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LAA Fall 2007 Events



October

Oct. 12th – Membership Committee Meeting

Oct. 15th – Community Trustee Awards Nomination Deadline
(see page 3 for more details)

Oct. 17th – Extended Application Deadline for NLA08
(see page 5 for more details)

Oct. 18th – FLG08 Government Session

Oct. 19th – Global Warming Fireside Event RSVP Deadline

Oct. 23rd – Fireside Event: Global Warming & The Chesapeake Bay
(see page 8 for more details!!!)

Oct. 25th – Executive Committee Meeting

Oct. 27th – Make a Difference Day!



NOVEMBER

Nov. 3rd – NLA08 Understanding Leadership Orientation Session

Nov. 6th – Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 9th – Membership Committee Meeting

Nov. 15th – FLG08 Environment Session

Nov. 16th & 17th – NLA08 Opening Retreat

Nov. 22nd & 23rd - HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (LAA Office Closed)

Nov. 29th – Executive Committee Meeting

Nov. 29th – SAVE THE DATE! Advanced Leadership Lab Event
(see page 8 for more details!!!)



A Message from Griff...

"For everything there is a season. For every time a purpose." These words from the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiastes have guided my decision to change roles at Leadership Anne Arundel. I say change roles because as I leave my position, I will also retain my status as a graduate and member of the Flagship Class of 1996. These past eight years have been a gift beyond words and the opportunity to work with LAA participants, graduates and volunteers has truly been the experience of a lifetime. I confess that I don't know the words to fully express my gratitude and appreciation to each of you for allowing me to have this gift.

This position provides a lens into every segment of the community. The extraordinary stories of people working on behalf of others in their communities are the frames of images indelibly etched in my mind. These are your stories and they are collectively wrapped in package that I will open whenever I am looking for inspiration, motivation, soothing, and grounding. Be assured that I will open this gift every day.

My new horizon is opening Leadership Arts, a company focused on leadership training, consulting, and publishing. Once again I've been blessed with the help and support of many, many people in this process. With Leadership Arts, I have the great opportunity to be part of the Greystone Alliance of consultants, coaches and trainers headed by Jim Harden. For the time being my contact information is griffhall@comcast.net and 410.279.6639.

Leadership Anne Arundel is the organization it is today because of all that people like you have put into it. There is no doubt in my mind that this great organization will reach new heights as we transition to new leadership. I am enthusiastic about the prospects ahead and want you to join me in supporting our new executive director. I look forward to seeing you around the community.

Shalom,

Griff

LAA Celebrates Community Volunteers!



Do you know someone whose community volunteer work deserves to be recognized? If so, we invite you to nominate that person for a **Community Trustee Award**. Each year Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) recognizes contributions made by citizens that have helped make a difference in the lives of Anne Arundel County residents as well as helped create a more vibrant community.

A selection committee will review all nominations and choose finalists based on the information provided and the award selection criteria as outlined on the following pages. Those who are chosen for awards will receive a **Community Trustee Award** at LAA's sixth annual awards event March 11, 2008 at Maryland Hall. The event sponsor Capital-Gazette Newspapers and Leadership Anne Arundel are working together to obtain a variety of nominations from all parts of our community by October 15th.

Please use the attached form or answer the attached questions on up to three typewritten pages. In detail, please explain how your nominee distinguished themselves as a community trustee during 2007. You may attach articles or supplemental information to help us get to know your nominee. If you wish to nominate someone under the age of 21, please check the appropriate box on the nomination form. Please submit your nomination by October 15, 2007 to the Leadership Anne Arundel Office. If you prefer, you may submit your nomination online at www.leadershipaa.org.

On behalf of our awards committee and Capital-Gazette Newspapers, we look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lee
President, Board of Directors
Leadership Anne Arundel

Tom Marquardt
Chair
Community Trustee Awards Committee

6th Annual Community Trustee Awards Nomination Details

Nomination Rules

1. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. October 15, 2007 to the LAA office.
2. Nominees should not be compensated for the volunteer contributions for which they are being nominated.
3. Individuals of all ages are eligible for this award.
4. Nominee and nominator both agree that materials provided to LAA may be edited, reproduced and/or published in a program, on LAA's web site, or in press releases prior to or after the Community Trustee Awards Event.
5. Nominees will be judged solely on information provided on the nomination form. Please include detailed answers to each question to paint a clear picture of the contributions of your nominee.
6. Nominations may be delivered to LAA via e-mail, regular mail, or fax or may be submitted online. Nominations are limited to three (3) typewritten pages. Supplemental information should be limited to three (3) additional pages.
7. All property submitted will be retained by LAA. Please do not submit one-of-a-kind photographs unless they do not need to be returned to you.
8. Awards will be presented to winners March 11, 2008 at LAA's Community Trustee Awards event. For event details, visit LAA's website at www.leadershipaa.org or contact the LAA office at 410-571-9798.
9. E-mailed nominations should be sent to Alli@leadershipaa.org with the word "Nominee:" in the subject header, followed by the nominee's name. Answers to all questions and information requests on the original form must be provided.
10. Nominations shall include nominee AND nominator contact info (see form).

Checklist

- Nominations in any form are limited to three (3) typewritten pages.
- Supplemental information should be limited to three (3) additional pages.
- Nominations shall include a headshot photo of the nominee. E-mailed nominations shall include a 300+ dot per inch digital photo. Mailed responses shall include a photo that shall become the property of LAA and Capital-Gazette Newspapers and shall not be returned.
- E-mailed nominations shall be sent to info@leadershipaa.org with the word "Nominee:" in the subject header, followed by the nominee's name.
- E-mailed responses shall address all questions and requested information from the original nomination form - including whether a nominee was less than 21 years of age as of 12/31/2007.
- Nominations shall include nominee AND nominator contact info (see form).
- Responses must be submitted by 5 p.m. October 15, 2007.

Please complete and return this form by October 15, 2007. Up to three typewritten pages can be used to answer the questions.

You may include up to three additional pages of supplemental information.

Fax form to (410) 571-0165, email form to Alli@leadershipaa.org or mail form to:

Community Trustee Awards, c/o Leadership Anne Arundel, 2024 West Street, Suite 202, Annapolis, MD 21401

Check this box if nominee was less than 21 years of age as of 12/31/07

Nominee		Nominator	
*Name		*Name	
Title:		Title	
*Phone #:		*Phone #	
E-mail		E-mail	
*Address		*Address	
*City, state, zip		*City, state, zip	

* This information is required. Incomplete nomination forms will not be accepted.

- What difference has the nominee made in the lives of Anne Arundel County citizens over the past 12 months?

- Over the last 12 months, how has the nominee been resourceful, informed, and proactive in order to create a more vibrant Anne Arundel County and/or Mid-Atlantic region?



Here is what NLA grads have to say about their experience in the Neighborhood Leadership Academy Program:

"It has prepared me to work hard in the community where I live and work. I have a better feel for the need to help others and share in the information learned. I can't express my gratitude for what you have given me."

"Being a leader in NLA enabled me to use the tools to advance my career. It gave me the strength to step outside my box and speak up for what I felt was right. It gave me a voice "

"NLA has helped me deal with issues that I did not have the answers to at first glance. I have a better understanding of the commitment and dedication it takes to become a successful leader in my community."

"Being a part of LAA/NLA exposed me to a higher level of community involvement. My commitment to help others seemed more defined and directed once I obtained the community leadership training."

"Leadership Anne Arundel Neighborhood Leadership Academy has empowered me as a parent to empower other parents to become involved in the community."

Neighborhood Leadership Academy⁵



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Nominations Wanted:

LAA has begun its selection of candidates for the Neighborhood Leadership Academy Class of 2007-2008. PLEASE contact our offices or check out the application on line at

www.leadershipaa.org

If you would like to receive information or have information mailed to a proposed candidate please contact our offices or e-mail Alli@leadershipaa.org with the subject line: NLA Candidate.

Our deadline for all applications is October 17, 2007

Thank you for your continued support of LAA!

Calling All Graduates!! Calling All Graduates!!

Leadership Anne Arundel would like to challenge LAA graduates from all programs to nominate at least one potential Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) applicant. Like all LAA programs, the most effective recruiting is through referrals from graduates. Please take this opportunity to help support this wonderful program.

The NLA is a grassroots leadership development program whose purpose is to provide individuals who are interested and committed to improving the quality of life in the county's neighborhoods and communities with essential leadership skills. This amazing program is offered FREE to participants as NLA is completely funded by sponsors and scholarship funds. This allows community members who might otherwise not be able to participate in a program of this nature to take advantage of exceptional skills-based leadership training. Anne Arundel County residents of any income level and community are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline has been extended to October 17th. Please call the LAA office at 410-571-9798 if you are interested in helping with the NLA recruiting effort and we will make sure to have your supplies available. If you would prefer that we mail out applications and brochures to any business, church, community program or even to individual residences please e-mail or give us a call. We appreciate any support in helping to spread the word about this great program!

Thanks to all who made
Homecoming 2007
a tremendous success!

With nearly 220 graduates and guests in attendance, this year's Homecoming Reception was one of the most successful in recent memory and was a wonderful way to welcome the 39 class members of the 2008 Flagship Class to the LAA family of community leaders.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Community and Organizational Trustee Awards given by the Flagship Class of 2007:

Community Trustee Award Winner
Joe Van Deuren (FLG07)

Organizational Trustee Award Winner
Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & A.A. Co.

LAA would also like to thank our generous sponsors who made this wonderful evening possible:

Event Sponsor:



Orientation Sponsor:
The Columbia Bank

Awards Sponsors:
Merrill Lynch/Hank Gundlach
Whiting Turner Contracting Co.

Reception Sponsors:
Annapolis Professional Resources, Inc.
Beidle Insurance Agency, Inc./Nationwide Insurance
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
Langton Green, Inc.

Thank you all for a wonderful evening!



 Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County

COVAAC Brown Bag Workshop on Trends in Volunteering Oct. 11th

Enjoy the Coordinators of Volunteers of Anne Arundel County (COVAAC) Brown Bag lunch/workshop on Trends in Volunteering: Who are Today's and Tomorrow's Volunteers? on **Thursday, Oct. 11th** in the Department of Aging & Disabilities 4th floor conference room, 2666 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. Network, share the trends that you see in volunteering at your agency and explore which communities are being underutilized by volunteer programs. Fay Mauro, Executive Director of the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County will facilitate the discussion. Join us from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm on Oct. 11th. Bring your lunch, COVAAC will bring drinks and dessert. Please RSVP to Cindy Meyers at (410) 222-6350 Ext. 3155.

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**Make A Difference Day**  
October 27, 2007 

**Make a Difference Day** is Saturday, October 27, 2007. Sponsored by USA WEEKEND Magazine in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, the annual Make A Difference Day is the nation's largest day of community service. The Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County would like to publicize the activities any community organizations and volunteers are planning to do to commemorate this day of giving in their volunteer guide. Please contact Bill Crabbs, Volunteer Services Coordinator at [bill@volunteerannearundel.org](mailto:bill@volunteerannearundel.org) with the details of any projects planned for this day (or other days in close proximity).

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TEAMS UP WITH RECYCLING

*Less is More, Operation Green Thumb*, a group of volunteer professionals attending the 2007 Neighborhood Leadership Academy through Leadership Anne Arundel has teamed up with the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department to adopt a paper recycling program at two city parks. Area communities are encouraged to take their newspapers, office papers, junk mail, etc. (sorry, no cardboard) to the green and gold colored bins located at Truxtun Park (near Collison Baseball field) and Bates Athletic Complex (near Weem Whalen Field). Abitibi Paper Recycling will reuse this paper in products such as newsprint and commercial printing papers. The proceeds from the paper recycling efforts will benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund for the Recreation Department.



For further information, please contact Annapolis Recreation and Parks at 410-263-7958.



**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](http://www.raising4reasons.org) for more information.

## More Member News!

### OCTOBER FIRESIDE BREAKFAST

## *Global Warming and the Chesapeake Bay: What Does the Future Hold For Us?*



**Tuesday, October 23, 2007  
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Anne Arundel Community College  
CADE Building, Room 224**



This first "Fireside" event for the 2007-2008 program year will focus on the environmental and economic future of Anne Arundel County, particularly the effects of global warming on those living near the Chesapeake Bay. Featured speakers will include **Dr. Steve Steele, Director of the Institute for the Future** and Professor of Sociology at Anne Arundel Community College, who has been involved in futures work and applied sociology for three decades. The other speaker will be **John Cleveland, Founder and President of the Global Warming Action Alliance**, whose mission is to educate the public about the realities of climate change and what people can do to reduce their carbon footprints.

If you'd like to attend this exciting event, please R.S.V.P. to LAA online at [www.leadershipaa.org](http://www.leadershipaa.org), by phone at 410-571-9798 or email at [Alli@leadershipaa.org](mailto:Alli@leadershipaa.org) no later than **Friday, October 19, 2007**.

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



## SAVE THE DATE!



### **Leadership Anne Arundel's First "Advanced Leadership Lab" Will Help You Reach Your Leadership Potential**

Leadership Anne Arundel's first "Advanced Leadership Lab" is based on John Maxwell's "Developing the Leader within You." 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.

The team of Patti DiMiceli, FLG07 grad and Professional Organizer, and Alison Kelly, an expert in Personal Development, Human Resources, and Customer Service training, will conduct this interactive workshop.

**This exciting event will be held on November 29, 2007 for two sessions:**

- **1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

*This session will be open to LAA grads as well as the general public*

- **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

*This accelerated session will be open to LAA graduates ONLY.*

**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), or visit LAA on the web at [www.leadershipaa.org](http://www.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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