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*"Everyone is trying to accomplish something big, not realizing that life is made up of little things." -- Frank A. Clark*

*A bimonthly publication by Leadership Hillsborough for all current alumni.*

## ALL POINTS BULLETIN: Community Events

Leadership Hillsborough is not only a matter of attending seminars and field trips during your class year. It's also about connecting to, and continuing to support, organizations throughout the county.

The "Community Events" portion of Leadership Hillsborough's Web site includes an online form that alumni and current class members can use to share information about the organizations they support. This information will be posted to the Web site, sent as an e-mail notice and/or included in the next Leadership Hillsborough newsletter as appropriate.

Recent postings included a Weekenders fall fashion show (held in August to benefit the Y-Me breast cancer survivor group) and "Taste of Asia" (an upcoming benefit for the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Center). The Web site currently features an invitation to join the Tampa Study Circle (a series of meetings being hosted by The Planning Commission to discuss the next 20 years of local progress).

We are especially interested in getting information about events, needs, and community services related to past recipients of Leadership Hillsborough class projects and other organizations with active Leadership Hillsborough alumni. Current opportunities are at <http://www.leadershiphillsborough.com> or on page 4.

## Chairman's Notes

Welcome everyone to the beginning of another exciting year for Leadership Hillsborough. As I write this we are just days away from the opening retreat for the class of 2004-05 and many of us are still recovering from the effects of a very active hurricane season. I'm very happy to say all indications are the event (which was close to having to be re-scheduled) is going ahead as planned with close to 100 percent of all class members able to attend and more than 13 Board members making the trip. The newly remodeled Homosassa Springs Riverside Resort once again starts our year off with a very energetic class of 35. The class is made up of individuals from varying areas of the county with many working for private companies and several self-run businesses.

Recently I attended our "Hands Across the Bay" Alumni event at Landry's seafood restaurant. This is an annual event growing in popularity with over 125 individuals attending. Along with Leadership Hillsborough, members of Leadership Tampa, Leadership Pinellas, Leadership St. Petersburg and Leadership Clearwater met and enjoyed a nice evening talking about their experiences within their organizations and personal leadership insights. As Chairman, I must say it's very encouraging and rewarding to see the level of participation and energy generated at these functions when available time is at a premium. The Alumni committee, led by Board member Jim Johnson, has made great strides over the past few years working closely with the Communications/Technology committee, led by Stephanie Fountain, in coordinating these events and using our Web site and Alumni/Class e-mail to get the word out to the organization. Next on the Alumni front is the second annual Alumni Boat Ride and luncheon, which is tied in with the opening retreat. I'm sure in the next newsletter I'll be able to update on another well-attended event.

Of course the true focus of the Board right now is the upcoming year and putting together the type of seminars our organization has grown accustomed to. The schedule is set and already agendas are being finalized with the focus once again on getting our class face-to-face with the leaders in the county who open their time to us and allow us an up close and personal view of their organizations. Our sights are set to continue to grow as an organization and take advantage of the talented group of individuals on the Board who commit their valuable volunteer time to maintain the high standards that have been synonymous with Leadership Hillsborough over the years. Thank you all for your continued interest in our organization and I look forward to keeping you updated on the progress of the upcoming year.



**Drew Sirianni**

# Alumni Spotlight



Leadership Hillsborough alum and new board member Lt. Col. Tony Hingle believes that with just about everything in life, the more you put into something, the more rewarding the results can be. His philosophy extends from his duties at MacDill Air Force base, where he serves as commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, to his ongoing participation in Leadership Hillsborough.

As commander, Tony oversees the most diverse squadron in the operations group and leads 108 personnel, including in-flight instructors and support staff. He is responsible for combat training and mission support of KC-135R aircrews and provides all aspects of mission and tactics development, intelligence support, KC-135R simulator management, airfield operations support, air traf-

fic control and weather services. He also manages the professional development, job satisfaction and morale of his squadron members, and fulfills the operation group commander's duties in his absence.

For Tony, the Leadership Hillsborough experience would fulfill his goals of learning more about the community and his own leadership abilities. "The seminars were very focused and meaningful and left me with a better understanding of the community and the challenges that lie ahead," he said. "At the end of the day, I found myself coming home and sharing this new wealth of information with my family and neighbors. And no matter how impressed I was with each seminar, each subsequent seminar seemed to set the bar even higher. One thing LH taught me is that we're truly blessed to live in such a beautiful and vibrant city and county and to have the leadership of some wonderful people who sincerely care about the future of our community."

***On leadership:*** "We're all leaders, right here and now. It's not about up and coming leaders. And the secret to leadership is people. You have to genuinely like, and trust, people. If you want to lead, then lead. LH taught us all that the opportunity is there; we just need to decide when and where to jump in."

## PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2005

Dean Ahrens	Cargill
Ross Bannister	Tampa Electric
Miriam Bell	Moffitt Cancer Center
Tammy Bracewell	Brandon Chamber of Commerce
Cameron Clark	
Alexander Chang	South Bay Hospital
Craig DeMask	South Shore Insurance
Mary Helen Duke	City of Tampa
John FerDon	Hillsborough County
Tom Fesler	Hillsborough County
Carla Floyd	Sunbelt Newspapers
Bobby Fowler	MacDill AFB
Brian Grady	Hillsborough County
Joe Green	Brick by Joe of Florida
Annette Harting	Self-employed
LaShune Jordan	Public Housing
Marci Krekorian	Children's Board
Anthony LaColla	Hills. Cty Neighborhood Rel.
Justin LaRosa	Child Abuse Council
Daisy Mattice-Cline	Ash Engineering
Bill Mccarthy	A.G. Edwards
Catherine Mitseas	CSM Communications
Stephen Murray	Cargill
Ed Odom	Linville Graphics
Otilia Perez	Hillsborough County
Jackie Perrone	Tampa Electric
Michael Rowicki	Hillsborough County
Randy Sears	BOCC
Suzanne Secrest	Child Abuse Council
Aarene Shapiro	University Village

The class project – providing much-needed refurbishment to the 78<sup>th</sup> Street Childcare Center, which is run by the Child Abuse Council and serves the Palm River/Clair Mel area – was an extremely positive experience, according to Tony. From concept to execution to the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, it challenged each class member to use his or her leadership skills for the benefit of the community. "It was all for the kids," Tony said.

The dynamics of the class of 2004 were "second to none," Tony added. "What great harmony, spirit of cooperation and sense of belonging we had. I've been in enough programs to know that it's the people alone who either 'make' or 'break' the experience. Without exception, the entire class of 2004 made the experience world-class. I look forward to a reunion."

## It's time to renew your dues!

Your annual \$25 alumni dues will entitle you to one free Hayride ticket, the Alumni Connection semi-monthly newsletter, a directory of all LH alumni, admission to all LH events and *more!*

### Renew Online:

<http://www.leadershiphillsborough.com>

# Annual *Hands Across the Bay* Event a Success!



**Patricia G. Bean**

The annual networking event for local leadership programs was held at Landry's Seafood House (7616 Courtney Campbell Causeway) on August 19. Approximately 125 people, including 54 from Leadership Hillsborough, attended. Leadership Pinellas, Leadership St. Petersburg, and Leadership Tampa were also represented.

Great attendance lead to "standing room only" conditions during remarks by Hillsborough County Administrator Patricia G. Bean and the Honorable Robert B. Stewart (Pinellas County Commissioner and Chairperson, Tampa Bay Water Board of Direc-



**Robert B. Stewart**



tors). Both officials discussed the role of local leadership in the difficult decisions that must be made each time a hurricane or tropical storm threatens our area. Representatives from the event's two corporate sponsors, Cargill Crop Nutrition and TECO People's Gas, also described private industry's role in community recovery efforts after Hurricane Charley.

Leadership Hillsborough's coordinator for this successful and informative event was Alumni Committee chairperson Jim Johnson. Plans are already underway for the 2005 event, which will be held on the other side of the bay.

## Congratulations to the following new members of Leadership Hillsborough's Board of Directors:



**Ricardo Doi**  
Class of 2004



**Deborah Grotheer**  
Class of 2003



**Lt. Col. Tony Hingle**  
Class of 2004



**Teresa Maio**  
Class of 2003



**Anne Maynard**  
Class of 2003



**Felice Mitchell**  
Class of 2004



**Ron Proulx**  
Class of 2004



**Carla Shelton**  
Class of 2004



**Jim Snavelly**  
Class of 2004



**Lois Sorensen**  
Class of 2004



**Barbara Tyler**  
Class of 2004

*We encourage all LH alumni to participate on a committee or project. For more information, contact Alumni Chair Jim Johnson at 671-6310.*

# Community Events

## Taste of Asia

Please join us for an evening of Asian culinary delights, beverages and cultural entertainment on October 7 from 7-10 p.m. at A La Carte Event Pavilion. Tickets are \$65, and a wide variety of items will be featured in a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Heart Center. To reserve your tickets, call 813-872-0979.

## Shape Tampa's Future

The Planning Commission invites you to make a difference in our future and how we plan for it. We need interested and motivated volunteers to participate in a Study Circle and talk about Tampa's future. Come explore the opportunities available to make this community grow into the kind of place you have always wanted. Input will be used to update the Tampa Comprehensive Plan, which shapes decisions on how the city grows and changes in the future.

We need you if you are willing to give two hours a week for five consecutive weeks to participate in lively discussions with other people in the community. Snacks will be provided. Meetings will be open to the public. Observers are encouraged to attend and share their viewpoints at the end of each session.

All meetings will be held on Mondays beginning Oct. 4 from 6-8 p.m. If interested, contact Michele Ogilvie, principal planner, at 273-3774, ext. 317, or [ogilviem@plancom.org](mailto:ogilviem@plancom.org).

## Join the Community Roundtable

You are invited to attend Community Roundtable, an open-discussion forum designed to provide an opportunity for members of the community to gather together in a relaxed, informal setting, to discuss important issues of the day. The next dinner takes place **Thursday, October 7, at 6 p.m.** at Mise En Place restaurant. Roy Kaplan will lead a discussion about "Failing Grades - How Schools Breed Frustration, Anger and Violence, And How to Prevent It," which also is the title of his new book. Roy was most recently the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay chapter for National Conference for Community and Justice.

Dinner will be served family style and will accommodate both vegans and vegetarians alike; the charge, especially given the quality of the company and the food, will be a minimal, \$19.00 (excluding beverage). To RSVP, please e-mail [amberoverby@brockcomm.com](mailto:amberoverby@brockcomm.com).

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\* 2005 Class Liaisons

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Advanced Leadership Seminar

### *Civic Renewal: Re-Connecting People to Their Communities*

Beginning roughly in the late 1960s, Americans in massive numbers began to join less, vote less, give less, schmooze less, even trust less. Why did the fabric of American community life begin to unravel? More importantly, does it matter? And if it does matter, what needs to be done to turn around this 35-year decline in civic engagement? We'll explore this topic and look for the role of Leadership Hillsborough in reconnecting people to their communities. Join other LH alumni and moderator Deanne Roberts, APR, founder and president of Roberts Communication and current chair of Leadership Florida, for this unique leadership event.

**October 13, 2004**

**7:30-9:30 a.m.**

For more information, visit <http://www.leadershiphillsborough.com>.