

Cultivating Leadership Capital for the West Valley

Leadership West Wraps up a Grand Year, Launches Class 16

Class 15 has barely had time to mount their graduation plaques, and already Leadership West is gearing up for an exciting new year informing and connecting with the new class.

The Board of Directors recently accepted the following outstanding West Valley individuals into Class...

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Dawn DeMers	Home Instead Senior Care
Hazelle Fessenden	Palm Valley Plumbing
David Fyke	Chicago Title Insurance Company
Ed Gerak	Buckeye Water Conservation & Drainage District
Melissa Holdaway	Arizona Charter Academy
Karen Hong	Joshua Hong DDS
Jerry Hoyler	FASTSIGNS
Jill Knaak	West Valley Arts Council
Jerry Mullen	Total Transit
Skip Peeples	Salt River Project
Patricia Krogh	Converse Consultants
Lloyce Robinson	Town of Youngtown
Frank Saverino	Touchstone Behavioral Health
Scott Shively	DLR Group
Molly Stockley	Cancer Treatment Centers of America
Janene Van Leeuwen	Liberty Elementary School District
John Vescova	RE/MAX Desert Showcase
Cathy Vix	West Valley Magazine
Elizabeth Wilkinson	St. Mary's Food Bank
Sharon Wolcott	SRMARKO Consulting

Mark your Calendars now! You are invited to come welcome the new class, and mingle with each other at the

Leadership West "Meet the New Class" Alumni Mixer

This event is generously hosted by Adolfsen and Peterson Construction. Please join us on August 6th, at 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at [Taps](#) at 76 N Old Litchfield Rd in Litchfield Park. Light appetizers will be served.

Please RSVP to Jessica@leadershipwest.org.



Congratulations to the New Leadership West Board of Directors!

This dedicated, hard-working group of volunteers, donates their time, energies and resources to keep Leadership West strong and the West Valley thriving. They are the foundation of our volunteer-led organization. Serving you for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year are:

<i>President</i>	<i>Landis Elliott (Class X)</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Michelle Dionisio (Class III)</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Zac Storey (Class IX)</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Jen Deiley (Class XIII)</i>
<i>Member-at-Large and Alumni Committee Chair</i>	<i>Karen Keith (Class XII)</i>
<i>Past President and Marketing Committee Chair</i>	<i>Cathy Gorham (Class VII)</i>
<i>Fund Development Chair</i>	<i>Debbie Charlesworth (Class X)</i>
<i>Golf Committee Chair</i>	<i>Barbra Coffee (Class XI)</i>
<i>New! Retreat Committee Chair</i>	<i>Jennifer Farrell (Class XIV)</i>
<i>New!</i>	<i>Chuck Fitzgerald (Class XIII)</i>
<i>2009 Summit Committee Chair</i>	<i>Venita James (Class X)</i>
<i>New!</i>	<i>Seth Kanter (Class III)</i>
<i>New! Education Committee Chair</i>	<i>Darcie McCracken (Class XIV)</i>
<i>New!</i>	<i>Laura Oxley (Class XII)</i>
<i>New!</i>	<i>Leslie Rowan (Class XII)</i>
<i>2009 Selection Committee Chair</i>	<i>Rich Shelton (Class V)</i>
<i>New!</i>	<i>Anthony Sumner (Class XIV)</i>
<i>2009 Nomination Committee Chair</i>	<i>Neil Terry (Class IX)</i>



And **thank you** to our outgoing board members whose service has helped Leadership West through some amazing growth and development over the past several years.

John Buonagurio (Class VIII) - shown right
Randy Jackson (Class XI) - shown left
Jan Jennings (Class III) - shown center
Kathryn Prusinski (Class XI)
Pier Simieri (Class IX)
Mike Tellef (Class VI)

Read a good Book Lately?

We're betting you have! And what's better than filling your brain with useful, inspirational, provocative ideas than talking about those ideas with good friends and colleagues?

Please join us for the first ever **Leadership West Book Chat**.

Step one: *What shall we read?* Books should be non-fiction and based on a topic appropriate for a savvy group of West Valley leaders such as society, leadership, the economy or business. Send your suggestions to Kathy@leadershipwest.org. In August we will announce the title of the book and in November have a cozy get-together over wine and nibbles and talk about what we read.



You simply must check out the **Leadership West page on Facebook**. ([Click here to go there](#).) Check out how many "Fans" we have and how many alumni are actually using the social networking site. Thank you to the amazing and talented Jessie Singer, Class 15 (left), for volunteering to upload photos from Summit, Synthesis and Graduation.

LW Rocks! (Our Next Contest)

The Fossilfuels. The Home Jones Band and the Screamin' Javelinas are three rockin' local bands. Correctly identify to which band each of the following alumni belong: **Gabriel Bey, Class 11; John Maher, Class 13; Claude Mattox, Class 1; Patrick McDermott, Class 10 and Jim Rumpeltes, Class 13**. The first 08/09 dues-paying alumnus to do so will win a gift certificate for lunch at [Birt's Bistro](#) in Surprise.



So, what's new with you? We really, really wanna know! New job? New baby? Name in the paper? Win an award? Without a doubt, there are alumni in Leadership West wondering where you are and what you're doing. Please drop us a line and fill us in. Send your blurbs to Kathy@leadershipwest.org.

Leadership West Alumni In the News. (Way to go, Class 10!)



In the June 19th edition of the *Peoria Times*, readers were treated to the summer edition of the FCP (Fighter Country Partnership) Visions. This 24 page insert highlighting all the good news about FCP is the work of Leadership West alumnus, **Steve Yamamori, Class 10**, (left) and his staff at the West Valley non-profit dedicated to serving and supporting the men, women, families and mission of Luke Air Force Base. Copies of the insert are available on base, and free with a membership to Fighter Country. Contact Steve at SYamamori@fightercountry.org.



Chris Garman, Class 10, General Manager of Wilhelm Automotive, has a regularly occurring automobile column in the newspaper. Watch for his column every other Wednesday in the West Valley Community sections and at azcentral.com.

Isn't it time you got engaged?

Not that kind of engaged! Never underestimate how vital your individual engagement and support means to Leadership West. The volunteer culture of our organization remains the cornerstone of our success and the envy of similar programs. Leadership West relies on your participation and your financial support to cultivate leadership capital for the West Valley. Leadership West Matters because the West Valley matters—to ourselves, our companies, our neighbors and our children.



Thank you to our amazing and generous sponsors of the 08/09 fiscal year:

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