

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:



Bud Elias '01
President

Dear Friends:

Over these past several months I have had the opportunity to attend our “program days” only to come away from those experiences with a renewed enthusiasm for what Leadership Pinellas is all about.

It really is fun to rub shoulders with our current class members, and what an outstanding group of people they are. It is fun, once again, to experience the several venues our “program day” offers. Who ever thought that going to the “dump” more than once, or experiencing the energies of our EMS operations room, or going through one of Morton Plant’s operating rooms would be more interesting and exciting than it might have been the first time.

We belong to a unique organization that offers outstanding learning opportunities and the possibility of enduring friendships.

I would encourage those alumni who would like to “recharge” their Leadership batteries to get on the bus with our new classmates, experience new friendships, and find out that there are still some exciting things to learn.

It saddens me to inform you that our Executive Director, Harriet Coren, has tendered her resignation effective May 31, 2007. As most of you are aware, Harriet was involved in a serious automobile accident slightly over a year ago where she suffered considerable damage to her spine. One year later Harriet continues to experience chronic pain, has difficulty walking any distance, cannot sit in front of her computer for more than thirty minutes, and easily loses her breath after physical exertion.

Harriet is a well known personality within Leadership Pinellas, and we will miss her constant reminders to bring our name tags, complete the interest indicators, make the bus on time, return her emails, turn off your cell phones, etc. She has been a great help to me during this year, and in the absence of her urging I might have never completed a President’s Letter. How sad would that be?

Leadership Pinellas has been blessed with Harriet’s caring attitude, her tenacity, her dry sense of humor, her efficiency, and her friendship. We will miss her.

Bud Elias

Leadership Pinellas Alumni Challenge and Social

April 21, 2007

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

Meet at 1005 Victoria Dr.
in Dunedin at 12:00 and
return by 3:00 p.m. for a party!
Hosts: Ed Halleran & Steve Sika

Competition and rivalry between LP
classes - Form a "team" with your class
friends to beat other teams

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.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

\$250 Gold Level

Recognition on E-vite

Recognition throughout our Scavenger Hunt

Optional scavenger hunt stop

Sign and recognition at Social

\$100 Silver Level

Sign and recognition at Social

If you would like to provide a sponsorship or have your location a Scavenger Hunt stop, call Susan Benjamin at 727-725-1808.

Please make checks payable to Leadership Pinellas and mail to P.O. Box 5986, Clearwater, FL 33758-5986 or to use your VISA or MasterCard, call Harriet Coren @ 727-784-8641. As soon as the transaction is accepted, I will shred your number.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

"Big for a Day" Baseball Bash!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County
and the Leadership Pinellas Class of 2007
invite you to be a "Big for a Day"

There are more than 200 children in Pinellas
County waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister...
some for over a year!

Won't you help fill that role for a child for *just one day*?

As a "Big for a Day" volunteer, you'll be matched with a waiting child for
our day at the ballgame. Together you will enjoy an exciting afternoon of Clearwater
Threshers baseball, food, drinks, and lots of fun activities — all for free!

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and bring joy to a child.

To sign up, complete and return the form below, or call Stefanie
Barsema at 727-518-8860 ext. 229 before April 1.

Can't be a "Big for a Day" but still want to help out?



Buy an All-You-Can-Eat Ticket Package for \$15 and get a ticket to the game and an all-you-can-eat
wristband for the Hot Corner Café — includes food, snacks, ice cream, and soft drinks

Sponsor a child to attend the event for \$30

Be a "Pinch Hitter" — for your donation of \$250 or
more you will receive a pair of tickets to the exclusive
"Party Suite" for game day (includes food, soft drinks, and
beer) and a special thank you in the BBBS community
newsletter

For corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Tracey Birch at 727-641-8806

Date:

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Time:

10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

(Game begins at 1:00 PM)

Place:

Bright House Networks Field

601 N. Old Coachman Rd., Clearwater

West of U.S. 19, between Drew St. and NE Coachman
Rd. (SR 590)



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you are purchasing tickets or making a donation, make your
check payable to "BBBS PC" and please include "LP" on the
Memo line.

Mail this form (with your check if applicable) by April 1 to:

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Attn: Stefanie Barsema
918 West Bay Drive
Largo, FL 33770

To pay by credit card, call
Stefanie Barsema at
727-518-8860 ext.. 229

I/We will be a (check one):

Big Brother Big Sister Big Couple for the day

Age(s): _____ T-shirt size(s): _____

There is no charge to attend this event as a "Big for a Day", but a child will
depend on your presence for the entire duration of the event.

Other ways you can help:

All-You-Can-Eat Ticket Package _____ x \$15 = _____
(You will receive your game ticket and all-you-can-eat wristband by mail)

Sponsor A Child _____ x \$30 = _____
(Covers the cost of a child and his or her "Big for a Day" to attend the event)

"Pinch Hitter" (donations of \$250 and up) amount: _____
(Pinch Hitters will receive 2 tickets to the exclusive "Party Suite" for game day)

Total Enclosed: _____

BIG FOR A DAY: BASEBALL BASH
A PROJECT OF LEADERSHIP PINELLAS CLASS 2007
Benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters ~ serving Pinellas, Hernando and Citrus Counties
SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Corporate Sponsorships			Individual Donations	
A MAJOR LEAGUE SPONSOR	THE PERFECT GAME SPONSOR	GRAND SLAM SPONSOR	PINCH HITTER	SPONSOR A CHILD
\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$250 and up	\$30 per child sponsored
Limit 1 sponsor	Limit 6 sponsors	Limit 12 sponsors	Limited by Party Suite capacity	Unlimited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Exclusive logo placement on front of T-shirts € Premier logo placement on all event advertising and printed materials* € Opportunity for a company representative to throw the ceremonial first pitch of the game € Company banner display at the event* € Inclusion In All Event Press Releases € Logo with hotlink on BBBS Website € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter € Admittance for 8 to the Big for a Day activities and to the exclusive "Party Suite" for the game, including food and beverages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Premier logo placement on back of T-shirts € Name or logo placement on all event advertising and printed materials* € Company banner display at the event* € Inclusion In All Event Press Releases € Logo with hotlink on BBBS Website € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter € Admittance for 4 to the Big for a Day activities and to the exclusive "Party Suite" for the game, including food and beverages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Name on back of T-shirts € Company banner display at the event € Name with hotlink on BBBS Website € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter € Admittance for 2 to the Big for a Day activities and to the exclusive "Party Suite" for the game, including food and beverages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Admittance for 2 to the Big for a Day activities and the "Party Suites" for the game, including food and beverages. € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> € This sponsorship covers the cost of one child to spend the day with an adult volunteer at this event. € Special thank you in BBBS community newsletter
			<p>"Party Suite" includes comfortable indoor and outdoor seating, flat-screen cable TV, food, and beverages (bottled beer included)</p> <p>* Some limitations apply</p> <p>Contact Tracey Birch (727-641-8806 or tab@pobox.com) for more information about corporate sponsorship opportunities.</p>	

Class of 2007
Health Program Day, February 14, 2007
by *Allyn Childress, Class Reporter* **

The day began at Bayfront Medical Center where Bayflite is based. Due to a hectic day on the roadways, the helicopter was not on-site, but we were given a tour of the control room and heard about Bayfront's Level II Trauma Center, the only one in Pinellas County. The trauma center was one of the first in the region and has 24-hour in-house surgery, anesthesia, and emergency services available. The class was also treated to breakfast, courtesy of Kelly Home Care Services, and coffee, sponsored by Aging Wisely, which helped energize us for the excellent day ahead.

Back on the bus, **Shannon Martin '06** from Aging Wisely, which provides support to Tampa Bay area seniors, younger disabled clients, and caregivers/families, spoke about the need for advocates in the elder care area and described services available to help our aging population.

Next stop: the Pinellas Medical Examiner's office, a favorite for the CSI fans on board. The Medical Examiner Department provides both forensic medicine service (investigation of sudden, unexpected, or suspicious death) and forensic laboratory service (chemical and drug analyses).

We next toured the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) where **Chuck Kearns '04** is the Director. After an overview of EMS and a brief video, the class toured the communications center, spoke with a 911 dispatcher, and saw the operations in action.

Lunch was provided by the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. **B.A. Safley '03**, their Director of Philanthropy, spoke about the many services Hospice provides. Supported by professional staff and more than 3,000 volunteers, the Hospice serves those living with an advanced illness or condition, their caregivers, and those who have lost a loved one, regardless of financial situation.

At the Clearwater Free Clinic, Executive Director **Jeannie Shapiro '00** told us about the services they provide for the uninsured population of upper Pinellas County who cannot afford medical insurance and do not qualify for government assisted programs. A wide range of services are provided at no charge and are supported by extensive in-kind services by local medical facilities and experts.

Our next stop was Morton Plant Hospital, recognized as a Top 100 Hospital in the country, where we were greeted by Chief Operating Officer **Hal Ziecheck '91**. Tours were provided of the Morgan Heart Hospital (a new state-of-the-art facility) and the Lykes Centers for Radiation Therapy (which houses a Gamma Knife, a non-invasive form of brain surgery). And our class "doctors" can boast a 100% survival rate after the hands-on activities at the day surgery center!

Thank you to the organizers of the day's events: **Matt Novak '06, Shannon Martin '00, Janet Rosenquist '06, Chuck Kearns '04, and John Couris '04**. Thanks also to Bollenback & Forret, CPAs, for providing snacks throughout the day. Next up: Tallahassee!!!

*Special thanks to Janet Rosenquist '06 for her kind assistance on this article as our intrepid class reporter was ill on Health Day!

For photos of Health Program Class Day, please log on to www.lp2007.com
with special thanks to Tracey Birch '07

2006-2007 Program Days			
3/18 to 3/20/07	Tallahassee Trip	5/9/07	Environment & Infrastructure
4/11/07	Criminal Justice	5/12/07	Graduation & Annual Meeting

Leadership Pinellas Upcoming Events

Washington, DC Trip probably Sept. 26-28, 2007

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

Shared Room
subject to final pricing

Send your RSVP 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

Cost to be announced

Reservations:
First-Come Basis
RSVP to harrietcoren@ij.net

2007 Class Graduation and Annual Meeting Saturday, May 12, 2007

Island Way Grill
20 Island Way in Island Estates
Clearwater Beach

6:00-7:00 pm Cocktails Hors' doeuvres
7:00-8:00 pm Dinner
8:30-9:30 pm Graduation/Annual Meeting

Cost: \$30.00 per person
2007 class members no charge
RSVP to harrietcoren@ij.net
checks: Leadership Pinellas, P.O.Box 5986
Clearwater, FL 33758-5986
OR
call Harriet Coren at 727-784-8641
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from the desk of
Harriet Coren,
Executive Director

This is again our annual "busiest 6 weeks of the year." I now have 6 RSVP pages awaiting your response to attend these events on our website: www.leadershoppinellas.com:

April 10 - Recruiting Social - no fee

April 15 - 2007 Class Project - "Big For a Day"

\$15.00 game & all you can eat

\$30.00 same & sponsor a child.

April 21 - Scavenger Hunt - \$15.00 each

April 24 - Recruitment Breakfast - no fee

May 12 - Annual Meeting/Graduation - \$30.00 (2007: none)

Recruitment for 2008 Class

Margarete Heye Great Room
Ruth Eckerd Hall
1111 McMullen Booth Road
Clearwater

Tuesday, April 10 5:30-7:30 pm Social

Tuesday, April 24 7:30-9:00 am Breakfast

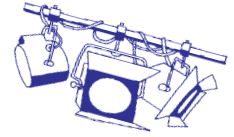
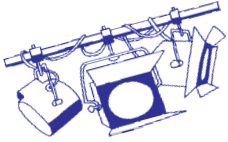
There is no charge for either of these events but RSVP is required 3 days prior for Catering.

Please remind your friends and co-workers about Leadership Pinellas and invite them to either or both of these functions.

Applications can be completed by computer at www.leadershoppinellas.com. Just link on to "How To Apply" and find out all about it.

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



The Pinellas County Historical Society wants YOU!

Heritage Village, Pinellas County's 21-acre living history museum, is growing—and with the leadership and support of the Pinellas County Historical Society, it is destined to become our premier historical resource and cultural destination!

Good leadership helps connect the past to the future. Pinellas County Historical Society board and committee members make a difference in the community in many ways, including:

- **awarding annual scholarships to history graduate students**
- **seeking sponsorship opportunities to supplement funding of museum exhibits, programs and special projects**
- **participating in festivals and other special events**
- **coordinating volunteers to support museum activities**
- **serving in various advisory capacities to help chart the course for Heritage Village**

If you love preserving and sharing Pinellas County history, there's a place at the PCHS table for you!

**For more information, contact
Jim Schnur at (727) 873-4094**

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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 23, 2007.

