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Did you know?

- Leadership is in its 27th year.
- The Longest Running Class Project is the Class of 88's Sherri Munday Memorial Fund.
- The Leadership Hilton Head Island—Bluffton program has graduated over 400 individuals in 26 years.

Alumni Newsletter

Join the Alumni Association Today!

The Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Alumni Committee has reorganized, as of July 1, 2011, as the Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Alumni Association. The organization has developed bylaws and will be applying for tax-exempt status under IRS code 501 (c)(3).

The purpose of the Association is to provide networking opportunities for alumni, promote education and service opportunities, and support the Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton program.

Officers of the new Association are: Janet Williams, president; M.C. Strong, vice president and president elect; Linda Frank, secretary; and Paul Gibson, treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors are: Barbara Clark, Myra Davis, Trisha Greathouse, Sue James, Jeff Locker, Jayme Lopko, Doug Matney, Tracy Pringle, Ronni B. Silett, and Steve Wilson.

Membership in the Association is open to alumni of the local program as well as graduates of



equivalent leadership programs of other communities. Annual dues will be \$25. A five-year membership will be available for \$100.

- ⇒ **Do you have suggestions on what you would like to see in the Newsletter?**
- ⇒ **Are you interested in volunteering for an Alumni Committee?**
- ⇒ **Do you have suggestions for networking events for members or speakers for the lecture series?**
- ⇒ **Email us today at leadhhibalumni@gmail.com**



“DO GOOD” Corner United Way of the Lowcountry

Quick Info

The Annual Campaign is under way!

Please visit www.uwlowcountry.org to learn more about volunteering or to make a donation.

About the Organization

United Way of the Lowcountry provides financial, marketing, strategic planning and other kinds of support to 32 agencies and 42 programs in Beaufort and Jasper counties. The collaborative efforts of United Way and its partner agencies and programs have as goals the provision of good nutrition, safe shelter, education, and adequate income and health services to local individuals. Some of the services that receive United Way funding include: Food, clothing and shelter in times of

crisis, and toys and food during the holidays; training for parents, tutoring and recreation, affordable child care, teen pregnancy prevention, swimming and water safety classes; affordable housing, shelter for abused adults and children, safe septic tanks and clean drinking water, literacy programs; meals for seniors, delivery of surplus food, help for case management for patients and families coping with AIDS/HIV, and counseling for caregivers and the victims of violent crime.

This Year's Annual Campaign

The campaign's goal this year is to raise \$2.8 million dollars. This year's campaign chairs are Mike Petrilli for Hilton Head Island, Phyllis Doyle for Bluffton and Jasper County, and Peter Post for the Beaufort Area. Leadership Hilton Head Island- Bluffton Alumni contributing their time to this year's campaign include; Phyllis Doyle '89, Mary Vaux Bell '09, Andy Twisdale '86, Alan Herd '03, Michael Jordan, Marty Pauls '90, and Dr. Joe Black '87.

Alumni Spotlight

Meet our Association President—Janet Williams

Alumni Year: 2005

How long have you lived in the Lowcountry? Since 1993

How has Leadership changed your participation in community events?

One of the reasons that I applied for Leadership is that I kept finding myself on committees and boards, where I was not sure that I was as informed as I should have been about our community. “Leadership” changed that in so many ways. First of all as you know there is a big difference between reading about something versus doing/ seeing/ hearing it for yourself... And as my friend and fellow alumni, Barbara Conway, has said “ Hilton Head Island Bluffton Leadership is like taking a crash “Masters” course in “Hilton Head –Blufftonianism.” Each class that I attended was so well thought out and packed with a parade of talented, informed, community leaders. That alone was not only an inspiration to me but also a valuable way to learn efficiently and effectively about the

civic and service framework of our community in a very personal way. The experience has made me a stronger committee and board member because I came away from the “Leadership” experience even more motivated and better informed. I also graduated with like-minded peers (many of whom became friends along the way) that I felt I could and still can call on for support .

Significant accomplishments since participating in Leadership?

I toured CAPA's Open Arms/ Open Hearts Shelter (for abused children who have nowhere else to be) and was so overwhelmed that we even needed such a place in today's times (and even in our own beautiful paradise island) let alone that it was at capacity like all the time !!!! . I asked what they (CAPA) needed most to keep the shelter running and they asked me to help coordinate an adult spelling bee fundraiser on Hilton Head. With the help of fellow “Leadership” alumni , dear friends, and the Kiwanis Club of Hilton

Head... we pulled it off successfully for two years in a row.

Additionally, I was honored to serve on several scholarship committees and what a great feeling it is to be able to help a person (adult or child) achieve his/her pursuit of knowledge and everything that comes along with that . You really feel like you are getting in on a “IPO” and are making a meaningful difference in a person's life and most of the time that person is a pretty amazing self-motivated individual.

Family, & other final thoughts...

Today skills acquired and fine tuned during my Leadership experience are helping me even in my own home where (with my husband Mark) we are daily shepherding a toddler, Anna Lynn and “pre-schooler”, Luke. My twin sister, friend and colleague, Jennifer Stupica is also a Leadership graduate and current Regent for Hilton Head Island Bluffton Leadership. I am fortunate that my parents live in the area too.



Quick Info

Janet is a Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch, where she helps individuals, families and organizations navigate important financial decisions.

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The Leadership Class of 2012

Quick Info

November 9th
Regionalism and Diversity

December 14th
Town Government

Leadership Alumni are invited to "audit" classes if space permits.

Please contact

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or Doug Barry
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The Leadership Class of 2012 is underway! The class has participated in the Program Introduction, Class Retreat and Education Program day. The Class of 2011 continued the tradition of providing the dinner and breakfast meals for the incoming class during the retreat weekend and made an outstanding show for future classes to try and out do! Dinner was exceptional and featured a large scrumptious pork loin. Duncan Teed from 2011 was the chef and he and

Class Retreat

his class were amazing. Class 2012 was really pleased with the meal. Regents in attendance were also excited. Grover Cleveland learned that there is a difference between a Pork Loin and a Pork Tenderloin. Members of the Class of 2011 also arrived early on Saturday morning and presented an excellent breakfast.

The newly established tradition of having the last class provide two meals is

great. The new class seemed to enjoy talking with those who preceded them. Also, the enthusiasm of the recent graduates had caught the eye of the new class. We had a number of graduates drop by to try and name them all would most certainly result in missing someone, but a huge "Thank You" goes out to the Class of 2011 Board of Regent members plus Duncan Teed for their efforts in making this a great event.



Front Row: Paul Boes, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Robin Chamberlain, Coastal Carolina Hospital; Ryan Gay, First Command Financial Services

Second Row: Claire Tulas, Pino Gelato; Andrew Schumacher, Palmetto Dunes P.O.A.; Arleda James, WSAV-TV NBC; Elise Trujillo, Jenny Craig

Third Row: Wade Taylor, NHC HealthCare; Kerry Gudaitis, Hargray Communications; Sarah Calvert, Island Recreation Association; Rachelle Etheridge, Hargray

Standing: Heather Moulton, Fraser Construction; Linda Peterson, Asian Creations International Trading; Lavon Stevens, Self Employed; Janet Cully, Harbour Health Insurance Solutions; Janet Noonan, The Greenery Inc.

Upcoming Civic Events

Beaufort County

County Council
Administration Building
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Monday, November 14th
4pm

Please go to
www.bcgov.net
for more event information

Hilton Head Island

Town Council
Benjamin M. Racusin Council
Chambers
One Town Center Court,
Hilton Head Island
Tuesday, November 1st
Tuesday, November 15th
4pm

Please go to
www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov
for more event information

**Don't Forget to Vote on
Tuesday, November 8th!**



Town of Bluffton

Town Council
Theodore D. Washington
Municipal Building
20 Bridge Street, Bluffton
Wednesday, November 9th
6pm

Please go to
www.townofbluffton.sc.gov
for more event information

Government Offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day

Upcoming Networking Events

Let's gather together and be thankful for our Leadership experience!

WHO: Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Alumni - Bring a classmate!

WHERE: Harbour Town Yacht Club
149 Lighthouse Road (4th floor)
Sea Pines Plantation

WHEN: Wednesday, November 16, 2011
5:00 - 7:30 PM

ADMISSION: \$5 for Leadership Alumni Association members; \$15 for non-members...or join at the event and pay the member price! Hors D'oeuvres Buffet and cash bar!

DOOR PRIZE

2 Night Stay in a Luxury Suite at Harbour Town Yacht Club

[Complimentary Entry to Sea Pines](#)

RSVP leadhhibalumni@gmail.com by Sunday, Nov 13

The Leadership Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Alumni Association