



LEADERSHIP TAMPA ALUMNI

Leaders in Action

A Committee of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Chair's Message

Dear LTA Members,

October was a remarkable month for LTA. Our first **Leadership Tampa Alumni Week of Giving** was an unqualified success with LTA members logging nearly 200 volunteer hours at various not-for-profit organizations throughout greater Tampa! There is no question that LTA is making a positive difference in our community. Being our first such effort, I'm confident that future results will be even more remarkable and we've already begun looking at how to maximize the initiative next year. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their week to give back.

Many of you participated in our October "experience event" at the PACE Center hosted by Cheryl Hamilton (LT '07). It is an impressive facility that provides high quality managed care for the elderly including medical and social services while allowing family and caregivers the opportunity to focus on work during business hours. It was valuable to learn about the PACE Center and it was another opportunity for LTA members to connect and enjoy each other's company. It was a great time and thanks go out to Cheryl and the Programs committee for producing another successful event.

The Philanthropy in Action committee is in the process of narrowing down the list prospective grantees under the leadership of JoAnn Urofsky (LT'00). The committee will be bringing the final three applicants to the December Cabinet meeting for their presentations

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and a vote will be held to choose this year's beneficiary. JoAnn and her committee have put a great deal of effort into this process and their commitment is greatly appreciated.

By now, you should have received your 2011 LTA Directory. We think you'll enjoy the new format and we're happy to report that it was produced at a significantly lower cost than last year. Special thanks to Andrew Cohen (LT '04), Kelsey Bokor and all the committee members who helped pull this together. We look forward to your feedback.

The 2012 budget was approved at our October cabinet meeting and we're expected to finish this year ahead of budget. With increased membership, a focus on cost control and significant growth in sponsorships, LTA is in very solid financial shape. Thank you to all the committee chairs and their teams for contributing to this success.

Even more excellent events are on the way. Another fantastic Holiday Party is planned for December 6 at Pane Rustica. Sponsored by Waller & Wax Advisors, the theme is Havana Nights. With designer drinks and food, plus a take-away gift from Alvin Magnon Jewelers, this is the holiday party of the season! Additionally, we will be collecting gift cards at the Holiday Party to benefit three young ladies aging out of the foster care system. The invitation was emailed to you last week and registration is open on the LTA website. Finally, our Annual Meeting is coming up on January 18 at A La Carte Event Pavilion. Sponsored by Sabal Trust Company, this is one event you won't want to miss! Please put these dates in your calendar and register at your first opportunity.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the LTA member experience, I encourage you contact me at (813) 769-2805 or mark.segel@jewishtampa.com. As always, thank you for choosing to be a member of the Leadership Tampa Alumni Association.



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Programs Committee

Upcoming Events

December 6

LTA Holiday Party

Pane Rustica

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Title Sponsor: Waller & Wax Advisors, Inc

Take-Away Sponsor: Alvin Magnon Jewelers, Inc.

Watch your mail for more information and the registration form for this event.

January 18

LTA Annual Luncheon Meeting

A La Carte Event Pavilion

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Watch your mail for more information and the registration form for this event.

Photos from the LTA Reunion Party & Social at Ocean Prime Tampa!





To view more photos from the LTA Reunion Party, please visit the LTA website at www.ltalumni.org.



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Community Outreach Committee

56 members of Leadership Tampa Alumni contributed over 200 hours of sweat equity by volunteering at various organizations during LTA's first ever Week of Giving from October 3-8. LTA members had the option of participating in designated work at MacDonald Training Center, the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, the Ronald McDonald House, Diploma-see or volunteering at any other charitable institution. LTA members came out in force for these organizations and for other important institutions such as the Child Abuse Council, Meals on Wheels, Hillsborough House of Hope and the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Thank you to everyone who participated! Below are some first hand accounts of meaningful experiences members had:

from Dina Busciglio Sheridan (LT'08)



I just returned from spending some volunteer time today at

MacDonald Training Center and I wanted to share with you my experience there. First, I had no idea the work that is done at this incredible facility. We started with a tour of the facility, including the beautiful new art gallery that showcases fantastic paintings done by some of the people with disabilities who enjoy the offerings that MTC gives them. I saw the art studio, run by Jan, with several students who had works in progress. I was told that before the art program began, some of the individuals didn't know how to hold a paintbrush and now, to see the works of art they create, it is amazing. And many of these truly awe-inspiring paintings are offered for sale to the public! I learned that there are senior programs, skill building programs, and technical work offered to the individuals who attend MTC including assembling calendars and packaging SunPass transponders! I passed the wonderful Jim Freyvogel (LT '08!), President and CEO of MacDonald Training Center, and commended him on the facility and for the work they did there. In true LTA fashion, he deferred to all of the others who worked there, sharing the praise with them, rather than taking the credit.

I had the good fortune to be assigned initially to the senior room and had a wonderful time working on puzzles and calendars with the sweet people there. As a former Bucs cheerleader, I brought with me a few photo cards from my cheering days and when they saw them, I became very popular around the facility. I got emotional as I saw how something so simple as a photo (and an old one at that) became a treasured item for them. As I passed some of my new senior friends in the halls later, they proudly waved their photo of me. I learned many of their names and a little bit about each of them, but just watching them conquer projects such as getting up to 10 while learning (or perhaps re-learning) to count, deciding what was the right color to paint sand, or finishing a word scramble puzzle, I felt as if I was in the presence of something so much more special and important than the things I worry about every day, even the things that I do. I will be going back to MacDonald Training Center. Knowing that some of these individuals were formerly in psychiatric hospitals but now have been rehabilitated to live in their own homes or apartments and engage in fun and stimulating activities to suit their needs, I can't imagine there is more worthwhile way to offer my time.

from Matt Dumar (LT'07)

Thank you so much for giving back to the families at the Ronald McDonald House! It was great connecting with our classmates and making new friends – and even better knowing we were contributing to a great cause. I think this will be a worthy addition to our community outreach program going forward.

from Lilly Ho-Pehling (LT 05)

Phenomenal leaders do great things and touch individuals in so many ways. I want to thank everyone who took the time to visit the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay on October 4, 2011. I believe everyone left with a greater knowledge of what we do every day at the Center. The Crisis Center brings help, hope and healing to families and individuals who are in crisis.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the Alumni worked hard and had fun. A large group decorated the Trauma Recovery therapy area for Halloween and really went over the top especially in the children's therapeutic playroom. When the children came in that night for therapy it was so much fun to see their expressions of wonderment while their little eyes looked at the decorations. I thought to myself it doesn't get any better than this. Well, I was wrong.

A few days later a young boy who had been in therapy a few weeks had not yet started to speak to his therapist. You see, this little boy is a victim of severe child abuse. When he saw what the Alumni had done, he looked at his therapist and started to speak, it was the beginning of his healing process. This child will never know the individuals who helped to change his life, but I do.

Thank you again. I am very proud to be a member of LTA, leaders who truly make a difference.



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Website Committee

LTA Sponsors Now Highlighted on Website

Our select LTA sponsors not only provide needed support for the operation of the organization, they also allow us to put on quality programs on a consistent basis. We are now recognizing these sponsors on each page of the LTA website with a rotating banner that links to their home page. Please take note of our sponsors and support them by visiting their websites. Become a sponsor yourself and benefit from the exposure to LTA.



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Members/Companies in the News

Best Lawyers has named three Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A. shareholders as Best Lawyers' 2012 Tampa Lawyers of the Year. The shareholders and their respective categories are as follows:



Mark A. Hanley (LT '00): Tampa *Best Lawyers'* Employment Law - Management Lawyer of the Year



Robert B. Glenn (LT '83): Tampa *Best Lawyers'* Litigation - Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year



Robert C. Rasmussen (LT '84): Tampa *Best Lawyers'* Securities Regulation Lawyer of the Year

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The lawyers being honored as "Lawyers of the Year" have received particularly high ratings in the surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.



Bill Moline (LT '04) was elected to the Board of Directors of the 1st U. S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment Rough Riders, Inc. and as such is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the 550 member 501(c)3 organization. He is Chair of the Speakers Bureau and Co-Chair of the Historical Committee. Bill is also a Docent at the Tampa

Bay History Center and teaches Tampa Bay history to 4th & 8th graders.



Jon Wax (LT '04), President and CEO of Waller & Wax Advisors, Inc., was named a member of the Raymond James Financial Services 2012 Chairman's Council. Chairman's Council honors are presented only to those financial advisors who have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to personal service and

professional integrity. Members of the Chairman's Council represent the top echelon of the firm's financial advisors, which is a privilege limited to a select few.



The Tampa Bay Lightning recognized **Dottie Berger MacKinnon (LT '87)** as a Lightning Community Hero during the first period of a recent game against the Chicago Blackhawks. MacKinnon, who received a \$50,000 donation from the Lightning Foundation and the Lightning

Community Heroes program, will contribute the money to her charity of choice, A Kid's Place.

Leadership Opportunities

The **Hillsborough Education Foundation** is looking for caring, compassionate adults who can devote their time to a young person. Currently, college scholarships for deserving young students are being held-up because of a lack of mentors. Mentoring requires a commitment of one hour each week with a student. Mentoring sessions take place on school grounds during school hours and efforts are made to match the mentor up with a compatible student. Mentors have a chance to develop new skills, make new friends and have the satisfaction of helping a student grow their self-confidence. Students are more likely to graduate and go to college under the guidance of a mentor.

Becoming a mentor is easy:

- Apply
- Submit to a background check
- Train

Any responsible adult who is 18 years of age or older and is willing to give one hour a week to a student can be a mentor! Contact Jonathan

Maresco at (813) 574-0264 or jmaresco@educationfoundation.com to learn more. Visit us at www.educationfoundation.com

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.

Get Updated with LTA

Have you recently changed jobs or moved? Do you want to be contacted at a different e-mail address? You can update your contact information at any time by going to www.ltalumni.org and clicking on Members Only. Once you've established a login and password, you can submit your new information and even look up old classmates.

Facebook

Stay connected with other members of Leadership Tampa Alumni on Facebook. To join the group, click on the link below.



Leadership Tampa Alumni also has a group on LinkedIn. To join the group, click on the link below.



Extra! Extra!

Our newsletter needs your contributions! Please email newsletter chair, **Bridget Robertson** at bridget@bseen-bheard.com with Alumni, Class news and submissions for the "Events of Interest" calendar or "Members in the News". Note: To be fair to all members, Cabinet 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.ltalumni.org.



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