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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cyndee Haydon
President
Class of '08

Dear Friends,
I hope you are enjoying your fall and all the vibrant Leadership Pinellas activities we have coming up – look forward to seeing you at one of them.

We kicked the month off with a Roaring 20's themed social put together by Matt Campbell '15 at Dolce Speakeasy in Clearwater – check out the fun our LP members had getting decked out and all that attended enjoyed the social time together.

In September, we also held the first Program Day of the year, Human Services Day. Huge thanks to the team chaired by Brian Siracusa '14 along with Randy Nillson '14, Tamara Black '18, Amanda Fischer '07, Leah Slavensky '18, and the Pinellas Community Foundation and CEO Duggan Cooley '07 who sponsored the day.

The first debrief social was held after Human Services Day and was held at the Mellow Mushroom and was very well-attended. It was exciting to see so many Alumni and Class members there having a great time, as well as an opportunity for the Mentors and Mentees to connect. Hope to see you all at our next one on November 14.

We launched our Lessons in Leadership video series with Duggan Cooley '07 and the Pinellas Community Foundation in September, and this month, please check out the latest Lessons in Leadership featuring our President-Elect and one of this year's LP sponsors, Bob Childress '11 and Solace Insurance.

We heard you and created a new, easy way for you to submit potential LP future members and candidates whenever you meet them throughout the year. Now just go to ReferLP.com and there's a simple form on

SAVE THE DATES

- Oct. 18, 2018 - Arts & Culture Day
- LP Tickets SOLD OUT Clearwater Jazz Holiday;
3:30 - 10 p.m. - Gates open
- Nov. 2, 2018 - Leadership Institute
- Nov. 14, 2018 - Health Day
- Post Program Day Social;
5:30-7 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom
- Dec. 12, 2018 - Environment & Tourism Day
- Jan. 9, 2019 - Criminal Justice Day
- Jan. 24 - 25 - Leadership Snapshot Program
- Feb. 13, 2019 - Education Day
- Post Program Day Social;
5:30-7 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom
- March 6, 2019 - Government & Infrastructure Day
- March 24-26, 2019 - Tallahassee Trip
- April 10, 2019 - Emergency Services Day
- May 8, 2019 - Business & Technology Day
- Post Program Day Social;
5:30-7 p.m. BJ's at Westfield Countryside Mall

our website for you to put in your name and email and their name and email (and phone # helps) and we'll do the rest to keep them informed and invited to upcoming events and let them know you recommended them.

We are also excited to announce our next Leadership Institute Lunch and Learn featuring Gary Regoli '10, President and CEO of Achieva Credit Union, as he shares his leadership lessons on Transformational Leadership. It is being held on Friday, November 2, 2018 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at SPC Collaborative Labs. This is a great event to invite anyone you think is a potential future LP member and a great mentor / mentee event, as well as the fact that it's open to all members of the community you feel would be interested. It promises to be an impactful event.

This month, keep your eyes open for the launch of our newest Leadership Pinellas Program – LP Snapshot to be held in January. Special thanks to Tammy Robiconti '15 for leading the marketing launch of this exciting new LP Program.

In your service,
Cyndee Haydon '08

DUES RENEWAL

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Or renew by check.

Download the form here: files.constantcontact.com/5abb9221301/b6d1b4d4-bed9-4d87-ae9d-e0864c4638ea.pdf

Return the completed form to:
Leadership Pinellas
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LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP: BOB CHILDRESS



Hear Bob Childress, CEO of Solace Insurance share his Lessons in Leadership.

2018-2019 PROGRAM DAYS



Seema Ramroop '17
Program Day Chair

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." Audrey Hepburn

Our Human Services Day got off to an amazing start with a full program day that can only do one thing and that is tug at your heartstrings. Even if you have lived in Pinellas County all your life, this day is always an emotional day and brings with it, the gift of realization of how truly blessed we are.

We began with the always-impactful RCS Food Bank and then the class enjoyed a fabulous buffet breakfast by one of our sponsors Pinellas Community Foundation. We left the food bank and headed over to The ARC Tampa Bay, where the experience was absolutely phenomenal. There we had several dynamic speakers, played the "Hunger 101" game, and witnessed the first-ever Special Olympics hosted at the ARC. That was a notable treat to be a part of it. The face of pride on each participant was priceless!

Next, we went to Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP), where we toured the campus and saw the tremendous influence HEP is having in the local community. We were treated to a yummy lunch sponsored by HEP as well.

Our next stop was at the Lighthouse of Pinellas, where we got a first-hand experience of what it feels like to be visually impaired and heard a success story coming out of this.

We visited Habitat for Humanity where the class toured a recently completed home and heard all about the process for homeownership and the successes in creating homeownership opportunities for low-income families. The day concluded at Clothes to Kids where the class witnessed a setting much like a boutique, which provides free clothing for school-age children in low-income families or in crisis.

At each of our stops, the speakers highlighted their leadership skills and discussed the need for community partnerships to provide better quality services. The class listened to leaders speak about how their organizations make a difference daily in the lives of many in our community.

Very special thanks to the Human Services Day committee Brian Siracusa '14, Randy Nilsson '14, Tamara Black '18, Leah Slavensky '18, and Amanda Fisher '07.

If you want to help plan a day for 2019 and still would like to be involved, you are very much wanted. So please reach out to me and we can absolutely use your skills and talent. My contact information is seematt2000@yahoo.com or 813-957-8107.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PINELLAS KICKOFF



Brian Siracusa
Class of '14

On September 13, 2018, the YLP Class of 2019 had a successful kick-off at the student and parent meeting. The information gathering was conducted at Calvary Christian High School. It was well attended and marked the beginning of the 34-class members' journey.

The highlight of the evening was a speech from Noah Cleckner, YLP Class of 2018 graduate. He spoke of his highlights from last year. After he mentioned his favorite moments, he allowed the kids a chance to ask questions. The new class engaged him in an informative discussion that allowed them to better understand the program.

Next up for the class is the opening retreat at the YMCA James P. Gills ropes course. The students will be learning and interacting during the team bonding experience.

THE LP BOOKSHELF



Suzy Sofer '15
LP Board Member

We asked and you shared. Here are some of LP Alumni's favorite books on leadership this month so as the weather gets cooler you may enjoy adding these to your fall reading list.

***The Girl on the Train* – Paula Hawkins**

I am not a big reader (I read all day at work), but this is the last book I read that still stands out to me. It was a for-fun book, not a serious book. I bought this book in the airport on my way out of town for a long weekend vacation without the kids. I started reading and I could not put it down. It was a wonderfully-written, suspenseful who-done-it. It was great for a mental getaway. I finished it before I returned home (I think even before I got on the plane).

Nancy Meyer – LP Class of 2016

***Yoga at Work – 10 Minute Workouts for Busy People* – Miriam Freedman & Janice Hanks**

These 10-minute, holistic workouts enhance your mental acuity and reduce your physical tension. Physical exercise generally relieves body tension and the relaxation breathing exercises help tackle mental stress. Drawings and examples provide an easy program for ANYONE to participate even if you are tied to a desk, on the road or mobile. Regular practice will induce a sense of general well-being that ultimately produces a clear work environment. Lead by example with a calming, relaxed attitude!

Debra S. Sullivan – LP Class of 2007

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

A Corporate Learning Week Event



Join us for this next Leadership Institute event!
Friday, Nov. 2 – Noon - 1:30 p.m.

How does a Transformational Leader win respect, influence people and lead the organization to success? Find out in this third Leadership Institute Lunch & Learn program of 2018!



Learn from Gary Regoli, LP '10 and President and CEO of Achieva Credit Union, as he shares “leadership lessons” in Transformational Leadership throughout his career. Prior to Achieva, Gary led Meritrust Credit Union, the largest in the State of Kansas, and has been a leader in the credit union industry since 1985.

Register online: leadershipinellas.com/events

Cost: \$50/person
Where: Collaborative Labs
The EpiCenter
13805 58th St. N.
Clearwater, FL 33760

For more information about the Leadership Institute Lunch & Learn Program, contact Andrea Henning, LP '15, with the Workforce Institute at 727-341-3154 or Henning.Andrea@spcollege.edu.



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