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## Congratulations Class of 2008!

**T**his year we have been very successful in seating a very diverse interesting and impressive class. The process was extremely selective, with a sizeable waiting list for 2009. Each of the individuals below presented a very compelling statement in the application process and successfully completed a personal interview with Leadership Alumni. The group represents Education, Health Care, Environmental Services, Non Profits, Government, Religion, Small business, Recreation, and Manufacturing among others. It also includes emerging

leaders and seasoned professionals. The boundaries of our program continue to expand with people living and working in surrounding counties. They all have an interest in Lorain County either due to business, residence or both. Our program is truly becoming regional in impact and scope. We look forward to an exciting year and will be sharing the experiences and successes of this class as the year progresses. Please join us in welcoming the amazing Class of 2008.

**Timothy Arra**  
**Margaret Boise**  
**Dianne Brehm**  
**Jodi Curry**  
**Karen Davis**  
**Herb de la Porte**  
**Amy DeLuca**  
**Lisa Dumski**  
**Gilbert Garcia**  
**Teresa Gardner**  
**Irene Garsky**  
**David Graves**  
**Evann Heidersbach**  
**Tammy Begala Greber**  
**Traci Jacobs**  
**Susan Kaczay**  
**Keith Kapanke**  
**Jennifer Kennedy**  
**Michael Maye**  
**Joni Marra**  
**Jerome Morasko**

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Lorain County Sheriff's Office  
United Way of Greater Lorain County  
CHP Regional Foundation  
Lorain County Commissioners  
LifeCare Ambulance  
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur  
Hematology Oncology Center  
Nelson Stud Welding  
LCADA, Inc.  
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City of Sheffield Lake  
Elyria Catholic High School  
RSM McGladrey  
Gathering Hope House  
Lorain County Community Action Agency  
First Place Bank  
Community Health Partners  
Neighborhood House Association  
University Hospitals  
Allen Community Hospital-CHP

**Jeff Morman**  
**Jacob Myers**  
**Noelia "Nouie" Nodal**  
**Nancy Ostrander**  
**Harry Pepper**  
**John Piskura**  
**Maria Nenita Poblete**  
**Judy Pulito**  
**Mark Rau**  
**Jeff Scaggs**  
**Eric Stump**  
**Fred Swanson**  
**Rev. William Thaden**  
**Brenda M. Troxtell**  
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**Amber Washington**  
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**Lois Wulfooop**

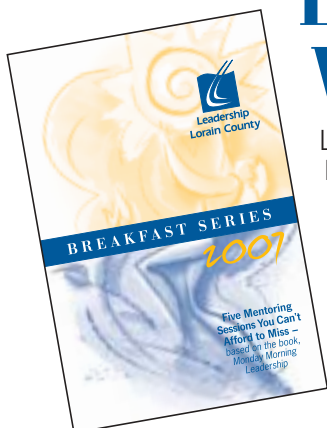
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Amherst Public Library  
Avon High School  
New Russia Township  
Sacred Heart Chapel  
Leadership Lorain County  
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Southview School of Arts  
Lorain County Community College  
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## Leadership Lorain County: A Winner at the National Convention

Leadership Lorain County received three awards for recent publications. Designed and printed by Kathy Delaney and Steve Hosler, '99 of Mehco Custom Printing, Inc., these award-winning publications included:

- **Best Program Brochure for the Breakfast Series**
- **Best Special Event material for Difference Makers Gala**
- **Best Other for the Leadership Lorain County bookmark**

Kathy Ader, Alumni Relations Coordinator received these awards on behalf of Leadership Lorain County. Kathy also presented a workshop on alumni activities entitled: "Graduation: A New Beginning."



# DeLuca's Place in the Park

**L**eadership Lorain County graduate, Class of 1986, Len DeLuca has "set the bar" for special event venues in Lorain County. Established in 1978, at DeLuca's Place in the Park, with its lush gardens and expansive location, the sky is the limit for your every occasion. "There wasn't another place like it in Lorain County".

Born into "the family business", set with a dream, respect for his community and powered by one of the truest entrepreneurial spirits in Lorain County, Leonard DeLuca took his father's small bakery, with its humble beginnings in downtown Lorain, and progressively developed it from bakery, to a deli with off-site catering, to the prestigious enterprise now located at 6075 Middle Ridge Road, in Lorain.

It was after a great amount of time and consideration due to health concerns that Len decided to sell the business and retire in 1999. He would later "beat cancer, twice" and pursue another career in real estate, never missing a beat working with the friends in the community that he so loves.

In the spring of 2006, feeling healthy and invigorated, Len would take the opportunity to return to the helm of his enterprise. He was returning to the business, employees and friends that he had loved and missed so much. "I can't wait to get to work in the morning!"

Len DeLuca's involvement with Leadership Lorain County began in 1985 when the group's first graduation banquet was



*Len DeLuca and Arlene Karnak*

held at his facility. "As I talked to them and learned what they were about, I was thinking that this was really something that I wanted to be part of." He would later join LLC's graduating class of 1986. With a litany of community achievements to his credit, he is the most proud of his volunteer time spent on the Lorain City Schools bond drive in 2001 and his large network of friends throughout the community.

So strong was his belief in the value of the program that he would later send Leadership Lorain County two of his employees, Arlene Karnak (Class of 1998) and Karen Monath (Class of 2000) to complete the program. Arlene Karnak has served as DeLuca's Administrative Assistant for over 20 years and cherishes the friendships and the many leadership opportunities that she has made through Leadership Lorain County.

What does he see as the secret to his success? "HARD WORK! Don't set limits. Staying focused. Mentoring in your community and,

most of all, you've got to love what you do."

**For more information about DeLuca's Place in the Park go to their website at [www.delucasplaceinthepark.com](http://www.delucasplaceinthepark.com) or call (440) 233-7272.**

## **In Memory:**

**Maureen Coe**, a member of the Class of 1999, passed away May 18 at University Hospital, Cleveland, after a short illness. "Mo" will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, her love of the City of Vermilion and her legacy – The Woollybear Festival.

# 2007 Class Projects

Conceiving, planning and implementing a class project (s) is a major focus of the last half of the leadership year. The Class of 2007 was committed to finding a class project that would have a lasting impact on our Community, as were their predecessors in the Leadership Program. Three class projects were conceived and implemented by this very talented and dedicated group. A detailed glimpse of each project follows, so read on.

**The Pet Network** is a comprehensive on-line directory of pet-related businesses and services located in and around Lorain County. The Pet Network contains everything from vet clinics to pet massage, pet trainers and pet sitters to boarding facilities, pet boutiques, pet bakeries and mobile grooming. It also contains a detailed list of all local animal shelters for those of us looking for a "new best friend". Hosting and technical support for the Pet Network is being provided by LorainCounty.com.

**Non-Profit Volunteer Consultants or NPVC** is a way to connect non-profits with the expertise of the business community. NPVC developed out of a meeting the Nordson Corporation Foundation held with some of the non-profit organizations in Lorain County. The question posed to the organizations was, "Other than money, what would be helpful to build the capacity of your organization?" A long list of items was gathered and Nordson formed the Technical Assistance Taskforce (TAT) in response to those needs. Nordson then approached Leadership Lorain County to suggest a partnership that would increase the

scope of the TAT by allowing Leadership alumni to join with the Nordson volunteers in providing consulting services to Lorain County non-profits. A team of 2007 Leadership class members took on the TAT as their class project and from their efforts the Non Profit Volunteer Consultants was born.

On April 25, 2007 the Leadership Class of 2007 presented

## the **Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS)**

to a group of over twenty leaders from the business, political and non-profit sectors. The CAPS put participants in the shoes of those struggling in poverty in Lorain County. Participants spent the equivalent of one month living in poverty. Taking care of their children, looking for work, and figuring out where to go for services, while at the same time trying to pay bills. The participants came to realize the obstacles that persons living in poverty must overcome on a daily basis.



*Class of 2007 – Photo by Dan Messaros '94*

The CAPS Project Team consisting of 2007 class members will be hosting a simulation in December to the Class of 2008 and community members.

Click on the Quick Links box on our website to learn how you can get involved in two of these projects.

## GREAT JOB CLASS OF 2007!

# The Leadership Society

**A**lexa Hansen, Class of 2003, recently reflected on why she chose to continue her involvement with LLC by way of becoming a member of The Leadership Society. "Education, community service, and networking are the three components of The Leadership Society, and I have benefited from all aspects of being a member of this group. We have learned even more about Lorain County through our speakers, our involvement with the citizens of Lorain County with the Voices and Choices project, and with the community service that we do."

Alexa noted that by being a part of The Leadership Society she has had the opportunity to meet on a regular basis people from our community who are out there making a difference, and that without the benefit of The Leadership Society, she would never had had these opportunities. The



*Alexa Hansen (front row center) with other members of The Leadership Society*

common denominator of members of the Society is that they all want to be involved in something that makes a difference.

The Leadership Society is actively recruiting members for the 2007-2008 year. All LLC Alumni are welcome to submit an application, which can be found at [www.leadershiploraincounty.com](http://www.leadershiploraincounty.com). Applications for membership will be accepted until August 30 as the work of the Society begins in September. Requirements for joining include: Being an alumnus of the LLC or other approved Leadership Program; being a dues-paying alumnus (basic level is \$75) and submitting a \$150 program fee.

If being a member of The Leadership Society interests you, please call the office for more details. The Society is in the process of selecting a community service project through their initiative, Extreme Make-Over, Lorain County Edition, and if you join now, you can be part of that decision process- you, too, can make a difference!

**Congratulations to the members of this year's Leadership Society who are making a difference:**

<b>Paul Balcom</b> Honorary	<b>Dan Martin</b> '95
<b>Brian Frederick</b> '89	<b>Jerry Skully</b> '90
<b>Alexa Hansen</b> '03	<b>Joe Starr</b> '95
<b>Bill Harper</b> '04	<b>Rachel Tansey</b> '06
<b>Sharon Kleppel</b> '97	<b>Karen Wells</b> '03
<b>Lee Kolczun</b> '87	<b>Jim Whiteman</b> '05
<b>Mary Lambert</b> '06	<b>David Williams</b> '94
<b>Joan Lowry</b> '89	<b>Jeff Zink</b> '06
<b>Michele Marquis</b> '06	<b>Maria Zolli</b> '98

## LLC Alumni Make a Difference

**G**iving choice to LLC Alumni on various ways to stay engaged with our organization is a basic component of our Alumni Program. Just recently, eight of our alumni volunteered to interview candidates for the upcoming Class of 2008. When asked why, **Mary Ann Littell** '03 said that she "wanted to keep in touch with the new class, noting that meeting with them is invigorating and refreshing."

**Darryl Everett** '06 said that he likes being an advocate for Leadership Lorain County, and that being part of the interview process is a good way to get the word out about the value of LLC.

**David "Rocky" Campana** '03 volunteered to interview potential class participants as he likes knowing that the members of the upcoming class are a good fit with LLC and that they will be a productive and committed to the program. "It's important to continue on with the standards and expectations that LLC has established."

Rounding out the interview team this year were **Barb Brandau** '05, **Steve Hosler** '99, **Tim Howard** '06, **Kim Krall** '05, **Cindy Kushner** '06, **Margaret O' Bryon** '03, **Lois Pozega** '04, **Traci Shed** '07, **Jeannette Strukely** '03, **Clare Cygan Young** '03, **Jeff Zink** '06.

# Our Alumni Numbers are Growing – Be a Part of the Excitement!

As alumni we all have a **common connection** to Leadership Lorain County. Whether you graduated recently or decades ago, we're a part of the same big network. Our LLC network is **752 alumni strong** throughout Lorain County and the region. That's a lot of committed Leaders!

By remitting your alumni dues, you're supporting our ongoing efforts of **keeping alumni connected** to one another and to our work in the community. You're also **ensuring a strong future** for Leadership Lorain County.

**You'll soon receive your alumni membership mailing. Join today** to help us continue to **foster lifelong leaders** who serve as catalysts for positive change, and help us continue to **develop new ways to involve alumni** in the life of Leadership Lorain County!

**Basic memberships begin at \$75** and include member-only discounts, advance notice of events and gatherings, a **NEW** printed alumni directory to be published this fall, online alumni directory access, and more! You can also join online at [www.leadershiploraincounty.com](http://www.leadershiploraincounty.com).

## Getting Involved . . . 12 Simple Ways to Make LLC Stronger

### 1 Pay your annual alumni dues!

2 Attend alumni events and gatherings.

3 Display your new LLC alumni decal (included in your membership renewal mailing!)

4 Spread the word to your friends and colleagues about the work of LLC.

5 Consider joining the Leadership Society.

6 Hire LCIP interns during summers and hire graduates for permanent positions.

7 Nominate an outstanding community member or organization for the Difference Makers Awards.

8 Be sure LLC has your e-mail address!

9 Read LLC's quarterly newsletter and visit our website.

10 Assist in class member recruitment.

11 Volunteer for a LLC committee, project team or as an event helper.

12 Wear your LLC lapel pin.

## Youth Alumni Where are they now?



Anthony DeMaria, Class of 2003

Anthony DeMaria, Class of 2003, was a junior at Open Door Christian School, when he committed to participating the leadership program. Anthony will be a senior at Messiah College in the fall and is in the process of deciding which chiropractic college to attend after graduation next year. In the past year Anthony studied in Panama, Costa Rica, and New Zealand with the biology department of Messiah College.

On reflection of his participation in the Leadership Program, Anthony noted, ***"I really enjoyed the time I spent with LLC my junior year of high school. It is hard to believe that it was already four years ago! Also, the road rally is one of my favorite aspects of LLC!"***

# LLC Events upcoming

## Alumni Social

Please join us for good food  
and great conversation!

### LLC Alumni Social

**Tuesday, July 24 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

Beaver Park Marina North  
6000 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH

No admission fee  
Cash bar

Boat rides will be available, weather permitting.

RSVP to [llc@leadershiploraincounty.com](mailto:llc@leadershiploraincounty.com)  
or Brenda at 440-366-4700

## It's Road Rally Time!!!

It's time for the Famous and Fun Road Rally to orient the new members of the Class of 2008 to the assets of Lorain County! We need team drivers from noon to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, August 15; If you want to be part of this fun time, contact [llc@leadershiploraincounty.com](mailto:llc@leadershiploraincounty.com) or Kathy Ader at 440-366-4700.

# past Alumni Social

Over 50 LLC Alumni and Friends showed up at Quaker Steak and Lube on April 19 to catch up with classmates and to enjoy the food sponsored by David Campana '03 Insurance, LTD.



*Jon Majkut, Lynn Koster, Barb Brandau, and Kim Krall representing the Class of 2005 at the Alumni Social*



*Brian Frederick '89, Steve Hosler '99, and Bob Cox '99*

We now offer opportunities to sponsor this quarterly newsletter! It's great exposure for your business, with special recognition benefits. Sponsorships allow local businesses to become involved in developing community trustees while increasing visibility among a broad network of top leaders. If you'd like more information on how your company could be featured in this way, contact Kristen Jones at (440) 366-4700.

# THANK YOU!

Leadership Lorain County thanks the following corporations, businesses, and foundation for their contributions at the \$1,000 level and above during our 2006-2007 fiscal year. **The Champions of Leadership is the corporate giving program of Leadership Lorain County. As valued partners with Leadership Lorain County, their general mission support helps us continue to create positive change within our communities.** We gratefully acknowledge and recognize their vital mission support of our organization.

## THE CHAMPIONS OF LEADERSHIP\*

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First Place Bank  
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Star Builders  
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*\*Our Champions of Leadership company logos and links to their websites are displayed in rotation on our website at [www.leadershiploraincounty.com](http://www.leadershiploraincounty.com). Please visit regularly!*

**We are also sincerely grateful to the following businesses and organizations that have supported Leadership Lorain County through special event sponsorships at the \$1,000 level and higher.**

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CBLH Design  
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Community Foundation of Lorain County  
Community Health Partners  
Consumers Builders Supply  
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Beckett Air  
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EMH Regional Healthcare System  
E&P Properties, LLC  
Ferris Baker Watts  
Fifth Third Bank  
Firelands Association for the Visual Arts  
FirstMerit Bank  
Goodman Beverage Company  
The King's College, New York City  
LifeShare Community Blood Services  
Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services  
Lorain County Community College  
Lorain County Community College Foundation  
Lorain National Bank  
Marzavas & Sons Swiss American Jewelers

Nordson Corporation  
Nordson Corporation Foundation  
North Ohio Heart Center  
Premier Toyota Scion of Amherst  
PriceWaterhouseCoopers  
Sprenger Retirement Centers  
Stumphauzer, O'Toole, McLaughlin, McGlamery, & Loughlin Co., LPA  
Wachovia Securities – Westlake  
Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista

# LCIP Begins With a Splash

The ten-week summer internship program began with a splash in Ely Square's fountain for some interns. Twelve interns gathered for a mini-road rally throughout Lorain County, seeking information about the area and getting to know each other at the same time. The following are participants in this year's program are:

- Jonathan Barnes** – Lorain City Schools
- Krystina Bove** – Lorain Public Library System
- Sara Box** – FAVA
- Michael Buchs** – OSU Extension
- Deanne Conley** – Lorain County Visitors Bureau/  
Sacred Landmarks Initiative
- Adam Eltrich** – The Nord Family Foundation
- Kaitlyn Hollingsworth** – Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- April Markiewicz-Palmer** – Common Ground
- Mary Moroney** – Oberlin Heritage Center
- Rhonda Newman** – Avon Historical Society
- Amanda Oakes** – Elyria Health District
- Diane Papp** – Leadership Lorain County
- Laura Twining** – Main Street Vermilion
- Carlene Wesemeyer** – Lorain County Metro Parks



*Summer interns make a splash in Ely Square's fountain*



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