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President's Message



Happy New Year to all! I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoying this amazing "winter" weather!

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the Leadership Pasco class year already. It seems like yesterday that we were welcoming the new class. The Class attended the Healthcare Program Day in November. It was an exciting and educational day at the Medical Center of Trinity. Thank you to Patty Sutton and Kurt Conover for coordinating the day. Then the class experienced the Infrastructure & Growth program day with a tour of the Progress Energy Anclote Plant and great panel discussions. Thank you to Monica Forbes and Scott Byrnes for organizing that program day for us.

As this newsletter goes to print, the class will be on their way to one of the highlights of the year – SIMSOC!!! As all of us alumni know, the best advice we can give any of the class members is – READ THE BOOK!!! I am looking forward to a fun and enlightening experience as I attend SIMSOC with the class. Of course, SIMSOC is a huge success due to the amazing leadership from Michele Baker. We really appreciate all you do to make this a rewarding experience for the class. Thank you to all the alumni volunteers that will be helping as well.

Please take a moment and mark your calendars for the upcoming Leadership Pasco events that are on the back of this newsletter. We have lots of opportunities coming up for you to reconnect with alumni and with the current class members. I look forward to seeing you at these events!!!

Tina Shelton

Youth Leadership Pasco - Government/Social Services Session

Rob Aguis (Class of 2001)
Barbara DeSimone (Class of 1996)

On Thursday, December 6th, the Youth Leadership Pasco class of 2013 met at Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point to learn about Pasco County Government, Social Services, Health Care and Hospital Operations and Careers.

The students were greeted by Mr. Shayne George, CEO for Regional Medical Center with words of encouragement for the many opportunities that will be presented to our future leaders in Pasco County.

Pasco County Administrator John Gallagher joined the class and challenged the students to plan wisely when developing land and or purchasing a home. Mr. Gallagher provided a mapping activity for the students to help them realize that county planning wasn't easy, very necessary and may have positive or negative implications.

Students also learned about hot jobs for the future and tourism.

After lunch students took a behind the scenes tour of the Hospital and were exposed to many of the operations of the hospital. Students toured the Intensive Care Unit, learned of the importance of preparation for surgery to

include an orientation of the supplies and tools necessary for surgery, the Heart Cath Unit, the Emergency Room and much more. The hospital staff strongly advised students not to text while you drive!

The day was an enlightening experience for the students. A special thank you to all of the presenters and to Mr. Kurt Conover for coordinating and overseeing the agenda for the day.

For more information on Youth Leadership Pasco contact Barbara DeSimone (727) 847-8103 / Rob Aguis (727) 774-2200 or visit the Leadership Pasco website at www.leadershippasco.com.



Healthcare Day Was High Tech

Patty Sutton (Class of 2010) & Kurt Conover (Class of 2002)

In November, the class of 2013 received behind-the-scenes education during Healthcare Day at Medical Center of Trinity. After a panel that included leadership from four of the hospitals in West Pasco, classmates were able to break into groups and get close up with their choice of Robot Assisted Surgery, 'Advances in Laparoscopic Procedures', led by Gynecologist Parveen Vahora; 'Weekend Warrior', led by Orthopedic Surgeon Stephen Hanff, 'Imaging/Breast Health', led by General/Breast Surgeon Alene Wright or Information Technology in Healthcare, led by IT Director, Kurt Hornung.

Commissioner Pat Mulieri joined the group and the class toured the Mobile Medical Unit (a project that Leadership Pasco has helped fund). After an afternoon of tours and learning what it takes to keep a hospital operational, the class toured the HPH Hospice facility in New Port Richey and learned about the needs of the county's elder resources. While at Hospice, the class experienced what Alzheimer's patients must do to "re-learn" daily functions. By the end of the day, the class understood the medical challenges our county faces, the resources available and how costly health care can be – and what our leaders are doing to keep Pasco a healthy place to live.

Special thanks to Day Leaders Patty Sutton and Kurt Conover for coordinating a great day!



Healthcare Day



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Infrastructure and Growth Day

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Infrastructure and Growth Day

Monica Forbes (Class of 2010) & Scott Byrnes (Class of 2012)

The class of 2013 arrived at the Progress Energy Anclote power plant in Holiday enthusiastic and ready to learn. Community Relations Manager, Melissa Seixas kicked the day off with a warm welcome and a shout out to her Leadership Class of 2009. After sharing little known facts about the plant and energy in general, she handed the meeting over to Plant Manager, William "Bill" Luke, who opened up with a safety briefing, which is customary at all Progress Energy facilities. Mr. Luke shared the history of the Anclote plant as well as some plans for the facility. After a brief Q & A session, the tour was underway.

The weather was beautiful! The mullet, showing off their acrobatics by jumping out of the water every few minutes, seemed to welcome the visitors in classic Anclote Power plant style....if it's not the bald eagles, it's the fish. They have the wildlife trained very well over there. All decked out in their hard hats, safety goggles, and ear plugs the class viewed things like the control room, intake canal, pipeline, generator, turbines, and cooling towers. Before you knew it the tour has over and the Class of 2013's caravan was headed over to Marchman Technical Center for lunch and the second half of the day.

Michele Baker made a guest appearance to provide the class with their materials for the infamous SIMSOC.

After a fabulous lunch provided by Arby's Restaurant Florida and Progress Energy, the class heard from experts from various organizations and businesses throughout the county that play an integral part in the success of the county's infrastructure and continued growth. Through panel discussions, information was shared about recycling, energy conservation, alternative energy efforts, the housing market, schools, utilities and more. In effort to do our part to go green, the class wrapped up with electronic evaluations that each class member completed from their electronic devices.

Many thanks to our panelists, Marchman Technical Center and Progress Energy for a memorable experience.

What about the Love?

Heather Grimes (Class of 2011)

Don't let good get in the way of great
-- Jim Collins

I love inspirational quotes. They tend to put me in the right frame of mind when everything else around me is spinning. This particular quote by Jim Collins is one of my favorite. So often, I see people doing good, satisfying and commendable work but for whatever reason, they stop before they deliver something great.

I am relatively new to Leadership Pasco (Class of 2-0-1-1: Working together as one!). In my short time on the board I have observed something quite unique about everyone associated with this eclectic organization. Each and every individual seems to live out Collins' quote on a daily basis.

I have always strived to do my very best in all that I do. In fact, there have been times when my family or co-workers labeled me as an "overachiever". I divulge this about myself to make one key point. On the evening of our class orientation in September 2010, I no longer felt like an overachiever. In fact, I specifically remember making a comment to one of my co-workers that "I felt like a slacker next to all of these amazing individuals". As we worked around the room sharing introductions of each other, I was humbled by all the amazing things they all did for our community. It was quite interesting to me that this diverse group of business professionals, public servants and volunteers all had one thing in common. They were all overachievers that worked extremely hard to make Pasco County a great place to be.

My first impression of those associated with Leadership Pasco still holds true today. With each interaction I have with my fellow board members, past alumni or new class members; I find that they all share the same ideology. They give their all in everything they do for our community. They don't let good get in the way of great.



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Alumni Get Together - February 26, 2013
Grill 54 - 6:30 pm

Taste of Pasco - May 11, 2013

Graduation - May 30, 2013

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