



May e-Communique Sponsor

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Application Deadline Approaching

Applications for Class 25 are due Friday, May 7, at 12 p.m. Please remind your colleagues and friends who are interested in applying.

It isn't hard to understand why someone should be a part of Scottsdale Leadership. Look around the community and you will see the dedication, involvement and influence of Scottsdale Leadership alumni everywhere!

To download an application, or to share more about the program visit: www.scottsdaleleadership.org/coreprogram.

Calendar of Events

May 7 Class 24 Graduation
Location: The Homestead Community Center at DC Ranch
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Tickets must be purchased by May 4

May 21 Board of Directors Retreat
Location: Scottsdale Insurance Company's Pima Center Location
Time: 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets for Class 24 graduation, call Scottsdale Leadership at 480-627-6710 or info@scottsdaleleadership.org.

What's next for Class 24?

Feeling the need to be inspired? As they approach graduation, Class 24 class members were asked these three questions:

- 1) What was your "Ah Ha" moment or class day?
- 2) What new community organization / issue do you plan to get involved with, or have you gotten involved with, because of Scottsdale Leadership?
- 3) How has your Scottsdale Leadership experience impacted your professional life?



Jennifer Clark, DC Ranch Community Council

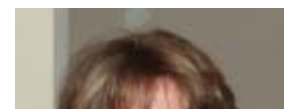
I had my "Ah Ha" moment on April 9 when we shared with the class our project presentations, it was so cool to see how different all of our projects and experiences were, and how we really did impact our community in our own ways. Leadership in action.

I came into this class thinking that I wanted to go in the direction of the Preserve, and I'm leaving this class feeling like I need to explore where I can contribute to the arts in our community. Education is also a really big thing for me – so we'll see.

The connections that I've made among my classmates and among those that we've been exposed to have only enhanced my class experience. Now I know who I can call on and where I can go; my entire sphere of influence has expanded ten-fold, when I need help or need to move a project forward.

Suzanne Paetzer, TriAra Consulting, LLC

Being a new resident of Arizona, and specifically, Scottsdale, every class was an "Ah Ha" moment. I knew Scottsdale was special but I learned that pride really drives this community.



Clearly, there are places to serve, even if you are new! All it took was one step and my life was enriched by simply getting involved.



I have a strong interest in education and developing future leaders. During Scottsdale Leadership, my eyes were opened to a hidden passion – connecting seniors and youth. Whether standing on a street corner holding signs of love for commuters for the Community Art Love Project or sharing time with a wise senior, I was inflicted with the community stewardship “bug” to serve, big time!

I learned more in nine months than I dreamed possible. As I engage clients who desire to strengthen their leadership, I will impart numerous learnings from my classmates, community leaders and Scottsdale Leadership staff and alumni. I have grown as a leader and envision clients will be inspired by my growth to expand their leadership capabilities and embrace a stronger commitment to serve others.

Jose Penalosa, Penalosa & Associates, P.C.



My "Ah Ha" moment occurred during our November 20, 2009 class pertaining to the history and tour of Scottsdale. I remember listening to Joan Fudala providing the class with the historical perspective pertaining to the vision and leadership of Scottsdale's previous leaders. During the tour of the City of Scottsdale, I really became motivated and inspired to become a servant leader in my community.

Because of my involvement with Scottsdale Leadership, I was motivated to seek public office by announcing my candidacy for a position on the Scottsdale City Council.

The Scottsdale Leadership experience enriched my life because of the relationships that I have established during the program with fellow classmates, staff, alumni, community leaders, and public officials who are committed to servant leadership in our community.

Marc Blonstein, Berens, Kozub & Kloberdanz, PLC
Class 24 Representative

In looking at my "Ah Ha" moment from class, the Pay-it-Forward project was, by far, the most impactful. After completing our project, I knew community service had to be a continuing part of my personal and professional life.



Through the Pay-it-Forward project I became involved in the Granite Reef Senior Center and found a passion for helping seniors that I did not know existed. I plan to find a way to continue to help the Granite Reef Senior Center, whether by serving lunches or serving in other capacities meeting one of its needs. I am certain I will be involved with other organizations as well, but I am not sure in what capacity.

In looking at the impact on my professional life, there has not been an immediate tangible impact. However, the relationships have started, and that provides the basis for future long-term impact. In the short term, the experience enriched me as a person and made me a “more well-rounded” person. Being a “more well-rounded” person has improved my perspective in my professional life.

Congratulations OlymPALooza! ConnectinGenerations



As part of their nine-month community leadership program, members of Scottsdale Leadership's Class XXIV formed six teams with the goal of developing a community service project that would provide them with hands-on experience giving back to the community. On April 9, the teams presented their projects during Project Pay It Forward Day, sponsored by Discount Tire, at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library auditorium.

A panel of judges selected team **OlymPALooza! ConnectinGenerations** as the winning project. Both the **Boys and Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale** and the **Granite Reef Senior Center** have received



a \$1000 donation. The project team created bridges of communication, appreciation and mutual respect between seniors and youth.
Team members: Marc Blonstein, Johnny Cervantes, Jennifer Clark, Ken Levine, Laurie McCammon, Suzanne Paetzer and Craig Whitten

The other community service teams were:

Project **Scottsdale STARS** focused on raising awareness and funds for Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services.
Team members: Zack Barna, Nicole Corning, Patrick Eichen, Suzette Gibson, Jeff Jameson, Sylvia McDowell and Paige Perry

The mission of **Check the Box** project was to raise awareness and funding for the Scottsdale Cares program.

Team members: Jacky Burke, John Dairis, Mia Darling, Mary Holman, Branch Johnson, David Valencia and Julius Williams

The **Meet Green** project focused on how community and/or business groups can conduct “green” meetings.

Team members: Kathy Coster, Michelle Evard, Kathleen Glenn, J.E. Pizarro, Charlie Popeck, Sheri Rayes and John Zicarelli

Project **It's Your Turn's** mission was to increase awareness of prostate cancer, fundraise, and encourage men to be responsible about their health.

Team members: Kevin Classen, Chauna Cox, Stacey D'Abate, Brent Mekosh, Juliana Norvell, Jose Penalosa and Elizabeth Teitel

Providing the necessary tools to maximize the educational experiences of local K-5 students was the goal for project **Classroom Wishes**.

Team members: Deanne Boynton Grupp, Theodore Collins, Sona Koltookian, Joe Laux, David Nelson, Bridget Schwartz-Manock and Mike Seiden

Photos can be seen on our **Facebook** page at: www.facebook.com/scottsdaleleadership

Community Involvement

Chamber Golf Tournament

On Wednesday, May 19 at the Raven Gold Club in Verrado, the Scottsdale Chamber will be hosting its signature spring golf tournament. Optional transportation will be provided. The cost is \$125 per player. For more information or to register visit scottsdalechamber.com/golf.

Music Advisory Board Members Needed

The Scottsdale Community College (SCC) Department of Music is seeking alumni with an interest in education, music, or the Scottsdale community to participate in its music advisory board. The board will bolster community awareness and organize special events to raise funds for student scholarships and instruments. Meetings are held the last Friday of each month, September-April at SCC. Please contact SCC Music Department Chair, Dr. Christina Novak, Class 23, at christina.novak@sccmail.maricopa.edu for more information.

Do you like mud? Volunteers needed!

Mighty Mud Mania, the original mud obstacle course, will be held on Friday, July 17, at Chaparral Park. More than 200 volunteers are needed to get down and dirty and ensure all the children have fun. Shifts start as early as 5 a.m. and end as late as 6 p.m. There are muddy and not-so-muddy jobs available. To volunteer, contact Terry Erickson, Class 6, at terickson@scottsdaleaz.gov, or to learn more, visit www.scottsdaleaz.gov/MightyMudMania.

Be a Friend of the Library

If you like books, love to read, and want to volunteer, Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is currently looking for board members. A nonprofit, all-volunteer community organization the members support Scottsdale's public library system through a variety of activities. For more information visit: www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org.

Updates

Brian Bednar, Class 20, honored

Congratulations to Bednar who was honored at the 2010 SRP Presidents' Volunteer Spirit Awards for his work with Scottsdale Leadership.

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