



LTCAA Connection



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Leadership Tri-Cities Class XIV

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consequences of destructive decisions. The program was distributed through the Benton-Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition on a CD titled Beat the Reaper - People Learning About Destructive Decisions.



The CD also includes resources and links to support organizations in the Tri-Cities, as well as a Jeopardy style game that tests teens understanding of unintended consequences of drugs, alcohol, and sex. Copies of the CD are available through the Benton-Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition.

The second element was a physical construction challenge to fabricate a 12' X 24 'storage shed,



complete with windows and a roll-up garage door. The storage building was constructed at the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery. Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery was overflowing with donated materials which are constantly provided to children ranging from infants through teens. The area was graded and leveled and a gravel base was placed for shed was constructed. The shed was hand-framed, roofed, painted, and the area landscaped. Between the two project elements, Class XIII raised \$10,000 cash donations and over \$4,000 of in-kind services

Class XIV officers are:

- Kristen Fox – President
- Jim Klos – Vice President
- Lee Ford – Sergeant At Arms
- Heather Filbin – Secretary

Class XIV Session Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>LTC POC</u>
2/18/19	Local & State Gov.	Ferguson
Mar. 18	Law Enf & Justice	Nida-Arntzen
Apr. 15	Media & Arts	Cooper/O'Neil Perdue
May 18	Hanford pre	Von Bargen/Jaraysi
May 22	Hanford	Von Bargen/Jaraysi
June 17	Graduation	Dudney/Casey/Gauthier

LTC Class XIII Project

The Class XIII Project theme was Young People at Risk and contained two project elements. In order to achieve the Class XIII project elements, partnerships with Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery and the Benton-Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition were developed. The Project element that supported the Benton-Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition was an interactive computer program targeted for teens. The program provides three scenarios and local testimonials regarding negative

for the two agencies, and approximately 1,100 volunteer hours were given by the class completing both elements by the end of May.



LTC Board of Directors

The Leadership Tri-Cities Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 Class Session year includes:

Becky Gauthier	Class VII	President
Melissa O'Neil Perdue	Class IX	Pres. Elect
Kevin Ferguson	Class IV	Vice Pres.
Rick Jansons	Class IX	Secretary
Calvin Dudney	Class IV	Treasurer
Randy Maynard	Class IX	Past Pres.
Bev Abersfeller	Class XI	Director
Paul Casey	Class XI	Director
Lorraine Cooper	Class X	Director
Diahann Howard	Class VII	Director
Moses Jaraysi	Class VI	Director
Merle Johnson	Class XII	Director
Patti Jansen Key	Class XII	Director
Tami LaDoux	Class XIII	Director
Barbara Mead	Class IX	Director
Tami Nida Arntzen	Class VII	Director
Donna Noski	Class I	Director
Jody Oxenford	Class XII	Director
Brian Von Bargen	Class X	Director
Lynn Tegeler	Class V	LTCAA Pres

LTCAA Logo Wear

Deadline – March 16, 2009

An order will be placed for LTCAA logo long-sleeved shirts, short sleeved shirts, and jackets in mid-March. If you would like to buy one or more of these items with the LTCAA logo embroidered on them, please go to the LTC website at www.leadershiptc.org to view the options available.



To order, e-mail Lorraine Cooper at lworks@charter.net. You must specify the Name of the item, the Product Number, the Color and the Size you want.

A combined minimum of 12 shirts must be ordered.

Prices will be as advertised, plus \$5 and 8.3% WA sales tax. Please mail checks payable to LTCAA to: LTCAA – shirts, P.O. Box 4660, Tri-Cities, WA 99302.

Deadline is Monday, March 16, 2009.

LTC Information

LTC has a Power Point presentation available which tells the LTC story and is perfect for luncheon/meeting programs. The presentation is a great way to continue to get LTC the recognition that it deserves within the community.

Call or e-mail Becky Gauthier for more information, or to set up a time, 783-4102.

LTC Sponsors

For the first several years of Leadership Tri-Cities, the program was solely funded through participant tuition and a few corporate sponsors who provided scholarships and corporate support to sustain the program. As a result of the growth and depth of the program, more sponsorship opportunities have been designed to help sustain the program for years to come.

Many local businesses and organizations have 'stepped up' to support and sponsor Leadership Tri-Cities.

Sponsors for the 2008-2009 year are:

Washington River Protection Solutions	Corporate Sponsor
Fluor	Program Sponsor
Group Health	Program Sponsor
Kadlec Medical Center	Program Sponsor
Tri-City Herald	Program Sponsor
Battelle	Scholarship Sponsor

Session Day Sponsors:

CH2M Hill PRC	The Hanford Site & Graduation Human Needs & Services
Columbia Industries, Tri-City Residential Services, Boys & Girls Club, The Arc of Tri-Cities and the Children's Developmental Center	Medical/Health Care
Lourde's	Agriculture
Kennewick Irrigation District	Education
Lockheed Martin Information	Media and the Arts
Tri-City Herald	Economic Development
Tri-Ports	Local & State Government
Ti-Sports	
Broadmoor Storage Solutions	Law Enforcement and the Justice System
<i>Additional Sponsors:</i>	
Ben Franklin Transit	Transportation
Esprit Graphic Communications	Recruitment
Key Bank	Leadership Challenge

If you know of others who might be interested in participating, please contact Patti Jansen Key, 783-1920 or Calvin Dudney, 373-6267.

Please thank these sponsors for their generous support of Leadership Tri-Cities!

Updated information

If you are NOT receiving this newsletter or other LTC messages electronically, or if you have changed your e-mail address, please send changes to leadershiptc@leadershiptc.org, lynnt@rl.gov or I.Tegeler@att.net so that your information can be updated.

LTC website information

Our web site has undergone a face-lift! Be sure to log on to www.leadershiptc.org and check out the new look. Many thanks and kudos to Brant Vondruska of Lockheed Martin for all of the time, creativity and energy he has put into this project. New features include a calendar, information on the Leadership Challenge and a bulletin board for member news (subject to LTCAA board approval).

LTC Alumni Association Dues Information

2008-2009 dues cover July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. Invoices for 08-09 were mailed in July.

Dues are \$50 per year. An Out -of -Town membership for \$10 per year and an **LTCAA Lifetime Membership** for \$300 are also available.

Please send checks made payable to LTCAA to: LTCAA, P.O. Box 4660, Tri-Cities, WA 99302.

As of 2/4/09, there are 167 paid LTCAA members. There are 17 out-of-town members and 87 Lifetime members!

Class	Members	Paid	% joined
Class I	26	14	54%
Class II	22	8	36%
Class III	25	8	32%
Class IV	21	9	43%
Class V	19	11	58%
Class VI	24	11	46%
Class VII	24	13	54%
Class VIII	18	11	61%
Class IX	18	10	56%
Class X	23	15	65%
Class XI	22	16	73%
Class XII	23	15	65%
Class XIII	24	18	75%
Steering	12	7	58%
Affiliates*	4	2	50%
TOTALS	305	168	55%

Keep in mind, however, that Alumni dues can and will be accepted at anytime!

*Individuals who have joined the LTCAA that have participated in Leadership Programs in other communities.

New LTCAA Members for '08-'09

Alumni dues include a paid ticket to graduation and help to subsidize First Fridays (keeping the price at an affordable \$10). But there is also socializing, networking, eating and an all around good time when hanging out with other LTC Alums!

The following members are first time (or returning) members this 2008-2009 year. Welcome to the Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association!

Brian Ace	Class XIII	Lifetime
Tracey Brown	Class XIII	
Jeff Burckhard	Class XII	
Dana Carneau	Class XIII	Lifetime
Teresa Carson	Class XIII	
Darroll Clark	Class XIII	Lifetime
Keith Cooke	Class XIII	Lifetime
David DeRosa	Class XIII	Lifetime
Ali Dockstader	Class IV	Welcome Back!
Pat Everham	Class XI	Lifetime
Rodney Gilge	Class V	Welcome Back!
Becky Grohs	Class XIII	
Tami LaDoux	Class XIII	
Michele Morgan	Class XIII	
George Murdock	Steering	Out of Town
Scott Ochander	Class XIII	
Amy Ochander	Affiliate	Leadership Midland
David Rohrig	Class XIII	Lifetime
Lora Sand	Class XIII	
Dot Stewart	Class XIII	
Gabe Suarez	Class XIII	
Suzanne Sullivan	Class II	Lifetime*
Tonya Tier	Class XIII	
Andrew Tillman	Class XIII	

*Were previous members of the Alumni Association, but became Lifetime members this year.

Agencies Seeking Board Members

Leadership Tri-Cities and the Alumni Association frequently field requests from not-for-profits seeking board members or volunteers for short- or long-term committee assignments.

Part of the LTCAA mission is to foster relationships between graduates and organizations for the benefit of our community. If you're interested, you can respond directly to the organization in need or to contact names provided. **For full details on the following opportunities, please go to the LTC website at www.leadershiptc.org.**

The Richland Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization with an all-volunteer board of directors dedicated to supporting excellence in education. Its motto of "helping today's kids discover a brighter tomorrow" is achieved through student scholarships and mini-grants to teachers/supporters of the Richland School District.

Board members meet at noon the second Wednesday of the month, participate in fundraising activities, and decide on grants.

For more information, contact Denise Hohimer, REF Administrator, at 967-5185 or REFfoundation@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Schedule

First Friday luncheons are designed to keep our LTC Alums informed of community events and to continue friendships and networks established through LTC. Mark your calendars now for the upcoming year!

2009:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
Mar. 6	Richland	Dr. Lew Zirkle
Apr. 3	W.R. Events Center	
May 1	LEADERSHIP SEMINAR NO FF	
June 5	TBD	

July & August 2009 No 1st Fridays Scheduled

All locations subject to change based on speakers or the inclusion of an on-site tour

LTCAA Mardi Gras Party

Come Join us for our first ever LTCAA *Mardi Gras* Party! Costume Contest (costumes encouraged), Cajun Buffet, Games, Music and Prizes!!! Details below...



When: Saturday, February 21 • 6:30PM - ???

Where: Crazy Moose Casino • 510 South 20th Avenue • Pasco

Cost: Paid Alumni \$20. First guest of Paid Alumni is \$20. Non paid Alumni and additional guests are \$25 per person.

Due to Casino Policy - NO MASKS ALLOWED

Bring a food item for the Tri-Cities Food Bank and be entered to win a prize.

If you have not RSVP'd, but would still like to attend, please contact: Phil Townsend - pmsmtown@earthlink.net

Have questions? Contact:
Mike Novakovich - mike@espritinc.net,
Phil Townsend - pmsmtown@earthlink.net or Janelle Harvey - janellehar@msn.com

Class XV Recruitment Information

As Graduates of Leadership Tri-Cities, it is our opportunity to help recruit individuals for future classes. Please be on the lookout for candidates for Class XV. If you know of anyone who is interested in benefiting from the program, please let Becky Gauthier or Melissa O'Neil Perdue know.

Applications will be available in March. Completed applications are **due no later than May 1, 2009**.

Recruitment Informational Session

There will be an Informational Session to answer any questions about participation in Leadership Tri-Cities on **Thurs., April 9th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm** at the United Way in Kennewick. If you know of interested candidates for Class XV, please encourage them to attend. Alums from each previous class will be at the Open House to support the meeting.

Building Leadership Skills... A leadership seminar series

The LTCAA board is planning a 1-day leadership seminar for May 1, 2009 at the Sandberg Event Center and Gardens in West Richland. The purpose is to provide an introduction to the leadership training being provided to current LTC class members. The course is targeted at LTC alumni who graduated prior to Class XII when the leadership training was first offered. The seminar will cover The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership® and associated principles developed by Kouzes/Posner from their book, *The Leadership Challenge*, which include:



- ◆ Model the Way ◆ Inspire a Shared Vision
- ◆ Challenge the Process ◆
- ◆ Enable Others to Act ◆ Encourage the Heart ◆

The training will be provided by LTC Alumni and guest speakers and will provide participants an opportunity to gain focused feedback from their peers through a Leadership Practices Inventory assessment. The day will also provide a valuable opportunity to meet and interact with fellow LTC alums and select non-profit board members in the local community. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Additional information and specifics will be forthcoming in an e-mail and on the LTCAA website. The LTCAA board hopes to see you at this learning opportunity!

Past Events

White Water Rafting

What a beautiful day for a drive and then an even more beautiful time with LTCAA alumni, friends and families. Down to Oregon we went. The Deschutes river, cold and running wild after the mighty winter snow melt. About 26 (give or take a few) made the trek. Into three separate boats, accompanied by professional guides (for our own safety) we went. Down from the camp for the 1st part of the trip, with 3 and 4 class rapids facing us, the 1st splash sent a shiver down my spine, but after the introduction in the 100 degree heat, it actually felt refreshing. We pulled out a few miles down the river to portage around restricted areas, the put back in to finish the morning.

Back to the camp for lunch and a break from the river. Here's where the safety topic comes into play, as we watch amateur rafts go by, wondering how they are going to make out.

After the break we headed up river for another run. GENIOUS!!!!, we started out mid river, while everyone else was up river, then we went up river while everyone else was running the lower portion. Seems like we had the river to ourselves.

If you haven't taken advantage of rafting, this is the perfect place to give it a try. Professional guides, lots of space and good food and friendly water fights. It just doesn't get any better than this on a hot summer's day.



Annual Meeting

On July 17th your Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association held its Annual Meeting and Family Picnic. We couldn't have picked a better day to gather, honor two of our own for their exemplary leadership, eat burgers and dogs, enjoy each others company and play some games! Chiawana Park along the Columbia River, in West Pasco, was the ideal spot for our annual gathering.

While enjoying a beautiful Tri-Cities afternoon, members in attendance elected the Association's Board of

Directors for the upcoming year. They are:

Lynn Tegeler, Class V	President
Doug Bragg, Class IV	President Elect
Jeanne Jelke, Class VIII	Secretary/Past Pres
Peter Turping, Class IX	Treasurer
John Cook, Class XII	Director
Dave DeRosa, Class XIII	Director
Amy Ford, Class XII	Director
Janelle Harvey, Class X	Director
Pat Mastaler, Class VII	Director
Mike Novakovich, Class X	Director
Cathy Tames, Class XI	Director
Phil Townsend, Class VII	Director
Becky Gauthier, Class VII	LTC President

Additionally, John LeFemina and Connie Eckard were honored for their service to our community and recognized with each receiving the LTC Alumni Exemplary Leadership Award.

That takes care of the business end of things...what about the fun?! Almost 60 adults and roughly 15 children showed their competitive spirit by participating in various games from a bubble gum blowing contest and three legged race, water balloon toss and egg race to the ultimate of games...the orange dance! Keep posted to the LTC website for updates on next years Annual Meeting and Family Picnic as well as other fun filled and beneficial Alumni events! www.leadershiptc.org

LTC Alumni Exemplary Leadership Award

This award is given to an LTC graduate who has demonstrated continued leadership qualities in the community. The 2008 recipients are John LaFemina and Connie Eckard.

John, a graduate of Class V, is honored by the Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association for his proven leadership both on the job and within our community.

As President of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club, John has helped lead the expansion of services provided by this organization.



John leads by example. He takes the time to know the organization and where he can make a difference. He is successful because John is not afraid to give of himself. He understands the outside commitment it takes to oversee the operation, and has the organizational skills to let the workers do the work.

As a result, the Boys & Girls Club is not an organization sitting on past successes. Change in the Executive Director position could have left the organization in some chaos, but the board was there to continue the guidance, and the Boys and Girls Club continues to be a shining

example of service being provided to the whole community.

John has also done the ultimate in the LTC world, and that is to serve as President of the LTC Board and take a class through the process.

A donation has been made to the Boys & Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties in honor of John LaFemina receiving the Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association Exemplary Leadership Award.

Connie Eckard

Connie is a graduate of Class VII and works as a contractor in the communications field. He has served on a variety of local boards of directors including:

Leadership Tri-Cities; Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association, board president 04-05; The ARC of the Tri-Cities, board president 99-03; National Management Association Hanford Chapter; Columbia Basin Texas A&M Club, president 99; Women in Communication Mid-Columbia Chapter, president 95-07; Northwest United Protestant Church, board moderator 99-01, elder 95-97, 02-04; Richland Masonic Lodge, worshipful master 07; and Scottish Rite Bodies Kennewick Valley, venerable master 04. He is also professionally active with the International Association of Business Communicators (received IABC Fellow award in June), the Society of Professional Journalists and he has judged national and international award competitions of IABC, WIC and SPJ.



Connie's approach that has led to his many successes is to manage with openness in all situations, allowing all members of various governing bodies to have ownership in all decisions. All opinions are listened to, honored and respected. There is success because of his willingness to receive and consider input from others, and whenever possible, challenges are turned into opportunities. Overall, the community benefits because of his focus on solutions rather than problems.

In honor of Connie Eckard receiving the Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association Exemplary Leadership Award, a donation has been made to The Arc of the Tri-Cities.

Community Reception & Sam Volpentest Leadership Award

On August 7, LTC Class XIV was introduced to the community after a long day of team building at the Ropes Course in Columbia Park.

That evening, LTC also presented the "Sammy Award" to an outstanding community member. This award honors the memory of Sam Volpentest and recognizes any Tri-Cities leader who exemplifies Volpentest's

commitment to the development of a healthy and vibrant community.

LTC honored this year's recipient of the Volpentest Leadership Award, John Givens, whose professional and civic work has brought about much positive impact in the community.



From economic development to judging 4H equestrians at the Benton-Franklin County Fair, John has demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities that significantly contributed to making this community a better place to live.

Currently vice president at AmericanWest Bank, John is well known for his work as the Port of Kennewick's previous executive director.

Highlights of his accomplishments include:

- Tirelessly advocating to maintaining multiple uses on the Columbia-Snake River System.
- Building collaborative working relationships among various economic development and governmental entities.
- Promoting river shore enhancement and tourism activities.
- Volunteering for community services as a member of Benton County Fairgrounds Advisory Board, Kiwanis Club, Shrine Club, etc.

John is also a member and treasurer of the Kennewick Public Facilities District.

Thank you, John, for making the Tri-Cities a better place to work, live and play!



Dust Devils Baseball

On a hot August evening, some 15 or so LTCAA members, family and friends gathered for a real, honest to goodness American tradition: a true Tailgate party at a Baseball game. We enjoyed barbecued burgers and dogs, salad, ice cold beverages, watermelon and snacks in the shade and on the grass next to the Dust Devil's parking lot. After that, we wandered to the stadium to watch a great ball game between the Tri-City Dust Devils and the Yakima Bears. Our home team won 5-4, and then we enjoyed another American tradition: an awesome fireworks display! All in all, it was a wonderful evening of traditions and LTCAA camaraderie. Many thanks to Mike Novakovich, who did most of the planning and was our outstanding BBQ chef!

LTCAA Hockey with the Tri-City Americans

Have you ever asked yourself: what do my alumni dues buy me? Sure there is a paid ticket to graduation and among other things it helps to subsidize First Fridays (keeping the price at an affordable \$10). All good – but how about a ticket to the Tri-City Americans with a pre-game eat and greet pizza party! On November 1, over 30 alumni, current class members and their families took advantage of the of the great deal and had a fun time socializing, networking, eating and enjoying a fast paced game of Americans hockey!



September First Friday Presentation

TRAC, Pasco

Linda Olsen, nurse educator

The September 1st Friday joint meeting with the Badger Club was quite interesting. LTCAA members attended along with Badger Club members and guests to listen to Linda Olsen provide information about WA Initiative 1000, "Death with Dignity". The speaker was a nurse with direct experience with the implementation of a similar initiative in Oregon. She presented a number of facts concerning the experiences in Oregon in the 10 years since the initiative was initially approved by voters there. The tone of all questions and responses was respectful despite differing opinions on the issue. It was not your typical First Friday, but it was interesting.

October First Friday Presentation

Anthony's, Richland

Scott Johnson, Gen-XI

The October First Friday session was at Anthony's (delicious as always)! Scott Johnson of Gen-X Energy (www.genxenergies.com) spoke on the topic of Biodiesel, which his company produces. Currently Gen-X is the only company producing biodiesel in the state of Washington. He spoke about the processes involved, technical production issues, transportation issues, the shortage of available feedstock, and regulatory issues. His motivation for entering this business and his experiences in transitioning from early experimental stages, to home-based business, to entrepreneur made for quite an interesting story. Scott generated a lot of interest and fielded a wide variety of questions from the attendees.

November First Friday Presentation

Florentyna's, Pasco

Paul Shelp, Executive Director, Benton-Franklin Dispute Resolution Center

BFDRC was created in 1998 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit and tax-exempt corporation. The Center

provides low cost mediation, dispute resolution and training services to the people and organizations of Benton and Franklin counties. The Center is governed by a nine member Board of Directors from throughout the community. As the Superior Court designated mediation provider, they are funded through court filing fees, fees for services and contributions. Because their funding comes from a variety of sources, it allows them to charge much less for services than private mediators.

It is a group of people who came together and created a vision for what ought to be instead of what is, and they continue to work to create a vision of a community where disputes are settled in ways that leave everyone feeling that they have been heard and respected.

Their mediators come from diverse backgrounds and reflect the makeup of the community. They are engineers, scientists, lawyers, teachers, counselors, ministers, students, professionals, homemakers, consultants, legal assistants, and so on.

Since BFDRC opened its doors in 1999, they have mediated in thousands of different situations with a voluntary settlement rate of approximately 80%. They have also made hundreds of presentations to community groups about ways to settle conflicts short of going to court.

December First Friday

The December First Friday gathering was full of holiday spirit and fun. First, the group was shown the Leadership Tri-Cities presentation that is given at the LTC Recruitment Information Session and is presented to organizations around the community who want to learn more about Leadership Tri-Cities.

After a delicious lunch, the festivities began with a gift exchange. Everyone drew a number and in turn, each was able to choose a gift from the gift table, or from a fellow LTC Alum who had already opened a gift. Everyone went home with a smile on their face!

Additionally, those who attended the luncheon were asked to bring in a food donation to go to the Tri-Cities Food Bank. Thank you for everyone who participated and donated to help others in our community!



January First Friday Presentation

Tri-Tech, Kennewick

Ginger Wireman, e3 Washington

E3 Washington is an initiative for an inclusive process to develop a comprehensive statewide environmental education plan.

Their Mission is to optimize environmental education for everyone who lives, learns, works, and plays in Washington State—to create thriving environments for schools, communities, and businesses.

Their Vision is to make environmental education the norm in Washington; to inspire educational opportunities, community behaviors, business practices, legislative policies, and other strategies that support sustainable and thriving environments for everyone in the state of Washington.

EE is fundamental to creating thriving environments for all of Washington State schools, communities, and businesses. Currently the environmental education efforts in the state are under-funded, fragmented, disjointed and, in some cases, redundant. This initiative is designed to optimize environmental education for everyone in Washington State by linking and leveraging current resources, identifying areas that need improvement and/or development, and gaining increased commitment and funding to ensure success from both private and public entities.

For more information on e3 go to www.e3washington.org

February First Friday Presentation

Anthony's, Richland

Marc Harden, Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation

Marc, presented the group with an overview of the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation. He then gave a detailed presentation on their program "Our Babies Can't Wait".

Research shows that a baby is born learning. Your babies learn now at a speed that is unmatched later in life. "Our Babies Can't Wait" is about building a sound foundation for today's newborns so that by the time they are 20 years old, they will be successful in school and in life.

They have developed classes designed to equip parents with the tools they need to become their child's first teacher.

For more information on the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation or this program, go to <http://www.readingfoundation.org/mid-columbia>.

Class News

Class I

Kirk Williamson, Group Health, is serving as VP-Programs for the Columbia Basin Badger Club.



Kirk Williamson is the secretary of the Kennewick Past Men of the Year Club.

Kirk Williamson was named on the dean's list at Eastern Oregon University for the

spring 2008 term. He graduated in August 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies with Minors in History and Philosophy from Eastern Oregon University.

Kirk Williamson is a very busy man!

Howard Rickard, joined Tetra Tech, a leading provider of consulting, engineering, and technical services worldwide. Tetra Tech is based in California with an office in Richland.

Class II

Kathy Moore, Courtyard by Marriott, is on the executive board of the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau as the hotel and lodging representative.

Class III

Linda Boomer, Franklin PUD, was promoted to director of power management. Boomer has been with Franklin PUD since 2004.



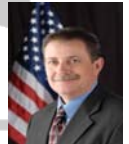
Linda Boomer, Franklin PUD, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing the Richland PFD/The Hanford Reach.

Victoria Silvernail, Pasco Specialty Kitchen (PSK), recently opened a gift shop in the PSK selling local and northwest products and featuring their clients' products.

Class IV

Ali Docstader, Desert Realty, has been installed as a board member for the Pasco Kiwanis Club.

Calvin Dudney, Fluor, is now serving as a Port of Kennewick Commissioner.



Calvin Dudney, Fluor, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing the Port of Kennewick.

Class V

Delt Clark, Kadlec, has been named a board member for the 2009 board of directors for the West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jared Balcom, Balcom & Moe, is a board member on the National Potato Council, as well as a commissioner on the Washington State Potato Commission.



Debbie Bone-Harris, Franklin PUD, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing the Pasco Chamber of Commerce.

Class VI

May Hays Sandberg and her husband, Skip, have opened West Richland's first Event Center. The Sandberg Event Center and Gardens & The Gathering

Place Bistro & Gifts are now open for business. The Event Center is a great place for corporate meetings, retreats, reunions, and weddings.



May Hays Sandberg, WR Chamber of Commerce, May's Fresh Express, and the Sandberg Event Center and Gardens, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing the West Richland Chamber of Commerce.

Johan Curtiss, WSU Tri-Cities Business Links, has been named a board member for the 2009 board of directors for the West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class VII

Jim Chase, City of Pasco, received a Professional Finance Officer award for 2008 from the Washington Finance Officers Association (WFOA).

Class VIII

Tana Bader-Inglima, Port of Kennewick, has been named secretary and board member for the 2009 board of directors for the West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce.



Katie Larson, Battelle, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing Battelle.

Class IX

Roland Thompson, Liebe-Thompson, received the Professional Service Award from the Financial planning Association of Puget Sound.



Class X

Donna Colson, retired, and her husband received a call to be Humanitarian Country Directors in Amman, Jordan starting in Feb. 2009. Since there are many refugees from Iraq, they will be concentrating on that and other humanitarian needs of the people. Through welfare system, the Church does many things for the people there. They do the Newborn resuscitation, wheelchairs, eyes, clean water, orphanages, safe food plus many more things for the people. She thinks their main job will be to find projects that our people can do for them and then propose the projects, coordinate it with their country and the Church. Donna states: "sounds very humbling to me and I pray that we won't let anyone down. All those needy persons, they need all the help they can get."

Class XI

Kerri Feeney, attorney, has been appointed by the Washington State Bar association Board of Governors to serve a six-year term on the Law Clerk Committee.



Her role also includes acting as the liaison between the full committee and law clerks in Eastern Washington.

Alysia Johnson is the treasurer of the board of directors for Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties for 2008-2009.



Class XII



Karen Smith, Gesa Credit Union, has been named a board member for the 2009 board of directors for the West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Todd Samuel, Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL), is a new board member for the Columbia Basin Badger Club.



Gloria Ochoa, attorney, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.



Andy Perdue, Tri-City Herald, is a member of the 2009 Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau board of directors, representing Wine Press Northwest.

John Cook, Bechtel, joined the CREHST Museum Board of Directors.



Class XIII



Darroll Clark, Franklin PUD, has been installed as Vice President for the Pasco Kiwanis Club.

Founders

Marc Harden, The Reading Foundation, is serving his second year as president of the Columbia Basin Badger Club.

Kris Watkins has been re-appointed to the Washington State Tourism Commission.

Other Leadership Programs – Affiliate Alumni

Patricia Heasler, was elected to the Richland Public Library Foundation Board at its September meeting.

LTCAA Calendar of Events as of 02/10/09

February 21, 2009
March 6, 2009
April 3, 2009
April 9, 2009
May 1, 2008
June 2009*
June 5, 2009
July 16, 2009

Mardi Gras Party at the Crazy Moose
First Friday – Dr. Lew Zirkle
First Friday – W.R. Events Center
LTC Class XV Informational Session
Leadership Seminar
4th Annual White Water Rafting Trip
First Friday – location TBD
Annual Meeting (TBD)

** Planning underway. Specific dates, times, locations still TBD.*

It's time to print new directories! If you have had information change since our last directory was published in May 2006, please be sure that LTCAA has up to date and current information about you for the next directory! Information to be included: name, address, home phone, employer, work phone, cell phone, & e-mail addresses. Once the directories are printed, all PAID LTC Alumni Association members will receive a copy mailed to their home address. Please send changes to leadershiptc@leadershiptc.org.



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