



Leader's Edge

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Cathy Owen earns Preceptor Award

Perhaps my greatest pleasure as chair of the Leadership North Houston Board of Directors is getting to announce that our leader, Cathy Owen, will receive a 2009 Community Leadership Association Preceptor Award! The Community Leadership Association is the national organization for leadership development professionals, and the

Preceptor is one of CLA's most prestigious awards. Cathy's Preceptor Award will be presented at the 2009 National CLA Conference later this month in Long Beach, Ca. We congratulate Cathy on this most deserved honor!

Many are now aware that Cathy will be retiring in August from the Lone Star College System. She has been a



Cathy Owen

part of Leadership North Houston since
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Spring into action April 20/May 2

This time of year is invigorating and generally great. Sure we have to move our timepieces forward and it's quite difficult to drag ourselves out of bed at first, but that's the worst of it. Look out of your window and see trees leafing out and flowers blooming and of course, birds singing. It's truly a time of renewal.

Along those lines I look inside and see things that I've put off and need to change as well. It could be an attitude, outlook or just the way we look at life sometimes. Economy as it stands could be a

lot better, but if we work together and forget about negatives, I personally think that all will be good before we realize it.

I reflect on those who are less fortunate than me and ask myself, how can I be of help for them in this time. Well LNH grads if you are contemplating the same or have similar feelings, there's a golden opportunity to assist in the very near future.

First of all, we invite you to join us at our last LNH luncheon of the year April 20 at the Greenpoint Club. LNHA's Events Commit-



Pat Boullion (class of 2006) - current LNHA president

tee has invited a fantastic speaker, Karen Marshall, representing METRO, who will enlighten us on the Phase 3 implementation plan for METRO Solutions.

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Looking ahead ...



May 21 and July 30

In May, LNH Class 14 Graduation Ceremony

RSVP for graduation event by **May 14** at 832-813-6665.

In July, Dinner for Cathy Owen who is retiring!

LNH and LNHA boards plan dinner event, create scholarship to honor retiring Owen

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its inception more than 14 years ago. Working with Ray Laughter, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, Cathy helped develop the Community Leadership Institute, which includes Leadership High School for Harris and Montgomery counties, Collegiate Leadership Institute and our Leadership North Houston adult program. Additionally, Cathy serves as current chair of the Community Development Institute Council Board, a national certification program for people involved in the business of creating desirable and sustainable places to live and work. Somewhere along the way, Ray recognized the leader he had running all these programs, and Cathy was given the title of Community Leadership Institute Director. And while “director” is a wonderful job title, it fails, I believe, to capture how Cathy has guided and nurtured the various programs from infancy to institutions in our community and around our state. “Director” also fails to capture the mentor and friend that Cathy is to each of us. She has taught us much. While it’s sad to see her leave LNH, it’s also exciting to help launch her into this new phase of her life. I hear that grandchildren and gardening will be chief among her priorities.

The boards of LNH and LNHA are partnering with Lone Star College in a retirement dinner for Cathy, and it’s no coincidence that we’re having this party Thursday, July 30 at Shirley Acres. Thursdays and Shirley Acres are very familiar for our group. You’ll be hearing more about the dinner as it nears, but please mark your calendar now.



Jocklynn Keville (class of 2002) - current LNH chair

We’re also creating the Cathy Owen Scholarship for Leadership North Houston to continue Cathy’s commitment to developing community leaders. You can donate to that through the Lone Star College Foundation.

Please join me, along with LNHA President Pat Boullion and our respective boards, in congratulating Cathy and acknowledging her tremendous contributions to developing the many leaders who contribute to the growth of our communities.

- Jocklynn Keville

Help recruit for Class 15 – share your LNH story

It’s time to recruit candidates for the next LNH class. LNH board members Jill Boullion (class 2004) and Jerry Lowry (class 2001) have at a chamber economic luncheon and an East Aldine Management District meeting. At right, Past LNH Board Chair Kim McCully (class 2003) and past LNHA Board President Phyllis Oustifine (class 1999) attended the Cy-Fair Express Network Business Expo.

“Help us schedule a speaking engagement. We will provide the speaker,” said Keville. “Share your LNH experiences with friends, colleagues and associates. Tell how the program has impacted your life and career. Explore with them the benefits they can expect. As a graduate, you are one of our best ambassadors.”



The LNH Class 15 application deadline is June 5.

Leadership North Houston Alumni Association Mission

The mission of Leadership North Houston Alumni Association is to encourage the on-going development of LNH graduates through community service participation and strong leader to leader relationships. Building on the momentum of Leadership North Houston, the Alumni Association ensures that graduates continue expanding their leadership skills and remain committed to improving their communities.

Be part of LNHA community service project

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Also, at this luncheon we're collecting non-perishable food for Spring Assistance Ministries. Debbie McCabe will be there to pick up the donations to restock their food pantry that was greatly affected by Hurricane Ike.

In addition to food donations, the LNHA community project is to help SAM with a 5K run/walk Saturday, May 2 at Choice Tee (708 E. Cypresswood Dr., Spring TX.) And, another way to help is to write a check to the Spring Assistance Ministries. We encourage all LNH grads and friends to participate in

Alumni accolades . . .

Leslie Martone (class of 2008) is the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) Top 10 Candidate nominee for the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Top 10 Woman of the Year.

Kim McCully (class of 2003) is the editor of the Greenpoint ABWA newsletter, which recently won the ABWA Spring Conference newsletter competition in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Susan Dietz (class of 2005) has been promoted from the Vice President/Champions Branch Manager to a Regional Market Manager for Whitney National Bank. She will be responsible for the business growth for half of their Texas branches.

Becky Heath (class of 2004) continues her work for non-profits in Houston with a new job as Development Director for Houston Habitat for Humanity.

Receiving service awards, writing awards and staff excellence awards at the Lone Star College System's 2009 Employee Awards Luncheon were:

30 years — **Penny Westerfeld** (class 1999)

10 years - **Jimmy Adams** (class 2009) **Ryan Carstens** (class 2004) **Melanie Hilburn** (class 2006) **Jamie White** (class 2005) and **Linda Luehrs Wolfe** (class 2003)

5 years—**Michael Kirch** (class 2009) and **Kelly Norton** (class 2002)

Writing Award—**Jon Connolly** (class 2009) and Staff Excellence Award **Brian Dooley** (class 2005).

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this worthwhile venture. *

So, please dig deep, spring forward, be the leader you are at heart and help SAM. Your participation and dedication to LNHA is greatly appreciated. I hope to see you there ready and eager to help.

And, once more, remember that graduation night for this year's class is Thursday, May 21. The last day for renewing memberships for the Best Class of 2009 is April 30, so remind your class members to renew their memberships as soon as possible.

Thanks and have an enjoyable Spring.

- Pat Boullion

*note — this is Leadership North Houston Alumni's 2009 community service project. Turn to page 4 to read about this year's Leadership High School, Collegiate Leadership Institute and LNH class 14 community service efforts.

Events/deadlines at a glance

April 20 - Lunch and Learn with METRO's Karen Marshall

April 30 - Deadline to renew memberships for the Best Class of 2009 award

May 2 - LNHA Community Service Project at Spring Assistance Ministries Hand to Hand Family Fun Day

May 21 - Leadership North Houston Class 14's graduation ceremony

May 26 - Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Strikes for Scholarships (donate to LNH raffle basket or come cheer for LNH team. For info: 281-290-3969)

June 5 - Application deadline for LNH Class 15

July 30 - Cathy Owen's Retirement Dinner

LNH Program Sponsors

Leadership North Houston is sponsored by the, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce, Humble Area Chamber of Commerce, Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Lone Star College System, North Houston Association, Community Chamber of Commerce, African American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston, North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce. For information go to www.leadershipnorthhouston.com.

Recap: Leadership classes making a difference through community projects

March brings strong winds and sometimes stormy weather for north Houston and Montgomery County communities; but for the leadership classes of Lone Star College System's Community Leadership Institute, it means it's time to serve the community through various service projects that each class performs. The Community Leadership Institute directed by Cathy Owen oversees four programs that reach out to community non-profits and performs services and tasks that assist the individuals that seek their assistance.

March 7

Leadership High School - Montgomery County

Approximately 15 Leadership High School students participated with Interfaith of The Woodlands and 150 young adults for their SOS (Save our Seniors) Day. Each year, the LHS is assigned to help an elderly lady move things from her garage to attic, wash windows and generally clean the homeowner's outside areas. The students felt rewarded for their efforts in accomplishing simple tasks for her that she could no longer perform.

Leadership High School - North Houston

Approximately 40 LHS students from the north Houston area worked at the Northwest Assistance Ministries 1960 Resale Shop Saturday, March 7. The store manager assigned the students various tasks that included sorting donations, cleaning the parking lot, dusting inside shelving and rearranging products and clothing that is for sale at the store. The students celebrated their successful community service later with a pizza lunch.

March 20

Collegiate Leadership Institute

Students from CLI worked with New Horizons for their Community Service Project as they prepared for a fund-raising gala. In a matter of about three hours, the students had transformed the entry of the East Montgomery County Improvement District building into a celebration gala scene that rivaled any elaborate fund-raising event. New Horizons is a non-profit located in eastern Montgomery County that assists the physically challenged in the area. Sherry Lemley, executive



Members of LNH Class 14 volunteer at Humble Area Assistance Ministries for their service project.

director of New Horizons thanked the CLI students saying they accomplished in a few hours of decorating what normally in past years had taken them eight or more hours.

March 28

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LNH Class 14 chose to work with Humble Area Assistance Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides training and social services to underserved and low-income families, for their 2008-2009 community service project. The class organized and assembled materials, supplies and curriculum to provide sessions in how to improve financial skills and manage money. The sessions were divided by age-appropriate groups and were attended by adults, middle school students and younger children. LNH class members facilitated the exercises and led discussions. Lunch was donated by Chick-Fil-A for the class and participants from HAAM's client base.

Another group of LNH Class members purchased supplies to build and paint two three-shelf bookcases needed to store toys, books and games for their pre-school area.

The class was also able donate approximately 100 books, games and toys due to some generous donations from individuals in the class and Greenspoint Mall.

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