

March 2006

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:



Art Shand '00
President

Dear Fellow LP Friends,

“We’ve come a long way baby”! I can’t help but think of this famous line when I look in retrospect at the 2006 Class, their class project and the LP program spanning almost twenty eight years! I have viewed the outstanding work of this year’s class and know where they are going. You have been following their progress and you are about to be impressed again. Stay on the lookout for their progress with the Clearwater HEP (Homeless Emergency Project). We are clearly on the way to one of our best years ever!

The LP class days have been excellent and the reviews of the programs have been most complimentary to our alumni volunteer planners! Our most recent Education Program Day was a splashing success on February 8th! Thanks to our coordinators: Cynthia Jolliff-Johnson '05, Chair; Dr. Martha Barker '02; Evelyn Finklea '04; Chris Ruppel '03; Adam Struckhoff '04 and Andrea Zahn '02.

Our next Program Day is Health Day on March 8th. Our coordinators are: Jim Pfeiffer '05, Chair; Linda Chamberlain '97; John Couris '04; Jack Geller '05; Tim McMahon '05 and EMS tour with Chuck Kearns' 04. They have put together a day to be remembered!

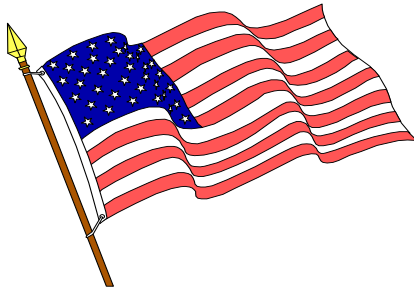
Coming up! Our much awaited and eagerly anticipated LP L.E.A.D. Day for Alumni has been established. Our LP Alumni Planning Chair, Karen Seel '91 and Bob Humberstone '05 have planned an unbelievable day which will fill immediately. The day to reserve is May 15th from 10am to 6:00pm. This day will take you to some very hard to reach places and will expose you to things you may never have a chance to see again without the help of the LP program, and our VIP volunteers. We will have a 39 passenger bus so availability is very limited. Our direct cost will be \$35 per passenger that we pass on to you. Your reservation is confirmed when your check is received. See page 2 of this issue to make sure you get on board early.

Hope you all have a great month!!!

My very best to you all!

Art Shand

Military Day at MacDill



At last, thanks to Karen Seel '91, Alumni Chair and Bob Humberstone '05 plans have been confirmed for Military Day at MacDill on Monday, May 15, 2006

What: Military Day at MacDill, Tampa, Florida

Where: Bus will leave from St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport at 10:30 am. Long term parking lot on the south side of Roosevelt Blvd.

Bring: Your Florida Driver's License **and a copy of the license** Mandatory for security reasons

Cost: \$35.00. Check made payable to Leadership Pinellas and mailed to P.O. Box 5986, Clearwater, FL 33758-5986 to be received by Monday, Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Includes: Gourmet lunch with some of our military

Special: Visit to the War Room and other restricted areas not usually permitted on tours

For any questions, please contact Harriet at 727-585-8889 or email at harrietcoren@ij.net



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, March 2
Judge Morris Silberman '90
Judge Nelly Khouzam '90
Presenters, Thursday, April 6
Jim Coats '02
Susan Rolston '98

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

2006 Class Program Days

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

2006 Class Homeless Emergency Project

Watch for big kick-off news
Save the April 20, 2006 date
Plan for luncheon at
Outback Steak House
on Clearwater Beach and
ride over in the Jolley Trolley
(more in April Leader Reader)



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.leadershoppinellas.com) and have taken the time to email me back with your comments. They have been encouraging, as well as much appreciated.

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.

Current changes in the directory:

Dr. David Becker '99 Email:
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Don Wood '98 update -

As we were still making reformat on this LR issue, we received an email from Don Wood. He returned home safely at 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23rd.

At the time, he was still recovering from jet lag and who knows what else. We have invited him to submit an article for the next Leader Reader in April, so keep watching. He is scheduled to go back to Baghdad, but doesn't know how soon.

Hopefully, he and everyone in the Middle East can be assured of peace while there.

Education Program Day February 8, 2006

by Colleen Flynn, Class Reporter

The 2006 Leadership Pinellas Class had another great program day on February 8, 2006. We started out at the Stavros Institute. Even though I grew up and went to school in Pinellas County, I had never been to the Stavros Institute. The Stavros Institute consists of Enterprise Village and Finance Park where students earn money working at jobs, have bank accounts and learn to budget. I'm sure it is quite eye opening for the students to learn how much it actually costs to live in Pinellas County.

We next traveled to Gibbs High School where we were treated to singing and dancing and acting by extraordinarily talented high school students. These students are going to give Broadway performers a run for their money as their abilities at such a young age are astonishing. What a great place for artistically talented kids to attend high school.

Our next stop was at the Doug Jamerson Elementary school. The Principal took us on a campus tour and explained that Jamerson is unique in that its focus is on math and engineering classes at the elementary level. He explained that all students choose to attend and that there was quite a lot of work associated with the coursework at Jamerson even though it was an elementary school.

We next made our way to St. Petersburg College at the Gibbs Campus. We were first entertained by a fabulous organist before learning about the St. Petersburg College Collegiate High School which allows self motivated high school students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously and enables them to graduate from high school and earn their Associates Degree. Over a delicious lunch, Dr. Carl Kuttler, the President of St. Petersburg College spoke to us. Dr. Kuttler gave a wonderful presentation discussing the post-secondary educational void that St. Petersburg College is filling in our community. St. Petersburg College has implemented many new programs including a four-year education program to train teachers and additional programs in many other areas including nursing that have not previously been available from any institution in our area.

Our next stop was at the newly rebuilt Oak Grove Middle School. After many months of classrooms consisting of portable buildings by Clearwater High School, Oak Grove is reopened. The new facility is beautiful. Principal, Dawn Coffin, took us on a brief tour before we attended a discussion session with Dr. Clayton Wilcox, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools. Dr. Wilcox gave a lively discussion about issues facing public education in Pinellas County including, bussing, funding, the class size amendment and in-school discipline. It was a lively discussion and Dr. Wilcox was not only informative but also very entertaining.

Our last stop of the day was at St. Paul's School. St. Paul's is a private school in Clearwater for elementary and middle school children. While there, we had a panel discussion that focused on alternatives to public education. **Doug Eveleth '98**, the President of the Florida Council of Independent Schools spoke about the accreditation that private schools go through and the unique issues that face private schools such as St. Paul's. The President of Home Schoolers Association, Neoka Apple, spoke to us about Pinellas County families who home school their children. She explained that Home Schoolers Association offers support for home school families and assists them with curriculum choices and with linking up home schooling families for support and social activities. We also heard from Skardon Bliss who is the Executive Director of FCIS. He explained the unique challenges facing Catholic schools today including the efforts being made to raise teachers' salaries.

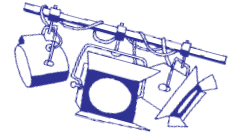
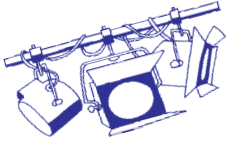
We had a great day and learned that in Pinellas County we are very lucky because we have many ways to education children. We wish to thank not only the speakers at the sites but also the program day coordinators, **Chris Ruppel '03**, **Dr. Cynthia Jolliff-Johnson '05**, **Evelyn Finklea '04**, **Dr. Martha O'Howell Barker '02**, **Adam Struckhoff '04** and **Andrea Zahn '02**. We want to thank St. Petersburg College for the delicious lunch and we missed Harriet on this day but she was with us in spirit!

2007 Applications Are Ready

Please log onto our newly revised website: www.leadershoppinellas.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



PINELLAS COUNTY PAL

Youth, Sports, Recreation and Education
Through Law Enforcement



PAL Through a Child's Eyes: A newspaper reporter asked one of our 7 year old children what PAL means to him. His Answer: "I like PAL because they feed us, if we didn't have food, we might die already".

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Police Athletic League (PAL) offers the youth of Pinellas County alternatives to violence, gang involvement and substance abuse. Our education, recreation, community service and sports programs serve as the foundation for the development of leadership skills, good citizenship and good sportsmanship. They also introduce opportunity, motivation and direction for the children.



Pinellas PAL has been in existence for only 4 years and in that short time, we have served over 2,000 individual children. We provide sports and recreation opportunities (basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis T ball, football, golf, ice hockey), arts and crafts, academic support (after school homework assistance by certified teachers), as well as snacks and lunches during programs.

While our main target is the at-risk youth from a low-income to poverty level family, Pinellas County PAL serves all children from 6-17 years old. Our goal is to keep reaching out to as many children as we can so they may have the opportunity to have fun, grow, and learn from our programs.

PAL is a 501 C-3. Funding is through grants and two annual fund raising events to ensure that our children have the programs they need. We have **The Sheriff's Gala (Boots & Badges on March 25th)** combining a dinner and program with a fun lively auction that benefit PAL's programs directly. The second fund raising event is our **Fishing Tournament** sanctioned by the Southern Kingfish Association (May 20th) with a spectacular prize structure (more than \$25,000) and an exciting day of fishing.

The success of these programs directly impacts the ability we have to provide services to children. We have promised to never turn a child away and work very hard to keep that promise. PAL invites you to participate with us. Join us in making a difference in the life of a child. It will also make a difference in yours.

For more information contact Jerry Babcock at 582-5854.

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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 March 24, 2006.

