



LAA CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

*** JUST ADDED!**
Fireside Breakfast
with Dr. Kevin
Maxwell to be held
on February 28th!
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*** SAVE THE DATE! ***

Community Trustee
Awards
3/20/2007

Tribute Event
6/14/2007

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Letter from the Executive Director

Happy 2007! I hope everyone is enjoying a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

We're thrilled to welcome LAA Member Col. Kenneth McCreedy (ELS06) as the featured speaker at our first "Fireside" breakfast of 2007. Col. McCreedy will be speaking to LAA members on January 30th regarding BRAC and the impact these changes will have on our community at large. If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please do so right away. This is one presentation you won't want to miss!

In addition to the January "Fireside", LAA is also pleased to announce that Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Superintendent of Anne Arundel County Schools will be speaking to LAA members and guests on February 28, 2007 at our next "Fireside" breakfast. Additional details can be found on page 4.

LAA will also be hosting the second annual Community Trustee Awards on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park. This year we will be recognizing thirteen amazing individuals who made significant contributions to our local community and improved life for residents of Anne Arundel County in 2006. I hope you'll save the date on your personal calendar and join us to celebrate the impact these community trustees have made in the past year.

On a sadder note, our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of NLA07 Class Member Sandy Neal who passed away on December 22nd. Sandy was a dynamic lady, dedicated to her family and community who will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. Although we mourn her passing, we celebrate Sandy's life and her passion for helping others and hope you will do the same.

Wishing you all the best in the coming year,

Griff



2007 Community Trustee Awards



Each year Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) recognizes the contributions made by citizens to our community through the Community Trustee Awards event. This year's event is being held at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park starting at 5:30 p.m.

Over the last few months, LAA received more than 40 nominations highlighting individuals whose efforts in 2006 helped to create a more vibrant community. We are pleased to announce that the following individuals have been selected as recipients of this year's Community Trustee Awards:

Patricia Barland

Anne Arundel Community College Foundation, Inc.

Skip Booth

Anne Arundel County Historical Society

Reginald Broddie

Boys & Girls Club

Yvette Gray

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Ministries, Inc.

Michael Jennings

Harundale Community Association

Rob Levit

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts

Gertrude Makell

Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc.

Col. Booker McManus

International Baccalaureate Advisory Board

Matthew Miller

Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Rick Morgan

CommerceFirst Bank

Rhonda Pindell-Charles

Anne Arundel County Department of Health

Charles "Pete" Schaeffer

RBC Dain Rauscher

Allan Segree

(Special Posthumous Award)



Winners of the 2006 Community Trustee Awards

Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Class of 2007



Facilitator Kris Valerio shares communication skills with the class.

On January 13, 2007 the Neighborhood Leadership Academy participated in their first session of the New Year. Featuring facilitators **Kris Valerio (FLG06)** and **Chuck Vogan (FLG06)** the session focused on Effective Communication and Group Problem Solving and Decision Making. Through a series of improve exercises and group discussions, the class learned new ways to facilitate communication while gaining new insight into group dynamics.



Effective Communication & Group Problem Solving and Decision Making

January 13, 2007



Class members puzzle through the challenges presented by facilitator Chuck Vogan.

Leadership Opportunities



The Young Advocates of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County are seeking Board Members to help them carry out their mission. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bates Club in Annapolis. The Young Advocates are a group of community-minded men and women between the ages of 22 and 40 who live or work in the greater Annapolis area and have an interest in helping underserved youth, meeting and networking with their peers, and supporting the mission of the BGCAA and its Board of Directors. Our mission is to work directly with the youth of the Boys and Girls Club - serving as a coach, mentor, role model and friend to underprivileged youth in our community - and to raise awareness and funds for the Club. Please contact **Miranda Darden (FLG04)**, President, at (410) 991-9871 for more information

COMING IN JUNE....

The 2007 Tribute to Community Leadership

Please join LAA on June 14, 2007 for the graduation of the 2007 Flagship, Neighborhood Leadership Academy, and Executive Leadership Series program classes. This year we will be celebrating in a brand new location - the beautiful Hilton Baltimore-BWI Airport in Linthicum. Additional details will be coming soon so keep watching this space!

ACTION LEARNING COACHING WORKSHOP *Leadership Development for the 21st Century*

The World Institute for Action Learning (WIAL) presents an ***Introduction to Action Learning Coaching***. This half-day Action Learning Coaching Workshop, presented by the founders of WIAL, including Dr. Mike Marquardt, will introduce the concepts of Action Learning coaching, demonstrate the process, and give participants hands-on experience. Participants also will learn about the new requirements for WIAL Action Learning Coach certification.

Fee: \$100. (\$75 for those who register prior to 15 January, 2007)

Dates and Locations: The sessions will be held from 8:30am-12:30pm.

- Tuesday, **February 13** - Washington, DC (Ronald Reagan International Trade Center)
- Wednesday, **February 14** - Baltimore, MD (Hyatt Regency)

For complete information on ***Introduction to Action Learning Coaching***, contact **Chuck Appleby** at chuck.appleby@wial.org

Member News:

Karen L. Cook (FLG04), member of the Maryland State Bar Association Board of Governors and past president of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association, has been named Coordinator of Legal Studies at Anne Arundel Community College, which includes management of the college's ABA-approved Paralegal Program.

Congratulations Karen!

Linda M. Schuett (FLG96), a County Attorney under County Executive Janet S. Owens for almost eight years, is pleased to announce that effective January 2, 2007, she has joined the Annapolis Practice Group of the law firm of Linowes and Blocher L.L.P. where she will concentrate in land use matters and business trial work. She would love to hear from fellow leadership participants and can be reached by phone at (410) 268-0881 and by email at lschuett@linowes-law.com. Congratulations Linda!

LAA Active Membership Enrollment

Dues are Due!

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

Premier Membership - \$250

Sustaining Membership - \$125

Outside MD graduates - \$35

Contact our offices for Visa/MC payments or mail checks to LAA and secure your membership now.

Valentine's Jewelry Extravaganza

The 5th Annual Valentine's Jewelry Extravaganza will be held on **Friday, February 2nd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm** at the McCleary Student Center at Severn School.

The \$45 ticket to Friday's event provides the first opportunity to view and purchase jewelry from the Partners In Care "collection" of estate and one-of-a-kind pieces in addition to jewelry from several private merchants. Also available will be scarves, purses and stationery from select vendors just in time for Valentine's Day. The evening will include wine, candlelight, hors d'oeuvres, music and entertainment. At 7:30 the Baltimore Improv Group will perform. BIG has performed to rave reviews throughout Baltimore and will make their first appearance in Anne Arundel County.

The sale of Partners In Care jewelry will continue on Saturday, February 3rd from 10am to 4pm at The Boutique at 348 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park. Store phone: 410.544.0568.

Join us for this lovely evening to benefit **Partners In Care**, a community nonprofit (501c3) helping older and disabled adults remain independent in their own homes. Buy a ticket for yourself and a friend! Cash, check, and credit cards accepted. Call **Anne Myers (FLG06)** or **Barbara Huston (FLG99)** at 410-544-4800 for tickets, sponsorship information, and details.

February "Fireside" Featuring Dr. Kevin Maxwell

LAA is pleased to announce that **Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public Schools** will be joining us for our next Fireside event on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (location To Be Announced) Dr. Maxwell will be speaking to LAA Members and Guests about the issues facing Anne Arundel County students in the coming years, the annual budget, school construction, and his plans for the future of public education in Anne Arundel County.. This event will be offered at no charge to LAA dues-paying members, and a \$30 charge for guests and non-members.



More details will be made available soon so be on the lookout!



Marcia Hall (FLG 99) has written a book for college students about what they need beyond their degrees to succeed in the workplace, particularly as the "newbie." It is called: *Navigating Newbie-ism: 12 Simple Ways to Thrive in Your First Job and Career, The College Student's Guide* (publication date is January 10, 2007). The book features interviews with many local businesspeople and young professionals, and companies such as Under Armour, Provident Bank and Southwest Airlines to identify what really matters to employers. There will be a "Book Launch Celebration and Open House" for Marcia on Sunday, January 28, hosted by The Community Center Youth Center, 623 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, from 2-4 p.m. LAA members are cordially invited to attend. The book is available online on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Borders, and at www.reputationcounts.com/products. To reflect her new focus, Marcia has also launched a new company name, which is Reputation COUNTS, effective January 1st. She will continue to offer networking seminars using the Contacts Count program, but will also help people develop their most powerful asset - their personal reputations.

COL. MCCREEDY FIRESIDE RESCHEDULED!



LAA's "Fireside" breakfast featuring special guest **Col. Kenneth McCreedy (ELS06)**, Installation Commander at Fort Meade **has been rescheduled!** The event will now take place on Tuesday, January 30th 2007 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel. Col. McCreedy will be speaking to our membership on BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and BRAC's impact on our local community.

There are a few spots still available, so if you'd like to attend this exciting event, please R.S.V.P. to LAA by phone at 410-571-9798 or email at info@leadershipaa.org IMMEDIATELY!

This event will be offered at no charge to LAA dues-paying members, and a \$30 charge for guests and non-members.

Member News (con't):

You are invited to the 1st Annual "Have a Heart, Lend a Hand" Black Tie Gala

The Anne Arundel chapter of "Friends of Food Link" is honored to extend a special invitation to all Leadership Anne Arundel members to the first annual black tie dinner/dance to be hosted on January 27th, 2007, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

This gala is appropriately named "*Have a Heart, Lend a Hand*," because all proceeds will benefit our local Food Link, Inc.

Our Gala will include a full sit-down dinner, a live band ("Off the Record") a Silent Auction, a 50/50 Cash Raffle, a Full Service Bar and other surprises! The ticket price is \$100 per person. Companies or individuals may reserve/purchase a table of 10 and will get a special mention during the event.

To purchase tickets or tables, please contact Ginny Meerman at 410-798-0124 or Lorelee Schrand at LAS@bluechip-ps.com We hope to see you there!

Food Link is the largest non-profit hunger relief and food rescue organization in Anne Arundel County. For more information about Food Link, visit www.foodlinkmaryland.org

LAA Active Membership Enrollment

Dues are Due!

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to renew your membership with LAA right away. Benefits include free access to events throughout the year including workshops, "Fireside" events and other leadership programs, plus our monthly newsletter and (coming soon!) 24/7 access to our online membership directory.

Membership levels are:

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

Premier Membership - \$250

Sustaining Membership - \$125

Outside MD graduates - \$35

Please contact our offices at (410) 571-9798 or info@leadershipaa.org for Visa/MC payments or mail checks to our offices to secure your membership today!

Community Projects Coordinator

Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC), the managed care division of Johns Hopkins Medicine, is currently seeking an experienced administrative support professional for our **Community Projects Coordinator**.

As the **Community Projects Coordinator**, you will: Provide administrative support to our Community Projects Director; Plan community projects and coordinate details to include recruiting volunteers, managing the project, and assessing outcomes; Manage all logistical tasks related to community projects; Track the community project budget; Track and prepare reports on volunteer participation; Develop flyers, posters, and broadcast messages to advertise community projects; Act as the liaison between JHHC management, staff, and community representatives; Work with school administrators, community representatives, and government officials to identify volunteer opportunities; and represent Johns Hopkins HealthCare at community meetings and related events.

JHHC requires a Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent experience), a minimum of two-years experience in an administrative support position, as well as experience with marketing and graphics (must provide samples), and budget management. The Community Projects Coordinator will need effective oral and written communication skills, strong presentation skills, and excellent customer service skills. We also require proficiency in Microsoft Access.

JHHC offers a comprehensive benefits and compensation package, including up to \$10,000 employee tuition assistance per academic year. We also offer up to more than \$15,000 in undergraduate tuition assistance for your dependent child. We are conveniently located in Glen Burnie, just minutes off the Baltimore Beltway, near I-97 and Route 2.

Interested candidates should forward their resume to: Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC, Human Resources, 6704 Curtis Court, Glen Burnie, MD 21060. Fax: 410-424-4605.

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Mission
To be the model community-based learning organization by developing diverse networks of resourceful, informed and proactive leaders who will create a more vibrant county and region.



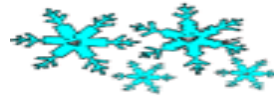
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Mark Your Calendars



JANUARY

- January 1st – HAPPY NEW YEAR!
LAA Offices Closed
- January 13th – NLA Effective Communication Session
- January 15th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
LAA Offices Closed
- January 18th – FLG Health & Human Services Session
- January 30th – “Fireside” Event with Col. McCreehy



FEBRUARY

- February 2nd – NLA Four Corners Bus Tour
- February 3rd – NLA Group Project Selection
- February 14th – Happy Valentines Day!
- February 15th & 16th – FLG Mid-year Retreat
(NOT Overnight)
- February 17th – NLA Understanding Values Session
- February 19th – President’s Day
LAA Offices Closed
- February 22nd – Executive Committee Meeting
- February 28th – “Fireside” Event with Dr. Kevin Maxwell

LAA Staff:

- Griff Hall**, Executive Director
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- Nancy Curran**, Interim Operations Manager
- Stephanie Kastle**, Grants & Special Projects Coordinator

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