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# Leadership News

## Changes in Leadership

...*Peggy Concilla*

Several months ago I decided that it was time for me to let someone else take over the Leadership Program. So it is with some sadness that I announce my upcoming 'retirement'.

The past six years have been a wonderful experience for me. I met 200 people that I would otherwise never have met. I formed good, lasting friendships with many and had the privilege of working with dozens of dedicated board members. I've grown in many ways the past six years and learned as much about myself as I learned about others.

I don't know what my next step will be. I don't have anything on my agenda except some wonderful travel plans this summer and getting my youngest off to college in the fall.

It has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve as the Executive Director and I know that the next person will take this organization to new heights. There were 20 very impressive people who applied for this position so I know it will be in good hands. Thanks for everything, and I hope to see you at a future alumni event!



## Starr to Serve Second Term as President

The Board of Trustees has asked Terry Starr to serve another year as Board President. Terry has worked very hard this past year and her experience will be needed during the transition with the new Executive Director.

According to Starr, "Implementing the strategic plan will be a major goal for next year."

Greg Guy will remain as President Elect and assume the presidency in June 2008.

Secretary Debi Binkley, Assistant Superintendent of UA Schools, has announced that she will not renew for a second term on the Board. Debi's experience and guidance will be missed on many levels.

Brenda Schwandt will also be leaving the Board after serving two full terms and staying an extra year as Past President. Brenda has done a terrific job of supporting Leadership UA while serving as UA Chamber President. She will not be easily replaced.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Trustees, please contact Terry Starr at [starr1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:starr1@columbus.rr.com).

## Appreciation for Our Community Partners

Each year the Leadership Program relies on the support from various members of the community to meet our budgetary guidelines. Support comes in several forms: donating meals, providing goods or services or cash donations.

This year the Youth Program received a large donation from the Upper Arlington Rotary and their Northwest Women of the Year Committee. These funds had a profound impact on the Youth budget and meant that each of the 24 participants was awarded the equivalent of \$100 in tuition assistance. Because of this donation the Youth Program is able to fund itself for the first time.

Local restaurants gladly provided food for the adult program. The class dined on feasts from The Forum, Old Bag of Nails, Rusty Bucket, Morretti's, Da Vinci Café, Camilles, Chipolte, Giant Eagle, First Community Village, Great Harvest and Steven's Catering.

Contrak, Ray Insurance and SOS Printing and Graphics provided sponsorships for our fall event.

Thanks to all of you for your support of Leadership UA. We couldn't get through the year without you!

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## YOUTH Leadership Class



The youth committee worked hard putting together a fantastic youth program this year. The committee was passionate about providing a great learning experience for the kids as well as insuring that they had fun. One big change was to condense the timeframe of the classes and meet bi-monthly from January through May. The change enabled the kids to form tighter bonds because they see each other more often.

Keeping the kids animated through team building activities, role playing, and assisting others have provided a good learning environment focused on leadership and service. The class has visited COSI for a leadership session, completed team activities with Joe Valentino, created skits on principle-based living with Brad Mitchell, worked on leadership activities with Marjory Pizzuti, and met with the Tri-Village Noon Lions to learn about being blind. They also visited the YWCA Family Center and did artwork with the children there.

The class was given the challenge to continue the 'Hands Across the Community day of service.' Building on a project from the adult class last year, they will do repair and maintenance for homeowners that aren't able to complete the work themselves. The kids voted on project and committee leaders, and worked hard to establish small goals. They have hashed out deadlines to complete these goals. The kids are realizing how hard it is for leaders to fit things into busy schedules...especially large project management! The Tri-Village Noon Lions group has donated \$250.00 to the youth group for the project and will serve as project mentors to the group as well as volunteer on the day of the project. The commitment from the Lions is greatly appreciated and the youth committee will seek out more involvement from other service groups next year.

The participating youth are engaged, intelligent, fun, and full of energy...we can't wait



# CLASS PROJECTS

You are cordially invited to participate in three class projects.

There is something for everyone.

Why not show your support?

## Leadership in the Park

Members of the Leadership UA Class of 2007 are in partnership with the City of Upper Arlington Parks and Forestry Division, The Cultural Arts Division, and Horticulturalist for City of UA, Lisa Huddy, to design and install a 4 season garden along the Reed Road walking path. The garden will feature a beautiful abstract sculpture "Rotation" by C. Jere'. We are currently seeking **Green** donations = plants, checks, or cash. For details please contact Sunita Byg at 738-2033 or Emmet Abella at 583-5031, ebella@uaoh.net. Donations are Tax Deductible. Be sure to look for an article in next month's UA Chamber newsletter and Arlington News for details regarding the unveiling and dedication. Thank you for your support!

## Leadership at Max and Ermas

On April 19, join members of the class of 2007 from 4:30 – 9:30 for an informal get together at Max and Ermas on Henderson Road. Twenty percent of the sales will be donated to Leadership UA. If you can't come after work, a lunch order will generate a 20% donation as well. Just present your coupon at time of order. Why not take everyone from you office?

This is the easiest fund raiser you'll every participate in!

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## Leadership in Action

This group decided to help the UA Firefighters reach their goal for the restoration of the old Seagraves fire engine. Facing a \$10,000 goal, this project might be labeled as very ambitious! The dinner will be at the Arlington Avenue station, and your waiters will be none other than UA's finest, who will also valet park your car. The tentative date is June 2. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community and Leadership UA to give our firefighters a boost! Watch for your invitation!

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