



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mindy Zatta

On May 24th Leadership Washington County will graduate our 10th class. For the past 10 years our organization has been educating future leaders on economic, social and other key aspects of our community. More importantly, we focus on revealing the challenges our county faces around these key aspects.

It is our hope that exposure to the issues will mobilize our graduates with a new awareness so that they will more meaningfully contribute to and support our community in an effort to make it a better place to live, work and play. This is in essence Leadership Washington County's mission.

The not-for-profit organizations in our county need our graduates to assume leadership roles. They need them to take up the cause, to become members of their boards and to be volunteers for their organizations. It is only by doing so that we will evoke positive change and address the many needs of our Washington County community.

Leadership Washington County presents our graduates with many opportunities to broaden their perspectives, increase their awareness and become involved in their community, ultimately leading to growth and enrichment in both their personal and professional lives.

Leadership Washington County permeates the framework of Washington County, leaving no aspect of it untouched and our reach will continue to grow. Our alumni are now over 150 strong and we will soon be unleashing 19 more of our graduates into the community. For these graduates, and truly for all of our alumni, the work needs to continue. It does not stop at the door of graduation.

So the message we all need to remember as graduates past, present and future of LWC is as follows:

You are capable. You are prepared. You are now aware. Now use it to do the work that needs to be done, to evoke positive change and to make your community better than it is today. Go out and transform your community. Make a difference. We are all hoping that you are ones to do so.

The only question that you need to answer is 'What will you do?'....Not if you will do it. Our communities and county are depending on it.

Creating Tomorrow's Leaders...Today



ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

It is difficult to express in words what Leadership Washington County has done for me, both in my personal and professional life. I accepted an invitation by the County Commissioner's to be sponsored into the 2008-2009 class and at that time, was ignorant of the vital role it would play in shaping me as an individual.

Being born and raised in Washington County, I assumed I had a general if not a proficient understanding of the communities, the industries and the structure of the County but I was greatly mistaken. My peers and I were quickly immersed in the many facets of Washington County, including but not limited to, education, government, human services and civic leadership. The civic leadership portion, which stood as the underlying theme for all of the class sessions, played the largest role in shaping me as a prospective leader in our community.

In addition, I was given the opportunity to engage with a diverse group of individuals, peers, session leaders and members of the community. The networking aspect of Leadership Washington County was and continues to be a true treasure and a significant resource.

The class projects gave each of us a stage where we developed our leadership and decision making skills collectively as groups and as a class. With individual and group responsibilities, the class projects forced each of us to become assertive individuals and to better appreciate the resources we had all brought to the group.

I feel very fortunate that I was afforded the opportunity to be sponsored into Leadership Washington County. The friends I have made and continue to make as well as the entire experience have made me a better person.

As a current board member of the organization, I am proud of my position and to continually lobby for the progressive continuation of the program. My experience as a class member of Leadership Washington County will forever remain a cherished memory.

Joshua J. Hatfield
Deputy Controller, Washington County

OUR GRADS SAY IT BEST!

"There were so many services, industries and resources in Washington County that I knew little to nothing about. LWC does a wonderful job of teaching its participants about these assets and becoming more involved in our community."

Billy Proudfit, Class 7

If you're reading this newsletter, chances are you feel the same way. LWC Alumni are the lifeblood of our organization and Washington County! What co-workers, friends, or family members have you recognized as potential leaders? Remember what you learned in class, it takes many dedicated people to make Washington County work! Let us know today who you know that can make a difference to our county!

CLASS 10 NEWS

By Sandy Peiffer and Jillian Klezia, Class Liaisons

As graduation approaches, Leadership Washington County (LWC) Class 10 participants have become equipped with knowledge of Washington County and an enthusiasm of community involvement.

Participants began their LWC journey in September 2010 with an entertaining and social event at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino.

An informative orientation session was quick to follow that set the precedence for the entire year. Participants traveled around the county, from Tanger Outlets and Consol Headquarters to the Mon Valley Hospital and YMCA.

Participants got to learn about the Washington County Prison, the past, present, and future projects of the Redevelopment Authority, and the local issues affecting Washington County.

They received an insight on the gas drilling from Range Resources and how advancements in technology are being integrated into curriculum at Canon McMillan Middle School.

Participants experienced firsthand the process of Motions Court at the courthouse, the history and culture at Meadowcroft Village, and how the Mon Valley Hospital reacts to an explosion disaster. They received advice on conflict management, how to be a leader during times of change, and the opportunities for becoming a community volunteer.

On May 17th, participants will be attending their final session entitled Community Leadership. During this class, participants will learn the benefits of being a member of a Board and how they can give back to Washington County by getting involved.



**WE INVITE YOU TO
JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE OUR
GRADUATES!**

**Featured Speaker!
Ron Paul
California University of PA**

Ron Paul is the Executive Director of the Character Education Institute at California University of Pennsylvania where his responsibilities include developing partnerships with local businesses and organizations by offering leadership training. He also has the responsibility for promoting the University's missions of Building Character through educational conferences and building regional alliances.

He is a certified facilitator for The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, as well as The 4 Disciplines of Execution, Leadership Greatness, and Focus: Achieving Your Highest Priorities.

Mr. Paul has also served as Vice President of Sales for Academic Consulting Clearinghouse and the Director of Corporate Accounts for Creative Leaps International. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for Auberle based out of McKeesport, PA. Mr. Paul holds an MBA from Cal U, and is currently a doctoral student at Northcentral University.

CLASS 10 GRADUATION

May 24, 2011

Consol Energy Headquarters

Featuring the Washington Symphony Orchestra Wind Trio

5:30 pm

\$20 per person includes hearty appetizers

RSVP by May 18th

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

- John Quincy Adams

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.”

- John C. Maxwell

CLASS 11 RECRUITMENT

We are now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 Leadership Washington Class.

Classes will begin Sept 15, 2011. Applications are available online at www.leadershipwashington.com.

Deadline for applications is August 12.

Register early by June 15 to receive the current participant cost of \$750.00. Costs will be increasing after that date.