

LEADERSHIP

LaPORTE COUNTY



Save the Date

April 9, 2011

Celebrate 27 years of Leadership. Everyone is invited to attend the Leadership Dinner/Dance. Enjoy dinner, music, dancing, and a tribute to outgoing Director, Jim Jessup. Stay tuned for more details.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

~Harold R. McAlindon

Report From Jim

The reaction to the announcement of my retirement has been amazing. Old Leadership friends, alumni, as well as others that I hardly know have contacted me. I have been humbled and honored by their comments, but mostly amazed by their praise of the Leadership program and history. Leadership has made a difference in LaPorte County and in the lives of people, and that will continue. I encourage everyone to pull together to make sure that happens. I have pledged myself to that task as a volunteer in the future.

The Board is still accepting resumes from people who might be interested in becoming the new Director of Leadership La Porte County. Contact me or Stephanie Stout ([sstout@thelpsb.com](mailto:ssout@thelpsb.com)) for information.

There are still lots of exciting and new things happening at Leadership. Check out this newsletter for details and how we need you to make them successful. Stay in touch.



Class All Tied Up



Scavenger Hunt for Youth Was Wet

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Leadership Board Welcomes New Member and Volunteer



The Board of Directors of Leadership La Porte

County welcomes its newest board member, Carol Connelly. Carol is a 2002 Leadership graduate and works at PNC. She replaces Dawn Krueger who has resigned from the board.

The Board officers are:
Stephanie Stout---President
Lance Werner---VP
Stephanie Smith---Secretary
Gretchen Kalk---Treasurer

Other board members are:
Dick Buell, Sandy Miller, Randy Russell, Elena Mrozinske, Maggi Spartz, Brooke Kubath, Kim Ramsey, Heather Melnyk, and Scott Hajek.
The Board also welcomes Teri

Hajek who is helping Jim in the office with updating the alumni database and other projects. Teri will be contacting alumni to get current information. Please help her with this project.

New Leadership Class Welcomes 32 Members

The 27th Adult Leadership training class began their journey with the opening retreat in September.

There are 32 in this year's class. Class members and schedule are below:

2010-2011 Adult class members:

Kyle Yelton—Northwestern Mutual

Charlie Roberts—Horizon Bank

Cary Brinkman—Michigan City Police Department

Royce Williams—Michigan City Police Department

Sonshine Troche—Worthy Women Recovery Home of LaPorte County

Ron Neal—Indiana State Prison

Andy Laurent—South Shore Freight

Brian McKee—Workforce Health, LaPorte Hospital

Sandy Schroeder— La-Porte Savings Bank

Elizabeth Johnson—LaPorte County Public Library

Sarah Morrison—LaPorte County Public Library

David Martin—Parents and Friends

Dawn Biela—Parents and Friends

Taylor Burkholder—Horizon Bank

Elena Mrozinske—Indiana University Northwest

Teri Hajek—Community Volunteer

Alliegra Hand—Youth Service Bureau

Mike Sutton—Liberty Bible Church

Jennifer Rhine-Walker—LaPorte County Sheriff's Office

Scott Boswell—LaPorte County Sheriff's Office

Neil Mangus—LaPorte Hospital

Shannon Hannon—LaPorte Hospital

Mike Mack—Community Volunteer

Angela Moser—Walsh Construction

Brock Martin—Purdue North Central

Sandy Czekaj—Purdue North Central

Dave Leonard—Westville Correctional Center

Joy Zigler—Best Western Hotel

Tera Grinnell—Howmet/Alcoa

Bryanne Dunlop—United Way of LaPorte County

Leslie Schroeder—LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Jason Miller—LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Adult Leadership Classes

8 am to 4 pm

Sept. 17-18	Opening retreat
Oct. 7	TBA
Nov. 4	County bus trip
Dec. 2	Criminal Justice
Jan. 6	Social Services
Feb. 3	Education
Mar. 22	Trip to Indy
Apr. 14	Economic & Community Development
May 5	Final retreat
May 26	Graduation

Battle of the Bands Is Coming

Leadership La Porte County has created a new project designed to showcase the talent of our local youth, provide a clean, safe, fun activity for our youth, and raise funds for our youth programs. Battle of the Bands (or BoB) will be presented on March 12, 2011 at the Civic Auditorium in La Porte from 5 pm to 10 pm. Teri Hajek, Leadership volunteer, is general chairman of the event, along with her committee of hundreds. But we still need YOU!

Several youth bands from throughout La Porte County will play a set of their music in front of an audience of hundreds of

young people from all the schools in the county. Winners will be determined and prizes awarded.

There will be dancing, food, activities, and lots of rockin' goin' on. The

planning committee is already working to create new ideas for the event. We need volunteers, sponsors, more ideas, and worker bees.



Contact Teri at terihajek@comcast.net. Young people are also welcome to serve on the committee. This will become THE annual event of the year for our youth.

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

Peter F. Drucker

Alumni Database—Who's missing?

We are updating our alumni contact list—Are you on it? If you or someone you know is not getting our correspondence, please contact Leadership and get on our mailing and email list. Call 325-8223 or email info@leadershiplaportecounty.com and get us a mailing address, email, and phone number. If we don't hear from you, Teri Hajek will be contacting you. Thanks.

La Porte County Afghans Are Available Again

Leadership La Porte County once again has a supply of the exclusive La Porte County Afghans. The colors are cranberry or hunter green and cost \$40 each. They make great gifts for college students, special occasions, or former residents who have moved away. The design depicts unique La Porte County places and history. Order now for Christmas. Contact the Leadership office to order.



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 - ◆ Strategic Planning
 - ◆ Community-Building
 - ◆ Board member referrals
 - ◆ Specialty training to solve your challenges
 - ◆ Communication training
- Contact Leadership at info@leadershiplaportecounty.com or call 219-325-8223.

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

Theodore Roosevelt

Calendar of Events

Board meetings

Wednesday at 4 pm at the Depot

Dec. 1	Mar. 2	June 1
Jan. 5	Apr. 13	
Feb. 2	May 4	

Other Dates

Feb. 11	Valentine Cookies
March 12	Battle of the Bands
Feb. 21, March 2, 9, 16	High School leadership classes
April 9, 2011	Leadership Dinner/Dance
May 19	Golf Outing

Missing FROG Report



Has anyone seen Kermit? He's missing. Last seen at the County Historical Museum. If you know the whereabouts of Kermit, please contact the Leadership office at info@leadershiplaportecounty.com. Reward leading to the return of Kermit may be given. Perpetrator will be punished.

Help Leadership by being a Sponsor

You or your company can help spread good leadership around La Porte County by being a program sponsor. Here's how:

- ◆ Platinum Sponsor—A donation of \$2500 or more gets a return value of \$3000 in Leadership benefits
- ◆ Gold Sponsor—A donation of \$1500 or more gets a return value of \$2000 in Leadership benefits
- ◆ Silver Sponsor—A donation of \$500 or more gets a return value of \$750 in Leadership benefits
- ◆ Bronze Sponsor—A donation of \$250 or more gets a return value of \$500 in Leadership benefits
- ◆ Class Day Sponsor—Your company can be a day sponsor for the adult Leadership class for \$250. You can come to the class, speak about your company, and hand out company information.
- ◆ Individual Donation—Thanks for supporting Leadership La Porte County. Jim might buy you a cup of coffee.

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