

# LEADER READER

## A Message from our President:



Mike Bollenback '83  
President

The end of May marks the end of my year as president, and what a year it has been. Alan Darnell '96, Suze Martin-Hawes '97, and Scott Daniels '93 were the three presidents I served on the board of directors with prior to this year. I learned a tremendous amount from each of them about leadership and what makes an organization like Leadership Pinellas work. Like them, I will miss the daily opportunities to get to know other LP graduates and new class members. And like my predecessors, I am indebted to Harriet Coren for her untiring efforts in keeping the administrative wheels on this excellent organization.

Even though this is the end of the official LP year, nothing is slowing down. Two very successful recruitment socials were just held and over 80 potential candidates for the Class of 2006 were in attendance. The full board met on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and among many other actions, took the final vote on proposed changes to the by-laws and policies & procedures for this organization. All dues paying members will receive the proposed changes by email in the next couple of weeks and will be asked to approve them. The budget planning committee has already met to set the proposed budget for next year. Plans are underway for the August "Hands Across the Bay" event with several other leadership programs in the Tampa Bay area. LP is one of the sponsors of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Charitable, Estate, and Financial Symposium on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The final class day for this year is on May 11<sup>th</sup> and includes stops at the jail and firing range. The 2005 class has their closing retreat on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Art Shand '00 and Catherine Ostrander '03 just returned from Atlanta where they represented LP at the annual Community Leadership Association conference. The Youth Leadership Class of 2005 has its graduation ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup>. And many other committees are wrapping up their activities for this year and beginning the planning for next year.

Please attend the annual meeting and graduation on May 14<sup>th</sup>. See page 2 for all the details and call 727-585-8889 with your reservations as soon as possible. The 2005 class has a great program to show all of us about their year. We will also present the 2005 Deborah Vincent Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, and thank the outgoing board and welcome the incoming board of directors.

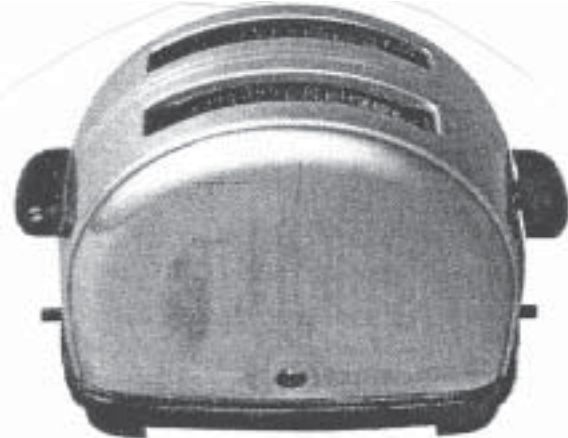
As you can see from all my comments above, this organization has hundreds of very dedicated alumni who all want to see it continue to do well. I have very much enjoyed my year and thank all of the officers, directors, committee chairs, and all the volunteers who help keep Leadership Pinellas the best that it is.

Speaking of the best, Art Shand '00, is your incoming president and with Art's leadership and an excellent board of directors in place, you are in very good hands. Please continue to step up and volunteer in any way you can to help LP and our community. Thank you for the great year.

**Mike Bollenback**

## Annual Meeting - Graduation

Join us for a toast ....  
at our 2005 Graduation Celebration  
and Annual Meeting



Share a toast as we  
“Celebrate and Congratulate”  
Saturday, May 14, 2005  
at 6:00 p.m.  
Countryside Country Club  
3001 Countryside Boulevard,  
Clearwater

Dress: Florida Smart Casual  
2005 Graduates: Complimentary  
Alumni and Guests: \$25  
Cash Bar

We are planning reserved seating with 2005 Class Members and their guests to be with a few alums at each table.

Several tables are already completed, so if you have not already called in your choices, do so now and we will try to accomodate your preference.

RSVP by: Monday, May 9, 2005

Phone: 727-585-8889 or

Fax: 727-785-7117

Mail checks to: Leadership Pinellas

P.O. Box 5986

Clearwater, FL 33758-5986

**Tenth Annual Charitable, Estate & Financial Planning Symposium  
Mariott Westshore  
1001 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa**

LEADERSHIP PINELLAS has sponsored a portion of this year's 10th Annual Charitable, Estate & Financial Planning Symposium!

This means YOU, as an LP alum or class member, can attend at the reduced rate of \$99.

You will discover how some of the leaders in this community (like Frank Murphy) HAVE and ARE lending their talents to organizations that add value to everyone's standard of living in Pinellas County.

For the schedule, click on the link below:

<http://www.planningtampabay.org/2005CEFP/Schedule.htm>

You can also register through this website for the program.

For more information, please call Barbara Inman '05 at 727-536-4755 or email [Barbara.Inman@phfh.org](mailto:Barbara.Inman@phfh.org).

**Library News**

Our Leadership Library Collection will be hosting a **leadership library lunch** gathering at noon on the first Thursday of every month starting July 7.

Mark your calendars now, so you'll remember to bring your lunch and join us as we listen to "local leaders" share their favorite leadership book and talk about their leadership style." We are very excited to offer this new program to our members and the entire community. Don't wait until July 6th to visit the new library and our 4th floor leadership collection.

If you would like to donate leadership books/materials or have a recommendation of the titles for additional books/materials to our leadership collection; please call the library at 562-4971.

Watch for our June Leader Reader. It will have the names of the first group of leaders who will be leading our **leadership library lunch** programs.

If you would like to join our Leadership Library Collection committee; please call Scott Daniels at (727)464-2312.



**Best Wishes to Pat Burke**



Pat Burke '95

After 22 years with Bright House Networks, formerly Time Warner Cable, Pat Burke '95 will be retiring on June 3, 2005. Bright House Networks is throwing a big "Good Bye" party to celebrate her years of dedication and hard work to the industry.

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As most of you know, Pat spent over nine years as a Largo City Commissioner and this year decided not to run for re-election so she could really enjoy retirement life. As she said, "I can't imagine going a week without attending some type of meeting."

Pat's career and community involvement spans many years. When asked what she is most proud of she replies, "Largo Central Park and the Largo Cultural Center."

For over 15 years she participated in the effort to turn the former County Fairgrounds into a beautiful park and to build a cultural center with a community theater. Her dream came true in 1995.

Organizations Pat has been involved with include: United Way, Division Chair; Partners 'n Progress, the fundraising board for Largo Cultural Center, President; President of Park Place Homeowner's Association, Botanical Gardens Board of Directors; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Mentor Pinellas County Schools; League of Women Voters; several Chambers of Commerce and coordinator for many Leadership Pinellas program days.

Pat's son, Patrick, a Presidential Scholar of Eckerd College, and graduate of Stetson College of Law is currently Vice President of Marketing for Time Warner Cable in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pat and Howard Ritchie are looking forward to traveling the country--with no time limits. We wish them well.

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 • Have you called in your reservation yet •  
 • for the Annual Meeting and 2005 Class •  
 • Graduation on May 14? (See page 2) •  
 • 727-585-8889 Phone NOW •  
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## Youth Leadership Pinellas

by Stephanie Zaragoza

The Youth Leadership Pinellas Program is currently recruiting new members for the 2005 - 2006 class. Youth Leadership Pinellas is a program sponsored by Leadership Pinellas and the YMCA of the Suncoast. Similar to Leadership Pinellas, the program seeks to provide information on community resources and issues, develop an excellence in leadership, build teamwork skills, and foster involvement in community services for a diverse group of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students.

Youth Leadership is a seven month program, operating from November through May. Participants meet for five full day sessions, attend an orientation retreat and graduation event. The students will also be required to develop and execute a community based service project.

Dialogue is created between established and potential leaders of diverse backgrounds, including business and professional persons, plus leaders of government, education, etc. By coming face-to-face with community leaders and proactive spokesmen in these various areas, graduates of Youth Leadership are better prepared to assume leadership roles on their own.

A wide range of topics exposes participants to the decisions facing our community today. Emphasis is on active, hands-on experience that makes the learning meaningful and interesting. Program topics include:

November: Retreat	February: Education Day
December: Business/Media Day	March: Government Day
January: Health and Human Services Day	April: Criminal Justice Day
May: Graduation	

The program is separate from any school-sponsored program. Students are responsible for making up any and all work missed during the school day and for excusing the absence.

An application must be completed and submitted by the deadline to be eligible for consideration. A Selection Committee reviews the applications to ensure that members reflect the community at large, as well as possess the likely attributes of leaders. Applicants will be interviewed by a team of community volunteers and will be notified promptly. Members are evaluated on the basis of the overall class dynamics, as well as on individual merits.

Participants should be promising individuals who have already contributed to the community or who may be expected to make commitments to community involvement in the future. It is essential that the applicant be able to commit the time required to attend the sessions.

The student participant cost is \$85 for the year. Scholarships are available when need exists. Youth Leadership Pinellas is committed to being open to all qualified participants regardless of ability to pay.

Please contact the YMCA at 467-9622 or Leadership Pinellas at 585-8889 for an application. Specific program questions can be made to Stephanie Zaragoza at the YMCA at 467-9622. The application deadline is September 23, 2005.



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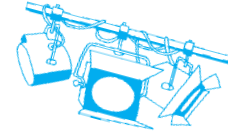
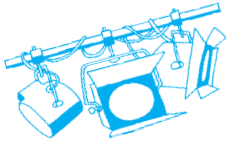
**from the desk of  
Harriet Coren,  
Dir. of Adm. Services**

Current changes to the directory:

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# Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month

## Someone Is Waiting Just For You



Big Brothers Big Sisters is nationally recognized as the country's premier mentoring program because we make a real difference in the lives of children in our community. It's unfair that in this great community of ours too many children – simply by virtue of their birth – do not have an equal chance in life. Our mission is to help these children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one mentor relationships.

The full meaning of the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters was highlighted nationwide in 2004, with the Centennial Celebration of the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the country. Locally, the impact of our life-changing mission was demonstrated again and again in the stories of matches made years - even decades – ago, which created friendships that thrive today. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been around for 100 years because our programs work; an independent study conducted by Public/Private Ventures confirms that our programs help children improve school performance and behavior, keep them off drugs and alcohol and out of the juvenile justice system.

Right now there are more than 125 children waiting for a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple to bring this kind of positive change, as well as some magic to their lives. Volunteers are offered a variety of ways in which they can mentor a child in both the community and in the child's school. If you are worried about missing time with your spouse, you can become a Big Couple and share your healthy and loving relationship with a child.

For more information on how you can help make a BIG difference in the life of a child, join us as we embark on our second century of service enriching the lives of children through one-to-one mentoring relationships.

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**email: [eric@bbbspc.org](mailto:eric@bbbspc.org)**  
**web site: [www.bbbspc.org](http://www.bbbspc.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 May 24, 2005.

