

November 2005

LEADER READER

A Message from our President

Dear Fellow LP Alumni and 2006 Class Members:



Art Shand '00
President

It is so great to be talking to you again this month! Much has happened since my last letter to you, most significantly, Hurricane Wilma. As you know this hurricane season has been devastating to the Southeastern US and our countrywide resources have been stretched well beyond their limits. Having seen first hand the ruination in New Orleans, Gulfport and Biloxi areas on a trip which occurred between Storms Katrina and Rita, I can tell you without equivocation, these storms permanently change the face of a community, a city and a state in unimaginable ways. Due to the demands of previous storms this season, the response to the recent devastation in the Naples through Miami and Fort Lauderdale areas has been amazingly, yet not surprisingly, inadequate as resources of volunteers and products are already exhausted. This storm has hit close to home for many of us. As many of you know, my family in Miami has been dramatically affected by this storm. As of this email my mother-in-law who lives with and is caring for her father who is in his 90's has lost all of her trees, part of her roof and still has no power. If you have not done so already, please make an effort to support the Red Cross or any other credible relief effort. Our fellow Floridians need us more than ever....Some day we will need their help.

For those who were close to or knew and respected **Ken Waters '81**, Brooker Creek Elementary School (where he was a substitute teacher) is dedicating an outdoor classroom in his honor on November 8 at 9:00 a.m. . The teachers and students loved him so! Please put this on your calendar! Details are on page four. I hope to be there to see you!

Fortunately, we are all OK here in Pinellas County and LP is having an awesome year! We have now completed day one of this year's program, **Humans Services Day**. Based on the feedback you will read on page two authored by class reporter **Colleen Flynn '06**, the day was most educational and as we all know, extremely humbling. The day planners **Nora Stern '05 Chair, Buster Brasfield '05, Georgetta Doyle '05, Pat Gerard '90, and Ana Maria Schweitzer '05** did a fantastic job! Thank you all. The 2006 Class is now working with our President-Elect, **Bud Elias '01** on formulating the direction of the class project!

Have you sent your RSVP for the LP Pre-Holiday Happening Party on the evening of November 19th? If not, please call 727-585-8889 or email harrietcoren@ij.net by Nov. 14 so that we have a reasonable idea of how many folks to plan for the party. Speaking of planning, **Karen Seel '91**, our Alumni Planning Chair is putting together an incredible event. The food and fun will be exceptional! Thank you Karen and your volunteer team for putting this event together!

Coming up on Wednesday, November 3, don't forget the LP Lunch at the Library Series. See the details for this on page four. This month features **Judge Jack St. Arnold '91** and **Martha Lenderman '91!**

And finally I am extremely happy to tell you this year's Youth Leadership Class has been selected. This year's class is an excellent one! They are all named on page four. I am very proud of our fellow alumni Board Members and Youth LP Co-Chairs **Kim Briggs '00** and **Catherine Ostrander '03**, for their work on this program. Also, thanks goes to Board Members **Garry Brumback '00, Carla Mattern '02, Chris Ruppel '03, Kim Briggs '00** and alumna **Pamela Skyrme '03** who all gave of their time and expertise to sit on the selection committee. Of course whenever I mention the Youth LP program I would be totally remiss if I did not thank **Stephanie Zaragoza '00** with the support of **Scott Goyer '02**, President and CEO of YMCA of the Suncoast.

See you all at the Holiday Party! And THANK YOU for all you do to make this program such a benefit to this community!

Blessings,

Art Shand

You and your guests are cordially invited to

The Leadership Pinellas Pre-Holiday Happening Party

Saturday, November 19, 2005
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

at

The Treehouse Garden Collection
Outdoor Courtyard
434 Virginia Lane, Downtown Dunedin
(see map on back of your invitation)

*Come early, stay later -
some merchants will be
open until 9 pm for your
shopping pleasure*

*The Courtyard is behind
Paper Players with a tent
in case of bad weather*

Attire: Festive Casual for Outdoors

Enjoy: Buffet and Cocktails

Cost: \$15.00 per person

RSVP: 727-585-8889 or email

harrietcoren@ij.net

by November 14, 2005

Please mail your check to: Leadership Pinellas

P.O. Box 5986

Clearwater, FL 33758-5986

Please bring
Medium & Large Diapers, Art Supplies,
Sand Toys, Ride Toys, Puzzles and Books,
Paper Products or CASH DONATIONS for
Community Pride Child Care, Inc.

Class of 2006
Human Services Day
October 19, 2005
by *Colleen Flynn, Class Reporter*

The 2006 Leadership Pinellas Class had our first program day on Wednesday October 19. After our blurry eyed early morning arrival at the bus and our introduction to the applause that the last class member on the bus receives, Human Services Day was underway. We first traveled to the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) in Clearwater where we learned about the services offered and toured the long term family housing as well as the emergency housing dormitories, the dental clinic, the after-school program center and the thrift shop. We met remarkable representatives from HEP and the United Way who explained to us the many faces of homelessness in Pinellas County and ways in which we could be involved to help the situation.

We next traveled to the YMCA of the Suncoast where we participated in interactive discussions. We met with representatives of Family Resources Street Safe Program which is a grant funded program that provides services to teens living on the streets in St. Petersburg. We met with a pregnant 18 year old homeless girl living on the streets in St. Petersburg, who opened our eyes to a lifestyle that we had not imagined. We also participated in a discussion with representatives from Neighborly Care Network in Dunedin that provides much needed adult day care to seniors with Alzheimers disease. We also met representatives of Haven Domestic Violence and a woman in the Haven program to discuss the problems of domestic abuse and the ways in which Haven is working in the community to assist victims of domestic violence in obtaining injunctions, child support, safe living arrangements and education.

We next traveled to UPARC where we not only had a well needed lunch but where we met some remarkable people. We toured UPARC's facility and saw where the clients learn, perform work such as packaging goods to earn money and socialize. We learned about the many volunteer opportunities with UPARC and they ways in which it needs volunteers.

Our last stop in our whirlwind day of traveling from north to south Pinellas County was at the Youth Arts Corps in south St. Petersburg. The Youth Arts Corps is a place for youths to go after school and during the summer to learn ceramics, painting, sewing, quilting, music, visual arts and any and all other kinds of artistic endeavors. We were treated by a performance of amazing drumming on 5 gallon buckets by 8 teens. We were all spellbound as they made infectious beats out of the simplest 5 gallon bucket. We saw art made by the students and were impressed by 10 year old girls who had quilted blankets and a 14 year old who was sewing her own homecoming dress.

The Class of 2006, while a bit tired at the end of the day, was saturated with information from all of the locations we visited which gave us great information to help us formulate our class project. Stay tuned to see what we decide to do as there are many wonderful ideas being discussed.

We had a great day and wish to thank not only the speakers at the sites but also the program day coordinators, Buster Brasfield '05, Georgetta Doyle '05, Pat Gerard '90, Ana Maria Schweitzer '05, and Nora Stern '05. We also want to thank Bud Elias '01 for spending the day with us and helping facilitate our class project discussions and Art Shand '00 for all of his input and support throughout the day. Thanks to Harriet for making everything run smoothly and for bringing the substitute stick on name tags and to Homeworks Inspection Services Corporation for the snacks!

Next up is Business and Technology Day on November 9.



Mark your Calendars now

Our "Lunch at the Library" series continues with Martha Lenderman '91, Community Health Advocate and Sixth Circuit Court Judge Jack St. Arnold '91 scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2005.

On Thursday, December 1, 2005, Diane Nelson '99, Pinellas County Tax Collector and Baycare CEO, Steve Mason will be our presenters.

The Clearwater Main Library is the home of the Leadership Library, a collection of books and other materials established through a partnership with 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.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming educational events.

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

Youth Leadership Pinellas

Selection is completed and the 2006 Youth Leadership Class will have their retreat this month with their first class program day in December. Class members are:

Elizabeth Carey, Clearwater Central, grade 11
Ellen Crim, Palm Harbor U, grade 11
Kelly Gordon, Calvary Christian, grade 10
Timothy Madison, Tampa Prep, grade 10
Shannon May, Clearwater High, grade 12
Paige Schumacher, Palm Harbor U, grade 10
Margo Sultenfuss, Palm Harbor U, grade 10
Kathleen Trocin, Berkeley Prep, Grade 10
Ashley Williams, Clearwater High, Grade 12
Danielle Wilson, Largo High, Grade 10

Special thanks to LP Board Members, Kim Briggs '00 and Catherine Ostrander '03 for working with YMCA VP Community Development, Stephanie Zaragoza '00 to produce another successful Youth Leadership Program.

Thanks also to Kim Briggs '00 for hosting the selection interviews at her office and to Garry Brumback '00, Carla Mattern '02, Pamela Skyrme '03 and Chris Ruppel '03 who served on the Selection Committee.



This is not my desk

from the desk of
Harriet Coren,
Executive Director

Hello all-

We have a few 2005-2006 directories left. If you would like another for home or your car, call 727-585-8889 and I'll plan to meet you somewhere to give it to you. H.

Current changes to the directory:

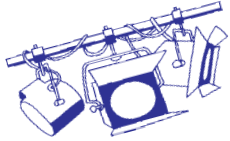
Please make them in your copies also.

Jena Carpenter '06 Highland Pines Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 1111 S. Highland Ave., Clearwater 33756 phone: 446-0581 fax: 442-9425 (w)

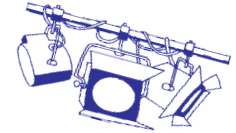
David Tomlinson '95 5225 Tech Data Drive, Clearwater 33760, phone: 523-7631 (w)

Dottie Waters has advised me there will be an official dedication of the outdoor classroom at Brooker Creek Elementary School in memory of Ken Waters '81 on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. The school is located at 3130 Forelock Road, just off East Lake Road.

Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month



Someone Is Waiting Just For You



**UPARC Foundation is proud to announce
The 21st Annual Festival of Trees
November 23-27, 2005
at the Harborview Center, 300 Cleveland Street, Clearwater
with a Premiere Night Gala – *Unwrap the Magic*
November 22, 2005**

**Mr. and Mrs. Don Olson - *Honorary Chairs*
Terry Banning and Diane Gobo – *Festival Co-Chairs***

**Volunteers are needed to assist
with all areas of the Festival
November 15 to 29, 2005**

In addition to over 100 lavishly decorated trees for sale, this year's five-day Festival will feature silent and live auctions during the Premiere Night festivities, a 6' Swarovski Crystal Tree, a gingerbread village, live non-stop entertainment, hand-crafted gifts, an animated window display, an amazing interactive train display, visits with Santa and fun activities for the children in our Tropical Island themed Santa's Village.

**For more information, visit our website at
www.treefest.com or contact
UPARC Foundation at 727-797-8712**

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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 Nov. 23, 2005.

