

# Tempe Leadership

MAY/JUNE 2009



## Calling All Alumni – It's Time To Celebrate!

As we approach the new fiscal year for Tempe Leadership, we are excited to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Tempe Leadership program.

Tempe Leadership has been developing leaders, impacting communities and inspiring action for twenty five years! As we celebrate our progress, our goal is to take a historical look at the program and celebrate the impact that it has had on the community.

We want to start the celebration early (after all, we have a lot to celebrate!) and extend it throughout the year, with an anniversary party in the spring. Our spring celebration will combine the 25th Anniversary celebration with the existing Conversations in Leadership program in an evening venue.

We are at the beginning stage of putting the celebration together and we would love your assistance. The 25th Anniversary Committee created 4 sub committees to assist in the following areas:

- 1) Fundraising – responsible for Sponsorships and Ticket Sales.
- 2) Venue - responsible for all aspects of the venue, catering, food & beverage
- 3) Promotion – Responsible for contacting alumni, social media campaign, PR

4.) Program – this sub committee will be broken into two components:

- a) Conversations in Leadership program
- b) 25th Anniversary Program

We invite you to share your stories from your Tempe Leadership experience and any information of historical significance regarding the program. We would also like your input in naming this event. Please submit your suggestions to Andrea at [andrea.cairella@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.cairella@gmail.com). The winner of the contest will receive one free admission to the 25th anniversary celebration.

If you would like to volunteer on our committee and any of the subcommittees, we would love your involvement. Pat Thielen, GM of Twin Palms Hotel and alumnus from Class XXI, is graciously hosting our committee meetings and the next meeting is Friday, June 12th at 7:30 a.m so come join in the fun.

If you want more information or want to get involved, please e-mail me at [joan@strategicbusinessattorney.com](mailto:joan@strategicbusinessattorney.com) or come to our committee meeting. We look forward to working together to create a celebration that honors where we've been and inspires the next twenty five years!

Joan Jakel-Smith - 25th Anniversary Chair

## Tempe Cares 2009



Tempe Cares 2009 was a big success. Thanks to all alumni that participated. Tempe Cares committee is always looking for sponsors. If interested please contact

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## Message From the President - Shauna Warner, Class XVI

Time flies when you're having fun and I have to admit that I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as President of the Tempe Leadership Board of Directors.

Remember, Tempe Leadership is an all volunteer run non-profit. Your Board works tremendously hard to keep the mission of Tempe Leadership alive. This year we successfully put on an adult and a youth leadership program. We coordinated activities to keep alumni engaged, such as the Alumni Reception, Conversations in Leadership and an annual service project, Tempe Cares. Take a moment to note the names of Board members on the last page of the newsletter and thank them. I can't thank them enough for all of their efforts on behalf of Tempe Leadership.

Also take a minute to congratulate our newest alumni, Class XXIV. The class has successfully graduated from the program and contributed another great project to the community.



## Conversations In Leadership

On Friday, March 27th Tempe Leadership hosted the third annual 'Conversations in Leadership' at the Fiesta Resort and Conference Center. This breakfast event was a great success bringing together Speaker of the House Kirk Adams, ASU legend Frank Kush, and Chief Justice Ruth McGregor who discussed their thoughts, ideas and experiences regarding leadership. The diversity and the dynamics of the panel provided insight into different leadership styles. Cary Pfeffer, former reporter and newscaster, did an outstanding job as the moderator. We were especially pleased that some of the members of the 2008/2009 Tempe Youth Leadership program were able to attend.

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# Leadership Class XXIV Wrap

"Plastics." Arguably the most famous one word piece of advice given on the big screen. It was said to young grad Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) in the 1967 classic, "The Graduate," as he pondered his future. His response, "Just how do you mean that, sir," was quickly forgotten as his life spiraled out of control with the help of Mrs. Robinson (Anne Bancroft), but that is a cautionary tale left for another day.

The one word of advice for us, the proud graduates of Tempe Leadership Class XXIV is "Service." Its meaning is clear enough that even confused Benjamin would understand. We got a hands-on taste of service in our program through our class project (more on that later), and Tempe Cares. We are now prepared with the knowledge and contacts to join the ranks of Tempe Leadership Alumni and further our contributions to Tempe through various initiatives, Board Memberships, and maybe even politics.

Let's look back at the last two hectic months of our class. The issue days flew by quickly. We went back to school at ASU (try lunch at eco-friendly Engrained) and Rio Salado (including a great radio station tour). On Housing/Economic Development Day, we played urban planners using legos. Those of us lucky to go will long remember the SRP Helicopter Tour of the reservoirs. On Business/Tourism Day, we took a lunch cruise around Tempe Town Lake and were impressed with the entrepreneurial spirit of our presenters (not to mention the beer at Four Peaks Brewing Company). Finally, we had a day on Personal Leadership, where we were talked about our most significant learnings and received honest leadership feedback individually from fellow class members.

The pace outside of issue days was even more intense. I used to think that The Running of the Bulls in Pamplona was the most chaotic thing I had seen. This has now been replaced by The Scrambling for Points, as some of the 18 remaining class members cut it close with their Shadowing experiences and various electives to

obtain the necessary points to graduate. We all made it! We received our certificates and posed for pictures at Graduation after hearing Tempe Fire Chief Cliff Jones, among others, talk to us about leadership.

Socially, we bonded as a class through such activities as a golf outing at Shalimar/BBQ, a baby shower for one of our classmates, a suite at a Diamondbacks game, and a Graduation party at Z'Tejas. Hopefully this won't be the last of our group get-togethers.

But we'll end this where we started, with Plastics Service. We prepped and painted a house for Tempe Cares. Consistent with our class motto of "Give Today, Grow Tomorrow," our class project at McKemy Middle School was the construction of both a Memorial Garden to honor the memory of a teacher's daughter and a sustainable Vegetable Garden to incorporate into the science curriculum. This was well received by the community at a Dedication Ceremony on April 27, which while lacking the red carpet glitz of Hugh Jackman's Wolverine world premiere at the Tempe Marketplace Harkins the same night, more than made up for it with heartfelt and emotional speeches and musical pieces from the students.

Thanks to our employers for allowing us to participate, to Program Directors Jayson Matthews and Gary Roberts, who now can add the experience of herding cats to their resumes, as well as to Magdalena Warecka at the Chamber and everyone else, including presenters and sponsors, who contributed to the success of Class XXIV, The Best Class Ever.

Written by Mike Berkley, Class XXIV, and given at Graduation May 1, 2009

# Tempe Youth Leadership



Thank you to Dr. Art Tate and Robyn Ramseyer for coordinating this year's program. Below are some comments they received during evaluations.

## Parent Comments:

General: extremely well organized program, very beneficial, impressed with the breadth of the activities that were planned, excited to meet influential people and be involved with the community, rewarding field trips, positive learning experiences, new friendships, great leadership role models, when she came home from each event, she was brimming with information - learned more about government and our services than I anticipated, fabulous program, so grateful that student was given opportunity-thankful for dedication of wonderful leaders

Were there any unexpected benefits

- Meeting the Tempe Mayor. Now is interested in running for Mayor someday.
- Son met very nice and positive influential people - exposed to many environments that he would not normally experience

- Daughter wiggled out of her box and extended herself to new friends from different schools - program aligned her with thinkers and potential leaders from around the district - confidence has grown.
- She went on to participate in Town Hall for MYAC - has inspired her to keep exploring other leadership opportunities
- Nice to see how well the participants got along. I see my daughter growing up and I know that this experience has helped her to become who she is.
- Being able to watch my child's growth.
- Ability for him to make meetings on time He seems to be very proud of himself in helping the community. He would like to volunteer as much as he can. He has actually ran for a President of a club as well as became a Founder of a club.
- He learned and grew to become more independent and confident

How would you characterize discussions your son or daughter had with you about their experiences?

We had good discussions. He is very motivated. He's very dedicated to the Program - had a smile every time he came home. Very open once they visited the Teen Pregnancy Center (Compadre HS) Several college conversations since visit to ASU Good to hear the different things that they had been involved in...she enjoyed getting to know kids from different schools He was always very enthusiastic when talking about his experiences-our discussions were informational, positive and enjoyable.

## [TempeLeadership.org Access](http://TempeLeadership.org)

All alumni have access to the website. Your user id is your first initial and last name (e.g. tsmith). Your initial password is your last name. The first time you login to the website, please change your password. If you can not remember your password for the Tempe Leadership website, [e-mail us](mailto:info@tempeleadership.org) (info@tempeleadership.org) and we will reset it for you.



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## Tempe Leadership Alumni Updates & Welcome New Alumni!



and hope I will get to see some of classmates while I am there!

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### Brian Martin

My wife Darcey have birth to our daughter Kennedy Claire Martin on March 18th! Everyone is doing well.

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### Ed Ablesser

I would love to share the good news that my fiance (Hilary) and I bought a home together near Arredondo School.

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### Randy Clawson

Here are my two grand babies in a picture taken at my youngest son's wedding reception on March 13th. They are the joy of my life!

Emmie is 9 months old and Kate is 5 months old.

### Shirley McKean

I've recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the Arizona Humanities Council. AHC is the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

As its mission, AHC "works with museums, libraries, and other cultural and educational organizations to bring humanities programs to residents throughout Arizona."

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### Jessica Christensen

I had a baby boy on 4/8/09. His name is Barron Christensen and he came in at 7 lbs, 5 oz. and 19 inches long. Attached is his picture...we feel very blessed. :)  
Jessica Christensen.



### Rebecca Hudson, Class XX

I am going to be a Ronald Reagan Fellow at the Goldwater Institute this summer. I am excited to be back in Arizona for a few months

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