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Leadership San Marcos

Serving the San Marcos Community Since 1985

The mission of Leadership San Marcos is to identify, inform, educate and motivate individuals to participate in programs and activities that will improve the San Marcos community.

"CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2007"

Kickoff Reception: August 24th, 2006

Graduation Night: April 17th, 2007



Congratulations goes out to the Leadership San Marcos Class of 2007. It is exciting how time and time again a group of strangers can come together and endure the challenges of creating a common vision. Many of our newest LSM graduates spoke of how their class project was what brought them together. We are all looking forward to watching this group continue their class project through to its completion.



**Guest Speaker:
Dr. Sherri Benn**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ANNUAL MEETING AND MIXER

Join us for our **Annual Meeting and Mixer** to review the year's activities including progress on the Class of 2007 project, election of our officers for 2007-08 and consideration of our bylaws amendments. Nominations this year include President Elect-Phil Hutchinson; Secretary- Leesa Baker; and Treasurer-Sharon Wigley. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Bring your ideas for programs, speakers and tours and network with colleagues and friends. Activities begin at **5:30PM on Thursday, May 10th, 2007** in the Maroon and Gold Room, Strahan Coliseum on the Texas State Campus. Park next to Strahan or across Bobcat Drive.

Passing of the Torch Kay Stroman-John Rodriguez



LEADERSHIP SAN MARCOS TO HOST LUNCH AT COTTAGE KITCHEN



Leadership San Marcos will host the Cottage Kitchen on May 18, 2007 from 11:00AM - 1:00PM. Alumni and new graduates, we need you! Cottage Kitchen is another great opportunity to remind the community about Leadership San Marcos during our recruiting period from now until the deadline of June 15th. We look forward to another great group of leaders in the Class of 2008 and now is the time to let your associates know that we are seeking applicants. **Please RSVP to Mary Evans at 512-753-6311 on how you can contribute with your help.**

APRIL ENRICHMENT LUNCHEON EVENT



LSM Alumni, class members and guests were given the grand tour of our city's highlights, newest changes, additions and developments. The tour was hosted and narrated by City Manager Dan O'Leary and Mayor Susan Narvaiz. The luncheon tour included a look at the new San Marcos High School, construction site of the new Convention Center, new housing developments out by the infamous 5-mile dam area and the Outlet Mall to name a few. Dan O'Leary did a great job educating the group on the processes involved around proposed new additions and developments throughout the city. San Marcos is definitely a "city on the grow."

LSM CLASS OF 2007 PROJECT UPDATE *by Rick Bell*



The statue of Placido is nearly completed and will be ready for delivery to the foundry on or about May 14. Fundraising collections and pledges are at about 65% of total budget. Collection of the Arts Commission grant is pending final approval by the City Council. We should have that on the agenda for the May 15th City Council meeting. Details of the site design have been finalized. The matter of what the city will do and what we will need to do is still under discussion. Preliminary planning for the dedication ceremony is already underway. Deborah Pomeroy sent out the first big press release a couple of weeks ago, and we are currently looking for class volunteers to participate in interviews with KVUE and News 8, Austin.

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: LIFE LESSONS FOR LEADERS

Do you have a heart-warming, insightful, humorous and powerfully moving story you have written or experienced concerning the role of leadership in your company, organization or life? If so, we are currently seeking stories, quotations and other material appropriate for inclusion in the upcoming publication ***Chicken Soup for the Soul: Life Lessons for Leaders*** written and edited by Todd Thomas, Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. Deadline for stories is **June 31, 2007**. For an **outline of the book and to submit a story, visit www.lifelessonsforleaders.com**.

LSM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Congratulations to Sarah Beth Fisher! She has been selected to receive the Leadership San Marcos Scholarship. Sarah is the daughter of Scotty and Susan Fisher who are both LSM Alumni. Sarah will be attending Dallas Baptist University in the fall where she has received Leadership and Academic Scholarships and her major will be in Communications. Sarah has been a member of the SMHS Diamond Line Dance Team for four years and currently serves as Sr. Lieutenant. She has also been very active with her youth group and youth choir at church serving in various ways from VBS to mission trips. Best of Luck to Sarah.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND AWARENESS

Mother Earth Kids' Fun Night: On Saturday, May 12th take a special woman in your life out to dinner while we watch the kids. \$9 per child for 3 hours of supervised educational fun! Activities include a mother's day craft, games, a movie and a glass bottom boat ride. Reservations encouraged but not required. **Call 245-7540 to reserve your child's spot today!**

Sunday Music Concert Series: Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy a night of acoustic music on the banks of the San Marcos River. Free admission. No pets. No outside beverages. **For information please call (512) 353-3747.**

Texas Natural and Western Swing Festival: On May 19th sit back, relax on the banks of the San Marcos River and enjoy the sounds of Texas Western Swing legends. **For more information contact the San Marcos Main Street office at (512) 393-8430.**

Tour de Cure Bike Ride: On May 19th riders can choose to participate on day one, day two or choose any combination of the options to design the ride/route that is best for them. The Tour de Cure raises funds to support the essential efforts of the American Diabetes Association to find a cure for this deadly disease. For information visit the website: **www.diabetes.org/tour**

President's Corner



Creating a compelling reason to be active in Leadership San Marcos ...by Kay Stroman

My year as President of the Leadership San Marcos Alumni Association Board of Directors is up. It's been an exciting and challenging first for me. Leading a group of "volunteers" was something I have never done before. I've been a volunteer many times. Served on some boards over the years. Have been in volunteer leadership roles. It's something I enjoy doing. Heck, I get paid to lead an organization for my employer. But having to lead an organization that is comprised of, 100%, volunteers, well...that was something new. I mean, how do you motivate an all volunteer group? How do you hold them accountable? I learned a lot this year!

What I learned is that when you have a great group of people, as dedicated to the mission of Leadership San Marcos as I am, it's not that hard to get things done. We had a plan and we worked our plan. And I, for one, had a good time! Our goal was to create a compelling reason to be active in Leadership San Marcos. I believe the 2006-07 Board took a big step in that direction.

- * A successful program year, led by an enthusiastic facilitator group
- * Another meaningful community project, created by a strong and outgoing leadership class
- * Leadership enrichment events that stretched our potential and took us into the community
- * Top notch event planning and execution, in places we've never been before
- * Frequent and informative communication to alumni members
- * Notable publicity in the San Marcos community
- * Recognition of our future leaders through a high school scholarship program
- * A new face to our web connection

In the initial planning session for the 2006-07 year, one of my board members reminded me that the most important thing you can ever do for volunteers or donors (of time and money) is to say "thank you". That was leadership enrichment for me.

I'd like to say **THANK YOU** to all the 2006-07 board members of the Leadership San Marcos Alumni Association. You could have chosen not to be involved, but you were. You made my job as President of the Association an enjoyable and meaningful experience. Together we helped make positive strides toward creating a compelling reason to be active in Leadership San Marcos. Thank you!

Kay

RECRUITING EFFORTS CONTINUE

Please continue to do your part with this year's recruiting efforts by encouraging someone you know to pursue a spot on the Class of 2008 roster. If you know of someone who you think would be a good candidate for Leadership San Marcos, please send their name and contact information to Kay Stroman at kay.stroman@corp.grandecom.com. Also, utilize the upcoming events such as the Cottage Kitchen, Annual Meeting and Mixer or a visit to our website to expose potential candidates to our program. Thank you for taking the time to support Leadership San Marcos.