interact with others who would be great candidates for this next program year’s class. Let’s make this a “banner” year for attracting strong Leadership candidates.

Finally, this program year is quickly drawing to a close. The plans for the last several program days have been long underway, and the details of the Tallahassee trip are being concluded. To date, this has been a great program year illustrated by unselfish alumni involvement. On behalf of our Board I extend my sincere thanks to all of you who are making a difference.

Bud Elias

Leadership Pinellas Alumni Challenge and Social

April 21, 2007

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

Did you ever want to
compete in
the Amazing Race?

Do you have a knack
for locating a
variety of items?

Are you a Sherlock Holmes & Watson
for solving clues and riddles?

If so, we have the perfect
CHALLENGE for you!

The Leadership Pinellas Alumni Challenge and Social
will take place on April 21st from noon until 6 pm.

The Alumni Challenge is an opportunity for you and a
couple of your Leadership Pinellas classmates to get
together and experience the thrill and excitement of the
hunt as you compete for a chance at great prizes.

The Alumni Challenge is a 3-hour adventure
throughout Pinellas County where you will solve
clues and riddles that lead you to different locations
while hunting for a variety of items.

After the Scavenger Hunt, you will enjoy a victory party
at the amazing home of Ed Halleran and Steve Sika.

Keep watching for more information and
DON'T FORGET to mark your calendars now

Thank you from the committee:
Susan Benjamin, Chair!!

Jill Carbonelli
Rep DeLoach
Bud Elias
Ed Halleran
Gary Hallis
Sean Jowell

Matt Novak
Carol Parks
Sarah Pickett
Carol Lynn Roman
Mark Simpson
Stephanie Zaragoza

Class of 2007 Education Program Day, January 10, 2007

by *Allyn Childress, Class Reporter*

A shivering group boarded the bus early on the morning of January 10th. We dined (breakfast kindly provided by Bollenback & Forret CPAs.) while we drove to our first stop: Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg. We arrived in time to witness the cadets' morning formation and raising of the flag. The Academy, a boarding and day school for Pre-K through 12th grade, is housed on a 55-acre campus that includes a yacht basin and indoor gun range in addition to a wide range of more typical school facilities.

Clayton Wilcox, superintendent of Pinellas County Schools, provided an overview of the challenges in providing educational opportunities for over 110,000 students, ranging in age from 3 to 22 and representing a broad spectrum of learning abilities and needs. To view his presentation, scroll down to the Leadership Pinellas/January 10, 2007 link at <http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Superintendent/Presentations.html>.

Our next adventure took place at the Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT), a public school magnet program housed at Lakewood Senior High School. The Center opened its doors in August 1990 to 85 freshmen; current enrollment is approximately 450. They offer Math/Science and Communication/Computer Science majors. Some of the impressive learning facilities include the robotics lab and a television studio where students produce daily live in-house programs and a weekly newsmagazine for FOX13.

We proceeded to Belcher Elementary, where we were treated to lunch (sponsored by Smith and Nephew, Inc.) before touring the gender-based classrooms. Principal Lisa Roth was an informed and entertaining guide as she highlighted the lessons learned from "The Learning Connection" experiment. The program, initiated in Fall 2006, will be expanded for the 2007-08 year, providing single-gender options for 1st through 4th grades.

Our next destination was the Stavros Institute, a public/private partnership and facility that focuses on "real life" training for students. Enterprise Village (5th grade) and Finance Park (8th grade) provide visiting classes with a city of their own, including places to work and fun things to buy. A curriculum for high school students is also available (Career Cove) that aims to increase student understanding of the business world.

We also heard from Terry Boehm, President of the Pinellas Education Foundation. This foundation is working to better link high school curriculum with local job opportunities. They are hopeful that Pinellas County will soon provide increased opportunities for technical training and certification within its high schools to enhance this linkage.

Thank you to the organizers of the day's events: **Bonnie Bollenback '06, Melissa Allen '01, Mike Bollenback '83, and Arlene Walker-Kaslander '04**. They crafted a great day of outstanding speakers, sites, and snacks (provided by Cobblestone Court), all of which kept us energized and enthused. See you on February 14th for Health Day!

2006-2007 Program Days

2/14/07 Education 3/18 to 3/20/07 Tallahassee Trip 4/11/07 Criminal Justice		5/9/07 Environment & Infrastructure 5/12/07 Graduation & Annual Meeting
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Leadership Pinellas Upcoming Events

**Washington, DC Trip
which do you prefer?**

**May 20 to 23?
or
September 2007?**

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

**Shared Room
subject to final pricing**

**Send your choice 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**

**Reservations:
first-come basis**

RSVP to harrietcoren@ij.net

**Hands Across The Bay
has been postponed
until the fall**



**from the desk of
Harriet Coren,
Executive Director**

More changes for our 2006-2007 directory:

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

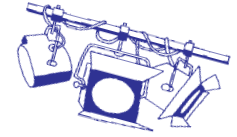
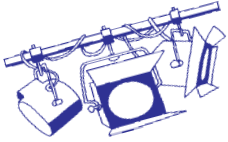


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Corrections from January 2007 LR:
Report on page 2 by Allyn Childress
'07 was for Government & Media Day on
January 10 and Peg Rowe '06 was a
Coordinator for the Program Day.

Thanks to those of you who read the LR
and let me know. H.

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



WOMEN ON THE WAY ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

The mission of Women on the Way (WOW) is to provide resources and support to meet educational, financial and emotional needs of students.

Seventy-five percent of the WOW participants are single mothers who desire marketable skills in order to provide for their families.

Services of WOW include:

- * Scholarships
- * Textbook Lending
- * Support groups/Workshops
- * Counseling, Advising
- * Mentors
- * Campus/Community Resources

Ways to help:

Attend fashion show/luncheon to raise textbook funds

Friday, February 16, 2007 12:00pm – 1:00pm

WOW students will model SteinMart fashions

Skycrest United Methodist Church

\$20.00

RSVP before February 9 by calling (727) 791-2634

Join in the \$1,000 scholarship challenge

In celebration of 25 years at the college, WOW is seeking 25 businesses, organizations or individuals to donate a \$1,000 scholarship gift that will go directly to fund tuition for needy WOW students.

Call (727) 791-6340 for information

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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 February 23, 2007.

