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One of the greatest returns on your LTA investment is connecting with other leaders. This year, we set out to enhance our member connections through a complete redesign of our website. We wanted to provide our members a stronger connection through timely updates, important information and enhanced functionality.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our Website Chair, Scott Entin (LT'99), and Panther International, we now have a state-of-the-art tool that adds tremendous value for our members.



Unlike many websites, this site is not only chock-full- of information; it's functionally rich to allow members to connect – or reconnect – with the click of a button! **One of the most exciting new features is our first-ever online membership directory.** This password-protected directory allows you to search for active LTA members by name, company name, profession and class year.

Rest assured, our new online directory will not replace our annual printed directory. It's designed to allow our members timely updates to information and their personal profiles.

Check out your new website today at www.ltalumni.org. Review your

information. Send us updates on your profile. Reconnect with friends. Learn how to get more involved. Find information about an upcoming event. Now, it's all just a click away!

As always, I welcome and encourage your feedback and involvement. You can reach me directly at cchappell@robertscommunications.com.

Colleen Chappell
Roberts Communications

Upcoming Events



LTA Upcoming Events Community Outreach Initiative: Paint That House Day! Saturday, November 18 From 8:00 – 11:00 we need volunteers to continue the work started on the house back in June. Volunteers are needed to paint the house! Please bring your ladders and paint brushes with you! The house is located at 2512 W. Conrad Street in Tampa. Please call Gloria Anthony at 276-9414 by November 13 to sign up. Thanks to Stanley Gray (Valley Leadership '97) for continuing to lead this

initiative!

LTA's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30–9:30 p.m. The event will be held at Pané Rustica Bakery and Café located at 3225 South MacDill Ave.

LTA Annual Meeting

will be held on Monday, January 22, at the Renaissance Hotel at International Plaza. The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. This important program will include the presentation of the Parke Wright III Award. Mark your calendars!

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Members in the News

David Doney (LT '05) is the Chairman of the Salvation Army's 13th Annual Tree of Lights breakfast which will be held November 29 at the Tampa Convention Center. David was also recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Florida Venture Forum. Congratulations David!

John McNeilly (LT '05) has been promoted to the Associate Director of Corporate Communications at Odyssey Marine Exploration. Congratulations John!



Toni Watts (LT '05) has been promoted to Chief Executive Officer at CDC of Tampa, Inc. Congratulations Toni!



Christine Donoghue (LT '05) at *GrayRobinson* Law Firm was named one of the Up and Coming Legal Elite by Florida Trend Magazine. Congratulations Christine!



Alison Jimenez (LT '06) President of Dynamic Securities Analytics was named the Publix Bridge Builder award winner on October 27 by the Small Business Development Council at USF. The Bridge Builder award recognizes one outstanding woman business owner who is adept at pulling individuals, teams, and organizations together to help both business and community. Alison also was recently selected to represent the Tampa Bay area as part of Rotary District 6890 Group Study Exchange to

Argentina. Alison will be spending five weeks in Argentina this spring as a cultural and business ambassador for Tampa. Congratulations Alison!



Lilly Ho-Pehling (LT '05) with the Johnnie B. Byrd Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute was selected to the 2007 Leadership Florida class. Congratulations Lilly!



Rosemary Goudreau (LT '05) with The Tampa Tribune was selected to the 2007 Leadership Florida class. Congratulations Rosemary!



Holly P. Thomas (LT '01) has formed her own firm, Independent Insights of Florida, LLC. Her new contact information is holly@indinsightllc.com. Her new address is 1901 West Cass Street, Tampa 33606. Business phone is 813-781-8040 and mobile is 813-781-2258. Congratulations Holly!



Jenny Weigle (LT '05) has new contact information. Jenny is at The Bank of Tampa. 601 Bayshore Blvd., Suite 625, Tampa 33606. Business phone is 813-998-2764 and mobile is 813-777-0360.



Gail Liu (LT '05) has moved her main office to 4807 Bayshore Blvd., Suite 101, Tampa 33611

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Other News

2006 Philanthropy in Action Award Winner

The 2006 Leadership Tampa Alumni Philanthropy in Action (PIA) Awards have been announced. Thanks to the members' generosity, our organization granted \$11,500 to three not-for-profit organizations in our community, bringing our PIA grants to nearly \$53,000 since its inception in 2002.

This year's awards were given in memory of Sarah Jordan-Holmes (LT '74), who lost her battle with cancer. Sarah served on our LTA board of directors and the PIA committee, and her beloved Prevent Blindness Florida was the 2003 PIA Awards winner. Her leadership and philanthropic example still shine.

The \$10,000 first place PIA Award was presented to **Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)** for their Wimauma Academy's Majors Program. RCMA is a nationally recognized quality provider of childcare and early education for farm worker children. The majors program is a unique and innovative program that allows students to participate in activities that their counterparts from middle-income families enjoy.

The \$1,000 second place PIA Award winner was presented to the **Junior League of Tampa** for their Connected by 25 Program. The purpose of Connected by 25 is to ensure foster care youth are educated, housed, banked, employed, and connected to a support system by age 25.

The \$500 third place PIA Award winner was presented to **Johnnie B. Byrd Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute**: *Hurricane Survival for Alzheimer's Caregivers DVD Program*. The program will help family caregivers prepare for the special needs of a person with Alzheimer's before a disaster is at hand.

Launched in 2002, Philanthropy in Action was the vision of our Leadership Tampa Alumni member Bob Blanchard who generously contributed the seed money to create our initial endowment. He then challenged the Leadership Tampa Alumni to actively raise and grow the fund. His powerful vision inspired the creation of our fundraising legacy—Philanthropy in Action.

You will soon receive your annual renewal form with a request to donate to our PIA initiative. We hope our members continue to be inspired to donate to this worthwhile initiative so we can further grow our impact within the community.

Nomination for Parke Wright III Award

In 1972, inspired by the vision of Parke Wright III, The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce launched its Leadership Tampa Program. Since then, cities from around the country have modeled their program after ours. This year, thanks to the generous and enthusiastic support of Leadership Tampa Alumni, the Chamber introduced its 36th class!

We have 640 members in Leadership Tampa Alumni who would be eligible for nomination of the Parke Wright III Leadership Award. Each year LTA members nominate and select a leader who goes beyond the duties of their job and has demonstrated the leadership example of Parke Wright III making a significant difference in our community. Through the generosity of Lykes Bros. Inc., the award recipient will be given an honorarium of \$1,000 to the charity of their choice. The award presentation will be held on January 22, 2007 at the Leadership Tampa Alumni Annual Meeting.

Please note, the nomination form can be found on Leadership Tampa Alumni's website at www.ltalumni.org. Please take some time to review them and to consider nominating someone who you feel meets these criteria. Please remember, nominations must be received by Wednesday, November 15, 2006.

Diploma-see Challenge: Congratulations, LT Class of 2005!

We challenged you to step up and volunteer for our Diploma-See Challenge, and the Class of 2005 responded as true leaders! Thanks to your commitment to this initiative, you all have won a night in the Devil Rays Suite. And, thanks to the generosity of our own Stanley Gray (Valley Leadership '97) and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, you all will be hosted for a game during next year's season. In the meantime, Stanley needs a single point of contact for your group to help facilitate the big event. On behalf of Leadership Tampa Alumni, thank you for being leaders in action and raising the bar!

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Leadership Transfers

Leadership Transfers – a best-kept secret that should be told!

Leadership Tampa Alumni welcomes graduate transfers from out-of-market leadership organizations. If you know someone who graduated from a leadership program in another city, connect them with LTA. We can learn a great deal from other programs and welcome eligible transfers. LTA members are encouraged to ask their business associates about their past leadership experiences. If they have completed a leadership class in another market, encourage them to find out more and to visit www.ltalumni.org.

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Our newsletter needs your contributions. Please email our newsletter chair, Sonya Shannon (LT '04) at Sonya.parham-shannon@buschgardens.com with Alumni and Class news and submissions for "Events of Interest" calendar. Note: To be fair to all members, Board policy limits the number and frequency of

“Events of Interest” notifications in our member newsletters. For further information on any non-LTA event, please contact the organization directly. For more information on LTA, visit our website at www.Italumni.org.

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