



LAA CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

***Fireside Breakfast with Col. McCreedy on Nov. 29th to be rescheduled** (see pg. 6)

***LAA Holiday Party on December 7th** (see pg. 6)

* **SAVE THE DATE!**

CTA Awards
3/20/2007

Tribute Event
6/14/2007

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Letter from Executive Director

First, with the holiday season nearly upon us, I wish you a safe and happy year-end. I hope you are able to take time with family and friends. In that spirit do plan to join us for the Holiday Open House on December 7th at the AACC Student Union Building. The Membership Committee has planned a great time with a few surprises too.

Having just kicked off the Neighborhood Leadership Academy Class of 2007, I'm please to report that we have 45 participants who started the program this month - a new record. It's another excellent class and they're headed for their opening retreat this weekend with Jim Harden facilitating. The NLA has grown significantly during the past three years and the credit goes to the LAA graduates who have referred applicants and helped secure funding. Whenever I go to the national Community Leadership Conference I find my colleagues from around the country are amazed at the growth and track record of the NLA. This is truly a tribute to our graduates. Thank you!

Potential Flagship 2008 participants can still get a jump on the enrollments as the early enrollment deadline has been extended until Dec 15. Please help get the word to your colleagues and friends as there is a tuition break for early acceptances.

It's still many months until the second annual Community Trustee Awards (March 20, 2007) but please make plans to attend. With our event partner, Capital-Gazette Newspapers, we will host this event at the Chesapeake Arts Center. It will be a fun and inspiring evening as we honor 12 outstanding Community Trustees.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday,
Griff



"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

Breaking News!



Flagship Class of 2008 *Early Enrollment Deadline Extended!*

Please forward this message to anyone you know who might be a candidate for our next Flagship class (FLG 08)...

As you may know, LAA typically holds information breakfasts in the spring for those interested in applying to the next Flagship Program Class. This year Leadership Anne Arundel will offer an early enrollment period for our Flagship program with some great incentives. **Anyone who applies for admission to the Flagship Class of 2008 before December 15, 2006 can lock in their tuition at the 2007 rate of \$4,000.** Tell your friends or business associates that they should NOT wait for the spring information sessions to take advantage of our NEW EARLY ADMISSION PROCESS for FLAGSHIP APPLICATIONS.

LAA will review FLG 08 early applications and make decisions by February 15, 2007. Anyone interested in FLG should apply TODAY if they or their company would like to lock in a spot in the Flagship Class of 2008 at the 2007 Rates!

For an application, please visit our website at www.leadershipaa.org or contact LAA by phone at 410-571-9798 or email at info@leadershipaa.org.



Welcome!

Neighborhood Leadership Academy Class of 2007

On Saturday, November 4th, Leadership Anne Arundel officially kicked off the 2006 - 2007 Neighborhood Leadership Academy program. This year we have a record 45 participants in the program largely thanks to the efforts of our members and recent graduates. We're looking forward to another amazing year of providing leadership skills to these emerging leaders in our community.

The NLA Class of 2007

Yarrow

Jenny Adams

Wendy Beavers

Nikki Butler

Barbara Chambers

Tracey Cherry

Curtis O. Coates

John W. Condra

Deborah Cottrell

Gail Crawford

Sara Cuellar

Lisa LaSharn Dent

Dennis Dorsey

Wilhelmina Edwards

LaVonne Estep

Dr. Juan Carlos Mir Fernandez

Ashley Fields

Sharon Gordon

Angela Haney

Julie Harris

Veda Ilagan

Wayne Jearld

Natasha Jones

Victor Kerns

Jacqueline Lewis

Carlos Lopez

Jacqueline Matthews

Sharon McClung

Michael Moulden

Agnes Murray

Sandra Neal

Caroline Olivencia-Gonzalez

Michele Phelps

Rico Queen

Jason Rankin

Trisha Richardson

Ida Shorter

Louise Smith

Ruth Ann Smith

Karen Stafford

Gloria Trueh

Donnika Turner

Penny Vance

Gary Williams

Tara Williams

We're looking forward to a great year!



Class Feedback On the 2007 Government Session

"I have a better understanding and appreciation of how the legislature works, the topics they address, and the struggles they face."

"I have a greater respect for the elected official. This eye opener will cause me to work to have elected that person who represents, not just my wishes, but the good of the community."

"Ever heard the saying, 'Knowing is half the battle?' Now I know."

"It gave me an appreciation of democracy – our voices ARE heard and taken into consideration. I will become more involved and make my voice heard about issues I care deeply about."

"It gave me a fuller understanding of the legislative process. It increased my respect level for the commitment demonstrated by our legislative officials."

"Learning about the process provided a critical tool in my arsenal for effecting change. Meeting the Senators & Delegates demonstrated their humanity and approachability."

Flagship Class of 2007



The Flagship Class of 2007 on the steps of the State House.

Government Session – October 19, 2006



Government Session Day for the Flagship Class of 2007 took place on Thursday, October 19, 2006. Through their participation in various exercises, including a mock County Council session and lunch with various elected officials, the class members were able to increase their knowledge and understanding of county and state government.



Leadership Opportunities



Board Opportunity:

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.



Make a difference! No matter how much time you have to offer, the HIV/AIDS Volunteer Enrichment Network (HAVEN) can use it. HAVEN needs lots of volunteers for its busy fall and winter programs.

Typical volunteer activities include:

- * Helping with special events, such as our HOLIDAY PARTY on December 14
- * Driving someone to a doctors appointment (daytime)
- * Driving folks to support group meetings (evening)
- * Becoming a "Buddy" to a person living with HIV/AIDS
- * Assisting with office support
- * Have a special talent? Let us know!

HAVEN's next volunteer training will be on Tuesday, November 21 at 6 PM in Severna Park. Call 410-224-AIDS [2437] or Email HAVENinc@aol.com to register.

In Search of Adult Mentors.....

Work-Maturity
And
Growing
Employability
Skills

WAGES, an Anne Arundel County youth program funded by the Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, is designed to provide at-risk students at North County High School with services that increase attendance, improve academic skills, and develop workplace readiness. One of the key components to the program is **adult mentoring**.

What is needed? Adult mentors for the WAGES students at North County High School

Why should you mentor? Invest in the lives of WAGES students by becoming a positive role model

How to become involved? Contact Rebecca Bickel, WAGES Counselor- 410-222-6970 or E-Mail rbickel@aacps.org

Member News:

UPDATE! COL. McCREEDY FIRESIDE TO BE RESCHEDULED



LAA's "Fireside" breakfast on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:30 a.m. featuring our special guest **Col. Kenneth McCreedy (ELS06)**, Installation Commander at Fort Meade **has been cancelled!** Unfortunately, Col. McCreedy has been called out of town to attend a very important meeting on that day. However, he is very interested in speaking to our membership on BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and BRAC's impact on our local community. Details on the rescheduled session will be available soon and we hope that you will all join us for this special event.

Stay tuned – details on the rescheduled event are coming soon!



Please Join us on **December 7, 2006** for the
LAA Annual Holiday Open House!

On **December 7, 2006 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, please join Leadership Anne Arundel for our **Annual Holiday Celebration!** This year's gathering will be held at Anne Arundel Community College in the Student Union Dining Hall. There will be delicious food and wine, great company (of course!), plus a special performance by ***The Divas*** who will be taking the stage at **6:00 p.m. sharp!** You won't want to miss it!

In addition, when you attend this festive event, be sure to bring the special gift of food. LAA will be collecting shelf-stable groceries at the door in support of Food Link, Inc. Food Link will then distribute these vital, life-sustaining resources to our neighbors in need this holiday season.

If you'd like to help us kick-off the holiday season in great style, please RSVP to LAA no later than November 30, 2006

Email: info@leadershipaa.org OR call 410-571-9798

Coming in 2007.....

The 2nd Annual Community Trustee Awards

Join us on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 for the 2nd Annual Community Trustee Awards where LAA will recognize the contributions made by citizens to our community. This year's event is being held at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park starting at 5:00 p.m. Stay tuned for further details!

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 Hilton Baltimore – BWI Airport in Linthicum. Additional details will be coming soon!



Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration - 2007 Registration Now Open

Are you looking for a way to strengthen your professional credibility? Do you want to demonstrate to others your commitment to excellence on the job? If so, now is the time to begin earning the CVA (Certified in Volunteer Administration) credential, originally developed by the Association for Volunteer Administration and now sponsored by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA). CCVA offers this unique program to recognize practitioners in the field of volunteer resources management who meet specified standards as measured through a testing process and peer review of a written portfolio.

Deadline: March 1, 2007 (Early Bird Registration Deadline: January 1, 2007). For more information go to:
<http://www.cvacert.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!



Funding Available for AmeriCorps*National Programs

Is your organization addressing a critical community need? Could gaining a dedicated, enthusiastic team of committed individuals help your organization do even more? If so, you are invited to explore the AmeriCorps National grant opportunities funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for individuals – AmeriCorps members – to serve communities across the country.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is an independent, federal grant-making government agency whose mission is to support people and organizations in using citizen service as a strategy to meet critical national and community needs and to foster an ethic of civic responsibility. Funding is available for organizations interested in applying for AmeriCorps*National program grants. AmeriCorps*National grants are made directly by the Corporation to public or private nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, government entities within states or territories, Indian Tribes, and consortia of the aforementioned. There are five types of AmeriCorps*National grant opportunities available:

- AmeriCorps*National Direct
- AmeriCorps*National Professional Corps
- AmeriCorps*National Planning grants
- AmeriCorps*National Education Award Program
- AmeriCorps*Indian Tribes

The deadline for AmeriCorps*National Applications is February 15, 2007. Detailed information, including the Notice of Funding Opportunities and the AmeriCorps Application Instructions, can be found on our website at:

http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/apply/national.asp. If you have questions, please call 202-606-7508.

Community/Resource Ads

Does your office need a new full-service copier??

If so, LAA has a deal for you!

LAA is selling our XEROX Document Centre 430DC – Black/White Copier (with finisher) for the bargain price of only \$3,000. This great machine is less than two years old and we have been assured by Xerox that it is in perfect condition and should last at least another **eight years!** Features include:

Copy, Scan, email and Fax * Speed: up to 30ppm * Maximum paper capacity: 4,050 * Finishing and convenience stapler



The Service Contract is already in place (\$120.92/month, including toner and finisher maintenance) and is completely transferable to the new owner. The “buyout” value on this machine is \$4,200 but we’re letting it go for only \$3,000! For more information, please call Nancy @ 410-571-9798

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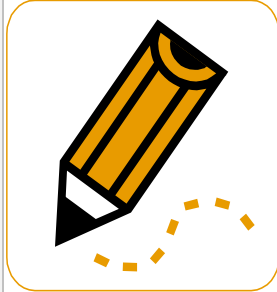


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*To be the model
community-based
learning organization
by developing
diverse networks of
resourceful, informed
and proactive
leaders who will
create a more
vibrant county and
region.*



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See us at:
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Mark Your Calendars



NOVEMBER

- November 4th – NLA Orientation/Understanding Leadership Session
- November 7th – LAA Board Meeting
- November 16th – FLG Environment Session Day
- November 17th – 18th – NLA Opening Retreat
- November 23rd – 24th – Happy Thanksgiving!
LAA Offices Closed
- November 29th – Col. McCreehy Event TO BE RESCHEDULED**



DECEMBER

- December 2nd – NLA Group Dynamics Session
- December 7th – LAA Annual Holiday Party!
- December 14th – FLG Law & Public Safety Session
- December 24th – Christmas Eve
- December 25th – Merry Christmas!
LAA Offices Closed
- December 31st – New Year's Eve

Our Staff:

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

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