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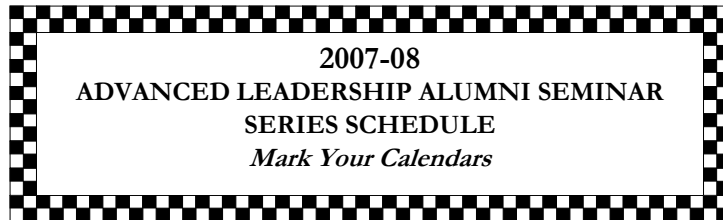
UPCOMING EVENTS ...

THE ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ALUMNI SEMINAR # 2

Tuesday, December 4

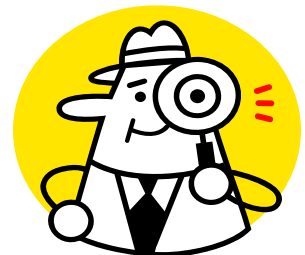
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Topic: How to Get More Work, Wisdom and Wealth Out of Your Board
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Alumni Notes

Please **email** information for upcoming newsletters to: MWallner@saratogacare.org. This is one of the most popular sections of the newsletter, so keep the updates flowing, don't be shy, please include your **class year** along with information you wish to share!

Meg Minehan, '93 was the co-chair of the second annual Realtor's Ball for the benefit of the Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga Springs that was held on October 20 at UPH. **Andy Hugos, '93** keeps in touch with fellow classmate **Jay Verro, '93** who passes along this news about Andy: Andy has been extremely involved with the Army Reserves and the war, serving at least two tours of duty. He has been working with the Coast Guard and NYPD on Port Security. His unit may also be going to Afghanistan early next year. Andy would love to hear from fellow alumni and can be reached at eurainbon@yahoo.com. **Joanne Dittes Yepsen, '93** was re-elected for her second term as the County Supervisor for Saratoga Springs. **John McDonald, '00** was recently appointed to a two year term as President of the Lions Foundation at Albany, NY, Inc. The Foundation provides financial support to the Lions Eye Institute and is the only regional program that focuses it's basic and clinical research on the causes and cures of eye diseases in the pursuit of new treatments and improvements in eye care. John has also been appointed Vice President of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club. **Judith Wentworth Welles, '00** recently accepted a position as Sales Manager with the Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa. Judy and her husband have also opened another establishment; Hungry Spot Café II located at 840 Saratoga Road in Burnt Hills, New York. **Teri Ulrich, '06** is now Teri Gay, due to her recent marriage to John Gay on October 18, 2007. **Kim Copenhaver, Katherine Culbert, Lee Ecker, Jen Joseph-Perry, Theresa Skaine and Mike Wallner, '06** all participated in this Year's Run for the ROC in support of Saratoga Hospital's Radiation Oncology Center and Patients. **Don Wildermuth, '07** and wife Tricia were blessed with the birth of their daughter Paige Louise on August 19, 2007. Don was also named as one of the Post Star's 20 Under 40 Award Winners earlier this fall. A great time was had by all who attended the Fall Mixer at Gaffney's. **The Class of 2006** was the winner with the most class participation. A \$100 donation was made to the Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Services on behalf of the Class of 2006!

Congratulations To All!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Class of 2008 Update

The Class of 2008 kicked off our year in Leadership Saratoga with the traditional retreat at Jiminy Peak in Hanford, MA September 30 – October 1, 2007. With the help of our coaches, Lily Hewitt and Bob Wright from Common Ground Adventures, we quickly recognized the power of collaboration and the importance of good communication. As we shared our life history timelines and became better acquainted, we gained an appreciation for the unique skills and talents each member brings to our group. We grew to trust our classmates, learned the value of teamwork and got a glimpse of just how much we can achieve together when we are positive and supportive. By the end of the retreat, we had become a highly effective team. We are eager to take the lessons we have learned and work together to make a difference in the communities of Saratoga county.

Members of the Leadership Saratoga Class of 2008 broke into sub-groups to work on four projects:

Epiphany Theater Company

Epiphany Theater Company is entering its 2nd season in Saratoga Springs. Leadership Saratoga participants will work with the Epiphany staff to expand attendance and develop new audiences in towns surrounding Saratoga Springs.

Brookside Museum

Brookside Museum preserves artifacts relating to Saratoga County's past and educates the general public on local history. Leadership Saratoga participants will offer marketing and business expertise to help Brookside Museum better manage and market their gift shop.

Rebuilding Together Saratoga County

Rebuilding Together Saratoga County provides free home repairs to qualified homeowners so they may continue to live in safety, warmth and independence. Leadership Saratoga members will develop programs to promote Rebuilding Together Saratoga to potential sponsors and volunteers.

Universal Preservation Hall

The beautiful and historic Saratoga Springs Universal Preservation Hall provides a permanent home for the Universal Baptist congregation, community meeting space and a center for the performing arts. Members of Leadership Saratoga will create an exhibit to explain the historical significance of the building and the preservation efforts underway to visitors to the hall.

Advanced Leadership Alumni Session # 2

HOW TO GET MORE WORK, WISDOM AND WEALTH OUT OF *YOUR* BOARD.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Saratoga County Chamber Board Room

\$25 per person—Checks Payable to “Leadership Saratoga” and forwarded to Linda Toohey by November 26th.

This two-hour session will include steps to effectively recruit, activate, train and position your board members to successfully carry out the main purpose of their involvement: to execute the mission of the organization.

Presenter: Joanne Dittes Yepsen, Owner/Principal of Coltivare: Consultation in Organizational Development

Joanne has been working in the area of development and marketing with nonprofits for over 20 years. She served in various leadership capacities at Skidmore College from 1985-2000. In 2001, she launched her own business to assist nonprofit organizations in all areas of fund raising, board development, internal and external assessment, and strategic planning. Some clients include the Lake George Opera Co., Saratoga Independent School and Saratoga Bridges. Joanne has also held numerous volunteer positions including Vice Chair of Saratoga PLAN, Past President of the Saratoga County Arts Council, as well as service on the Boards of the Presbyterian New England Congregational Church and the Saratoga Care Foundation. In the fall of 2005, Joanne ran for her first political seat as the County Supervisor for Saratoga Springs. Joanne was just re-elected to her second term as the County Supervisor for Saratoga Springs, Fall 2007.

The Snack Support Pack...

This photo was taken at the exceptionally popular and well-received Advanced Leadership Alumni Seminar given by Jim Snack. Jim talked about teamwork and the need for people to work together to make great things happen. This photo illustrates how Jim used a little “experimental learning” to prove that four people, working together, could support each other without anything else holding them up!



Seen in the photo are: ” Dan Collins, Jim Morris, Chuck Phillips and Mike Wallner... You should have seen the Card Trick... “Dewey” know how he did that, Dewey?



Save the Date!

You won't want to miss this year's event at Longfellow's Restaurant... We're putting the **"Fun"** back in the March Fun Raiser!
March 6, 2008

More Information to come. Hope you can Join Us!
Contact Anne Rockwood @ duchessofharmony@yahoo.com



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ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ALUMNI SEMINAR SERIES

Mark Your Calendars now for these Great Seminars

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| Tues., Dec. 4 | How to Get More Work, Wisdom and Wealth Out of Your Board
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. |
| Wed., Jan 30 | Legal Obligations of Nonprofit Boards
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. |
| Tues., Mar. 11 | Building Better Board-Staff Relationships,
including how to assess your board and your CEO
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. |
| Wed., June 4 | Board Committees: What Do They Do & Do We Really Need Them? What
About Special Events?
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. |

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