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## Tenth Annual Awards Presentation Held At Scioto Country Club

Eighty people were on hand when County Commissioner Paula Brooks and Assistant City Manager Joe Valentino were honored for their extensive leadership contributions on October 20th at Scioto Country Club. Paula received the 10th Margine Moul Leadership Award for her longtime service to the UA community. And Valentino was presented with the first Service to Youth Award for his dedication to the young people of UA.

In opening remarks, Peggy Concilla, Executive Director said, "Paula joins an elite group of previous honorees and Joe was a natural choice for the first Service to Youth Award."



In presenting the award to Joe, UA School Treasurer, Andy Geitsfelt, a longtime friend, said he "considered Joe to be the best mentor and friend" anyone could have. Before joining the ranks of civic service, Joe was a founder of the Columbus Youth Ministers Network. He has volunteered with Columbus Young Life, the UA Youth and Family Council, UA Special Olympics Parent Board, UA Youth Leadership Program and the UA School Board. He has volunteered in various capacities at St. Andrews and Upper Arlington Lutheran Churches and is an active member of the UA Rotary Club. Joe also oversees a Bible study group for high school freshmen.

Paula began her public service career in 1975 as an investigator for the Ohio Attorney General. She held various state positions before settling into a law practice in UA. She was appointed as a civilian advisor to the Federal Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services in 2000, where she served with distinction. She has served on the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, WOSU Friends, Friends of the Arts in UA, the Columbus Urban League and the Private Industry Council. She is President-Elect of the Columbus Bar Association Foundation and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Ohio Commissioners Association.

She is currently President of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and has had a long career in both public service and business, including eight years as an Upper Arlington City Council member. She also served as president of Upper Arlington's Community Improvement Corporation, providing leadership during her decade of service with them.

Congratulations to two worthy community servants!

## Board Joins Class at Camp Akita Retreat

This year's program got off to a great start with the Leadership retreat at Camp Akita, where new class inductees gathered with members of the Leadership Board of Trustees.

Brad Mitchell, CEO of the Educational Council of Franklin County conducted an interactive experience on Human Dynamics. Human Dynamics is a very simple method of self examination that illustrates the different learning and leading styles of the participants.

Developed by Dr. Sandra Seagal, it identifies the interaction in people of three universal principles: mental, emotional (relational) and physical (practical.)

Mitchell started the session by asking each person to site their favorite book on the subject of Leadership and share something that inspired them. "What was inspiring was hearing the responses and the depth of knowledge from the new class", remarked Mitchell, a 20 year veteran of leadership studies at OSU. The result was a comprehensive bibliography of books about leadership, which the class hopes to post on their web site for future reference.

This was a unique opportunity for the Board to interact with the new class members and for members to get to know the Board of Trustees.

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## 2006–2007 Classes Include New Topics

The Program Committee reviews the curriculum each year in conjunction with the session evaluations before the determination is made on the session topics.

This year we have included two new sessions: one to explore various leadership theories and one aimed at business in UA.

Former Professor, Brad Mitchell, will be with us for the leadership discussions and President of the UA Chamber, Brenda Schwandt (class of 00), will organize the session on UA Businesses.

The class this year will also do some assigned reading and follow-up with discussions led by alumni Rose Konrath and Dr. Deborah Binkley.

Human services projects are being done with a partner this year and we have built in more time for project planning.

Congressional Insight is not on the

schedule for this year. Although we love the program, the costs have become prohibitive. We are considering the option of offering it every two years and inviting the previous class to attend.

Dr. Mitchell will moderate our very popular, Leadership Panel Discussion, in February. The session is open to anyone who wants to observe. It will be held at the theater in the Main Library. Each year we assemble a diverse panel of community leaders and the information is both fascinating and informative.

Our next session is Economic Development on November 9, in the lower level meeting room at the Municipal Building. In addition to staff from the City, we will have local developers discuss their projects around the city and a representative from MORPC to educate us on the uniqueness of being a first ring suburb and our efforts to work with the larger Columbus community.

### **Remaining Classes Scheduled:**

**You are welcome to join us at any of them.**

Nov. 9	Economic Development	Jan. 18	Book Discussions
Nov. 30	Business in UA & Human Service Presentations	Feb. 1	Grading Yourself as a Leader
Dec. 7	Project Planning & Human Service Presentations	Feb. 22	Leadership Panel Discussion
Jan. 4	Leadership Theories	Mar. 8	Leadership In the Schools
		Mar. 29	Fire House Tour
		Apr. 12	Putting it All Together

## Youth Program to Begin in January

For the past six years our ninth grade Youth Program has been modeled after our adult curriculum. A survey of our participants last year indicated that the members were very interested in two things: meeting more often and doing community service.

Finding more meeting times to fit into the tight schedules of high schoolers seemed impossible, but we found a way.

Beginning in January the Youth Program will meet bi-monthly on Sundays. The sessions are geared toward community service opportunities and practical

applications of leadership. The group will plan an activity with the children of the YWCA Homeless Family Center, visit a food pantry, and tour the homeless camps around Columbus.

They also will join forces with some adult partners for a significant community service project in UA.

If you are interested in joining in this reorganization of the Youth Program, please contact Peggy Concilla. Current committee members are Kristen Ober, Chair, Syndee Robinson, Jim Buffer, Marianne Mitchell, Terry Starr and Leslie Meyer.

# Michelle Schaefer Heads Back to the Middle East

Michelle Atkins Schaefer, wife of retired Upper Arlington School Superintendent, Bill Schaefer, left November 4<sup>th</sup> for an 18 month deployment that will include 12 months in Iraq. An 18-year veteran nurse with the U.S. Army Reserves, Atkins-Schaefer has been called to active duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom. She will be transferred from the Combat Support Hospital (where she has previously served on the Nurse Corp) to the Civil Affairs branch of the Army. This is the area responsible for working with Civil and Non-governmental authorities to help re-establish a functioning society. For example, Lawyers working in Civil Affairs from the Judge Advocate General's branch work to help authorities establish civil law. "As a nurse, I expect to have a somewhat similar function in establishing badly needed health care programs", says Michelle, although the details of her mission have not yet been disclosed.



Atkins-Schaefer is no stranger to active duty. During her tenure she has served in a variety of operations, including Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm, where her Combat Support Hospital took care of sick and wounded soldiers. "A Combat Support Hospital (CSH - pronounced CASH) is essentially a bigger version of a MASH hospital, which everyone is familiar with from the movie and TV series", explains Atkins-Schaefer. The mission of the CSH is to provide life and limb saving interventions and to conserve the fighting strength of the Army. "In addition to my service in Desert Storm, I have been on medical support missions to Laos and participated in Operation Bright Star—a multinational training mission in Egypt."

Michelle has been a long-time supporter of Leadership UA, having graduated from the program in 1995. "I believe Leadership UA serves a fundamental purpose in our community by identifying and developing new leaders within the community and ensuring that Upper Arlington will always have a strong base of leaders to draw from and to meet a diverse array of community needs." While a participant in UA Leadership, her group developed a project around the Upper Arlington Early Childhood Development Program, which led to increased support for the program from the UA Schools. The Upper Arlington Early Childhood Development Program (housed at Burbank School) continues to be the premiere program of its kind in central Ohio. "The many relationships I developed while in the UALP have enhanced my relationships with the community", she remembers. "One of the benefits the community and I both reaped was the opportunity to serve on the board of the Northwest Counseling Center, which provides mental health services."

Michelle says she is excited about the opportunity to serve again, but at the same time she says, "I am very sorry to have to leave home and my 'regular' life." Although she admits to being somewhat nervous and concerned for her personal safety, she says that the most difficult thing is leaving her husband. "Bill has always been a terrific supporter of my military career, but he will bear the heaviest burden of my going. The not knowing what I am doing from day to day, the restrictions on communications, and the vacant place in his life are the hardest part for me." Since Bill's retirement from UA Schools in August, he and Michelle have been busy planning their post working years. Unfortunately, they will have to put those plans on hold for at least another 18 months.

If you'd like to contact Michelle during her tour, she can be reached at [michelle.atkins@us.army.mil](mailto:michelle.atkins@us.army.mil).

## Development Notes

As an independent 501 (C)3, the Leadership Program is responsible for funding itself. This year we need to raise approximately \$34,000 to pay for the program. How do we do this? Tuition was raised this year to \$700, grants have been applied for, and seeking class sponsorships is an ongoing activity. General donations are welcome at any time and of course, they are tax deductible.

We are pleased to announce that The Key Bank Foundation awarded us \$1200 to be used for minority scholarships. The UA Rotary, through the Northwest Women of the Year Committee, has set aside \$2400 in scholarships for our Youth Program. Gifts such as these can be a tremendous boost to our budget.

Our award presentation at Scioto in October was sponsored by Alan Starr of the Contrak Company and Matt Rappolt at Ray Insurance. Invitations were printed at a significant discount by Mary Ann Ondecko at SOS Printing and Graphics. We raised an

additional \$2800 from the event itself.

So far this year, we have evening sessions sponsored by Fred Minich at Edward Jones, Greg Guy at Air Force One, Ed Seidel at Dynamex, Tom Lindsey, and Abbington of Arlington Assisted Living. Tom Ober (Tom the Handeyman) supplied printing for an insert in the Chamber newsletter last month.

As a session sponsor you are invited to join the class for dinner and given time to speak about your business. Session sponsorships are \$200. It's a perfect opportunity to reconnect with the Leadership program and promote your business at the same time.

Board member Tom Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney, sponsors a session and has his favorite charity attend in place of a business. By doing this Tom is able to financially support the program and promote his favorite cause.

There's lots of ways to support Leadership UA. When will we be hearing from YOU next?

# Meet the Class of '07

**Emmett Abella** went to school at Roseville High School, Muskingum Area Technical Collage, and Ohio University. He was appointed as City Clerk to Upper Arlington in July of 2006. He worked in Sunbury and Roseville in clerk positions prior to coming to UA.

Emmett has been married to Linda Evans for thirty-four years and has three adult children and one granddaughter eight months old. A veteran of seven marathons, he gave up running in 2003 following a heart attack.

**Ross Bagby** is the current club president of Northwest Toastmasters Club. He holds a Ph.D. in History from OSU, a Masters in Library Science from the University of Chicago, and a BA from Oberlin. He also has one of the world's largest private video collections of Jules Verne movies! A UA resident for most of his life, in recent years he has awakened into activism.

**Katy Bainbridge** grew up in Boston, moved to Ohio and attended Wittenberg University. She then received her masters in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University. She currently serves as curriculum and instruction coordinator for Westerville City Schools. Katy and husband Andrew have lived in Upper Arlington for ten years. Her most important role is that of mother to Emma, Tremont kindergartner, Todd (4) and Bowen (9 months). It's her hope to become more of a leader in the community of Upper Arlington.

**Laural L. Heinze Bowman** Loves to read non fiction and enjoys baking because "it's creative and exact at the same time." She is married with three grown children and currently works for J. S. Brown & Co. In addition to handling the accounts receivable and payable, she supports sales and production, and works on company events and marketing. Laural considers her best strength to be her enthusiasm and how she is able to connect with other people one-on-one.

**Sunita Byg** grew up in Columbus, but spent three years in high school at an International boarding school in the Himalayan Mountains. Woodstock High School is located in Mussoorie, India. On a clear day she could see Mt. Everest. There were 72 kids in her graduating class and they represented 33 different nationalities. Sunita says it was "an awesome experience that prepared me for the rest of my life."

Sunita holds a degree from OSU in International Business and Marketing and is a financial advisor with UBS Financial Services.

**Nathan Cable** remembers starting his UA school career at Fishinger Road Elementary School (now Wellington). As a young boy he competed in road races, cross country, and track meets. He continued running through high school and ran cross country and indoor track in college his freshman year. Nathan graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Family Financial Management and then headed out to the "real world".

Nathan and his wife Holly have a rambunctious 3 year old boy that keeps them going. He enjoys keeping busy with activities through his church, which includes community involve-

ment projects. Nathan was profoundly moved by Chuck Yeager's book, about his life and breaking the sound barrier and at one point he seriously considered joining the Air Force or Navy to become a fighter pilot.

**Jeff Collett** is the Director of Operational Technology for UA Schools. He received his BA from Ohio University and his Masters from Bluffton College. Jeff grew up in Piqua, Oh and moved to UA this past August. He loves motorcycles, technology and his dog Belle.

**Chris Dusseau** grew up in Upper Arlington and did his undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame. After college, he played and coached lacrosse in Europe for a year. He returned to the states and received his law degree from the University of Oregon. Chris has been an associate with the law firm of Carlile, Patchen, & Murphy for three years. Chris lives in Upper Arlington with his dog, Lucy.

**Chris Everett**, lived in Upper Arlington from his birth in 1970 until 1983, when his family relocated to a farm in the Johnstown (Licking County) area. He graduated from Northridge High School in 1988 as Valedictorian. Following high school, he attended The Ohio State University for a year. With no idea what to pursue as a career during that year, he took time off from his education and enlisted in the U.S. Army for a three-year tour. Chris worked as a Military Intelligence analyst, and was the recipient of two Army Commendation Medals during his military career. He returned to The Ohio State University in 1993, and subsequently earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geological Sciences. He has been employed as a hydrogeologist with Burgess & Niple, Inc. since completing his M.S. in 1997.

Chris met the love of his life, Vicki, during graduate school and married her in 1997. They moved into Upper Arlington in 1999. They are the parents of two daughters, Gillian (6) and Skylar (3). The Everett family very much enjoys living in UA, and looks forward to being members of the community for years to come.

**Aragon Gould** grew up in Cloverdale, IN and attended Franklin College as a football player and Biology major. An injury early in his career facilitated a moved to Columbus with Galyans Trading Co. Aragon has been in Central Ohio for the past 10 years and is the manager of the new Sky Bank in UA. He has two beautiful daughters named Savannah and Dakota. Aragon is an avid outdoorsman, active in all forms of outdoor recreation. He especially enjoys hiking, canoeing, sand volleyball, and basketball.

**Tom Haley** attended Northeastern High School, located in Springfield, Ohio, where he was captain of the football and baseball teams. A little know fact is that his wife was the prom queen and he was the prom king. Tom has been married for 5 years and has 3 step sons, all of which are members of the Ohio Air National Guard.

He graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in Natural Resources in 1990. Tom has been a member of the 178<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron of the 178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Springfield, Ohio for 21 years. Presently he is the NCOIC (Supervisor) of the Heavy Equipment and Pavements Shop.

Tom is the Safety Coordinator for the City of Upper Arlington. Tom enjoys exercising (lifting weights and running/jogging), spending time with my wife and family, and the Buckeyes.

**Brendan King** moved to Upper Arlington as a kindergartner, moved away for college and returned with his family in 2005. He received his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Kentucky and his law degree from Capital University.

Brendan is an attorney with the law firm of Appel & Hellstedt in Worthington, focusing on Real Estate, Probate and Estate Planning. Brendan enjoys athletics of all kinds, both as a spectator and as a participant. He and his wife Kelly, a teacher at Upper Arlington High School, are both UAHS graduates and reside in Upper Arlington with their young son, William, and dog, Oscar.

**Renee LaReau**, a Kalamazoo, Michigan native, has lived in Upper Arlington for three years with her husband Jim Schmiedeler. She is a freelance writer who writes regularly for Columbus Monthly and The Columbus Dispatch, as well as for national and in-flight magazines like Cooking Light and Southwest Airlines Spirit. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Notre Dame, and she plays the flute weekly at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Victorian Village.

**Julie Olds** grew up in Columbus on the east side. She graduated from Walnut Ridge High School in 1985 and Ohio State University in 1993. She lived in Georgia with her husband for 7 years before returning to Columbus in 2000. She and her husband Keith have two children (Keenan age 13 and Mikayla age 10). Her favorite activities are reading (R. A. Salvatore), avid gaming with the family, and jewelry-making. She designed the t-shirts for the Grandview Pumpkin run this year.

**Greg Patrick** has been with the UA police department for over 14 years. In his capacity as the division's crash investigator, he has worked numerous fatal crashes that have occurred in this area. As a patrolman, he served as a Field Training Officer - it can be really interesting when a rookie drives for the first time with the lights and siren on!

Greg and his wife have four children, ages 14 (Katherine), 11(Sean), 10(Lauren) and 8(Ryan).

**Chris Riehl** is 2002 UAHS grad and a recent graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with History and Spanish degrees. He just landed his first post collegiate job in the management program at Enterprise Rental Car.

**Mary Wehner** has lived in central Ohio her entire life and graduated from Gahanna Lincoln High School. She is married sixteen years to Ron Wehner, and has two children. She has an undergraduate degree in accounting; is a CPA and CIA (Certified Internal Auditor).

Ten years ago Mary and her husband opened a Great Harvest Bread Company franchise. Mary worked there for over 5 years before returning to the world of accounting as UA City Finance Manager.

Mary hopes to pursue a graduate degree and to purchase a timeshare. She is looking forward to traveling more, as her children get older.

**Huiyun Xiang** currently is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, The Ohio State University. He received his MD and MPH from Tongji Medical College, the People's Republic of China. Huiyun attended Colorado State University and received his PhD in injury epidemiology. He also worked as the Vital Statistics Unit Director at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for several years.

Currently, Huiyun is the Associate Director for Professional Development and the Director for the International Program at the Center for Injury Research and Policy, Columbus Children's Research Institute. Nationally, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Society for Advancement in Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR), on the National Minority Affairs Committee of the American College of Epidemiology, and on the External Advisory Board for the CDC-funded Colorado Injury Control Research Center.

Huiyun and his wife, whom he met in medical school in China, have two sons and have lived in UA for 2 years.

**Pictured below: kneeling: Renee LaRue, Laural Bowman. Standing: Katy Bainbridge, Tom Haley, Sunita Byg, Mary Wehner, Huiyun Xiang, Chris Riehl, Nathan Cable, Ross Bagby, Chris Everett, Chris Dusseau, Julie Olds, Aragon Gould, Emmett Abella, Jeff Collett, Greg Patrick and Brendan King.**



## Class Meals Donated

Thanks to the Forum at Knightsbridge for hosting our orientation dinner and to the Old Bag of Nails, Huffman's Market, Mama Mimi's Take and Bake Pizza, and Morettis for providing meals so far this fall.

## Your Submissions Welcome

Have something interesting to share? Want to make a volunteer announcement? Feel like writing a column? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Email your comments and text to [Exec@leadershipua.org](mailto:Exec@leadershipua.org). The next newsletter will be printed in February.

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Thanks to Chip Bruss at HER Real Living for the article on the retreat and the interview with Michelle Schaefer.

## Leadership Quote...

All the great leaders have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership.

.....John Kenneth Galbraith, "the Age of Uncertainty"

## The President's Corner, by Terry Starr

The Leadership UA program is off to a fantastic start this year. The highlight of our year to date was the Leadership Award Reception at Scioto Country Club honoring Paula Brooks as the Margine Moul Leadership Award recipient and Joe Valentino as the first honoree of the Service to Youth Award.



Our 2007 class consists of 18 vivacious and highly motivated community members who attended a retreat at beautiful Camp Akita the last weekend of September. This year's program is packed full of motivational speakers, community awareness sessions and interactive team-building activities. Our class members are a great contribution to our program.

The Board has been working very hard the past nine months on a new strategic plan and its implementation. Our committees are active and the Upper Arlington Leadership Program is one you can be proud of.

We invite you to support the program by becoming an evening session sponsor for \$200. You get to join the class for dinner, see how the program has changed and make a pitch for your company. To sweeten the deal, your donation is tax deductible!

Please watch for your emails and newsletters announcing a late spring gathering for all of our board members, class members and alumni and plan to attend. We have a wonderful group of current and past Leadership UA members and our goal is to keep everyone active in Leadership UA!

If we don't have an email address on file for you, please send it to [Execdir@leadershipua.org](mailto:Execdir@leadershipua.org). You don't want to miss important announcements and opportunities available to you.

I'm looking forward to presiding over the Board of Trustees this year. They are a remarkable group of people and it's my pleasure to work with them.

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