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## *LAA Fall 2007 Events*



### **NOVEMBER**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – NLA08 Understanding Leadership Orientation Session

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Membership Committee Meeting

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – FLG08 Environment Session

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – NLA08 Opening Retreat

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (LAA Office Closed)**

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Committee Meeting

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – SAVE THE DATE! Advanced Leadership Lab Event  
(see page 4 for more details!!!)**



### **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





## A MESSAGE FROM LAA'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

As the new executive director for Leadership Anne Arundel I am very aware that I am becoming part of an organization with a long history. With its large board of hard working volunteers, and a small group of paid staff members, LAA offers a tremendously important service to the residents of Anne Arundel County by developing diverse community leaders who work for the common good.

So, I hear you ask, what does Pam Brown bring to that already well set table? Let me take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I was born and raised in the County of Yorkshire, England. I left for the United States in 1985 and became a very proud American citizen in 1992. There are many differences between my own country and my adopted one but a difference that struck me immediately was the sheer number of community service agencies and events in the U.S. handled almost completely by volunteers. I was so taken with this altruistic behavior that I spent my first two years here as a full time volunteer. That experience allowed me to feel and appreciate the real heart of my adopted country. I returned to the workplace in 1987, and although I have held paid leadership positions in various community service organizations since then, in my spare time I have always continued to be an active volunteer.

Thus far my professional and personal experience in the U.S. has been mainly in the State of Florida. Some of you may be wondering how a woman from another state, and with a funny accent as well, can take over an agency so rooted in this community. I can only say that I feel like I've come home. The countryside of Anne Arundel is so much more like my beautiful Yorkshire home; there is real history here and a sense of the importance of the past for helping us predict the future; but most of all there is a vibrant and connected local community populated with leaders who stand ready to take my hand. I have all the right tools to take Leadership Anne Arundel to the next level.

Early this year I completed a doctorate in educational leadership with a specialization in community partnerships. While I'm proud of that achievement my most important learning about leadership has come from my volunteer work in the local community. It is there that 'we the people' meet as equals and as trustees, united by a desire to build a healthy and whole community for every resident. I applied to be the Executive Director of Leadership Anne Arundel because it is a flagship for those ideals and because it has a veritable army of volunteers who are committed to making such a vision a reality. For my part I am committed to working alongside each one of you with a true heart and an unswerving belief in the vision of LAA:

*To develop and nurture community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good.*

I couldn't have said it better.

*Pam*

# **WELCOME!**

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## **Neighborhood Leadership Academy Class of 2008**

On Saturday, November 3rd, Leadership Anne Arundel will officially kick off the 2007 - 2008 Neighborhood Leadership Academy program. This year we have 38 diverse 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 2008**

**Dorothy Berman  
Patrice Beverly  
Gail Crawford  
De'borah Dent  
Dennis Dorsey  
Perry Ealim  
Cherie Frizzell  
Patricia Ghaly  
Regina Gonnella  
Anita Green  
Terra Grene  
Twan Herold  
Jennifer Huggins  
Stephon Hutt  
Shelia Johnson  
Elma Jones  
Kim Jones  
Robin Jones  
Stephanie Kastle  
Cyndi Kelly  
Denise Logan  
Scherelle Makell  
Kay Miller  
Cat Morris  
Gloristine Neal Nick  
Chris Poole  
Shevette Reid  
Patrick Reid  
Jonathan Rhodes  
Stephanie Scott  
C.J. Shaw  
Louise Smith  
Gloria Trueh  
Betty Turner  
Isabella Washington  
Eric Weilminster**

**We're looking forward to a great year!**



**Advanced**

**LEADERSHIP LABS**

Leadership Anne Arundel presents its first Leadership Lab based on John Maxwell's "Developing the Leader within You" and tailored to our area. In this course you will learn: The great myths of leadership, what a leader really is, the role of attitude in leadership, how to gain maximum influence, ways to continually grow as a leader, and steps for creating and casting vision. Come, bring a friend, and discover more about your own leadership style, how to grow your leadership skills, and tools you can use to tap into *your* potential and the potential of others!

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 29, 2007 for two sessions:

- 1pm-5pm LAA Members: free. LAA graduates: \$30. Public: \$75 per person
- 7pm-9pm (LAA GRADUATES ONLY Accelerated Session) LAA Members: free. LAA graduates: \$30.

**WHERE:** The Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 266-3131

**TO ATTEND:** Please register by November 22nd by completing the event registration form below and submitting to LAA with payment via fax at (410) 571-0165 or email to [alli@leadershipaa.org](mailto:alli@leadershipaa.org). You can visit [www.leadershipaa.org](http://www.leadershipaa.org) or call (410) 571-9798 for more information.

**EVENT REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM / YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend the:  1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Session

I am a:  LAA Dues-paying Member (FREE)  LAA graduate (\$30)  Guest (\$75)

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. LAA GRADUATES ONLY Accelerated Session

I am a:  LAA Dues-paying Member (FREE)  LAA graduate (\$30)

**Invite a friend, colleague, co-worker, relative, client, etc.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM / YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my Event Registration Fee(s). Checks should be made payable to Leadership Anne Arundel. Mailing address: 2024 West Street, Suite 202, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Please charge my Event Registration Fee(s) of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my  VISA  MasterCard.

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Events & Member News

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Please Join us on **December 6, 2007** for the  
**LAA Annual Holiday Open House!**

On **December 6, 2007 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 Cade Building, Room 219. There will be delicious food and wine, great company (of course!), and festive music. . It's a great time to reconnect with old LAA friends and classmates and also meet the members of the 2007-2008 Flagship and NLA classes. In addition, you'll also have the opportunity to meet and mingle with LAA's new Executive Director Dr. Pam Brown! 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, 2007**

Email: [Alli@leadershipaa.org](mailto:Alli@leadershipaa.org) OR call 410-571-9798

## **Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County**

### **HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

As the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County gears up for the holidays, we remain committed to helping fill the volunteer and donations needs of our partner agencies. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with hundreds of potential volunteers this holiday season. Submit your volunteer opportunities and donation needs to the Volunteer Center today!

Holiday volunteer opportunities are those that occur between November 11, 2007, and January 5, 2008. Submit your holiday volunteer and donation needs. Opportunities will be compiled into a Holiday Volunteering Guide and distributed throughout the community to potential volunteers and posted on our website. To be included in the Volunteer Center's Holiday Volunteering Guide, **all submissions must be received no later than Nov 2, 2007**. Just tell us in an E-mail the details about your volunteer needs including time, date(s), location, description of volunteer opportunities and contact information. Thanks!

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# More Member News...

Join Food Link Inc. for the  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Jean Bash!**

Same Great Event, Beautiful New Location

**Saturday, November 3, 2007**

**Camp Letts in Edgewater**

**7 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

**Food Link, Inc.** is throwing a shindig with Western flair and everyone is invited! Dust off your boots and wear your favorite jeans to a community celebration that fights hunger where we live. Fantastic food, a margarita bar, live music, a great Silent Auction, and raffles all make for an evening full of fun! Best of all, **ALL PROCEEDS benefit FOOD LINK** and the **thousands** of people in our community that they help each year.

Space is limited so call **Cathy Holstrom (FLG06)** at 410-222-7853 to reserve your tickets!  
**\$50 per person in advance, \$60 at the door**

**PLUS!**  
**Win a NEW 2007 Vespa LX50 Scooter**

Courtesy of **Bob's BMW** and **Vespa Columbia**

**Raffle tickets are \$40 each or 3 for \$100**

Available at:

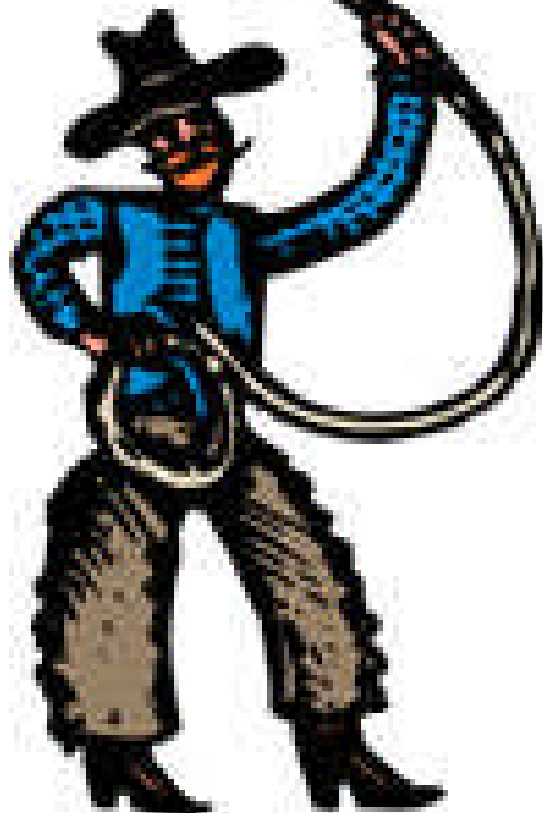
**FOOD LINK, Inc.** by calling 410-222-7853

OR

Online and at the dealership at:

[VespaColumbia.com](http://VespaColumbia.com) & [bobsbmw.com](http://bobsbmw.com)

*The drawing will be held at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Jean Bash*





In 2007, the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County will provide \$10,000 in grants to charitable organizations serving the people of Anne Arundel County. The grants will range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 and will be available in the competitive grants programs below:

- **Project Independence Grants:** Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to organizations which help the citizens of Anne Arundel County to become economically independent through encouragement of training and workforce preparation, home ownership, and educational self-improvement.
- **Community Needs Grants:** Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to organizations which provide quick turn-around assistance in case of emergencies and catastrophic events and to organizations which are assisting with targeted high priority community needs in Anne Arundel County.

Please go to [www.cfaac.org](http://www.cfaac.org) and click on "Grants" to learn more about this year's process and to download the grant application guidelines and the summary page. Please note that the deadline for submission has been extended to **Friday November 9, 2007**. If you have any questions or inquiries please feel free to Contact **Bess Freedlander (FLG08)** by phone (410) 280-1102 or e-mail at [bess@cfaac.org](mailto:bess@cfaac.org).

## Congratulations!

Our heartiest congratulations go out to our friends at **Partners In Care** and to the **Flagship Class of 2006** for the success of the "Just In Case" program for seniors. The "Just In Case" program was selected as a 2007 inductee into the Volunteer Hall of Fame and will be recognized at the annual event ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The "Just In Case" project provides emergency kits to help area residents shelter-in-place through the first critical hours and days of an emergency - whether the emergency is a snow storm, power outage, or other event.

For more info on the "Just In Case" program, please visit [www.partnersincare.org](http://www.partnersincare.org) and click on the link for "Emergency Kits."



## Bully Prevention Seminar

On October 30th at the Sheraton Hotel in Annapolis at 6:00 PM Balanced Life Skills is sponsoring a **Bully Prevention Seminar**. The featured speakers are:

**Lucia Martin**, Chairperson for the Bullying Prevention Initiative of AACPS

**Bruce Villwock**, Broadneck High School Bully Prevention Coordinator

**Joe Van Deuren (FLG07)**, Balanced Life Skills

There will be some great information and handouts for all attendees. This is a prelude to an event that we are working to have next year for all teachers in the county. Next year we are going to create an in-service day for county educators to learn even more about creating a safe environment in the schools and helping students be safe.

**All educators and parents are invited to attend this FREE event.** We expect the seminar to conclude at 7:15 PM, though the speakers will be available for discussion at the conclusion. To register or for more information visit [www.balancedlifefeskills.com](http://www.balancedlifefeskills.com).

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## North County High School **WAGES** Program is 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 N.C.H.S.

**Why should you mentor?** Invest in the lives of WAGES students by becoming a positive role model. Show them someone does care about them and their future.

**How do I become involved?** Contact Rebecca Bickel, WAGES Counselor - 410-222-6970 or Email: [RBickel@aacps.org](mailto:RBickel@aacps.org)

**What is the cost to me?** Lunch - \$5.00 Gas - \$20.00

**Investing 30 minutes twice a month in the life of a student - PRICELESS**

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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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