

LEADERSHIP West

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Cultivating Leadership Capital for the West Valley

Our Sustaining Partners

Downtown Mixer December 2nd.

Remember how you said you'd love to join LW for a post Issue Day mixer, but that you work in downtown Phoenix and you just can't beat the traffic?

Join Class 17 and Alumni at Oaxaca in Downtown Phoenix, at 5:00 p.m on December 2nd. Drink and appetizer specials and drawings will be at hand.

Catch up with alumni and fellow classmates and raise a toast to the holidays and the West Valley!



Oaxaca
restaurante y cantina
 1516 W Van Buren
 Phoenix, AZ 85007
 (602) 258-0804

Welcome and thank you to our newest Community Partner, host of Government Day on December 2nd.

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Best Wishes and Safe Travels this Holiday Weekend. We have so much to be thankful for in the West Valley!

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ISSUE DAY MIXERS

October 7th <i>Business Day</i>	*Calling all LW Alumni! Join Class XVII to reconnect with classmates and other alumni to build upon the leadership capital created by Leadership West and the 300+ members. Mixers will be from 5 – 6:30 after each Class XVII Issue Day. Pick at least one date and plan to attend. Use it as an excuse for mini class reunions. And if that is not enough to entice you, how about FREE FOOD!!! Save the dates to your calendar and watch for more details.
November 4th <i>Environmental Day</i>	
December 2nd <i>Government Day</i>	
January 6th <i>Education Day</i>	
February 3rd <i>Infrastructure Day</i>	
March 3rd <i>Sports and Leisure Day</i>	
April 7th <i>Public Safety Day</i>	
May 5th <i>Health & Human Services Day</i>	

CLASS XVII

The WV Reality Check, scheduled for November 30, is OVER CAPACITY! Thank you for your support.



Get your Company in front of the Community Leaders of Leadership West.

Leadership West is a 501(c)3.

Issue Day, Mixer, Scholarship and Special Event sponsorships are available. Make your tax-deductible donation or dues payment before the end of the year.

Contact Kathy@leadershipwest.org

Extra Special thanks to the City of Peoria and the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce for their long tradition of hosting the Leadership West board meetings.



Books we love

Share with us the books that have inspired or informed you as a leader.

We will share your recommendations through the newsletter and on the website.

Submit your suggestions by clicking [here](#):



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

Help Us Recruit the Very Best and Brightest

As an alumnus or associate of Leadership West, you know first-hand the caliber of individuals and the qualities of leadership and community service that Leadership West looks for in potential recruits. That's why we consider you an excellent resource for identifying such individuals. To suggest a potential candidate for Class 18, please share names and contact information with us. We will extend invitations to our informational recruitment events in early 2011. Thanks for your help.

To submit a potential candidate's name and information, click [here](#).



We are pleased to announce that our community partner, **West Valley Magazine** has launched digital editions available for viewing at

www.westvalleymagazine.com. Just scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "WV MAGAZINE DIGITAL EDITIONS" tab and click on the cover you'd like to view. These digital editions are also available to iPad users through Magazine Central on iTunes.



More info available [here](#).

Where will **you** be this NYE? **LW Advisory Board Member, David Veillette, Kathy Knecht, and Class 17 members Kiel Klaphake and Eddie Smith** encourage you to attend the festivities at the Arizona Broadway Theater! If you haven't seen 42nd Street... WOW. Charter party bus packages available.



Michelle Dionisio, Class 3, and Kathy Knecht's Girl Scout troop will be at this fun, family event. Click image for larger view.



Please join us for our Holiday event

Thursday, December 9th
4:30pm-6:00pm

20470 N. Lake Pleasant Rd, Ste 107
Peoria, AZ 85382

RSVP: jenny@myofficesuites.com
by November 29th

Please help us support our community by bringing non-perishable food items for St. Mary's Food Bank



Shelley Bade, Class 9, and Jenny Grounds, Class 12, invite you to mix and mingle, help out the less fortunate, and see their gorgeous new Office Suites.



Christine Clouse extends the invitation to this outstanding free event. LW Alumnus, **Rich Shelton** is conducting. Click for larger view

LEADERSHIP WEST-ERS MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN



It is with mixed emotions that **Diana Bohr, Class 8**, announces that she will no longer be working for APS. She has taken a job with Freeport McMorRan, as the Community Development Manager - US Operations. She is

looking forward to this new challenge in the next phase of her career.



Congratulations to **Maxine Hill, Class 11**, who was recently elected to the Agua Fria Union High School Governing Board.



Brian Nelson, Class 3, has been recognized for customer satisfaction excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Insurance Agency Program.SM Nelson joins other American Family agents who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to outstanding customer service.

Brian has been an agent for American Family since January 1989.



Jessie Singer, Class 15, has been selected to participate in the Diversity – **Leader Search** - Business on Board Class II.



Susan Stout, Class 15, has relocated to Prescott and taken a position at the VA there.

Connie Stepnitz, Class 14, is pleased to announce that she has been selected for the “Homeless Youth Connection” board. This organization started out as a charitable drive with her Rotary Club, The White Tanks, 9 months ago. They have grown into a full fledged non-profit with its own board of directors. They are currently working with local school liaisons to identify homeless youth who need help.



Darcie McCracken, Class 14, invites you to join her this holiday as she participates in the LUKE AIR FORCE BASE ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM: A Christmas tree will be placed in front of the BX entrance on 26 November with Angels attached. Donating individuals can take an Angel and then purchase the wish items and attach the angel to the bag and place it in a donation box that will be near the Christmas tree. You can adopt your own family, or help Darcie support hers. Details can be found by clicking [here](#).

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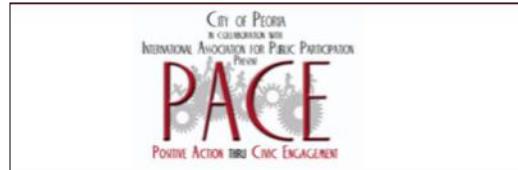
(living and working outside of the West Valley, but still contributing to LW)
Heather Murphy



LEADERSHIP West Sightings!

You know Leadership West is impactful when our alumni are so thoroughly engaged in the community.

Seen at PACE: Lisa Estrada, Mayor Lyn Truitt, Jeanne Blackman, Mario Saldamando, Sintra Hoffman, Kathy Knecht, Ken Lynch, John Wirtjes, John Buonogurio, and Mark Gaillard. Mike Tellef, Class 6, gave a presentation on social media.



Carol Poore, Patrick McDermott and Debbie Charlesworth attended a Rotary event on November 13th.

Seen at the Benevilla Harvest Moon Gala on October 9, 2010: Randy Jackson, Jeanne Blackman, Jessie Singer, Michelle Dionisio, Mayor Lyn Truitt, Council Member Sharon Wolcott, Melissa Holdaway, Todd Aakhus, Larry Woods, David Mitchell and Jerry Mullen.



Kathy Knecht; (Elizabeth Howe); Dave McGrew; Todd Aakhus; Diane and Tom McCarthy and Landis Elliott attended WESTMARC's Economic Development Symposium on November 18.



SUBMIT YOUR NEWS, ALUMNI SIGHTINGS, AND RECOGNITIONS TO THE LW NEWSLETTER. SHARE AND PROMOTE AMONG THE WEST VALLEY'S LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY. FREE TO DUES-PAYING ALUMNI! PLEASE SEND RELEVANT LINKS WHEN SUBMITTING TO [KATHY@LEADERSHIPWEST.ORG](mailto:kathy@leadershipwest.org).