



President's Message

To be fully engaged, we must be physically energized, emotionally connected, mentally focused and spiritually aligned with a purpose beyond our immediate self-interest."

- Jim Loehr, *The Power of Full Engagement*

I remember back seven years ago when my Tempe Leadership Program began (Class XVI). I was fully engaged in the program, stretching to fit it all in, excited to develop friendships, learn about Tempe and figure out where I could focus my energy. A lot has changed in seven years. I have changed, Tempe has changed. The one thing that hasn't changed is my commitment to the people of Tempe and the value I continue to receive from being involved with Tempe Leadership; the people, the program, the events, the networks, and knowing we are part of the rich fabric that makes Tempe – Tempe.

How can you reconnect? How can you give back and still do all you do?

Easy – say hello to a former classmate – you know the one that you have been thinking of and haven't talked to for awhile, help out with a program day for the adult or youth program, be the coordinator of your class basket for the Alumni reception and earn the right to say "the best class", read the newsletter, tell people about Tempe Leadership and definitely bring a group with you to attend the Conversations in Leadership breakfast next spring.

In terms of TL board activity this year we **welcome Brenda Buren, Arlene Chin, Mark Duplissis, Eric Emmert, David Mosser, and Kathy Stevens to the board** for an exciting year and say **thank you to Laura Forbes, Sharon Kausal, Mel Kessler, and Nancy Van Pelt** for all their great service over the years. Without the investment of volunteer passion, leadership, time and energy we would not be the top notch program for adults or youth that we are today.



I'd love to hear your ideas and connect your passion back into Tempe Leadership.

Yours in Service,

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Welcome to Tempe Leadership!

Class XXIII

- Mary Allion
- Don Calendar
- Christina Cenzano
- Jessica Christensen
- Keri Dawson
- Martha Garner
- Jodie Garth
- Jeanne Gonzales
- Chris Gonzalez
- Amy Greenland
- Michael Jennings
- Robert Kizere
- Barbara Lloyd
- Shirley McKean
- Nicholas Miner
- Judi Nelson
- Kate Otting
- Carmen Sanchez
- Jack Smith
- David Wahls
- Jason Walker
- Kevin Webster

Save the Date!

Tempe Leadership Alumni Reception
Friday November 2, 2007

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Alumni Reception & Class XXIII Introduction

The Tempe Leadership Alumni Reception introducing the twenty-third Tempe Leadership Class will be held at **6:00 P.M.** on **Friday November 2, 2007** at the home of Joseph and Melissa Lewis, 241 W. 15th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281. Join your fellow leadership classmates for a wonderful evening of fun and reminiscing about those fabulous issue days.

Is your class the "Best Class Ever"?

Each class is asked to create a gift basket of their own design. The class basket attaining the highest silent auction bid will win the bragging rights to "The Best Class Ever" for one year.



Be sure to get this event on your calendar, now!

Submitted by Linda Wegener, Class XVII, Secretary

Volunteer Opportunity! Alumni Reception Planning Committee

Here is a chance to lend your creative leadership skills to a fun event. Tempe Leadership is looking for individuals who would like to help plan and set-up the Alumni Reception. E-mail lwegener6@cox.net for the committee meeting time and place. This is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with the Tempe Leadership group.

Class XXIII Program



The Class XXIII program is shaping up. The issue days calendar is established and some of the issue days are already coordinated. Orientation is ready to go and Class XXIII should have a fun and educational two days at the Triangle Y camp just outside of Oracle, AZ as they get to know each other and learn the Tempe Leadership expectations for their class.

Submitted by Gary Roberts, Class XXI

Tempe Youth Leadership Recruiting Class IX

There are some exciting changes in store for Tempe Youth Leadership (TYL) this year. Based on feedback from last year's youth we have decided to extend the program over a full school year (October to May). The youth said by extending the program they would have more of an opportunity to get to know each other, support each other at their other events, attend their performances, celebrate birthdays etc, and it would not be as hard to attend one Saturday a month instead of two. So there we have it – the youth have spoken and we listened.

Applications can be found online at www.tempeleadership.org/youthleadership.asp and are due back to Tom Waldeck at the Tempe Chamber tom@tempechamber.org by **Sept 17th**.

So if you know of a Tempe Sophomore or Junior please forward the link to the application to them and let them know about the program. It is a great way to learn leadership skills early, have a ton of fun, and learn about Tempe.

For further information, or if you want to help out please contact Nancy Blevins, Class XIV, at 602-236-4561 or nsblevin@srpnet.com

About Tempe Youth Leadership

The Tempe Youth Leadership (TYL) is in its ninth year providing a unique leadership program for the youth of Tempe. The Tempe Youth Leadership mirrors the adult Tempe Leadership program, which is in its 23rd year as a program of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

Youth selected to participate in the 2007-2008 TYL program will have the unique opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills through:

- Interactive forums with community leaders
- Hands on experiences investigating local issues, discussing and volunteering
- Participating in team building exercises
- Focused activities which identify and build critical leadership competencies and skills

Program Eligibility

The Tempe Youth Leadership program is open to current sophomores and juniors. Students must be attending high school in the Tempe Union High School District or live within the City of Tempe boundaries. Students must be able to attend the attached schedule. There is no program fee.

Alumni Updates

Darla Brassel, Class XIX, has left her position with Edward Jones after nine years. She has started a new pottery painting business, Imagination Pottery, with locations in Kansas City and Wentzville, MO. Darla currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the YMCA Board in Wentzville.

Sharon Doyle, Class XVI, was recently elected as President of the Tempe Union High School Foundation and also elected to serve as Vice President of Tempe Impact Education Foundation (TIE) for the Tempe Elementary School District. In July, she completed her second year as President of Tempe/Kyrene Communities in Schools but continues to serve on AEA's Foundation for Teaching and Learning and the Tempe Elementary Preschool Funding Advisory Board.

Gail Fisher, Class VII, is President and Founder of the Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts. The Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed to support quality programming within the Center and support the extension of services for Tempe Center for the Arts. Additional information at www.tempe.gov/tca/friends.

Joe Goldblatt, Class V, was recently presented with a "Sliver Helmet Award" for 25 years of service to his fraternity (Delta Sigma Pi, Professional Business Fraternity) at their 100th anniversary celebration in Orlando, FL.

Kay McDonald, Class XIV, was appointed to the Chandler Human Relations Commission in July.

Joel Navarro, Class XIX, is running for Tempe City Council. His campaign is just getting underway and he would appreciate any support from the alumni. Future websites and information will be out soon. E-mail: Navarroforcitycouncil@hotmail.com

Woody Wilson, TLC XXI, has been elected to the Tempe Community Council Board of Directors. Woody is also a member of Tempe's Neighborhood Advisory Commission and serves on the advisory board of the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation. In addition, Woody, along with **Roy Hoyt, Class XIII**, and Tempe architect, Stu Siefer, created the JAMN Jazz cabaret summer series at Monti's Back Door, which has been extended into the fall.

Your Classmates Want to Hear from You!!

If you have an accomplishment or update you'd like to share with other Alumni, please send a short (100 words or less) synopsis to tom@tempechamber.org.



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Have you checked your Alumni Profile?

In order to allow us to keep you informed of Tempe Leadership news and activities, please be sure that we have your correct home and/or business address, phone number and email address.

You can update your profile information directly by logging in to the Tempe Leadership website at www.tempeleadership.org or by sending an email to info@tempeleadership.org with your current information. If you have not been at our website or do not remember how to log in, send us an email and we will be happy to assist you.

Fun Fact

This year the autumnal equinox falls on **Sept. 23**. Hopefully cooler weather won't be far behind!



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Editor's Note:

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*"Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
fluttering from the autumn tree."*

- Emily Bronte

