

July 2007

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all enjoying your summer, your family vacations and spending time with your loved ones. I know I am.

Traditionally the month of July is one of the most exciting months of the year for LP and this year things are more exciting than ever. Why you may ask? Well for starters we have a new class to present and in approximately ten months they will be happy to tell you that they are the best LP Class ever! Of course it will take not less than 200 or more volunteers members of LP to bring them to that point.



Odalys Lara '94
President

That said allow me to highlight some of those volunteers, which have helped us to kick off this new LP year with a big Fourth of July Bang!!!! Our selection committee was chaired by **Amy Hudock '02**, and the committee members were **Debra Bebell '04, Linda Beyrouti '07, Georgetta Doyle '05, Jack Geller '05, and Bruce Livingston '00**. Our greeters were **Brenda Green '07, Liz Menendez '03, Michael Faehner '02, Joann Rooney '07, Melissa Allen '01, Kim Campbell '05** and **Bonnie Bollenback '06**. Thank you all for a Job Well Done!!!!

On behalf of all the LP alums, **I congratulate the new class of 2008**, see page 2.

Of course with a new class in place that brings us to the opening retreat, which has been a wonderful tradition for LP and speaking of tradition our volunteer alumni **Judy Siracusa '95, Debbie White '95,** and **Pat Siracusa '97** have made this event educational, exciting, and truly memorable. They have done this each and every year since 1996. Thank you for giving of your time, love and spirit again this year!

As we all know traditions are most valuable but progress is essential for the long-term sustainability of any organization. It is with this in mind that we venture on to utilizing tools, which will enhance and simplify our member's abilities to communicate with one another and with the organization itself. Spearheading these progressive ideals is your 2007 – 2008 Board of Directors with particular emphasis on fellow Board Member, and your President Elect **Chris Ruppel '03**, whose expertise has had significant impact. See page 3 for all the new developments.

As you are all aware, we have as an organization invested significant time and energy in the procurement of a new Executive Director. In particular, **Bud Elias '01, Jeff Joyner '05, Ed Halleran '03, Amy Hudock, '02, Chris Ruppel '03** and myself were involved at all levels of advertising, interviewing, and hiring for this important position. In the following months you will come to know and enjoy working with Judy Mullican. We welcome Judy and will spotlight her for you next month.

In closing for those of you who expressed interest in volunteering and joining the fun this year, you will be contacted soon. Thank you in advance for your leadership and commitment.

Odalys Lara

Welcome Class of 2008

APPLICANT:

Amber Kammers
Barbara Hubbard
Carl Folkman
Chester Johnson
Chris Reimann
Cyndee Haydon
Dev Pathik
Dimity Carlson
Elaine Mann
Elise Minkoff
Emily Callaway
Jamie Geer
Janice Howard
Jim Stearns
Joanna Rosse
John Patrick
Kathryn Voskvil
Kelly Triolo
Ken Peluso
Kenneth Hannon
Lisa Shadroui
Liz Bradley
Lynn Kiehne
Mark Postma
Mark Wall
Nick Amaro
Pamela Gaylor
Psalms Mack
Rene Weidman
Robert Fletcher
Roger Johnson
Scott Simmons
Stephen Slaughter
Steve Beaty
Steve Williamson
Suzie Gilmore-Sakal
Sydney Niewierski
Terrance McAbee
Terry Teunis
Tirrah Switzer

OCCUPATION

VP, Corporate Benefits-M. E. Wilson Co., Inc.
Director of Faculty Development-The Art Institute of Tampa
CEO/President-Florida Wine & Spirits
HR Records & Admin Mgr-Pinellas County Personnel
USG/FBI Supervisory Senior Resident Agent
Realtor-Belloise Realty
Founder & CEO-The Sports Facilities Advisory

President-Elan Communications
President-Complex Properties Corporation
Director-Morton Plant Mease Primary Care
Fire Chief-Clearwater Fire and Rescue
Human Resources Program Specialist-Pinellas County Health Dept
President-James A. Stearns, P.A.
AVP-Commercial Lending-Old Harbor Bank
Sales Executive-Transworld Systems, Inc.
Marketing Services Manager-Bright House Networks
Director of Nursing-Morton Plant Mease Health Care
President-Peluso Chiropractic & Rehab
Associate Executive Director-Dunedin Fine Art Center
Senior ?-Bollenback & Forret, P.A.
Consultant-Conversations Because You Care
Health Care Administrator-Pinellas County
COO-Sunstar Paramedics
Shareholder-Hill, Ward & Henderson P.A.
VP-Roger Bouchard Insurance Inc.
Managing Partner-TruePresence
Interim Associate Provost-St. Petersburg College
Forensic Analyst-Perzel & Lara Forensic CPA's P.A.
Lieutenant-Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Retired Pharmacist-Walgreens District Manager
Vice President-Liberty Bank
Lieutenant-Largo Police Department
CEO-KenMar Consulting, Inc.
Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burn
Development Director-Humane Society of Pinellas
Assistant Branch Manager-A.G. Edwards
VP-Homeless Emergency Project Inc. (HEP)
Sergeant-Personnel-Clearwater Police Department
Development Associate-Habitat for Humanity

Website and Directory Enhancements

We are making some very exciting enhancements to the Leadership Pinellas Website and expect these to be completed within the next month. Our goal is to improve how Leadership Pinellas serves the Alumni and current Class members. We started with three goals in mind:

- **Increase the Alumni participation and event attendance**
- **Increase Alumni communication**
- **Reduce expenses and paperwork**

From these goals we developed the following website changes:

- 1) Membership Directory Online
 - Secure Login for Alumni – Self Administering for Passwords
 - Alumni can print the directory from the Website
 - Alumni can submit changes for their listing
 - The Directory will have the following features:
 - Sort by Company or Class Year
 - Alphabetical index
 - Additional information in this secure area such as by-laws and other important information.
- 2) The Leadership Pinellas Blog will be in the members secure area to facilitate communication between Alumni.
- 3) Event RSVP and Tracking
 - Invitations to events will be through email with a link to RSVP in the email
 - Tracking of responses on the website
 - Payments will be processed online (if required for the event)
- 4) Applications sent to interested parties automatically after contact info filled in on website.
- 5) Dues Notices sent via Email with online payment processing.
- 6) Sponsorships Accepted online, with a page for “Support Leadership”

We are very excited about these new enhancements and look forward to your feedback and continued support.

Chris Ruppel



From the Desk of
Judy Mullican
Executive Director

I was selected to fill the position of Executive Director of Leadership Pinellas and started work on July 9, 2007. I am looking forward to working with and meeting all of you. So far I've found it an exciting and challenging job and am enjoying it. I'm sure I will have lots of questions as I go forward. So bear with me if I ask a lot of questions. Thanks to all who gave me the vote of confidence to fill this position. I will make every effort to not let you down.

NOTE: We are still accepting payment for dues but they need to be paid by August 15, 2007, in order to be included in our directory this year.

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

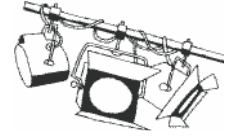
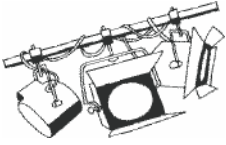
A Special Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to the **YMCA of the Suncoast** for their continued hospitality in donating conference space for our many meetings.

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



 Where the ART is!

For over 30 years, the Dunedin Fine Art Center (DFAC) has been offering exciting art opportunities in a most welcoming kind of way. St. Petersburg Times writer Lennie Bennett says that DFAC is “*the artistic equivalent of a village square,*” offering quality experiences to people of all ages. DFAC offers year-round exhibitions in four galleries featuring national, regional and local artists. Classes for students 4 yrs. to 94 yrs. fill 7 studio classrooms and a changing yearly theme makes the David L. Mason Children’s Art Museum a hands-on experience not to be missed

Join us as a volunteer :

- Helping on Special Events – such as the hottest night of the year on August 18 with our Wearable Art Fashion Show
- Events such as our Holiday Show in conjunction with the well-known Art Harvest weekend
- Help as a docent for Gallery Exhibit Openings... learn how to Hang Art help with de Young & Restless or the Sterling Society

1143 Michigan Boulevard, Dunedin, FL 34698 - 727-298-DFAC - www.dfac.org
To become involved call or email: George Ann Bissett, Class of 2007, gabissett@dfac.org

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 July 27, 2007.



Leadership Pinellas Happy Hour



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.

See you at the ballpark!

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To sponsor an issue of the Leader Reader, please call 727-585-8889

Sponsorship Opportunities!

Leadership Alumni,

Leadership Pinellas needs your help. Instead of seeking sponsorships for each individual program day, we are seeking sponsorships of the entire Leadership Pinellas program year. In changing the format we are hoping to reduce the number of times that sponsors are asked for contributions per year. Sponsors will receive recognition at EVERY Leadership Pinellas event.

If you are interested in an annual personal or business sponsorship, please contact Judy Mullican at 727-585-8889 or judy@leadershippinellas.com or Matt Novak at Matt.Novak@baycare.org

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum: \$1,000+

Gold: \$750

Silver: \$500

Alumni Booster: \$100

Changes to be made in your directory:

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American Cancer Society

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Board of Directors 2007-2008

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President: Odalys Lara '94
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 Board Member (1 yr.): Jeff Joyner '05
 Board Member (1 yr.): Judge Jack St. Arnold '91

Alumni Development Chair: Melissa Allen '01
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Pat McAbee, a member of the Class of **2007**, and the Executive Vice President of the Homeless Emergency Project, suffered a stroke as a result of a blood clot in her Brain. The physicians were successful in removing the clot, and her recovery progress has been fantastic to date. Good news! Pat has been moved to Morton Plant Rehab and is being very cooperative with her therapists and implementing her 'go get 'em' attitude to work toward going home soon! You are in our prayers, Pat.

We extend condolences to **George LaBanca '03** on the passing of his father.

"456 THANK YOU'S"

I know it is politically correct to send a written thank you note for a gift received but since LP is an a-political organization, please let me thank you this way for the gorgeous glass vase that was given to me at the Annual Meeting and Graduation on May 12.

It is exceptionally beautiful and I am proud to display it on my living room teacart. It is the first thing seen when coming into my home. It is 12" tall and 10" wide at the fluted top with colors that absolutely come alive. The inscription on the base reads "With grateful appreciation Leadership Pinellas May 12, 2007.

So now it is my turn to say "I gratefully appreciate" your magnificent gift and thank you all. .

Sincerely,
Harriet Coren