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UPCOMING EVENTS ...

THE ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ALUMNI SEMINAR # 3

Wednesday, January 30

3:00-5:00 PM

Topic: Legal Obligations of Nonprofit Boards

Or

How Board Members Can Avoid Getting Sued...

Details Inside...



Count Down to the Big, Big, Really Big March Fun Raiser

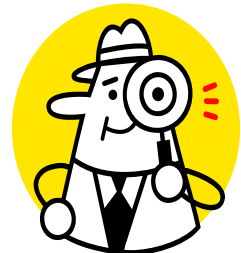
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ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ALUMNI SEMINAR
SERIES SCHEDULE

Mark Your Calendars Now!

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Class of 2008 Doing Great...

The Class of 2008 extends our thanks and appreciation to the local community leaders who contributed their time, knowledge, experience and insights to making the fall sessions of Leadership Saratoga informative and rewarding for all participants.

Dynamics of Leadership: *William C. Martin* reinforced the basic tenets of leadership and encouraged participants to develop creative approaches to motivating others.

Saratoga Style: We immersed ourselves in local culture with tours of SPAC, the Saratoga Springs History Museum, Tang Museum, Saratoga National Historical Park, Saratoga National Cemetery, and the Saratoga Race Course. The ‘backstage’ tours gave us a renewed appreciation all our beautiful county has to offer. Thanks to George Hathaway ’86 for coordinating everything so the day flowed extremely well.

Human Services: This session opened our eyes to the diversity of Saratoga County’s population. We learned about special needs groups in our community and the many human services agencies dedicated to serving them. We commend *Deb Tomaso ‘06*, Sister *Charla Commins*, and *Dennis Brunelle* for the work they do and appreciate the time they took to share with us how we can better help our community.

Keys to Effective Board Membership: *Priscilla Toth ‘86* reviewed the elements of effective board governance and shared valuable insights on how to ensure we ask the right questions before agreeing to serve on a board.

Dealing with Ethical Dilemmas: This enlightening session provided a glimpse of ethical dilemmas that may arise for members of public and non-profit boards. *Ray O’Conor ‘89*, *Patrick Pipino ‘98*, *Kate Ferris ‘89* and *Bob Van Vranken* shared their experiences and provided sound advice on managing ethical dilemmas.

A very special thanks to *Linda Toohey* for her tireless energy and enthusiasm in planning and coordinating our sessions.

We look forward to the winter/spring sessions and learning more about the critical issues affecting life in Saratoga County as we prepare to take more active leadership roles in our community.

Advanced Leadership Alumni Session # 3

TOPIC: Legal Obligations of Nonprofit Boards
Or
How Board Members Can Avoid Getting Sued

Wed., January 30, 2008

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saratoga County Chamber

\$25 per person (Alumni Assn. members); \$60 (non-Alumni members)

Come learn about the implications of board bylaws, minutes, executive sessions, conflicts of interest, 990 forms, recent developments in non-profit law, and when you as a board member are personally liable for the actions of your organization.

Presenters:

Alisa Dalton '02 is an attorney who is the principal in her firm, The Dalton Law Firm, LLC, located on Spring Street in Saratoga Springs. Having worked in large law firms on Wall Street in New York City and then in Albany, she specializes in corporate and real estate law, including non-profit corporations. She has worked with small non-profit start-ups and has also advised non-profits that have existed for many years. Alisa is also a founding director of a charity in New York City named the Foundation for Small Voices, which, among other things, offers music composition workshops to communities that cannot afford such services. Alisa also serves on the Leadership Saratoga Alumni Association Board.

Eleanor Mullaney '90 is Partner in the Law Offices of Richard F. Mullaney & Eleanor K. Mullaney in Saratoga Springs. She is the attorney for the Saratoga County Office for the Aging, and has served on numerous non profit boards including SPAC, the Hawley Foundation Board (currently as President), the Home Made Theater Board (Past President), Domestic Violence Services (Past President), the Saratoga Springs Planning Board, Legal Aid Society and the Saratoga County Bar Assn.

To make a reservation, send a check to be received no later than Fri., Jan. 25th to:

Leadership Saratoga Alumni Association
% Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce
28 Clinton St., 2nd Floor
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

For More Information, Contact: ltoohy@saratoga.org

Alumni Notes

Please **email** information for upcoming newsletters to: MWallner@saratogacare.org. Keep the updates flowing, don't be shy, please include your **class year** along with information you wish to share!

Brendan Chudy '01 has joined the Board for Wesley Health Care which also includes the many other ancillary boards of the Organization that Brendan writes are too numerous to list! **Ray Liuzzo '06** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Malta Business Association, as was current **Class of '08 participant Paul Loomis. Jason Tommell '06** and **Mike Wallner '06** miraculously were able to locate and purchase the Wii Game System for their Children this Christmas... those of you who were trying know the extent of this accomplishment, for sure!

Congratulations To All!

BECOME A LEADERSHIP SARATOGA FELLOW...

When Leadership Saratoga met with alumni as a part of its strategic planning a few years ago, there were a number of you who expressed interest in pursuing a “graduate Leadership degree.” As a result, your Leadership Alumni Board has developed a Leadership Fellows designation. The requirements are not too onerous, and give you an opportunity to hone and improve your leadership skills in the process. Six Fellows have been named to date: Rich Ferguson, Kate Ferris, George Hathaway, Lu Lucas, Jim Morris and Jeff Shinaman.

Here are the details

Criteria:

Applicants must be Leadership Saratoga alumni who have served on at least two boards or been involved in at least one organization serving Saratoga County residents in a significant, pivotal volunteer role for a total of at least four years. The applicant must have held a leadership position on one of those boards for at least one year, but preferably more. The organization could be a non-profit, educational or municipal/public service entity.

Applicants must have been involved in at least one Leadership Saratoga volunteer activity, such as served as a Mentor or Resource Person to a Leadership participant, been a presenter or coordinator of a Leadership session (if asked), served as a committee chair or member of the Leadership Saratoga Advisory or Alumni Board.

Attend at least six Advanced Leadership seminars (can be done over a three-year period).

After attending the seminars, applicant must complete and submit an application that includes:

A list of volunteer organizations and/or boards within Saratoga County in which he/she has served, including time periods and positions/roles in the organization and/or on board.

A description of volunteer leadership positions held in the organization(s). Describe applicant’s accomplishments while in that/those role(s).

Letters of recommendation from two Chief Paid Executives or Board Chairs describing your effectiveness as a volunteer leader in that/those organizations. References should preferably be from two separate organizations.

Process and Recognition:

Fellows will be selected and recognized (at Alumni events and in the media) on a rolling basis, based on the objective information presented. Each Fellow will receive a framed plaque. A committee comprised of Leadership Saratoga Advisory Board members who are not alumni of the program will review any applications that raise questions about whether the criteria has been met.

If you are interested in finding out more information on how you can begin the process of being designated a Leadership Fellow, please contact Linda Toohey at 584-3255, ext. 205 or ltoohey@saratoga.org

Saratoga Lives!

Fellow Leadership Saratoga Alumni, Mike Hare, '86, has authored a book entitled *Saratoga Lives*. The book takes a unique approach to let the reader see the inner lives of a colorful collection of characters. Speaking on four days spanning two centuries, real and imagined characters reveal their secret dreams, prejudices, aspirations, hatreds and passions. The people of *Saratoga Lives* are accessible, moving and relevant to readers familiar or completely unfamiliar with Saratoga. *Saratoga Lives* celebrates its locale’s diversity, uniqueness and universality. The book is on sale at Borders, Impressions, the Historical Society of Saratoga Springs and Lyrical Ballad Bookstore.

Congratulations Mike on your first published work!



Save the Date!

No Monkey Business Here, But What's More Fun than a Barrel of Leaders when there's "Snack", Wine and Beer!

Curious as George?, Me Too!

Men's Bake Sale, Auction, Strolling Magician-Jim Snack, Great Eats and Treats, Special Room Rates... Oh Yea, You do not Want to Miss This One!

*It all happens March 6, 2008
@ Longfellows Restaurant*



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ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ALUMNI SEMINAR SERIES

Mark Your Calendars now for these Great Seminars

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| 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. |

For more Information contact Sue Malinowski at smalinowski@saratogacare.org or 583-8448

Happy New Year!

"Cut it Out" ... Really!

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
LISA NILES DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The Alumni Association Board is seeking nominations for the Lisa Niles Distinguished Leader of 2008. The award is named in memory of Leadership's first Alumni Association President. The recipient will be announced at the Leadership Alumni Association's "Fun Raiser". He or she will receive a recognition gift, and a contribution of \$500 will be made to the charity of his or her choice.

Selection criteria include someone who is a graduate of Leadership Saratoga who "has made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of his/her community/county." Please give us the name of your nominee, as well as your reasons why this person should be selected.

Please return this form to Linda Toohey **no later than Friday, January 25th**. This doesn't give you a lot of time, so... before this piece of paper gets mixed in with all the others on your desk, please think for a moment, and jot down your choice. You can make it easy and fax or email the application to Linda at the address below. The selection of this coming year's recipient will be made by the previous Distinguished Alums, and will be ratified by the Leadership Saratoga Alumni Association Board.

Thanks!

Name of Nominee: _____

Why you are nominating this person (include their volunteer and board work if you know it:

Your Name _____

Your Contact Phone/Email _____

Please return to: Linda Toohey
Saratoga Chamber of Commerce
28 Clinton St.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Or FAX to 584-1089 or e-mail at ltoohey@saratoga.org

DEADLINE: Friday, Jan. 25th.