



Tempe Leadership

Tempe Leadership Alumni News

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President's Message

So what is supposed to go into the President's message? Is it something inspirational? Something reflective or funny? I have no idea what each of you are really looking for as you scan this column. I can only suspect that there is something about spending a few minutes connecting with Tempe Leadership that has you curious. Curious about what is happening with people you remember. Curious about upcoming events and curious about the new folks - "the friends you haven't met." Curiosity is why I used to open and read my newsletter. Some months I would read it word for word and some I would scan it (I won't admit to not opening up an issue), and each time I would smile and think – **"good people are doing good things with their lives."** I wanted to continue to be a part of what they are up to and support the organization that has brought us all together, given us skills and most importantly relationships.

The question on my mind right now is how we can create a place or supporting structure where people can continue to learn, grow and connect as we did during our class year, albeit in a less intensive manner. I don't have the answer yet – but I think it is a good question to ponder.

I am curious. Do you have any ideas about how to create an easy sustaining structure? If so we'd love to hear it. Tempe Leadership truly embraces and is searching for ways to keep you the alumni and supporters connected!

Yours in service,

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Check it Out!



www.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 and we will reset it for you.

2nd Annual Conversations in Leadership – Spring 2008

Everyone is welcome to join in as we create the second annual Conversations in Leadership event. It is a great group and we have a relatively easy task of building on the success of this year's event – people are already asking us about next years.

You can be a part of Tempe Leadership's signature event by volunteering your time, ideas, connections or sponsorship.

For more information about how you can help call Renee Lopata at 480-736-4284 or e-mail renee@tempechamber.org.

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Leadership is not something that you learn once and for all. It is an ever-evolving pattern of skills, talents, and ideas that grow and change as you do. - Sheila Murray Bethel

Tempe Youth Leadership

We continue to grow our next generation of leaders by welcoming the ninth class of Tempe Youth Leadership! We have 17 amazing high school sophomores and juniors from Corona, Mountain Pointe, St. Mary's, McClintock, and for the first time, Compadre!

At last year's graduates' request, the program has been extended this year and will run from October to April. That includes the weekend retreat in late October, five issue days, Tempe Cares and synthesis in April. We added a new educational element this year: core leadership competencies - two or three per session. The competencies, which are directly related to the session topics, will be taught, demonstrated and reinforced throughout each session.

In the tradition of Tempe Leadership, the class is very diverse in style, demographics and maturity level. It will be wonderful to watch them grow through their experience. And, we can't wait to learn from them!

If you would like to be a part of this amazing experience, and continue your Tempe Leadership experience through the eyes of the next generation, please call Nancy Blevins, Class XIV and program facilitator, at 602-236-4561. She will find a way to put your special talents to work!

Welcome TYL Class IX!

Compadre

Natasha Mays

Corona

Beatrice Chang

Lynda Dekkiche

Julia Long

Megan Oberbillig

Vincent Choongho Park

Emily Patten

Caroline Riedel

Rachel Saba

Carly Trent

McClintock

Perla Barraza

Taylor Schmidgall

Mountain Pointe

Makayla Stepnowski

Sam Thorpe

Alexandria Wald

Joseph Whitley

St. Mary's

Patrick Howard

Alumni Updates

The Compadre High School Advisory Board has several openings. Compadre is Tempe's alternative high school, serving at-risk students. If you would like more information, please contact **Anne Chandler, Class XIX**, at 602-542-0312 or 480-897-2005.

On October 23, **Mark Duplissis, Class XIV**, received the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education 2007 Distinguished Achievement Award. The D.A.A. is presented to alumni or individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the development and success of a college or program at Arizona State University.



Mark Mitchell, Class XV, is running for re-election to the Tempe City Council.

Janet and Bill Regner, Class XIV and Class VIII, have moved to Clarkdale, AZ. Where the heck is Clarkdale, you might ask? 20 minutes from Sedona, 10 minutes from Jerome, and they live right on the beautiful Verde River (fishing, canoeing, kayaking, bird watching). It is gorgeous! Come on up for a wonderful taste of Arizona's Verde Valley. 928-634-0042, home phone. Both Bill and Janet still work in the Valley of the Sun, but are expanding their careers in Northern Arizona as well.



Coming Next Issue....

- A report from **Class XXIII** on their experience in the leadership program
- A recap of the **Alumni Reception**



I think a major act of leadership right now, call it a radical act, is to create the places and processes so people can actually learn together, using their experiences.

- Margaret J. Wheatley

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