

**October 2005**

# LEADER READER

## A Message from our President:

Dear Leadership Pinellas Friends,

THE NEW LEADERSHIP YEAR HAS STARTED! The retreat was a fantastic success! Special thanks go out to Debbie White '95; Judy Siracusa '95; Pat Siracusa '97; Planning Chair, Ed Halleran '03; Harriet Coren '99 and the numerous volunteers who all work so hard to welcome the new class, start the program and to make this year's retreat one of the best!



Art Shand '00  
President

JUST AROUND THE CORNER IS OUR FIRST PROGRAM DAY. The board of directors has elected to start this year with Social Services Day on Wednesday, October 19th. The day coordinators for this day are Chair Nora Stern '05; Buster Brasfield '05; Georgianna Doyle '05; Pat Gerard '90 and Ana Maria Schweitzer '05. They collectively have assembled a very meaningful and productive program day! This day as scheduled is going to be outstanding! Look for the class reporters feed back in next month's LP news letter. Speaking of class reporters, this year's class reporter is Colleen Flynn '06. Colleen, great report on the retreat!

COMING UP! ANOTHER TOTALLY EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP LIBRARY LUNCH! Do not miss Holly Duncan '84, Chair of the Morton Plant Mease Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and 2002 recipient of the LP Deborah Vincent Distinguished Alumni Award and Dr. Carl Kuttler, president and CEO of St Petersburg College. We are honored to have Ms. Duncan and Dr. Kuttler take time from their unbelievably busy schedules to meet and share with us. This is a must attend for all LP Alums. We extend hardy and warm LP Thank You to Holly and Carl!

Next, it's our Holiday Party! In this Leader Reader you will find that Harriet has provided a date of December third for our annual winter celebration. I extend very special thanks to our Alumni Chair, Karen Seel '91, who is planning this coooooool celebration! We are all very anxious as to the location which is under wraps and under top secret security. Be on the lookout as the November LP Leader Reader will give the ultimate clue! Personally, I can hardly wait!!!!

As has been our tradition in the USA, our parties this time of year are normally called "Christmas Parties." As we all know we live in a very diverse world. One of the rights we have at the cost of so many of our fellow American men and women is the right to choose our own religion and our own God. How blessed and fortunate we are to have grown up in a country that respects our personal rights and our religious beliefs! With this said..... Lets have the best LP winter party ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Nothing but LP love!!!!!!

A special note: One of our recent graduates has been awarded a special community recognition which we cannot ignore ... Arlene Walker Kaslander '04 was awarded the Small Business Person of the Year Award by the Largo Mid- Pinellas Chamber of Commerce.

SEE YOU ALL IN DECEMBER!!!!

**Art Shand**

**Class of 2006  
Retreat Social  
September 9-10, 2005**

**by  
Colleen Flynn, Class Reporter**

After much anticipation, the Class of 2006 met on the afternoon of September 9. The afternoon began with the class members running around to meet everyone and figure out which person matched which snippet of information.

We had class introductions where we learned we had a diverse class including the Chief of Police of Largo, a Catholic priest, a City Council Member and the Director of Habitat for Humanity.

We found out that our class is very out-doorsy and that certain of our class members have completed triathalons, roller-bladed a marathon and that everyone loves the beautiful beaches in Pinellas County.

We learned a lot about ourselves with the D.I.S.C. profiles and were entertained by Judy Siracusa's performance of each personality.

We were given handfuls of candy and other "presents" by the alumni who put on skits about their Program Day. After a tight vote (and mainly being impressed by the guns and the S.W.A.T team), Criminal Justice Day prevailed.

Friday night we had happy hour with the alumni who made the rounds meeting all of us in an attempt to obtain our stickers to win the competition for meeting the most new class members. We had a great dinner with a D.J. and discovered that the class of 2006 has many good dancers (or at least people who enjoy dancing) and that almost everyone still remembers how to do the Electric Slide.

Our weekend wrapped up Saturday with brainstorming for our group projects. All in all the entire class had a great time meeting the alumni and learning about each and every member of the Class of 2006.

We greatly appreciate all of Judy and Pat Siracusa's work in putting the program together and Harriet's dedication to organizing the weekend so that it ran so smoothly. Thank you to the alumni who came out to meet us. We look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

The next event for the Class of 2006 is Human Services Day on October 19!

# The Class of 2006



Front row L-R: Lisa Hurley, Geri Campos, Sarah Pickett, Father Tom Madden, Teresa Hibbard, Gary Hallas, Peg Rowe, Karen Fenton, esteemed photographer, Mike Monahan (thx, Mike)

Row 2 standing L-R: Courtney Orr, Bonnie Bollenback, Sally Lindberg, Janet Rosenquist, Jan Luth, Karen Blackburn, Colleen Flynn, Lisa Mansell, Jena Carpenter, Lee Guthrie, Shannon Martin, Diane Vollbracht, Carol-Lynn Roman, Germaine Jackson

Row 3 L-R: Ryan Barack, Joe Falanga, Rep DeLoach, George Koder, Matt Novak, Evan Frayman, Tom Strathopoulos, Bart Cobb, Lester Aradi, Carlen Petersen, Neil Ruiz, Paul McBroom



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.

On Thursday, October 6, come to hear the President/CEO of Morton Plant Mease Foundation, Holly Duncan '84 and Dr. Carl Kuttler, President of St. Petersburg College.

Thursday, November 3 is scheduled for Martha Lenderman '91, Community Health Advocate and Circuit Court Judge Jack St. Arnold '91.

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.



*This is not my desk*

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

Hello all -

I hope by now most of you have received your 2005-2006 directories. If you did not, are your dues paid? And if they are not paid, this will be the last email message you will receive from LP. I am always available to reinstate you, so contact me at 727-784-8641 or our LP phone at 727-585-8889 or fax at 727-785-7117 or email harrietcoren@ij.net.

Big news is ( according to my page count and thx to my esteemed proof-readers):Lois Miller '97, Catherine Ostrander '03, Jan Tracy '96 and Debbie White '95, Micki Thompson '02 submitted the closest number of responses for the updated directory information. She guessed 300 and I received 301 on July 15th. I received many more later (and even got one in the mail last week), but dues were due on July 15th and so were the returns.

Micki was not at the Retreat Social where it would have been announced, but was out of town with 211 Tampa Bay Cares program preparing for hurricane emergencies. She has received a check from Coren Corporation for \$55 to repay her LP dues ...so participate again next year!

My special thanks to Bud Elias '01, Garry Brumback '00, Cyndi O'Donnell '05, Karen Seel '91 and Nora Stern '05 for their help in delivering directories to members they work with and my postage budget thanks you also.

Current changes to the directory:

Yes, one month into the new directory and we DO have some changes. Please make them in your copies also.

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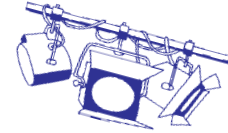
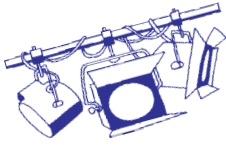
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**Saturday evening, Dec. 3, 2005**

**save the date  
for Leadership Pinellas  
Holiday Happening**

**time and place in the  
November Leader Reader**

# Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month



## Someone Is Waiting Just For You

DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME DURING WEEKNIGHTS?

The Clearwater Public Library System  
is looking for volunteers  
to assist elementary grade students  
with their school work  
Monday through Thursday evenings  
at the Main Library  
100 Osceola Avenue

Many diverse families utilize the library  
in search of assistance for their children.  
They need your expertise!

For more information, please call  
727-562-4970 ext 5244

## Volunteer Organization Spotlight of the Month

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 Oct. 23, 2005.

