



Tempe Leadership

# Tempe Leadership Alumni News

November/December 2008

## President's Message

The successes and strength of the Tempe Leadership Program are evident each year at the Alumni Reception. This amazing event allowed for class "reunions," catching up with other alumni and the introduction of the impressive, Class XXIV.

I would like to extend my congratulations as well as Tempe Leadership's official recognition of **Class VII as the BEST CLASS EVER!** They will be the Best Class Ever for one year based on fetching an unprecedented \$850 for their class basket, which included a week's stay at a villa in Costa Rica. Who's in for an alumni reception in lovely Costa Rica?

## Congratulations Class VII 2008 – 2009 "Best Class Ever!"

Thank you to all of the alumni who attended the reception and for your continuing support of the Tempe Leadership program. Your support allows us to maintain the best leadership program in the valley and to grow the next generation of leaders through Tempe Youth Leadership.

Of course the reception would not have been possible without the volunteerism of members of the Board planning the event as well as other alumni that stepped up to help out. Joseph and Melissa Lewis' gracious opening of their home made the evening.

If you too are interested in volunteering to help make Tempe Leadership even better, please note the committees listed after the Board members names. If you see one that strikes your interest, please contact me at 480-203-9079 or [shauna\\_warner@tempe.gov](mailto:shauna_warner@tempe.gov).

*Shauna Warner, Class XVI, President*

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## Alumni Reception Donors

### Thank you to...

- Action Wine
- Costco Home
- Diablos
- Heidi's Events and Catering
- SRP
- Tempe Schools Credit Union



**Special thanks to hosts  
Joseph and Melissa Lewis**

## Outstanding Community Leadership Award

In 1990, Tempe Leadership introduced the Outstanding Community Leadership Award to further strengthen and acknowledge the importance of community leadership through volunteerism. The 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.

The 2009 Outstanding Community Leadership Award will be presented in late February 2009 as part of the Tempe Chamber's "Breakfast for Chamber Champions." Past recipients include: 1990 Eva Patton; 1991 Nancy Leach; 1992 Lawn Griffiths; 1993 Bobbie Cassano; 1994 Len & Jean Copple; 1995 No award; 1996 Mel Kessler; 1997 Zita Johnson; 1998 Christine Wilkinson; 1999 Gail Fisher & Linda Spears; 2000 Joseph Spracale; 2001 Jim Buchanan; 2002 Bill Regner; 2003 Steve Bauer; 2004 No award; 2005 Neil Giuliano; 2006 Diane and Nick Hughes; 2007 Dale Despain; and 2008 Sharon Doyle.

Tempe Leadership alumni may nominate a person who lives or works in Tempe, who is or has been associated with the Tempe Leadership Program, and is currently making or has made a positive impact in the community as a result of his or her leadership involvement.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please contact Shauna Warner at 480-203-9079 or [shauna\\_warner@tempe.gov](mailto:shauna_warner@tempe.gov) for a nomination form.

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## Give Today, Grow Tomorrow with Tempe Leadership Class XXIV

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Class XXIV, the best class ever, has submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors for this year's annual Tempe Leadership class project. Adopting "Give Today, Grow Tomorrow" as their credo, group members are proactively responding to the needs of the community by focusing in two key areas: a multi-purpose garden and class-wide monthly donation challenges. The proposed garden would be located at The Center for Rehabilitation (TCH) and serve the purpose of both a working and inspirational garden. The monthly donations will help meet growing demands for food, clothing and/or shelter exacerbated by the recent downturn in the economy.

"We're committed to keeping community needs top of mind from both a short and long term perspective," said Tempe Class XXIV member Dave Crowell. "In keeping with Tempe Leadership's mission to foster leadership skills through education, experience, exposure and service to Tempe, we believe this is the appropriate action to take at this time."

Class members formally presented the project to the Board on October 16th and will follow-up in November to present the final proposal for approval. Class XXIV also plans to document ongoing TCH garden development efforts and to summarize the results of the monthly class-wide donation challenges. This information will be made available to the Board of Directors and documented in the class memory book. The class will begin the donation challenge initiative immediately with a food drive slated for the end of October.

*Submitted by Chris Rogers, Class XXIV*

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

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With the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tempe Leadership just around the corner, an ad-hoc committee is forming to plan the celebration. Ideas of events throughout the year and community celebration of the program are being discussed. If you'd like to participate in the discussions or serve on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, please contact Tempe Leadership Chair-elect Eric Emmert at (602) 290-9998 or by e-mail at [eric@dornpolicygroup.com](mailto:eric@dornpolicygroup.com).



*Submitted by Eric Emmert, Class XVII*

### [www.tempeleadership.org](http://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.

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## TYL Class X Update

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We had 13 students attend the retreat. One young man backed out of attending, and he has been dropped from the class.



The facilities and conditions at the Sky-Y Camp are outstanding. Staff is attentive and professional. We did team challenge in the AM, and the high ropes and giant sling in the PM. With leadership discussions and bonding in between. The high rope course was the toughest I have seen. You do it two at a time. Talk about team work. According to Robyn, this is the first time that every student and adult went through the entire course without exception.

I was proud of the students. They were afraid; some crying, many shaking - but they went through the course and allowed themselves to be catapulted into the stratosphere. Yep - Robyn and I did it all - including the crying and shaking!!

The class came together in an amazing fashion. They are unique individuals, and yet they proved they were able to concentrate on group needs.

Robyn did her usual perfect job of coordinating and planning the trip and logistics. We did get entrapped in the Sunday morning delay on highway 17, which caused us to get home 2 hours late. But, the students took it in stride and had a wonderful time.

*Submitted by Dr. Art Tate*

# WELCOME

## Tempe Youth Leadership Class X

### Corona

Madeline Hillebrand  
Lauren Milovich  
Payal Parikh  
Juliana Park

### Desert Vista

David Ahn

### Mountain Pointe

Aleks Cataruzolo  
Kevin Chai  
Daniel Coronado  
Dalton Heppler  
Alex Jang  
Cody Pitcher

### Tempe High School

John Hawkins  
Oveyon Smith

### Tempe Preparatory

Lukas Attridge

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## Volunteer Opportunity

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Tempe Community Council (TCC) and the City of Tempe are looking for volunteers for the human services grant review process. Resources are allocated to human service organizations through a volunteer, citizen-based review process titled "Agency Review." Final funding decisions are made by the Tempe City Council. . Volunteers will work with fellow Tempeans to make funding recommendations to the Tempe City Council regarding human services. The time commitment includes three to four days over a two-month time period in addition to proposal reading time.

Agency Review funds come from the City of Tempe General Revenue Fund, Federal Community Development Block Grants, water utility customer donations through Tempe's Help to Others program and the Tempe Community Foundation endowment. Total funds allocated are more than \$1 million to approximately 40 Valley-wide agencies serving Tempe clients.

If you are interested in participating in this volunteer experience and live or work in Tempe, please contact TCC Management Assistant, Caterina Mena, at [caterina\\_mena@tempe.gov](mailto:caterina_mena@tempe.gov) or 480.858.2311.

*Submitted by Jayson Matthews, Class XXII*

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## Alumni Updates

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On October 3rd, 2008 **Ed Ableser, Class XX**, became engaged to marry Hilary Ann Heller.

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**Lorraine Bergman, Class XII**, owner of Caliente Construction was recently honored with the "Hot Growth" award by Arizona Woman's Magazine.

Lorraine was also recently was selected for "The Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth - WBENC Executive Program" that was completed on October 10, 2008 in Palisades, New York. WBENC is the Women Business Enterprise National Council.



Lastly, on November 11, 2008, Caliente Construction will be recognized by the Arizona Small Business Association as one of the Comerica Bank Top 50 Companies in Arizona to Watch.

**Jessica Christensen, Class XXIII**, is expecting her third baby! She has a daughter Ava Marie 7 years and Truman who is almost 3 years. The new arrival will be in March.



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**Gail Fisher, Class VII** – As President of Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts, I and other board members recently held the Friends' Annual Gala on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Tempe Center for the Arts. It was a successful evening of glamour, fine cuisine and entertainment that attracted over 300 patrons. Proceeds from the Gala will help to support special exhibits, performances, series and educational programs at the TCA. The fabulous Friends of TCA Board also includes TL Alumni **Barb Carter, Neil Giuliano, Kate Hanley, Mel Kessler** and **Kathy Stevens** plus **Pen Johnson** who currently serves on the TL Board of Directors. I also chair the Tempe Historical Museum Board and continue my work as a freelance writer.



ASU professor emeritus **Annelle (Ann) Hardt, Class X**, is helping fund a faculty chair position to teach and provide ongoing leadership and direction in advancing peace studies at ASU.

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After 29 years at ASU, **Gary Kleemann, Class IX**, retired August 1<sup>st</sup>. Gary and his wife Vina are looking forward to an active retirement and involvement in many of the activities offered by the City of Tempe.



**Amanda Nelson, Class VIII** and **Chris Rogers, Class XXIV**, were married in March on the beach in San Diego.



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**Rene Williams Larson, Class XVII**, has resumed the practice of law in Tempe. She can be contacted at [Rene@2ndchanceappeals.com](mailto:Rene@2ndchanceappeals.com) .

### Let us hear from you!

If you have an accomplishment or update you'd like to share with other Alumni, please send a brief synopsis or picture to [magdalena@tempechamber.org](mailto:magdalena@tempechamber.org).

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