



President's Message

On behalf of Tempe Leadership, I would like to wish everyone a happy 2009. We have an exciting and innovative year ahead of us. I hope all alumni will make the effort to join us to make 2009 a highly successful year. I'd like to highlight a few of the upcoming events, see your newsletter for more detailed information.

Tempe Leadership will honor the Outstanding Community Leader at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast of Champions February 17. Past President of Tempe Leadership, Cliff Jones is this year's recipient. Please join us in recognizing and congratulating Cliff.

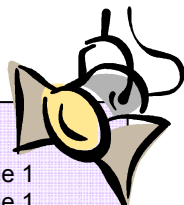
The Tempe Cares Committee, headed by Rebecka Johnson, has once again put together an amazing opportunity for alumni to give back to Tempe. Reconnect with classmates, or put together a team of co-workers, friends or family to volunteer on that day.

Recruitment will start soon for Class XXV. Yes, we will be celebrating Tempe Leadership's 25th anniversary with the induction of Class XXV in September. Please take the time to think of someone who would benefit (and who wouldn't?) from participating in the program and encourage them to attend the Recruitment Reception and/or fill out an application.

Tempe Leadership's Conversations in Leadership is another opportunity for alumni to engage in the community and to spend a few hours getting recharged from listening to leaders speak about their life challenges and opportunities and lessons learned.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these events, please give yourself and our community the gift of coming out and supporting Tempe Leadership.

Shauna Warner, Class XVI, President



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Breakfast for Chamber Champions

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce will present the **12th Annual Breakfast for Chamber Champions** on **February 17** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel at 60 E. 5th Street.

The event honors those individuals and businesses that have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make Tempe a thriving community. Awards to be presented include the **Business Excellence Awards, Spirit of Tempe Award, Volunteer of the Year Award** and the **Tempe Leadership Outstanding Community Leadership Award**.



The Outstanding Community Leadership Award recognizes those who lead by example, working quietly without fanfare. Award recipients have given selflessly of their time and talents and set an example of leadership for all to follow. This year **Cliff Jones**, Past President of Tempe Leadership, will be receiving the Award. Cliff Jones has been a member of the Tempe Fire Department for over thirty-seven years, including twenty-one years as Fire Chief.

Join us as we show our appreciation for the members of the community who strive, excel and make a difference in the world around them. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful breakfast, participate in an exciting Grammy-style awards ceremony and mix and mingle with civic, community and political leaders of the Valley.

Tickets are \$50 for Tempe Chamber members, \$65 for all others and \$500 for a VIP table of ten. To purchase tickets, visit www.tempechamber.org or call 480-967-7891.

Recruitment for Class XXV

Tempe Leadership is recruiting members for its 25th class with applications due in May 2009. Class XXV will get started in September 2009 and will graduate in May 2010. Start thinking of people that may be interested, more details will be sent to alumni and you can always check www.tempeleadership.org for updated information.



Tempe Cares 2009

We're taking on three pretty ambitious projects for Tempe Cares 2009 and we hope you can help out. In fact, we hope you and 300 or more of your friends can help out 7 a.m., **Saturday, March 7, 2009.**

Volunteers will work in teams to:

- * Paint homes in the Clark Park neighborhood
- * Plant trees around Tempe Town Lake, replacing those lost during the last monsoon
- * Help Tempe Elementary School District with a painting project at McKemy Elementary School



If you really want to prove that yours is the "best class ever," you'll round up alumni from your class to dig in and make Tempe an even better place to live, work and play. You'll work hard but we promise you'll have fun, be well-fed and finish the day knowing that you have made a difference in our community.

Groups and individuals interested in volunteering can contact Tempe Cares 2009 event chair and volunteer coordinator Rebecka Johnson - earlyreb1@aol.com or 480-250-3488.

Want more info? Check us out on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=40602533683>.

Submitted by Kati Spencer, Class XX

Class XXIV Project Update

Tempe Leadership Class XXIV is hard at work in the planning stages of our class project: Give Today, Grow Tomorrow. The purpose of our project is two fold – Give Today which gets basic need items to local human service agencies who are struggling during these difficult economic times. Toys were collected by all class members for Tempe Community Action Agency's Holiday Toy Shoppe and class member, Alison Kim of IKEA generously hosted the event. Grow Tomorrow is the more permanent aspect of the project and involves a multi-purpose garden on the grounds of McKemy Middle School. This garden will include a teaching, produce garden for the sciences classes, as well as a meditative area, called the Hope Garden in memory of teacher Jill Osborne's daughter. The class has created four committees to work on all aspects of the project: planning, resources, sustainability and marketing. Schematics are complete and we look forward to getting our hands dirty! As class member Rhonda Steele likes to say, "Class XXIV rocks...and digs!"

Submitted by Emma Bordner, Class XXIV

Save the Date!



Tempe Leadership will be hosting the third annual 'Conversations in Leadership' on **Friday, March 27th** at the Fiesta Resort. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. Breakfast / Program will begin at 8:30 am. This event brings three leaders, from diverse industries, together to discuss leadership issues.

Although we don't have all the details worked out yet, you will not want to miss this event. One our panelist will be Derrick Hall, President and CEO of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Ticket information and updates for 'Conversations in Leadership' will be posted on tempeleadership.org or you can email cyndy_lawshe@tempe.gov.

Class XXIV Update

It's hard to believe it has been four months since Class XXIV, the best current class ever, began our bonding experience with Orientation at COD Ranch. Around great food and scenery, we learned a lot about each other.

Despite that, almost everyone came back (we lost one due to job change) for the Issue Days, starting with Public Safety, where we learned in the simulator just how little time you have to assess the situation and make the right life or death decision. Everyone was moved by Human Services Day, and influenced the donation part of our Class Project. On Government Day, we met the City Council and conducted a Mock City Council Meeting. It was fun and informative, and we reached a unanimous decision. Does it matter that it was opposite of what actually happened? We were impressed with the dedication of our Teachers and Administrators at Elementary & Secondary Education Day. We visited Tempe Municipal Court on Justice Day, which brought back fond memories of previous visits for some of us. That afternoon, we obtained more insights into ourselves and each other with Real Colors. We were 17% gold, 22% blue, 33% green, and 28% orange. As a green myself, facts are goodness, but perhaps it was going too far finding out what a certain someone did in the swimming pool. Finally, we had Media/Public Relations Day where we wrote a newspaper article under time pressure and did some on-camera media interviews. I'd want Alison Kim representing my interests.

Looking back, I feel safer knowing that Mike Reichling completely assessed the fire safety of every building we went into in the first minute. Looking ahead, I look forward to the remaining Issue Days, the Shadowing Experience, the Class Project, and the possibility that there might be someone that Oliver Ncube doesn't know.

Submitted by Mike Berkley, Class XXIV



Human Services Day

Getting into Tempe Youth Leadership was exciting for me because I thought it would offer good volunteer opportunities and a way to meet new people. So for the first day of TYL, Human Services day, I was excited to see everyone and learn about our community.

When we stopped at Compadre High School to learn about a teenage pregnancy program, I was surprised. The program called TAPP opened my eyes about real issues that many teenagers are facing; the representative started telling us about all of the girls in the program. Some of them were my age and younger who were either pregnant or had children and were still going to school. All I could think was how hard that must be, I thought just going to school was hard; imagine going to school while still raising a baby?

The next location, Tumbleweed, was a place for homeless teens to get help, and gather supplies to help them get what they need to get on their feet. Not only is it a place where they can go for help, but if they are unable to get to the Tumbleweed location, volunteers from the homeless supply center will go out looking for them and try to help them out by giving them a pack of supplies.

Our last stop, La Mesita - A New Leaf, was a place for the homeless to go. There we received the information about how many people were homeless. This was probably the most overwhelming place for me because I never knew how many families did not have a place to go home to and were forced to live on the street right here in suburbia. A New Leaf was a great place for the homeless to go because it helps mainly homeless families who have been going through a hard time.

These places made the first day of TYL an amazing way to start off. It opened our eyes to the harsh realities of the world and helped us gain understanding about what others in our community are going through and ways to help others out.

Submitted by Payal Parikh, TYL Class X

Pow Wow Festival

One of the events that TYL did was participate in the Pow Wow Festival. This festival was a celebration of Indian Culture and heritage. For this particular event we broke up into smaller groups and were each given a job. The job I was assigned was distributing toys for the Pow Wow Festival's toy drive. I enjoyed this particular event for a few reasons. First and foremost was the job I was assigned, being able to distribute toys to the needy gives a feeling of satisfaction that few other things could match. The other reason was the learning of the Indian Culture, being able to attend Pow Wow gave me a unique opportunity to learn more about Indian culture and for that I am grateful. In short, the Pow Wow was a great event that I was glad I could be a part of.

Submitted by Kevin Chai, TYL Class X

Government and Education Day

It seems rather ironic for residents of the City of Tempe to be unfamiliar with their own mayor, council members, city attorneys, and other leaders of the community. Unfortunately, that is the case for many of the youth. In order to become aware of how the cities are governed and who partake in the decisions made for the city, the members of the Tempe Youth Leadership Class X attended Government and Education Day on January 10, 2009. The group had the opportunity to meet the mayor of Tempe, Hugh Hallman, and learned not only more about his job as the mayor, but also his views and concerns for the citizens. Additionally, Corey Woods described his role as a council member and the various situations he has been in. Chris Salomone, the leader in community development, also discussed the past, on-going, and future projects in the city.

In addition to the discussion with the political leaders, the students were able to converse with Dr. Mark Duplissis about ASU and even take a tour around the campus, viewing the different types of buildings such as the literature and language, engineering, art, libraries, museums, and the secret garden.

Submitted by Juliana Park, TYL Class X

Alumni Updates

Randy Clawson, Class V.... I was honored to be nominated for the Arizona Cardinal's Community Quarterback award. Three finalists were invited to the December 14th home game in Glendale. Besides me, there was a nominee from St. Vincent de Paul, and also a meals program for homeless. I was very surprised to win the award. The other two finalists received \$5000 for their charities, and I was presented a check from Michael Bidwill for \$10,000, which was designated to the Tempe High Schools Education Foundation.

Luke Anthony Araktingi was born on 11/13/08 to **Beth Fiorenza, Class XVI and Past President**, and Ivan Araktingi. He was 6.1 lbs and 19 inches.



Nicholas Miner, Class XXIII, wishes a Happy New Year to all of my TL friends!

Janet Regner, Class XIV, was named to the Arizona Judicial Council by Chief Justice Ruth McGregor in 2008 for a three year term. The Arizona Judicial Council assists the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice in the development and implementation of policies and procedures for the administration of all courts, uniformity in court operations and coordination of court services that will improve the administration of justice in the state of Arizona.

Jason Michael Walker, Class XXIII.... I purchased my first home and I am moving at the end of the year. I look forward to making my home as "green" as possible.

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