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Mark Your Calendars!

Be sure to check out these great LAA events coming in May and June 2007!

May

May 1st – Board of Directors Meeting

May 5th – NLA Group Project Presentations

May 11th – ELS Infrastructure Session

May 15th – “Fireside” Breakfast with County Exec. John Leopold!

May 17th & 18th – FLG Cultural Arts Session and Closing Retreat
(Overnight)

May 19th – NLA Closing Retreat

May 24th – Executive Committee Meeting

May 28th – MEMORIAL DAY (LAA Offices Closed)



June

June 1st – ELS Key Government Issues Session

June 5th – Board of Directors Meeting

June 14th – Tribute to Community Leadership Graduation Event

June 15th – LAA Offices Closed

June 22nd – Board Retreat

June 28th – Executive Committee Meeting

June 30th – LAA End of Fiscal Year



You are cordially invited to join Leadership Anne Arundel
for the

Tribute to Community Leadership

“Making Connections...Making a Difference”

Thursday, June 14, 2007

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport

1739 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Again this year, the Tribute Planning Committee is **challenging each LAA graduating class to be the winning class with the highest percentage of their class in attendance at this year's Tribute.** The winning class will have a **\$2000 scholarship** awarded in its class name to a member of the 2008 FLG program. FLG 2002 and FLG 1997 have been the attendance winners the last three years - with FLG 2002 having won twice! Which graduating FLG, NLA, or ELS class will claim the unique honor this year? Encourage and challenge your classmates to attend this wonderful event with you so that this year your class can really claim the title of **“The Best Class”!**

Please join us to celebrate LAA's graduating classes of 2007 and to connect with LAA friends both new and old. Invitations have been mailed so be certain to RSVP right away! Don't hesitate to contact LAA by email at info@leadershipaa.org or by phone at (410) 571-9798 with any questions.

*We look forward to seeing everyone
there!!*

LAA Distinguished Graduate³ 2007 Award



Nominations for the LAA Distinguished Graduate 2007 Award are being accepted until May 18, 2007. This prestigious award recognizes an exceptional Leadership Anne Arundel graduate who has adopted "the heart of community trusteeship" and who has made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of the community. The Distinguished Graduate Award recipient will be honored and receive his or her award at the Tribute to Community Leadership on June 14, 2007.

All Leadership Anne Arundel graduates, current class members, and Board of Directors are eligible to nominate an individual for this award.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- The recipient must be a graduate of any Leadership Anne Arundel program,
- The recipient must live or work in Anne Arundel County, and
- The recipient must have exhibited leadership in either work or voluntary roles.

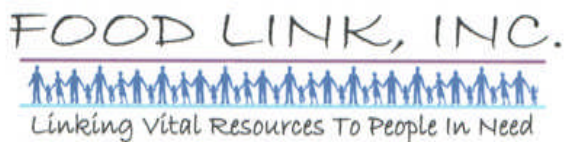
Past winners of this award include: Pam Beidle FLG 96, Ken Brannan FLG 00, Vanessa Carter FLG 95, Carlesa Finney FLG 94, Marc Gilbert FLG 00, Melanie Graw FLG 02, Penny Hopkins FLG 97, Bill Kuethe FLG 95, Tricia Lehmann FLG 97, Patty McManus FLG 97, George Moran FLG 94, Tony Spencer FLG 95, and Pat Troy FLG 94.

Please complete the following nomination form and **return it by May 18** via mail, fax or e-mail to: LAA, 2024 West Street, Suite 202, Annapolis, MD 21401; fax: 410-571-0165; or e-mail: info@leadershipaa.org. The information included on the form will be considered confidential and will be used only by the Distinguished Graduate Committee. If you have questions, please call the LAA office at 410-571-9798.



Raising 4 Reasons (originally the Anne Arundel Youth Charitable Initiative) is a non-profit, student-run Board of Directors that raises funds and approves grants to local organizations in need of assistance. Currently in its third year of existence, it is composed of juniors and seniors from public and private schools around the county. Along with an adult oversight board, the Youth Board meets monthly at the Anne Arundel County Board of Education on Riva Road in Annapolis. This incredible program began as a group project by the *Flagship Class of 2004*.

R4R is finishing its third successful year of operations and is looking for new LAA grads to join the adult oversight board to assist the youth members in their mission to develop leadership and philanthropic skills in Anne Arundel County through the administration of a charitable organization. If you are interested, please visit R4R on the web at www.raising4reasons.org for more information.



Food Link, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization linking vital resources to people in need. Cathy Holstrom, Executive Director, has announced that Food Link is in search of new board members. All that's required is a desire to make a difference in the lives of our struggling neighbors, compassion for those in need and energy to help complete their mission. For more information please go to their website, www.foodlinkmaryland.org or contact **Cathy Holstrom (FLG03)**, Executive Director of Food Link, for details by phone 410-222-7853 or email to CathyL430@cs.com



4th Annual Links Challenge!

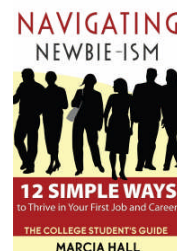
Monday, June 11, 2004
Compass Pointe Golf Course
9010 Fort Smallwood Road
Pasadena, MD 21122

Come out and join our friends at OBI on June 11th for their 4th Annual Links Challenge. There will be a Putting Contest and a Hole-In-One Contest along with awards for the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. An awards luncheon will conclude the day at 3:00. The registration deadline is Monday, June 4th.

For more information contact Mike or Diane at 410-787-0700 or visit the OBI website at www.oppbuildinc.org and click on the "4th Annual Links Challenge" link at the top of the page. All proceeds will benefit the OBI Building Fund.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Marcia Hall (FLG99) is the Award-Winner in the Education/Academic Category of the National Indie Excellence 2007 Book Awards for her book, *Navigating Newbie-ism: 12 Simple Ways to Thrive in Your First Job and Career, The College Student's Guide*. Marcia was also an Award-Winning Finalist in the Young Adult Non-Fiction Category. Winners & Finalists will be announced at the Book Expo America in New York City in June. *Navigating Newbie-ism*, which describes the personal attributes that employers want to help "newbies" make the transition from college to the workplace easier, was published in January 2007 and is available online at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble or www.reputationcounts.com

More Member News!

May "Fireside" Featuring County Executive John Leopold



LAA is pleased to announce that **County Executive John Leopold** will be joining us for our next Fireside event on **Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** at Anne Arundel Community College, Cade Building, Room 219. Mr. Leopold will be speaking to LAA Members and Guests about the issues facing the county and his plans for the future of 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. **There are a few spaces remaining. Please RSVP ASAP** via e-mail at info@leadershipaa.org or phone at (410) 571-9798.

We'll look forward to seeing you there!

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!

Free to a Good Non-Profit Home

LAA has several pieces of office equipment that we can no longer use. We'd love to see them find a new home at an area non-profit organization. The items we have available are:

- **Xerox Copier - Docucenter 430DC**
- **HP OfficeJet v40 Printer/Fax/Scanner/Copier**
- **HP DeskJet Printer - model 722C**

All of these items are in excellent condition and most are only two or three years old and have been used lightly and lovingly. The only "cost" for these items is a swift pick-up! These items must be removed from our offices no later than May 25th. If you are interested or if you'd like more information on any of these items, please contact our offices via phone at (410) 571-9798 or email at "info@leadershipaa.org."

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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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