

LEADER READER

A Message from our President:

Dear Leadership Pinellas Friends,

This is my final letter as your president. It is, as usual, quite late in the evening on a work night as I author this traditional letter to you. I hope this finds you all well with your families healthy and strong.

I can not help but look back at this year in retrospect. Our board of directors and all of our volunteer members have been and remain committed to the success of Leadership Pinellas. You all have taken pride in, and ownership of your pledged responsibilities. It has been an amazing year and a very strong growth year for the organization. Leadership Pinellas, as evidenced by the fantastic turn out at our recent recruitment socials and our alumni events, is filled with enthusiasm and is alive with excitement.



Art Shand '00
President

This year's class is arguably one of the very best ever! They have, as have each class before them set the bar higher. I need not tell you much about this class as you have followed their successes all year. Most recently, they revealed the efforts of their class project at the Outback Steakhouse on Clearwater Beach where we all witnessed their prototype collection bin for the HEP (Homeless Emergency Project) in front of the media, elected government officials, and more than a hundred attendees to the event. Additionally, they announced the receipt of funding of a \$5000 grant gifted from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. Way to go Class! You can read more about this on pages 3 and 4.

In April we only did a few things, allow me a little sarcasm here....To start, we went to Tallahassee, met with the Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, Justice Quince of the Supreme Court, Cabinet Member Charles Bronson, and many of our legislators, not to mention we had our first photo op with Governor Jeb Bush and Toni Jennings! Tallahassee was great as usual. Special thanks to trip planning chair, Cyndie Goudeau '96 and committee member, Sallie Parks '82. Also thanks to Karen Seel '91, who attended with this year's class and gave a tour of the Capitol.

Next we had Arts and Culture Day on April 19th. Thank you Planning Committee Members Pat Perzel-Geller '93, Anne Gibaldi '05, Nancy Greenberg '05, Marita Lynch '02 and Mary Story '05. I already mentioned the very successful recruitment event held on April 25th and additionally we graduated our Youth Leadership Pinellas Class. I wish to thank our board member volunteers, Co-Chairs, Kim Briggs '00 and Catherine Ostrander '03, as well as a very special thanks to the YMCA of the Suncoast and Coordinator for the program, Stephanie Zaragoza '00. Our kids are our treasure and this year's class was a Gold Mine! Way to go Youth Leadership!

May is going to be no different as we have already conducted another recruitment event on May 2nd (which was nothing short of awesome!) Coming up we have, Criminal Justice Day (one of our favorites) on May 10th, the Closing Retreat on May 13 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Annual Meeting and Graduation at Bon Appetit that evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

Then if that is not enough to wet your whistle, we have our next LP L.E.A.D. Day to MacDill Air Force Base on Monday, May 15th. (Sorry this is sold out) but our Legislative Reception will be held on Thursday, May 25 at the Radisson Hotel on Roosevelt Blvd. in St. Petersburg. This is going to be one of the best ever. The cost is \$20 and you can contact Harriet at 727-585-8889 for your RSVP. Special thanks to Planning Committee members, Karen Seel '91 and Ana Maria Schweitzer '05.

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Naturally, in the works this time of year is the interview and selection process. This year our selection committee is more than up for the task, Chaired by Patricia "Pat" Perzel '93, and committee members Doug Edwards '05, Scott Fink '03, Kevin Flynn '05, Amy Hudock '02, Arlene Kaslander '04 and Sarah Pickett '06 are prepared to make some of the most difficult decisions LP makes all year. The traditional high standards of excellence demanded of our selection committees has served to establish Leadership Pinellas as one of the finest, highly respected Leadership Programs in the State of Florida.

Before I say goodbye to you in my present volunteer capacity please allow me to update you on the current status of the organization. This year we have accomplished many things which serve to better the organization. We have completely upgraded and updated our website, met our budgetary goals, maintained a stable and sustainable financial position, transformed and improved our recruitment program, established protocols for fundraising, forwarded and improved our Youth Leadership Programs with the YMCA of the Suncoast, supported the very successful Leadership at the Library Lunch Series and conducted very successful and fruitful program days for this year's class. With this said, I wish to highlight several out-going board members whose efforts have helped to make the preceding progress of LP a reality. Thank you for your dedication and service: Garry Brumback '00, Nadine Nickeson '98, Ronnie Goodstein '90, and Immediate Past President, Michael Bollenback '83.

This has been a wonderful year for me. I have so many things to be thankful for: my beautiful and supportive wife Odalys....without her strong support at home, I simply could not have taken on this commitment or had any success with it. My daughter, Sarah, who has learned through our volunteer commitments to LP and other community efforts that giving of ourselves and our time is one of the most valuable and tangible things we can ever do. This, for a young person, builds character and seeds integrity. I am truly grateful for the opportunity LP has given to me in this capacity, and even more grateful I could share this with my daughter.

In closing, let me express this has been a wonderful year for the reason I have met and been surrounded by so many wonderful, kind and gracious people. Who could ever ask for more. To our board of directors, volunteers, class members and our executive director my humble thanks for a truly great year!

Yours in Service,

Art Shand

Annual Meeting and 2006 Class Graduation

Saturday May 13, 2006 6:00 p.m.

Bon Appetit Restaurant
150 Marina Plaza, Dunedin

2006 Grads - Complimentary
Alumni & Guests - \$30 each

Cash Bar - free valet parking

Dress: Smart Casual

RSVP by check no later than 5-9-06
Leadership Pinellas P.O. Box 5986
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Annual Legislative Reception

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL 33716

May 25, 2006 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

We expect our entire legislative delegation as well as
candidates for elective office in Pinellas County
to be in attendance

Hors d'oeuvres will be served
along with a cash bar

Sponsorships Available

Gold: \$500
Silver: \$250
Bronze: \$100

Checks should be mailed to Leadership Pinellas
P.O. Box 5986 Clearwater, FL 33758-5986

For more information, Please contact
Ana Maria Schweitzer at 727-723-7273

A Very Busy April for the LP Class of 2006

by Colleen Flynn, Class Reporter

April has been a very busy month for the class of 2006. This month we had our trip to Tallahassee from the 9th to the 11th, Arts and Culture Program Day on April 19, and the kick off of our class project on April 20.

Our Tallahassee trip (what I am permitted to report) was a great time for the class of 2006. The long bus ride was made bearable by the good company and conversation and enthusiasm of the class members. Our first day in Tallahassee was spent at the State Capitol where we heard from various state officials including Lt. Governor Toni Jennings and Charles Bronson, Commissioner of Agriculture. We also toured the State Representatives' offices and were fortunate enough to meet and speak with our own representatives, **Kim Berfield '97** and Leslie Waters, who is currently the speaker pro tempore of the House. That evening we were treated to a delicious reception and dinner at the Governor's Club which was attended by State Representatives Charlie Justice and Frank Farkas.

On day two, we were treated to a tour of the Florida Supreme Court. Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince, who is the first African American woman appointed to the Florida District Court of Appeal in 1993 by Governor Lawton Chiles and the first African American woman appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in 1998 by Governor Chiles, spoke to our class about her experience on the Court including the 2000 election dispute and the Terry Shiavo case. After our morning at the Supreme Court it was back on the bus to travel back to Clearwater. The bus was much quieter on the way home as everyone was tired from an action packed two and a half days. We want to thank our program coordinators for the trip **Cyndie Goudeau '96** and **Sallie Parks '82**, and also thanks to **Art Shand '00** and **Karen Seel '91** for accompanying us on the trip. We had a great time!

A week after returning from Tallahassee, we had Arts and Culture Day on April 19, 2006. After another early morning start, we traveled to St. Petersburg where we had a private tour of the Holocaust Museum. We were fortunate to be allowed into the museum before it was open to the public enabling us to see the entire museum without fighting the crowds. Half of our class was treated to a tour of the museum by **Nancy Greenberg '05**, a docent at the Holocaust Museum who shared her own family's very personal story of surviving the Holocaust. We are very fortunate to have this museum here in Pinellas County not only for school children but for everyone, especially for those people whose families were personally impacted by the Holocaust.

Next on our agenda was the Salvadore Dali Museum, also located in downtown St. Petersburg. We were treated to a tour by a docent at the museum who filled us in on personal anecdotes about Dali and his family and who explained the significance and meaning behind Dali's artwork. Whether the class members loved, liked or loathed Dali's artwork, it was an interesting tour.

We next traveled to Clearwater to Ruth Eckerd Hall where we had a lunch panel discussion on the topic of the economic impact of the arts on Pinellas County. Robert Freedman, the President of PACT, Margot Walbolt, from the City of Clearwater, Peter Kageyama, from Creative Tampa Bay, Melinda Chavez from the Tampa Bay Business Council on the Arts and Evelyn Craft, Executive Director of the St. Petersburg Arts Center all spoke about their experiences on the Arts in Tampa Bay, its current state, its impact on the economy and social activities in the area and the future of the arts in our area. It was a very lively discussion and everyone agrees that Pinellas County has some great artistic opportunities including concerts, plays, museums that make Pinellas a great place to live. While at Ruth Eckerd Hall, we were treated to an in-depth and behind the scenes tour. During our tour, a traveling Broadway show was setting up for its run and we were able to watch the set up of the stage. We also toured the educational areas where kids can come for art, dance, vocal, drama, and other instruction.

Our last stop of the day took us up to the Leepa Ratner Museum on Klosterman Road in Tarpon Springs. Most of us had never been to this museum and were surprised to learn about it. The museum is on the St. Petersburg College campus in Tarpon Springs and contains not only artwork but also interactive exhibits and traveling exhibits.

We had a great day and wish to thank not only the speakers at the sites but also the program day coordinators, **Pat Perzel-Geller '93**, **Anne Gibaldi '05**, **Nancy Greenberg '05** and **Marita Lynch '02**.

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On Thursday April 20th , our class project had its kick-off at the Outback Steakhouse. The class of 2006 is working with Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) located on Betty Lane in Clearwater. Our project involves raising awareness of HEP's existence and needs. The class designed a bin which will be available to be placed in the community to collect items needed by HEP throughout the year.

Each month a new item will be requested. For instance, sheets will be collected during one month and toothbrushes another. We are working to have organizations in the community commit to bin placement in their businesses for a period of time and to help HEP form partnerships in the community. Our luncheon at the Outback was a great success. **Fr. Tom Madden '06** gave some opening remarks and Bruce Fyfe, Chair of the HEP Board explained HEP's services and the immense need by its clients.

We were next treated to a special guest speaker, Reginald Roundtree from Tampa Bay's Channel 10, the guest of our own **Sally Lindberg**. We had a delicious lunch where everyone was able to discern how they could contribute to HEP and recruit businesses to sponsor a collection bin. We are very proud of our class project and thanks and gratitude goes out to those members who were intimately involved with the planning of the event. While everyone contributed in some manner, special thanks goes to **Carolyn Roman** for working with Outback on the lunch, **Evan Frayman** and **Tom Stathopoulos** for designing the bin and having it manufactured, **Gary Hallas** for his work with HEP on marketing strategies, **Lisa Mansell** and **Karen Blackburn** on maintaining the guest list, Fr. Tom Madden on his fundraising skills, **Teresa Hibbard** on her creativity for monthly collection themes, and **Karen Fenton** for her grant writing ability. On April 20, we were notified of a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to help with our project.

We have had a busy April with our individual law enforcement Ride-Along, truly a high point of the Leadership Pinellas experience. We look forward to a busy May with Criminal Justice Day on May 10 and our Closing Retreat and Graduation Dinner on May 13. We have had a great year and thank everyone within Leadership Pinellas, especially the Board, who has helped to make that happen.

We extend deepest condolences to Pam Corbino '93 on the passing of her mother, Christine C. Daves

We extend deepest condolences to Chuck Warrington '95 on the passing of his mother, Beatrice Warrington



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, May 3

Daniel Mann '90

Dr. Cynthia Johnson '05

Presenters, Thursday, June 1

Kathy Rabon '90

Robin Gomez '03

For information about donations to our Leadership Library Foundation, please call 727-480-3515.



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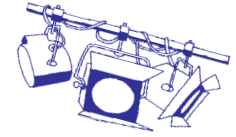
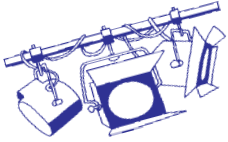
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Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month

Someone Is Waiting Just For You



The Auxiliary of Mease Health Care is dedicated to providing comprehensive, empathetic and significant volunteer support to patients and their family members both inside and outside the hospital setting. Each year, volunteers give more than 150,000 hours of service at the Mease Dunedin and Countryside Hospitals! Volunteers serve in various capacities including at the bedside, in customer service roles, and behind the scenes.

Some of our award winning FREE community outreach programs include:

FREE Transportation ~ CareLift is a FREE van transportation service providing community members in need with transportation to and from Mease Hospitals Dunedin and Countryside, East Lake Outpatient Center and the MPM Wellness Center. For more information or to schedule a ride call 734-6107. In 2005 CareLift provided 13,558 FREE rides provide to community members in need!

Pharmacy & Grocery Shopping ~ Our Friend-to-Friend program partners a volunteer with a community member in need. The volunteer will assist the community member by picking up their groceries and pharmacy products. For more information or to sign up for the Friend-to-Friend service call 734-6419. In 2005 Friend to Friend Volunteers provided more than 445 shopping assists to community members in need.

Telephone Reassurance ~ The Phone Care program provides daily telephone communication to those members in our community who need additional support. For more information call 734-6419.

Medicare Counseling ~ Our Medicare Counselors have been specially trained to assist you with questions regarding your Medicare, Medicaid, HMO and supplemental insurance policies. For more information or to schedule an appointment with a Medicare Counselor call 734-6419. In 2005 Medicare Counselors assisted more than 153 community members with their questions and concerns.

Volunteering is a Healthy Habit to become a volunteer, CALL TODAY

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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 23, 2006.

