

LEADERSHIP West

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Cultivating Leadership Capital for the West Valley



Lets Focus on the Future Together!

Leadership West Welcomes The Honorable Martin Chavez, former Mayor of Albuquerque New Mexico, and the Director of ICLEI in Washington DC which works globally to support local governments working toward sustainability;



and The Honorable Conan Smith, County Commissioner in Washtenaw County, Michigan and Executive Director of the Michigan Suburbs Alliance.

Join these dynamic speakers, Candace Wiest, CEO of West Valley National Bank and Chairman of WESTMARC and West Valley Mayors as we focus on Regional Cooperation.

This event will bring civic and business leaders together to highlight and explore ways in which the West Valley can capitalize on cooperation, collaboration and partnerships to build a strong, sustainable economic future. Thank you to our presenting sponsor:

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Thursday, April 28th. Arizona Broadway Theater. 7:30 am—Noon.

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— **Alumni: Send your best Candidates!** —

LEADERSHIP **West** Is recruiting for class XVIII

Learn how Leadership West cultivates leadership capital for the West Valley and how our program can help you reach your fullest potential as an influential community leader.

Nuts 'n Bolts Breakfast

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:30—9:30 am

City of Peoria Development and Community Services Building

9875 N. 85th Avenue, Peoria

Get the “nuts and bolts” of the West Valley’s Premier leadership Organization and our educational program. Learn what to expect before you apply.

To RSVP for either or both events, visit our website at

www.leadershipwest.org.

For more information, call Kathy Knecht at 623-826-2074.

Applications are available on the website and are due on May 2nd, 2011.

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Join our community partner, WESTMARC at their ***Healthcare Event*** on May 13th. Learn what healthcare reform means to you and your business. Details and sponsorship and registration available at www.westmarc.org.

Interested in serving on the Leadership West Board of Directors?

Applications are Due on April 1, 2011. Contact [Darcie McCracken](#) for more information and to get an application.

Graduation Committee


is looking for assistance. Please contact [Karen Kieth](#) to enlist your help.

INSANELY RIDICULOUS!

ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE
WELCOMES LEADERSHIP WEST TO

The Drowsy Chaperone

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2011



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY PHONE, ONLINE OR IN PERSON.
WHEN PURCHASING PLEASE MENTION CODE: LW

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UP NEXT:
LET IT GO!
APRIL 22 - MAY 28

THE FULL MONTY

LEADERSHIP West

**A Fabulous Alumni
Engagement Opportunity!
Leadership West Night
at ABT.**

Bring a date, sit with friends, enjoy a cocktail on ABT! Call or click image at left to make your reservation. Mention code LW!

**Alumni Invited to
Focus Tours**

Please contact Larry Woods,
Tour Coordinator, at
lwoods@leadershipwest.org if you'd like to attend *ASU West Sneaker Tour – Mar 29, or *Fed Reserve – Apr 20. If you missed these before, don't now! Coming soon: Arizona Humane Society, Behind the Scenes.

Our Vision: Informed, engaged, and inspired leaders transforming the West Valley into highly livable, quality communities.

**The Arizona Center
for After School**

Excellence invites you to one of two presentations “Helping Kids Succeed.” Learn about this program with impacts that positively affect achievement, but also promote a healthier community and quality of life for all. Click [here](#) for more information.



You remember “Colors” from your Leadership West Class Retreat. Now you can participate in “**Colors for Couples.**” This fun and enlightening experience, facilitated by Jack Dermody, was featured in the February issue of West Valley Magazine. Click [here](#)

to read the article which begins on page 18.

Join Leadership West alumni and their spouses on Saturday, May 21st for a half-day seminar that may just change the way you interact with your loved one.

Reserve your spot now by clicking [here](#), and indicate whether or not you'll need on-site child care. The event will be from 8:00—1:00. Location TBA. (It will be somewhere in the West Valley!) \$100 fee includes breakfast, lunch, materials and workshop for two.

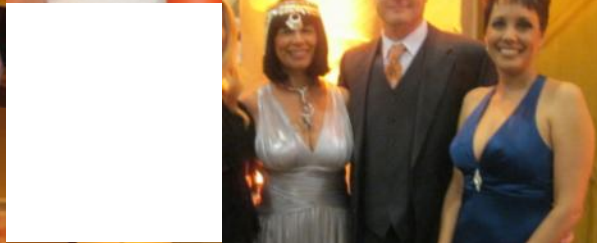
LEADERSHIP WEST-ERS MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN



Left: Cheryl Street, Class 17
Co-chair of Diamond Ball 2011



Fancy folks at the Diamond Ball on March 5, to support the West Valley Arts Council.



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Recently at the Az Business Magazine Healthcare Leadership Awards 2011 at the Ritz Carlton Phoenix, Cancer Treatment Centers of America and its stakeholders were nominated in three categories.

Molly Stockley, Class 16 won for Community Outreach Executive of the Year and **LW Advisory Board Member, Dave Veillette** won for Hospital or Medical Center Executive of the Year. Two amazing people that do wonderful work in our west valley and could not be more deserving! Congratulations.

Gayle Cooper, Class 9 is proud to share that the Town Council of Wickenburg has awarded the General Plan Update to Blanton & Cooper, LLC based in Goodyear AZ. The contract was awarded the company based on its superior bid and the qualifications of its principals, Joe Blanton, AICP and Gayle Cooper, CECD, both of whom are west valley residents. Well done, Gayle!



Deborah Sapp, Class 11, has recently moved to the APS Smart Grid Development group.



She's working on some cool initiatives ranging from:

- pilot projects to research technologies to automate electric lines
- electric vehicle penetration to the APS service territory in Arizona and affects we may see on the system
- [Chase Field Sustainability Project](#)
- Support to Home Energy Information program

Keep up the good work, Deb!



Home Instead Senior Care of Greater Phoenix has been named the number one home health agency by Ranking Arizona's "The Best of Arizona Business 2011" in the category of home health agencies. This is the second time that they have received the number one ranking. Congratulations to **Dawn DeMers, Class 16** who serves as General Manager. Ranking Arizona's "The Best of Arizona Business" awards are based on the outcome of the largest business opinion poll in the state. AZ Big Media, who publishes Ranking Arizona annually, conducts the poll for the general public to vote on with categories such as the quality of a product, service and who they would recommend doing business with.

Peoria Mayor and LW Advisory Board Member, Bob Barrett, encourages you to help fight cancer by participating in the 2011 Relay for Life. Information on the Peoria event can be found by clicking [here](#). Not in Peoria? Find a Relay event in your West Valley city at <http://www.relayforlife.org>.



Proceeds for all Relay events benefit the American Cancer Society. Of course, only in Peoria will you see the mayor shave his head...and mustache! Call Shelby at 602-679-4438 for more details and information on upcoming, fun, fundraisers leading up to the relay.



Kudos to Deputy Chief of Police in Peoria, **Rocky Smith, Class 12**, who has been overseeing the department since Chief Larry Ratcliff retired on February 1. Rocky has served the department since 1984 and oversees the Operations Division, which includes north and south patrols, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations and Neighborhood Services.

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Friends Afar

(living and working outside of the West Valley, but still contributing to LW)

Bob Kopp

Heather Murphy

Jerene Watson

75 \$100 Members

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Seen at the WESTMARC Governor's Luncheon: Michelle Dionisio, Pier Simeri, Jen Martyn, Jeff McBride, Russ Ulinger, Laura McBride, Dean Howard, Bruce Larson and Kathy Knecht. Not pictured: Marie Lopez Rogers, Molly Stockley and John Wirtjes.



Sightings

Thank you Ottawa University, Sedona Palms and TAPS for supporting our Recruitment Mixer. Twenty-nine recruits were welcomed and inspired by amazing LW Alumni. Thank you all for your time and enthusiasm!

- Deborah Charlesworth
- Jason Earp
- Landis Elliott
- Gary Gelzer
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