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**Leadership
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Preparing leaders to serve.

**2009
Class Directory**

Class XIX

Commencement

Tuesday June 9, 2009
Mr. G's Logan Creek Grille
Jacksonport, WI

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Commencement Schedule

Tuesday June 9, 2009

- 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. — Social Hour with cash bar
- 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. — Buffet Dinner
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Commencement Ceremony

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Class Project History

- CLASS ONE: 1990-1991
Slide show presentation about Leadership Door County
- CLASS TWO: 1991-1992
Feasibility study for a Door County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program
- CLASS THREE: 1992-1993
Volunteer Guide; Initial Work on Volunteer Resource Center
- CLASS FOUR: 1993-1994
Door County Vision for the Year 2010
- CLASS FIVE: 1994-1995
Festival Recycling Guide for Festival Organizers and Vendors
- CLASS SIX: 1995-1996
“Youth Vote” Project (Brochures & booths at all Door County Schools)
- CLASS SEVEN: 1996-1997
Cherry Blossom Park Clean-up (with Sunshine House)
- CLASS EIGHT: 1997-1998
Guide to Historical Sites in Door County (with Ephraim Foundation)
- CLASS NINE: 1998-1999
Feasibility study regarding establishment of Third Avenue Playhouse
- CLASS TEN: 1999-2000
Road Rally for Volunteerism (funds benefited Door County Volunteer Center)
- CLASS ELEVEN: 2000-2001
Nature trail construction (D.C. Land Trust’s Bayshore Blufflands Preserve)
- CLASS TWELVE: 2001-2002
Needs analysis regarding psychiatric service provision in Door County
- CLASS THIRTEEN: 2002-2003
Historical review of Leadership Door County program & survey of alumni
- CLASS FOURTEEN: 2003-2004
“Fun-a-Loop-Sa” - a fundraising event for Crossroads at Big Creek
- CLASS FIFTEEN: 2004-2005
Preventing Suicide: Keeping Our Community Healthy and Safe
- CLASS SIXTEEN: 2005-2006
Fundraising/building *A Playground for “Every Body”* at Sevastopol School
- CLASS SEVENTEEN: 2006-2007
Supporting & Expanding the Meals on Wheels Program in Door County
- CLASS EIGHTEEN: 2007-2008
Student Resource Fair at TJ Walker Middle School

A Message from the Board President...

Congratulations go out to the current LDC Class on a job well done. It was my pleasure to have watched this class learn together, meet challenges, and work toward completion of a common goal. Your dedication and time to both the monthly sessions and your class project is greatly appreciated!

The conclusion of this session marks the 18th year that Leadership Door County has made an impact on our community. It truly amazes me to look at the "Class Projects" page of our website to see that ideas inspired by LCD graduating classes have been the catalyst to address community issues and work toward solutions to those problems. Some projects have come to completion, others are still in progress and some have grown and evolved beyond anyone's expectations.

The Volunteer Center is a perfect example of that. The LDC Class III Project in 1992-93 was to begin initial work on a Volunteer Resource Center. It continued with Class X raising funds with a Road Rally in 1999-2000 and has become successful only because dedicated individuals (LDC Alumni) who were a part of those initial groups have stayed involved with the project for the last 15 years.

With that in mind I encourage this year's graduates to use what you have learned this past year to continue and/or expand your service to the community you live and work in. I hope that you will think of this as a beginning not an end and challenge yourselves both personally and professionally to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

The Leadership Door County tag line is "Preparing Leaders to Serve." We hope that your LDC experiences have enhanced your personal and professional growth, strengthened your leadership skills, and given you ideas for service opportunities in the future. Thank you and Good Luck!

Gina Wautier
LDC Board President



Above: The class shows off their creation at the Hands On Art Studio in April.

Left: Visiting the Door County Advocate to see the facility in October.

Below: Checking out the old fire truck at the Door County Historical Museum in March.



MONTHLY SESSIONS

Opening Retreat (overnight)

Sunday & Monday, September 26 & 27, 2008

Team Leadership Center, Institute; Bertschinger Center, Egg Harbor

Communication, Conflict Resolution & Local Media

Tuesday October 9, 2008

Baylake Bank Conference Center, Door County Advocate, Nicolet Broadcasting studios, all in Sturgeon Bay

Human Services

Tuesday November 11, 2009

Crossroads at Big Creek, Senior Resource Center, Wellness Center, Sunshine House, Feed & Clothe My People and Door County Job Center, all in Sturgeon Bay

Health Care

Tuesday January 13, 2009

Scandia Village & Sister Bay Fire Station, Sister Bay and Door County Memorial Hospital, Sturgeon Bay

Local Government & the Legal System

Tuesday February 5, 2008

Door County Government Center & Sturgeon Bay City Hall, all in Sturgeon Bay

History

Tuesday March 10, 2009

Door County Historical Museum, Maritime Museum & Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay

Education

Tuesday March 24, 2009

NWTC, Sturgeon Bay HS, Sturgeon Bay; YMCA, Fish Creek; Northern Door Child Care Center, Sister Bay

The Arts

Tuesday April 14, 2009

Peninsula Art School; Peninsula Players; Hands On Art Studio, all near or in Fish Creek

Economy and the Environment

Tuesday May 12, 2009

Bjorklunden & The Ridges Sanctuary, near Baileys Harbor and Whitefish Dunes State Park near Jacksonport.

Closing Retreat/Commencement (overnight)

Monday & Tuesday, June 8 & 9, 2009

Newport Resort, Egg Harbor; Team Leadership Center, Institute; Mr. G's Logan Creek Grille, Jacksonport



Class Project Review

LEADERSHIP DOOR COUNTY CLASS XIX

Student Interest Fair

A special event to raise awareness regarding extracurricular activities available to middle school students was held Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Thomas J. Walker Middle School in Sturgeon Bay. This first-ever "Student Interest Fair" involved fourteen area non-profit organizations, approximately 220 students, their parents and interested community members. The event was organized and sponsored by the Leadership Door County class of 2007-2008, with the goal of connecting area students with community organizations offering programs for those aged 10-13.

Leadership Door County (LDC) class members designed the program with the belief that supporting student involvement in positive extracurricular activities may lessen the likelihood that these students will instead be drawn to risky or damaging behavior, such as use of alcohol or other drugs.

The Student Interest Fair was scheduled during school hours for students in grades 5, 6 and 7. The event began with brief introductions by each participating organization, followed by a session during which students were able to visit booths manned by organization representatives to obtain details regarding participation. Sign-up sheets provided at the booths were filled with over 250 student signatures, indicating their interest. Organization representatives were also available to answer questions and provide information to parents and community members from 6-7pm that evening in the same location.

Based upon the success of this first-ever event, LDC class members are optimistic that similar programs will be repeated in subsequent years and at other schools throughout the area. A compilation of the associated planning resources and contacts has been assembled to assist schools and organizations who are interested in hosting or participating in this type of event.



Left: Students visit with Sandra Shackelford from UWGB about their Summer Art Studio program.



Right: UWGB Summer Art Studio instructor Dean Hoegger gives a pottery demonstration.



Left: Students meet a juggler from the YMCA.

Below: A birds-eye view of the Resource Fair, held in the gym at TJ Walker Middle School.



The Leadership Door County Class of 2009

Back row, left to right: Tanya Fischer, Jacob Schultz, Angela Rossman, Alan Kopischke, Karen Nordahl, Joe Stutting, Julie Brown. Bottom row, left to right: Barbara Hackbarth, Heather Powell, Jodi Kaye.

With LDC, Door County joins hundreds of towns, cities, and counties across the nation and around the world that understand that leadership is too important to leave to chance. Through a series of intensive all day workshops, participants become acquainted - or more thoroughly versed - in a wide variety of topic areas.

Armed with this greater understanding and broader network of friends, important work gets done. For some people that greater knowledge simply helps galvanize their thinking about the projects in which they already find themselves. For others, it introduces them to whole new areas of endeavor they never knew existed.

How - or where - that knowledge is used is frankly irrelevant. That there are more people out there doing more, networking with others, or forging out on their own is what LDC is all about. We hope that LDC has strengthened and transformed everyone who has experienced this program. In doing so, the whole community benefits from having those people involved.

This year's class is made up of an extraordinarily high powered group of people. The Board wishes to congratulate them for their accomplishments throughout the year and to wish them all the very best of luck in their future endeavors. Much needs doing, so go get 'em!



Class of 2009

RICH DEMEUSE



Hometown: Peshtigo

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay

Family: Hannah, Greg and Teddy

Employment: NWTC Corporate Training & Economic Development

Thoughts about your LDC experience: The best part of LDC for me was meeting the individuals on this team. They were great to get to know and do this project with. I also enjoyed getting to know more about the needs around me - as my children get older I hope to be able to do more for my community.



Above: Using teamwork to make rope shapes at the Team Leadership Center



Left: Working through a puzzle at the Opening Retreat in September at St. Joseph's Retreat Center

Right: Class members visiting Southern Door Schools as a part of Education day in December.



Below: Taking a tour of the Command Vehicle at the Door County Justice Center in February





Class of 2009

KEITH WENDLANDT



Hometown: Camanche, Iowa

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay

Family: Wife, Jami and Children Josh, Lincoln & Lindsay

Employment: Sturgeon Bay School District

Hobbies & Community Involvement: YMCA Board Member, Rotary, DKBEP Board Member, Volunteer with Sturgeon Bay Wrestling Team and Weight Room, I enjoy working out at the YMCA, biking, and going to my children's events.

Thoughts about your LDC experience: I enjoyed the relationships I developed with my fellow participants.



Class of 2009

MARK FISCHER



Hometown: Sturgeon Bay (I was born in Portage, WI and moved here as a small child, so to me Sturgeon Bay is home)

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay

Family: Husband Mark and 2 kids: Brandon (9) and Logan (3)

Employment: Laboratory Unit Leader, Door County Memorial Hospital

Hobbies & Community Involvement: Involved in the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church and Relay for Life. I enjoy boating, gardening and talking walks with my family.

Thoughts about your LDC experience: LDC has been a great experience for me. After living in Sturgeon Bay most of my life I didn't realize everything I was missing. I have learned a tremendous amount about this wonderful community. It's incredible all that this small community has to offer. I also have enjoyed meeting so many different people though out Door County. I also have been very fortunate to have such a wonderful LDC Class. Thank you for this opportunity.

KIRSTEN FOSS



Hometown: Iowa City, Iowa

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay, WI

Family: Erich Pfeifer and Yellow Lab, Bailey

Employment: Personal Banker, Associated Bank

Hobbies & Community Involvement: Volunteer Helpline Operator for Help of Door County, Member of Altrusa Club of Door County. Hobbies: Traveling, playing Scrabble, snowmobiling, growing peppers and small herb garden, crosswords,

Thoughts about your LDC experience: I very thoroughly enjoyed the experiences Leadership Door County provides. The program exposed me to a wealth of information and resources in our community. After each session I felt an increasing appreciation for Door County. I feel blessed to live in such a beautiful and caring community. I encourage any community member to join next year's class and experience it for yourself!

LORI SAMPO



Hometown: Chetek, WI

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay, WI

Family: Wife, Pam; two boys, Isaac (3) and Carter (2)

Employment: Materials Management at Door County Memorial Hospital

Hobbies & Community Involvement: I enjoy playing golf, and participating in almost anything athletically. I am looking forward to getting more involved in the community as the opportunity affords itself. I also am actively involved in the activities of First Baptist Church of Sturgeon Bay.

Thoughts about your LDC experience: I have been able to become more educated about the community in which I live. For someone that is still fairly new to the area, this class has allowed me to gain a better understanding of the future of the social and economic climate in which we live. I too have enjoyed meeting many new faces throughout the participation in the class. Overall, it has been a positive experience.



Class of 2009

PAUL SALM



Hometown: Janesville, WI

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay, WI

Family: Husband Dan, Daughter Gracia (4), Step-sons Tyler (21) and Mikkel (19)

Employment: Manager of Corporate Relations at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

Hobbies & Community Involvement: Community Involvement: Member of the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church, member and volunteer at the Door County YMCA, Door County Business Retention Committee member, Door County Workforce Taskforce committee member, and volunteer at St. John Bosco school. Hobbies: vacationing with my family, going to Broadway shows, shopping, and baking

Thoughts about your LDC experience: I enjoyed networking with the group of people that participated in this program, and appreciate that it lead me to a wonderful new employee. I learned a lot about the community that I currently call home that I may not have learned if I had not participated. I also visited some places that I may not have gone if it were not for LDC.



Class of 2009

KELLY HENDEE



Hometown: Canandaigua, NY

Current Town of Residence: Sturgeon Bay

Family: Two Sons, Luke 12, and James 10

Employment: BankMutual Loan Officer

Hobbies & Community Involvement: I am passionate about the environment. I love any outdoor activity especially camping, hiking, identifying plants, gardening and conservation. I am a member of the Friends of Crossroads, the Door County Home Builders Association, and the Door County Board of Realtors.

Thoughts about your LDC experience: My occupation requires a lot of individual work; LDC gave me the opportunity to expand myself and I am grateful. I met many interesting people around Door County and learned a lot about the issues facing Door County. I would have enjoyed more team building exercises, but I am leaving the program with a greater appreciation and understanding about group dynamics and what it means to be a part of a group to accomplish a task.

KATY LAU



Hometown: Wauwatosa WI

Current Town of Residence: Fish Creek

Family: Wife, Kärin; daughter Anya (13), son Simon (6)

Employment: Development Director, Peninsula Players Theatre

Hobbies & Community Involvement: I enjoy theatre, music, art, sports, hiking, reading, home improvement and playing with and wrestling with my kids. I am a member of the board of the Door County Visitor Bureau, a Gibraltar First Responder, and active with the Peninsula Arts & Humanities Alliance, Theatre Wisconsin, Door Community Non-Profits, Arts Wisconsin, Sturgeon Bay Rotary and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County.

Thoughts about the LDC experience: What a great introduction to so many elements of this terrific community, and how much more fulfilling it has been to explore Door County with such bright and engaging classmates. I take with me a greatly enhanced understanding of the community as a whole and of so many vital pieces of it, as well as a bond with new friends and colleagues. I'm proud of what we accomplished in our project and our sculpture gift to Sunshine House.

AMY KONOP



Hometown: Pewaukee, WI

Current Town of Residence: Baileys Harbor

Family: Husband Kevin, and daughter Aria, baby boy due in July

Employment: Healthcare Economics Manager for St. Jude Medical, Inc.

Hobbies & Community Involvement: enjoy sailing, cross-country skiing, running, reading, Egg Harbor Yacht Club Member and writer/contributor to Door County Living Magazine

Thoughts about the LDC Experience: Our team was outstanding! I really enjoyed the camaraderie and greatly appreciate the talents and dedication of my classmates. As a telecommuter, the LDC program provided me with an excellent opportunity to interact with other professionals while learning about the resources available in the county.