



Special News:

Homecoming Event
Scholarship Winner
List of Flagship Class of 2007



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Leadership Anne Arundel

"Leadership Anne Arundel was founded to create the future leaders of our county. No other organization provides an immersion forum for aspiring leaders to understand the ongoing issues and challenges of Anne Arundel County. LAA provides this opportunity, plus it offers a strong peer network representing our county's geographically, ethnically, socially and economically diverse population."

Arthur D. Ebersberger, Founder



Homecoming 2005

"Homecoming"

Letter from Executive Director

As we wind down the last few weeks of summer, be sure to make plans to join us for Homecoming 2006 on September 7th at Chartwell Country Club. This will be the second year we've expanded this event to include a pre-reception workshop: Election Year Leadership Changes. The fall election season promises hard fought contests on County, State and Federal levels. But beyond November, what critical decisions will face elected representatives from the county? And what obstacles, hidden and otherwise, may stand in their way? Our expert panel will discuss their observations and may provide some surprising views. To add to the mix we want your questions as well. Tom Marquardt, Executive Editor of The Capital, Phill McGowan, veteran reporter for The Sun, and Ted Venetoulis, Chairman, The Corridor, Inc. comprise the panel. Rick Morgan, President & CEO, CommerceFirst Bank and past Chairman of the Board of the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce will serve as moderator.

The reception has become a tradition - a great way to reunite with LAA classmates and members as well as welcome the Flagship Class of 2007. This event launches LAA's 14th year and we want you to be a part of it!

As we get the Flagship Class of 2007 started, we also are gearing up for the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, which will start in November. Last year saw a record number of NLA applications and we're again asking for referrals from LAA members, always our best source of applicants. Please let us know now if you have a friend, family member, co-worker or fellow volunteer who would benefit from this leadership skill-based program.

Hope to see you at Homecoming 2006 - *Griff Hall*

Leadership Anne Arundel Homecoming 2006

You are invited to attend Homecoming 2006



A workshop and reception to kickoff of the 2006-2007 Program Year

Thursday, September 7, 2006
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chartwell Country Club
Chartwell Drive
Severna Park, MD 21146

For active (dues-paying members) only:

Come early to participate in a free workshop
"Election Year Leadership Changes"

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Chartwell Country Club
Troon Room, 1st Floor

Traditional Business Attire
Please R.S.V.P. by August 31st

Workshop

Get started with the 2006-2007 LAA program year by participating in a lively discussion with leading experts on Election Year Leadership Changes:

Anne Arundel County continues to grow and face many complex issues. What will be the key decisions newly elected leaders will face after the fall elections? A panel of media experts will discuss compelling issues and critical decisions facing our future elected leaders. Your thoughts and questions will be a key part of this lively discussion.

The panel will be Tom Marquardt, Executive Editor of The Capital, Ted Venetoulis, Chairman, The Corridor, Inc., and Phill McGowan, veteran reporter for The Sun. Rick Morgan, President & CEO of CommerceFirst Bank and past Chairman of the Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce will serve as moderator.

Reception

Reunite with your classmates, other LAA members, and meet the Flagship Class of '07

Award Ceremony

Presentation of the Flagship Community Trustee Awards chosen by the Flagship 2006 (FLG06) class

- *Community Trustee Award presented to Anne Pearson (FLG05), Alliance for Sustainable Communities*
- *Organizational Trustee Award presented to Paulette Tanoue, Past Principal- Ruth Parker Eason School*



Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) gave me, as an emerging grassroots leader, the opportunity to enhance and gain new leadership skills to become more effective in the community. I'm honored to be the recipient of the 2006 Jack Harden Community Champion Award. I feel blessed to be exposed to so many positive people within a variety of organizations that are "Making a Difference" in the community. I'm excited and look forward to the next LAA Leadership journey in my life.
Rhonda Ulmer (NLA06)



Tribute 2006
Rhonda Ulmer, *Volunteer Maryland*(NLA06)
Award presented by
Jim Harden, *Greystone Consulting Group, Inc.*

*Announcing the 2006 recipient of the
Jack Harden Community Champion Award and Scholarship
Rhonda Ulmer (NLA06)*

The Jack Harden Community Champion Award honors a Neighborhood Leadership Academy graduate who is a leader and motivator in their spiritual, residential and work communities and who regularly gives of self to the community. This person epitomizes the phrase "service to community" and is a champion for their community. This was the fifth year this scholarship has been awarded at Leadership Anne Arundel's Tribute Graduation Ceremony.

Congratulations Rhonda!



Rhonda Ulmer(NLA06)
Brian Angus (FLG06)



NLA06 Graduates Celebrate at Tribute 06
Brian Tucker, Rhonda Ulmer, Hasan McMillan, Carolyn Moody



Rhonda Ulmer (NLA06)
Griff Hall (FLG96) Executive Director/LAA

Welcome Flagship Class of 2007-2008

Class Members:

Doug Abel, Anne Arundel Health System
Margaret Abel, College Women's Club of Annapolis, AA County
Christopher Accinelli, Morgan Stanley
Ada Anderson, Anne Arundel County Health Dept
Sandra Anderson, Comcast Chesapeake Bay Group
Duane Arbogast, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Gwenn Azama
Melissa Beardmore, Anne Arundel Community College
Lisa Benish, Severna Park Jaycees/SP Community Service Foundation
Kyle M. Bray, Founding Advisors, Inc.
Sherry Buschmann, ARINC
Candace Clark, Customer Service Experts, Inc.
Robert S. Collins, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston
Angela Corrieri, Mobile Digital Systems, Inc.
Patti Dimiceli, Organizing Made Simple
Peter D'Souza, Hope House
Rebecca Elon, M.D., North Arundel Senior Care
Richard W. Forgo
John Goldthwait, Provident Bank
John C. Hepler, TeleCommunication Systems (TCS)
Amy Hitt, Crosby Marketing
The Honorable Classie Hoyle, City of Annapolis
Mary Frances Isakov, M&T Bank
Tatiana Johanning
Jessica Jordan, State of Maryland
Erica Matthews, Anne Arundel Community Action Partnership
Patricia McKenna, University of Maryland University College
John M. Meaney, The Columbia Bank
Sherri Meredith, Hospice of Chesapeake
Sara Muempfer, AA Workforce Development Corporation
Beth Nowell
Janice Page, BB&T
Gregory Pearce, Suntrust
Katey Pearson, Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems
Gloria Pressman
Joshua Rivers, Sandy Spring Bank
Katherine Rovendro, Affiliated Sante Group, Anne Arundel Crisis Response System
Parice C. Schuh, Citizens to Elect Steve Schuh
Lisa D. Seborowski, Chesapeake Life Magazine
Betsy Stewart, Arundel Habitat for Humanity
Rhonda Ulmer, Volunteer Maryland/AmeriCorps
Shauna Van Buren, USO of Metropolitan Washington
Joe Van Deuren, Balanced Life Skills
Angela Watts, Annapolis Professional Resources, Inc.
Christine Wilson, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Judy Wilson, Crofton Chamber of Commerce
Colleen Parr Winans, Jr. League of Annapolis
Ed Wright, Spouses Cleaning Houses
Juliet Wright, Maryland Aviation Administration

Looking forward to a great year!

Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Nominations Wanted:

LAA has begun its selection of candidates for the Neighborhood Leadership Academy 06-07 Class. PLEASE contact our offices or check out the application on line at www.leadershipaa.org

If you would like to receive information or have information mailed to a proposed candidate –

Please contact our offices or e-mail Info@leadershipaa.org with the subject line: NLA Candidate.

Thank you for your continued support of LAA!

Board Opportunities

Please send in your detailed board requests to LAA. The LAA E-newsletter will feature board opportunities each month in this section in an effort to match the valuable resources of LAA members with needs in the community. Many of our members are affiliated with

organizations that are looking for new, skilled thinkers to help advance their work. As a compliment to that need, some of our members may be looking to take on a new role with an organization.

Leadership Anne Arundel will promote open board positions for organizations that submit their opportunities. To list your position, please e-mail

info@leadershipaa.org with your organization's mission, a brief description of the volunteer opportunity and contact information.



GET PLUGGED IN:

Submit your MEMBER NEWS to info@leadershipaa.org for our upcoming newsletter. Just send us an e-mail with subject: LAA Newsletter – Member News. Please include a brief summary, **class member name with class year**, informational contact name, phone number and e-mail or website address and we will post your Member News.

COMING SOON:

LAA Membership Evening "Fireside" Dessert Event (proposed for late September)

Please look for details coming soon: LAA will host a stimulating and informative briefing and discussion on the Mid-east, including the causes of terrorism and possible solutions, the Islamic Religion, what Arabs really think about America, and the Israeli-Arab conflict. The presenter **George Gorayeb (FLG00)** is a current LAA board member as well as the son of Lebanese and Syrian immigrants. Born and raised in New Jersey, he has served in the Peace Corps and for the U.S. State Department, has lived in five Arab countries and visited nearly all 20 Arab Countries. Mr. Gorayeb is also a national board member of the ADC (American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee), the largest Arab-American organization in the US. He is co-founder of the Mid-east Peace Project which conducts weekend dialogue retreats for Jewish and Arab-Americans. You won't want to miss this special Fireside Event.

LAA Active Membership Enrollment

Dues are Due!

Lifetime Membership - \$1,000 (3 years/\$333)

Premier Membership - \$250

Sustaining Membership - \$125.00

Outside MD graduates - \$35

[Contact our offices for Visa/MC payments or mail checks to LAA and secure your membership now.](#)

Third Annual Volunteer Project Hall of Fame Nomination Forms Now Available

The Third Annual Volunteer Project Hall of Fame Awards will be sponsored by the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County and the Coordinators of Volunteers of Anne Arundel County on Thursday, October 5, 2006 in Annapolis.

The Hall of Fame will honor volunteer projects that have had the most impact in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis. Nominations are invited for volunteer projects sponsored by local nonprofit or faith-based organizations, local businesses, governmental agencies and other groups.

Join us at 11:30 am on October 5th at the Sheraton Hotel Annapolis, to celebrate the successful volunteer projects that have impacted our community and made a difference in our lives. Nomination forms are now available.

Nominations must be completed and received no later than September 10, 2006.

You can download nomination forms at

www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org

Contact Kelly Hover at kelly@volunteerannearundel.org or 410-897-9207.

Member News (cont):

Recently, an article was published and provided by *Inside Annapolis: Reaching Out and Giving Back* written by Margot Mohsberg:

The following excerpts were taken from the article which can be downloaded at <http://www.insideannapolis.com/current/vcarter.html>

In every decision **Vanessa Carter (FLG95)** makes, she considers how it will benefit the community. The director of the county's Clinic and School Health Division is an exceptional employee, but that's not where her mindset comes from. She's had the community in mind her whole life, raised by parents who believed giving back to the community was not just a passion but their sole purpose in life.



In her position, Vanessa and the more than 400 employees she oversees certainly have the ability to do that. "We are the hands-on services for the county's Department of Health," she says. "We offer clinics for maternity, family planning, dentistry, nutrition, OB/GYN, colposcopy, audiology, and many more." Vanessa especially enjoys working with immigrants, a population that has increased dramatically in recent years. Vanessa also oversees the county's 119 public schools' health rooms and has found them to be a wonderful way to reach children in need.

Throughout her academic and working career, Vanessa has sat on more than a dozen community boards and won several honors. However, she considers one of her biggest accomplishments to be her successful fight against breast cancer, for which she was diagnosed and treated in 2004. "I hope I can serve as encouragement to other women," she says. "I want them to see that life continues, even after they get some very scary news."

Leadership Anne Arundel applauds Vanessa and her peers in their effort, support and accomplishments provided as a valuable resource to the community.



Volunteering:

The Sure Fire Cure for the Summer Doldrums

"Maryland offers interesting challenges for volunteerism," says **Fay Mauro (FLG01)**, Chair, Maryland Volunteer Centers, a statewide association representing 14 volunteer centers, and Executive Director of Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County. "At first glance people may think about the Chesapeake Bay and the pockets of wealth in our state. We still have many rural counties and you don't have to travel far outside the well-to-do metropolitan areas to experience real need. Maryland consistently ranks in the top 12 most expensive states for affordable housing and a lot of our residents desperately need the programs and services that come from our non-profit sector," she adds.

"In Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, our non-profits partner with communities of faith and civic groups to serve the needs of our residents," says Susan Wyckoff, President of the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County. "These needs are year-round, not just around the holidays," she adds.

The Volunteer Center's *Summer Volunteer Opportunities for Youth* lists 47 agencies that have volunteer opportunities available this summer for volunteers of all ages! This youth volunteering guide is available for downloading FREE on the Volunteer Center's Website: www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org For more information on how you can help in your community, please contact the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County at 410-897-9207 or visit our website.

<p>Kathryn Goetzke White (FLG05) Now Open Mood-Factory www.mood-lites.com</p> <p>Offering Mood-teas, Mood-scents, and Mood-lites all available in Tranquility, Serenity, Renewal, Energy, Passion, Sassy, Happiness, and Creativity.</p> <p>We now have a warehouse in Annapolis</p>	<p>Leadership Anne Arundel <i>Supports our Supporters</i></p> <p>AA County Community Resource and Business Advertisements: Business Card Size Only Per Issue (Due by 1st of each month): <i>September issue will be FREE; all other issues will be required to have an advertising fee.</i> Include description, contact, and website.</p>
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*To be the model
community-based
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by developing
diverse networks of
resourceful, informed
and proactive
leaders who will
create a more
vibrant county and
region.*



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www.leadershipaa.org

Mark Your Calendars



SEPTEMBER

September 4th – Labor Day Office Closed
September 5th – LAA Board Meeting
September 7th – **LAA Homecoming Event**
September 8th – Flagship Four Corners Tour
September 14th - 15th – Flagship Opening Retreat
September 28th – Executive Committee Meeting
September 29th – Non Profit Resource Day (AACC)

OCTOBER

October 3rd – LAA Board Meeting
October 19th – FLG Government Session Day
October 26th – Executive Committee Meeting

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