



Leader's Edge

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Community service options for all

Community Service is an important part of all the Community Leadership Institute programs.

March is the month each program is participating in their respective projects: Leadership High School –North Houston will be partnering with Northwest Assistance Ministries, LHS-Montgomery County with Interfaith of the Woodlands, Collegiate Leadership Institute with New Horizons and Leadership North Houston with Humble Area Assistance Ministries.

But that's not all, the alumni can participate in community service projects, too.

May 2 - Spring Assistance Ministries Hand to Hand Family Fun Day Bring canned goods to April 20 LNHA luncheon; volunteer event day; make a monetary donation to SAM.

May 26 - Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Strikes for Scholarships Promote your business with a donation to a raffle basket or event day cheer on the LNH bowling team Pat Boullion, Phyllis Oustifine, Susan Dietz, Kelly Norton and honorary LNH alumn Jay Ervin - they won the "Most Spirit" Award last year.

Watch for details on the web and via e-mails.

It's time to renew, join and recruit

Welcome to all who've renewed or joined the LNHA Alumni Association.

This has been an exciting and extremely productive year in membership renewals. Congratulations to all who worked so diligently on recruiting and renewing members to the LNHA membership rolls. As of Feb. 11, the alumni association has realized a 36% increase in the number of members (exceeding our 20-25% goal established back in August).

But, remember, there's still time to recruit more members as we are going to announce the BEST CLASS OF 2009 at this year's graduation. The cut-off date for new or renewed members to count toward the "BEST CLASS" is April 30. So, contact your class members now and ask them to join. For ease of renewal, click on how to join at www.leadershipnorthhoustonalumni.org and then click on the LNH Alumni brochure with an application form, dues structure and remittance information.

Additionally, this is the time of year to think about those who are or could be leaders in our community and give them an application to fill out. These applications can be acquired through the CLI office by contacting Cathy Owen or Anita Furr at 832-813-6665. Remember that

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Pat Boullion (class of 2006) - current LNHA president

Looking ahead ...



April 20 lunch

Topic: An update of Houston's METRO rail lines

RSVP by **April 13** at 832-813-6665.

Will your LNHA alumni class be named "**Best Class of 2009**" at this year's graduation event? - See page 2.

Lunch and Learns – Mark Vincent, Port of Houston Authority and this April is Karen Marshall, METRO

Mark Vincent with the Port of Houston Authority presented an update on the Port of Houston at the Jan. 26 Leadership North Houston Alumni Association luncheon.

He began defining the Port of Houston as a geographic area which features the pipelines and such, while the Port of Houston Authority is the public side which runs the ship channel. The authority's purpose is not profit but rather to create jobs (some 880,000 in Texas) as well as to attract business. He also shared information about the Bayport cruise terminal was pressed into service in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

Next month, Karen Marshall, Director of Community Outreach in the Communications and Marketing Division for the Metropolitan Transit Authority, (METRO) Harris County, will provide an update on existing and new rail lines.

Marshall was responsible for the fourth largest city's public participation program and the implementation of the METRO Solutions Mobility Plan, which is an all inclusive transit system plan for the region including advanced high capacity transit, and enhanced bus service. She is currently focusing on the next phase of METRO's expansion plans, Phase 3 implementation plan for METRO Solutions. In this



LNHA President Pat Boullion, left, thanks guest speaker Mark Vincent.

role, she is developing the communication and organization structure that will help accelerate the long range plan.

Reserve your seats for the **April 20** lunch and learn by **April 13** with Anita Furr via e-mail at anita.c.furr@lonestar.edu, phone at 832-813-6665, or online at www.leadershipnorthhoustonalumni.org.

Lunch and learn events are open to the community, so feel free to invite a coworker and friend.

Whose alumni class will be the “Best Class of 2009” ?

The challenge: which alumni class is the “Best” class! We all say ours is the best but this year the LNHA board has challenged alumni to prove it with paid dues.

Whichever class has the most alumni (based on class percentage) with paid dues by the end of this April earns bragging rights as the “Best Class of 2009” title. The winner will be announced at the May 21 graduation.

Of course there are other benefits to paying alumni dues such as investing in future classes, providing scholarship funds both for LNH and Leadership High School and possible tax deduction (see your tax advisor for information.) **Who's already invested in LNH? See the contributor list on page 4.**

It's not too late. The LNH Alumni Calendar year is Aug. 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. Dues paid at any time during that period are credited to the current year. For contributor level information,

go online to www.leadershipnorthhoustonalumni.org and then click on 'How to Join' or call 832.813.6623 or e-mail cathy.owen@LoneStar.edu.

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Get involved and bring friends to LNHA events - luncheon, area community projects, graduation

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the alumni association has scholarship money available for qualified members who might need financial assistance. Applications are due June 5.

The alumni association has had two extremely successful and informative luncheons but we're not done quite yet. We'll be hearing from METRO on proposed route expansion and the rail system April 20. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be held at the Greenspoint Club and the cost is only \$28.

I'm also excited to announce that this year's LNHA Community Service Project has been determined. We are asking all former graduates and

Alumni accolades . . .

Jerry Martin (class of 2001) and former LNH Board Chairman, recently joined the College of Biblical Studies (CBS), the largest nationally accredited, multi-ethnic Bible College in North America, as Vice President of Marketing and Recruitment. Since 1979, CBS has been developing Christian leaders to serve our multi-ethnic community. More than 1500 students are enrolled each semester at this commuter college where tuition is kept low to broaden access to higher education. The mission of CBS is to provide college level Bible education and biblically based general education for the Body of Christ, with primary focus on African-American and other ethnic minority groups, and to equip its students with a biblical world view for ministry in and for the church and the world.

Jill Hickman (class of 1997) is honored to have been selected as one of 48,000 University of Houston Clear Lake's alumni as representation of an extraordinary individual who chooses to transform life's ordinary tasks into opportunities to lead. She's featured in the online magazine, the Egret, at www.uhcl.edu/egret in the university's first ever leadership edition and was chosen based on these traits of leadership: experience, vision, the ability to follow through, a desire for challenges, a desire to take responsibility, an ability to communicate and a sense of fairness and ethics.

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alumni to assist in helping Spring Assistance Ministries (SAM) with their food drive and "Hand to Hand Family Fun Day". It will be held Saturday, May 2 at Choice Tee (708 E. Cypresswood in Spring, TX).

Here is how it works: you can bring non-perishable food items to the April 20 luncheon. Popular items are macaroni & cheese, tuna, cereal, canned fruit and bottled water. You can also be LNH volunteers at the May 2 function and help with the 5K run/walk from approximately 7a.m. to 11a.m. to set up and staff refreshment stations, pick-up trash and assist in traffic control and parking. The final way to assist is to donate funds to SAM by making a check payable to Spring Assistance Ministries.

One last date to remember is this year's graduation and banquet set May 21 at Shirley Acres. Last year's attendance was great and we're expecting a greater turnout this year. WHY? Because of this year's announcement of the John Pickelman Leadership North Houston Fellow Award and the Distinguished Leader Award. ADDITIONALLY, remember the announcement of the "Best Class of 2009."

Thank you to all members of the alumni association for your participation at the luncheon, community service project and the graduation banquet. See you there.

Deadline for distinguished leader nominations is April 1

It's time to nominate an LNH Alumni member, who has demonstrated community leadership and has the quality of empowering and inspiring others, for the Distinguished Community Leader Award.

All nominees will be recognized and the award winners announced at the May 21 graduation. Former recipients are: Jill Boullion-2005, Bill Ginder-2006, Jerry Lowry-2007 and Phyllis Oustifine-2008.

The criteria for award is: Must be a Leadership North Houston Alumni; Be a proven Community Leader; Must have made an impact in the community; be an active participant in LNH Alumni Events; be continuing Leadership education; and promote an inclusive and diverse community.

The deadline for submitting nominations is April 1, 2009. Contact Cathy Owen for the forms and information at Cathy.Owen@LoneStar.edu.

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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.