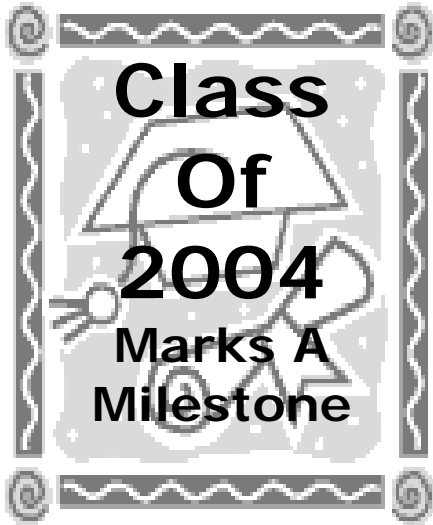


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L to R: Erik Yassenoff, Dave DaVeck, Jeff Warner, Mary Austin, Marianne Mitchell, Tonya Sexton, Debi Binkley, Jim Buffer, Chip Bruss. **Back:** Bill Mead, Chuck Baxley, Syndee Robinson, Chris Scott, Pam Archer, Tom Lindsey, Gerald Smith. **Front:** Evie Kennedy. **Absent:** Blaire Catalano, Darrell Hughes.

Leadership UA celebrated our 300th graduate on April 29th. Class members and guests dined on a multi-course meal at Da Vinci Ristorante, participated in our Annual Meeting, presented the group projects, and shared some laughs with “special awards” presented by the Executive Director.

Project presentations were by Chris Scott and Jim Buffer. The Community Forum Group as reported by Scott, was successful in hosting an economic development forum at the high school in early April. About 30 residents attended and shared thoughts about the future development challenges in Upper Arlington.

Buffer’s group designed an alumni survey that will provide Leadership UA with extensive data base information on our alumni. Notification and directions for the survey were mailed in early May. You are encouraged to complete the survey as soon as possible. Both groups are to be commended for their teamwork.

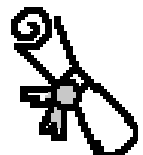
We had a very exciting and informative schedule this year. Previous newsletters highlighted the Fall sessions. In February professional facilitator Susan Alexander led a workshop entitled “The Art of Possibility”, based on the best selling book by Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander.

The Leadership Panel Session in March was ably moderated by Board Member Scott Ford and included: The Rev. John Ross from First Community Church, Mark Pfister, former OSU athlete and local businessman, Dave Heinline, President of the Civic Association, Janet Jackson, former Judge and Columbus City Attorney and current President of the United Way of Central Ohio, and Wade Steen VP and Treasurer for Lutheran Social Services. The information and inspiration from our panelists was most certainly a highlight of the year.

Once again we provided the class with the opportunity to experience a Congressional Campaign with our Congressional Insight Experience. This year we did so in conjunction with the Worthington Leadership Class. We hope this is the first of many opportunities to share resources and mingle the two groups. We ended our year April 15th with the always motivating, highly energized Frank Pacetta who encouraged everyone to find what you love to do, and work hard at it.

Congratulations to Blaire Catalano whose baby arrived a mere 12 hours after our last class and to Chuck Baxley whose son made his debut five days later!

Congratulations to the Class of 2004!



From the President

The end of the 2003-2004 program signals an end to my term as Board President. The time has quickly passed but not without some challenges and accomplishments. The Leadership UA Board consists of hard working alumni who tackle everything from recruitment to programming to public relations. This year, three vacancies occurred on the Board, two due to work relocations. The Board responded by recruiting three wonderful replacements: Teri Starr, Laurie Lathan and Peggy McDaniel.

In January, the Board held a strategic planning session where goals were set to revise the bylaws, review and document the various committee responsibilities and extend the duties of the program committee to involve the entire Board. I am happy to report that all these goals were met. The credit for these accomplishments goes to the entire Board who gave of their time to implement these plans. I would like to thank each and every member of this leadership team for their hard work and dedication to the program. But, I would be remiss if I did not thank the workhorse behind us all, Peggy Concilla, Executive Director. Peggy's endless energy supports the Board in every turn. Her responsibilities are great and her attention to detail is unmatched. She made my term as president run smoothly with her organization skills and her gentle reminders of my duties and schedule. It truly was a pleasure to serve with these people. And as the leadership position changes to Matt Rappolt, I am confident that the upcoming year will be as successful as the past.

UA Chamber University Series

Session 4—*July 28th, Four Generations in the Workplace: Mixing Leadership, Experience, Ambition & Fun.* Presented by David Thompson, Pairadocs Consulting. Registration deadline July 23.

Session 5—*September 29th, Law for Small Businesses.* Presented by Jack D'Aurora, Attorney. Registration deadline September 24.

Cost is \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for non chamber registrants. Seminars are held from 7:30 –9:30 AM at the Community Room of The Shops on Lane Avenue. For more information, please contact Brenda at the Chamber at 481-5710.

Leadership Executive Director Honored at Chamber Event

Leadership UA Executive Director Peggy Concilla and her husband Dennis were recently honored at the 2004 Golden Gala presented by the Upper Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce. The Concillas were honored as Leadership Honorees at the 10th Annual Golden Gala.

The Chamber chose the Concillas because of their involvement in the Upper Arlington community, specifically regarding their involvement in the schools. Peggy and Dennis are very supportive of the schools not only in their participation in their own children's activities but have been enormously involved in the difficult task of passing school levies. The Concillas have also been active members on a number of charitable boards throughout the Columbus area.

Former Councilwoman Paula Brooks spoke on their behalf and had this to say about Peggy, "she is a stand for children, the schools and this community". She is bringing "new crops of Upper Arlington leaders online". We think the Chamber made a very wise choice – Peggy has truly been a leader for this organization. Congratulations Peggy!

Recruiting Class of 2005

It's not too early to begin recruiting for next year's class. The schedule is finalized and includes exciting new topics. The curriculum continues to evolve and takes into considerations the comments from previous class members. In fact we are working on a special event that will be of interest to all alumni. Watch your email for information.

The Program Committee has put forth much effort to ensure that Leadership UA gets stronger every year.

Applications and the 04-05 schedule will soon be available on our website or can be obtained from the Executive Director. As always if there is a session that interests you please feel free to join us.

Leadership Quote: "The leadership instinct you are born with is the backbone. You develop the funny bone and the wishbone that go with it."

Elaine Agather

