

Class of 2008

By Juliet A. Terry
President, Vision Shared Inc.



Writing about Leadership West Virginia should evoke long, eloquent passages about the volumes of information and insight I have received about the Mountain State as a member of the 2008 class.

We're having so much fun, though, that as I mentally catalog our adventures thus far, the word "eloquent" is far from the top of my list of adjectives. Instead, words like "exhilarating," "inspiring," "compelling" and most definitely "entertaining" come to mind. I've never laughed so hard nor been so proud to be a West Virginian as I have been during the sessions we have had so far this year.

I didn't know what to expect when Leadership WV 2008 first began, and that was a good thing because each session has been full of delightful surprises – many of them from the interactions among my classmates.



Meeting this eclectic group of West Virginians has been the true benefit of being part of Leadership WV. Regardless of age or background, we have become a unique family. We have nurturers, risk-takers, creators, analyzers and performers – all leaders, yet all part of one team. I'm certain every Leadership class believes it is more special than the last, but I challenge every future class to embrace this experience with as much enthusiasm as the class of 2008.

We have looked at West Virginia's history, its present and its future. We have examined the state's manufacturing and energy sectors, economic development challenges, leadership concepts, the tourism economy, legal system issues and components of the health care delivery system. In doing so, the Leadership WV 2008 class has survived a broken-down bus, boated on the Ohio River, climbed walls and even traveled to outer space together – all the while embodying the best of teamwork and having a grand time in the process.

When I think back to comments I received when I was accepted into the 2008 class, one continues to ring true more than any other: "You'll make friends through Leadership West Virginia that you'll have forever." While gaining new insight into West Virginia's challenges and opportunities for success, I have made friends who undoubtedly will remain in my life for years to come. We all love West Virginia and want to do our part to help this state prosper, and we plan on having a lot of fun while doing it. The Leadership West Virginia Class of 2008 is ready to work.

Leadership West Virginia
c/o Pam Farris, Executive Director
1624 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, West Virginia 25311

Address Correction Requested

This newsletter is produced for participants, graduates, sponsors and friends of Leadership West Virginia.

Publisher: Pam Farris
Writers: John Bolt
Anna Dailey
Pat Kelly
Juliet Terry
Graphic Design: Chris Spence
Progressity, Inc.
www.progressity.com



Progressity is proud to be a sponsor of this newsletter.

Alumni Activities

Nov. 21, 2008
Graduation ----- Charleston Marriott

Feb. 11, 2009
Post-State-of-the-State Reception----- Charleston Marriott

April, 2009 Tentative
Alumni/Class of '09 Reception----- Morgantown

June, 2009 Tentative
Golf Scramble ----- Stonewall Resort

Sept. 2, 2009
Leadership Alumni Dinner -----The Greenbrier

Nov. 20, 2009
Graduation ----- Charleston



Volume 6 | Issue 2 | Fall 2008

www.leadershipwv.org

Scholarships Enable Government, Education Professionals to Participate in Leadership West Virginia

By Pat Kelly
Chair, Leadership West Virginia Board of Directors



Relationships. Whenever I ask Leadership West Virginia alumni what they most enjoyed about their experience in the program, the answer inevitably centers on the relationships they developed with their classmates. I share their sentiment, but I wonder why people who are high-profile leaders in their communities and who know hundreds of people find the relationships they develop in LWV so valuable?

I believe that the answer, in part, lies in the diverse group of people in each class. So often, our social and professional lives are limited to a defined circle of people. The LWV program expands our circle by introducing us to entrepreneurs, librarians, lawyers, educators, foresters, bankers, tourism developers, non-profit executives, health care providers and many other people with unique backgrounds and fresh perspectives. The program creates an energized environment and a shared experience.

Your board of directors is committed to maintaining and expanding the diversity of each class. Several

years ago, the Board recognized the need to assist individuals who were not sponsored by an employer to participate in the program. To that end, the Board has raised money for more scholarships and has approved two new scholarships for the 2009 class.

The first scholarship is designated for a person involved in city or county government. The second is designated for an educational professional in grades K-12.

Local government and primary education were selected because, due to budget constraints, individuals from those sectors often are unable to participate in LWV, yet they offer a valuable perspective. The new scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition and also pay a session per diem to help with travel expenses.

These scholarships will be funded through money raised at the Leadership West Virginia legislative reception. On February 11, 2009, Leadership West Virginia once again will host a post-state-of-the-state reception for elected state officials and cabinet members at the Charleston Marriott. Last year, more than 500 people attended the legislative reception, many of whom were LWV alumni.

Once again, you have the opportunity to expand your circle of friends by joining legislators and LWV alumni for the legislative reception. Better yet, invite a few of your former classmates and have a little reunion. A great evening of good food, cocktails and camaraderie will be in store for you. I hope to see you there.

Gearing up for 2009

By Anna Dailey Secretary/Treasurer of Leadership West Virginia, Chairman of Human Resources Committee, WV Chamber of Commerce

Nearing the end of the 2008 class year for Leadership West Virginia can only mean one thing: planning for 2009 is well under way. **Here are the sessions:**

- March 26-27:**
Energy and Manufacturing, Eastern Panhandle
- Late April:**
West Virginia Roundtable Leadership Conference, Morgantown
- May 14-15:**
AEP Economic Development, Parkersburg
- June 18-19:**
Chesapeake Energy Tourism, Fayetteville
- July 16-17:**
Step toe & Johnson Justice System Forum, Wheeling
- Sept. 17-18:**
West Virginia Hospital Association Health Care, Huntington
- Late October:**
Education & the Arts, White Sulphur Springs
- Nov. 19-20:**
Jackson Kelly Government/Commencement, Charleston

While recruiting for the class is always happening, as we get closer it becomes even more crucial, and I want to highlight a particular point.

It's not just younger adults you should consider nominating for the program.

I went through LWV the year I celebrated turning 50. For years I volunteered for community activities at school, scouting or church. Participating in Leadership WV was the impetus I needed to get more involved in economic development and the business organizations I believe in.

West Virginia needs us mid-life folks who can volunteer their time on these efforts. We can bring a lot to the table. Meanwhile, as the clock on my own term winds down, I am glad there are other committed people coming into these organizations, anxious to help out and willing to be a leader for a time.

To nominate someone for Leadership West Virginia, go to our website, <http://www.leadershipwv.org> and click on "Become a leader."

Applications for 2009 being accepted online through December 31.

Nominate a Leader Today!

Link up with your Leadership West Virginia colleagues on LinkedIn

There is now a place for Leadership West Virginia on LinkedIn, an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries.



The LinkedIn group was created by David McKinley of McKinley Carter Wealth Services Inc. As of mid-October, the group already had 21 members.

The goal of this group is to help members reach other Leadership WV graduates, accelerate careers/business through referrals from Leadership WV Alumni Group members, and know more than a name – view rich professional profiles of fellow Leadership WV Group members.

For more information about LinkedIn, or to join, go to <http://www.linkedin.com>. Search for the Group "Leadership West Virginia Alumni," and click on "Join."

See you online!

Alumni News

Almost Alumni Class of 2008:



Congratulations to the **Leadership Class of 2008** which raised more than **\$4,000** for the Leadership Golf Scramble. Many thanks to **Brian Allman** (right) who took the lead to challenge his fellow class members.

Class of 2007:

Greg Atkinson recently accepted a position as Vice President with Better Foods, Inc. (Tudor's Biscuit World/Gino's Pizza chains).

Congratulations to **Courtney Kirtley** for serving as the 2008 President of the Young Lawyers Division of the WV Bar Association.



Nate Tawney and his wife Amy welcomed their second child, Colton Kristopher Tawney (left), into the world on August 26, 2008.

Class of 2006:

Betty McHale (below), owner of Workplace Solutions, LLC was elected director for the West Virginia State Council of Society for Human Resource Management for 2008-2009. The national organization of SHRM is the world's largest professional organization with more than 247,000 members and 550 professional chapters as well as student chapters on college campuses across the country. The WV State Council of SHRM provides support and oversight for seven professional chapters and two student chapters. The seven chapters represent approximately 567 members who are



human resources professionals, attorneys who specialize in employment law, college professors who teach human resources and business owners/managers. The mission of the WV State Council of SHRM is to "advance the HR profession" and to "serve the HR professional". The WV State Council of SHRM joins with the WV Chamber of Commerce each year to hold the annual HR Summit and Governor's Safety Conference. Learn more about the SHRM organization by going online to www.shrm.org.

Class of 2005:

Betsie Dobbs has recently taken a job with Cardinal Health as a Sales Representative.

Marianne Moran, Executive Director of The Convention & Visitors Bureau of Marion County, Inc., has been elected to the Southeast Tourism Society Board of Directors.



Marianne (left) has served as executive director of the Marion County CVB for 15 years. She is currently president of the West Virginia Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus, and also serves on the Main Street Fairmont Promotions Committee, Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation Public Relations Committee, and is a member of the South Fairmont Rotary Club. For additional information about STS, visit www.southeasttourism.org.

Seth Wilson and his wife, Allison, had their second child on July 15, 2008. His name is Aaron Matthew Wilson. Seth is with Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love in Morgantown.

Class of 2004:

Greg Ingram, Walker Machinery Co., mounted a successful write-in campaign for Montgomery city recorder. The current term ends in June 2012. "The information I received from Leadership WV in '04 enhanced my civic abilities and ambitions to be of assistance to the residents of my local community. I appreciate the education, information, and relationships I established, as a student and graduate of Leadership WV," Ingram said.

Class of 2002:

David McKinley and Will Carter, two of West Virginia's fast-growing independent investment and financial advisory firms, combined operations with \$325 million in assets and more than 500 clients, effective January 1, 2008. Wheeling-based McKinley Investment Group and Kanawha



Investment Trust, headquartered in Charleston, became McKinley Carter Wealth Services ("McKinley Carter"). According to industry observer Moss Adams, LLP, the combination of the two West Virginia companies position McKinley Carter among the top 18 percent of independent financial advisory firms in the nation, based on a survey it conducted last year. "This marriage will help our clients maximize the power of their financial holdings through innovative strategies that will help them take care of their total financial picture," said David H. McKinley, president and managing director of the new firm. "As a combined firm, we can recruit top employees and achieve the economies of scale needed to deliver sophisticated wealth management services sought by discriminating clients."

Fazal Shere will be the president of the Board of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center in 2009.

Doug Spaulding owns Capitol Medical, a nurse staffing agency located in Hurricane, WV. "We celebrated 10 years of being in business and had our best year ever. We have earned the Joint Commission's gold seal of approval and have been accredited by them for the last two years, the only agency based in West Virginia that has this distinction. Capitol Medical has also been accepted into the South Carolina Hospital Association that has given us access to hundreds of hospitals in a six-state region. We also have been accepted into the Ohio Hospital Association which gives access to another hundred facilities. Capitol Medical staffs any medical facility that has a need for RNs, LPNs, CNAs, MAs. We have travel nurses who go to hospitals all over the place, usually on 13-week contracts, plus per diem shifts on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis. Our web page is www.capitolmedical.net."

Class of 2001:

Jamie Gaucher and **Elizabeth Damewood Gaucher**, class of 2003, announce the birth of their daughter, Clarin Custis Skuce Gaucher, on July 14, 2008.

Class of 2000:

Roslyn Clark Artis and Selby Artis welcomed a daughter, Jocelyn Gabrielle Artis, on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008 at 3:22 p.m. Jocelyn weighed 7 pounds, 13.5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

E. Michael Hines Jr., in late 2007, was promoted to manager, Dominion Exploration & Production Supply Chain Services unit. He became a member of the Lewis County Economic Development Authority board of directors in April 2008 and was elected president of the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce in May 2008.

Reggie Osenton is the managing attorney for the Brandon office of Clark, Campbell & Mawhinney, P.A.

Class of 1999:

Doug Amos is now working as vice president of operations for West Virginia American Water in Charleston and living in Teays Valley with his wife Shanti and their three children: Cole 10, Grace 8 and Brock 5.

Class of 1998:

Sheila Rexroad, retired in June 2008 from the Citizens Bank of Weston, Inc.

Class of 1994:

Congratulations to **Jim Winans** and his family for 50 years of service. The Wood County business encompasses security services, restoration services, sanitary supply and support staffing. Jim's sons also graduated from the Leadership West Virginia program, and the family said they all advocate people leaving West Virginia, because they come back to their homes for the great quality of life with a new perspective. The Winans family graduates include Sam a 1996 graduate, David a 1999 graduate and Joe a 2006 graduate.

Leadership WV Team Wins Scramble

The winning team of the 2008 Leadership WV Golf Scramble, Chuck Stump, Ross Dionne, Mike Greenleaf & Brent Pauley, competed in the Annual Stonewall Tournament of Champions on Sunday October 26. Twelve winning teams competed from tournaments held throughout this past summer at Stonewall, and the Leadership WV team won!! Doing our best to make LWV proud!