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Leadership West is proud to welcome these 21 community leaders into our organization. They have as much to offer as they do to gain as they learn about the issues and aspects of the West Valley and engage with the alumni that are the West Valley leadership community. Thank you to the volunteer Selection Committee: **Chairman, Rich Shelton, Class 5; Diane McCarthy, Founder; Jenny Grounds, Class 12; Jessie Singer, Class 15 and Kevin Elliott, Class 13.** Thank you, too, for the outstanding hospitality of Sunrise Bank of Arizona.



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

Meet Class XVII Catch up With Good Friends Reconnect with Leadership West

Join Us for the New Class/Alumni Mixer

Thursday, August 19th
Comfort Suites Glendale
9824 W. Camelback Road
Click [here](#) for directions.
5:00—7:00 p.m

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Hospitality by

Win a free night's stay for two in a
luxurious Presidential Suite.
Take a tour of the gorgeous new suites.



Complimentary cocktails, soft drinks and
hors d'oeuvres for dues-paying alumni and
Class XVII.

(Dues payment accepted at the event or at
www.leadershipwest.org.)

RSVP [here](#).



*Photos
from the
New Class
Mixer 2009*



**Now Accepting
Nominations through
August 20, 2010**

*18th Annual
Best of the West Awards*

Save the Date

*Thursday, October 28, 2010
Renaissance Glendale Hotel*

9495 West Coyote Boulevard, Glendale, Arizona

*5:30 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards*



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WESTMARC's Mission Statement:

To promote the West Valley and advocate on its behalf.

*WESTMARC is dedicated to the principle that we accomplish more by working together.
We are pleased to support this mission by celebrating the best of Western Maricopa County.*

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Nomination Forms available
at www.westmarc.org.

You might be interested...

On Thursday, August 19th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Project Civil Discourse presents "**A Community Conversation on Immigration.**"

Imagine Arizonans of all ages, races, backgrounds, and beliefs really talking about their experiences with immigration issues facing Arizona; respecting diverse points of view and listening with an open mind; and exploring what each of us can do to bring balance, civility, and creative solutions to conversations about immigration.

Location: Rio Salado Conference Center, 2323 W. 14th Street, Tempe.

Three rounds of topics will be introduced and discussed. Participants will talk for 20-30 minutes. After each round, participants will move to a new table with new partners. Each round will have different introductions and questions that take us from the past, to the present and the future. At each table, there will be unbiased, factual information about immigration.

Free and open to the public. For more information and to register, visit www.projectcivildiscourse.com.

**Thank you
Graduation Committee
For an outstanding event on
June 10, 2010**

Chairman, Patrick O'Grady, Class 14
Tamara Caraway, Class 15
Kevin Turner, Class 15
Bernadette Mills, Class 15



***Volunteers
needed
for the 5th annual
Golf for Good
Committee***



If you have a couple of hours a week between now and Halloween, please consider joining what's known as the "**Most Fun LW Committee.**"

The committee meets the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Oggie's Pizza at the 101 and 67th Ave.

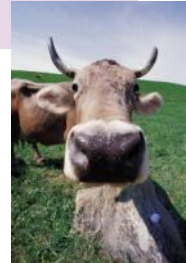
Contact Co-Chair, Jen Campbell to join the fun and lend a hand. Jennifer.Campbell@goodyearaz.gov.

LEADERSHIP WEST-ERS MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN



Leadership West Alumni **Laura Oxley, Class 12** and **Chuck Fitzgerald, Class 13**, were both featured in the July 16 edition of the *Peoria Times*. See Laura in “Arizona Dept. of Health Services Similar to Other Agencies, Working on Much Smaller Budget” [here](#). And see “DES Partnering with Faith-Based Organizations” [here](#).

Laura, who also serves on the LW Board, serves as Chief Public Information Officer for the Arizona Department of Health Services. She also gets to act as the spokesperson for the Arizona Department of Agriculture. So she’s to go-to gal on key stories like this one: [Ahwatukee Runaway Cow Continues to Elude Captors](#). West Side cows would never cause so much trouble!



LW Advisory Board Member, David Veillette and his wife, Jill, invite you to the inaugural Arizona Assistance In Health Care M*A*S*H party, to benefit Arizona Assistance in Health Care on November 6. This promises to be a festive fundraiser like none other. Sure to become one of the valley’s most popular annual events, this M*A*S*H-themed party will feature fabulous food and entertainment, silent and live auctions, signature cocktails, dancing and more. This is your opportunity to be on the ‘front line’ at this year’s event, being held at Sheely Farms on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Learn more about what promises to be the party of the year by clicking [here](#).

Leadership West has a long history of partnership with the West Valley Arts Council, not least of which includes the benefit of alumni **Bernadette Mills, Class 15** and **Jill Knack, Class 16**. Please consider attending the Council’s Golf Tournament “Fore the Arts” on September 16. The event is being coordinated by **Karen Keith, Class 12** of La Kreme Kustom Events. See the flyer [here](#).



ALUMNI: PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BE A COACH FOR CLASS 17 (formerly “Mentor”) Help New Class Members build relationships, provide guidance and develop stronger leaders with informal meetings and phone calls. Click [here](#) to enlist as a potential coach.



We’re very proud of LW Alumni, **Mayors Marie Lopez Rogers, Class 1** and **Lyn Truitt, Class 9**, and LW Co-founder **Mayor Elaine Scruggs**, seen here at the Governor’s announcement that Luke Air Force Base is the preferred location for the new F-35 Pilot Training Center.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS, ALUMNI SIGHTINGS, AND RECOGNITIONS TO THE LW NEWSLETTER. SHARE AND PROMOTE AMONG THE WEST VALLEY’S PREMIER LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY. FREE TO DUES-PAYING ALUMNI! (PLEASE SEND LINKS.)
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Time to Renew your Membership!

LW Alumni received notice for renewal of Membership Dues this week.

Please support Leadership West for yourself, the organization and the future of the West Valley. On-line payment options and complete information about levels of membership and payment options are available on the "Membership" tab at www.leadershipwest.org.

- Your dues payment is a tax-deductible contribution to our 501(c)3.
- Installment options are available.

No longer live or work in the West Valley? We still want to keep you connected and engaged. Half-price memberships with full member benefits are available to those who qualify.

Contact Rebecca@leadershipwest.org with questions or to customize your payment. We can't do it without you.

Thank you!