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## *LAA Winter Calendar*



### **DECEMBER**

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – NLA08 Group Dynamics Session

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – LAA Annual Holiday Open House**  
**(see page 5 for more details!!!!)**

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – FLG08 Law & Public Safety Session

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – NLA08 Four Corners Bus Tour

Membership Committee Meeting

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Committee Meeting

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**(LAA Office Closed)**

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve



### **JANUARY**

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – HAPPY NEW YEAR! (LAA Office Closed)**

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors Mtg

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Membership Committee Mtg

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – NLA08 Effective Comm. Sess.

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Committee Mtg.

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – FLG08 Health & Human Svcs

**Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**(LAA Offices Closed)**

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – Executive Committee Mtg.



# A Message From Pam!



What a welcome! After my first weeks on the job I can only say thank you to each and every one of you who have opened your arms to me with such kindness and warmth. I continue to be amazed by the network of alumni, friend and volunteers who are attached to and support LAA. It is incredible to see a small organization so completely integrated in the community. As one of my staff members told me, succinctly, 'we are everywhere.'

While I am on the subject of LAA staff, after several long talks and planning sessions with the current staff and board members, I have come up with a slightly different staffing pattern for the internal workings of LAA. With the approval of the board I am adding an office manager position to help with tracking and administrative coordination. I will be advertizing to fill the job quite quickly so if you know of any likely candidates, please send them along. I have also retooled Alli Holstrom's position to play to her incredible people skills and program organization strengths. She has graciously agreed to step into a revised role as Program Manager. Stephanie Kastle has agreed to continue using her impressive marketing and development skills as our half time Marketing and Development Manager. Please give each of them your support and congratulations as we move forward to the next level.

I know many of you miss Griff Hall, our previous Executive Director, personally and professionally. He and I had a very long lunch in my first week and he gave me some very helpful information related to the inner workings of the organization. He is extremely busy with his new venture, and enjoying himself thoroughly, but he graciously offered his help and support to me and the agency as time allows.

I am very much a newcomer to Ann Arundel County so over the next weeks and months I'll be trying to meet with many of you, individually, to help me get more of a flavor of the community. I look forward to sharing with you more of my long term vision of LAA as a well-funded, efficient and lean organization where staff and board members work as a team to develop and support leaders in every corner of the community.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season!

*Pam*

## **LAA NOW HIRING!**



Leadership Anne Arundel is looking to hire an experienced office manager to be the hub of LAA operations. Excellent organization and customer service skills are required, and database and Excel skills also necessary. We offer a competitive salary with benefits. Hours 8:30 – 5. If you know anyone who might be interested and would make a great addition to the LAA team, please have them send their resume and cover letter to [pam@leadershipaa.org](mailto:pam@leadershipaa.org) or mail to: Leadership Anne Arundel, 2024 West Street, Annapolis, MD. 21403.



### **Mark Your Calendars!**



## **2008 Mardi Gras**

**Opportunity Builders, Inc. (OBI)** invites the community to experience **Mardi Gras, the "OBI way" on Saturday, February 2, 2008**. OBI is presently seeking sponsors for this 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Extravaganza. Sponsors will receive special event admission benefits, promotion in all printed promotions, as well as exposure on OBI's website. In addition, sponsors gain the satisfaction of truly impacting lives on a daily basis by participating in OBI's annual fundraising event.

The Mardi Gras evening will start off with a VIP Reception from 6:00 – 8:00 pm with heavy hor d'oeuvres to delight even the most savvy palate with a full bar truly representative of Bourbon Street nectars - mint juleps, hurricanes, squalls and more. During the VIP Reception, there will be a Live VIP Auction featuring such exclusive offerings as a week's stay in "paradise" at an Italian Villa on a scenic, working vineyard overlooking the Mediterranean Sea in Southern Italy.

Following the VIP Reception, the festivities will continue in the "Olde New Orleans" tradition. As the evening unfolds as a true Mardi Gras experience, there will be live music, dancing, delicious food, thrilling entertainment, casino games, and bingo. The Silent and Live Auctions will feature offerings for every adventurer, collector, traveler and connoisseur.

Opportunity Builders, Inc. is entering into its 46<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Its mission is to provide adults with developmental disabilities offers vocational training, employment opportunities, recreational activities and support services, all in a motivational environment. OBI's goal is to promote personal fulfillment, address individual needs and foster independence allowing the adults it serves to become productive, contributing citizens to their community and small business.

For more information about OBI's upcoming Mardi Gras or about OBI, please call Leslie Prewitt at 410-787-0700 or email her at [lprewitt@oppbuildinc.org](mailto:lprewitt@oppbuildinc.org).

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**Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
Avid Tutoring Program**



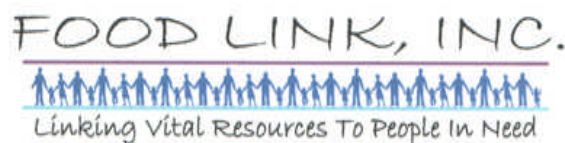
The **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Tutoring Program** supports students in grades 6 through 12 who are in the academic middle. AVID tutors, age 18 and older, will be trained to work with small groups of students during the AVID elective class. The students have applied for and been selected to participate in the AVID Program at their respective schools. Tutors will help students be successful by assisting them with problem-solving techniques, working collaboratively with other students, and serving as role models. Tutors would commit to at least one semester of tutoring at one of the AVID sites for a minimum of one hour per week, during the regular school day.

**AVID Tutor Training:**

- **Jan. 8: 8:00 am–12 noon**
- **Jan. 14: 4:30–7:30 pm**
- **Feb. 4: Noon–4:00 pm**
- **Feb. 11: 4:30–7:30 pm**
- **Mar. 4: 8:00 am–12 noon**
- **April 3: 4:30–7:30 pm**

Tutor Training sessions for volunteers occur monthly and are held at the Carver Staff Development Training Center in Gambrills, the Annapolis Resource Center located in Annapolis Middle School, or the Parham Bldg. in Annapolis. For an application and more information about dates, times and training locations, visit [www.aacps.org/acad/avid/avidtutor.pdf](http://www.aacps.org/acad/avid/avidtutor.pdf) or contact: Jennifer Ballard at 410 222-5343 or [jballard1@aacps.org](mailto:jballard1@aacps.org).

## More Member News!



Established in 1991, this hunger relief organization provides free food and other essentials to people in need in Anne Arundel County and four counties on the Eastern Shore. Volunteers with trucks or vans needed to pick up food from distribution centers, restaurants and others and deliver to food pantries, shelters and other locations serving the hungry. Assist with emergency food pantry and emergency baby pantry items.

For more information contact **Cathy Holstrom (FLG03)** at 410-222-7853 or [cathy@foodlinkmaryland.org](mailto:cathy@foodlinkmaryland.org) or [CathyL430@cs.com](mailto:CathyL430@cs.com).

Visit Food Link on the web at: [www.foodlinkmaryland.org](http://www.foodlinkmaryland.org)

### And Be Sure To Save The Date For.....



The 2nd Annual  
"Have a Heart/Lend a Hand"  
Black Tie Gala

To Benefit Food Link, Inc., the Largest Non-Profit, Volunteer-Based Food and Resource Rescue Organization in Anne Arundel County

**Saturday, February 2, 2008  
7 pm - midnight**

Sheraton Annapolis Hotel  
Grand Ballroom

Cocktails 7:00 - 8:00 pm ; Dinner at 8:00 pm

Enjoy a Superb Dinner of Filet Mignon & Chesapeake Chicken  
Dance to the Rhythmic Sounds of

**"Off The Record"**

(An 11-Piece Band Playing Tunes From the 60's, 70's & 80's -  
[www.otrband.com](http://www.otrband.com))

**Ticket Price: \$100/per person**

(Table for 10 discounted to \$850 if entire table is paid in full at time of reservation)

*Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks Included  
50/50 Raffle*

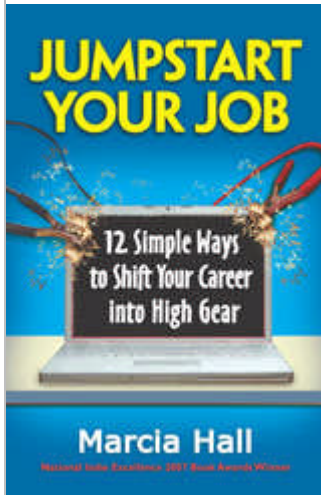
*Silent Auction  
Other Surprises!*

Courtesy of your reply by January 30, 2008

Contact Ginny Meerman @ 410-320-8400 or via email at [MrsAACo2006@aol.com](mailto:MrsAACo2006@aol.com) for ticketing and other information

Checks/Guest Names Mailed to: Ginny Meerman  
P.O. Box 331, Edgewater, MD 21037

### **Congratulations!**



**Marcia Hall (FLG99)**, with Reputation COUNTS, has written a new book called *Jumpstart Your Job, 12 Simple Ways to Shift Your Career into High Gear* to help employees demonstrate the behaviors all bosses want. Marcia is also the Award-Winner in the Education/Academic Category of the National Best Books 2007 Awards for an earlier book, *Navigating Newbie-ism: 12 Simple Ways to Thrive in Your First Job and Career, The College Student's Guide*, which was published in January 2007.

*Jumpstart Your Job* is available online at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble or [www.reputationcounts.com](http://www.reputationcounts.com). Congratulations Marcia!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



# **The 2008 Annual Community Trustee Awards**

***Tuesday, March 11, 2008***

***5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Maryland Hall for the Performing Arts***

Please join LAA and our event sponsor, Capital Gazette Newspapers, as we honor individuals whose efforts in 2007 made our community a better place to live. Award recipients will be chosen from nominations submitted from individuals and organizations. Nominations were to highlight how the nominee was resourceful, informed, and proactive in order to create a more vibrant Anne Arundel County and/or Mid-Atlantic region during 2007. Also, the nomination must have provided specific examples of the difference the nominee has made in the lives of Anne Arundel County citizens over the past 12 months. Recipients of the 2008 awards will be announced in January.

**More details will be available soon! Please contact Alli Holstrom at (410) 571-9798 or via email at [Alli@leadershipaa.org](mailto:Alli@leadershipaa.org) with any questions.**

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**LAA's Mission:**

The mission of LAA is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.



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